

TOP CONTRACTS INTEREST RATE GOING LOWER

Dealers Paying More in Order to Break Up Organization of Growers.

Produce market features: Hop contracts are higher. Egg values do not differ. Creamery butter is advanced.

Spot hops are still showing a liberal movement with most of the crop.

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slightly better tone is shown in chicken market at this time. Some dealers say they have been forced to bid a little during the past 24 hours.

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BUTTER CLOSE BEER ROSES TO A DOLLAR

Two Creameries Now Quoting Advance to 40c a Pound or 80c Square.

Two city creameries are now quoting their extra fancy grades of butter at 40c a pound or 80c a square.

The Hazelwood is the other creamery quoting the advance in extra fancy grades to 40c a pound, but other creameries are not following the rise.

Outside creameries report being unable to market their product even at 35c, and some are quoting their best grades under this figure.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Wheat opened dull and fell here with May unchanged and July 3c higher.

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JAP AGENT IN UNITED STATES

American Adviser of Mikado Cannot Be Located by Customs Officials.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Where is D. W. Stevens and what is he doing in the United States?

That compound question is considerably worrying some of the local men who are casting wise eyes in the direction of Japan.

D. W. Stevens is the confidential agent of Japan. He bears to the Mikado something like the old relation that the king's messenger bore to the kings of England.

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NEW TODAY It's Easy to See Our farm lands in the fertile TUALATIN VALLEY, because trains are running on regular schedule on the Portland - Salem line.

It's Easy to See Where a small sum invested in fruit, berry and vegetable land will bring sure returns.

ABSTRACT DEPARTMENT OF THE TITLE GUARANTEE & TRUST CO.

Let Us Build You A Home According to your own ideas—in any part of the city or country—on small monthly payments.

Must Sell, This Month \$2,600 will buy a 6-room modern house on good terms.

A BARGAIN \$2,600 will buy 6-room, modern house if sold this week.

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GROGERS TO MEET HERE IN YEAR 1909

Portland Chosen as Convention City for Annual Session Next Year.

After transacting a large amount of important business and discussing many subjects of importance to the trade, the second annual convention of the Oregon Retail Grocers' Association was brought to a close yesterday afternoon with the election of a full set of officers to serve for the ensuing year.

President, S. L. Kline of Corvallis; first vice-president, G. W. Ingram, Portland; second vice-president, H. Greer, Hillsboro; third vice-president, H. C. Smith, Hood River; secretary, C. B. Merrick, Washington; treasurer, J. H. Greer, Hillsboro; directors, H. L. Truax, Grants Pass; W. M. Green, Eugene; Theodore Roth, Salem; Dean, Baker City; F. J. Carney, Astoria; Fred Dresser, A. A. Kaddery and A. H. Willett, Portland.

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HARTMAN & THOMPSON BANKERS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE invite attention of new residents to their efficient and conservative methods of a general, up-to-date banking business.

COOS BAY LINE The steamship BREAKWATER leaves Portland Wednesday at 9 p. m., from Oak street dock, for North Bend, Marshfield and Coos Bay points.

Roanoke and Geo. W. Elder Sail for Eureka, San Francisco and Los Angeles direct every Thursday at 8 p. m. Ticket office 123 Third, near Alder.

C. Gee Wo The Well-Known Reliable CHINESE DOCTOR Has made a life study of roots and herbs and in that study discovered and is giving to the world his wonderful remedy.

A SURE CANCER CURE Just Received From Feking, China—Safe, Sure and Reliable. IF YOU ARE AFFLICTED, DON'T DELAY. DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS.

Merchants Savings & Trust Company CAPITAL \$150,000.00 Acts as Trustee in all legitimate relations requiring such service, as to real and personal estates and in bond issues.

CALIFORNIA \$55 AND RETURN Including Side Trips to Santa Cruz, Del Monte, Monterey and Pacific Grove. ONE MONTH FOR GOING TRIP SIX MONTHS FOR RETURN TRIP STOPOVERS AT PLEASURE WITHIN LIMITS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S Sunshine, floral festivals, endless drives through orange orchards laden with golden fruit; splendid beaches, surf bathing, thriving cities, palatial hotels and resorts, and many other attractions, combine to make it the most attractive place in America at this season of the year.

HIGHER QUOTATIONS IN LIVERPOOL WHEAT

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET. Open. Close. Jan. 22. Loss. May 102 1/2 102 1/2 1/2 July 98 1/2 98 1/2 1/2

WHEAT. Open. High. Low. Close. May 102 1/2 102 1/2 102 1/2 July 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2

CORN. Open. High. Low. Close. May 61 1/2 61 1/2 60 1/2 July 59 1/2 59 1/2 59 1/2

OATS. Open. High. Low. Close. May 52 52 51 1/2 July 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2

MESS PORK. Bid. Ask. Jan. 1292 1310 1292 1302

LAURA IS LOOKING FOR SAMUEL LUNS A warrant has been issued in Justice Reid's court for the arrest of Samuel Luns, accused of threatening to kill Laura B. Brindley.

BUENOS AYRES VOTERS RIOT AT THE POLLS (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Buenos Ayres, Jan. 23.—In the municipal elections of this city rioting caused the death of one man and several wounded.

PHONE LINE TO REACH NORTH TO SEATTLE S. V. Davidor, H. J. Meagher, D. J. Eaton and B. C. Clements have filed articles of incorporation of the Washington Home Telephone and Telegraph company, giving as its plan the building of telephone and telegraph lines in Oregon and other states.

PRICE OF PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO (United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Wheat—No. 1 California club, per cental, \$1.65; 1.70; white milling club, \$1.70; 1.72 1/2; white Australian, \$1.75; 1.80; northern bluestem, \$1.75; 1.77 1/2; northern club, \$1.75; 1.77; inferior grades of wheat, \$1.50; 1.60.

PORTLAND. Clearings today \$750,994.61 Year ago 1,117,580.70 Balances today 89,082.14 Year ago 295,646.50

SEATTLE. Clearings today \$1,188,030.00 Balances today 215,614.00

TACOMA. Clearings today \$42,224.00 Balances today 24,582.00