

# LOW PRICES FOR FLOUR

### Export Trade With Orient Increases So Rapidly That Values Go Skyward and Demand Is Not Thereby Lessened.

By Hyman H. Cohen.  
Unusually high values are today ruling the export flour market as a result of the enormous demand from the orient. Export flour today sold at \$4.10 a barrel, the highest price known to local trade. Local grades are expected to make still another advance tomorrow.

The value of export flour broke all previous records in this market today when millers advanced the price to \$4.10 a barrel.

This is the highest figure export value ever reached in this city, never before, according to the local trade, has the price gone beyond \$4 a barrel. Even at the lower figure the orient did not buy because it considered the price exorbitant.

While the new high record value was made today this morning the trade is confident that a considerable amount of business will result with both Japan and Russia, for both of these countries need the flour and the local trade is the only place at this time where a surplus can be secured. Small lots may be obtained in the middle west at much higher values so the local trade does not fear competition at this time. The price could be safely marked up an additional 30c a barrel without complaint from buyers.

The entire flour market has been firm up as a result of the enormous requests for supplies from the outside. Straights were quoted at an advance of 10 cents a barrel yesterday and it is quite likely that all local values will be advanced an additional 10 cents a barrel tomorrow morning or Thursday. Local trade in flour never reached such a volume as at present.

While as a usual rule it is the policy of millers to cut the value of new flour about 25 cents a barrel under the ruling value of the old grade, the former has this year broken all traditions and records by actually selling at higher prices than old flour was quoted when the new stock came on the market.

A small amount of flour business is reported for eastern account by interior millers, but the price is not high enough east of the Rockies to admit of any sales from this territory because of the high freight charges. California is almost furnished for flour and is loudly calling upon the north coast trade to supply its wants before a famine exists in this city.

It seems but a question of a very few days when the wheat market will touch the dollar mark. Today bluestem went to 21c a bushel and in some parts of the Walla Walla country the trade is paying on a basis of 92c and 93c cent. Local values here are advanced 1c a bushel today in addition to the rise of the same amount yesterday. According to the milling trade dollar wheat is quite scarce here because of the enormous demand from all sections.

# BOARD LIKELY TO ADD TO TEACHERS' SALARIES

### Petition Presented by Committee Asks for Pay During Vacation Period.

A committee representing the school teachers of Portland appeared before the board of education last night and requested their salaries be increased 20 per cent. The committee carried the petitions to the board, which were signed by nearly every teacher in the city. The board referred the matter to the finance committee, consisting of Mrs. L. W. Sitton and I. N. Fleischer, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting, when definite action will be taken.

The committee that appeared for the teachers consisted of the following: T. T. Davis, principal of the high school; C. M. Higgins, principal of Ladd school; Miss Mary Frazer of East Twenty-eighth school; Mrs. Katherine Lighter of Couch school and Mrs. Lillie D. Thomas of the high school.

Comparisons of salaries of teachers in Oakland, Seattle and Portland were submitted to the board members showing that the Rose City maintains a lower schedule for its teachers than the other cities. The latter ask for pay during the summer vacation instead of an increase to their regular monthly salary. Inasmuch as the pay for now amounts to about \$45,000 a month, the increase would mean to the city an extra outlay of about \$90,000. It is believed favorable action of some kind will be taken on the petition, which is based on the increased cost of living. The minimum salary of teachers is \$15 a month.

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# OREGON LOGS TOWED BY SEA TO SAN DIEGO MILLS

### First Season of Ocean Rafting Proves Highly Successful—Benson Company Transports 12,000,000 Feet—Railroads Offer Strenuous Objection.

Ocean log rafting from the Columbia river has ended its first season successfully with a record of three rafts towed to San Diego without loss or accident. The Benson Lumber company has carried approximately 12,000,000 feet of logs by this method from its works at Clatskanie to San Diego, California, 1,200 miles. It is estimated that this amount of logs will be sufficient to keep the San Diego mill running until next July.

The Benson Lumber company will continue to operate its Clatskanie camp, bringing out about 50,000,000 feet of logs a year, the surplus being sold in the local market. Benson's ocean rafting experiment, in which he risked an investment of more than \$250,000, has proved to be a successful event beyond the visions of the pioneer Captain Robertson, who attempted ocean log rafting from Stella some years ago.

The industry of ocean log rafting is already attracting the attention of congress and it has been proposed to regulate the process by which the rafts may traverse the highways of the sea. Congress will probably consider a bill at the next session to place the industry under the control of the department of commerce and labor. Strenuous objection to ocean log rafting is being made, and the opposition is said to come from railroad circles. The transportation of a raft containing 4,000,000 feet of logs from the Columbia river to southern California by water cuts the Southern Pacific railroad out of that much lumber tonnage, for the log is worked up in the San Diego mill and the lumber distributed from that point to the consumer.

The Benson project is the first instance in history of a practical logger and lumberman entering upon a combined undertaking of cutting the standing timber in Oregon and transporting it to a distant port and there reducing it to merchantable finished lumber

to supply the inhabitants of a treeless country. The saving in rail freights alone amounting to \$5 or \$8 per ton in this instance, insures an enormous profit to the logger and raftsman. In addition to this profit in both departments of ordinary logging and lumber manufacturing. It has been variously estimated that Benson will be rewarded for his intrepidity by profits ranging from \$10 to \$15 per 1,000 feet.

The capacity of the industry is limited by the seasons, it being considered a safe venture only in mid-summer when the sea is comparatively quiet. The Benson company took out three rafts, each containing 4,000,000 feet, during the month of August this year.

The logs were towed by powerful tugs of the Spreckels company, San Francisco. Each raft was landed safely at San Diego. The rafts lie there in the shallow water and are dismantled as the mill requires them. When a raft is entirely used the enormous chains with which it had been bound together are loaded in that freight train and brought back to Portland.

The logs have thus far shown no deterioration by ravages of teredo or other salt water worm. It is said they are immune for nearly a year by reason of the fact that they have been water soaked throughout the Columbia river before they are taken into salt water.

The Benson company owns about 45,000 acres of Oregon fir timber, and is equipped to carry on the ocean log rafting business in the most ideal fashion. It operates at Clatskanie what is said to be the most modern logging plant in the world. With 15 miles of railroad connecting the camp with the river and a lumber force of 300 men at work, it handles an annual output of 50,000,000 feet. A total of four ocean going rafts have been transported by it to San Diego, where the company has erected a modern sawmill plant with a capacity of 80,000 feet daily, and is erecting a planing mill, sash and door factory and box factory.

# GOLF BALL, GOLF BALL, WHO'S GOT IT? HERE IT IS IN MR. BOWERS' POCKET

To be hit with a golf ball while on the links is said to be nothing out of the ordinary. But to be struck by a golf ball and have the little innocent piece of gutta percha not only bruise your body, but deliberately enter one of your pockets is said to be something absolutely new and original. H. C. Bowers, manager of the hotel Portland, is the originator of the new game—pocket golf.

Mr. Bowers was on the field the other day together with George Castleman, the singer. All afternoon they had been making drives that would do justice to a little puncher. During the course of the hit-the-ball-and-chase-it game Mr. Castleman attempted a "slice," whatever that is. But the said "slice" didn't work either ball, snugly hidden away in "Bix," the old gutta percha fief in

the direction of Mr. Bowers. And the hotel manager didn't see it coming. Then there was a "bliff" and a sort of a dull sickening sound. Mr. Bowers had been hit. Hard hit. And he was aware of the fact, but no one could find the nasty little ball.

Caddies, golfers and onlookers were called from all parts of the field. Then the search for that darned little old ball commenced. Mr. Bowers was particularly anxious to locate it because it had been so impudent in searching him out for its sudden destination. Through the short grass and in the tall weeds everybody looked. Then they searched the high lands and the low lands. But the gutta percha couldn't be found.

Finally Mr. Bowers felt in his pocket for a match. There was the much sought golf ball, snugly hidden away in a corner of his clothing.

# RAM, JAM, CRAM, UNCLE SAM'S GOT HIS NOSE IN A BARRELFUL OF FIGURES

Every letter, package and stamp that goes out of the Portland postoffice this week is being counted. Not only that, but an account is being kept of the state to which all of the mail matter goes. And in addition the letters and all are being weighed. The government is accumulating a world of information at Washington about the mail system and the railroads, and this is just one of the ways in getting down to the minute details of the various offices throughout the country.

Old Uncle Sam is getting mighty particular in keeping track of the state to which the mail is addressed is to find out how he stands on the long and the short haul. This will have a great deal to do with the new contracts to be made with the railroads for mail transmission.

Then the stamps, too, are being checked up. The Portland office handles on an average of 80,000 pieces of mail every day in the year. This is an ordinary day's work for the force, but now that everything is being counted and weighed and books kept on them extra help has been hired, and every employe of the office is as busy as a cranberry merchant with the berries still on the bushes and a frost in sight.

The stamp and letter counting will be continued this week. The job of weighing is to be kept up until the last of the month, when the six-months' task will have been completed. Then all the details will be sent to the general headquarters in Washington and Uncle Sam will soon decide just how much the railroads are to get in the future for carrying messages between sweethearts, business men and everybody else in the country.

### MAONDA IS VERY POPULAR IN NEW YORK

Maconda, who will sing here October 24, is as popular in Boston and New York as she is in cities of the middle west. Indeed she is not heard half often enough in the great American metropolis, judging from the following comment in the New York World:

"Maconda was the vocalist—a welcome appearance of a superior artist who is seldom free to sing in New York. She sang an air from Mozart, 'Il Re Pastore,' with delightful simplicity, and 'Bei Liebchen,' with delicate daintiness. Walter Damrosch conducted the orchestra."

Maconda was accorded a reception almost as great as that given Nordica last Sunday evening," says the New York American. "Both her numbers were wildly applauded and the singer was forced to respond to three encores after each song."

The box office at the Hellig theatre will open Tuesday morning, October 22, for sale of seats for the Maconda concert.

### Building Permits.

Portland Railway, Light & Power company, First and Alder, repair office, \$250; Ray estate, repair store, Morrison and Second, \$50; B. Gildner, repair dwelling, Fourth, \$300; Anton Johnson, erect dwelling, Wall between Yale and Willamette boulevard, \$900; Fred Watson, erect dwelling, 747 Belmont, \$1,700; East Sixteenth between Braze and Russell, \$7,000; F. H. Peterson, erect dwelling, \$1,200; Howarth, \$5,000; B. Diome, erect dwelling, Hawthorne avenue between East Forty-first and Forty-second, \$4,400; R. A. Lisey, erect dwelling, Main between East Sixteenth and Seventeenth, \$4,400; R. M. Butler, erect dwelling, East Gilsan and East Sixth, \$2,500; F. M. Jacobs, erect dwelling, Carson between Misner and Eby, \$1,700; Portland Lined Oil company, repair factory, Sherlock avenue foot Twenty-second, \$4,400; William Fisher, erect dwelling, East Eighteenth between Alberta and Mildred, \$1,500; J. H. Morse, erect dwelling, East Yamhill between East Thirty-seventh and East Thirty-eighth, \$1,600; Mrs. O. M. Hendric, erect dwelling, 530 Misner, \$2,250.

# DEMAND MORE ROOM FOR PUPILS

### Phenomenal Growth of City Brings Requests for Better School Facilities.

Members of the board of education listened to requests for new school buildings and additions to the present buildings from large delegations from Highland, Peninsula and Sellwood last night, and after discussing the proposals took them under advisement.

The chief feature of the meeting was the objection raised by Sellwood residents to sending a number of their children to the Llewellyn school instead of providing additional quarters at Sellwood. The residents offered to pay rent for an extra room to keep their children in school at Sellwood, but the members seemed to think they could do no better than by sending the children to the Llewellyn school. There is plenty of room at the latter institution and to rent additional quarters would necessitate the employment of a new teacher, a matter the board is not favorably disposed to do.

Highland residents asked for a new school. They pointed out the phenomenal growth of the neighborhood, which had compelled the increasing of the Highland school from a four-room to a 20-room building in four years, now having a registration of more than 1,000 students. Many of the children have been sent to the Vernon school, and the board was asked last night to build a new school building in the neighborhood of Union avenue and Beech street instead of erecting additions to the Highland and Vernon schools. The board seemed in favor of such a move, but as in other cases took the matter under advisement.

The delegation from Peninsula objected to the poor sanitary conditions at their school, and were given to understand that the board contemplated erecting a new building next year, but as it is expected that many more requests for new school buildings will be made of the board in the next few weeks, and the members are awaiting these requests before taking action of any kind in regard to the matter.

# STRUGGLES WITH SEWERAGE PROBLEM

### Mount Tabor and Sellwood Anxious to Secure Drainage System.

Sewerage is becoming a more pertinent question daily with at least two of the rapidly growing districts on the east side. One sewer is demanded by the residents of Sellwood and the other, which will be a project of some considerable extent, is demanded by the property owners of Mount Tabor and the district between that place and the river along Hawthorne avenue.

Both these systems must be constructed within the next two years and the people have already started the movement necessary to secure the needed improvements. At a recent meeting of the Sellwood board of trade a committee was appointed to launch measures that will obtain for them a sewer system. It is believed that one can be built here at comparatively small expense.

Last night the Mount Tabor Improvement association resumed its meetings for the winter and the first topic of discussion to present itself was a sewer system. No action was taken but that the time was ripe for some action was not disputed. It is not doubted that the territory at the extreme east end of Hawthorne avenue needs sewerage.

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It is low, but with the impetus from Mount Tabor a system to the river through this district is thought practicable.

On motion of J. Frank Perkins, who is a member of the Initiative One Hundred, the plan to rename Bull Run, the river from which comes Portland's water supply, was indorsed. The latter body has offered a prize of \$5 to the person who shall propose a more acceptable name.

A movement has been started to secure the rebuilding of the West Avenue school. It was stated that no effort had yet been made to secure other property for the erection of a new school and that property was getting higher steadily. Addition in the mail service were discussed and also the improvement of Belmont street was noted, which is one of the improvements most important to Mount Tabor that has yet been undertaken.

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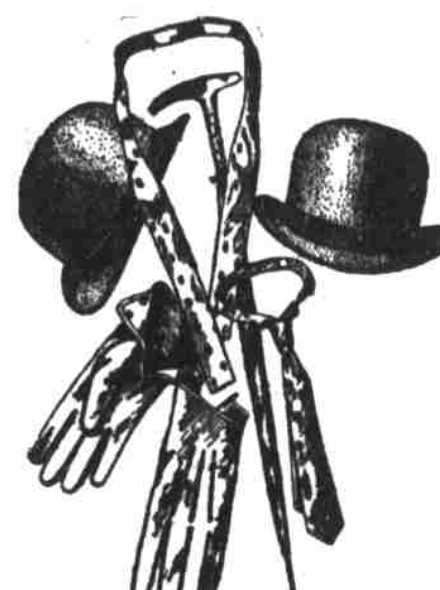
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