TODAY'S MARKETS

No Diminishing Demand Is Shown for Turkeys and Public's Wants Are Still Unfilled—High Prices Continue.

POULTRY MARKET REMAINS HIGH

Prices Up in Air Because of Small Supplies in All Lines on Street.

Front street features:
Poultry continues strong.
Egg market fair to weak.
Creamery butter market holds.
Buying wheat for export.
Flour prices hold unchanged.
Great strength in dressed meats.
Hop selling on a large scale.

Poultry Market Continues Strong.

Great strength is continued in the local poultry market on account of the small supplies. Prices are still very high for all lines and until the receipts begin to show much of an increase there is no likelihood that any decreased values will be shown. Some supplies of turkeys which arrived late yesterday were held over until today because of the lack of trade during the holiday. Turkeys sold during the 24 hours at 26c as the top, with an occasional sale around 25c for good stock. Of course no such prices are being received for "cull" birds, but these latter are never included in market reports. Only good quality is considered. The range on poor stuff is generally too low to base an accurate quotation, so only occasional mention can be safely made of that quality. It is stated, however, that some "cull" turkeys were sold during the past few days as low as 15c a pound.

Chicken Supplies Are Small.

Very small supplies are shown in the chicken market at this time and the trade will be able to take care of considerably more even at the present high range of figures. Too large supplies, however, will shake the market up considerably and may ruin the present prospects for continued high prices for a week at least. Several dealers reported this morning that they have sold dressed chickens during the past 48 hours around 16c a pound.

Egg Market Fair to Weak.

Today's trading in the wheat market showed a fair to weak tone, with prices mixed. Those dealers who were willing to let their receipts go at 32½c a dozen were able to quote a healthy market, but those who still asked 35c were reporting a dull tone. Eastern eggs are unusually dull, owing to the plentiful supplies of local goods.

Good Tone in Creamery Butter.

Creamery butter handlers report a very good tone in the market at present and say they look for no lower range just now. Two of the largest handlers in the northwest made the assertion this morning that they were unable to supply all the wants of their trade for the fresh product, and no dealer reported any surplus in supplies. All are maintaining the price at the high point, this fact alone sufficing for the assertion that the market is in a good position. Then, again, there is an improving tone and demand for storage.

Hop Selling on a Large Scale.

The aggregate amount of hops sold during the past 48 hours, despite the holidays, reached a big figure, according to the trade, but the individual transactions are for small number of bales. The majority of the hops now remaining unsold are in quite strong hands and it is quite improbable that trade will reach such heavy totals in the near future as it has in the past, unless there is a change in the price.

The New York Producers' Price Current says of the situation there:

"The market has shown very little of interest the past week, which, however, is only natural to expect in view of the near approach of the new year. It is stated that about 2,500 bales of 1906 California hops have been consigned to Straus of London. In New York state some few sales have been made as high as 15c for the very choicest hops, but poor trash going as low as 8c. The local market is featureless. Continental markets are a trifle lower on account of all the best green hops having been marketed. English markets continue to drag."

New York Hop 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, lb	10	@11
Pacific coast, 1907, prime, lb	8	@ 9
Pacific coast, 1907, med., lb	..	@ 7
Germans, 1907, prime to ch	27	@31
State, 1906, per lb	8	@10
Pacific coast, 1906, choice, lb	..	@ 5
Pacific coast, 1906, med. to pr.	3	@ 4

Brief Notes of the Trade.

There is a slightly better tone in the cheese market, but prices are unchanged. Too much poor stuff.

Dressed meats of all kinds are quoted firm along Front street, with prices at the top.

Apple trade is rather slow, with the only resemblance of a demand in the cheap grades.

Potato market remains slow, with dealers reporting a general lack of outside business. Onions steady at unchanged prices.

Front street prices today:

Grain, Flower and Feed.

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

WHEAT — Track prices—Club, 82@83c; red Russian, 80@81c; bluestem, 84@85c; valley, 83c.

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 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, 5os, $5.50; bales, $3.

MILL STUFFS—Bran, $23 per ton; middlings, $29; shorts, country, $27; city, $26; chop, $17@21.

HAY— Producers' price — Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy $15; ordinary, $11; eastern Oregon, $17; mixed, $10@$10.50; clover, $10@12; grain, $10@12; cheat, $10@12.

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, 32½@35c; eastern storage, 25c@27½c.

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

POULTRY — Mixed chickens, 14c per pound; fancy hens, 14½@15c per lb; roosters, old, 11c; fryers, 12½c lb; broilers, 12½c; lb; ducks, 15c; geese, old, 11c per lb; turkeys, alive, 18c lb; dressed, 23@26c 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—1908 crop, 9@10c; 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—29@29½c.

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

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 15c@20c each; short wool, 25c@40c; medium, wood, 50c@$1 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

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

CHITTIM BARK—5c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES — Fancy, 60@75c selling. buying, white, 40@55c per cwt; sweets, 2¾c per lb.

ONIONS— Jobbing price— Oregon, $2@2.25; buying, spot, $1.75; Garlic, 7c lb.

APPLES—Fancy, $1.75@$2.00; choice, $1.50; ordinary, $1@$1.25; culls, 75c@85c.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new $2@$2.75; bananas, 5c lb; lemons, $3@4.50; box; limes, Mexican (——) per 100; pineapples, $4@$5 dozen; grapes, $1.50@$1.65; peaches, 75c@$1; pears, fancy, $1.25@$1.75; ordinary, 75c@$1 a box; tangerines, $1.60 a box; Jap oranges, 50@75c a box, persimmons, $1.75.

VEGETABLES—turnips, new, 80c sack; carrots, 90c@$1 per sack; beets, 80@85c per sack; parsnips, $1; cabbage, 85c@$1; tomatoes, California, 2.25; beans 17c; cauliflower, 75c@$1.25 doz; peas, 10c; horseradish, 8c lb; artichokes, $1@1.10 doz; green onions, 15c dozen; peppers, 17c; hothouse lettuce, $1.50@1.75 box; cucumbers, hothouse, $1.50 box; radishes, 15c doz. bunches; eggplant, 15c lb; celery, 75c@85c; cranberries, eastern, $10@11.50; 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 G., $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, $15.88@16.63.

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, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per to; 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, 6½c per lb; Virginia, 6c per lb; roasted, 8c per lb; Japanese, 5¾@6c; roasted, 7@9c per lb; walnuts, California, 16c per lb; pine nuts, 15c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; brazil nuts, 15c per lb; filberts, 15c per lb; fancy pecans, 16@20c per lb; almonds, 16c.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Hogs, fancy, 6@6½c per lb; large, 6c per lb; veal, extra, 9½@10c lb; ordinary, 8½@9c per lb; heavy, 6@7½c 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, 9½c 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, 13¼c 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, 12½c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 8c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, fresh, 9@11c; frozen, 8c; herrings, 5c lb; soles, 7c lb; shrimps, 10c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 11c 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, 8c 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, 12¼c; sisal, 10¼c.

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

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

BENZINE—86 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.

HOP ORGANIZATION FINDS MUCH FAVOR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Aurora, Or., Jan. 2.—In an interview yesterday with M. H. Durst, the big California hop-grower, and H. L. Bents of this city, who are both interested in the organization of the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' union, they said that they were greatly pleased with the outlook for a good solid organization of Oregon hopgrowers since their meetings in this state, and were assured that as soon as all the growers thoroughly understood the workings of the union, and the benefits to be derived by the growers, that practically all the growers in the state would join the association. The interest in this section is daily growing in favor of joining the union, and the Saturday meeting that is called for this city will undoubtedly see many new names added to the association membership.

INDICATIONS POINT TO BIG WHEAT CROP

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Jan. 2.—Present indications point to another record-breaking wheat crop in Washington next year. State Grain Inspector J. W. Arrasmith reports a greater acreage even than last year of fall wheat and the weather conditions have been good for the development of the seed. If weather conditions are right the rest of the winter a tremendous yield is expected.

New Fruit for Portland.

Two carloads of oranges left Orland, California, last week for the Portland market. This marks the first shipment in carload lots from this county, but is only the beginning. The shipments will now increase with each year, and it will not be long until the eastern purchaser will read "Grown at Willows, California," upon the boxes, for they will have an acreage bordering on the 100-mark by next summer.

Northwest Crop Weather.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Occasional rain tonight and Friday; southerly winds.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Light rain or snow tonight or Friday.

Southern Idaho—Light rain or snow tonight or Friday; warmer east portion tonight.

LATE BUYING A DECIDED HELP

Stock Market Regains Early Losses—Reading 4 Up From the Low.

(Wire of Downing, Hopkins & Co.)

New York, Jan. 2.—The opening on stocks was weak, and the tendency downward, and, although the volume of business was at low ebb, each new trade resulted in lower prices. At the end of the forenoon session, active issues showed losses of over a point from Tuesday's final figures. In the afternoon, concentrated buying of an aggressive character appearing, coupled with a drop from 20 to 6 per cent in the call money rate, bringing out a continued flood of short covering orders, resulted in the retirement on the double-quick of a good portion of the late persistent short interest, Reading gaining 4 points over today's low. The balance showed gains of 1 to 3 points.

Morgan houses are said to have contributed materially to the strength in Reading. Traders are watching these houses closely at present, as they say the market checks immediately, when such buying stops, and it is suspended entirely if the commission houses are taking undue advantage of such help like they did a month ago. The close was strong.

Stock market range:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper	46⅛	48⅛	45⅞	48⅛
Am. Sugar, c	99¾	101⅝	98¾	101⅝
Am. Smelter	69⅝	73	69⅝	72¾
Anaconda M. Co.	28⅛	29⅝	27½	29¼
Atchison, c	69	70	68¾	70
Balt. & Ohio	81⅛	82½	81	....
Brooklyn R. T.	39⅛	40	38⅝	40
Canadian Pac., c	153⅞	155	153½	155
Natural Lead	....	....	....	39¼
C., M. & St. P.	104¼	106¼	103¼	105¾
Colo. Fuel, c	19½	20	19½	20
Erie, c	16⅝	17	16⅝	17
Louis. & Nash.	91⅛	93½	90⅝	93¼
Missouri Pac	45¼	47	44	46½
N. Y. Central	90¼	93½	90⅛	93
Northern Pac., c	117½	121¼	116⅞	121¼
Penns. Ry.	109	111⅛	108⅝	110⅞
Reading Ry., c	94¾	98⅝	94⅞	98⅛
So. Pacific, c	71⅛	73⅛	70⅝	72⅞
So. Railway, c	12⅝	13⅛	12⅛	13
Union Pacific, c	117	119⅝	116⅛	119⅝
U. S. Steel, c	26	27	25⅝	26⅞
do pre	87⅜	89⅛	87⅛	89
Great Northern	116	117⅞	115⅛	117¾
G. N. Ore Lands	49	50	48⅛	50
Northwestern	135⅛	137⅝	135⅛	137¼

Call money opened at 16, high 20, low 6, closed at 8.

Southern Pacific ex.-dividend, 1½ per cent.

Sales, 515,400 shares.

SPOKANE MINING EXCHANGE.

(Furnished by Downing-Hopkins Co., members Spokane Mining exchange.)

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 2.—Official prices:

	Bid.	Ask.
Ajax	2	6
Alameda	1	3
Alhambra	5½	6
Alberta Coal & Coke	29½	33
Bell	2	8
Bullion	3	6
Chas. Dickens	10½	15
Canadian Cons. Smelters	65	85
Copper King	1⅞	2¼
Dominion Copper	175	235
Evolution	1¼	61½
Gertie	2¾	3¼
Hecla	1	...
Happy Day	1¼	2
Holden G. & C.	3½	6½
Humming Bird	5	6½
Hypotheek	1	1½
Idaho Giant	5½	6½
Intl. Coal & Coke	79	90
Kendall	85	95
Lucky Calumet	13¼	21⅛
Missoula Copper	5½	7
Mineral Farm	½	2
Monitor	2	3
Nabob	2¼	3¼
Nine Mile	1½	...
O. K. Cons.	1	3
Oom Paul	5½	7½
Panhandle Smelt	2¼	2¾
Park Copper	1	1¼
Rambler Cariboo	20½	22½
Reindeer	1⅜	2
Rex, (16 to 1)	12½	17
Sonora	¼	1½
Snowshoe	7¼	9
Snowstorm	110	115
Sullivan	5½	6
Sullivan bonds	50	75
Stewart	55	85
Tamarack & Ches.	30	70
Wender	1	2

Sales: 1,000 Dickens at 11; 4,000 Panhandle at 2¼; 1,000 Reindeer, at 1½.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$ 938,500.00
Year ago	1,516,704.00
Balances today	135,721.83
Year ago	134,841.64

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,334,541
Balances	182,871

TACOMA.

Clearings	$1,021,835
Balances	62,234

FIRST SHEEP ARRIVE FOR A LONG PERIOD

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	77	...	800
Year ago	...	52	...
1906	177	77	...
1905	150	30	300

Portland Union Stockyards, Jan. 2.—A bunch of sheep totaling 800 head, the first for nearly two weeks, was reported in the yards during the past 48 hours. The market is unusually firm in this line, but values are stationary, although they have an upward tendency. No cattle arrived and that market is dull for steers and firm for cows at current figures. Hogs are firm, but unchanged.

A year ago today all lines were dull at unchanged values.

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.

HOPGROWERS TO HOLD A WOODBURN MEETING

There will be held at Woodburn, Saturday, January 4, a meeting of the Pacific Hopgrowers' union for the district embracing Woodburn, Silverton, Monitor, Mount Angel, Gervais and Elliott and Muddy Prairie, for the purpose of electing a director and such other business as may come before the meeting.

Liverpool Wheat Higher.

Liverpool, Jan. 2.—Official prices:

May wheat opened 7s 11⅜d, 1¼ up, and closed 8s ½d, 2d higher than Tuesday.

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 2.—Wheat export—Club, 81c; bluestem, 83c.

Eyeglasses $1 at Metzger's.

ARGENTINE IS CAUSE OF RISE

Unfavorable Weather There Forces Liverpool and Chicago Wheat Up.

Exporters Buy Wheat Again.

A small amount of wheat is again being purchased by local exporters. D. A. Patullo of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. says that his firm is again in the market. Present price being paid by exporters is around 82c for club and 84c for bluestem. Millers are purchasing in a small way a fraction over these values.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Dec. 31.	Gain.
May	106⅛	107¼	105⅞	1⅜
July	99¼	99⅛	98¾	⅜

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Unfavorable crop news from the Argentine, higher foreign markets and short covering here, combined, brought about a sharp advance in wheat values today. The market opened with May at $1.06⅛@1.07⅛, as compared with the closing of Tuesday at $1.07⅞. July went to 99¼c at the opening as compared with 98¾c at the previous closing.

May option led the trading during the day and advanced with great speed to the top figures of the session and hardly wavered at any time during the trading. It closed 1⅜c higher, while July closed ⅜c higher, at 99⅛c.

Liverpool started 1⅛d higher, with May at 7s 11⅜d and closed 2d up at 8s ½d.

Corn market easily followed in the footsteps of the wheat trading and at the close May option was 1¼c above the price of Tuesday. May oats opened and closed ¼c higher. Pork was firm with January 22½c higher, at 1265. May pork closed with the same advance, at 1332.

(Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	106⅛	107⅝	106⅛	107¼
July	99⅛	99⅝	98¾	99⅛
CORN.				
May	61	61¾	60⅝	61⅝
July	59⅞	60¾	59½	60⅝
OATS.				
May	53	53¼	52⅞	53
July	46¾	46¾	46⅝	46⅝
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	1247	1265	1247	1265
May	1320	1335	1315	1332

WILL ASK REHEARING OF BLODGETT CASE

Attorney Haney Anxious to Save Time and Expense of New Trial.

Petitions for a rehearing of the George Blodgett murder case are being prepared by Deputy District Attorney Bert Haney for submission to the Oregon supreme court. Blodgett, who has been in the county jail for the past year and a half awaiting the outcome of his case, was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Alice Minthorn. His case was appealed to the supreme court and this tribunal reversed the decision of the lower court and ordered a new trial on the grounds that the district attorney had made remarks not proper for argument before the jury, it being held that the remarks tended to prejudice the case of the defendant before the jury.

As the matter now stands it will be necessary to try Blodgett once more in the circuit court. Deputy Haney does not desire to do this if he can secure a rehearing of the argument on appeal before the upper court. If the supreme court grants the petition the appeal will be argued before the court at Salem as soon as possible. If the petition is denied Blodgett will be brought to trial again before the circuit court.

PORTLAND Y. M. C. A. DEFEATS EVERETT MEN

Portland Y. M. C. A. defeated Everett in a well-contested basket-ball game in the Portland "gym" last night by the score of 50 to 22. Portland played a fine and consistent game, her team work being exceptionally good. Everett was not in her class for a minute, and there never was any doubt as to which team would win.

Hartman and Young were the stars of the game throwing 14 of the 22 baskets. Hartman also negotiated six baskets on fouls. Meagher was the only Everett player to do any especially fine work. Jack Mackie acted as referee and Art Wilson as umpire.

The line-up was as follows:

Portland.	Position.	Everett.
Hartman	F	Hoover
Gordon, Pugh	F	Meagher
Forbes	C	Knowles
Gates	G	Ridgway
Young	G	Frailey

Some Fights of the Near Future.

January 3—George Memsic vs. Rudolph Unholz, 10 rounds, at Los Angeles.

January 6—Dick Nelson vs. Willie Cornell, 10 rounds, at Haverhill, Massachusetts.

January 7—Tommy Murphy vs. Packie McFarland, 12 rounds, at Boston.

January 8—Johnny Coulon vs. "Kid" Murphy, 10 rounds, at Peoria, Illinois.

January 9—Al Delmont vs. Harry Baker, six rounds, at New York City.

January 10—Young Kloby vs. "Wid" Shea, 12 rounds, at Lawrence, Kansas.

January 17—Maurice Sayers vs. Freddie Walsh, 10 rounds, at Milwaukee.

Dallas Wins Game.

Dallas college defeated the East Side Athletic club at basketball last night in Ringler's gymnasium, 31 to 14. In the first half the score was 24 to 8, the east side quintet holding the winners down to a small score in the second half. The Portland team bids fair to be one of the best in the northwest with a little more experience.

MEN ENTERTAIN AT PENDLETON NEW YEAR'S

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 2.—Last night there was a variation in the usual New Year's calls, for it being leap year the men received instead of the ladies. At the Raley residence, Colonel J. H. Raley and son J. R. Raley, together with many friends of the legal fraternity in Umatilla county received. Open house was also kept by C. E. Nelson at the T. G. Hailey home.

JOHN HALL ASKS TO SEE LETTER BOOKS

Says Heney Has Taken Documents Needed in Defense in Land Fraud Case.

Demanding to be allowed access to letter-books and records wrested from his possession and taken from the office of the United States district attorney by Francis J. Heney, John H. Hall has filed a petition in the federal court setting out that the material asked is public record and necessary to exonerate him from the charges alleged against him in the land-fraud case in which he is the leading defendant.

In his petition, which was filed December 28, Mr. Hall asks for the privilege of examining the office letter-books for the period extending from January 1, 1899, to December 31, 1904. He alleges that these files contain correspondence had with E. A. Putnam, C. E. Loomis E. D. Stratford, T. B. Neuhausen, W. W. Steiwer, Edward Dixon, J. W. Rennick, and the Butte Creek Livestock Land and Lumber company concerning the fencing of government lands in Wheeler county. He asks also for letters written during this same period to the attorney-general and the department of the interior and for answers received from these sources.

Mr. Hall states that these letters tend to exonerate him from any crime or wrongdoing in the case, and are necessary for the defense, which could not safely go to trial without the evidence they furnish. He states that he had made application to Mr. Bristol, who had furnished him copies of such letters as he had in his possession, but that Bristol had informed him that most of the documents were not in the possession of the district attorney's office, but that Heney had taken them to San Francisco.

Heney had refused to allow the defendant or his attorneys to see the letters, Mr. Hall says, and he asks the court to make such an order on the grounds that the letters sought are public records of the district attorney's office.

In filing the petition Hr. Hall took a copy to the district attorney's office and served it upon Deputy District Attorney Cole, who refused to accept the service, having been directed so to do because of his having no connection with the land-fraud cases. Mr. Hall therefore adds an affidavit to his petition showing that he attempted to serve the petition on the district attorney's office and did, in fact, leave a copy with Mr. Cole.

There are no new developments in the land-fraud situation. Judge Hunt is expected in Portland in time to assume charge of the trials January 13. No call has been issued for the trial jury and will not until asked for by Mr. Heney, from whom no word has been received up to this time. It is believed that the ex parte motions pending in the different cases will be taken up ahead of any consideration of the Hall case, first on the docket, in order that the jury will have time to be gathered in after the arrival of Mr. Heney and the resumption of the hearings.

36,457 YOUTHS OF SCHOOL AGE

Rising Generation in Portland Is Steadily Gaining in Numbers.

Multnomah county's school population including children over four years of age and under 20, is 36,457 according to a report compiled by the county superintendent on a census taken November 25. The previous census taken February 25, 1907 showed a population of 35,688, making the gain in nine months 769.

While the rate of increase does not loom up as great as the increase of 1907 over 1906 the recent changes in the school law initiating new methods does not allow of as favorable comparisons as in previous years.

The school population in district No. 1, which includes Portland is 32,304, according to the report, a gain over the report of February 25, 1907, of 623. This shows a greater rate of gain in the city than in the county, although a comparison of the last two reports shows a notable increase in the county population.

This is the first census taken under the new law. Hitherto the census has been taken February 5, but in the future the report will be compiled on statistics gathered November 25. Because of this fact the figures gathered this year do not show up as favorably as they would were they taken in February when the school attendance is largest.

WELLS DISAPPEARS FROM NORTH YAKIMA

(United Press Leased Wire.)

North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 2.—Albert G. Wells, printer of Tacoma, has left his wife and home and is wandering at large under the impression that he is some one else. Wells arrived here some time ago, told a pathetic story to a barber and was helped with money and advice. Now all trace of him is lost and Mrs. Wells says that she will have to wait until he finds himself.

Twice before Wells has disappeared and been traced with difficulty by his wife. He is not a drinking man and while at home is a good husband, fond of his wife and daughter. Mrs. Wells says that she believes he suffers from periodical attacks of some kind of insanity.

MANSLAUGHTER IS CHURCHILL VERDICT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 2.—After deliberating for 36 hours the jury engaged in the trial for Charles Churchill for the murder of David Ray Zeigler yesterday returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter.

The trial has been one of the longest and hard fought in the annals of the county. It commenced December 16. The verdict meets with general approval and it is felt will have an influence for good in the community.

FLEXIBLE CAR AXLE COMPANY ORGANIZED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Jan. 2.—Articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office by the Hall Flexible Car Axle company. The capital stock is $500,000, divided into 500,000 shares of the par value of $1 each. Astoria will be the principal place of business. Incorporators Langly Hall, John Chitwood and James C. Petty. Object of incorporation is to manufacture and sell the Hall flexible car axle.

New Line of Steamers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Guayaquil, Jan. 2.—A national steam navigation company has been organized here for putting a new line of steamers on the Pacific coast. The shares represent a capital of $100,000.

The president of the company is Don Francisco Urbina Jado, the read of the grain exporting company.

The Grito Publico (Public Crier) calls on the public to note the activity of Peru in arming itself.

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