TODAY'S MARKETS

Christmas Trade in the Wholesale Markets Is Averaging Well—Both Outside and City Business Is Much Better

MAY FORCE A SUGAR BATTLE

Third Refinery Starts Business on the Coast—Big Deal Closed.

Produce market features:
Sugar interests are apart.
No stoppage of egg arrivals.
Some pressure in chickens.
Turkeys sell quite freely.
Large oranges are scarce.
Scarcity of ripe bananas.
Cellar sweet potatoes higher.
Higher prices on best celery.
Smelt run on and off again.
Wheat is steady though dull.
Millfeeds maintain big advance.
Hop selling is enormous.

Sugar Interests Are Apart.

From the present outlook there promises to be a less harmonious feeling in the sugar market in the future. Formerly there were but two refineries fighting for the trade of the Pacific coast but now another has been added to the list and while it is quite likely for two interests to come together, the additional refinery may cause a lot of trouble, especially when it is well-intrenched. The latest arrival is the Honolulu Plantation company which owns as well as manufactures a large per cent of the sugar grown in the islands of Hawaii. The company has recently completed a new and modern refinery and a deal has been closed whereby the concern will be regularly represented on the Pacific coast. The firm of M. J. Brandenstein & Co., which has large houses both here and in San Francisco is now the Plantation company's representative; the deal involving the largest amount in the history of the Pacific coast sugar market.

A $3,000,000 Deal in Sugar.

The San Francisco Chronicle says of the new condition in a recent issue:

"The largest deal ever made in refined cane sugar on the coast was consummated this week by M. J. Brandenstein & Co. This firm has contracted for the entire output of the Honolulu Plantation company, which is in the neighborhood of 30,000 tons per year of dry granulated cane sugar, and involves an investment of about $3,000,000.

"This sugar will be refined at the Honolulu company's new and modern bone char plant, which has recently been erected at a cost of more than $1,000,000. The plant is up to date, and there is no labor-saving device or method of extraction of sugar of however recent invention which has not been installed in this refinery.

"This purchase will be a large factor in the coast sugar trade. There are only two cane sugar refineries on the Pacific coast, and they have heretofore enjoyed the whole trade. This puts another cane sugar competitor on the market and will undoubtedly give the people cheaper sugar."

The Portland headquarters of the new sugar interest is at Thirteenth and Hoyt streets.

Cellar Sweet Potatoes Higher.

A sharp advance is noted in the price of cellar sweet potatoes which arrived in this market late yesterday afternoon. For the best stock the trade is now asking $2.75, while for the small amount of field potatoes the price is stiff at $2.50.

The local potato market is rather quiet with but small shipments to the south outside of the former territory. The California markets are still filled with river stock which is being offered at low prices so this does not help the situation for northern potatoes.

While the onion market is quiet, the tone is still quite firm and former prices continue to rule.

Turkeys Sell Quite Freely.

There is a fractional increase shown in the arrivals of turkeys in the Front street markets. While the receipts are better they are small in comparison with the demand and high values are therefore the rule. Dealers continue to refuse outside orders because shippers are lax in notifying them what amount they expect to ship for the Christmas trade. A feature of the present market is the small arrivals of "skates" during the present week. What few have come have been sold at unsatisfactory prices—both seller and buyer complaining.

There is some increase in the pressure against the chicken market on account of the very liberal receipts. While demand is fair, dealers are holding quotations low.

Weather conditions have made a visible effect upon the egg market for receipts are still very liberal with no sales above 35c for local ranch.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Large oranges are rather scarce in the markets today. Price unchanged.

Ripe bananas are scarce with large supplies of green stock.

Run of smelt in the Cowlitz is off again. About 20 boxes were caught Tuesday night but reports from the river say that none were taken last night. Markets still have small supplies at 15c.

Receipts of fall salmon from the north are increasing. Run of local salmon still small.

Best celery shows advanced values because of weather conditions in the south.

Front street prices:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

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

WHEAT — Track prices—Club, 82c; red Russian, 80c; bluestem, 84c; valley, 82c.

CORN—Whole, $32; cracked $33 ton.

BARLEY—New—Feed, $27@27.50 per ton; rolled, $30@31; brewing, $29.

RYE—$1.55 per cwt.

OATS—New—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $28.00 per ton; gray, $27.50.

FLOUR—Eastern Oregon patents, $4.95; straights, $4.50; exports, $3.90; valley, $4.30@4.50; graham, ¼s, $4.50; whole wheat, $4.75; rye, 50s, $5.50; bales, $3.00.

MILL STUFFS—Bran, $23.00 per ton; middlings, $29.00; shorts, country, $27; city, $26.00; chop, $17@21.

HAY—Producers' price—Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $15.00; ordinary, $11.00; eastern Oregon, $17.00; mixed, $10.00@$10.50; clover, $10.00@12.00; grain, $10.00@12.00; cheat, $10.00@12.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—F. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 36c; sour 34c.

BUTTER—Extra fancy creamery, 37½c; fancy, 35@37½c; storage, 30@32½c; store, Oregon, 19@20c.

EGGS—Extra fancy, candled, 35c; eastern storage, 25@27½c.

CHEESE — New — Full cream, flats, 16@16½c per lb; Young Americans, 17@17½c per lb.

POULTRY — Dressed chickens, 12c per lb; fancy hens, 12½c per lb; roosters, old, 9c; fryers, 12½c; broilers, 12½c; ducks, 18c; geese, old, 9@10c lb; turkeys, live, 15c lb; dressed, 18@19c lb; squabs, $2.50 doz.; pigeons, $1.25 doz; dressed poultry, 1@1½c per lb higher; wild geese, $6 doz.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS — Contracts, 1907 crop, (—). 1907 crop, choice, 7@8c; prime to choice, 7c; ordinary, 5@6c; 1906, choice, 5c.

WOOL—1907 clip—Valley, 16@18c; eastern Oregon, 12½@18c.

MOHAIR—New, 1907—25@29½c.

HIDES—Dry hides, 12@13c lb; green, 4@5c; calves, green, 5@7c lb; kips, 5c lb; bulls, green salt, 3@4c lb.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 15@20c each; short wool, 25@40c; medium wool, 50@$1.00 each; long wool, 75@$1.25 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

CHITTIM BARK—5c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES — Fancy, 70@85c selling, buying, white, 50@60c per cwt; sweets, 2½@2¾c per lb.

ONIONS—Jobbing price — Oregon, $2.25; buying, spot, $1.60@1.75; garlic, 7c lb.

APPLES—Fancy, $1.75@2.00; choice, $1.50; ordinary, $1.00@1.25; culls, 75@85c.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new, $2@$2.50; bananas, 5c lb; lemons, $4@6 box; limes, Mexican (—) per 100; pineapples, $4 a dozen; grapes, $1.50@1.65; peaches, 75c@$1.00; pears, fancy, $1.25@1.75; ordinary, 75c@$1 a box; tangerines, $1.60@1.75 a box; Jap oranges, 60c a box; persimmons, $1.75.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new 90c@$1.00 sack; carrots, $1.00 per sack; beets, $1.00@1.10 per sack; parsnips, $1; cabbage, $5@$1; tomatoes, California, $1.50; beans, 12c; cauliflower, 75@85c lb; peas, 10c; horseradish, 8c lb; artichokes, $1.25 dozen; green onions, 15c doz; bell peppers, 12½@15c; hothouse lettuce, 75c@1.50 box; cucumbers, hothouse, $2 box; radishes, 15c doz. bunches; eggplant, 15c lb; celery, 70@85c; cranberries, eastern, $11.50; local, $7@8 per barrel; sprouts, 8½@9c per lb.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—California and Hawaiian—Cube, $5.95; powdered, $5.80; berry, $5.60; dry granulated, $5.60; XXX granulated, $5.40; conf. A., $5.60; extra B., $5.10; golden C., $5.00; D. yellow, $4.90; beet granulated, $5.40; barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

HONEY—$3.60 per crate.

COFFEE—Package brands, $15.85@16.65.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $13.50 per ton; 50s, $14.00; table, dairy 50s, $19.00; 100s, $18.75; bales, $2.50; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 4s, $18.00; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.60@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton; 50-lb rock, $13.50; 100s, $13.00.

(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, $4.25; large white, $4.10; pink, $4.10; bayou, $3.90; Limas, $6.50; Mexican reds, 4½c.

NUTS—Peanuts, Jumbo, 8¾c per lb; Virginia, 7¾c per lb; roasted, 9@9½c per lb; Japanese, 7c; roasted, 7½@9c per lb; walnuts, California, 17½c per lb; pine nuts, 14@15c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; Brazil nuts 18c per lb; filberts, 16c per lb; fancy pecans, 18@20c per lb; almonds, 19c.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Hogs fancy, 6@6½c per lb; large, 6c per lb; veal, extra, 9@9½c per lb; ordinary, 7@8c per lb; heavy, 6@6½c per lb; mutton, fancy 8@9c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 12 lbs, 13½c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs., 13c per lb; 18 to 20 lbs., 13c; breakfast bacon, 15½@22½c per lb; picnics, 9½@9c per lb; cottage roll, 11c per lb, regular short clears, smoked, 12c per lb; unsmoked, 12½c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 11½c; smoked 12½c. Union butts, 10 to 13 lbs, unsmoked, 12c per lb, smoked, 13c per lb; clear bellies, unsmoked, 13c per lb; smoked 14c per lb, shoulders, 12½c per lb; pickled tongues, 70c each.

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, 9¾c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c per lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 9c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, fresh, 9@11c; frozen, 8c; herrings, 5c lb; soles, 6c lb; shrimps, 10c per lb; perch 6c per lb; tomcod, 7c per lb; lobsters, 25c per lb; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb; crawfish, 25c per dozen; sturgeon, 12½c per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelt, 7c per lb; Columbia smelt, 15c lb; black cod, 7½c lb; crabs, $1.00@1.50 dozen.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100-lb. sack, $5.00; Olympia, per gallon, $2.40; per 100-lb. sack, $6.00@6.50; Eagle, canned, 60c can; $7 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75 per hundred.

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

Paints, Coal Oil, Etc.

ROPE—Pure manila, 14c; standard, 12½c; sisal, 10½c.

COAL OIL—Water white, tanks 12½c, cases 18½c, headlight, cases, 20c; Elane, cases, 28c; Eocene, cases, 21½c gallon.

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; wood bbls, 93c per gal.

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

WIRE NAILS—Present basis at $3.20 per keg.

PRICES TODAY AND THOSE OF YEAR AGO

	—Dec. 19—	
Club wheat, bu	$ .82	$ .64
Bluestem, bu	.84	.68
Pat. flour, bbl	4.95	3.90
Best butter, lb	.35	.35
Ranch eggs, doz	.35	.37½
Hops, choice, lb	.07½	.13½
Potatoes, producer	.60	.95
Onions, producer	1.75	.75
Turkeys, dressed	.18½	.21½

Northwest Crop Weather.

Western Oregon — Rain tonight, warmer north portion; Friday rain, cooler south portion. High southerly winds.

Western Washington — Rain and warmer tonight; Friday rain. High southerly winds interior, strong southerly gale along coast.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho—Snow, turning to rain and warmer tonight and Friday; high southerly winds.

Fish Run Is Good.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 19.—Large shipments of the famous Quinlault salmon are daily arriving from the reservation for shipment in cold storage east. The run of steelheads is now on, and the Indians are reaping a rich harvest. The Indians are not hampered by laws regarding the closed season and can begin to fish as soon as the fish begin to run. The open season began on December 15 and a few boats began fishing, but most of them will not start for a week or so.

Utah Consolidated Dividend.

The Utah Consolidated company has declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share, payable January 15. Books close December 21 and reopen December 30. This is a reduction of 50 cents from previous quarterly declarations and makes a distribution for the year of $4.50 a share.

FIRST CAR OF WHEAT SECURED BY PORTLAND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 19.—The first carload of wheat to be hauled out over the Pilot Rock branch of the O. R. & N. was brought out last evening for the Pacific Coast Elevator company and was sent to Portland today for export.

Regular trains are now running between this city and Pilot Rock, the number of the passenger train being 26.

N. P. MELON MAY BE JUICY

Fruit Is Again on Parade in Stock Market—Hill Issue Makes Move.

(Wire of Downing-Hopkins Company.)

New York, Dec. 19.—The market opened strong, with a good fractional advance throughout the list. Directly after the opening, Northern Pacific took the lead, making a quick gain of 3 points over the previous close, the general list following with an average gain of a point. The now familiar assertions were still heard in regard to the Northern Pacific disposition of the Burlington, and the street again had the "melon" on parade, and it is understood that the distribution of this melon would be of considerable size and of undoubted juiceness. For the balance of the day the market developed into a highly professional affair, possessing very few features of interest, and at no time did trading approach anything like real activity, fluctuations being irregular, with no definite trend. The settling hour brought out some fresh liquidation, and prices slowly declined, until the entire early advance was lost. The close was dull and dispirited.

The range:

DESCRIPTION.	Open...	High...	Low...	Closing Bid...
Amal. Copper	43½	44½	43½	44⅛
Am. Sugar, c	96	98	96	97¾
Am. Smelter	70	71½	69⅞	69⅞
Anaconda M. Co	27⅞	28	27⅞	28
Atchison, c	70¼	71¼	70¼	70⅜
Brooklyn R. T	37⅞	38¼	37½	37¾
C. M. & St. P	102⅝	103¼	102⅝	102⅞
Colo. Fuel, c	19	.....	.....	18⅝
Erie, c	16¼	.....	.....	16
Missouri Pac	47½	48⅝	47¼	47¼
N. Y. Central	93⅞	94	92⅞	92⅞
Northern Pac., c	114	116⅞	114	115⅝
Penna. Ry	111½	112	111½	111¾
People's Gas	78½	.....	.....	78½
Reading Ry., c	93½	94⅛	92	92⅜
Rock Island, c	14⅞	15⅛	14⅞	15⅛
So. Pacific, c	72⅞	73⅞	72⅞	72⅞
Union Pacific, c	116	117¼	115⅞	116¼
U. S. Steel, c	26	26¼	25¾	25⅞
do pre	87⅛	87⅞	87⅛	87⅞
Great Nor.	114	.....	.....	115
Denver	19⅜	19¾	19	19¼

WHEAT MARKET OPENS WITH VERY BAD TASTE

CHICAGO WHEAT VALUES.

	Dec. 19.	Dec. 18.	Gain.	1906.
May	104	104⅞	⅛	78¼
July	97⅞	98	⅛*	77½

*Loss.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The wheat market awoke this morning with a bad taste in its mouth for opening values were lazy and stagnant, with a somewhat lower range than yesterday. Preliminary to this there was a loss of ¾d in Liverpool over the failure of the American market to make good yesterday. Argentine advices are scant, but are generally about the same, wet weather being continued throughout the republic. There was a great deal of uncertainty among the traders as to what were the real conditions in the Argentine, and some of the shorts took heart and sold again, with the result that after a sharp, early advance the market sold off and closed a full cent under the high. As compared with the close of yesterday today's market was mixed, May being ¼c higher and July ⅛c lower.

Other pits were affected by the tone in wheat. In corn the range for the day amounted to about a cent a bushel, with the closing ⅜c under yesterday. While the oats market was slow, the price was fairly maintained, May closing unchanged at 52½c and July at 45½c split, a mere fraction under the price of yesterday.

Provisions showed a lack of support today, and all options closed lower. In January the loss was 15c and in May 13c.

Range by Downing-Hopkins company:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	104½	106	104¼	105
July	97⅞	98⅞	97¾	97⅞
CORN.				
May	58	58¾	57⅝	57¾
July	57⅛	57⅝	56⅝	56¾
OATS.				
May	52½	53¼	52½	52½
July	45¾	45¾	45½	45½
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	1252	1255	1245	1250
May	1300	1305	1290	1297

WHEAT THRESHING IS JUST NOW COMPLETED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 19.—What is declared to be the record run for an eastern Oregon thresher was finished a few days ago by Joel C. Wright, the reservation farmer. When he closed down on December 10 it was after a five-months' run, during which he threshed a quarter of a million bushels.

On July 10, the Wright thresher began the season upon the reservation and threshed 40,000 sacks of wheat. When the run here was completed the machine was moved to Gilliam county, where threshers were scarce this year, and it was not until a few days ago that all of the wheat there was placed in sacks. During the run in Gilliam county a total of 67,000 sacks were threshed.

The Wright thresher is a 36-inch separator and is operated by a traction engine, of 27-horsepower. The crew during the season consisted of 17 men and of these half a dozen or more were with the outfit during the entire five months' run. The fact is to Mr. Wright's credit that when other threshing concerns could not secure men during the season he never lacked a crew.

Counting out the time lost through bad weather the Wright machine averaged 2,800 bushels of wheat per day and during the entire season it threshed grain to the total value of nearly $200,000. The average price received for threshing was 7 cents per bushel.

Wheat Trade Stagnant.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton Or., Dec. 19.—Business is dull in the local wheat market, the price being down, and the farmers are unwilling to part with the holdings at a figure that is 10 cents lower than what they could have secured early in the fall.

Until yesterday the local quotation on club had been 67c for several days, but another drop of a cent occurred during the day. However, wheat is said to be worth 68c in Pendleton, and at least one buyer is offering that figure. Others declare they are out of the market for the time being.

Chicago Cash Barley.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cash barley, 86@98c.

Liverpool Wheat Lower.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Wheat opened ¾ penny lower. May, 7s 11⅜d.

ACTIVITY IN HOPS IS GREAT

Dealers Buying More Heavily While Growers Are Anxious to Sell.

Short sellers are covering their sales with all possible speed in the hop market at this time. Transactions never were so heavy for this period of the year as now. In fact the trade does not remember a time during any period when the sales were so heavy in this state as at the present moment.

While complaining bitterly of a dull tone with no demand, the dealers are making every effort to buy hops and that they are successful is shown by late transactions. The growers are seemingly so anxious to let go their hops that they are selling the best product grown on the coast at lower figures than are being paid for inferior goods in Washington and California.

One reason for the great activity in the local hop market at this time when in normal years the tone is dull on account of the holidays, is the fact that growers everywhere are talking of organizing and say they do not intend to let buyers always dictate the terms as well as prepare their statistics. It is stated that the firm of Klaber, Wolf & Netter of this city is one of the largest purchasers. This firm is headed by Herman Klaber of Tacoma, who is said to be one of the greatest short sellers of the coast. M. J. Netter is handling the local business for the firm.

Review of Eastern Markets.

The New York Producers' Price Current in its latest issue says:

"The markets have shown practically little change the past week. There has been continued buying on the Pacific coast at about former range of prices, but the demand, while steady, is not especially heavy. Some export buying is reported in Oregon at 6@7c, with lower grades selling down to 5c. The Washington markets are somewhat higher and 7¾c is reported offered in Yakima for a choice crop. The stock in Washington is very low in comparison to what is left in California and Oregon. The California markets remain unchanged at 5@7c. In New York state there has been a steady decline for the best hops and sales are reported from 10@15c per pound. The better grades are being cleaned up in all sections and the bulk of the crop in growers' hands is poor. On the local market a sale of fancy Sonomas is reported at 11½c, but this is not confirmed. There is a persistent inquiry, however, for strictly choice goods at top prices. A few small transactions between dealers cover the trading on the market and it is only a sort of hand-to-mouth business either in new hops or yearlings. Trading with brewers is somewhat slower, although it is understood that a large amount of business has been transacted during the past few weeks. The English markets are reported slightly stronger, but with American hops entirely neglected at present."

New York Prices.

State, 1907, choice per lb ..... 15@16
State, 1907, prime, per lb ..... 13@14
State, 1907, medium, per lb ..... 10@12
Pacific coast, 1907, choice, per lb. 10@11
Pacific coast, 1907, prime, per lb. 8@9
Pacific coast, 1907, medium, per lb ..... @7
Germans, 1907, prime to choice, per lb ..... 27@31
State, 1906, per lb ..... 8@10
Pacific coast, 1906, choice, per lb @5
Pacific coast, 1906, medium to prime, per lb ..... 3@4

PACKERS' WANTS OF HOGS EASILY FILLED

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	200	...	100
Week ago	186	165	...
Year ago	177	...	18
Previous year	...	...	...

Portland Union Stockyards, Dec. 19.—There is again a dull tone in the local hog market owing to the small demand from packers over the holidays. Cattle remain dull at $3.75@4 for best steers, while sheep are very slow.

"The wants of the trade in the sheep line are very small," says President Daughtrey.

A year ago today all lines are slow at unchanged figures.

Official yard prices:

Hogs—Best eastern Oregon, $5.25; china fats, $4.75@5.00.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $3.75@4.00; best cows and heifers, $2.75@3.00; bulls, $1.75@2.00.

Sheep — Best wethers, $4.50@4.75; mixed and best ewes, $4.00; lambs, $4.50@4.75.

SPOKANE MINING EXCHANGE.

(Furnished by Downing-Hopkins Co. Members Spokane Mining Exchange.)

	Bid.	Ask.
Ajax	4½	6
Alameda	2	4
Alhambra	5	8¼
Alberta Coal & Coke	29	35
Bell	2	8
Bullion	2	6
Charles Dickens	6½	7
Canadian Con. Smelters	60.00	90.00
Copper King	1½	1⅞
Dominion Copper	1.40	2.10
Evolution	1	2
Echo	1	1
Granby Smelter	60.00	90.00
Galbraith Coal	25	28
Gertie	2½	2¾
Hecla	2	...
Happy Day	1	3
Holden Gold & Copper	2	6
Humming Bird	3½	6
Hypotheek	1	2
Idaho Giant	4⅞	5¾
Intl. Coal & Coke	79½	88
Kendall	84	94
Lucky Calumet	16½	21
Missoula Copper	5¾	6
Mineral Farm	½	2
Moonlight	2⅛	3
Nabob	2½	2⅞
Nine-Mile	...	3
O. K. Con.	1	2
Oom Paul	5	6¼
Panhandle Smelt	1½	1⅞
Park Copper	1	3
Rambler Cariboo	18½	21
Reindeer	1	3
Rex (16 to 1)	12¾	17
Sonora	¼	1¼
Snowshoe	5⅛	8½
Snowstorm	105	106
Sullivan	5½	6
Sullivan Bonds	60.00	75.00
Stewart	40	75
Tamarack & Ches.	65	70
Wonder	1	1¼

Sales: 100 Gertie at 2½c; 250 Gertie at 2c; 1,000 Missoula at 5⅝c; 1,000 Missoula at 5¾c; 1,000 Panhandle at 1⅝c; 1,000 Park at 1⅝c; 100 Snowstorm at $1.06; 750 Sullivan at 5¼c; 1,000 Sullivan at 5⅝c.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$812,055.56
Year ago	932,829.62
Balances today	7,739.86
Year ago	153,344.73

TACOMA.

Clearings	$744,008
Balances	33,917

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,108,890
Balances	134,741

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Export: Bluestem, 82c; club, 80c.

SCULPTOR AITKEN ARDENT WOOER

Laure de Ligny Won After Romantic Experience With Her Suitor.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, Dec. 17.—To be wooed from San Francisco to Paris and back again to New York, a distance of 11,000 miles.

To be won in New York, where she was hurried from the boat to the altar to prevent angry relatives from carrying her away.

That was the romantic experience of Laure de Ligny, a Parisian beauty, who has been secretly married to Robert Aitken, the New York sculptor. Mr. Aitken is famed for his beautiful modellings of famous men and women.

Mr. Aitken met Mlle. de Ligny in San Francisco. When her family learned of the attachment between the pair they instantly started with the young woman for Paris. Aitken followed to New York, missed the boat bearing the de Ligny family, but caught the next one.

Defeat again awaited him in Paris for the de Lignys had planned a marriage for their daughter with one of their own nationality. But, in spite of the opposition, an excellent understanding prevailed between the sweethearts before Aitken returned to America.

Seven months afterward Mlle. de Ligny left Paris, and before her parents had time to follow was on a liner bound for New York. At the dock she was met by the sculptor, hurried to the city hall and the wedding ceremony performed. This was on Thanksgiving day.

They have been living since that time at Mr. Aitken's studio, No. 1947 Broadway. Only a few of the artist's close friends have known of the wedding.

Mrs. Aitken is the daughter of Louis de Ligny, the famous French inventor, who died in Paris a short time ago. She met the sculptor about two years ago, just when he had been brought into prominence through the monument he had made for the navy, and which was dedicated by President Roosevelt. He was commissioned to make a bust of Mlle. de Ligny in marble, and when the girl saw the young sculptor she decided to learn the principles of the plastic art herself. The lessons did not proceed very rapidly, for the pair fell hopelessly in love at the beginning of the first afternoon's tuition.

Mr. and Mrs. Aitken were seen yesterday afternoon by a reporter in Mr. Aitken's studio.

"My people wanted me to marry some wealthy Frenchman, whom they considered good enough for the de Ligny family," said the bride. "I didn't like the idea at all. I don't care if I haven't a chateau and a title. I am perfectly happy with my American husband."

"And will you continue your artistic career?" she was asked. Mrs. Aitken laughed merrily.

"Art? No! I had four lessons, and then I thought I'd rather marry the artist than be one myself."

Robert Aitken was born in San Francisco. His monument in that city, called "Victory," and regarded as his masterpiece, was destroyed in the great fire. His statue of President McKinley is one of the many examples of his skill in marble, bronze and gold.

His studios and apartments in Paris contain the greater part of the studies and models of his work. He will return to France when the story of his elopement has subsided, for he has received marked recognition and praise for his paintings and sculpture in the Paris Salon.

$25,000 SUIT IS RIPPED UP BACK

Husband Suing for Alienation of Wife's Affections Denies She Has Any.

A few of the many marital troubles of J. G. Carson and his wife Elizabeth were rehearsed in the municipal court this morning when Judge Cameron was called upon to listen to evidence bearing on the charge of threats to kill preferred against her husband by Mrs. Carson.

During the proceedings, which never for a moment lacked interest, no reference was made to the $25,000 damage suit filed yesterday, and by which Carson seeks to obtain that amount in damages for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections by L. H. C. Hadley, vice-president of the Baggage, Omnibus & Transfer company.

A high official of that corporation was in court, however, and after remaining as an interested spectator finally accompanied Mrs. Carson from the courtroom at the close of the hearing.

According to the story unfolded by Mrs. Carson on the witness stand, she has for a long period been fearful that her husband would take her life. She asserted that she was afraid of him before she married him; that she has been afraid of him during all of the 10 years of their married life, and that she is still afraid of him. Asked why she married the man she replied that she had good private reasons of her own for that act.

Mrs. Carson testified that because of his continual threats and his general evil temper she was forced to leave her husband something more than a year ago, but that he forced her to return to him. He had, she said, on many occasions, threatened to kill her and then himself.

In his own defense Carson denied all of the allegations made by his wife. At the request of his attorney, W. W. Banks, further hearing of the case was postponed until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in order to give the defendant time in which to procure the attendance of witnesses who will testify as to his good character and general standing in the community.

Reduction in Fuel.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 19.—A sharp break in the price of all kinds of fuel was announced today when the dealers voluntarily cut coal $1 a ton and wood $1 to $1.50 a cord. Further reductions are promised.

DUKE NOT FAITHFUL TO FAMILY

The Duke d'Aosta, the duchess and their child. Following sensational charges the duchess left him, notwithstanding that her husband is the cousin of Italy's king. The duke appears to have been a worthless fellow.

MODESTY LOSES WOMAN'S CASE

Accuses Man of Beating Her but Blushes When Asked to Show Bruise.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 17.—The line of modesty was defined in criminal court yesterday when it came to the delicate question of a woman showing her injuries to the court and jury in an assault and battery case. The plaintiff was Miss Apnie Selah of Conshohocken, who alleged that she was struck by Andrew Donat of Bridgeport.

"Show the bruises to the court," said Assistant District Attorney T. L. Bean.

The pretty plaintiff hesitated and, appealing to Judge Swartz, at her elbow, whispered her disapproval.

"But we insist," vehemently appealed Attorney H. I. Fox, counsel for the accused.

Judge Swartz then asked the location of the injuries. The young woman having pointed to a place midway between the lower edge of a stand-up collar and the usual line of the upper edge of a decolette bodice, the court decided that the exposure could be made.

The young woman began to open her coat and then hesitated. She then declared that the bruises had all disappeared and had left no marks. Her sensitiveness cost her the suit, for Donat was acquitted and part of the cost placed upon his accuser.

UNHAPPY DENTIST SEEKS HIS MONEY

Dr. E. Ringhofer, a dentist, appeared at the sheriff's office this morning to put in a claim for $65 of his money, which he says was locked in a safe in the Kenyon hotel bar, which was attached by the sheriff a few days ago under an execution for failure to meet the demands of the Enterprise Brewing company for liquors and cigars. The sheriff was unable to give the dentist satisfaction, as the money is mixed with other chattels seized by the sheriff and must go through the usual processes of the law.

As a means of inducing good attendance of members at its meetings, the Millwrights' union, of Minneapolis, has hit upon a novel plan. As an inducement to members to turn out to the regular meetings it has been decided to have a drawing at each meeting, which will give some member a receipt for a month's dues. In order to get the prize a member must be present.

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