TODAY'S MARKETS

Everything Is in Readiness for Opening of Board of Trade April 1—Country Shippers Are Joining Organization

SUGAR MAKERS KISS AND HUG

Add 30c to Price and Then Withdraw Special Brands From Market.

Front street features:
Sugar advanced 30c today.
Mexican tomatoes higher.
Onion market very stiff.
Smelt run again in Cowlitz.
Sacramento salmon in today.
Butter supplies are short.
Cheese market doing better.
Canned corn opens higher.
Future lobsters quoted upward.
Small amount mohair coming.
Wheat market is rather high.

Sharp Advance in Sugar Market.

Kisses and hugs smothered the sugar market today; refineries indulging in this pastime to their hearts content. The war is over and sugar is 30c per hundred pounds higher. Makers today pooled their issues and have decided as a unit to make the consumers pay for a little of the fun they have been watching. The advance today confirms the predictions made by this paper last week and was due to a great extent to the sharp rises of late in New York. Not only do the refiners put up the price of the regular brands but they likewise decided to forego the pleasures of cutting each other's prices by putting out a special brand which has been selling at the same price as beet. No more special grades will be put out according to the present understanding, although jobbers who still retain supplies will sell them at former figures, plus today's advance.

Advance Has Been Expected.

To all interests today's sharp advance in sugar was expected. In anticipation of such a movement, jobbers have of late been ordering very heavy supplies of standard and special brand sugar so the trade will be fed for some time with sweets that were bought before the advance. Practically every jobber is filled up with sugar and today's advance means that much additional profit to these underpaid handlers. The reason for the advances in the east is said to be the shortage in Cuban supplies. Today's advanced figures took effect upon the start of business this morning.

Mexican Tomatoes Are Higher.

Higher prices are ruling in the market for Mexican tomatoes here. For several days the Front street trade has been selling this product at an actual loss because of the overstocks here. Tomatoes that cost the commission men $1.25 at Mexican points and $1.10 express charges, were sold here down to $2 a crate of four baskets, a net loss to the handlers without counting handling charges of 35c a crate. Because of the former glut handlers have cancelled most of their orders and the result is that Mexicans are again in ordinary supply and the price has advanced. Today's sales are being made at $2.25 and $2.50 a crate.

Sacramento Salmon in Market Today.

The first Sacramento salmon of the present season to arrive here was reported this morning by Front street handlers. Arrivals were of the chinook variety and were in fine condition according to the trade. They are priced at 12½c a pound. The market is practically bare of Columbia river salmon in the fresh state but there are plentiful supplies of storage fish. The latter will be utilized when fresh fish is not obtainable during the present season here.

Onion Market Is Very Stiff.

A very stiff tone is at present ruling in the local onion market. Dealers are asking all the way from $3.50 to $4 per hundred pounds for the local product. Supplies of first-class onions are very small according to President Fanno of the Confederated Onion Growers' association. There is quite a liberal supply, however, of off-grade Oregons and foreign onions, all of which are quoted at various prices.

Potatoes are holding steady for shipping demand at former range of values.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Apple market is firmer with sales made at fractionally advanced values.

Dressed veal is only fair with supplies liberal. Dressed hogs firm.

Chicken market while quiet is holding its own thus far but retailers are adverse to taking hold at these prices.

Hothouse lettuce is in very good demand at recently advanced figures.

Orange market is firmer, though showing no change today.

Cheese market is acting better and prices are generally more uniform around 15¼c.

Maine canned corn futures are open and show an advance of about 5c over a year ago. Western corn not opened. Future lobsters are quoted about 10 per cent higher than a year ago.

A small amount of mohair is reported in by local handlers. Price at 25c. No new wool reported.

Front street sells at these prices. Those paid producers are less regular commissions:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, 9c; large lots; small lots, 9¼c.

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

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, ¼s, $4.50; whole wheat, $4.75; rye, 50s, $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, 3@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, wood, 50c@$1 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

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

CHITTIM BARK—3@3½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES — Select, 60@75c, selling; buying, Willamette valley, 40@45c; eastern Multnomah and Clackamas, 45@50c per cwt; sweets, 3¼@4c; seed stock f. o. b. Portland, American Wonders, $1; Early Rose, $1.

ONIONS—Jobbing price, $3.50@3.75; 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@1.35.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $2.00@2.75; bananas, 5c per lb; crated, 5¼c; lemons, $3@3.50 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, $2.25@2.50; 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, $3 dozen; Illinois, $3; California, $1.75 dozen; radishes, 25c doz bunches; eggplant, 20c lb.; celery, $4.50@4.75, crate; cranberries, eastern, $9@10.50; sprouts; 8½@9c lb; asparagus, 12½@15c lb; spinach, 90c@$1.00 box.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—California and Hawaiian—Cube, $6.20; powdered, $6.15; berry, $5.95; dry granulated, $5.95; XXX granulated, $5.70; conf. A., $5.95; extra B., $5.50; golden C., $5.05; D. yellow, $5.25; beet granulated, $5.75; 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, $15.55@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, $12.50; 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@5⅝c; 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, 9c 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, 18@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., 13c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs., 12¾c per lb; 18 to 20 lbs., 12½c; breakfast bacon, 15½@22½c per lb; picnics, 9c per lb, cottage roll, 10c lb; regular short clears smoked, 11½c per lb; unsmoked, 10¾c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 10½c; smoked, 11½c; 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, 8½c 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, 12½c lb; steelhead (—) 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, 3c; black cod, 7½c lb; crabs, $1.00@1.50 dozen; shad, 10c.

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, 13c; standard, 11½c; sisal, 9⅝c; I. B. sisal, 8½c.

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 Gatholine	16½c	23½c
Motor Gasoline	16½c	23½c
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.

Leaves Large Farm.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., March 23.—Included in the large estate left in this county by the late Judge T. G. Hailey, is Alfalfa farm dairy, one of the largest and most complete dairy farms in eastern Oregon. It is situated on Wild Horse creek, six miles east of this city, and comprises 700 acres of alfalfa, wheat and range land. A modern dairy barn with a capacity of 80 cows and over 70 tons of hay was erected two years ago by Judge Hailey and the farm was equipped with every modern dairy convenience. Judge Hailey was a believer in dry farming and on this dairy farm planted alfalfa on high ground in several places and lived to see it grow successfully where it had seemed impossible for it to take root.

Northwest Crop Weather.

Western Oregon—Showers tonight and Tuesday; southerly winds.

Western Washington — Showers tonight and Tuesday; strong southerly breeze interior, fresh southwesterly breeze along coast, decreasing tonight.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Showers tonight or Tuesday.

SMELT FIND HOME AT LAST IN COWLITZ

Columbia river smelt cannot long remain away from the Cowlitz and no matter how hard they try to stay away, the fish invariably find their home there. Smelt are now appearing in great numbers in the stream and the receipts here are heavy with a consequent big decline in the price at wholesale. This is the run that handlers have been expecting.

CATTLE 15 UP IN LOCAL YARD

Top Steers Range as High as $4.75—Other Grades Make Like Gains.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	...	29	...
1907	600	450	...
1906	...	120	...
1905	185	75	10

Portland Union Stockyards, March 23.—With receipts so nominal in the yards that they would scarcely supply a country butcher with meats, the local livestock market stands in a very firm position. Hogs are very firm, with the price doing a fraction better at $5.50@5.60 for top stuff. An advance in cattle is noted with top steers at $4.50@4.75, which is in reality a rise of about 15c. Sheep are firm, with quotations nominal because of the small supplies. Today 50 head of horses were received from eastern Oregon.

A year ago today all lines were firm at unchanged values.

Official yard values:

Hogs—Best stuff, $5.50@5.60; stockers and China fats, $5.25; block, $5.25.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $4.50@4.75; medium, $4.25@4.35; best cows and heifers, $3.75@4.00; medium cows, $3.25@3.50; bulls, $2.25@2.50.

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

HOGS AND SHEEP STRONG.

Both Lines Are Showing Firm Prices —Steady Tone in Cattle.

Chicago, March 23.—Hogs, 46,000; cattle, 24,000; sheep, 17,000. Hogs are strong at Saturday's best prices. Left over Saturday 2,700. Mixed, $4.80@5.10; good and heavy, $4.95@5.10; rough and heavy, $4.80@4.90; light, $4.75@5.05.

Cattle—Steady.

Sheep—Strong.

Kansas City, Mo., March 23.—Hogs, 7,000; cattle, 10,000; sheep, 7,000.

Omaha, Neb., March 23.—Hogs, 4,200; cattle, 3,800; sheep, 1,500.

LOOKS LIKE FLOUR WILL DROP 15 CENTS

Smaller Millers Are Still Openly Selling at Reduction.

Present indications are that millers of this territory will make an open cut of about 15c a barrel in the price of patent flour within the next few days.

Selling at the lower prices is general among the smaller millers, who seem anxious to unload, but so far as known none have thus far revised their price cards. The larger millers say they are still obtaining the higher price.

Local wheat market is very dull, although a small business is still reported at current quotations. With the constant decline elsewhere local quotations are getting out of line.

WHEAT CLOSES UP AFTER EARLY LOSS

Market Starts About ½c Under Saturday but Strengthens Later.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	March 21.	Gain.
May	93½	94⅝	94	⅝
July	88⅛	88⅞	88⅜	½

Chicago, March 23.—There was a disposition among the shorts to sell wheat at the opening today because of the sharp loss at Liverpool. The market opened here at 93½c for May as compared with Saturday's closing at 94c. There was a further concession of a fraction before the market changed its course. When the improvement really set in the market firmed up considerably and the market was carried to the high market, where it stood around the close. The net gain for the day was ⅝c for May and ½c for July. Liverpool closed ⅝d under Saturday for May.

After opening lower in sympathy with wheat, corn and oats gained in strength and closed with an advance. Provisions were weak, although hogs were firm and pork dropped 20c for the May.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	93½	94⅝	93⅜	94⅝
July	88⅛	89	88	88⅞
CORN.				
May	65½	66½	65	66
July	62⅞	63⅜	62⅞	63½
OATS.				
May	52⅝	52⅞	52½	52⅞
July	46¼	46¼	46	46¼
MESS PORK.				
May	1245	1247	1220	1225
July	1287	1287	1260	1265

COTTON TO COST AS MUCH AS WOOL SOON

New York, March 23.—The first official report of the Indian cotton crop of the season of 1907-8 gives the total acreage as 21,074,000, a decrease of 1,414,000 acres. The crop is estimated at 3,056,000 bales of 400 pounds, as against 4,945,700 bales a year ago, or a net loss of $1,889,700 bales.

Money and Exchange.

London, March 23.—Consols, 87¼d; silver, 25 9-16d; bank rate, 3 per cent.

New York, March 23.—Sterling exchange, long, $4.84; short, $4.87; silver bullion, 55⅝c.

San Francisco, March 23.—Sterling exchange, 60 days, $4.82¼; sight, $4.85¼; documentary, $4.81¾. Transfers, telegraphic, 5 per cent premium; sight, 2½ per cent premium.

Cargoes Very Dull.

London, March 23.—Cargoes steady, but very dull. California prompt shipment unchanged, 36s 3d; Walla Walla, 36s. English country markets, steady. French country markets, quiet.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, March 23.—May wheat opened at 6s 11⅝d; closed at 6s 11½d, a net loss of ⅝d from Saturday.

Barley Market.

San Francisco, March 23.—Close—May barley, $1.37¾; December, $1.14¾. Chicago cash barley, 70@85c.

SUGAR COMMON 4 POINTS UP

Sharp Gain Is Made Early in Day—U. S. Steel Has Good Buying and Rises.

New York, March 23.—Sugar Refining continued its spectacular movement in the stock market today, advancing 4 points early in the session. The general market was firm at the opening, and held with a good advance during the early trading. The late session was rather dull, but the tone was strong. U. S. Steel was strong on aggressive buying operations and made a gain of a point. Trading during the day was on a fair scale with call loans ruling between 1¾ and 2 per cent.

Range by Downing-Hopkins company.

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Am. Copper	57¾	58½	56⅞	58½
Sugar	124⅞	128	124⅞	127
Colo. F. & I.	22¼	23⅛	21⅝	22⅞
Brooklyn	47	47	46⅝	46⅝
People's Gas	88⅝	90⅝	88⅛	90
U. S. Steel, c.	34½	35⅛	33⅝	34⅞
do preferred	98	99	97⅞	98⅝
Atchison	73	73¾	72¾	73⅝
Baltimore & O.	81	82¼	81	82
C. Pacific	146⅞	149¾	146⅝	149¼
Erie	15½	15⅞	15½	15⅝
Louisville & N.	96½	98½	96½	98¼
M. Pacific	39	39⅝	38⅝	39½
Pennsylvania	116⅞	117⅞	116½	117½
Reading	103⅞	105⅛	103¾	104⅝
Rock Island	14⅝	....	....	14⅝
S. Pacific	74⅝	75⅝	73⅝	75⅝
St. Paul	116½	117⅝	115¼	117⅝
Union Pacific	125⅛	126⅝	124¼	126⅝
Am. Smelter	70⅝	71⅝	69½	71⅝
N. Y. Central	98½	100¼	98¼	100¼
Northern Pac.	126¼	128⅛	126⅛	128
Anaconda	37½	37⅞	37	37⅞
Great Nor.	122	....	....	123½
Soo, com	103⅜	104¼	103⅜	104¼
Southern Ry.	12¾	13⅝	12½	13⅝
Wabash, pfd.	16⅞	17	16⅞	17
Am. Loc.	40¼	....	....	41½
Cotton Oil	27⅛	....	....	28½
Federal Smelter	70	....	....	71
Norfolk	62	....	....	62⅝
Ontario	32¾	....	....	32⅝
Rock Island, pfd	25⅝	....	....	26⅞
Am. Woolens	18	....	....	18¼
Smelter, pfd.	94	....	....	94
Ches. & Ohio	30½	31	30½	30⅞
Central Leather	....	....	....	18½

Total sales, 719,100 shares.

Call money, low 1¾ per cent, high 2 per cent, closed 2 per cent.

SNOWSTORM HAS RISE OF 16 CENTS TODAY

Furnished by Downing-Hopkins company, members Spokane Exchange.

Spokane, Wash., March 23.—Official prices:

	Bid.	Asked.
Ajax	10	17
Alameda	5¼	5¾
Alhambra	6	...
Alberta Coal & Coke	15	30
American Commander	4¾	...
Bell	6	9
Bullion	2½	5½
Chas. Dickens	18	19¼
Canada Cons. Smelter	69	...
Copper King	3¾	4
Dominion Copper	200	250
Evolution	1½	3
Echo	1	3
Galbraith Coal	21	28
Gertie	3½	4½
Granby Smelter	80	...
Hecla	300	450
Happy Day	4⅝	4⅞
Humming Bird	7	7⅞
Hypotheek	1¼	1½
Idaho Giant	5½	6¼
International C. & C.	65	76
Lucky Calumet	15¾	20
Missoula Copper	8	...
Mineral Farm	¾	2
Moonlight	3	4½
Nabob	4	4½
Nine Mile	1	2
O. K. Cons.	1	2½
Oom Paul	6⅝	7
Panhandle Smelter	5¾	5⅞
Park Copper	1½	2¼
Rambler-Cariboo	25	27½
Reindeer	2	3
Rex (16 to 1)	15	17
Sonora	2	3
Snowshoe	10½	13
Snowstorm	196	201
Sullivan	1¼	1½
Sullivan Bonds	..	67½
Stewart	65	100
Tamarack & Ches.	85	100
Wonder	158	200

TODAY'S SALES.

1,000 Alameda at 5¼c; 1,000 Happy Day, 4¾c; 1,000 Lucky Calumet, 16½c; 3,000 Panhandle, 5⅛c; 1,000 Panhandle, 5⅝c; 1,000 Oom Paul, 6¾c; 300 Snowstorm $2; 100 Snowstorm $1.98; 1,000 Sullivan, 1¼c.

Metaline and Idaho Stocks.

Mammoth, Morning and American Lead stocks are the best buys on the market. See us for full particulars and closest inside prices.
THE L. Y. KEADY INVESTMENT CO. 337-39 Chamber of Commerce.

Klamath Wants Rain.

Klamath Falls, Or., March 23.—Klamath county is enjoying perfect spring weather, and although the farmers are taking advantage of the situation they feel a little worried over the outlook for dry farming this summer on account of the light snowfall this winter and the lack of spring rains up to this time. However, everyone is looking for a breakup soon and it is hoped there will be considerable rainfall yet.

SNEAK THIEVES PLY TRADE IN PORTLAND

Police Unable to Catch Petty Pilferers Who Have Many Victims.

Sneak thieves, room thieves and other petty pilferers have been active during the past two days, and the police have received many reports from persons who have been victimized.

A gold watch and fob chain were stolen from the room of George A. Rees, 225 West Park street, Saturday evening. A description of the articles has been furnished the police.

Miss May Smith, who occupies an apartment at the Sherman roominghouse, southwest corner of Twelfth and Washington streets, has reported to the police that some one entered her room and stole from her trunk three rings of the total value of $150. She has no clue to the identity of the thief.

A gold watch, charm and chain and a quantity of wearing apparel was stolen from the room of Joseph Edwards at 269 Ankeny street last night.

James Howe reports the loss of a bicycle which was taken from the corner of Seventh and Morrison streets Saturday night. He offers a reward of $5 for the recovery of the wheel.

COLGAN WAITS FOR ALLEN TO SOBER UP

Detectives Jones and Tichenor this morning arrested John Colgan and took him to the police station where a charge of vagrancy was placed against him. He is accused of stealing a purse from a man named Bert Allen and is being held until Allen is sufficiently sober to make formal complaint under oath. The robbery is alleged to have occurred in Blazier's saloon. The detectives searched the saloon and found the discarded purse in a cuspidor in the barroom.

WEEKLY GRAIN STATISTICS.

The Merchants Exchange has the following weekly statistics. American visible supply:

	Bushels.	Decrease Bushels.
Today	39,118,000	1,031,000
1907	47,733,000	*399,000
1906	47,329,000	*57,000
1905	32,818,000	1,168,000
1904	32,925,000	471,000
1903	45,055,000	1,011,000
1902	50,948,000	1,049,000
1901	54,714,000	410,000
1900	54,089,000	*177,000
1899	30,067,000	*75,000

Quantities on passage:

	March 21 Bushels.	1907 Bushels.
United Kingdom	35,920,000	33,040,000
Continent	23,680,000	17,280,000
Total	59,600,000	50,320,000

World's shipments principal exporting countries, flour included.

	March21 Bushels.	1907 Bushels.
U. S. and Canada	2,763,000	1,879,000
Argentine	5,960,000	4,600,000
Australia	360,000	1,760,000
India	....	856,000
Danubian ports	160,000	80,000
Russia	232,000	400,000
Total	9,475,000	9,575,000

*Increase.

BOSTON COPPER MARKET.

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Boston, March 23.—Official prices:

Adventure	1⅛	No. Butte	53⅝
Cop. Range	63⅝	Nevada Cons.	11⅞
Allouez	24⅞	Giroux	8⅛
Atlantic	10⅛	Osceola	82½
Daly West	8	Shannon	11⅝
Dom. Cop.	2⅛	Wolverine	121½
C. Ely	8⅝	Butte Coala	20⅛
Gold Hill	⅝B	United Cop.	4⅝
Greene	8⅝	Trinity	14
Michigan	10⅝	Parrot	18
Mohawk	49½	Nipissing	6⅝

Abundance of Water.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., March 23.—Water in abundance for farming, stock and mining is promised in eastern Oregon this spring by the immense quantity of snow remaining in the high mountains. In the Blue mountains there is from two to four feet in the timber; in the Greenhorns, Granite and Burnt River mountains all the way from three to 10 feet of packed snow is now to be found, while on the Eagle creek, Cornucopia and Wallowa peaks are immense quantities of snow. But little of the snow of the high peaks has been melted this spring and abundant water for all the eastern Oregon streams is promised.

Plant More Apples.

La Grande, Or., March 23.—The Grand Ronde Fruit company will plant 10,000 fruit trees on its fruit ranch at the foot of Mount Emily, a few miles from this city. The farm contains 425 acres and a large part of it is already set out to fruit. Many other orchardists are planning to set out at least as many trees as they did last year, when several hundred acres in the near vicinity were planted to apple and cherry orchards.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$1,035,546.13
do year ago	1,314,685.51
Balances today	224,505.63
do year ago	111,870.40

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,732,048
Balances	147,524

TACOMA.

Clearings	$ 729,885
Balances	57,501

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, Wash., March 23.—Wheat, export, club, 82c; bluestem, 84c; red, 80c.

COURT TO DECIDE BANKERS' FATE

Judge Cleland Will Announce Findings in Demurrers to Indictments.

Presiding Judge Cleland in the circuit court tomorrow morning will announce his decision upon the demurrers to the three informations accusing J. Thorburn Ross, T. T. Burkhart, John E. Aitchison and George H. Hill of misusing the state funds intrusted to their care as officers of the Title Guarantee & Trust company.

These demurrers in most respects follow the same grounds on which demurrers were sustained in previous cases, the district attorney having drawn the new documents with a view to curing the defects pointed out by the court in the former ruling. So confident was Mr. Manning that the new informations are good that he declined to argue them and suggested that the attorneys for the defendants ought to be fined for filing such frivolous things. But the opposing attorneys declare that these demurrers are in good faith, and that Mr. Manning's informations are still like unto a sieve.

Raise New Point.

In one case a new point has been raised that has attracted attention. This is the case in which the defendants are accused of refusing to return the state's money when demand was made by the state treasurer. It is claimed that there was no legal demand, because it was made on a legal holiday, when the bankers were not obliged to pay any attention to it.

Another important case to be passed on by Judge Cleland tomorrow is that of P. A. Marquam against the United States Mortgage & Trust company, in which a motion and demurrer to the amended complaint are pending. A demurrer to the former complaint was sustained, and the plaintiff is now seeking to get into court by new allegations of fraud and conspiracy on the part of J. Thorburn Ross, W. M. Ladd and others in foreclosing on the Marquam building.

Other motions to be ruled upon tomorrow are as follows:

Gauld & Company against Stanley & Shoemaker, demurrer to amended answer.

William Reid against F. S. Stanley, demurrer to amended complaint.

Loewenberg & Going against G. W. Espey, demurrer to amended answer.

MINISTRY HELD AS INDUCEMENT TO MEN

Baptist Pastors See Way to Secure Good Timber for Pulpits.

"How to Secure an Adequately Equipped Ministry for the Work of the Kingdom" was the subject of the paper read by Rev. Arthur B. Waltz this morning at the Baptist ministers' meeting. He emphasized the necessity of training boys from childhood to look forward to the ministry as a calling of which to be proud. He said boys should be taught by reading and should be talked to till they understand the importance of the work. This, he thought, would largely solve the problem of "dead heads" in the ministry.

"The door to the ministry should be kept carefully guarded and closed most of the time," he said, "and the exit should be just as carefully kept wide open that inefficient men may be induced to leave the work for which they are not fitted. Then young people who are just entering on the work will feel that they have companions in the work of whom they may be proud and with whom they may work hand in hand for advancement."

Discussion followed the paper and all agreed that the ministry should be followed only in obedience to a direct call; that is, a feeling that it is a man's work. Rev. Mr. Ewald of Vancouver told of a case where 14 out of 17 students who had entered a Baptist college with the intention of studying for the ministry had relinquished the idea in the course of their study. This, he said, is due to the readiness with which people are wont to call young men heretics as soon as they differ a little from the staid beliefs and that the young men are led to believe themselves heretics at once. He said a little indulgence and time would straighten out these errors if the men were not immediately branded heretics.

Several spoke of the tendency among men to follow the ministry when they have failed in everything else and suggested that it is not an easy road and really needs the hardest workers.

The laymen's missionary movement, which will center in a banquet next Monday, was spoken of and all the churches were asked to send a representation.

SWEDISH ACTRESS TO APPEAR HERE

Mrs. Ida Gawell-Blumenthal, a noted Swedish actress from Stockholm, arrived in the city this morning on a tour of the country. She is at the Portland.

Mrs. Blumenthal appears this evening at a concert given under the auspices of the Columbia Singing society at Arion hall. For years she has been the main attraction at Skansen, one of Stockholm's famous places of amusement.

The noted actress is being entertained while here by prominent Swedish-American residents. Like most visitors she was charmed with the beautiful scenery and the ideal weather for this time of the year. She left Stockholm during the height of winter and encountered some cold weather in the east.

A Judicial Elevator Test.

From the Washington Herald.

Several years ago, when the elevator was first put in the capitol at Richmond, an incident occurred showing the sense of humor of the then Governor Fitz Lee. The general was of stout build, and he wanted to see how the machine would work. He was a close friend of Judge Samuel B. Witt of the Hustings court.

Judge Witt was holding court the day the elevator was completed, and he was called to the telephone by Governor Lee.

"Sam," said the governor, "I want to see you for a moment, and want you to come to the office at once."

"Certainly, governor," said the judge, always one of the most accommodating and obliging of public men.

"By the way, Sam, the elevator is finished and you can come up to my office without having to walk up the steps."

Judge Witt got back on the bench and ordered a short recess of the court. Then he hurried over to see the governor. He made known his presence, and he was ushered into the governor's office.

"Hello, Sam," said the governor. "Glad to see you. Come up on the elevator?"

"I did," replied the judge.

"That's all right, then," remarked the governor. "I am just going to dinner and did not care to try that elevator till I was certain it would hold you. That is all, Sam; thank you."

Henry Fischer, who died recently at his home in Louisville, had been president of the Tobacco Workers' International union continuously since its organization in 1895.

BAKER PROMISES TO BUILD THEATRE

Local Manager Secures the Rights to Klaw & Erlanger Bookings for Portland.

Having secured the rights to the Klaw & Erlanger bookings for Portland for the next five years George Baker of the Baker and Empire theatres will commence the construction at an early date, of a new $100,000 theatre. It is to be in the down town district and options have been secured on most of the property required for the building.

The new theatre is to be a replica of the Moore theatre in Seattle, although it will not be finished on so elaborate a scale. The architects of the Moore theatre are preparing plans for the Portland house and will embody all the essential features of the new Moore in the smaller house in this city. There will be no pillars in the house and the approaches and aisles will be without steps so as to avoid danger in case of panics.

This theatre is made possible by the change in the theatrical arrangements for Portland. Under the present arrangement many second class Klaw & Erlanger shows play at the Heilig and charge Heilig prices, although in other cities they only charge popular prices. The Marquam Grand secured the contract for the Klaw & Erlanger popular priced productions last fall but not in time to arrange the bookings suitably. This has resulted in that theatre's being either closed much of the time or devoted to moving picture shows, while the productions which should have played the Marquam have been showing at the Heilig.

The new theatre will play these shows for the next five years at least. The Heilig will keep all the more expensive class of attractions, and the Baker Stock company will play in the little Empire theatre at Twelfth and Morrison streets. The Stair & Haviland melodramas, which have been playing the Empire, will have to seek a home elsewhere.

These changes will all go into effect the first of September next, John Cort and Calvin Heilig having left for the east last night to arrange the bookings. The Klaw & Erlanger popular priced shows will be given in the present Baker house until the completion of the new theatre.

The securing of the Klaw & Erlanger contract by Mr. Baker is not only an important step for him, insuring him what will undoubtedly be the most profitable class of theatrical attractions in the city, but will also clear the theatrical atmosphere here excepting for the Marquam Grand, which is still an unknown quantity.

The Marquam Grand is owned by the Imperial Amusement company, a number of Portland men represented by Bernstein & Cohn. Although the finest theatre in the city it has been shuttled from pillar to post for some years. Owing to the lateness in making bookings the present season has been badly broken up. The closing of the Klaw & Erlanger contracts by Baker leaves it out in the cold entirely. The most logical future for it is that the Orpheum vaudeville circuit will acquire it and play Orpheum shows in Portland.

The hitch in this proceeding would be that Sullivan & Considine, who control the Grand, have a three year agreement with the Orpheum circuit that if any Orpheum acts are produced here they shall be given by Sullivan & Considine. If Sullivan & Considine can secure the Marquam they will probably do so and give Portland a first class vaudeville house.

COUNTY COURT WILL ORDER FURNITURE

New Detention Home to Be Made Homelike for Children.

The county court will in the next few days order furniture for the new detention home. It is probable that the original estimate of $1,700, made up by Superintendent W. O. Nisley, will be largely cut down, as the commissioners think furniture that would be equally serviceable, if not quite so ornamental, can be secured for less money.

In some quarters fear has been expressed that the county court would err on the side of economy, and at the meeting of the juvenile improvement association last Saturday night President Esterly was authorized to appoint a committee of three women members to call on the court and urge liberal treatment. Their idea is that the place should be furnished in a homelike way, in order to surround the youngsters detained there with attractive influences.

On the other hand, examination of the lists prepared by Mr. Nisley convinced members of the court that he had been too liberal in his choice and that articles of furniture costing much less might be substituted.

ONLY SHORT TIME TO SAVE TAX PENALTY

Taxpayers who have neglected to contribute their quota to the cause of government have only a little more time in which to delay. On April 6 all who have not paid, either all or half, will be subject to a penalty of 10 per cent. Each month after that one per cent will be added, as long as the neglect continues. Those who pay one half now will have until October to pay the remainder.

SPREAD BUTTER THIN ACCOUNT SHORTAGE

Every maker of creamery butter in this city is short of supplies today and in consequence the market is unusually firm and prices are still being maintained at 30c.

All efforts of the bears to beat down the price of eggs have failed and storage operations started in earnest this morning with the market at 15 and 16c. Receipts are heavy.

SOME FEATS OF AMERICAN GUNNERS

IN 1898

(From "The Fall of Santiago," by Thomas J. Vivian, Author of "With Dewey at Manila.")

The first shot the Brooklyn fired at the Teresa cut the Spaniard's main water supply pipe. One shell from the Oregon exploded in the engine room; another landed on her stern and set her afire, while several 13-inch shells swept through her. Then, as the Brooklyn brought the Teresa within range of her secondary battery, the smaller shells of the American swept her antagonist from stem to stern. The Teresa had put her black hull out of Santiago harbor at 9:35. At 10:10 she was a burning, riddled hulk.

During the decisive 30 minutes of the battle we fired 1,700 shots. By large sized missiles the Oquendo was struck 55 times, the Teresa 37 times, the Viscaya 25 times and the Colon 6 times, while the hits by smaller guns were countless.

IN 1908

In gun practice of the Pacific squadron in Magdalena bay on February 21 a crew of the Pennsylvania made a record of 25 hits out of 25 shots with eight-inch guns at a range of from 1,600 to 2,000 yards.

With three-inch guns the crew of the Maryland made 18.65 hits a minute out of 18.65 shots fired. The Maryland's gunners also achieved 8.43 hits out of a possible 10.72 with the six-inch guns. These world's records were made at a range of 1,600 yards against white-canvas targets 12 by 20 feet square.

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