TODAY'S MARKETS

Disposition Among Hop Consumers and Short Sellers to Buy All the Hops They Can—Fear for Next Year's Crop

SALMON SUPPLY ON FAMINE BASIS

Shortage Is Beginning to Be Felt Even in the Cold Storage Variety.

Front street features today:
Salmon famine is likely.
Halibut is advanced 1c pound.
Egg market generally holding.
Poultry supplies are better.
Dressed meats hold at price.
Crab supplies are scarce.
No Columbia smelt in market.
Two cars oranges arrive in.
Car sweet potatoes; car celery in.
Local cauliflower in good shape.
Many orders for hops.
No export flour inquiries.
Wheat market firm but unchanged.

Salmon Famine Is Likely.

Present indications point to a famine in salmon. This is not only true of the fresh varieties—for the famine has already appeared in that line—but even cold storage stock is hard to obtain. There has never been a time when such a shortage existed in the salmon catch as this season. The catch of steelheads in the Columbia river the past summer was the lightest in history and demand was several times as heavy as during normal seasons. The steelhead salmon is the variety used by cold storage operators because of its excellent keeping qualities and fine appearance when taken out of the icehouses. The demand for frozen steelheads from the east is enormous and there were orders for twice as many carloads this season as could be filled.

Prices High But Unprofitable.

The short catch this summer and the unusually liberal demand caused the highest prices on record to rule along the river during the season. Fishermen claimed they did not make living wages even at the high prices obtained, for their catches were not a quarter of what they usually are. Many of them quit the business, but even this did not help those that remained fishing.

At this time a few steelheads are being received in the local market from lower river points, but the supplies are so small and demand so great that quotations are being nominally placed at 11c a pound. For the fall varieties of Puget sound salmon the market has a very stiff tone, 1c a pound under the quotation obtained for the Columbia river article, which is much better than the salmon that comes from the north. Frozen silversides are in good demand on account of the shortage in other lines, with the price stiff at 9c a pound.

Small Fish Is Scarce.

There is a like scarcity of supplies in other lines. Small fish of all kinds is hard to obtain, with prices correspondingly high. Crabs are hard to get because of the storms off the coast. Fresh halibut is again in market. Supplies of this fish are of good quality and the price is advanced 1c a pound to 8c.

Poultry Supplies Are Better.

A fractional increase is shown in the poultry supplies of Front street for the past 24 hours. The high prices now ruling have forced many shipments that would not have otherwise arrived. Present range seems too high to maintain if arrivals are liberal. The demand continues excellent for turkeys, both live and dressed, and high prices are still maintained.

Egg market is just about holding its own, with receipts increasing on account of the milder weather. A sale of a large lot is reported a fraction under the printed prices, but for ordinary lots the quotation is maintained at 32½c today.

Front street dealers report somewhat of an increase in the shipments of dressed veal to market, but the demand for both this line and hogs is sufficiently heavy to maintain high figures.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Onion market remains firm, with some buying around $1.85 at country points by shippers.

Potatoes are dull, with practically no buying at this time by shippers. Prices unsatisfactory in the south, they say.

Some choice cauliflower was displayed along the street this morning by Levy & Spiegl. Sizes were small, but of good quality; came from near-by growers, too.

Orange market is gaining strength daily. Two cars arrived this morning and were unloaded. Sales at former range.

Produce receipts are greater. One Front street firm received a car of oranges, a car of celery and a car of sweet potatoes this morning.

No Columbia river smelt is being caught, according to reports from down the river this morning.

Front street prices today:

Grain, Flower and Feed.

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

WHEAT—Track prices—Club, 83@84c; red Russian, 81@82c; bluestem, 85@88c; valley, 84c.

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 $27 per ton; gray, $26@26.50.

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, 5us, $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 35@37½c; fancy, 35c; storage, 30@32½c; store Oregon, 20c.

EGGS—Extra fancy, candled, 32½c; eastern storage, 23c doz.

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,

BEST PACKED APPLE IS A TRADE DEMAND

"There is a noticeable increase in the demand for apples. We find that better grades are finding a better call than formerly and prices are fully 10c to 20 higher than they were several weeks ago. The trade seems to desire a better wrapped and packed article than it did at that time. All apples are now being repacked."—Statement of Davenport-Thompson company regarding apples.

A RECORD BREAKING AMOUNT OF HOP ORDERS

There are more orders for Oregon hops in the market today than for any time since the present season started. Every dealer is now in receipt of business but prices offered are low because growers have up to this time been quite willing to sell at any figure offered. Some are now beginning to hold. It is stated that good hops are almost too scarce to quote at this time, producers of this quality not being willing to let go.

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, 60c@$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, buying, spot, $1.85; 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@4.50 dozen; pears, fancy, $1.50@1.75; ordinary, $1 a box; tangerines, $1.50 a box; Jap oranges, 50@55c 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, $15.86@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 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, 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, 7½@8c per lb; large, 7½c 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., 12½c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs., 12½c per lb; 18 to 20 lbs., 12½c; breakfast bacon, 15½@22½c per lb; picnics, 9c per lb; cottage roll, 10c per lb; regular short clears, smoked, 11¾c per lb; unsmoked, 10¾c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 10¾c; smoked, 11¾c; Union butts, 10 to 13c lbs., unsmoked, 12c per lb; smoked, 13c per lb; clear bellies, unsmoked, 12½c per lb; smoked, 13½c per lb; shoulders, 10c; per lb; pickled tongues, 7oc each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 12½c per lb; 5s, 12⅝c per lb; 50-lb. tins, 12c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 11½c per lb; 5s, 11⅝c per lb; compound, 10s, 8¼c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 12½c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 9c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, fresh, 10@11c; 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, — 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.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$ 959,250.35
Year ago	1,104,729.50
Balances today	119,165.14
Year ago	167,252.90

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,224,666
Balances	121,665

TACOMA.

Clearings	$783,771
Balances	53,510

JUNCTION CITY'S NEW GOVERNMENT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Junction City, Or., Jan. 8.—The following city officers have been sworn in: C. P. Houston, mayor; J. E. Million, E. Johnson and W. T. Nielsen, councilmen; H. V. Belknap, treasurer; L. W. Clark, city recorder.

The mayor immediately appointed the following officers: M. H. Kendel, city attorney; Dr. G. F. Parks, health officer; W. L. Dial, marshal; J. A. McFadden, night policeman.

Little Fellows to Meet.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 8.—The Peoria Athletic club has completed arrangements for a boxing show under its auspices tonight. The feature of the card will be a 10-round bout between Johnny Coulon and "Kid" Murphy, two of the best 105-pound fighters in this part of the country.

Bilious? Feel heavy after dinner? Tongue coated? Bitter taste? Complexion sallow? Liver needs waking up. Doan's Regulets cure bilious attacks. Twenty-five cents, at any drug store.

Tomorrow and Friday will positively be the last days for discount on west side gas bills. Portland Gas Co.

WHEAT LOST AFTER START

Chicago Opens Firm and Makes Early Gain—Closes Lower.

CHICAGO WHEAT VALUES.

	Open.	Close.	Jan. 7.	Loss.
May	106⅝	105½	106¼	¾
July	98⅝	98	98⅝	⅝

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The wheat market opened firm but closed lower. The opening was ⅛c higher for May and unchanged for July; the former at 106⅝ and the latter at 98⅝c. The market closed ⅝ to ¾c under yesterday with May and July at 105½ and 98c respectively.

There was a slight bulge at the start on account of the report of export buying throughout the country. This carried the market ⅜ to ½c above the opening. After that there was continued forced liquidation until the close of the trading and the market closed at bottom figures—$1.05½ for May and 98c for July.

There was a dismal tone in the trading in other pits. Corn, oats and pork were in the hands of the bear clique and each show rather severe losses for the day's trading.

Range by Downing-Hopkins company:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	106⅝	106⅞	105½	105½
July	98⅝	99	98	98

CORN.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	61⅜	61½	60⅞	60⅞
July	61⅛	61¼	59⅝	59⅝

OATS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	52⅞	53	52⅜	52⅜
July	46⅛	46⅜	46⅛	46⅜ B

MESS PORK.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	....	....	....	1295
May	1355	1370	1350	1355

Northwest Crop Weather.

Western Oregon—Occasional rain tonight and Thursday, southwest winds.

Western Washington—Rain tonight and Thursday; fresh southwest winds.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and northern Idaho—Rain or snow tonight and Thursday; fresh southerly winds.

Southern Idaho—Cloudy with possibly rain or snow west portion, fair east portion tonight and Thursday.

Liverpool Wheat Lower.

Liverpool, Jan. 8.—May wheat opened ⅝d lower at 7s 11⅝d and closed unchanged at 8s.

Chicago Cash Barley.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Cash barley, 88c@$1.04.

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, Jan. 8.—Wheat—Export, club, 83c; bluestem, 85c.

LIVESTOCK DEMAND IS HOLDING HEALTHY

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	....	325	160
1907	20	....	148
1906	105	133	125
1905	....	150	200

Portland Union Stockyards, Jan. 8.—All lines of livestock show a good tone today in the local yards. Receipts of cattle were liberal but only a small number of sheep came. No hogs were reported in during the 24 hours.

Buyers seem to take hold of all arrivals better than they have for some time and the feeling is so much improved that the trade is still inclined to the opinion that prices will hold better.

A year ago today all lines were in good shape with sheep quoted 25c higher because of the better feeling.

Ofcial yard prices:

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

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

Sheep — Best wethers $4.75@5.00; mixed and best ewes, $4.25@4.50; lambs, $4.75@5.00.

EXCELLENT STOCK WEATHER.

Climatic Conditions Are Ideal—Practically No Feeding Reported.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hooper, Wash., Jan. 8.—Senator McGreagor, the sheep king of this part of the country, says of the sheep situation:

"So far this has been an ideal winter for stock. Cattle, horses and sheep are in fine condition and owners have not so far had to feed a day. There is an abundance of feed and the winter is so far advanced that it is now certain we shall not have a long, hard winter. Prospects were never brighter.

"There is also a splendid prospect for great wheat crops next year. The acreage of winter wheat is the largest ever known in the western part of Whitman county. The only thing to fear is a blizzard striking the wheat while it is not covered with snow. Should we escape this the prospect is that an enormous crop will be harvested."

HOGS 5c OFF IN EAST.

Receipts Are Liberal at All Packing Centers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 8.—Hogs, 15,000; cattle, 22,000; sheep, 15,000. Hogs are 5c lower. Moxed, $4.15@4.55; heavy, $4.26@4.65; rough, $4.10@4.20; light, $4.10@4.50.

Cattle—Steady.
Sheep—Strong.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 8.—Hogs, 25,000; cattle, 6,000; sheep, 5,000.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 8.—Hogs receipts, 12,000; cattle, 4,000; sheep, 6,000.

THOSE WHO COVET EAGLESON'S PLACE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 8.—Several persons have announced their candidacy for the office of surveyor-general of Idaho to succeed E. G. Eagleson, who has been asked by the president to resign. Among the aspirants for the position are Zenus N. Vaughn and George W. Ball of Boise, a Mr. Wilson of the Boise Basin, and D. A. Utter of Weiser, all of whom are practical engineers. Mr. Vaughn was formerly city engineer of Boise. Mr. Utter is chairman of the Republican committee of Washington county. So far as can be learned, Senators Heyburn and Borah have not decided upon a successor to Mr. Eagleson. Several others here would no doubt be candidates for the job were it not for the fact that the president insists that the man to be named shall be a practical engineer.

COLDS CAUSE HEADACHE.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. Used the world over to cure a cold in one day. E. W. Grove's signature on box—25c.

A LOW RECORD REACHED TODAY

Missouri Pacific Drops Back on Adverse News—Sugar Recovers Early Drop.

New York, Jan. 8.—Missouri Pacific touched a new low record today with the trading very bearish. Sentiment is adverse to the bulls in Mop on account of the paying of the road's dividend in stock instead of actual cash. The fact that Missouri Pacific's earnings have not kept pace with other standard roads during the last few years also proved a factor toward curtailing values today.

The stock market opened irregular with a bearish attack on Northern Pacific, American Sugar Refining and several other leaders. During the attack Northern Pacific was hit to the tune of 3 points while Sugar Refining went back 2 points. Near the close of the session there was a decided change in sentiment regarding Sugar shares and a gain of about 5 points from the low figure of the day was made.

Lower call money rates added to some of the late trading bullishness. The value of money went down 2 per cent toward the close, leaving the stock market in better shape at the end of the trading.

New York range by Downing-Hopkins company.

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper	49	49⅝	48⅛	49
Am. Sugar, c.	104½	107⅞	102⅝	107
Am. Smelter	73¾	74⅝	73⅞	73⅞
Am. Smelter pfd	....	94⅝	94½	94⅝
Anaconda M. C.	30¾	30⅝	30½	30⅝
Atchison, c.	69	69⅝	68⅞	68⅞
B. & O.	83	83	82½	83
Brooklyn R. T.	40½	40½	39⅝	40
Can. Pac., c.	156½	156¾	156	156¼
Central Leather				17¼
C., M. & St. P.	107⅝	107⅝	106⅝	107¼
Ches. & Ohio				30
Colo. Fuel, c.	20	20	19¼	19⅝
Erie, c.	16⅞	17	15⅞	15⅝
L. & N.	94¼	94¼	93⅝	94⅜
Mo. Pacific	42½	42⅝	41⅝	42⅝
N. Y. Central	92⅝	93	91⅞	92⅝
N. Pacific, c.	123¼	123⅞	119⅝	121⅞
Ont. & West.	34⅛			33⅞
Penn. Ry.	111⅝	111¾	111	111⅛
People's Gas	84			84
Reading, c.	99¼	100	98⅝	99⅞
Rock Island, c.	15	15	14	14⅝
S. Pacific, c.	73¼	73¾	73⅛	73⅝
So. Railway, c.				12
U. Pacific, c.	119½	120⅛	118⅞	119⅞
U. S. Steel, c.	26¾	27	26⅛	27
do pfd.	89⅛	89⅞	89⅛	89⅞

Call money opened at 7, high 7, low 2, and closed at 3.

Totals sales, 497,400 shares.

JUTE MARKET SHOWS A LOWER TENDENCY

Market in Calcutta Slower, According to Consul-General Michael.

Consul-General William H. Michael of Calcutta, supplies the following details of the jute trade in India:

The jute business for one day in Calcutta will suggest something of the present trade conditions affecting that commodity. On October 11 the import of jute into Calcutta amounted to 4,000,000 pounds. There was exported on the same day 3,720,000 pounds, and the total amount held in stock amounted to 57,612,240 pounds. Balers bought 2,448,000 pounds at $1.33 to $3.75 per 80 pounds; the mills bought for consumption 872,000 pounds at $1.56 to $3.74. The local market, this is the broker's price, was 4 cents lower than that paid by the mills. On the same day in London the price for the same grade of jute was $13 and a fraction per bale, and the demand was slack, mills buying sparingly.

The gunny market on the same day was almost dead. Heavy "cees" were reported at $9.74 per bale for January and March, and light cees at $9.24 for the same delivery. Corn sacks were priced at $11.33 for present delivery. Hessians were quiet, no sales being made. This shows a very different state of the market from what it was one year ago, when prices were going upward and all the trade eager to buy everything in the shape of jute in sight.

Gunnies and Hessians.

The reports of several leading Calcutta brokers are submitted, the first one being as follows.

The condition of the market remains unchanged; weak, with a lower tendency. There is a little half hearted buying going on, but it is quite apparent that neither buyers nor sellers have much faith in the market. A favorite make of heavy C bags was sold at $9.74. A line of B twills is also reported at $9.33, January-March, but bazaar speculators are supposed to be the sellers; B twills for near delivery are offering freely at $9.49 without finding buyers. Cuban sugars have again been done at $12, corn sacks at $11.24, and Liverpools at $11.66. In hessians there is practically no business doing. Small lots of eight ounce 40 inch are reported at $3.75; November-December and 10½ ounce at $4.66 November, and at $4.57 December. The market closes very weak.

Buyers in Control.

One firm's weekly gunny market report, dated November 13, 1907, states:

The tendency of the market during the past week has again been steadily in favor of buyers, and the business passing has been on a most restricted scale. Mills have again shown anxiety to operate forward, while second hand holders have been pressing near delivery goods for sale. Hessians have been very much neglected, and the very limited transactions reported have been at steadily declining rates.

A jute fabric market report for the same week states:

The market has ruled quiet, and trade during the past week has been on a very small scale. Buyers for export seem indisposed to operate at all far forward, and for near their requirements are extremely limited. For the straits and country there is also no buying at present, while speculators, in view of the general paucity of orders, are offering rates much below mills' ideas. Values may be quoted at a lower level all around the market, closing dull and lifeless. Demand has not improved at all during the past week. For near deliveries the purchase of 10 ounce 40 inch cloth for the Plate river steamers has ceased, and there is no other market at present buying, while far forward business is confined to a few small lines of 11 and 9 porter cloth January-March for the United States.

Indiana Memorial at Vicksburg.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8.—Bids were received at the state capitol today for the furnishing and erection of granite monuments and markers to be erected in the Vicksburg national military park in memory of the Indiana soldiers who fought and fell during the historic siege. It is proposed to erect a large monument in the park on a site close to the monuments already erected by the states of Illinois and Minnesota.

ARRANGING FOR ORIENTAL LINE

James J. Hill Negotiates for Construction of Vessels on Delaware.

PROBABLY PLY OUT OF PORTLAND

Immense Traffic of North Bank Branch Will Have to Be Handled by Vessels in Conjunction With Road, and Time to Prepare Here.

It is reported that James J. Hill is arranging for the construction of two steamers to be engaged in the trans-Pacific trade. They are to be constructed on the Delaware, and will not be as large as the Minnesota, now running out of Puget sound.

The report has given food for considerable discussion, and it is believed that possibly the vessels will be operated out of Portland in conjunction with the north bank road of the Hill interests. That he will place steamers on the route to handle a portion of the immense quantity of freight that forms the commercial relations between this part of the world and the orient is conceded a certainty, and it is also contended that whatever vessels might be put on will be up to date and particularly suitable for the run.

In view of the fact that Japanese steamship companies are said to be negotiating for arrangements with the Hill interests for the operation of a line of steamers out of this port, the report from the east goes to show that the Hill interests have not altogether decided to turn the ocean traffic over to the little brown men.

With Hill lines added to the service now maintained between here and Hongkong and way ports by the Harriman interests, Portland's wheat, lumber and flour exports will assume much larger proportions than now, although already formidable. It is also probable that the new line will cater to the passenger traffic, which under existing conditions is being diverted to Puget sound and San Francisco.

VOYAGE OF HIS LIFE.

Captain Jacobsen Brings Schooner Berwick to Wedderburn.

The schooner Berwick, which left here several weeks ago for Wedderburn, Rogue river, after a number of delays in the lower river, has finally reached her destination. She had a narrow escape from destruction, storm after storm having handled her roughly at every stage of the game.

An account of the voyage received here this morning from one of the crew, states that Captain Jacobsen declared it the worst voyage he has ever experienced in his 30 years at sea.

"Through 13 days and nights of almost continual bad weather, the little craft defied the fury of the waves," the report goes on, "and passed in over the Rogue river bar last Sunday, with everything in order save the stomachs of the passengers. The ship's deck gave every evidence of the struggle made by the captain and crew in battling the winds and waves. There lay the great drag or sea anchor, her canvass torn from its fastenings and her six inch hawser parted. Only in the most severe weather is this mechanism resorted to. There, a little to one side, lay a portion of the small boat smashed like a paper box by the force of a tremendous wave that threatened to tear everything on deck away. The old familiar pork barrel no longer occupies its accustomed place but has mingled its brine with that of the briny deep. Captain Jacobson lays his inability to kep his ship up to the wind to the launch Sheba, which he was bringing to Wedderburn from the manufactory at Portland. This boat has her deck housed, and being loaded ahead of midship took the wind like a sail and made it utterly impossible to heave to.

"When the heavy gale struck the Berwick the captain says he was 15 miles southwest of Port Orford reef rocks, and when the storm ceased he was 12 miles west by north of Coos Bay lighthouse.

"Captain Jacobson says none of the smaller vessels carry hawsers large enough to hold the regulation size of sea anchor, and that the law compelling the small vessels to carry the same size sea anchor as the large vessels is bad."

CARPENTER SIGNED HERE.

Man Swept From Ship Port Patrick Named A. H. Ibsen.

A. H. Ibsen, carpenter on the British ship Port Patrick, who was swept overboard when the vessel labored in heavy seas off the mouth of the Columbia river Saturday night, signed on in this port. He is not supposed to have any relatives here. The ship's records show that he was a native of Denmark.

The Port Patrick will have to be lifted and discharged in order to make repairs and it is feared that a large portion of the cargo will be found water-soaked. This gave her the list she had when picked up by the tug.

It is believed that the Port Patrick got into her predicament because of having a crew of landlubbers, most of her men having been signed on here. The captain of the lightship reported that when dangerously close no attempt was made to square the yards, as he thinks should have been done to bring the vessel around and out of harm's way.

The vessel was dropped by the tug about three miles inside of the lightship, to the north of the station and instead of standing straight out to sea set a southwesterly course with the result that the current brought her up against the lightship.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steam schooner St. Helens, Captain Jamieson, left down yesterday afternoon bound for San Francisco with 1,299,450 feet of lumber.

The British ship Strathgryfe will leave down tomorrow morning bound for the United Kingdom with a cargo of wheat.

The schooner Luzon is bound north from San Pedro to load lumber at one of the Columbia river mills.

Barge No. 3 left down today after having discharged a cargo of oil at the tanks down the river.

The regular weekly concert at the Seamen's institute will be held this evening.

The Union Oil company's steamer Argyll arrived at Portsmouth last night with a cargo of oil from San Francisco.

The investigation of the collision of the steamer Annie Comings and the French bark Europe off St. Johns a few days ago will begin before local Inspectors Edwards and Fuller next Monday morning. The Europe was towed about 1,000 feet from her anchorage this morning in order to give the snagboat Mathloma room in which to operate while attempting to recover the lost boiler and a portion of the hull.

MARINE NOTES

San Pedro, Jan. 8.—Sailed yesterday—Schooner Luzon, for Columbia river.

Muroran, Jan. 8.—Arrived January 3, German steamer Tiberius, from Portland, for Port Said, for orders.

Astoria, Jan. 7.—Arrived down at 11 a. m. and sailed at 4 p. m.—Steamer Costa Rica, for San Francisco. Arrived down at 12 noon—British steamer Strathord. Left up at 2:30 p. m.—French bark Guethary.

Hongkong, Jan. 7.—Arrived—German steamer Alesia, from Portland.

Astoria, Jan. 8.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., rough; wind southwest, 15 miles; weather, cloudy.

Tides at Astoria today—High water: 4:38 a. m., 8.4 feet; 4:22 p. m., 7.7 feet. Low water: 10:50 a. m., 2.3 feet; 11 p. m., 0.3.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

Balance of $642,520.91 on Oregon's Books Is Shown by Steel's Statement.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—Semi-annual statement of State Treasurer Steel shows $642,520.91 on the state's books. There is $27,000 cash on hand in the treasury, $112,000 paper in course of collection, $206,000 on deposit in banks at 2 per cent interest and $295,000, bearing 5 per cent interest, due from the American Surety company on account of the loss in the Title Guarantee & Trust company.

In his statement of receipts and disbursements for the six months ending December 31, 1907, the treasurer shows a balance of $959,084.28 July 1, 1907. Receipts in the general fund were $467,024.08 in the common school fund, principal, $490,443.01, and in the various other funds smaller amounts bringing the total to $2,194,788.31.

The disbursements from the general fund were $709,185.63; common school fund principal, $437,451.05; common school fund interest, $260,465.98 and in the other funds sums bringing the total to $1,552,267.40.

This leaves a balance on hand of $642,520.91.

SITE NOT SUITABLE FOR OLD LADIES' HOME

By a vote of 11 to 9 the members of the Old Ladies' Home society decided not to purchase the property on Wiberg Heights near the Barr road, offered them as a site for the new building which the society hopes to erect at some future time.

There was much animated discussion among the 20 members present at the meeting held this morning at the First Presbyterian church. Many of the members were of the opinion that no better property could be found than that offered, and considered that the situation and the view afforded could not be bettered. Others maintained that the situation was too far from the city to be convenient for very old people and that the cold winds caused by the two rivers would make it impossible for the aged inmates of the home to be out of doors to enjoy the beauties of the site.

The society owns lots in the Ladd tract given the society by the late Henry W. Corbett which may be used as a building site, and also the S. G. Reed property covering a whole block, left in the will of Mrs. S. G. Reed to the society. This, Mrs. P. J. Mann, the president, explained would be held intact until such time as a building shall be obtained when this property will be converted into a maintenance fund.

The annual meeting of the society will be held the first Monday in March when other projects in relation to the proposed building will be taken up.

JUDGE BENNETT IS MUCH DISSATISFIED

Judge A. S. Bennett, attorney for Binger Hermann, W. W. Steiwer and several other defendants in the land fraud cases, attended the drawing of the veniremen in the United States district court this morning and afterward said that he was dissatisfied with the fact that the men had been selected from the valley counties instead of all parts of Oregon.

"The government has selected the names of men living in counties not far from Portland with the explaination that this was done for the purpose of saving expenses," Judge Bennett said this morning.

"I am not satisfied under these circumstances. I think that names should have been chosen from all parts of the state. I do not know that we shall do anything in the matter. In fact I do not know if any action can be taken, but nevertheless, speaking for myself, I shall take the question under advisement."

BARTNETT AND BROWN PLEAD JANUARY 15

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Walter J. Bartnett and J. Dalzell Brown this morning were given until January 15 to plead to the indictments charging them with having embezzled the Colton securities from the California Safe Deposit & Trust company. On the same day they will be arraigned on the indictments charging them with embezzling the funds of the defunct concern.

James Treadwell's arraignment on the indictment charging embezzlement, was postponed until January 16.

Tomorrow and Friday will positively be the last days for discount on west side gas bills. Portland Gas Co.

SIX MILLS TAX LEVY IN UMATILLA COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 8.—By action of the Umatilla county court taken yesterday the county tax levy for the year was placed at six mills and the levy will provide the sum of $252,333.32 for the purpose of defraying county expenses and paying its portion of the state tax. The levy is made upon an assessment of $42,055,866.48. This is on the full valuation basis instead of the one fourth as used in the past. On the old basis the levy would be 24 mills or two mills higher than the levy of a year ago.

The levies are now as follows: County, six mills; school district three mills; city, two and a half mills.

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LURE OF THE OLD LIFE TOO STRONG

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 8.—Florence Daly, who was arrested recently on a charge of forgery and bound over to the district court to stand trial but was released from the county jail with the charges against her withdrawn, through the efforts of a number of prominent Boise people who pity the girl in her misfortune, and given a home with a respected family here, has disappeared. Another warrant has been issued for her arrest and the officers believe they will soon be able to locate her.

PROFESSIONALS IN Y. M. C. A.

Basketball Players at Bellingham Admit Charges and May Wreck League.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 8.—Professionalism may wreck the Y. M. C. A. basketball league of the northwest. Charges have been brought against Earlywine of the Bellingham team and these charges are now before the American Athletic union in New York.

It is alleged that if Earlywine is barred because of having received money for playing games, half the members of the teams of Bellingham, Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett would have to be ruled out for the same reason.

Everett has had four members of last year's team disqualified for professionalism. It is possible the players will not be reinstated in time to take part in the schedule arranged for this year. Vancouver and Victoria are the only teams that have escaped the charges as they are governed by the Canadian Amateur Athletic union.

The men charged with professionalism do not deny they have received money for playing various games. They say they can prove charges of the same nature against half the members of the teams of the league.

When seen this morning Physical Director Grilley, of the Portland Y. M. C. A., said that he had not heard of any charges of professionalism among the league members.

BUNKOED SWEDES WITH CLEVER TALE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Charles Broberg is under arrest here on the charge of having swindled a number of Swedes by selling them worthless mining stocks. His arrest was made upon telegraphic advices from Minneapolis and he will be sent there to answer the charges. His operations are supposed to have extended throughout the entire United States.

Charles Broberg was in Portland the early part of last June and reaped a neat little harvest through sales of mining stocks upon which the purchasers have so far failed to realize. While here he spent money lavishly a few days and spoke of purchasing several blocks in the city proper. He was assisted in his dealings by a young woman, introduced as his wife, and an elderly man impersonating the character of the real mine discoverer, who in his autumn days of life had at last been rewarded with a wonderful strike in the desert.

The trio disappeared suddenly one day, leaving a number of mourners waiting anxiously for advices concerning the mine and their shares of stock. The two operated in Seattle and then steered east. Advices from Minneapolis state that there the "wealthy" mining man introduced the woman accomplice as his niece, Miss Schon.

PIGTAIL PULLED AND BANKROLL STOLEN

A holdup in a Chinese gambling den, with all the accessories of gun plays, hand-to-hand encounters and futile cries for help, is the latest thing in crime in Chinatown.

Yesterday morning Sid Gooey, said by some to be a laborer and by others to be a gambler, went to the First National bank and drew $100, it being his avowed intention to send the money to some of his numerous relatives in China. With the purpose of informing himself of the details of sending money from one country to another he paid a visit to 185 Second street, where he thought he would find a friend who knew all the details of high finance.

While in search of his friend at the number named he entered a room on the second floor of the building and there found a number of his countrymen engaged in the pleasing occupation of gambling. One of the gamblers, Wong Gong, invited the newcomer to engage in the game. When he declined the invitation he found himself looking down the muzzle of a large revolver and heard the command to turn over his cash or suffer the consequences. When he refused to obey he was struck over the head, seized by half a dozen of the men in the room and despoiled of the roll of crisp bills that he had received from the bank but a few minutes before.

When he was finally permitted to leave the building Sid Gooey sought the office of the city attorney and was advised by Chief Deputy Fitzgerald to swear out a warrant for the arrest of his assailants. This was done and this morning Sergeant Baty and Detectives Price and Coleman arested Wong Gong and two other Chinese who are said to have been implicated in the robbery. The men were arrested in the room where the robbery was committed, but when the officers arrived there no evidence of gambling could be found. The accused Chinese will have a preliminary hearing in the police court tomorrow.

NEW OFFICERS TAKE CONTROL OF BAY CITY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—At noon today the old regime of the city and county of ficeholdtrs stepped from office and was succeeded by the recently elected officials and the customary contingent of appointees for subordinate positions.

The new officials practically made a clean sweep of the old employes. The Democratic organization received the majority of the patronage.

The scenes at the different offices, including the sheriff's office, the recorder, tax collector and others were exceedingly animated. The oaths of office were administered during the morning by County Clerk Harry I. Mulcrevy.

SPOKANE SALOONMEN CLOSE UNDER TREATY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Jan. 8.—As a result of an order from the mayor and the public prosecutor the saloonmen have agreed to close Sundays if pending prosecutions are dropped. A large number are now under conviction, but the chief of police refused to lock them up. The council last night censured Chief Rife and threatened impeachment. Variety theatres are also to be closed entirely after Monday.

Spokane Wants Convention.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8.—The democratic state executive committee of Washington are assembled for a conference here today to discuss arrangements for the coming state convention. Spokane is working hard to secure the gathering. Though the democratic party leaders in this state have expressed no preference in regard to the presidential nomination there is a strong feeling that Governor Johnson of Minnesota would poll a larger vote in the northwest than any other candidate who might be named.