TODAY'S MARKETS

Hop Dealers Are Making Ruinous Competition in Order to Do Business and Growers Are Getting the Worst of It.

CHICK SUPPLY GROWS SMALLER

Market Is Higher Because Shipments Have of Late Been Diverted.

Front street features:
Chicken supplies are short.
Tumbling values in eggs.
Vegetables are selling well.
Halibut is down again.
Salmon run is curtailed.
Local flour trade is good.
Wheat market is dull.
Dealers wreck hop market.
Coast sugar market is weak.

Chicken Supplies Are Short.

There is quite a scarcity of chicken supplies in the Front street market at this time. Reason for the shortage is given by the shippers on account of the bearish tactics of some of the larger buyers, who determined to put down the value to a materially lower figure as soon as supplies became even moderate. The fact that Portland is not the only outlet for poultry supplies caused the buyers to change their tactics, but this was too late to keep the former movement of stock to market. At the present moment there is a demand for fully twice as much poultry as is now coming here, but prices are already at such a high point that it will be exceedingly hard to get them much higher. Today there was an advance of about ½c a pound in the better grades, which put the fancy grades of hens to 14c and sometimes a fraction better. At the moment there is a fair amount of business available for fancy dressed turkeys, but poor quality finds a very dull market, even at materially cut quotations. There is practically no business in geese at this time and ducks find but a steady call around former figures.

Down Go the Eggs.

It goes without saying that the egg market is lower today, for the course of the market has been tending in that direction for some time and it will take a complete tieup of arrivals in order to check the downfall of values. Eggs were sold along Front street today in large lots as low as 17½c a dozen and general quotations ranged around 18c. Once in a while a single case was moved a fraction higher than this. Just at present there is quite a fair demand for eggs from the northern cities, but the prices offered are scarcely any higher than ruling here. It takes a full ½c to fill orders from the north because of the extra care that must be taken in candling and in packing the cases for their journey. Unless the eggs are candled up to the notch and properly packed the shipments do not pay, as the northerners take off for every egg not up to the standard. In this wise they are much more strict than Portland dealers.

Local Flour Trade Is Good.

While there is an increasing demand for local grades of flour because of the recent sharp decline in values, there is nothing doing in an export way and most of the mills of the northwest are closed. Only a few small country mills are still being operated and these only at short intervals.

Local wheat market is stagnant, with no foreign business reported of late.

Millstuffs are still very firm, with the product scarce.

Hay offerings are increasing and some buyers are talking of pulling quotations down $1 a ton all around.

Salmon Run Is Curtailed.

A smaller run of salmon is reported in the Columbia river and practically no fish are being caught in the Willamette at this time. However, there are very liberal supplies in the wholesale houses and the market is just about holding its own, because of the high price still in effect.

Because of the larger supplies from the north another cent a pound was cut off the price of halibut this morning. Present figures range between 5c and 6c, according to quality.

No improvement is shown in the run of smelt and the market is firm at unchanged figures.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Another car of oranges was unloaded this morning. Supplies are very liberal, with some low prices in effect on off grades. Best goods selling freely at $2.25 and $2.50.

A car of cauliflower was unloaded this morning. The market is firmer at advanced figures.

Market for sugar on the Pacific coast is weaker, because of the very large supplies. Eastern markets have recently been unable to hold their own.

Dressed meats are still very firm, with receipts fully as light as a week ago. Prices unchanged.

Front street sells at the following prices. Prices paid shippers are less regular commissions:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

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

WHEAT — Track prices—Club, 80c, red Russian, 78c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 80c.

CORN—Whole, $32; cracked, $33 ton.

BARLEY—New—Feed, $26 per ton; rolled $29@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, $4.80; straights, $4.35; exports, $3.70; valley, $4.45; graham, ½s, $4.50; whole wheat, $4.75; rye, 5os, $5.50; bales, $3.

MILL STUFFS—Nominal—Bran, $25@26 ton; middlings, $30@31; shorts, country, $27; city, $26; chop, $21@24.

HAY—Producers' price — Timothy, Willamette valley fancy $16; ordinary, $12.50@13; eastern Oregon, $16@17; mixed, $10@10.50; clover, $10@12; grain, (—); cheat, (—); alfalfa, $12@12.50.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—F. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 36c; sour, 34c.

BUTTER—Extra fancy fresh creamery, 37½c; fancy, 35@37½c; choice, 35c; ordinary, 32½c; best storage, 27½@30c; second grade, 25c; store, 20c a pound.

EGGS—Extra fancy, candled, 18@19c; eastern storage, 15c dozen.

CHEESE— New — Full cream, flats, 15½c per lb; Young Americans, 17c per lb.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 13@13½c per lb; fancy hens, 14c lb; roosters, old, 10@11c; fryers, $4.50@6 doz; broilers, $4@5.00 doz; geese, old, 9@10c per lb; turkeys, alive, 14@16c per lb, dressed, 15@18c lb; squabs, $2.50 dozen; pigeons, $1.25 doz.; dressed poultry, 1@1½c per lb higher; wild geese, (—) doz.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS — 1907 crop, first prime, 5½c; prime, 5½c; medium to prime, 5@5½c; medium, 4@5c lb; 1906 crop, 1@2c lb; contracts, 1908, (—).

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 — Select, 60@65c, selling; buying, Willamette valley, 40@45c; eastern Multnomah and Clackamas, 45@50c per cwt; sweets, 3½@4c.

ONIONS—Jobbing price, $2.50@3.00; buying, spot $2.00@2.25; garlic, 7c lb.

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

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new, $2.00@$2.50; bananas, 5c per lb; lemons, $2.50@3.75 box; grapefruit, $3.50; pineapples, $4 per dozen; pears, fancy, $1.50@1.75; ordinary, $1 a box, tangerines, $1.75 a box; Jap oranges, 40@45c a box; persimmons, $1.75.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new, 50@60c, sack; carrots, 50c per sack; beets, 65@75c per sack; parsnips, 85c@$1; cabbage, $1@1.25; tomatoes, Mexican, $3.25@3.50; Florida, $5.25; beans, 10c; cauliflower, California, $1.10@1.20 doz., local, 75c@$1; peas, 14c, horseradish, 8c lb; artichokes, 15c@$1.00 dozen; green onions, 15c dozen; peppers, 25c; hothouse lettuce, 75c@$1.25 box; head lettuce, 95c dozen; cucumbers, hothouse, $1.25 dozen; radishes, 25c dozen bunches; eggplant, 20c lb; celery, $4.00@4.50 crate, cranberries, eastern, $9.00@10.50; sprouts, 8c@8½c per lb; asparagus, (—); spinach, $1.00@1.25 box; green onions, 40c dozen bunches.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—California and Hawaiian—Cube, $6; powdered, $5.85; berry, $5.65; dry granulated, $5.65; XXX granulated, $5.40; conf. A., $5.65; extra B., $5.15; golden G., $5.05; D. yellow, $4.95; beet granulated, $5.45; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

HONEY—$3.60 per crate.

COFFEE—Package brands, $15.85@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, 7c per lb; Virginia, 6¾c per lb; roasted, 9c per lb; Japanese, 6¼@6½c; roasted, 8½c 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.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street—Hogs, fancy, 7½c lb; ordinary, 7c; large, 6½@7c lb; veal, extra, 9½@10c; per lb; ordinary, 9c per lb; heavy, 7@8c per lb; mutton, fancy, 11c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 12 lbs., 12½c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs., 12c per lb; 18 to 20 lbs., 12c; breakfast bacon, 15½@22½c per lb; picnics, 9c per lb; cottage roll, 10c per lb; regular short clears, smoked, 11c per lb; unsmoked, 10c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 10c; smoked, 11c; Union butts, 10 to 13c lb; unsmoked, 12c per lb; smoked, 13c per lb; clear bellies, unsmoked, 12½c per lb; smoked, 13½c per lb; shoulders, 10c; per lb; pickled tongues, 70c 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 lb; halibut, 5@6c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, chinoon, 12c lb; steelhead, 11c per lb; 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, 6@7c per lb; Columbia smelt, 7c; 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 Oils—

	Iron Bbls.	Cases.	Wood Bbls.
Water White	11 c	....	15 c
Pearl Oil	....	18½c	....
Head Light	12½c	19½c	16½c
Eocene	....	21½c	....
Special W. W.	14½c	....	18½c
Elaine	....	28 c	....
Extra Star	....	21½c	....

Gasoline—

	Iron Bbls.	Cases.
V. M. and P. Naptha	12½c	19½c
Red Crown Gasoline	18½c	25½c
Motor Gasoline	18½c	25½c
86 per cent Gasoline	30 c	37½c
No. 1 Engine Distillate	10 c	17 c

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 25c per gal; iron bbls 23c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 72c per gal; wood bbls, 69½c per gal.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls 52c, cases 58c; boiled, bbls 54c, cases 60c a gal; lots of 250 gallons 1c less.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis at $3 10.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$1,066,681.94
do year ago	1,048,116.38
Balances today	109,086.25
do year ago	107,556.32

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$937,697.00
Balances	71,087.00

TACOMA.

Clearings	634,324.00
Balances	27,028.00

Chicago Dairy Market.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Butter, steady; creameries, 31@32c; eggs, steady; prime firsts, 21c; cheese, strong, 11¾@14c.

FARMERS EXPECT AN ADVANCE FOR WHEAT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hooper, Wash., Feb. 27.—Peter McGreagor, the sheep king of Hooper and the southern part of Whitman county and an extensive wheat grower, said: "We still have on hand many thousands of bushels of wheat harvested last fall which we are holding for 80 cents a bushel, and as we believe that wheat will be higher in price as soon as the wheat embargo is lifted at tide water, it will pay us to hold on a while. Winter wheat is looking splendid and an increased acreage will be sown this spring over last year."

BEE BUSINESS IS VERY NICE TO BE IN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 27.—That the bee business promises to be one of the leading industries of the alfalfa belt in the west end of Umatilla county is shown by the activity in this line this spring. T. J. Barrington of California has just leased a tract of alfalfa land on Butter creek near Hermiston where he will start a bee farm, and F. G. Hurt has just purchased 50 swarms and will take up a homestead under the Umatilla irrigation project and will engage in the bee raising there. R. E. Thom of Butter creek, who has 250 swarms of bees, sold five tons of honey during the past year.

WHEAT ADVANCE NOT EXPECTED

Market Changes So Suddenly and So Sharply That the Bears Are Worsted.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Feb. 26.	Gain.
May	95	98⅝	95½	2⅞
July	90	93	90¼	2¾

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Chicago wheat bulls took the market by the horns today and forced the price 4⅝c above the opening with a net gain at the closing of nearly 3c above the final of yesterday. The session of today was the most exciting of the present season, accomplishing, as it did, the almost impossible task of converting a weak and lower foreign market into a sensational and advancing American trade.

Today's opening here did not at all forecast the events which quickly followed as the bears undertook to save themselves and some of their paper profits. May lost a full ½c at the first jump, opening at 95c. July went to 90c as compared with 90¼c at the close yesterday. With the exception of a fractional decline in the latter option, the low mark was made at the start, but the market did not get under headway until fully half the session had passed.

The change in sentiment was sudden and rapid and it took the breath of the bears away, so quickly did the market change from weakness to strength. Nothing of the kind was or could be expected with Liverpool showing an opening loss of ⅛d. Today's close here was strong but somewhat under the opening owing to profit-taking.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	95	98⅝	95	98⅝
July	90	93⅝	89⅞	93

CORN.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	60⅞	62	60⅞	61⅞
July	59	59⅞	59	59⅞

OATS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	51⅛	51⅝	51⅛	51⅝
July	43⅛	43⅝	43	43⅝

MESS PORK.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	1137	1160	1137	1155
July	1177	1197	1177	1192

SMALL TRADING IN STOCK MARKET SHARES

New York, Feb. 27.—While showing a fair degree of strength the stock market was duller this morning than ever, only 83,600 shares being sold up to 11 o'clock and 127,900 shares up to noon. The sales up to 2 p. m. were 230,200 shares. While the general market held well, there was some pressure in Gould shares caused by the appointment of a receiver for the International & Great Northern. This likewise had some effect upon southern roads.

Range by Downing-Hopkins company.

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper	50	51⅛	49⅝	51
Sugar	113	113½	113	113
Colo. Fuel & I.	16¼	....	....	16¼
Brooklyn	40	40¼	40	40¼
People's Gas	....	....	....	85
U. S. Steel, c.	28½	29	28¼	28¾
do preferred	91⅞	92⅛	91⅞	92
Atchison	68	68½	68	68¼
Balt. & Ohio	78¾	79⅛	78¾	79
Canadian Pc.	....	....	....	143
Erie	13⅛	13⅛	13	13⅛
Louis. & Nash.	....	....	....	90
Mo. Pacific	30	31¼	30	30½
Pennsylvania	112⅛	112⅝	112	112¼
Reading	95¼	96⅛	94⅞	95¼
Rock Island	....	....	....	11½
S. Pacific	68½	68⅝	68¼	68½
St. Paul	108¾	109⅛	108¾	109
U. Pacific	114¼	114⅝	113¼	113⅞
Am. Smelter	59¼	60	59¼	59⅝
N. Y. Central	94½	94¼	93⅞	94⅛
N. Pacific	121¼	121⅞	121	121½
Anaconda	32⅝	33⅜	32⅛	33¼
Smelter, pfd.	89¼	89⅛	89	89⅛
G. Northern	118½	....	....	118
Norfolk	59⅝	....	....	59⅞
S. Railway	10	10	9⅞	9⅞
Soo, c.	....	....	....	95¼
R. I. pfd.	....	....	....	21½
Wabash, c.	14½	14½	14	14

Total sales—288,200 shares.

Call money—High, 2 per cent; low, 1¾ per cent; close, 2 per cent.

PRICE OF NEVADA SHARES IN FRISCO

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Last night's closing prices:

GOLDFIELD DISTRICT.

Sandstorm 28c, Red Top Ext. 13c, Columbia Mt. 20c, Jumbo Ext. 40c, Silver Pick 26c, Black Butte Ext. 3c, Atlanta 28c, Great Bend 35c, Florence $3.05, Diam. B. B. Cons. 18c, Comb. Fraction 66c, F. Mohawk 25c, Red Hill 28c, Lou Dillon 4c, Yellow Tiger 15c, Yellow Rose 3c, Goldf. Cons. $4.62.

BULLFROG DISTRICT.

Lige Harris 1c.

TONOPAH DISTRICT.

Ton. Nevada $4.25, Ton. Montana $1.87, MacNamara 33c, Ton. Belmont $1.25, Ton. North Star 13c, Jim Butler 37c.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.

Granny 8c, Jumping Jack 5c.

SCATTERED DISTRICTS.

Nevada Hills $3.05, Pittsburg Silver Peak $1.20, Eagles' Nest 21c.

COPPER SHARES IN THE BOSTON MARKET

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Boston, Feb. 27.—There was a sharp advance in copper shares today. Official prices:

Adventure	1⅝	Giroux	3½B
Allouez	27¾	Old Dom.	37
Atlanta	11⅛	Osceola	78¼
Bingham	1⅝	Quincy	80 B
Cal. & Hecla	617	Shannon	10⅝
Cop. Range	16¼	Tamarack	65¼
Daly West	8⅝	Utah	38
Dom. Cop.	2¼	Victoria	4
C. Ely	7¾	Wolverine	121¼
Gold Hill	⅝	Butte Coala.	21¼
Greene	8¼	Nippissing	6¼
Michigan	8⅝	United	5⅞
Mohawk	49¾	Trinity	14¼
N. Butte	50¼	Parrot	16¾A
Nev. Cons.	9½		

Northwest Crop Weather.

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

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and northern Idaho—Rain or snow tonight or Friday.

Southern Idaho—Rain or snow tonight or Friday; colder.

ZENITH REACHED FOR CATTLE?

Shippers Wonder Whether Market Has Touched the Top for Season.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

	Hogs.	Cattle	Sheep.
Today	..	128	...
1907	100	250	...
1906	214	224	124
1905	198	...	538

Portland Union Stockyards, Feb. 27.—Has the cattle market already reached its zenith and is about to show price losses? This is the question cattlemen are today asking themselves. The late light arrivals in this market have caused a wonderful degree of strength to rule locally, but try as they might, by curtailing shipments the herd owners could not force the price above the present level. Killers stay away from the market when a higher price is asked because they say beyond present figures they cannot possibly do a profitable business. The low price of meats compared with the price of stock on the hoof is the all absorbing topic among packers, and they do not hesitate to say that as long as present conditions prevail they can see not the slightest likelihood of any cattle advance.

Markets Turn at This Time.

Delving into history of former years' markets for this period, it will be noted that the price of cattle had reached the top of the season ere this, and by this time the tone was beginning to soften and was about to drop.

Receipts were light throughout the livestock market today, 128 head of cattle forming the totals. Not a single head of hogs or sheep appeared. There was a firm tone in both lines, with prices maintained as previously.

A year ago today sheep were stronger, but a slight showing of weakness was noted in cattle. Hogs were unchanged.

Official yard values today:

Hogs—Best stuff, $5.25@5.35; stockers and china fats, $4.50@5.00.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $4.35@4.50; cows and heifers, $3.50@3.75; bulls, $2.00@2.50.

Sheep — Best wethers, $5.75@6.00; lambs, $6.00@6.25; ewes, $5.00@5.50.

PRICE OF SHEEP STRONG.

Tone of Eastern Market Is Good—Cattle and Hogs Steady.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Hogs, 33,000; cattle, 6,800; sheep, 13,000. Hogs are steady at yesterday's close. Left over from yesterday, 6,000. Mixed, $4.15@4.47; heavy, $4.25@4.47; rough and heavy, $4.15@4.20; light, $4.15@4.40.

Cattle—Steady.

Sheep—Strong.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 27.—Hogs, 11,000; cattle, 5,000; sheep, 6,000.

Omaha, Feb. 27.—12,600; cattle, 4,300; sheep, 7,500.

WALLA WALLA FRUIT MEN WAR ON VERMIN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 27.—Headed by Professor Trimble of the Washington Agricultural college and County Fruit Inspector Charles Whitney, a small army of men will begin to invade orchards of the Walla Walla valley next week in the annual war against the codlin moth and woolly aphis. At the request of the Commercial club the county commissioners will appoint a number of deputy fruit inspectors to assist in the work and the spraying this year will be more thorough than ever before.

The excellent results obtained by Professor Trimble and Professor Melander in the Walla Walla valley last year have had the effect of forcibly demonstrating to fruitgrowers the urgent necessity of spraying their orchards, and with few exceptions every orchardist in the valley will willingly obey the spraying laws. In one orchard east of the city last year the Agricultural college experts saved 95 per cent of the fruit. This particular orchard was fairly alive with codlin moth and without spraying would have netted barely 70 per cent good fruit. This demonstration was witnessed by may orchardists of the valley and the lesson is now bearing fruit. Professor Trimble has engaged a big 30-horsepower engine to drive the spray pumps, which will be operated under his supervision. Fruit prospects in the Walla Walla valley are excellent and with no adverse weather conditions the next four weeks the crop will be practically assured in this valley and the Milton-Freewater districts.

PRICE OF PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Wheat No. 1 California club, per cental, $1.57½@1.60; white milling club, $1.65@1.67½; white Australian, $1.70@1.72½; northern bluestem, $1.65@1.67½; northern club, $1.60; inferior grades wheat, $1.35@1.50.

Barley—No. 1 feed, $1.35@1.37½, with some fancy at $1.38¾; common to fair, $1.30@1.32½; brewing at San Francisco, $1.40@1.45; brewing and shipping at Port Costa, $1.40@1.45; chevalier, $1.65@1.85, according to quality.

Butter—Fresh California extras, 28½c; firsts, 27c; seconds, 23c; storage California extras, 25c; firsts, 23c; seconds, 22c; eastern extras, 24½c; firsts, 22c; seconds, 21c; ladles, eastern, 20c; firsts, 19c.

Eggs, per dozen—Extras, 17¼c; firsts, 17c; seconds, 16½c; thirds, 16c.

New cheese, per pound—California flats, fancy, 11½c; firsts, 11c; California Young America, fancy, 12½c; firsts, 12c; storage, eastern fancy, New York, 17½c; Oregon, 13½c.

Potatoes, per cental—Salinas burbanks, 75c@$1.00; Lompocs, $1.00@$1.25; Oregon burbanks, 75c@$1.00; river whites, fancy, 50@75c; early rose, $1.10@1.30; river reds, $1.35@1.40; sweet potatoes, $2.75 per crate.

Onions—Oregon yellows, $2.50@$3; reds, nominal; eastern yellows, $2.50@2.65.

Pears—Winter Nellies, $2.25.

Oranges, per box—Navels, choice, $1.25@1.75, with some fancy at $2.00; tangerines, $1.25; mandarins, $1.25.

Durst Man Buys Hops.

Woodburn, Or., Feb. 27.—H. L. Bents has purchased the following lots of 1907 hops during the past week at prices ranging from 4c to 5½c.

August Riechel, Woodburn, 65 bales; J. Fershweiler, Gervais, 27 bales; John McCormick, Woodburn, 114 bales; Charles McCormick, Woodburn 112 bales; J. L. McKinney, Hubbard, 55 bales; Ed Miller, Aurora, 19 bales; Sam Miller, Aurora, 61 bales; Ah Chop, Hubbard, 36 bales; W. N. Elliott, Hubbard, 36 bales; S. J. Peole, Salem, 230 bales; Crisell Bros., Aurora, 350 bales; Hart & Hubbard, Salem, 205 bales.

FORGER BREAKS OUT OF PRISON

Cuts Through Wall of San Francisco Jail and Makes His Escape.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—J. W. Wellington, alias Elmer Harrison, under eight charges of forgery and other felonies this morning cut his way out of a cell in the interior of the city prison, worked his way to a cellar opening at the front of the prison and escaped. In the open cell that Wellington left were five other prisoners charged with serious crimes, but while these aided the escaped man in cutting his way to liberty, none took advantage of the opportunity to get free.

Detectives are scouring the city for Wellington, while at Point Richmond city detectives are looking for his wife, who is believed to have aided in his escape.

At the time of the break Police Sergeant Anderson was in charge of the prison, while Peter Fanning, formerly guard for Mayor Schmitz in the Ruef days, was the inside floorman. Early in the evening the occupants of Wellington's cell, which is No. 3 in the felony row and abuts the corridor that led to the Central station, were admonished by Fanning to make less noise.

Used Hacksaw.

During this time Wellington, with a keen-edged hacksaw, believed to have been given him by his wife, was working on the top bar of his cell. The steel was an inch thick and without interruption could have been sawed through in 20 minutes.

In the cell during the hour or more that Wellington was sawing were Dave Robinson, charged with burglary, Peclwrecz Sigmund, grand larceny, Charles Martinelli, felony embezzlement, and two prisoners charged with misdemeanor. These men acted as lookouts for Wellington and provided the requisite noise to drown the screech of the saw.

After severing the top bar Wellington drew himself up through and crouched on the roof of his cell, which is 12 feet below the ceiling of the city prison. Had he stood upright he could have been seen by Fanning from the floorman's position in the prison. Wellington invited the others to join him, but they refused. Had they taken advantage of the opportunity it would have been the greatest jail delivery in the history of the city.

Played in Good Luck.

Wellington walked over the top of two cells and jumped into what was formerly the corridor leading from the outside entrance of the prison to the central station.

This he found to have been walled up and made his way back to the top of the cells again.

Unfortunately, one of the jailers had left the door of the cell which was empty, open.

Wellington entered the empty cell and found a hole cut through the flooring which had been made by the heater men preparatory to installing radiators. He dropped through this aperture into the basement of the city prison. There he secured an iron bar used as a furnace poker, pried open the lock on the outside wooden door where coal was delivered, opened the door and escaped into the night.

ESTABLISH FIFTEEN WEATHER BUREAUS

Professor Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, has authorized the establishment in this state of 10 or 15 stations where the rainfall's effect upon the drainage of the river throughout the summer might be ascertained.

The object is to furnish reliable data for those seeking information for the benefit of irrigation projects, of which there are now a great many within the state's boundaries.

District Forecaster E. A. Beals of the local weather bureau, who will have charge of the establishment of the stations, states that they will be located as near the upper stretches of the various rivers as possible. The appointees will draw no pay and Mr. Beals is therefore anxious to secure the names of men who will be interested enough in the work to make occasional reports for the good they might derive therefrom indirectly.

Any one wishing to undertake the work is invited to address Mr. Beals of the local weather bureau.

SPOKANE MINING MARKET.

Better Business but Lower Range of Values Is Shown During Trade.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 27.—Although there was much more business today in mining shares prices are generally lower.

Prices by Downing-Hopkins Co., members Spokane mining exchange:

	Bid.	Ask.
Ajax	10	17
Alameda	3	4½
Alhambra	3	8
Alberta Coal & Coke	20	33
Bell	5¾	11
Bullion	5⅞	6¾
Chas. Dickens	16¼	17¼
Canadian Cons. Smelters	60	75
Copper King	3⅝	4
Dominion Copper	150	250
Evolution	3	4½
Echo	1	2½
Galbraith Coal	18	27
Gertie	4	5¼
Hecla	200	350
Happy Day	3½	4
Holden G. & C.	4	6
Humming Bird	4	7
Hypotheek	1½	2
Idaho Giant	4½	5⅝
Intl. Coal & Coke	77	90
Kendall	90	100
Lucky Calumet	10⅛	20⅛
Missoula Copper	5¾	6⅞
Mineral Farm	¾	2
Moonlight	2	4
Nabob	3½	3⅝
Nine Mile	...	2
O. K. Cons.	...	3
Oom Paul	6	7
Panhandle Smelt	2½	2¾
Park Copper	1¼	2¼
Rambler Cariboo	25½	27½
Reindeer	1⅝	2¾
Rex (16 to 1)	18¾	20
Sonora	5⅝	5½
Snowshoe	9¾	10½
Snowstorm	150	153
Sullivan	3½	3⅝
Sullivan bonds	50	67½
Stewart	75	100
Tamarack & Ches.	40	125
Wonder	1½	2

Today's Sales.

1,000 Panhandle at 2⅝c, 1,000 Panhandle at 2⅝c, 5,000 Sonora at 5c, 2,000 Sonora at 4½c, 1,000 Sonora at 5⅝c, 1,000 Sonora at 5½c, 1,000 Snowshoe at 9⅞c, 200 Snowstorm at $1.54, 300 Snowstorm at $1.52, 500 Snowstorm at $1.53, 1,000 Sullivan at 3½c, 1,000 Sullivan at 3½c, 1,000 Sullivan at 3½c, 1,000 Nabob at 3½c.

New York Dairy Market.

New York, Feb. 27. — Butter, easy; best creameries, 30c; cheese, steady, 16c; eggs, steady, 21½c.

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 27.—Wheat—Export, club, 81c; bluestem, 83c; red 79c.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Feb. 27.—May wheat opened at 7s, and closed at 7s ¼d, a net loss of ⅝d from yesterday.

Chicago Cash Barley.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Cash barley, 75@90c.

TO STUDY LAW OF NEW ZEALAND

California Governor Also Sends Agent Abroad to Solve Labor Question.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 27.—Labor conditions in Europe and Asia countries and the workings of the compulsory arbitration law in New Zealand in particular will be thoroughly investigated by H. Weinstock of Sacramento, under a special commission from Governor Gillett.

The purpose of the investigation is to learn the features of the New Zealand laws that may be available for shaping state and national legislation in this country.

Weinstock is now on his way to New Zealand, Cuba, New York, Europe and India.

CANNOT WAKE SLEEPING WOMAN

Mrs. Hawkins Lies in Trance 21 Days but Her Mind Remains Active.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Feb. 27.—For 21 days Mrs. Beulah W. Hawkins, a cataleptic, has now lain in a death-like trance at the county hospital. All efforts of the doctors to restore her to consciousness have failed. She is fed by means of a small tube passed down her throat and the hospital report shows she has not lost a pound of flesh during her long sleep.

Every move made by the surgeons is known to the sleeping woman; she is aware of what is going on about her, but cannot move a muscle nor speak. In the hope that extreme fright might cause her to awake one of the surgeons today laid out instruments as though about to perform some horrible operation upon her. Even this drastic measure failed and the doctors have given up hope of artificially breaking the death-like stupor.

VARSITY SENIORS KNOW NO FEAR

Amateur Thespians at Eugene Will Produce "The Rivals" Tonight.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 27.—All preparations have been completed for the senior play tonight and a packed house is expected.

In playing Sheridan's "The Rivals," the class of 1908 has undertaken far more than any of its predecessors, who confined their efforts to classical plays. Under Professor Glen's drilling, however, they are doing splendidly.

Complete scenery and costumes have been secured and every effort made to make the play a complete success. Following is the cast:

Sir Anthony Absolute....Webster Kincaid
Captain Jack Absolute....Lloyd Mott
Faulkland....Paul Bond
Bob Acres....Floyd Ramp
Sir Lucius O'Trigger....Benjamin Hunting
Fag....William Neal
David....William Dill
Thomas....Oscar Furset
Mrs. Malaprop....Miriam Van Waters
Lydia Languish....Louise Bryant
Julia....Belle Van Duyn
Lucy....Helene Robinson

Dell Thomas was to have taken the part of Thomas but last night was taken sick with the mumps and was forced to give up his place. It will be taken by Oscar Fuerst, a student from South Dakota.

FAKE SOLICITOR NOT FROM JOURNAL

Under the guise of being a Journal advertising solicitor an unknown man has been taking desk blotter advertisements from east side merchants. He is not authorized to act for The Journal and advertisers are warned that he has nothing to do with this paper. Efforts are being made today to locate and identify him.

REALTY HOLDS TO HIGH AVERAGE

Daily Record During Week Has Been in Excess of Fifty Thousand.

Realty transfers filed for record so far this week have averaged a little over $50,000 a day. The record of yesterday's transfers, shows 75 deeds filed, with a total consideration of $40,765. out of the 75 deeds filed there were 18 recording sales of property in the residence district, involving considerations of from $1,000 to $3,000; while there were 31 instruments in which the consideration was nominal.

The fractional lot at the suotheast corner of Front and Meade streets, occupied by a dwelling has been purchased by Max H. Berg from J. P. Coffey for $3,200.

A. J. Davis has recently purchased an unimproved quarterblock at the southeast corner of East Sixteenth and Taggart streets. The property formerly belonged to George Mazzie and was sold for $2,700.

F. E. Ferris has sold L. M. Hickok a house and lot in Smith's addition, Portland Heights, consideration $2,700.

Edward Delcke has purchased a house and lot on Ivy street, between Williams and Vancouver avenues for $2,500.

Elmer E. Thomas has purchased a new residence in Vernon. The property belonged to Joseph T. Ennis and was sold for $2,350.

O. W. Taylor has closed a deal with W. R. Riley for three unimproved lots in North Irvington. The holding is on East Twelfth street, between Prescott and Skidmore. The consideration was $2,000.

J. E. Dugan has sold to U. N. Carter three vacant lots on Williams avenue, between Failing and Beech streets, consideration $2,000.

KING TO OUST LAWYER JEROME

Charges That District Attorney Has Failed to Keep His Promises.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The removal from office of District Attorney Jerome is asked by William F. King, chairman of the commission of minority stockholders in the Metropolitan Street Railway company, in a brief of 48 pages which he filed with Governor Hughes today.

The request for the district attorney's removal is based on his alleged failure to prosecute the traction cases, according to the promise he made before his election.

ROY WILL NOT STAND TRIAL

Slayer of Carkins Says Victim Was Not Wife's First Husband.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, Feb. 27.—Paul Roy, for whose arrest on a charge of murdering Charles Carkins, brother of his wife, a warrant has been received here from New York, today denied a story from London that the man he killed was his wife's first husband.

Roy says he will refuse to go back to America to stand trial, but will take advantage of the French law which does not permit the extradition of French citizens accused of committing crime in other countries.

CAMERON AFTER MANNING'S JOB

George J. Cameron, present municipal judge, has come out openly in the race for the Republican nomination for district attorney. Judge Cameron announced his candidacy this afternoon. He promises faithful and consistent discharge of the duties of the office in the event of his election.

Judge Cameron is now serving his second consecutive term as judge of the municipal court.

Waldemar Seton, who has also announced his candidacy, denies that he has formed a combination with Cameron, and says if he cannot secure the office he does not want a deputyship, and would not accept it.

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