POULTRY PRICES ROOST ON VERY HIGHEST PERCH

Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks and Geese Command Biggest Price in History of Local Front Street Market—Question Whether Producers Are Receiving Advance.

Never in the history of the local markets has there been such a shortage of poultry and the prices that ruled generally were record ones even for this high-priced market.

Along Front street during the past 24 hours turkeys, dressed, sold at 26 and 28c a pound while 16 to 18c a pound was received for live chickens. These are among the highest values ever obtained in the Portland wholesale market for this period of the year.

In all lines of poultry the receipts of late have been so small that it has been impossible to fill orders and Front street merchants boosted values right and left. Even ducks and geese were very high and the nominal arrivals in these lines sold at record-breaking figures.

On this account the producers who shipped to the Portland market should receive the best returns they ever secured. For turkeys they should receive on a basis of 27 and 28c a pound less the usual commission charge of 10 per cent. For chickens the returns for shipments that arrived Monday or Tuesday should be on a basis of fully 16c; less the regular commission.

It is stated, however, that producers are not to receive these returns, except in a few instances because Front street wants the money. Along the street the trade will not admit that it received more than 23c for turkeys while no birds have been sold, so far as known during the past 24 hours under 26 and 28c.

"I think it is an outrage that Front street should charge such high prices," said one of the most prominent poultry market men on the coast. "We have been held up for the highest prices on record for the New Year's trade. I don't mind the high prices just so the producer gets his share of it. But will he? I bought turkeys from several markets yesterday and paid 27c a pound for them. One dealer billed the birds to me at 28c but I made so much complaint that he finally cut a cent off the price, making it 27c a pound."

"I was compelled to pay 17c a pound for live chickens yesterday," says the buyer and proprietor of the Columbia Fish Market. "Then, too, the stocks were rather poor and the crops were filled with wheat. This latter should be stopped by the health authorities because birds will spoil within 24 hours if killed and the crops are filled with wheat."

"Some Front street merchants have not been making decent returns to their shippers for some time," says Al Friedman, one of the proprietors of the Barnes-Franklin market, and one of the largest buyers of poultry in the city. "We know of one particular instance where a house secured 25 ducks and made returns of about 5c a pound under the prices actually paid by retailers. I know this because the shipper who sent the birds to the Front street house also sent a like number to us."

There has been many complaints to The Journal regarding the very improper returns given country shippers by some Front street houses. Some of them make full payments to their shippers and no complaint is heard from the senders. These, however, are not included in the list.

PEACE FOLLOWS SOFT APOLOGY

All Shoals, Reefs and Hidden Boulders Removed From Ministerial Asosciation.

The olive branch, the dove of peace and all other emblems of love, charity and fraternity now hover over the Methodist Ministerial association, all due to a frank, open apology made by Dr. C. E. Cline at an executive session of the ministers Monday morning for remarks made by Dr. Cline regarding one of the ministers.

All the stress, strain and turmoil of the past several weeks were swept away in a few moments and nothing but superlative harmony is expected to follow at future meetings.

Monday's meeting was called for the express purpose of telling Dr. Cline that he would have to apologize for his utterances and promise to be more guarded in his remarks in the future. Dr. Cline was given to understand that he would do these things or be eliminated from further meetings.

Dr. Cline did apologize and did promise and said further that he had not meant his remarks as they were interpreted. His statements were made in such a manner as to leave no doubt as to his sincerity and were accepted in the same spirit by the ministers who believe their future meetings will be free from further debates tinged with bitterness.

Although ministers, regard Dr. Cline's remarks as the chief cause of all the fireworks at recent meetings, the members say they do not believe they were made in a spirit of malice. However, to keep the reports of the meetings free from sensationalism, the members decided to hold a special executive session and have the matter fairly understood so that nothing similar will come up in the future.

Just who the minister was to whom Dr. Cline referred in slighting terms could not be definitely learned. It is said to have been Dr. Young of Taylor Street church, on whose paper at a recent session Dr. Cline is said to have insisted on placing a false construction.

After Dr. Cline's apology the members left the meeting-room in a happier frame of mind than has been apparent for many weeks. All expressed themselves as highly elated over the outcome of the meeting, which is expected to be the last one in which any unpleasantness among the members is manifested.

GREAT PASSION PLAY.

Production Will Open in Expo Rink Thursday Afternoon.

The Passion play is a sacred drama, founded on the life of Christ as portrayed in the New Testament. The first Passion play of which we have any record, was in the fourth century, A. D., among the Greeks and was called "Christos Paschon." All through the middle ages, different dramas of this nature were portrayed, chiefly by religious orders. During the crusades, many similar plays were given for the purpose of stimulating the people to activity in saving of the holy city from the hands of the Saracens.

In 1663 the peasants in the village of Oberammergau, in Bavaria, were visited by a terrible plague which devastated their country. On its cessation, the entire population made a vow to perform the Passion play of our Saviour every tenth year, out of gratitude, and as a means of religious instruction—a vow which has ever since been faithfully and regularly observed. The inhabitants of this secluded village have a rare union of artistic ability and cultivation, with perfect simplicity. Their familiarity with religious subjects is even beyond what is usual in the Alpine parts of Germany and the spectacle is looked on with the same feelings with which it originated. What would appear elsewhere as impious, is to these peasants devout and edifying.

The impersonator of Christ considers his part an act of worship. He and all the rest of the performers are selected for their holy life and are consecrated to their work with prayer and fasting. In fact, it is the ambition of every child in the village to act a part in this great event of their life and in order to do so they must show by their daily life that they are worthy of such an honor. Every village girl has an ambition to portray the part of Mary, the mother of Christ and they believe that in order to attain this, they must not even in thought, do anything contrary to the virtuous and pure character required for the mother of the Saviour. Not to be considered fit to take part, however small, in this grand play, is, in Obermmergau, considered to be a great disgrace. To take a part away from an actor is a shame that can hardly be borne and it is on record that once a man to whom this happened sank into melancholy, which became madness.

Portland public will have an opportunity to witness this great production, under the most favorable circumstances at the Exposition rink for one week beginning Thursday afternoon. Two performances each afternoon and evening. "The Holy City," "The Palms" and "In His Steps" will be also illustrated, and A. DeCaprio will furnish concert music with his full band. See this great lesson at reasonable prices at Expo rink.

POLITICAL FIGHTS FOR ST. JOHNS

Bristling Battles Bloom Bravely in Preliminary Skirmishes for Offices.

St. Johns enters upon a year of vigorous political activity Monday when the electors will vote on the adoption of a new charter. So far the usual "pyrotechnics" that accompany a political campaign have not appeared, as it is generally understood the charter is acceptable, and for once the people of St. Johns seem to be reasonably agreed on something.

Monday's election will be the first of six elections that will occur in St. Johns in 1908. There will be the city primary and election, the general primaries and election in June, and the national election as a "grand finale." It will be a continuous performance, and there will be little chance for St. Johns to cool off between rounds.

Primaries Will Be Hot.

After the charter election the city primaries will be held some time in March. This election will not be so insignificant in its "before effects" as has been the charter campaign. Already the St. Johns politicians are grooming their warhorses, and sensational features, only for St. Johns, have been sprung. The "interests" that are generally accused of putting the present "regime" into power, declare that Mayor Couch and his associates have violated their respective faiths with the said "interests," who will transfer their support to other candidates. Just how much this support carries is variously debated but it remains a fact that it was sufficient last year to elect nearly every official except the recorder.

It is conceded that Councilman B. T. Leggett is preparing himself for a run for the mayoralty. What other candidates are in the field is hard to ascertain but there never is a dearth of candidates in St. Johns. Leggett has allied himself with the reform element, the element that is opposing the "interests." He has introduced into the council a general "Sunday lid" ordinance and regards his fellow councilmen as refusing to read the signs of the times in not allowing the ordinance to have a hearing.

Series of Battles.

The coming campaign will be a series of battles with the liquor interests. St. Johns went "wet" two years ago by five votes and sentiment undoubtedly now favors a reversion to the dry. The St. Johns liquor dealers realize a possible defeat and are not ordering goods that will last them longer than next June. There is much sentiment in favor of the Sunday ordinance and it may have considerable effect should the present members of the council run for reelection.

There is a skating rink in St. Johns between two churches. During the services in the churches the skating is permitted to go on and a noisy music box mocks the sacred hymnals of the two churches. Not only the church members but others have protested, but still the skating and the noisy music box is allowed to annoy the good citizens of St. Johns. A petition containing 200 names, asking that the alleged nuisance be abated, was disregarded by the council.

JAMES GIBSON HAD RECORD IN IDAHO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Lewiston, Idaho, Jan. 1.—James Gibson, who was wanted in Nez Perce county, with cases in the district court charging him with felonies, is the man who was killed at Taft, Montana, Friday night by a 17-year-old boy.

Gibson was a notorious character in Nez Perce county and the criminal prosecution against him has cost thousands of dollars.

During the last term of the district court Gibson was the prosecutor of a man named Beasley, the father of the woman who is not his wife but with whom he had been living for the past several years and who was the victim of an assault which provoked the firing of the shot that killed him.

BLACK HILLS CREEK IS RICH WITH GOLD

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Dawson, Yukon, Jan. 1.—Black Hills creek, recently discovered near Dawson, a tributary of the Stewart river, 33 miles long, is now staked full length. Many miners are prospecting and some are taking out dumps. Some of the claims are held at $5,000 to $50,000 each.

Amos N. Hurlburt Dead.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., Jan. 1.—Amos N. Hurlburt, a prominent citizen of Lane county, who died Monday at Junction City, was buried in the Masonic cemetery here yesterday afternoon. He was born in Vermont, December 13, 1827, and came to Oregon in 1884, settling in Lane county. He leaves two sons, C. F. Hurlburt, a merchant of Junction City, and W. P. Hurlburt, a plumber of Eugene, besides a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Hogan, of Ottumwa, Iowa.

In the Bargain Basement

$1.50 and $1.75 Dressed Dolls.... 85c
Nickeled Tea Kettles, $1.25 value.... 67c
25c Fancy Jap Tea Pots..... 10c
THIS WEEK ONLY

W. H. Markell & Co.

LEADING EAST SIDE DEPARTMENT STORE

East Morrison Street and Union Avenue

In the Bargain Basement

75c set Earthen Cooking Crocks.... 35c
Set of 4 in sizes of 7, 8, 9 and 10½ inches.
Fancy Art Pottery Bridge Pitchers, 25c values..... 15c
THIS WEEK ONLY

Our 17th Annual January Clearance Sale

STARTS THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1908

And we shall make this sale the most extraordinary bargain event we have ever held, or that is on in this city at the present time. "Shop around" wherever you like, but before you make your purchases you must come here, if you would save all the money possible.

Men's Odd Suits
Values to $15 at $7

This lot includes odd Suits in every size from 34 to 40, and from $10.00 to $15.00 in price. All are of splendid quality and styles are good.

Men's Suits $13 to $16.50 at $9.95

This includes our very newest tailor-made Suits that are models of style, fit and quality.

Men's Overcoats
Worth $15 at $9.65

New, stylish, gray Coats, velvet collars, very swagger and excellent grade.

Men's Underwear
CLEARANCE PRICES

MEN'S HEAVY GRAY WOOL RIBBED—$1 VALUES 67¢
Shirts or drawers; shirts silk-faced, French neck.
MEN'S $1.25 WOOL RIBBED UNDERWEAR AT 93¢
Fine wool ribbed Shirts and Drawers, well made, extra quality.
$3.00 WOOL RIBBED UNION SUITS $1.98
Very fine wool ribbed, perfect fitting; our best goods; all sizes.
MEN'S ODD UNDERSHIRTS, VALUES TO $1.00, AT 50¢
Odd Shirts in camelshair and natural wool.

Boys' Suits Reduced

Good, strong, serviceable Suits in good styles—
$2.50 and $3.00 Suits $1.90
$5.00 and $6.00 Suits $3.90
CHILD'S OVERCOATS $5.00, NOW
$3.30
Nobby tan and red Overcoats for boys 3 to 7.

Men's 75c union-made Apron Overalls, black and brown..... 49¢
Also Jackets to match.
Men's Canvas Gloves at, pair... 5¢
Men's 15c Half Wool Sox, pair 10¢

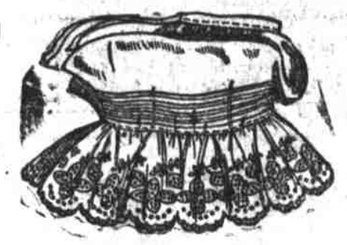
Men's Wear Reduced

Best 75c Golf Shirts at..... 58¢
$1.50 Wool Flannel Shirts at.. 98¢
75c Outing Night Robes at.... 49¢
$2 All-Wool Flannel Shirts $1.63
50c President Suspenders..... 35¢
35c Lisle Suspenders..... 19¢
Men's $1.50 Self-Opening Umbrella at ..... 93¢

A Sensational Embroidery Sale 14c
Regular Values to 50c Yard

Pretty, new patterns in widths to 17 inches, suitable for corset covers.
EMBROIDERY VALUES TO 20c at 11¢—all handsome new patterns, in embroideries and insertions, ranging in width to 7½ inches.
ANOTHER LOT WORTH TO 15c AT 8¢ YARD—This lot includes very choice embroideries and insertions to 5 inches in width.
EMBROIDERY SALE STARTS AT 8 A. M.

WONDERFUL MUSLIN WEAR BARGAINS



A big new lot of sanitary, well-made Undermuslins—the kind that makes it seem useless and expensive to make them at home.

BEAUTIFUL MUSLIN GOWNS $1.68 GRADE AT $1.29
Daintily trimmed with lace and insertion, very much like picture.
$1.48 MUSLIN DRAWERS AT 98¢
Very dainty lace or embroidery trimming, in styles like picture.
Gowns....49c, 79c, 88c, 98c, $1.29, $1.39
Drawers....25c, 37c, 49c, 79c, 98c, $1.38
Skirts.....49c, 98c, $1.38, $1.98
LADIES' OUTING FLANNEL NIGHT ROBES, 75c GRADES 48¢
Good full sizes; neat blue and pink stripe.

$1 OUTING FLANNEL ROBES 73¢
BEST BLEACHED $1.25 TABLE DAMASK 89¢
All Irish linen, handsome new patterns, 72 inches wide. Napkins to match.
65c BLEACHED TABLE LINEN 44¢
Choicest new patterns, full 60 inches wide.
BEST 12½c AND 15c DRESS FLANNELETTES AT 9¢
Our choicest 12½c and 15c values; pretty, new patterns to choose from.

Bargains in Shoe Department

MEN'S $2.75 AND $3.00 SHOES—Kid, box calf, patent—$2.35
All newest blucher styles, splendid wear.
WOMEN'S $1.75 RUBBER-HEEL JULIET 89¢
Patent leather tips, sizes 4½ to 7½.
MEN'S $1.25 and $1.50 SLIPPERS 97¢
Fine kid Opera and Everett black and tan slippers.
BOYS' SHOES, VALUES TO $1.75, AT 95¢
All sizes to 5½; all solid and good styles.
MEN'S HIGH TAN WET WEATHER $7.00 SHOES $5.40
12-inch top, hand-made, waterproof, all sizes.
WOMEN'S SMALL SIZES AND NARROW WIDTH SHOES, WORTH TO $3.50, AT $1.00 PAIR
Shoes of splendid quality, fit and very good styles and lots.
GIRLS' KID AND CALF SHOES, $1.50 VALUES, AT 95¢ PAIR
Best styles and all solid, sizes to 2.

WOMEN'S ODD SIZES HEAVY 75c RUBBERS AT 37c—BEST GRADE

MILLINERY—All Hats Fourth Off

Marvelous Clearance of Ladies' Coats, Suits, Furs

The price reductions are extreme. Every garment in the sale is this season's best style. Now every suit, coat, etc., has been ruthlessly reduced.
$21.00 to $25.00 COATS $12.45
This lot includes our very choicest new coats in plain colors, splendidly tailored and handsome in style.
$12.00 and $10.00 COATS at $6.45
Coats of style and quality at about half price. Every coat must be sold this month, and we put this quick-moving price on them at the very start of the sale.
$20.00 AND $25.00 SUITS $12.95
A bargain feast for stylish dressers. You'll pronounce them wonders. Suits in plain and fancy; all well tailored and nobby styles.
HANDSOME FUR SCARFS, $3.00 STYLES, $1.88
Beautiful new styles with best satin lining.
$2.00 FUR BOAS AT $1.33
Heavy, choice Fur Boas with 3 tails on each end.
$1.50 FUR BOAS AT 79¢
Neat and warm, good, stylish black Fur Boas.

Save Money on Bedding

65c BLEACHED SHEETS at 49¢
Full size, 72x90, all ready for use.
15c PILLOW SLIPS AT 11¢
Ready for use; bleached; good muslin; 36x42.
$3.50 COMFORTS AT $2.63
Extra large size, pure white cotton, covered with choice sateen; well quilted.

EXTRA SPECIAL
Best 9c Apron Gingham, yard..... 6½c

American Lady Corsets

All $1.25 Styles
93c

American Lady Corsets are superior to all others at the price. A style for every figure, and your choice of the $1.25 grades at 93¢
A SPLENDID $1.00 CORSET AT 69¢
Perfect-fitting Corsets with supporters, white, all sizes in 20 to 30.
CHOICEST $1.25 and $1.50 DRESS GOODS AT 89¢
Rich, stylish dress plaids, in all-wool qualities, 56 inches wide; choicest new shades.

SAFE BLOWERS MUST FACE FEDERAL COURT

Burglars Who Robbed the Troutdale Postoffice Will Answer to Uncle Sam.

Jack Caster, alias Williams, Edwards and Dillon, who was arrested by Sheriff Stevens and detectives yesterday, on the charge of blowing the safe in the postoffice and store at Troutdale, has been turned over to the United States marshal and will be dealt with in the federal court. Charles Wilson, who is accused of being an accomplice, is also held by the United States marshal.

The Troutdale burglars obtained between $750 and $1,000 in cash from the safe they robbed, a portion of the money being funds of the postoffice. They left behind a large book of postage stamps, either from fear that the stamps could be traced or from a desire to avoid a postoffice-robbery charge, not knowing that part of the cash also belonged to Uncle Sam.

Neither man has made any statement since his arrest. They are regarded as clever crooks but Sheriff Stevens is sure a good case can be made against them.

New Child Labor Law.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 1.—The cotton mills of Alabama have arranged to put into effect today the new anti-child labor law passed by the last legislature of this state. The new law prohibits the employment of children under 12 years of age, and limits the work of children between 12 and 14 years to 60 hours per week. The enforcement of the law will cut down the operating hours of some of the departments in some of the mills six hours per week. The mill and factory owners, as a rule, are well satisfied with the new law and believe it will work for the general welfare of all concerned.

BEWILDERED MINDS RECOGNIZE SAVIOR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Massilon, Ohio, Jan. 1.—The physicians at the state hospital for the insane yesterday tried the experiment of exhibiting to the patients a large painting of Christ, illuminated by electric lights. It is believed that by thus concentrating the attention of the insane upon this picture a beneficial therapeutic effect will be produced in their recovery.

Many of the patients recognizing the subject of the painting, raised their hands in supplication toward it, and some fell on their knees and wept.

WHEAT SHIPMENTS BREAKING RECORDS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash. Jan. 1.—During the year just closed there was received in Tacoma 14,147,735 bushels of wheat valued at $11,318,188. This breaks all former records. To bring the grain here required 13,564 cars. In December 2,768 cars were received.

Change of Sailing Date of Steamer Breakwater.

Steamer Breakwater will leave Ainsworth dock tonight, January 1, at 8 o'clock, instead of January 2, as formerly announced.

TO SHOOT HOLES IN LONDON FOG

Italian Scientist Seeks Contract to Clear Air of World's Metropolis.

London, Jan. 1.—Signor Maggiora, the Italian inventor, who contends that he can rid London of its fog, is not discouraged by the unfavorable report of the director of the meteorological office upon his project. He said to a representative of The Tribune yesterday: "If Dr. Shaw had communicated with me before writing as he did, I could have explained to him the nature of my invention. As it is, he is under a complete misapprehension with regard to it. I have never claimed to be able to disperse the air.

"In order to get rid of fog, it suffices to destroy the atmospheric equilibrium, or stillness, which is its chief cause, as is shown by the fact that we never have fog when there is the slightest wind. With my apparatus I do not attempt to disperse the 3,000 million tons of air which makes up a London fog, but simply to produce in it a molecular movement through atmospheric vibrations. To produce a molecular movement in 1,000 tons of metal it is not at all necessary to dissipate the mass. All you have to do is to strike the mass of metal with a hammer, and all the molecules in the 1,000 tons are set vibrating.

"As regards Dr. Shaw's remarks on experiments against hailstorms, it is sufficient to point to the official report issued last year by the Wine Growers' association of Lyons. He will find there that the experiments have been attended with the greatest success. In the 10 years before they were undertaken the damage by hailstorms in 16 different districts in France was estimated at 13,000,000 francs. In the six following years it was 1,000,000 francs only. And the report adds: 'Wherever there has been a failure it has been due to relaxed vigilance on the part of the men who had charge of the apparatus.' It is also stated in the same report that in the province of Treviso, in Italy, where 65 of my acetylene cannon are in use, excellent results have been obtained."

To free London from fog Signor Maggiora said that, having regard to the enormous area to be dealt with, he would require 30 of his "cannon," or huge cylindrical engines. "I have not the slightest doubt," he said "as to the result."

"I would gladly undertake to make the experiment at my own expense, but I have already incurred so large an outlay in making my invention known that I do not feel justified in adding to it. From first to last I have spent £12,000. My patents alone have cost me £2,000. I have estimates from English engineers who are willing to make the apparatus for £350.

"I may tell you that a committee, of which G. Considine O'Gorman, of 2, Cloisters, temple, E. C., is chairman and honorable treasurer, has been formed to raise the necessary amount."

Mrs. Caroline Wood Dead.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Caroline Wood, the best-known woman of the lower Columbia, died yesterday at her home in Eureka, Washington. The deceased was born in England 80 years ago and had lived in this vicinity for nearly 40 years. She leaves four married daughters, all living in this city, as follows: Mrs. Anstenson, Mrs. N. H. Webber, Mrs. Thomas Bell and Mrs. Purdy.

GOOSE HUNTER USES PHONOGRAPH DECOY

Wild Fowl Can't Resist "Honk, Honk" of Machine in Bow of the Boat.

Georgetown, Del., Jan. 1—Ace Goodhill, of Millsboro, is having wonderful success gunning for wild geese on the Indian river with the aid of a modern phonograph.

His method is to set the machine, loaded with "honk-honk" in the bow of the boat, and then, when the geese answer the call, to pick them off. The geese fly to the slaughter, he says, and he had to shoot so fast that a rest was necessary to cool his gun. He says he brought in a boatful, and now fears that the next legislature will pass a law forbidding the use of phonographs.

FIXING THE SIZE OF BOISE-PAYETTE FARMS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Ida., Jan. 1.—Judge J. W. Shurtliff of Ogden and Walter N. Granger of North Yakima, who compose the commission selected by the department of the interior to fix the farm unit for the Boise-Payette irrigation project are in the city. Yesterday they held a meeting with the members of the Waterusers' association and others at Caldwell, when the matter was thoroughly gone over. The commission is now making a trip over the project.