TODAY'S MARKETS

Fruit Growers of the Palouse Country Fully Protected Against Frost by Newly Distilled Crude Oil — Smudge Plan.

BUTTER MARKET IMPROVES SOME

Shipments Today Increased Materially and Demand Remains Good.

With the commission men:
Butter free, but demand good.
Dressed veal continues weak.
Eggs arrive in quantities.
Onion market good.
More asparagus arriving.
Rhubarb short.

While the egg market has not been overly liberal during the week, most of the Front street merchants received large shipments today. The demand is steady and able to take care of all additional arrivals this evening or tomorrow. There is no fear in the district that there will be any eggs left on hand at the close of the week's business tomorrow. The California market continues stiff at this time, and it does not seem likely that there will be a change within the next four or five days. The Oregon product is much sought after, and there is practically no sale for foreign eggs. A great many eggs have been sold this week.

Onion Market Stiff.

Merchants predict a rise in onion prices at an early date. Today the tendency is steady at previous prices, but outside influences will force a rise, which is expected to affect this market perhaps next week.

Veal is plentiful and growing weaker. Good stock is offered, but the demand today was slack. The veal market is expected to pick up tomorrow, but a steady tendency is not expected at once.

A decline is imminent in asparagus. Great quantities of classy vegetables are on the market at all prices. Tomatoes are weakening, but rhubarb is shorter than for many days past. Rhubarb will probably improve.

A number of oranges arrived from the south today. The two crates of strawberries that arrived yesterday were snapped up at $6.75 a crate, or 45 cents a pound wholesale.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

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

WHEAT — Track prices—Club, $1@81c; red Russian, 80@81c; bluestem, 83@84c; valley, 87@82c.

COPN—Whole, $33; cracked, $33 ton.

BARLEY—New—Feed, $26 per ton; rolled $29@31; brewing, $28.

RYE—$1.55 per cwt.

OATS—New—Producers' price—No. 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, 60s, $5.50; bales, $3.

MILL STUFFS—Nominal—Bran, $26@27 ton; middlings, $30.50@31; shorts, country, $28.50; city, $27; chop, $21@24.

HAY—Producers' price — Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy $15; 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, 28½c; sour 26½c.

BUTTER—Extra fancy fresh creamery, 30c; fancy 27½@30c; choice, 27½c; store, 20c a pound.

EGGS—Extra fancy, candled, 15@16c.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, 15½c per lb.; Young Americas, 17c per lb.; California, Young Americas, 16c; flats, 14@14½c lb.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 14c lb; fancy hens, 14½c lb; roosters, old, 12c; fryers, $4.50@6.00 dozen; broilers, $4.00@5.00; geese, old, 8@9c lb; turkeys, alive, 14@16c per lb; dressed, 18@20c lb; squabs, $2.50 dozen; pigeons, $1.25 dozen; dressed poultry, 1@1½c per lb higher.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1907 crop, first prime, 4½@5c; prime, 4½c; medium to prime, 4c; medium, 3½@4c lb; 1906 crop, 1@2c lb; contracts, 1908. (—).

WOOL—1908—Willamette Valley, 15@17c.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 25c.

HIDES—Dry hides, 12@13c lb; green, 4@5c; calves, green, 5@7c; kips, 5c lb; bulls, green salt, 2½@3½c lb.

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

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

CHITTIM BARK—2@3½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES — Select, 60@75c, selling; buying, Willamett valley, 40@45c; eastern Multnomah and Clackamas, 45@50c per cwt; sweets, 3½@4c; seed stock f. o. b. Portland, American Wonders, $1; Early Rose, $1.

ONIONS—Jobbing price, $3.25@3.50; buying, spot, $2.75; Japanese, $2.50; garlic, 7c lb.

APPLES—Select, $2.75; fancy, $2.00@2.25; choice, $1.75@2.00; ordinary, $1.25@1.50.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $2.00@2.75; bananas, 6c per lb; crated, 5½c; lemons, $1@1.50 box; grapefruit, $2.50@3.50; pineapples, $4@6 doz; pears, fancy, $1.50@1.75; tangerines, $1.25 a box.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new, 50@60c, sack; carrots, 50c per sack; beets, 65@75c per sack; parsnips, 85c@$1; cabbage, $1.50@1.60; tomatoes, Mexican, $2.00; beans, 15c; cauliflower, California, $1.75@2.00 per crate; peas, 14c; horseradish, 7½@8c lb; artichokes, 75c@$1.00 dozen; green onions, 40c dozen; peppers, bell, 25c; Chile, 15c lb; hothouse lettuce, $1.25@1.50 box; head lettuce, 65c dozen; cucumbers, hothouse, $2 dozen; radishes, 25c doz. bunches; eggplant, 20c lb.; celery, $4.50@4.75 crate; cranberries, eastern, $9@10.50; sprouts, 8½@9c lb; asparagus, 16c lb; spinach, 90c@$1.00 box.

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 C., $5.15; golden C., $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@16.60.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $12.50 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; brasil 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@6c; veal, extra, 8½c per lb; ordinary, 8½@9c per lb; heavy, 6@8c per lb; mutton, fancy, 11c per lb.; spring lambs, 13@15c.

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, 13¾c per lb; 50-lb. tins, 12c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 11½c per lb; 5s, 11¾c per lb; compound, 1es, 8¾c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 12½c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 5@6c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, chinook, 12c lb; steelhead, 11c per lb; frozen, 8c; herrings, 5c lb; soles, 7c lb; shrimps, 10c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 11c per lb; lobsters, 25c per lb.; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb; crawfish, 25c per dozen; sturgeon, 12½c per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelt, 6@7c per lb; Columbia smelt, 3c; black cod, 7½c lb; crabs, $1.00@1.50 dozen; shad, 10c.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100-lb sack, $8.00; 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, 13c; standard, 11½c; sisal, 9¾c; L. B. sisal, 8½c.

Coal Oils—

	Iron Bbls.	Cases.	Wood Bbls.
Water White	11 c	....	15 c
Pearl Oil	15½c	....	....
Head Light	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 Gatholine	16½c	23½c	
Motor Gasoline	16½c	23½c	
86 per cent Gasoline	20 c	27½c	
No. 1 Engine Distillate	10 c	17 c	

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 25c per gal.; iron bbls 22c 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.

FIGURES RELATIVE TO UMATILLA SHEEP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., March 20.—Lambing is now beginning among the herds of Umatilla county. Sheepmen look for an increase of from 95 to 98 per cent this spring, owing to the excellent condition of the ewes and the fine range which is now available. There are over 280,000 head of sheep in Umatilla county, 200,000 head of which are breeding ewes. The lamb crop of 1908 will increase the number of sheep in the county to about 470,000 head. However, during the spring at least 100,000 wethers and dry ewes will be sold, leaving about 250,000 for the county next winter.

Shearing through Umatilla and Morrow counties will begin in a few days and the clip is going to average extremely high. Some of the flockmasters expect the county will average 10 pounds per head, but the more conservative estimate is at about 9½ pounds, an increase of about half a pound per head over last year. About half of the sheep of the county will be sheared by hand and half by machines this year. The price for shearing will be 7 cents per head. Over 100 shearers will be employed and the total cost of shearing Umatilla county's herds will be about $20,000.

FRUIT PROSPECTS GOOD IN PALOUSE

An Automatic Arrangement Prevents Destruction of Fruit Crop by Frost.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Kennewick, Wash., March 20.—Prospects for a large fruit crop were never better in this valley than they are at this time. Warm spring weather has prevailed since January 1, with the exception of one week of cold weather. The ground has not been frozen at any time during the entire winter. Fruit trees are in the bud, a few of them having blossomed.

Probabilities of killing frosts are practically over, and the fruit growers are wearing smiles. With many orchardists there is no fear of frost, for they are protected against such a calamity. A reservoir has been recently built in this city, and filled with 10,000 gallons of crude oil for smudge purposes.

By means of a thermometer placed in the orchard an alarm bell is set off in the bed chambers on the approach of frost, cans of crude oil are kept at convenient places throughout the orchard and the rancher starts them burning when the alarm is sounded.

By this means the temperature in the orchard is raised several degrees and no damage results from the frost. This system is becoming prevalent throughout the valley and danger from damaging frosts has been reduced by it materially.

EGGS GO UP AGAIN IN FRISCO MARKET

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, March 20.—Wheat—No. 1 California club, per cental, $1.67½@1.65; white milling club, $1.62½@1.67½; white Australian, $1.70@1.72½; northern bluestem, $1.62½@1.67½; northern club, $1.57½@1.62; inferior grades of wheat $1.35@1.50.

Barley—No. 1 feed, $1.35@1.40, with some fancy at $1.38¾; common to fair, $1.27½@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, 24c; firsts, 23½c; seconds, 20½c; fresh packing stock No. 1, 19c; No. 2, 18c.

Fresh eggs, per dozen—Extras, 17½c; firsts, 16½c; seconds, 16c; thirds, 14½c.

Cheese, new, per pound—California flats, fancy, 11½c; firsts, 10½c; seconds, 10c; California, Young America, fancy, 14c; firsts, 12c; storage, eastern fancy New York, 17½c; Oregon, 12½c.

Potatoes, per cental—Lompocs, $1.10@1.30; Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1.00; river whites, fancy, 50c@75c; early rose $1.25@1.35; river reds, $1.35@1.40; sweet potatoes, 3c per pound; new potatoes, 4c@5c.

Onions—Oregon yellow, $3.35@3.50; eastern, $3.35@3.50.

Oranges, per box—Navels, fancy, $2.00@2.25; choice, $1.65@1.90; standard, $1.50@1.75; tangerines, $1.50@2.00.

Barley at Chicago.

Chicago, March 20.—Cash barley closed 75@87.

MUCHLONGWHEAT NOW ON MARKET

May Option Wobbles but the Market Closes Firmer in Tone.

Chicago, March 20.—Wheat opened practically unchanged from yesterday's close. Under considerable bear pressure and dumping of long wheat the price of the May option declined 1½ cents, touching 95. Profit taking caused a fractional reaction from the low, and the market closed firm.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	96¼	96⅜	95	95⅝
July	90⅝	90¾	89⅝	90⅛
CORN.				
May	67⅜	67⅜	66⅛	66⅜
July	64⅝	64⅝	63⅛	63⅞
OATS.				
May	53¼	53⅜	53⅛	53¼
July	47	47⅜	46⅜	46¾
PORK.				
May	1250	1250	1235	1245
July	1290	1290	1275	1282

NEVADA SHARES ON FRISCO EXCHANGE

(Prices by Downing-Hopkins company.)

San Francisco, March 20.—Noon closing prices:

GOLDFIELD DISTRICT.

Sandstorm 27c, Red Top Ext. 17c, Columbia Mt. 21c, Jumbo Ext. 39c, Silver Pick 25c, Black Butte Ext. 3c, Atlanta 25c, Great Bend 44c, Florence $4.10, Diam. B. B. Cons. 16c, Comb. Fraction 74c, F. Mohawk 20c, Red Hill 25c, Lou Dillon 4c, Yellow Tiger 13c, Yellow Rose 3c, Goldf. Cons. $4.97.

TONOPAH DISTRICT.

Ton. Montana $1.60, MacNamara 47c, Ton. Belmont $1.17, Ton. North Star 11c, Jim Butler 28c.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.

Granny 6c, Jumping Jack 3c.

SCATTERED DISTRICTS.

Nevada Hills $2.85, Pittsburg Silver Peak $1.17, Eagles' Nest $1.82.

STOCK SALES AT SPOKANE.

O. K. Cons. Show Some Strength—Panhandle Are Quite Active.

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

Spokane, Wash., March 20.—There was a good investment in O. K. Cons. today. Panhandle was quite active. Official prices:

	Bid.	Asked.
Ajax	10	17
Alameda	3½	5
Alhambra	6	....
Alberta Coal & Coke	15	30
Am'n. Commander	4½	....
Bell	6	....
Bullion	4½	6½
Chas. Dickens	18¾	19½
Can. Cons. Smelter	68	....
Copper King	3½	4
Dominion Copper	200	250
Evolution	2¼	3¼
Echo	1	2¼
Galbraith Coal	20	27
Gertie	4	4½
Granby Smelter	80	....
Hecla	300	450
Happy Day	4⅝	5¼
Hypotheek	1	1½
Idaho Giant	5½	5¾
Internat'l. C. & C.	72	75½
Lucky Calumet	15	19½
Missoula Copper	7½	10
Mineral Farm	¾	2
Moonlight	3½	4
Nabob	4⅛	4¼
Nine Mile	1¼	2
O. K. Cons.	1½	2½
Oom Paul	6¼	7⅝
Panhandle Smelter	5⅜	5½
Park Copper	1½	2¼
Rambler-Cariboo	25½	27½
Reindeer	1¾	2½
Rex (16 to 1)	10	16
Sonora	2¾	3½
Snowshoe	10¾	11¾
Snowstorm	171	177
Sullivan	1⅝	1¾
Sullivan Bonds	67½	....
Stewart	50	100
Tamarack & Ches.	85	125
Wonder	1¾	2

Sales—2,000 Chas. Dickens 18¾c; 1,000 Moonlight, 3¾c; 4,000 O. K. Cons., 1¼c; 1,000 Oom Paul, 6⅝c; 2,200 Panhandle, 5¼c; 15,000 Panhandle, 5⅝c; 15,000 Panhandle, 5¼c; 1,000 Panhandle, 5⅝c; 500 Int. C., 75c; 12,000 Sullivan, 1⅝c.

Metaline and Idaho Stocks.

Mammoth, Morning and American Lead stocks are the best buys on the market. Morning-Mammoth concentrator stock guaranteed 24 per cent dividends. The L. Y. Keady Investment company, 337-39 Chamber of Commerce.

Money and Exchange.

London, March 20.—Consols 87¼; silver 25⅝; bank rate 3 per cent.

New York, March 20.—Sterling exchange, long, $4.84; sterling exchange, short, $4.87; silver bullion, 55⅝.

San Francisco, March 20.—Sterling exchange, 60 days, $4.82¼; sterling exchange, sight, $4.85¼; sterling exchange doc., $4.81¾; transfers, telegraphic, 5 per cent premium; transfers, sight, 2½ per cent premium.

Northest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$ 913,456.26
Year ago	1,141,284.27
Balances today	192,414.28
Year ago	199,934.79
SEATTLE.	
Balances	$1,426,401
Balances	83,401
TACOMA.	
Clearings	$606,442
Balances	180,149

Weather in Northwest.

Western Oregon and western Washington—Showers tonight and Saturday; southerly winds.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and northern Idaho—Showers tonight or Saturday, warmer tonight.

Southern Idaho—Fair and warmer tonight; Saturday fair.

Arrivals Easier.

London, March 20.—Cargoes, easier; quotations nominal; California, prompt shipment at 36s 3d; Walla Walla prompt shipment at 36s.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, March 20.—May wheat closed 19th, 7s ⅝d; opened 20th, 7s ⅝d; closed 20th, 7s ⅝d; loss, ⅛d. English country markets quiet but steady. French country markets quiet but steady.

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, March 20.—December barley closed yesterday at 114¾; opened today at 114@113¾; closed today at 113¼@113½.

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, March 20.—Wheat, export club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; red, 80c.

STOCK RECEIPTS RESUMED AGAIN

After Closed Day Gates Are Opened to Receive More Live Meat at Yards.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	25	75	275
1907	83	...	...
1906	236	25	335
1905	40	...	...

Portland Union Stock Yards, March 20.—After a day of no arrivals some stock is reported in receipt today. The floods held up the shipments yesterday, but stock is running normal again without a congestion as might be expected. Tomorrow's receipts are also expected to be fair.

Prices remain stiff but unchanged. A year ago lines were unchanged.

Official yard values:

Hogs—Best stuff, $5.25@5.50; stockers and China fats, —; block, $5.25.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $4.50; medium, $4.00@4.25; best cows and heifers, $3.50@3.75; medium cows, $3.00@3.35; bulls, $2.35@3.00.

Sheep — Best wethers, $5.75@6.00; lambs, $6.25@6.50; ewes, $5.00@5.50; mixed, $5.00@5.50.

ACTIVE CATTLE MARKET.

Prices Show Improvement in Some Instances in Average Sales in East.

Chicago, March 20.—Hogs—23,000; cattle, 2,000; sheep, 6,000.

Hogs opened strong, to 5 cents higher. Left over yesterday, 5,100. Mixed, $4.70@5.00; good heavy, $4.85@5.00; rough heavy, $4.65@4.80; light, $4.55@4.85.

Cattle—Strong.

Sheep—Steady.

Kansas City, March 20.—Hogs, 8,000; cattle, 3,100; sheep, 3,000.

Omaha, Neb., March 20.—Hogs, 8,500; cattle, 1,300; sheep, 2,500.

NEW YORK STOCKS DULL.

Securities Are Settling Into State of Equilibrium.

New York, March 20.—Stocks opened dull and practically for the entire session slumbered peacefully, trading degenerating into the mere swapping of contracts by a limited number of professionals.

Pending a more efficient clarification of the atmosphere obscuring the industrial position and trend of political forces, it is probable that the stock market will remain in a condition of comparative lethargy, varied only by the shifting policy of professionalism. Fundamental conditions remain stable, superficial conditions perplexing and security markets are pausing between such temptations to activity as are offered by an abundance of money and such restraints as a widespread wet blanket upon business imposes. In fact, securities are settling into a state of equilibrium where the balance is rather nicely preserved.

During the final hour, there was a good rally, giving the final figures an appearance of strength, Colorado Fuel & Iron being conspicuous, with a net gain over the previous close of 3 points.

(Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.)

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close. Bid.
Amal. Copper	56½	57⅜	56⅜	57½
Sugar	120	121½	120	121¾
Col. Fuel & Iron	20	22⅝	20	22⅝
Brooklyn	47½	47⅞	46½	46¾
People's Gas	88	88½	88	88⅜
U. S. Steel, com.	33	33⅝	32⅝	33⅜
do preferred	97	97⅝	96⅜	97⅜
Atchison	73	73½	72½	73⅜
B. & O.	80½	81¼	80½	81¼
Canadian Pacific	145¼	145¾	145¼	145⅝
Erie	15¼	15⅜	15¼	15⅜
L. & N.	96⅛	96½	96	96¼
Missouri Pacific	38	39½	37⅜	39¼
Pennsylvania	116¼	117	116	116⅜
Reading	103⅛	104⅞	102⅝	104⅜
Rock Island	14½	15	14	14⅞
Southern Pac.	73¼	74	72⅝	73⅝
*St. Paul, pfd.	115½	116⅜	114⅜	115⅞
Union Pacific	123	125	122¼	124⅜
Am. Smelter	68⅛	69¼	68	69⅛
N. Y. Central	96⅜	98⅜	96⅜	98⅜
Northern Pac.	125⅜	126⅞	125	126¼
Anaconda	37	37⅞	36⅝	37⅝
Great Northern	121½	....	....	122
Southern Ry.	12½	12⅝	12	12⅝
Ches. & Ohio	29¼	30½	29¼	30½
Soo, common	104⅜	....	....	104⅜
Wabash, pfd.	16⅜	....	....	16⅜
Am. Loco.	37⅞	....	....	38½
Norfolk	62⅜	....	....	62⅛
R. I., pfd.	26	....	....	26
Cotton Oil	....	....	....	27½
Smelter, pfd.	....	....	....	94
Am. Woolens	....	....	....	17

*Ex div. 3½ per cent.

Sales, 571,100; money, high, 2; low, 1¾; close, 2.

Wheat Shipments.

London, March 20.—Argentine shipments today were 5,960,000 bushels. Last week, 7,376,000 bushels. Australia shipments were 360,000 bushels. Last week, 836,000 bushels.

Wheat at Liverpool.

Liverpool, March 20.—May wheat opened 7⅞; closed, 7¼; a net loss of ⅝d.

WOODMEN TO COME DURING ROSE FIESTA

Designs for the Woodmen of the World float to represent them in the Rose Festival parades next June are being completed and will be submitted to the general committee on Rose Festival of the order at a meeting to be held Sunday afternoon in the Woodmen temple. Woodmen from all over the state are making arrangements to visit Portland on Woodmen day, June 6, when special trains will be run from Seattle and points in Oregon and Washington. There will be several Woodmen floats in the parades, as a number of the county committees are arranging to have their camps represented by floats emblematic of the order.

CLYDE ANNOUNCES PLANKS IN PLATFORM

Statement No. 1, the establishment of municipal employment agencies and the furnishing of school books at cost to the children of the state are planks of the platform on which Ralph C. Clyde has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator. His declaration has been filed with the county clerk.

Clarence H. Gilbert of precinct 31, H. G. Neville of No. 40, L. C. Coulter of No. 12, Alexander Barr of No. 112 and W. P. Swope of No. 36 are new candidates for Republican committeemen. G. W. Swope wants to represent precinct No. 76 on the Democratic committee.

Chile Needs Money.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Santiago, Chile, March 20.—The condition of the Chilian money market goes from bad to worse. The senate has passed an act for the emission of a vast sum of paper money and it is foreseen that the house will approve it against the protest of all the business community of this city and Valparaiso. The one good thing done by congress was to abandon the idea of building more battleships and simply repair those on hand.

PULLED HER NOSE TILL SKIN BROKE

Four-Year-Old Witness Raises Voice Against Brutal Father.

Testifying before Judge Cleland in the circuit court this morning, Mrs. Lula Thomas said that when her husband threw her on the floor, pilled her nose until the skin came off, pulled her hair and sat on her, she had enough. Her complaint states that after this affair her 4-year-old boy spoke up and said:

"If I were a big man I would not let you beat my mother that way."

Mrs. Thomas married Abraham E. Thomas at Cheyenne, Wyoming, in May, 1901. She said that after some time her husband began to drink and abuse her, culminating in the nose-pulling incident on August 8 last. Court records were produced to show that Thomas pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery upon his wife, and Judge Cleland granted the divorce without parley.

More Joys of Matrimony.

Another abused wife whose story won a decree was Bertha Johnston. She told a tale of strenuous life and produced letters signed by "Kate," which she found in her husband's trunk. She said her husband admitted that Kate had offered to take him to Alaska with her.

Harry Johnston, the defendant, was recently before County Judge Webster on a charge of non-support, when he was ordered to pay her $30 per month. At that time the wife's story of her woes was told at length. Today she repeated these charges. She said her husband would fly into a rage over nothing and leave her for days and weeks at a time, each time returning and promising to be good until the day before Christmas, last year, when he left her for good. She lived with her mother and had to support herself and baby, she said.

On February 29, at Third and Harrison streets, she related, her husband knocked her down after she told him that they were "quits." He ran away and left her in the darkness, where she was picked up in a stunned condition by one of her girl friends. They were married in Vancouver in July, 1906. Mrs. Johnston, who is yet a mere girl, wept as she told of her husband's abuse, and it was with difficulty that she completed her narrative.

Tore Up Tickets.

Howard L. Rankin parted with Reina De L. Rankin in Los Angeles in December, 1906, because she refused to come with him to Portland, where he had secured a position. His wife said she would not live in the same town with any of his relatives. Once they were going to Idaho from Los Angeles and when she discovered that he had bought tickets by way of Portland she tore them up, refusing even to pass through the city where his relatives resided. He said he had to procure new tickets by way of Salt Lake. After he came to Portland, he said, she once sent word that she would give in and come. He sent her $200. She kept the money, but did not even send him thanks in return. They were married in Oakland in 1904.

After 26 years of married life Mrs. Mary Schultz tired of her husband's company and sought greater happiness with Swen Olsen, according to the testimony of Charles Schultz. They were married in Illinois in 1879 and the desertion took place in this city in October, 1905. Schultz said that he has since tried to find his wife, but cannot locate her, although he has heard that she has since left Olsen for another lover. The divorce was granted.

SEES YANKEE WOMEN AS RUSSIAN PEASANTS

Number Engaged in Industry Will Change the Race, Says Professor.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Chicago, March 16.—Unless factory and shop conditions are changed materially, America is threatened with a race of women like those of the peasant class of Russia, according to Professor Edward A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin.

Professor Ross made this assertion in an address before a public meeting of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

After showing that one third of the women of the country between the ages of 15 and 25 are engaged in industrial occupations, Professor Ross said:

"With many of them it is temporary, but do you realize that for the few years they are at the loom or in the shop the conditions surrounding them are not shaped or influenced by anybody who has any interest in them?

"The truly feminine girl, the one of frailty and delicacy, will pass from our working classes. There will be a reversion to the type of masculine women, squat, flat-chested, broad-backed, low-browed creatures, working in the fields side by side with the men, the burden of wifehood and motherhood coming but as an incident to a day of toil.

"The cost of the cure, the prevention of such a state, is in the hands of society today. The law can tell a girl just how many hours of time she may sell."

DESERTER CONFESSES TO PLEASE HIS BRIDE

Goes to Guardhouse After Marrying and Professes Religion.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Chicago, March 16.—Comforted by the love of his 24-hour bride and by newly professed religion, Ernest L. Dawson is a voluntary prisoner in Fort Sheridan guardhouse, having surrendered himself to the police at Mishawka, Indiana, upon the advice of his sweetheart, Bernice Hodges Dawson.

Dawson enlisted in 1904 and served more than a year in the Philippines. He deserted after his return to America because his pay was not great enough to allow him to support his mother, who lives in Bryan, Ohio.

He went to Mishawka, Indiana, to live, and there met Miss Hodges. Three weeks later he proposed marriage to her, and confessed his desertion. Upon her advice he wrote to his old commanding officer at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was arrested.

Miss Hodges then married Dawson after he had professed religion and had been baptized. Friends of the pair in the Indiana town, as well as members of the clergy in Chicago, will attempt to have a light sentence imposed.

PERSONAL

A. B. Mason of Sealy, Mason & Co. is very low at his residence on Portland Heights, and is not expected to live throughout the day. Mr. Mason suffered a paralytic stroke about two months ago, since when he has gradually failed. He is about 60 years of age, and has been prominently identified with the commercial life of Portland for a number of years.

B. R. Benedict of Denver, Colorado, member of the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum, was entertained at the Commercial club today. Mr. Benedict is returning home after having installed the officers of a chapter at Tacoma.

The strawberry season is on and while the fruit sells in the retail shops at 75 cents a pound, the average consumer is happy simply because the season is open and there is promise of lower prices for the immediate future. The strawberries now in market are from Florin, California, and the reports from there indicate that this season's yield will be a rather heavy one. It is only a question of a few weeks before strawberries will be coming in large lots with prices to suit almost every purse.

Portland seems to have gone fruit-mad for the moment. The people are consuming a larger amount of fruit than even before at this time of the year. While oranges, apples and bananas form the principal supplies at this time, the demand in these lines of late has been greater than supplies. Everyone seems to want apples and the fruit handlers are experiencing considerable difficulty in obtaining sufficient stocks.

It is not always easy to decide on the simple nourishing foods. To eat what one likes does not mean that the stomach is bound to agree with you in your choice. And while you imagine you are eating nourishing foods you may grow as thin as a rail, and while dieting to keep down flesh take on pounds of fat. What to Eat quotes the following from an authority on facts that simplify the nourishment question:

Dr. Franklin W. White, in a lecture to the students of Harvard medical school, makes some rather startling statements to illustrate the comparative nourishing properties of different foods. Some of them follow:

A slice of bread and butter equals in nourishment:

Three good slices of beef.

Twenty cups of beef tea made from beef extract.

Half a glass of milk.

One and one half eggs.

Small plate of baked beans.

Sixteen oysters.

Eleven cups of home-made beef tea.

Be faithful to bread and butter if you would be well fed, and at the same time look to the quality of your bread and butter. Well-baked bread of the best flour and good butter constitute a feast, but how rarely we meet them in company. The home-made bread baker has a privilege of feeding her family well, and no housewife should be without the knowledge of bread-making. According to Dr. White beef tea is an excuse for food, but perhaps has its use among the other set of good doctors who assure us we eat too much and that safety lies in fasting.

Asparagus is in very liberal supply in the retail shops at this time and prices have dropped to 20c a pound in some of the places. Thus far all the grass has come from California points, but some is soon expected from Walla Walla. Oregon points will not be shipping asparagus for almost a month, according to G. Muecke of Miramonte farm, near Aurora. Mr. Muecke supplies the Portland market with large quantities of asparagus during the season.

Onions have advanced to such a high point that the stores cannot sell them under 5c a pound and some are charging more. There has been a shortage in onion supplies everywhere on the coast except Oregon this season and even this market is now beginning to feel the pinch of contracted supplies.

Oregon cabbage is still in the market and as far as quality is concerned is far superior to the product now being received from California. Some cauliflower coming from the latter section is, however, of fine quality.

When potatoes become an old song in the family leave them out of the bill of fare every other day. A southern way of serving mashed potatoes is this: Boil them in salt water until mealy. Mash with a fork very fine, salt, and mix in a big lump of butter and plenty of cream, whipping together with a fork until fine and creamy. Heap in a baking dish and set in the oven to brown.

Take one onion, one ounce of butter, six or eight sweet almonds, two eggs, one slice of bread, half a pound of cooked meat and one tablespoonful of curry powder for Indian curry. Slice the onion, fry it a nice brown in butter. Put the slice of bread in milk and grate the almonds into it. Beat the eggs in half a cup of milk, and mix all together with the meat minced fine, and a small lump of butter and the curry.

Parsnips boiled in salt water, drained and fried in butter until the edges are brown and crisp are a favorite vegetable for February.

Oysters and macaroni unite in croquettes. The recipe of the New Idea Magazine is as follows: Put three ounces of macaroni into a sauce pan of boiling water, boil rapidly for 30 minutes, drain, pour cold water over it and drain again and chop fine. Put one cupful of milk over the fire, and when it reaches the boiling point drop in one cupful of oysters which have been rinsed and dried by patting them in a napkin.

Cook the oysters until they "ruffle," then remove them from the milk and chop them fine. Add one tablespoonful of butter and two tablespoon