

MARKETS  
FISHING SEASON TO BE CLOSED ON TIME  
WHEAT BEARS OLD LEADERS  
PLAYS IN STOCK MARKET TODAY  
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Report Is Current That After Working Long Shifts Men at Wheels on Towboats Not Infrequently Fall Asleep at Their Posts.  
Along the waterfront, among the navigators and people who talk shipping morning, noon and night, it is current that few groundings would ever occur in the Columbia river were not the pilots and officers of the towboats overworked. It is said that many times pilots on these river tugs have remained at the wheel for such a stretch that they finally fell to the floor from sheer exhaustion. One is said to have stood his post for 36 hours, "everything turned black" and he fell in a trance only to wake up and find his tow had ground "among the trees" on the river. It is today worth \$2.00 a bushel. The French bark Vincones, which was stuck in the mud Thursday, while being towed by the tug Astoria, the Harvest Queen, got afloat last night at 11 o'clock after several hundred tons of her cargo had been lightened on barges and boom tugs. The bark was in the harbor none the worse for her experience, except for the loss of time. In this case, it is said that the captain had a passenger on board, but rather than take a nap and detailed the mate to take the trick at the wheel. It is said the man running as mate had no passenger on board, but rather than anchor while the chief rested he was told to take the wheel. This matter will probably be sifted down by the inspectors of the coast guard. The result of the incident, which in itself was not a very serious character. Next week the government engineers will commence their annual survey of the channel from this port to the sea and then it will be known to a certainty whether or not these groundings are due to fault on the part of the government surveyors. The survey will be made from the government steamer Arago, which returned a few days ago from Coos Bay. A party of river pilots had also sound the channel from one of the ports of Portland tenders, so that whatever depth is obtained should prove correct. Superintendent Groves of the Port of Portland dredges says the channel has 28 feet of water at present, which means a feet a low water.

Supplies Are Scarce and One Creamery Is Able to Maintain Advance.  
Latest market features: Looks like butter advance. Cattle market is rather mixed. Peaches sell low again. All sorts of grapes. Eggplant in selling lower. Big market firmer and higher. Traffic slower in general. Hop cables are mostly fakes.

Looks Like Butter Advance.  
While it is possible that the city creameries in general will not advance their prices on best product tomorrow morning to 7 3/4 a pound, the probabilities are that they will. One of the outside creameries announced this week that this city, but with the fuller last week and is said to be experiencing no difficulty in selling all its product at 7 3/4 a pound, receiving for the butter in this city at this time of year. Butter supplies are exceedingly small, both in this city and on the outside, according to reports from the western eastern stock is brought here in a hurry they do not believe that there will be any trouble in holding the advance until the fall rains set in and the fuller grass supply cause the usual fall drop in values. As one large city manufacturer said today: "We are trying to get all we can for the butter, but the tone so to give the producer every encouragement to produce more cream."

Vegetables - Turnips, new, 90c @ \$1.00 sack; carrots, 75c @ \$1.00 per sack; beets, \$1.50 per sack; parsnips, \$1.00 @ \$1.25 per sack; green beans, 50c @ 55c; green peas, 50c @ 55c; cauliflower, 1.25 @ 1.50 per head; horseradish, 1.00 @ 1.25 per head; green onions, 15c per dozen; bell peppers, 10 @ 12 1/2 per lb; head lettuce, 15c @ 20c per head; radishes, 15c per dozen; eggplant, 1 1/2 @ 2.00 per lb; green corn, 1.25 @ 1.50 per sack; celery, 75c @ \$1.25 per sack.

Chicken market, while not weak, is reported duller than the street carried over some supplies from Saturday. The chief dullness at this time seems to be in spring chickens, which are being sold at 25c a dozen, although an occasional bird is sold down to 24c.

According to telegraphic papers the hop cables purporting to come to this city from England and other parts of Europe during the past week are mostly fakes. The fact that the estimates are being reduced by those purporting to receive cables indicates that their interest in picking up the cables is of like order and the high crop figures which they sent out were merely office-made ones for the benefit of the stock market.

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"The salmon fishing season on the Columbia river will be closed September 25 at the noon hour no matter what some people say. Some of this sort catch talk by fishermen was made up with the express purpose of securing an open season for 10 days more. As far as I can see the season was fair, fishermen being quite content with their earnings. The high prices more than made up for whatever deficiency there was in the catch.

"I have just returned from the upper river where I have successfully prosecuted several violations of the fish law." Deputy Warden Mack.

Wool - 1907 clip - Valley, 20 @ 21c; Oregon, 18 @ 19c; Mohair - 1907 - 29 @ 29 1/2c; Sheepskins - Shearing, 16 @ 20c each; short wool, 35 @ 40c; medium wool, 30 @ 35c; long wool, 25 @ 30c; Tallow - Prime, per lb, 3 1/4 @ 4c; No. 2 and grease, 2 @ 2 1/2c; Chittim Bark - 50 per lb.

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Each Faction Has Control for Awhile in New York Market Today.

Stock Market Gains. Car Fdy... 1/4; Illinois Cen... 1/4; Anaconda... 1/4; Smelter... 1/4; Canadian... 1/4; St Paul... 1/4; Reading... 1/4; Rock Island... 1/4.

Chicago Wheat Values. Sept. 1907... 84 1/2; Dec. 1907... 85 1/2; May 1908... 87 1/2.

World's Markets Higher. For wheat there was a reaction in the price all over the eastern states and in Europe today.

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Extensive Sales Are Again Reported - Sharp Gains in Wheat Elsewhere.

Northwest Crop Weather. Western Oregon - Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday.

On account of the recent sharp declines in eastern and European wheat values, local and interior millers are not paying the initial values at this time.

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The opinion is that the conditions under the Carey act are such that a purchaser by improving the land, and if this obviously cannot be done without entering an irrigation association the land board can compel a purchaser to join.

Arrivals Are Heavy and Much More Liberal Than Expected.

Portland Union Stockyards, Aug. 19. Official run: Hogs, Cattle, Sheep.

Regular Liners Due to Arrive. Allende, Coos Bay, San Francisco, etc.

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Great Preparations Being Made in Cheese Country for Coming Exhibit.

Thousands of Visitors Expected to Attend This Week - Stock and Products Will Be Shown Together With Country's Development.

George W. Kiger and son, of Tillamook, are at the Portland hotel, and Mr. Kiger is telling friends about the great fair that will be held in the cheese country this week.

Business men, ranchers and manufacturers have taken great interest in the fair and nothing will be left done to make it a leader among the county fairs of the state.

Elmer White loses his house by fire. Salem, Or., Aug. 19. - The residence of Elmer White, an employe at the penitentiary, was destroyed by fire last night shortly after 9 o'clock.

Status of Buyers of Carey Lands. Salem, Or., Aug. 19. - In an opinion from the attorney general's office it is stated in answer to J. B. Morson, president of the Deuchales Land company of Portland that the state land board has the right to impose irrigation conditions on purchasers of state land.

Factory Inspection Laws Construed. Salem, Or., Aug. 19. - In answer to an inquiry by Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, an opinion is given from the attorney general's office that under the factory inspection law of 1907 owners and those having an interest could be held liable for the cost of the inspection.

Disappearance of Woman in Yamhill. McMinnville, Or., Aug. 19. - Mrs. Petty, a housewife, disappeared last night from her home at 11 o'clock yesterday.

Nicolai Is Found and at Home Again. Spokane, Wash., Aug. 19. - H. E. Nicolai, a Sunnyside rancher who disappeared from his home in the city of June 29, has been located on a ranch near Seattle.

Two City Contracts Let at the Dalles. The Dalles, Or., Aug. 19. - A special meeting of the city council this morning let the contract for the concrete work of the foundation of the city hall.

Firefighters at Joseph. Joseph, Or., Aug. 19. - A volunteer fire department was organized at Joseph about 20 of the city.

Get Good Stock. Pendleton, Or., Aug. 19. - Some of the finest yearling buckles in the United States have been purchased in Ohio by the Cunningham Sheep & Land company.

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