TODAY'S MARKETS

Just Whether to Pick Their Hops or Not Is a Question That Is Agitating the Hop Men of the State at the Present

BUTTER PRICE GOES HIGHER

Hazelwood Company Puts Another Kink in Pocketbook of Consumers.

Front street features:
Hazelwood puts up butter.
Heavy arrivals of peaches.
Fine car "cants" from south.
Eggs and cheese firmer.
Canned fruit deliveries.
Expecting better salmon run.
Wide range in pear values.
Chicken market holds steady.

Boost Butter Price Again.

The Hazelwood Creamery company today advanced the price of its product to 35c a pound or 70c a square. Whether the advance was justified or not the trade does not agree; few believing that higher prices are due at this time. The extreme high values shown in the local butter market this season have caused much fear among the local manufacturers that it will let down the bar and cause California and eastern as well as Puget Sound butter to come here. Imitation butter would also find easy entrance into the Portland market at this time owing to the high cost of the real article. The cost of butter in the Portland wholesale markets for the periods given:

	1907. Pound.	1906. Pound.	1905. Pound.
June 10	$ .28	$ .21½	$ .21½
July 1	.27½	.21½	.22½
July 22	.30	.21½	.22½
August 6	.32½	.22½	.25
August 12	.35	.24	.30

The above table shows the values ruling at given periods from the start of the season. As will be noted, there has been a gradual increase in values here yearly. As compared with the price that ruled a year ago, this year's values are fully 10c a pound higher. Some of this advance is due to the unfavorable weather at the start of the season, but most of it is due to the fact that some interests have planned to make the Portland market the highest in the world despite the fact that it being a producing center, should be one of the cheapest.

Only One Creamery Advances.

While the Hazelwood creamery was the only one to announce an advance in values this morning, it is quite possible that several others will follow the lead later in the day or tomorrow morning. Some of the creamery men are up in arms over the advance, as they said that conditions do not justify any such move at this time. The Puget Sound market is 28 and 30c; values there showing a decline of about 2c a pound during the week. California prices are considerably below those ruling here and butter can be safely purchased in the east and after paying the enormous freight charges sell at materially lower values than those ruling here and the sellers would make a fortune if they sold enough.

Will Let Other Butter In.

This is not the first time that local butter people have advanced quotations to such a figure that they killed the market. On several occasions they put the price to such a figure that easterners and California manufacturers began to flood this market with their product. This is what is feared at this time. However, M. Mortensen, manager of the Hazelwood company, believes the present prices justified after taking all conditions into consideration.

Supplies of cream are decreasing at a lively rate, as they always do at this time of year. Front street butter prices are up to 32½c for the best product, with demand fully up to supply at the new figures.

Heavy Arrivals of Peaches.

Very heavy arrivals of peaches are shown in the local market today. A car of southern Oregon Crawfords came in this morning in fine shape and sold at printed values. One firm alone received 1,700 boxes from there today. Market, however, in good shape.

Pear market shows wide range of values owing to the great difference in quality. Some Dalles Bartletts selling at $1.50, some at $2.

A very fine car of "cants" came in from Exter, California, this morning. Price today ranges between $1.50 and $2 a crate.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Lower river packers expect a better run of salmon during the present week.

Eggs and cheese are firmer. Some charging 17c today for cheese, flats.

In a late circular the California Fruit Canners' association states that deliveries of standards, seconds, water and pie apricots and plums will be about 60 to 75 per cent, while the deliveries of extra standards and extras will be 100 per cent.

Chicken market holding steady. Demand and supply about equal.

Tomato market in better shape. Some extra fancies selling higher.

Front street prices:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN BAGS — Calcutta, 9c, large lots; small lots, 9½c.

WHEAT—New—Club, 81@82c; red Russian, 80@81c; bluestem, 84@86c; valley, 81@82c.

CORN—Whole, $28.00; cracked, $29.00 per ton.

BARLEY — New — Feed, $21.00@22.00 per ton; rolled, $23.00@24.00; brewing, $22.00@23.00.

RYE—$1.55 per cwt.

OATS—New—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $27.00 per ton; gray, $26.00.

FLOUR — Eastern Oregon patents, $4.80; straights, $4.25; export, $4.00; valley, $4.30@4.40; graham, ¼s, $3.75; whole wheat, $4.00; rye, 50s, $5.50; bales, $3.00.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $17.00 per ton; middlings, $25.00; shorts, country, $20; city, $19.00; chop $16.00@$21.00.

HAY — Producers' price — Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $16.00@17.00; ordinary, $12.00@14.00; eastern Oregon, $18; mixed, $10@16.50; clover, $7.50@8; grain, $8@10; cheat, $8.50@10.50.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—F. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 31c; sour, 29c.

BUTTER—City creamery, 32½@35c; seconds, 30@32½c; outside fancy, 32c; seconds, 30c; store, Oregon, 18@19c.

EGGS—Extra fancy, candled, 23c@23½c; good candled, 22@22½c.

CHEESE—New—Full cream, flats, 16½@17c per lb; Young Americans, 17½@18c per lb.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12½@13c per lb; fancy hens, 12@13½c per lb; roosters, old, 10c per lb; fryers, 14@15c per lb; broilers, 14@15c lb; old ducks, 11c lb; spring ducks, 13c lb; geese, old, 8@10c lb; spring geese 12½@14c per lb; turkeys, 11@13c lb; for old; squabs, $2.50 per dozen; pigeons, $1.25 per dozen. Dressed poultry, 1@1½c per lb higher.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1906 crop—Prime to choice, 5@6c; medium to prime, 5c; contracts, 1907 crop, 9½c.

WOOL—1907 clip—Valley, 20@21c eastern Oregon, 18@21c.

MOHAIR—New 1907—29@28½c.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 15@20c each; short wool, 25@40c; medium, wool, 40@55c each; long wool, 75c@$1.00 each.

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

CHITTIM BARK—6c per lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—$1.50@1.60 for white, $1.40 for red, selling; buying, $1.25 per sack.

ONIONS—Jobbing price—New Walla Walla, $2.50 sack; Oregon, $2.25; garlic, 6c per lb.

APPLES—New, $1.50@2.25.

FRESH FRUITS — Oranges, $4.25@4.75; bananas, 5c lb; lemons, $6.00@7.50 per box; limes, Mexican, $4.00 per 100; pineapples, $2.25@3.00 dozen; grape fruit $3.25; cherries, 8@10c lb; peaches, 60c@$1.25; cantaloupes, $1.50@2.50; raspberries, 10c; plums, 90c@$1; watermelons, 1½c; cultivated blackberries, $1.75 a crate; crabapples 50@60c per box; Bartlett pears, $1.50@2.00 per box.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new, 90c@$1.00 sack; carrots, 75c@$1.00 per sack; beets, $1.50 per sack; parsnips, $1.00@$1.25; cabbage, $1.75@$2; tomatoes, Oregon, 4c; green, 4c per lb; cauliflower, $1.25@1.50 dozen; peas, 5c; horseradish, 5c lb; artichokes, 65c@75c dozen; rhubarb, 3c lb; green onions, 25c per dozen; bell peppers, 10@12½c per lb; head lettuce (—) doz; cucumbers, hothouse, 20@25c doz; outdoor, 40@50c box; radishes, 15c dozen bunches; eggplant, 15c lb; green corn, $1.50 sack; celery, $1@1.25 dozen.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR — Cube, $6.22½; powdered, $6.07½; berry, $5.87½; dry, granulated, $5.87½; Star, $5.77½; conf. A, $5.87½; extra B, $5.37½; golden C, $5.27½; D yellow, $5.17½; best granulated, $5.77½; barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

HONEY—$2.50 per crate.

COFFEE—Package brands, $15.88@16.62.

SALT — Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $12.50 per ton; 50s, $13.00; table, dairy, 50s, $17.50; 100s, $17.25; bales, $2.25; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 4s, $18.00; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton; 50-lb rock, $11.00; 100s, $10.50.

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

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5½@5¾c; New Orleans, head, 7c; Ajax, 5c; Creole, 5¾c.

BEANS—Small white, $2.30; large white, $2.50; pink, $2.50; bayou, $5.90; Limas, 6¼c; Mexican reds, 4¼c.

NUTS—Peanuts, Jumbo, 9¼c per lb; Virginia, 7¼c per lb; roasted, 10c per lb; Japanese, 5@5¼c; roasted, 7@7¼c per lb; walnuts, California, 10c per lb; pine nuts, 14@15c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; Brazil nuts, 13c per lb; filberts, 16c per lb; fancy pecans, 18@20c per lb; almonds, 19@21½c.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Hogs, fancy, 8½c per lb; large, 7@8c per lb; veal, extra, 8½@9c per lb; ordinary, 8c per lb; poor, 6@7c per lb; mutton, fancy, 8@9c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack, (local) hams, 10 to 12 lbs, 16c per lb; 14 to 19 lbs, 15½c per lb; 18 to 20 lbs, 15¾c; breakfast bacon, 15½@22c per lb; picnics, 11½c per lb; cottage roll, 11½c per lb; regular short clears, unsmoked, 12c per lb; smoked, 12c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 12c; smoked, 13c per lb; Union butts, 10 to 13 lbs, unsmoked, 9c per lb; smoked, 9c per lb; clear bellies, unsmoked, 11½c per lb; smoked 12½c per lb; shoulders, 12½c per lb; pickled tongues, 60c each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10c, 15c per lb; 5s, 12½c per lb; 50-lb tins, 12½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 11¾c per lb; 5s, 11¾c per lb; compound, 10s, 10c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c per lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 6c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, fresh Columbia chinook, 11c per lb; Steelheads, 10c per lb; herrings, 5c per lb; soles, 6c per lb; shrimps, 12c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 7c per lb; lobsters, 16c per lb; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb; crawfish, 25c per doz; sturgeon, 12½c per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelt, 7c per lb; frozen shad, 5c per lb; black cod, 7½c per lb.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100-lb sack, $4.50; Olympia, per gallon, $2.25; per 115-lb sack $5.50@6.25; Eable, canned, 10c can; $7.00 doz.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2.00 per box; 10c per doz.

Paints, Coal Oil, Etc.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 15¾c; standard, 13¾c; sisal, 11c.

COAL OIL—Pearl or Astral—Cases, 18½c per gal; water white, iron bbls, 14c per gal; wooden, 17c per gal; headlight, 170 deg., cases, 21½c per gal.

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

BENZINE—63 deg., cases, 25c per gal; iron bbls, 23c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 96c per gal; wooden bbls, 92c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis at $3.13.

PANIC OF HOLDERS SENDS STOCKS LOWER

Stock Market Losses.

Amalgamated	2¾	B. & O.	2½
Sugar	1¾	Canadian	4
Colo. Fuel	3	Erie	1¼
Brooklyn	2¾	L. & N.	2
U. S. Steel	1¾	Mo. Pac.	3½
do pfd.	2¾	Pennsylvania	2¾
Atchison	3¼	Gas	2¾
Reading	4¾	Rock Island	1
So. Pac.	½	St. Paul	3
No. Pac.	2¾	Smelter	5½
N. Y. Central	2¾		

At the opening of the stock market today there was a panic among the sellers. Everyone started to unload at once and the close is from 2 to nearly 5 points lower.

Ask for High Price.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Milton, Or., Aug. 12.—At a meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Fruitgrowers' union it was decided to hold that the apples of this valley were of as good a quality as those grown in the Hood River country, North Yakima, Wenatchee and other apple countries, and that they should demand the same prices received by the shippers in those localities. The chief varieties of this section are the Roman Beauty, Wineasp, Newton, Pippins, Spitzenbergs and Ben Davis.

Hop Picking to Start.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Harrisburg, Or., Aug. 12.—Most of the hop owners in this vicinity will commence picking about August 20. The crop this year will compare favorably with that of last year, although there are some hops that do not look as well as common. Several hop owners have sold their last year crop, which is now being loaded on the cars. The price received is rumored to be 5 cents a pound.

Portland Bank Statement.

Clearings today	$1,576,732.39
do year ago	1,131,274.57
Gain today	$ 445,458.82
Balances today	$145,553.05
do year ago	102,340.99

CREAMERY MAN IS OPPOSED TO ADVANCE

"I am opposed to the advance in creamery butter made this morning. There is nothing at all to justify any such move at this time, except perhaps the slight reduction in the supply of cream. This latter, however, is usual at this time of year. The price has been put to such a high figure that we are at present above every other market. Just where we are going to ship our product at such prices I don't know. The advance will allow oleomargarine manufacturers to sell their product here, and every pound sold of this imitation butter hurts the creamery men that much. We will not advance our prices today unless forced to do so in order to protect ourselves." —T. S. Townsend of the Townsend Creamery.

STRONGER ON HOG SCARCITY

No Run in Local Yards During Past 48 Hours—Price Holds at $7 for Best.

Portland Union Stockyards, Aug. 12.—Official run:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	...	100	200
Week ago	89	263	845
Year ago	...	200	...
Previous year	11	36	...

The scarcity of hogs in the local market is again telling upon conditions. The strength in the local hog situation is so pronounced that it would take bulky arrivals to change the current of demand. Price of best stuff continues to show a range of 25c, top being at $7 and slightly off grade at $6.75. For best stuff receivers are at present experiencing no difficulty in obtaining $7 flat. There was no run of hogs in the yards during the 48 hours.

Other Arrivals Small.

As with the hog run, arrivals in other lines of livestock were rather small for the 48 hours. Just 100 cattle came during the two days. This compares with a run of 263 head last Monday, 200 head a year ago and a nominal number two years ago. The price holds unchanged.

Sheep run for the 48 hours was 200 head as compared with 845 head a week ago and none either a year ago or two years ago. Price is steady and unchanged.

A year ago today all lines of livestock held a steady tone at unchanged values.

Official yard prices:

Hogs—Best eastern Oregon, $6.75@7.00; stockers and feeders, $7.00; Shinn fats, $6.75.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $2.75@4.00; best cows and heifers, $3.00; bulls, $2.00.

Sheep—Best wethers, $4.25; ewes, $4.00; lambs, $6.00.

HOGS LOSE IN THE EAST

Price Down 5c—Cattle Steady to 5c Lower—Sheep Hold.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Official run:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	23,000	25,000	22,000
Kansas City	5,000	23,000	4,000
Omaha	5,500	7,000	1,000

Hogs are 5c lower with 3,400 left over. Receipts a year ago were 32,000. Mixed, $5.90@6.30; heavy, $5.95@6.20; rough, $5.50@5.60; light $5.90@6.40.

Cattle steady to 10c lower.

Sheep steady.

NEVADA MINING STOCKS.

Bid Prices Current Today on the San Francisco Exchange.

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Official bid prices:

GOLDFIELDS DISTRICT.

Sandstorm 47c, Red Top $4.00, Mohawk $16.75, Columbia Mt. 61c, Jumbo $4.00, Jumbo Ext. $1.82½, Vernal 17c, Pennsylvania 3cA, Goldfield M. Co. $1.65, Kendall 29c, Booth 49c, Blue Bull 38c, Adams 12c, Silver Pick 58c, May Queen 18c, Nev. Boy 7c, B. B. Ext. 7c, Blue Bell 19c, Dixie 8c, G. Columbia 39c, Hibernia 7c, St. Ives 90c, Conqueror 15c, Blk. Rock 5c, Lone Star 25c, G. Wonder 2c, Potlach 4cA, Oro 24c, Kendall Ext. 2c, Sandst. Ext. 4c, Mayne 6c, Atlanta 59c, Great Bend 76c, Simerone 20c, Empire 10c, Red Top Ext. 26c, Florence $4.70, Diam'f. B. B. Con. 29c, G. Daisy $1.60, Laguna $1.40, Commonwealth 30c, Comb. Fract. $2.07½, Gr. Bend Ext. 15c, Gr. Bend Anx. 8c, Millstorm 60cA, B. B. Bonanza 7c, Kewanoe 75c, Portland 22c, Cracker Jack 23c, Francis Mohawk $1.16, Red Hill 59c, Mohawk Ext. 13c, Lou Dillon 8c, Tiger 28c, Grandma 21cA, S. Pick Ext. 4c, Y. Rose 7c, Col. Mt. Ext. 4c, Goldf. Cons. $7.70, Diam't. Triangle 20c.

COMSTOCK.

Ophir $1.00, Mexican, 57c, Gould & Curry 21c, Con. Virginia 78c, Savage 60c, Hale & Norcross 58c, Yellow Jacket 99c, Belcher 23c, Confidence 80cA, Sierra Nev. 28c, Exchequer 37c, Union 38c.

BULLFROG DISTRICT.

Original 6c, Bullf. M. C. 15cA, Mont. Bullf. 5cA, Nat. Bank 19c, L. Harris 2c, Amethyst 25c, Gold Bar 63c, Steinway 8cA, Denver Buf. Anx. 9cA, Bonnie Clare 40c, Mayfl. Cons. 35c, Monty Ohio Ext. 7c, G. Scepter 8c, Monty Mt. 12c, B. Daisy 10cA, Homestake Cons. 26c, Yankee Girl 6cA, Nugget 6c, Tramp Cons. $1.37, Victor 10c, North Star 5cA.

TONOPAHS.

Ton. Nev. $12.00, Mont. Ton. $3.06, Ton. Ext. $1.50, MacNamara 24c, Midway $3.12½, Ton. No. Star 17c, Ohio Ton. 4cA, West End Cons. 64c, Rescue 10c, Ton. & Calif. 5c, Golden Anchor 10c, Jim Butler 85c, Ton. Cash Boy 4c, Ton. Home 1c, Boat Ton. 10cA, Monarch Pitts Ex. 9cA, Mont. Mld. Ext. 3c, Golden Crown 5c.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.

Manh. Cons. $3.50, Manh. M. Co. 8c, G. Wedge 5c, Seyler Hump 50c, Dexter 21c, L. Joe 2c, Crescent 5cA, Combination 2c, Granny 25c, Mustang 21c, Little Grey20cA, Cowboy 5cA, Orig. Manh. 12cA, Broncho 7c, Pinenut 8c, Buffalo 5cA, S. Dog 17c, Y. Horse 3cA, Indian Camp 6c.

Rains Benefit Wheat.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tekoa, Wash., Aug. 12.—Harvesting of winter wheat has been in full blast for a week and the first wheat was threshed and brought into Tekoa by P. J. Figlner and its quality is No. 1.

Nearly all winter wheat will be No. 1 in the Palouse country this year, the cool weather and more than the usual amount of rain making an exceptionally fine crop.

The spring grain, most of which was sown rather late, is greatly benefited by the rain of the last few days and a heavy crop is expected.

The best reports coming to Tekoa at this time are of 50-bushel wheat raised by J. G. Conger of Farmington, and on the farm of John McCloud near here, who threshed over 40 bushels per acre.

Preparations have been made throughout this country and new warehouses built to handle one of the largest crops on record in the Palouse country.

Hop Yield Is Good.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Albany, Or., Aug. 12.—The hop crop in Linn county and across the river in Benton, is in first class condition and the yield will be a heavy one. The rain has had no ill effect on the vines and the fields are entirely free from lice or indication of mold. The yards are maturing very rapidly and the output hereabouts will be equal, if not greater, than that of the previous year.

United States Government Bonds.

New York, Aug. 12. — Government bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
Twos, registered	105½	106
do, coupon	106½	106
Threes, registered	102½	103¼
do, coupon	102½	103¼
Threes, small bonds	101½	...
Dis. Columbia, 3-65s	113½	...
Fours, registered, new	124¾	125¾
do coupon	124¾	125¾
Twos, Panama	104¾	105¾
do, coupon	103	104
Philippine Fours	100½	...

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, Aug. 12.—Cotton futures closed very steady, 6 points lower.

A PANICKY TONE IN WHEAT PIT

Chicago Slumps Nearly 4c a Bushel Under Saturday's Price—Eager to Sell.

Heavy Wheat Deals.

Athena, Or., Aug. 12.—Over 200,000 bushels of the new crop of wheat has been sold in Athena. The Preston Parton Milling company alone has purchased 100,000 sacks at prices ranging from 69 to 71 cents per bushel. David Taylor of the Independent warehouse, and Agent O'Harra of the Pacific Coast Elevator company have also purchased several thousand bushels.

CHICAGO WHEAT VALUES.

	Aug. 12.	Aug. 10.	Loss.	1906.
Sept.	83¾	87¼B	3½	72½
Dec.	88½	91⅝B	3¼	75½

Northwest Wheat Weather.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho—Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday.

Chicago wheat market was thrown into a panic this morning with the spread of the telegraph strike. Longs were feverish and were very eager to let go at any price and get out of the market until telegraph service is resumed, especially in the larger cities. The close in Chicago was 3½c a bushel under Saturday.

Official Chicago prices by Overbeck & Cooke company:

WHEAT.

	Open.	Close.
September	86¼	83⅝
December	91	88½

CORN.

September	54⅝	54⅝
December	51⅝	51⅝

OATS.

September	44	43¼
December	43¾	42¼

MESS PORK.

September	1615	1602

PRUNE CROP BEST IN MANY SEASONS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Algany, Or., Aug. 12.—The apple and prune crop in Linn county will be a good one. The indications at present time are that the yield in all the orchards in this vicinity that have been properly cared for will be up to expectations. While the yield will not equal that of last year, the quality of the fruit will be better and possibly more apples produced for the market on account of the increased acreage and the impetus received from the agitation for better and cleaner orchards.

The prune crop will be the largest ever known in the history of the county and growers are elated over the prospects of a good market and large returns. Practically all the fruit grown is contracted for and no difficulty was experienced by the producers in disposing of their prunes. La Selle Bros., of this city, have entered the field and are taking all the prunes obtainable to supply their eastern market. This has been built up to such an extent as to require all the crop possible to obtain to supply the demand. Oregon prunes are becoming famous and their reputation for excellence nation wide.

Harvest Is Continued.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Heppner, Or., Aug. 12.—Continued reports of good yields of wheat are coming in from all directions. The late rains did no damage to standing grain. Harvest will go on with renewed vigor this week. Many 40 and 50-bushel yields have been reported up to this time. Some wheat is being contracted. W. S. Wharton has sold 5,000 bushels at 67 cents.

Klamath Crops Good.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 12.—The crops in the Klamath valley are looking unusually well, despite the fact that there was a cold backward spring. The rye is at present nearly all cut, as is most of the barley. The wheat is turning very rapidly, and a good crop is looked for. The first cutting of alfalfa was not up to standard, but the second crop is expected to be of excellent stand and quality. The late date at which water was delivered this spring made the farmers a little fearful about the crops, but the outlook at present is very good. Crops on the new land that was broken for the first time are looking exceedingly well.

Labor Is Very Scarce.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Payette, Ida., Aug. 12.—Help for the packing houses and cannery will be very scarce here this year, as under the provisions of the new child labor law they will not be permitted to employ children after school begins, which will be early in the fruit season. Last year the packing houses and the cannery had difficulty in getting enough help to handle the fruit. And now between the public school opening during the early part of September, as it always has been their custom, and the child labor law prohibiting the employment of children during school hours, the packing houses may be compelled to secure Jap labor.

Best Wheat Crop.

(Journal Special Service.)

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 12.—All through eastern Oregon and Washington there is now being harvested the best wheat crop on record. The grade is first class, weighing 60 pounds and more per bushel. Everywhere is found a bumper yield. Wheat is selling for good prices and barley in parts of eastern Washington is selling readily in large quantities for $1 per hundred. Half a million sacks have been sold in the vicinity of Dayton for $1.

Pay Warehouse Raise.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Weston, Or., Aug. 12.—The wheat growers of this section are now paying 75 cents per ton for the storage of wheat, an increase of 25 cents over what had been paid for many years. Warehousemen at Weston say the raise was only in keeping with the general high prices of every commodity. Competent grain handlers are now paid $2 a day instead of $2.50.

New York-London Silver.

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Aug. 12—Bar silver, 67⅞; London, 31 5-16d.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO SERIOUS CHARGE

J. E. Franklin was arranged in local United States district court this morning and pleaded not guilty to sending obscene letters through the mail. Franklin was indicted by the last federal grand jury and was arrested in Tacoma several weeks ago. He was released from custody upon furnishing bail in the sum of $1,000.

ALL JONES ON CONWAY CASTLE

Captain and Officers Bear Same Name Though Not Related.

BARK ARRIVES FROM EUROPE IN CARGO

Labored Hard Off Cape Horn for Fifty Days in Doubling Promontory and Had to Put Into Valparaiso for Fresh Water.

It is easy to remember the names of the officers of the British bark Conway Castle because every one belongs to the Jones family—Captain John Jones, First Officer William Owen Jones and Second Officer Gerald Norman Jones. For all that they are not at all related, although they hail from Wales. The Conway Castle is probably the only craft afloat with three officers of the same patronymic and nothing but official titles, given names or nick names go on board of this windjammer.

The Conway Castle arrived up in the harbor last night and went to Greenwich dock to discharge her cargo of cement, tar oil, pig iron and general merchandise brought out from Antwerp, and the longshoremen will be put to work tomorrow morning. The vessel is in the W. R. Grace line, Taylor, Young & Co., local agents, and the 12,000 barrels of cement are for W. P. Fuller & Co.

Coming out from Europe the Conway Castle experienced fearful weather in the vicinity of Cape Horn. For 50 full days the bark fought her way against the fiercest of winds and seas, beating back and forth for weeks at a time without gaining a mile on her course. Several times she was almost submerged by the tremendous waves. The pipes leading to the water tanks were wrenched and that the water soon became tainted and Captain Jones decided to run for Valparaiso for a fresh supply.

From Valparaiso to the Columbia river fairly good weather was encountered and a great deal of sport was had shooting sharks from the deck. Many were immense monsters that the captain would have liked to have brought to port for display but they all sank when mortally wounded, and it would have been dangerous to approach them.

Part of the crew of the Conway Castle cleared out last night and this morning there were only enough sailors on board to sweep and wash the decks. The vessel is not chartered for outward business and will probably be in the harbor some time. She is well known here, having loaded grain at this port several times in recent years. The entire complement of officers and crew is new with the exception of the apprentices who were on board when the vessel arrived at Antwerp to load for this port. Several of the officers have been here before in other vessels, however, Captain Jones, for instance, as master of the British ships Lydgate and Galgate. Steward Pimblett was here seven years ago on the British ship Lonsdale of the same line as the Peter Iredale that lies ashore on Clatsop beach near the mouth of the Columbia.

BREAKWATER TO SAIL

Coos Bay Boat Carries Workmen for New Sawmill.

The steamer Breakwater will sail for Coos bay this evening with a full list of passengers and all the freight that can be stored in her hold. A good quantity of freight intended for the Alliance will be sent south on the Breakwater, since the Alliance will miss one trip at least in consequence of having been damaged by the City of Panama in the collision at the mouth of the Willamette last week.

Among the passengers to leave for Coos Bay this evening are 24 sawmill workers, who were brought out last week from Minnesota to work in the C. A. Smith Lumber company's immense plant now being installed on the bay. Several hundred more employes will be brought out from the company's plants in the middle states, where it has been operating extensively for many years. About 50 will be here in time to leave on the next steamer, so it was stated this morning.

The men arrived here from Minneapolis last Friday and have been sightseeing ever since. All of them are greatly pleased with the outlook, and think the climate grand. Those having left families behind have already decided to send for them. It is estimated that the new mill will employ at least 700 men.

BRINGING CEMENT

Siam Is Here and Cornil Bart on the Berth.

The German ship Siam will be at Columbia dock No. 1 this afternoon or tomorrow with a cargo of J. B. White & Bros.' English cement consigned to George B. Rate & Co. This is said to be the first cargo of this famous cement received here for some time, although it has been used here extensively in the past, as for instance in the construction of the Chamber of Commerce building.

The Siam had a rough trip coming out from London, and it took her 189 days making the run. The roughest kind of weather was encountered off Cape Horn and the vessel sustained some damages although Captain Dirks is said to have informed the agents of the cargo that it arrived in first-class condition.

There is a heavy demand for cement here and vessels are speedily being laid on the berths at European ports for the Columbia. The latest charter in this line was announced this morning when it was stated that the French bark Cornil Bart will load at Antwerp for Portland. The Cornil Bart is better known here than any other vessel flying the tri-colored emblem. She will bring cement to W. P. Fuller & Co.

STERNWHEELER SINKS

Steamer Spokane Goes Down Without Loss of Life.

Newport, Wash., Aug. 13.—The stern wheel steamer Spokane sank near Usk, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, after having sprung a leak, presumably from hitting a rock. Her passengers and crew were landed without much difficulty.

The steamer belongs to the Pend d'Oreille Navigation company, and she will be floated as soon as possible. She has been operating on the Pend d'Oreille for several years and is valued at $15,000.

ABERDEEN NEWS

Large Fleet of Lumber Carriers in Harbor.

Aberdeen, Aug. 12.—The following vessels are now in port, most of them working a cargo, although a few of them are without charters: Loading at Aberdeen, steamer Norwood, steamer Santa Barbara, steamer Quinault, schooners Sophis Christsen, David Evans, Ludlow, Halcyon, Zampa, Charles E. Falk, C. R. Wilson, Admiral, brigs Lurline and Golden Shore. Without charter are the schooners Jessie Minor, Watson, Hoquiam, A. West, W. F. Jewett, Meteor, barkentines John Palmer, James L. Evaston and Mary Winkleman.

The marine ways at Lindstrom yard are always full, one vessel waiting to go on as fast as they come off. Two of the hulls building at Lindstrom's are now nearly ready to be launched, and another in fast approaching completion.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Regular Liners Due to Arrive.

Alliance, Coos Bay.....Uncertain
Costa Rica, San Francisco.....Aug. 12
Roanoke, San Pedro and way....Aug. 13
Breakwater, Coos Bay.....Aug. 16
Numantia, orient.....August 18
City of Panama, San Francisco..Aug. 18
G. W. Elder, San Pedro and way.Aug. 20
Johan Poulsen, San Francisco...Aug. 20
Redondo, Seattle.....Aug. 23
R. D. Inman, San Francisco....Aug. 28
Arabia, orient.....Sept. 1
Alesia, Ger. ss.....Sept. 15
Nicomedia, orient.....October 1

Regular Liners to Depart.

Alliance, Coos Bay.....Uncertain
Breakwater, Coos Bay.....Aug. 12
Redondo, Seattle and way....Aug. 14
Roanoke, San Pedro and way....Aug. 15
Costa Rica, San Francisco.....Aug. 16
R. D. Inman, San Francisco...Aug. 18
City of Panama, San Francisco..Aug. 22
G. W. Elder, San Pedro and way.Aug. 23
Johan Poulsen, San Francisco...Aug. 25
Numantia, orient.....August 28
Arabia, orient.....August 28
Alesia, orient.....September 15
Nicomedia, orient.....Sept. 28
Nicomedia, orient.....Oct. 19

Vessels in Port.

Yola, Br. sh.....Elevator dock
Maori King, Br. ss..East. West. Lbr. Co.
Alvena, Am. sch.....Westport
Dalgonar, Br. sh.....Columbia No. 2
Bee, Am. sch....Willamette I. & S. Wks
Lyra, Am. str.....Portland Lbr. Co.
James Rolph, Am. sch.....Westport
Casco, Am. str.....Goble
J. B. Stetson, Am. str.....Stella
Conway Castle, Br. bk.....Greenwich
Breakwater, Am. str.....Oak street
Siam, Ger. sh.....Astoria
Asuncion, Am. sh.....Portsmouth
Redondo, Am. str.....Couch street
Alliance, Am. str.....Supple's yard
King Cyrus, Am. sch..Standard Box Co.
Aurelia, Am. str.....Stella
R. D. Inman, Am. str.....Oak st.
Beulah, Am. sch.....Astoria

Lumber Carriers En Route.

Thomas L. Wand, Am. str.San Francisco
Coaster, Am. str.....San Francisco
Susie M. Plummer, Am. sch...Guaymas
Wasp, Am. str.....San Francisco
Northland, Am. str.....San Francisco
Americana, Am. sch.....San Pedro
Alice McDonald, Am. sch.....Kahuhui
Letitia, Am. sch.....San Francisco
Churchill, Am. sch.....San Francisco
Berlin, Ger. sh.....Nushagak
St. Nicholas, Am. sh.....Nushagak
John Currier, Am. sh.....Nushagak
Compeer, Am. sch.....San Francisco
Wrestler, Am. bktn.....San Pedro
Cascade, Am. str.....San Francisco

En Route With Cement and General.

Buccleuch, Br. sh.....Hamburg
Brenn, Fr. bk.....Hull
Europe, Br. bk.....Antwerp
Genevieve Molinos, Fr. bk.....London
Rene Kerviler, Fr. sh.....Hamburg
Laennec, Fr. sh.....Swansea
Le Pilier, Fr. bk.....London
Martha Roux, Fr. bk.....Hamburg
Mozambique, Br. sh.....Newcastle, A.
Samoa, Br. bk.....Shields
Siam, Ger. sh.....London
Thiers, Fr. sh.....Newcastle, E.
Vincennes, Fr. bk.....Glasgow
Marechael Turrene, Fr. bk....Hamburg
Ville de Mulhouse, Fr. bk.....Antwerp
Guethary, Fr. bk.....Antwerp
Pierri Loti, Fr. bk.....Antwerp
Walden Abbey, Br. sh.....Antwerp
Glenesslin, Br. sh.....Antwerp
Versailles, Fr. bk.....Leith
General de Boisdeffre, Fr. bk..London
General de Negrier, Fr. bk.....London
Barard, Fr. bk.....Antwerp
Ville de Dijon, Fr. bk.....Antwerp
Alice Marie, Fr. bk.....Antwerp
Eugene Rergatene, Fr. bk.....Antwerp
H. Haekfield, Gr. bk.....Honolulu
Arctic Stream, Br. sh.....Rotterdam
Crown of India, Br. bk.....Antwerp
Cornil Bart, Fr. bk.....Antwerp

Coal Ships En Route.

Belen, Fr. bk.....Newcastle, A.
Col. de Villebois Mareuil, Fr. bk.....Newcastle, A.
Claverdon, Br. sh.....Newcastle, A.
Willscott, Am. bk.....Newcastle, A.
Port Patrick, Br. sh.....Newcastle, A.
St. Mirren, Br. sh.....Newcastle, A.
Crillon, Fr. bk.....Newcastle, A.
Ardencraig, Br. bk.....Newcastle, A.
Eugene Schneider, Fr. bk.Newcastle