TODAY'S MARKETS

Grain Market of Portland Is Holding Quite Steady With Business Slowly Showing an Increase.

SMELTS SELL AT 3 CENTS

Low Level of Last Year Already Reached for Columbia River Fish.

Front street features:
Smelts drop to 3c a pound.
Salmon higher again.
Dressed hogs are higher.
Better tone in oranges.
Lemon market still sour.
Good hops are hard to get.
Potato-buying ceases again.
Butter is moving off well.
Egg prices are being maintained.
Turkey appetite not filled.

Smelts Drop to Three Cents a Pound.

The price of smelts dropped to 3c a pound in the wholesale market this morning. Receipts during the 24 hours totaled about 300 boxes, and this found the trade unprepared to take care of all arrivals. Smelt prices have been too high up to this time to induce heavy consumption, but today's figures put the value to the lowest point reached a year ago, and it is quite likely that the retail market will quote their values accordingly. Most of the fish received today in the markets were caught late Thursday night. Stocks show unusually fine quality, the fish being very rich in flavor.

There continues a great scarcity of fresh salmon. But a nominal amount is being caught along the Columbia river, so the few supplies now being offered by the wholesale trade come from the sound. These are of the fall variety and sell at 10c a pound here. Frozen salmon is firm at 9c a pound.

Dressed Hogs Are Higher.

On account of the scarcity of arrivals of late along the street, the price of dressed hogs is showing a slight advance in price and the tone is stiffer at the new figures. The strength along Front street is somewhat helped by the shortage in livestock arrivals during the past few days.

Dressed veal are still very scarce and high prices are still being received.

Great Scarcity of Chickens.

Chickens, and in fact all lines of poultry, show a shortage in the produce markets at this time, and high prices are still the rule. There remains a very firm demand for turkeys, and the public's appetite for these birds seems impossible of filling. Generally the public gets tired of turkeys after one holiday, but the appetite has remained through Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, and is still on hand to take care of all supplies that come at prices better than were ever before received for the fowls at this time of year.

Egg market is holding quite steady at 32½c, with only an occasional sale at higher prices.

Creamery butter is moving well, and the one or two outside handlers who cut their quotation report an active call with everything cleaning up.

Better Tone in Oranges.

Hawkers have entirely cleaned up the supplies of small oranges in the markets, and a better tone is ruling both here and in the south. Best grades are selling more freely at $2.50@2.75, with an occasional sale of off grade at $2.25.

Lemon market is still very slow, with an accumulation of poor quality. Prices range between $2 and $4 a case.

Florida peppers and tomatoes are again in market, and sales, while slow, are somewhat better. Peppers sell at $4.50@5.00 a crate, while tomatoes range around $6.

Pineapples from Hawaii are in larger supply, but demand remains good and prices are maintained.

Growers Are Holding Hops.

There is a disposition among hopgrowers to hold their better quality hops for a firmer market, and transactions at this time are principally in lower grade, with prices consequently ruling down in the ditches. Short sellers have bought so heavily up to this time that they say they can wait a while before marking further covering deals. They say by this method they can completely break the backs of the growers. They would also like to tackle the organization, for they believe and perhaps rightly, too—that the organization boom has resulted in the holders of best quality taking their product off the market for a while.

Front street prices:

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, 50s, $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, candied, 32½@33c; eastern storage, 25c.

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, $4@5 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@60c per cwt; sweets, 2½c per lb.

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

APPLES—Select, $1.75@$2.00; fancy $1.50; choice, $1.@$1.25; ordinary, 90c@$1.00.

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; 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, $1.10@$1.20 doz; peas, 10c; horseradish, 8c lb; artichokes, $1@1.10 doz; green onions, 15c dozen; peppers, 17c; hothouse lettuce, $1.00@$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, 7½c per lb; large, 7c 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, 7c each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 13c per lb; 5s, 13¼c per lb; 50-lb tins, 12¾c 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, 10c; frozen, 9c; 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, 3c 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; 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.

RECEIPTS HOLDING STOCK TRADE SMALL

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	177	..	184
Year ago	7	77	...
1906	215	23	383
1905		53	450

Portland Union Stockyards, Jan. 4.—Receipts are small in hogs and sheep and no arrivals are today shown in the cattle market. Trading is slow on account of the small arrivals but there is a better demand for hogs and cattle as well as sheep. Prices, stationary.

A year ago today hogs and cattle were firm and sheep dull with no change in 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.

HOGS DROP 5 CENTS.

Eastern Price Is Lower—Sheep and Cattle Remain Steady.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Receipts—hogs, 28,000; cattle, 4,000; sheep, 39,000.

Hogs are 5c lower. Left over from yesterday, 2,000.

Mixed, $4.20@4.62½; heavy, $4.35@4.62½; rough, $4.15@4.30; light, $4.20@4.60.

Cattle—Steady.
Sheep—Steady.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 4.—Receipts—Hogs, 10,000; cattle, 1,000; sheep, none.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4.—Receipts—Hogs, 11,000; cattle, 300; sheep, none.

WOOL FIBER IS FINE.

Prospects for Fine Quality Next Season Are Very Good.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 4.—The sheepmen of all eastern Oregon are delighted with the wool and sheep prospects for the coming season. The winter has been mild and open and the wool fiber is excellent; while the prospects for a heavy lamb crop are also highly satisfactory. Little hay has been fed as yet and sheep are in excellent condition. It is now predicted that wool will sell in the public sales to be held in eastern Oregon next spring for from 22 to 25 cents. The quality will be excellent owing to the uniformly good weather, which has given an excellent growth and texture to the wool. The grade of sheep in eastern Oregon has been improved until it is estimated the clip will yield about 8½ or 9 pounds per head this year.

NEWS FROM SOUTH HOLDING POTATOES

News from the south this morning caused a complete stoppage of potato buying in this market after the spurt of the former 48 hours. Telegraphic advices received today state that river potatoes are selling in the south as low as 45c and that Oregon range down to 75c with slightly higher prices for something out of the ordinary in quality. Present prices here are out of line and the trade therefore quit buying until conditions adjust themselves again.

Still a good demand for onions at printed figures.

MAY WHEAT IS GAINING LEAD

Trade Takes to Present Crop on Account of Increased Acreage for 1908.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Jan. 3.	Gain.
May	107⅛	108¼	106⅞	1⅜
July	99¼	100¼	99⅛	1⅛

Chicago, Jan. 4.—May wheat increased its lead over the July option by ¼c in today's spirited trading in the local market. The closing was 1⅜c higher for May, and 1⅛c up for the July delivery. May continues the favorite in the trading, even at the advanced prices. The reports of an increased acreage in all sections for the coming year is what is probably holding back the latter delivery. The market started ¼c to ⅛c higher than the close of yesterday, even though Liverpool was dull and neglected, with prices unchanged from the final figures of Friday.

After the first showing of strength this market sold off about ¼c, putting the price a fraction under the close of the previous session. From the low point there was a gradual covering of shorts, which enabled the price to climb upward again, and the market went about ⅝c above the opening advance. Then there was a quick upward move toward the close, which resulted in another gain of nearly a cent a bushel. The closing was strong, close to the top figures for the day.

Corn was sharply higher in sympathy with the rise in wheat, but oats prices closed a fraction lower. Pork was topheavy at the start and made but a slight rally during the trading. January closed 30c lower while July slumped back about 55c from the price of yesterday.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Company.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	107⅛	108⅛	106⅞	108¼
July	99¼	100½	98⅞	100¼
CORN.				
May	61⅜	61⅛	60⅝	61⅜
July	60½	60¼	59½	60⅝
OATS.				
May	52¾	53⅛	52½	53⅛
July	46⅝	46½	46⅛	46⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	1325	1337	1317	1337
July	1255	1272	1252	1272

GRAIN CROPS LOOK FINE IN INTERIOR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.—The new year finds the farmers of this region well-fixed generally. Most of the wheat is stored. Throughout the inland empire the grain yield is reported averaging better in quality than was expected. The little town of Kennewick, Washington, with a population of 400, has stored in its warehouses, 750,000 bushels of wheat and barley. At Wilbur, Washington, in the Big Bend country, 1,500 population, the warehouses contain 1,605,000 bushels of wheat alone.

In Idaho many of the farmers are selling their storage receipts at good prices. The local buyers are offering 82½ cents per hundred for barley and this week foreign buyers advanced the price to 90 cents, paying cash for all they could buy. Who is behind the buying the local agents refuse to say, and the farmers care little, as they have the ready cash.

SPOKANE MINING EXCHANGE.

Panhandle, Gertie and Snowstorm Are the Good Sellers.

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

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.—Official prices.

	Bid.	Ask.
Ajax	3¼	6
Alameda	2¼	3½
Alhambra	5½	6½
Alberta Coal & Coke	28½	31
Bell	2	8
Bullion	3	6
Charles Dickens	9¼	10
Canadian Cons. Smelters	65	95
Copper King	2¼	2⅝
Dominion Copper	180	225
Evolution	11¼	11½
Echo	1	1¾
Galbraith Coal	24	28
Gertie	2⅞	3⅛
Happy Day	1½	2
Holden G. & C.	3½	6
Humming Bird	4½	7
Hypotheck	½	1⅛
Idaho Giant	5⅜	6¼
Intl. Coal & Coke	79½	85
Kendall	85	95
Lucky Calumet	13¼	23¼
Missoula Copper	5	8
Mineral Farm	½	1¼
Moonlight	1¾	2¼
Nabob	2⅜	3¼
Nine Mile	...	1⅛
O. K. Cons.	1	8
Oom Paul	5½	7½
Panhandle Smelt	2⅝	2⅝
Park Copper	½	1⅛
Rambler Cariboo	20	22½
Reindeer	1¼	2¼
Rex (16 to 1)	14	17
Sonora	¼	1½
Snowshoe	7	10
Snowstorm	114	116
Sullivan	5⅞	6¼
Sullivan Bonds	60	75
Stewart	70	84
Tamarack & Ches.	50	100
Wonder	1	2

Sales—7,000 Gertie at 3c; 13,000 Panhandle at 2½c; 11,000 Panhandle at 2⅝c; 100 Snowstorm at $1; 1,000 Sullivan at 6c.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today ....$ 936,414.17
Year ago 753,970.15

Gain today ....$ 152,444.02
Balance today 71,241.54
Year ago 84,188.91

TACOMA.

Clearings ....$ 740,154
Balances 47,758

SEATTLE.

Clearings 1,438,567
Balances 128,370

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, Jan. 4.—Wheat (export)—Club, 82c; bluestem, 84c.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Jan. 4.—Wheat closed unchanged at 8s ⅝d.

New York Exchange.

New York, Jan. 4.—New York exchange 40 per cent discount.

LEONA PICARD KILLED BY WHOOPING COUGH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Adams, Or., Jan. 4.—Leona Picard, the little 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Picard of Adams died yesterday from the effects of whooping cough. The funeral is being held today. This is the first death from this disease in Umatilla county for some time.

BANK STATEMENT IS IMPROVING

Large Decrease in Loans and but a Small One Shown in the Deposits.

New York Bank Statement.

	Increase
Reserves	$ 8,660,800
Less U. S.	8,016,225
Specie	4,246,600
Legal	3,799,300
Circulation	579,700
Deposits	*2,459,600
Loans	*14,822,600

* Decrease.

(Wire of Downing, Hopkins & Co.)

New York, Jan. 4.—Today's short session was a thoroughly professional affair. After an irregular opening the market gave an exhibition of strength with periods of heavy short covering, characterized by sharp advances extending from 1 to 2 points. On the upturn, profit-taking and distributive selling became evident, with a resultant violent reaction in all departments.

Copper held firm on further strength in the metal market. The withholding of the bank statement until after the closing tends to curb business and deprive trading of a good deal of interest, so the market closed dull but firm.

When the statement was issued it was seen it marked the continued movement toward restoration of normal conditions, showing a further reduction in the outstanding deficit, and bankers are confident the entire deficit will be made up in the course of the next few weeks.

The United States Steel corporation, in its yearly statement will probably show a net earning of about $160,000,000. On account of the curtailment of about 40 per cent in the production of steel, it is not surprising of the shrinkage in the December earnings. Directors of the corporation, while admitting their earnings will be smaller, will not say as to what percentage. The falling off in business since the financial trouble is of a larger percentage than ever in its history and is the first serious decrease since the steel market turned for the better in 1903-04. It is thought that 1908 will be a rather slim year, but it is not expected any of the leading steel companies will reduce their preferred dividends unless the depression lasts longer than is generally supposed.

The steel trust has announced that the profit-sharing plan to be brought out in the interest of its employes will be made public some time this month.

Stock market range:

DESCRIPTION.	Open..	High..	Low...	Closing Bid..
Amal. Copper	48	49⅝	47⅞	49
Am. Sugar c	106	108¼	106	106½
Am. Smelter	72¾	73¾	72⅝	73⅛
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	93½
Anaconda M. Co.	29⅜	30	29¼	29⅝
Atchison c	70¼	70¼	69⅝	70
B. & O.	82½	83	82⅝	83
Brook. Rap. Tr.	41¼	41⅝	40⅝	40⅝
Canadian Pac. c	157⅝	158	157⅝	157⅞
Great Northern	.....	.....	.....	118¼
C., M. & St. P.	106	107¼	106	106⅝
Ches. & Ohio	30¼	30½	29⅞	30
Col. Fuel c	20	.....	.....	20
Erie c	17	17	16¾	16¾
L. & N.	93⅝	95	93⅝	94⅞
Missouri Pac.	44½	45	44¼	44¾
N. Y. Central	92½	92¾	92	92½
North Pac., c	120¾	123	119⅞	122
Penns. Ry.	118¼	111⅞	111	111⅛
People's Gas	81¼	81¼	80¾	80¾
Reading Ry., c	98½	99¼	97⅞	98
Rock Island, c	15½	.....	.....	15½
Rock Island, p	.....	.....	.....	18
Soo, c	.....	.....	.....	81¾
Soo, p	.....	.....	.....	122
So. Pac., c	72¾	73½	72¾	72⅞
So. Railway, c	12⅝	13	12⅝	12⅞
Union Pac., c	120	120¼	119	119⅝
U. S. Steel, c	26⅞	27	26⅝	26⅝
do p.	89¼	89¼	89	89

Total sales, 283,300 shares.

Measuring Hay in Stack.

1. Multiply over by base and divide the product by four; then multiply by the length of the stack and divide the product by the number of feet in a ton.

2. Add base to over and divide the amount by four; multiply the result by itself; multiply the product by the length of the stack, and divide by the number of feet in a ton.

3. Subtract base from over and divide the remainder by two; multiply the quotient by the base of the stack; multiply this product by the length of the stack, and divide by the number of feet in a ton.

Cubic Feet in a Ton of Hay.—Two hundred and seventy cubic feet of new meadow hay, or 243 cubic feet of hay from old stacks will weigh a ton; 297 to 324 cubic feet of dry clover hay will weigh a ton; 512 cubic feet of oat or wheat hay, in California, are taken for a ton; government officials in the Pacific states purchase hay at the latter figure, and use rule No. 2, in measuring it. (See Cox on Hay.)

Livestock for Portland.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Elgin, Or., Jan. 4.—A shipment of four carloads of cattle thought to be the heaviest in average weight ever made from Wallowa county has just been sent from this place to Portland. The shipment consisted of 110 dry cows averaging 1,273 pounds. They were purchased by E. L. Wiley from N. C. Longfellow, E. T. Roup and son and Alex Gillespie. They were consigned to the Portland Union Stockyards company.

Discuss New Cannery.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Dallas, Jan. 4.—A meeting was held at the courthouse today for the purpose of discussing a cannery proposition. Fruitgrowers from all the surrounding country were present, and Colonel E. Hofer and J. R. Shepard delivered addresses on the great need of more industries and a larger immigration of homeseekers. Ways and means for the more rapid development of the Willamette valley were discussed. The meeting was held under the auspices of the county fruitgrowers' organization.

Northwest Crop Weather.

Western Oregon and western Washington—Occasional rain tonight and Sunday; southwest winds.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and northern Idaho—Cloudy with possibly rain or snow tonight and Sunday.

Southern Idaho—Probably fair tonight and Sunday.

UNEMPLOYED PLAN TO ORGANIZE UNION

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—What is to be known as the San Francisco branch of the California State league of the Unemployed, will be organized Sunday after a meeting to be held at Walton's pavilion, Golden Gate avenue and Buchanan street, San Francisco. J. B. Osborne, state organizer, asks that all the unemployed, including women, and their sympathizers attend the meeting, which will be called at 2:30 o'clock.

SHIP PROCEEDS ON HER COURSE

Port Patrick Bumps Into Lightship at Entrance to Columbia.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVOIDED

Grain Carrier Crosses Out Bound for Europe but Meets Contrary Winds and Drifts Back and Into Some Trouble.

The British ship Port Patrick, which collided with Columbia river lightship No. 50 yesterday, has gone to sea while the lightship, partly disabled, is being towed into Astoria for repairs. There is little probability of the Port Patrick returning, and her going to sea is taken to mean that her damages were not of a serious nature.

The Port Patrick was seen last night until darkness hid her from view standing out to sea under small canvas. Lookout Kelliher at North Head failed to find a trace of her this morning and he believes she is now on her way towards Europe.

The lightship is expected to reach Astoria early this afternoon. Captain Peter Olson sent word yesterday to Captain P. J. Werlich, lighthouse inspector of this district, notifying him that his vessel had been damaged in a collision with the British ship Port Patrick. He remained outside over night, however, and this morning the tug Tatoosh was sent out after him.

According to Captain Olson's report, the Port Patrick was towed out yesterday shortly before noon. Pilot McVickar left her when well outside as the vessel put offshore and to the southwest in a strong southeast wind.

Later in the day she came back in the vicinity of the lightship, about six miles off the mouth of the river, and in maneuvering about hit her a glancing blow about midships on the port side. The lightship's bulwarks, covering boards, house and lifeboat were smashed and the smokestack, fore trysail and mast were carried away.

It was announced this morning that a gas buoy will probably mark the entrance to the river while the lightship is being repaired, or until one of the relief vessels can be sent to the position.

Captain Stuart and his lifesaving crew from Cape Disappointment went to the lightship last night and remained on board over night, so as to be on hand in case of anything serious happening.

The Port Patrick, in command of Captain Sainty, left Portland for the United Kingdom a few days ago with a cargo of wheat. She is a vessel of many sensational escapades, her latest in that line being a wild run across the Willamette river when she broke her moorings in a gale and drifted from the coal bunkers to the east side landing slip of the lower Albina ferry. Her bowsprit tore off the roof on the north end of Montgomery dock and nearly frightened to death a number of employes peacefully eating their lunches on the inside of the warehouse.

In 1892 the Port Patrick was abandoned with all sails set in the breakers on the Australian coast but instead of going on the rocks she rode out the storm and was picked up a few hours later by a tug and towed into port without a scar.

Captain Sainty was not in charge of her at that time, but the skipper and his crew were confident that she was about to hit the rocks when they took to the lifeboats. The next moment the anchors held.

TWO VESSELS CHARTERED.

One Will Bring Cement, the Other Will Load Wheat.

A cablegram announces that the German bark Albert Rickmers will load cement at Antwerp for Portland in the near future. This is the first charter from Europe for Portland reported for several weeks. The Rickmers will carry about 20,000 barrels.

It was announced here this morning that the German bark Gertrude which reached Astoria this week from a west coast port and accepted a lump sum for the cancellation of her charter was rechartered this morning to carry wheat to Europe. Her rate was not given out but it is supposed to be about 31 shillings.

RODE OUT HEAVY GALES.

British Bark Amazon Was Eight Days Off the River.

The British bark Amazon, Captain Garrick, arrived up last night from Mollendo under charter to load wheat for Europe. Anchor was dropped at St. Johns, but the bark will be towed to the mills of the Eastern & Western Lumber company to be lined.

Captain Garrick reports having encountered very severe weather in the north Pacific. He was forced to drift about off the mouth of the river for eight days, and during that time gale followed gale.

RAJORE IN TROUBLE.

Unlucky Vessel Breaks From Moorings at Astoria.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Jan. 4.—The British ship Rajore broke away from her moorings last evening while along the cannery company's dock discharging cargo, on account of the strong ebb time. She is now anchored in the stream and the balance of her damaged cargo will be lightered on to barges. The only damage done was the tearing of some cavils from the wharf.

TWO COASTERS ARRIVE.

Steamers Alliance and Costa Rica Bring Passengers.

The steamers Alliance and Costa Rica arrived here last night with freight and passengers. The Alliance, from Coos Bay, brought 42 passengers, and the Costa Rica, from San Francisco, had 35.

Captain Olson of the Alliance reports having encountered a light snow storm off the Columbia river yesterday morning. The flakes fell quite thick for a while and the skipper began to draw mental pictures of sleigh riding and skating ashore. He was surprised this morning to find the weather spring like and not at all like New Years.

The Costa Rica encountered fine weather all the way from the Bay City, gentle zephyrs sweeping the California coast. Her officers report that so far as they know, the steamer will remain on the Portland-San Francisco route after the new steamer Rose City has been placed in commission. It is said that the Rose City will leave San Francisco for Portland January 11 in command of Captain Kitson with Captain Rees, formerly master of the Johan Poulsen, as first officer.

COMING FOR MACHINERY.

Steam Schooner Capistrano Will Be Towed Here Soon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 4.—The newly launched hull of the schooner Capistrano will probably leave Saturday for Portland, where her machinery will be installed. Captain Harriman will command her. The Willamette Iron & Steel works will install the machinery.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

First Officer McNicholas has resigned on the steamer Alliance. Second Officer Dexter has been promoted to the position.

Captain Anderson, master of the American bark Henry Villard, returned from San Francisco this morning.

The British steamer Cambrian King will be here soon to load lumber for Australia. She will be dispatched by J. J. Moore & Co.

Knudsen & Stoneberg have been awarded the contract to repair the British bark Walden Abbey. The work is to be completed in 13 days.

The French bark Crillon, the British bark Strathgryfe and the British steamer Valdivia will finish loading this afternoon. The Crillion and Strathgryfe go to Europe and the Valdivia to Manila and China.

MARINE NOTES

Astoria, Jan. 4.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., rough; wind east 30 miles; weather, cloudy.

Tides at Astoria today: High water—1:30 a. m., 7.9 feet; 12:06 p. m., 9.6 feet. Low water—7:06 a. m., 3.1 feet; 7:50 p. m., 1.9 feet.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Arrived, steamer Washington, from Portland. Arrived at 11 last night, steamer Senator, from Portland.

Montevideo, Jan. 4.—Arrived, December 31, and proceeded January 1, steamer Lyra, from Portland for New York.

Yokohama, Jan. 4.—Arrived yesterday, British steamer Persia, from Portland.

Astoria, Jan. 3.—Sailed at 10:40 a. m., British bark Duchalburn, for Queenstown or Falmouth, for orders. Arrived, at 1:25 p. m., French bark Guethary, from Antwerp.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Sailed, steamer Argyll, for Portland.

Sydney, Jan. 4.—Arrived, Schooner W. F. Garms, from Columbia river.

WEEK'S SERVICES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

A series of evening addresses by Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, D. D., will begin at the First Presbyterian church next Monday evening, January 6, at 7:30 o'clock. The meetings which are to be of an evangelical nature, will continue for two weeks, and if public interest warrants, they may be continued for another week.

The subject of Monday evening's discourse will be "A Lost World"; Tuesday "A Divine Saviour"; Wednesday, "A Reconciling Cross"; Thursday, "An Invincible Companion"; Friday, "A Never Failing Confidence."

MRS. GWYNNE DIES IN BUTTE, MONTANA

Mrs. C. F. Wright, of 540 Thompson street, has received news of the death of her mother, at Butte, Montana. She left immediately to attend the funeral. Mrs. Gwynne was the wife of Dr. F. H. Gwynne, who for many years was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Salem, Oregon, and also filled the position of synodical missionary for several years previous to Dr. Holt.

Mrs. Gwynne was well-known throughout the state.

PARIS PIPE-DREAMER SEES JAP WARSHIPS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, Jan. 4.—A story of an alarming nature is printed in the Patrie to the effect that a Japanese fleet of warships has been seen cruising off Hawaii.

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WEATHER REPORT

The disturbance noted over British Columbia last evening has moved inland. It is of very moderate character, the highest wind velocity along the coast attending its development being 42 miles from the south at North Head, Washington. Rains were, however, general over western Oregon and western Washington. East of the Cascades no precipitation occurred except a small amount at Walla Walla. Moderate rains have also fallen over central and northern California and light snow over northern Nevada since yesterday morning. An extensive high area overlies the Missouri valley and much colder weather prevails in consequence over that region. The temperatures, however, are not much below the seasonal average. The low area over the Dakotas yesterday morning has developed during the last 24 hours into a disturbance of decided character. It is now central over northern Michigan, but its influence extends over the entire lake region and Ohio valley, causing benregion and Ohio valley causing general rain or snow with much higher temperatures over those portions of the country.

The indications point to occasional rain tonight and Sunday over western Oregon and western Washington, and to rain or snow over eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and northern Idaho. It will probably be fair over southern Idaho.

	Temp. Max.	Temp. Min.	Precip.
Chicago, Ill	42	38	.02
Cincinnati, Ohio	44	38	.12
Denver, Col.	44	22	.00
Kansas City, Mo.	48	38	.02
Los Angeles, Cal.	62	46	.00
New Orleans, La.	64	58	.00
New York, N. Y.	36	28	.00
Omaha, Neb.	52	30	.00
Philadelphia, Pa.	40	28	.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	62	38	.06
Pittsburg, Pa.	40	38	T.
Portland, Or.	50	44	.13
St. Louis, Mo.	48	40	.36
St. Paul, Minn.	40	20	.00
Salt Lake, Utah	34	24	.00
San Fran., Cal.	56	46	.38
Seattle, Wash.	50	42	.14
Washington, D. C.	40	28	.00

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