TODAY'S MARKETS

Chicken Market Is Taking Much Needed Rest After Long Period of Record-Breaking Prices—Supplies in a Glut.

20 CENT DROP IN SUGAR TODAY

Price Suddenly Sags and Granulated, Fruit and Berry Go to $6.25.

Portland wholesale markets:
Flour is advanced 20c.
Sugar down 20c today.
Advance in provisions.
Maintaining butter prices.
Great scarcity of salmon.
Gooseberries are lower.
Higher price for asparagus.
Bell peppers from Florida.
Asparagus selling higher.
New California garlic arrives.
Car cabbage and car red onions.
California tomatoes are here.
Small buying in hops again.
Chickens continue very slow.
Cheese market is not good.

Sugar Is Down 20c Today.

There was a decline of 20c per hundred pounds in the price of sugar today. While this drop was not anticipated by the general trade, the jobbers seem to have had some tip on the situation, for of late their purchases have been very small. The new price took effect at 8 o'clock this morning. While definite information as to the cause of the decline is lacking, it is understood that the heavy arrivals from Hawaii have caused a weaker tone. The eastern markets have not been so strong of late and price concessions have been reported from there of late. Today's price put the price of berry, fruit and dry granulated at $6.25 per hundred pounds.

Advance in Provisions.

The Union Meat company today announced an advance of $1 a barrel on barreled beef and pork. This puts the new prices as follows: Mess beef, per barrel, $13; plate beef, $14; family beef, $14; rolled boneless beef, $21.

Barreled Pork — Mess pork, $21; brisket pork, $25; pig pork, $25; bean pork, $8; butt pork, $22.50 per barrel.

There was little doing in the dressed meat market along Front street today and prices, as quoted, are therefore nominal. Monday is always a day of small arrivals in dressed meats.

Compound lard is showing a slight advance for the day, but other grades are unchanged.

Maintaining Butter Price.

City creameries are determined to maintain the price of butter, but in this they seem to be helped on somewhat by the northern trade. Outside makers are still making much complaint over the price, but generally speaking they are maintaining their values.

Eggs are holding steady around 19½c, although some are asking 20c. Receipts are ample for the demand.

Chicken trade is still very much depressed with most of the arrivals of the last three days of last week carried over until today. A few dealers who cleaned up their supplies on Saturday at a reduction of ½c to 1c a pound now consider themselves lucky. Market will likely do better after the cleanup.

Cheese market, while showing no change in value for the day is not quite so firm.

Great Scarcity of Strawberries.

There was a great scarcity of strawberries from California this morning and prices were advanced. Rowell, Day & Co. of Loomis, California, say in their latest circular that the bulk of the crop of dollar berries is gone and prices in the south will probably go no lower. The California firm is also advising its southern trade to get canning berries at once, else they be too late.

Local berries are in small supply for the day, but larger shipments are now expected. Best fruit readily sold at 15c a box this morning.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Some buying of hops is still reported at valley points around 4½c and 5c for good stock. Cheap grades are finding no purchasers at the moment. Contracting around 8c, 9c and 10c a pound for one, two and three-year contracts is still reported.

Gooseberries are in heavier supply and the market is down a fraction.

A car of California red onions came in from Stockton this morning, priced at $1.75 per sack. A car of cabbage was also among the morning's arrivals from the south. Two cents is the price.

California tomatoes from Brawley are in this morning. Stocks rather green. Prices range from $2.25 to $2.50 per four-basket crate.

Florida bell peppers are again in market around $6 and $6.50 per crate. Fine shape.

Asparagus is very scarce and prices are advanced again.

Dryer, Bollam & Co. report in the first arrivals of new crop California garlic this morning. Fifteen cents a pound.

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

Grain, Flour and Hay.

WHEAT — Buying price — Track, Portland—Club, 89c; bluestem, 92c; red, 87c; Willamette valley 89c bushel.

FLOUR — Eastern Oregon patents, $4.85; straights, $4.05@4.35; exports, $3.50@3.70; valley, $4.45; graham, ¼s, $4.00; whole wheat, $4.25; rye, 5s, $5.50; bales, $5.

MILLSTUFFS — Board of trade—Bran, $26; middlings, $30.50; shorts, $28@29; chop, $27.50 per ton.

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, $11@12.

BARLEY — Board of Trade — Feed, $25.50; rolled, $27.50@28.50; brewing, $27.

OATS—Board of Trade—No. 1 white, $27.50; gray, $27 per ton.

CHITTIM BARK—Nominal.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland; sweet cream, 23½c; sour, 21½c lb.

BUTTER — Extra creamery, 24c; fancy, 23c; ordinary, 21½@22½c; store, 18c.

EGGS—Extra fancy, candled, 19@19½c.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 13c lb; Young Americas, 14c.

POULTRY — Mixed chickens, 13@13½c lb; fancy hens, 14@14½c; roosters, old, 10c lb; fryers, 20@22½c lb; broilers, 20@22½c lb; geese, old, 8@9c lb turkeys, alive, 15@17c lb; dressed, 19@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, 5½@6c; prime, 4½@5c; medium to prime, 4c; medium, 3@4c lb; 1906 crop, ½@1½c lb; contracts, 1908, 8@8½c lb.

SALMON ARE SHY AND STAY OUT OF NETS

Salmon interests are wondering what has become of all the fish. While the scarcity in the Columbia river has ben somewhat expected, the light supply in the Rogue is attracting much attention. This seems to be an off year for salmon anyway, for the catch in all streams has been unusually small. According to one canner he is not receiving enough fish to feed his crew regularly.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 11@12c.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18@18½c.

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

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 10@15c 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.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Select, 75@80c, selling; buying, Willamette Valley, 60@65c; eastern Multnomah and Clackamas, 65@70c cwt; sweets, 3¾@4c; new potatoes, 3c.

ONIONS—Bermuda, $2.25 per 50 lb. crate, 5-crate lots, $2.15 per crate; California red, $1.75 per cwt; garlic, 15c lb.

APPLES—Select, $3; fancy, $2.25@2.50.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $3.00@3.50; bananas, 5½c per lb; crated, 6c; lemons, $3@3.75 box; grapefruit, $2.50@3.50; pineapples, $4.50@5.50 doz; strawberries, California, $1.85@2.00 per 15-box crate; Oregon, $3.60@4.50 per 24-box crate.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 12½c bunch; beets, $1.00 sack; parsnips, 85c@$1.00; cabbage, $2.00; tomatoes, Florida, $4@4.50; California, $2.25@2.50; beans, 11@12c; cauliflower, Oregon, (—) per doz; peas, Oregon, 7@9c; California, 7c; horseradish, 8@10c lb; artichokes, 50@75c doz; green onions, 12½c doz; peppers, bell, 30c; Chile, 15c lb; hothouse lettuce, 75c@$1.25 box; head lettuce, 25@30c doz; cucumbers, hothouse, local, 60c@$1 doz; radishes, 15c doz. bunches; rhubarb, Oregon, 2½@3c; celery, 90c@$1 doz; cranberries, eastern, $9@10.50; asparagus, Oregon, 85@90c dozen bunches; Walla Walla, $1.75 box; spinach, 80@85c box; gooseberries, 7@7½c; eggplant 15c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—California & Hawaiian Refinery—Cube, $6.60; powdered, $6.45; berry, $6.25; dry granulated, $6.25; XXX granulated, $6.15; conf. A., $6.25; extra B., $5.80; golden G., $6.30; D., yellow, $5.55; beet granulated, $6.05; Barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

HONEY—$3.50 per crate.

COFFEE—Package brands, $16.50.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $11.00 per ton; 50s, $11.50; table, dairy 50s, $16.50; 100s, $16.00; bales, $2.35; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 4s, 18.00; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5½@5¾c; New Orleans, head, 7¾c; Ajax, (—); Creole, 5¾c.

BEANS—Small white, $4.75; large white, $4.75; pink, $3.85; bayou, $3.85; Limas, $5.85; Mexican reds, (—).

NUTS— Peanuts, Jumbo, 7c per lb; Virginia, 6½c per lb; roasted, 9c per lb; Japanese, 7c; 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, 8c lb; ordinary, 7@7½c; large, 5@6c; veal, extra, 7½c per lb; ordinary, 7c per lb; heavy, 6½@7c per lb; mutton, fancy, 8@8½c per lb; spring lamb, 8@9c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 12 lbs., 15c per lb.; 14 to 16 lbs., 14½c per lb.; 18 to 20 lbs., 14½c; breakfast bacon, 14@22c per lb; picnics, 10c per lb; cottage roll, 11c lb; regular short clears smoked, 11½c per lb; unsmoked, 10½c 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, 13c per lb; smoked, 14c per lb; shoulders, 11c per lb; pickled tongues, 70c each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 12¾c per lb; 5s, 12⅞c or lb; 50-lb tins, 12½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 11¾c per lb; 5s, 11¾c per lb; compound, 10s, 9¼c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 12½c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 6c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, chinook, 10c lb; bluebacks, 9c lb; steelhead, 7c lb; herrings, 5c lb; soles, 7c per 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; sturgeon, 12½c lb; black cod, 7½c lb; crabs, $1.00@1.50 doz; shad, 2½c; roe shad, 6c; shad roe, 12½c lb.

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, 12½c; standard, 11c; sisal, 9¼c; I. B. sisal, 8¼c.

Coal Oils—

	Iron Bbls.	Cases.	Wood Bbls.
Water White	10½c	.....	14½c
Pearl Oil	.....	18 c	.....
Head Light	12½c	19½c	.....
Eocene	.....	21 c	.....
Special W. W.	14 c	.....	15 c
Elaine	.....	28 c	.....
Extra Star	.....	21 c	.....

Gasoline—

	Iron Bbls.	Cases.
V. M. and P. Naphtha	12½c	19½c
Red Crown Gasoline	15½c	22½c
Motor Gasoline	15½c	22½c
86 per cent Gasoline	30 c	37½c
No. 1 Engine Distillate	9 c	16 c

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 19½c per gal; iron bbls, 12½c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 72c per gal; wood bbls, 69c per gal.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls 49c; cases 55c; boiled, bbls 51c; cases 57c 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.

PENDLETON WOOL MEN SHOCKED AT PRICES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., May 25.—Woolgrowers were shocked today by the prices offered for their clips. At noon only four clips, approximating 250,000 pounds, were sold at prices ranging from 12¼ to 13¾ cents. Several bids under 12 cents were refused. Some wool sold last year at 19 to 21 cents. About 2,500,000 pounds are here and at Pilot Rock. The sale at Pilot Rock will be tomorrow. Bidding was not spirited, and buyers claim the gloomy outlook for wool in the eastern market will cause low prices here. Many growers will hold over their clips, as they do not have to sell at once.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, July 25. — July wheat opened at 7s 6⅛d and closed at 7s 6⅜d, a net gain of ⅜d over Saturday.

World's Wheat Shipments.

New York, May 25.—World's wheat shipments, 5,608,000 bushels.

TINNED ASPARAGUS IS POSSIBLE AGAIN

There is a greater scarcity in supplies of asparagus this spring than ever before. Even California stocks are light and are selling in the Front street market on arrival at 10c a pound. Walla Walla is not shipping its accustomed supplies and for this reason the 'grass from that section is advanced 25c a box today. Local stock is in somewhat better supply than on Saturday but there is not half enough coming to supply the trade even at advanced prices.

WRONG START GIVES NO HINT

Stock Market Quickly Regains Initial Loss and Close Is at Advance.

STOCK MARKET GAINS.

Union Pac.	2¾	So. Pacific	1¾
St. Paul	2¾	Reading	2⅝
North. Pac.	1⅞	Can. Pac.	1⅛
Amalgamated	1¾	Am. Smelter	1⅝

New York, May 25.—Speculators were inclined to sell stocks at the opening of the market today and this resulted in a general lowering of values at the start of the session. The tone was erratic but generally strong later in the day and the last half hour the general list gained from ½ to ¾ point.

Union Pacific started weak at 142½, or a drop of ⅜ from Saturday's final figure. There was but a slight pause before the movement of shorts to cover began and this had the usual effect—boosting values. Union Pacific went to the high around 45⅝ and closed at that figure.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper	63⅝	65¼	63⅝	65½
Sugar	127⅝	129¼	127½	129½
Colo. F. & I.	27	27⅞	26½	27⅞
Brooklyn	51	51¼	49⅞	51
People's Gas	91½	91⅝	91¼	91⅝
U. S. Steel, c.	36⅞	37⅛	36⅞	37⅞
do pfd.	100½	101⅝	100½	101⅝
Atchison	80	81⅞	79⅞	81⅞
Baltimore & O.	87⅞	89⅛	87⅞	89⅝
Canadian Pacific	157⅛	158½	157	158⅝
Erie	20⅞	22⅞	20⅞	22⅞
Louis. & Nash.	106⅝	107½	106⅝	107¼
Missouri Pac.	57¼	59	57⅜	58⅝
Pennsylvania	119⅝	121	119¾	120⅞
Reading	110⅝	113½	110⅝	114⅝
Rock Island	17	18	16⅞	17⅞
Southern Pacific	83⅞	85⅝	83⅞	85⅝
St. Paul	131	133⅞	130⅝	133⅝
Union Pacific	142½	145⅝	142⅝	145⅝
Am. Smelter	71½	73⅛	71⅝	73⅛
N. Y. Central	103½	104⅝	103⅝	104⅝
Northern Pac.	130½	132⅞	130½	132⅝
Anaconda	39	41½	39	41⅝
Southern Ry.	16⅝	17½	16½	17½
Great Northern	127½	128⅞	127½	127⅞
Am. Loco.	49	.....	.....	49
Cotton Oil	29½	.....	.....	29½
Soo, c.	111	.....	.....	111½
Norfolk	69⅞	70	69	70
Smelter, pfd.	97⅞	97½	97⅝	97½
Ontario & West.	49½	.....	.....	49¼
Rock Island pfd.	35½	36	34⅝	35⅝
Am. Woolens	21⅝	.....	.....	21⅝
Ches. & Ohio	42⅞	44½	42½	44⅝
Wabash, pfd.	25⅝	26⅝	25⅝	26⅞
Central Lea.	.....	.....	.....	24⅞
Soo, pfd.	.....	.....	.....	131

Total sales, 860,600 shares.

Money, high, 1¾ per cent, low 1½ per cent, close, 1½ per cent.

VERY HEAVY RUN OF CATTLE IN THE YARDS

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	...	750	850
1907	...	...	...
1906	9	113	280
1905	90	443	764

Portland Union Stockyards, May 25.—There were liberal receipts of sheep and very heavy ones of cattle over Sunday, but no hogs arrived in the yards during that period.

As regards sentiment none of the markets are showing any change from that of last week, the tone in sheep remaining quite dull and weak at unchanged values. Hogs are steady for best and cattle are just holding their own.

Today 75 head of horses arrived in the yards.

A year ago today all lines were dull with prices just about able to hold their own.

Official yard values today:

Hogs—Best stuff, $6.25@6.35; China fats, $6.00@6.15; feeders, $5.00@5.25.

Cattle — Fancy eastern Oregon steers, $5.00; medium, $4.50@4.75; best cows, $3.75; bulls, $2.00@2.50; stags, $2.50@3.00.

Sheep — Best wethers, $4.00@4.25; spring lambs, weighing 75 pounds, $4.50@4.75; ewes, $3.50@3.75; mixed, $3.75@4.00.

SHARP DROP IN HOGS.

Receipts in the East Are Enormous and Prices Are 15c Lower.

Chicago, May 25.—Hogs, 63,000; cattle, 15,000; sheep, 20,000. Hogs are 15c lower. Left over yesterday, 3,200. Mixed, $5.20@5.55; heavy $5.35@5.50; rough, $5.10@5.30; light, $5.15@5.50. Cattle steady to 10c higher. Sheep steady.

Kansas City, May 25.—Hogs, 11,000; cattle, 5,000; sheep, 6,000.

Omaha, Neb, May 25.—Hogs, 6,500; cattle, 300; sheep, 1,000.

WHEAT TURNS FIRMER.

Liverpool Is Stronger and Higher and Chicago Follows the Lead.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	May 23.	Gain.
May	102⅝	102⅝	101⅞	½
July	90⅜	91	90⅜	⅝
Sept.	87⅝	87⅝	86⅞	⅝

Chicago, May 25.—Wonderful strength of the foreign markets caused a very sharp advance in wheat here at the start today, May going to $1.02⅝ and September to 87⅝c. The market later turned weak but regained its strength toward the closing, ending the day with a gain of ½c for May, ⅝c for July and ⅝c for September.

While corn and oats markets were rather dull, both lines were steady and the closing shows a higher price. There was little doing in provisions although the opening was 10c lower for July pork.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	102⅝	102⅝	101⅞	102⅝
July	90⅜	91¼	90⅜	91
Sept.	87⅝	87⅝	87¼	87⅝

CORN.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	65⅞	66¼	65⅝	66¼
Sept.	64⅛	64⅝	64	64⅝

OATS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	45⅝	45¾	45⅝	45⅞
Sept.	37⅞	38	37¼	37⅞

MESS PORK.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	1347	1362	1347	1357
Sept.	1375	1385	1375	1382

GRAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Cash and December Barley Showing an Advance Today.

San Francisco, May 25.—Merchants' Exchange prices:

Wheat—May, $1.66¼; December $1.60 asked.

Barley—May, $1.48; December $1.31⅛.

Cash wheat—White Walla Walla, $1.68¾; red Russian, $1.66¼; turkey red, $1.75; bluestem, $1.73¾.

Cash barley—No. 1 bright, $1.45; brewing, $1.60.

Millstuffs — Bran, $31.00; middlings, $33.50; shorts, $31.50 per ton.

FLOUR MARKET 20 CENTS UP

Advance Is Made in Patents and Straights — Shorts Raise 50c a Ton.

The Portland Flouring Mills company today announced a sharp rise in all grades of local flour except Willamette valley brands and these are quoted nominal at $4.45 a barrel. Patents and local straights are up 20c a barrel; the former going to $4.85 and the latter to $4.45 per barrel. Whole wheat is down 15c, at $4.25, and graham at $4 per barrel. Export grades are unchanged.

The market is firmer on millstuffs and on the board of trade today there was an advance of 50c per ton in both city and country shorts. The former is now $28 and the latter $29 per ton.

Oats and barley were firm on 'change today but the price was unchanged.

The butter market was firmer today than for several days notwithstanding the expectations of some that prices would drop. The sudden reappearance of the Puget sound markets for liberal supplies caused the change in sentiment. On the board of trade prices were unchanged at 25c for extras today.

TONOPAH OF NEVADA IS 40 CENTS LOWER

San Francisco, May 25.—Noon closing prices:

GOLDFIELD DISTRICT.

Sandstorm 29c, Red Top Ext. 9c, Columbia Mt. 14c, Jumbo Ext. 28c, Silver Pick 14, Black Butte Ext. 1c, Atlanta 21c, Great Bend 29c, Florence 33½c, Diam. B. B. Cons. 16c, Comb. Fraction 51c, F. Mohawk 15c, Red Hill 20c, Lou Dillon 2c, Yellow Tiger 7c, Yellow Rose 1c, Col. Mt. Ext. 2c, Goldf. Cons. $5.40.

BULLFROG DISTRICT.

Lige Harris 1c.

TONOPAH DISTRICT.

Ton. Nevada $7.40B, Ton. Montana $1.52½, MacNamara 27c, Ton. Belmont 96c, Ton. North Star 8c, Jim Butler 27c.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.

Little Joe 1c, Granny 4c, Jumping Jack 3c.

SCATTERED DISTRICTS.

Nevada Hills $2.25, Pittsburg Silver Peak $1.20, Eagles' Nest 12c.

BOSTON COPPER MARKET.

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Adventure	1⅝		
Allouez	27¾	Giroux	3⅝
Atlantic	15⅝	Old Dominion	35
Copper Range	7	Shannon	13¼
Bingham	75*	Tamarack	59
Daly West	10½	Victoria	4½
Cal. & Hecla	670	Winona	5
C. Ely	8	Butte Coala	22⅝
Dom. Copper	14	Trinity	13½
Gold Hill	⅝	Parrot	21
Greene	89½	Nippissing	7
Michigan	10½	Quincy	84
Nevada Cons.	12¼	Osceola	86
No. Butte	63	United	7⅝

*Cents.

Yukon Gold Shares.

New York, May 25.—Yukon Gold, 4.

LATEST NEWS OF OREGON CROPS

NORTHWEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Western Oregon—Fair tonight, light frost south portion. Tuesday fair and warmer. Northwest Winds.

Western Washington—Fair tonight. Tuesday fair and warmer. Northwest winds.

Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington—Fair tonight with light frost. Tuesday fair and warmer.

Northern Idaho—Fair and cooler tonight with light frost. Tuesday fair and warmer.

Southern Idaho—Fair tonight with light frost west portion; cloudy with possibly showers east portion. Tuesday fair and warmer.

Light rains fell generally in the wheat belts of the Pacific northwest during the past 24 hours according to the weather map of the government.

Dee, Or., May 25.—C. G. Roberts is putting out 20 acres of new orchard. W. R. Winans has 20 acres of new orchard consisting of Newtown Pippins, Spitzenbergs and Ortleys. F. A. Jones of Portland is having 40 acres of land grubbed. It costs about $100 an acre to grub.

Klamath Falls, Or., May 25.—W. H. Heileman of the reclamation service reports six tenths of an inch rainfall in Klamath county during the past week. Farmers who feared the cold had hurt the growing crops find they were mistaken, and with the moisture that has now fallen a few warm sunshiny days will make a good showing with all the early grain. Fruit Inspector Stearns reports that the late varieties of fruit have not been injured by the cold weather and that there will be plenty of apples, pears, plums, cherries and berries of all kinds.

Klamath Falls, Or., May 25.—The Bonanza creamery is in need of outside markets for its product. Two thousand pounds is now turned out every week and this amount can be increased at any time. Klamath county as well as part of Lake county is now supplied from the creamery. James H. Driscoll of Bonanza has gone to Sacramento to arrange for the shipment of the surplus product to that city. The quality of butter is unexcelled and as the farmers have begun to realize the money to be made in the dairy business and are buying more and better stock, the creamery promoters are planning largely for the future. A small herd of Jersey cows and calves passed through this city today en route to Bly, where they will be pastured and milked for the creamery. They were brought in from the Rogue River valley by Jess Parker. State Dairy Inspector J. W. Bailey, when here last summer, stated that if there was a better dairying section on the Pacific coast than Klamath county he did not know of it. Now, the business is but in its infancy, but promises large for the future. Klamath county needs more dairymen and better herds.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$ 889,860.98
Year ago	1,739,116.30
Balances today	132,894.99
Year ago	250,599.37

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,226,277
Balances	134,525

TACOMA.

Clearings	$ 663,325
Balances	30,119

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, May 25.—Wheat, club, 86c; bluestem 88c, red 84c.

Chicago Cash Barley.

Chicago, May 25.—Cash barley, 63@65c.

GOWN TOO MUCH FOR CHURCHILL

Minister Nearly Thrown From Horse When Lady Dazzled Him.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, May 25.—The directoire gown, which has been the talk of London for the past week, has made its appearance here and caused sensation hardly less intense than at Longchamps. The fact that a lady thus attired could ride through Rotten Row without molestation seems to indicate that Londoners when shocked are better able to restrain themselves than the Parisians. A mysterious and fair equestrienne almost petrified the crowds of fashionable riders on the Row with astonishment when she suddenly appeared among them in the morning dressed in the latest directoire gown. It was made of cream cloth, cut tight to the figure in Princess style with a pearl lace yoke. The dress was slashed on the left side of the knee. Underneath were tight, long, white boots, embroidered with diamonds.

Officials Staggered.

The lady's boldness nonplussed a party of officials. The police at first thought of following the precedent of the French gendarmes and arresting her, but finally decided not to interfere. Apparently unconcerned and riding a dapple gray stallion with ease and grace the lady mixed with the others on horseback.

The general surprise over the lady's appearance led to an exciting incident which should teach Winston Churchill, the president of the board of trade, to curb his curiosity. While he and another rider were gazing at the intricacies of the lady's costume and not looking where they were going, their horses collided with great force. Mr. Churchill quickly recovered his balance, but the other rider only saved himself from a serious fall by assuming the ungraceful attitude of hanging down his hore's side with his arms flung desperately around the animal's neck, to the unrestrained merriment of the onlookers.

Followed by Crowd.

The mysterious woman rode up and down the Row for over an hour, the other riders finally either forming lines through which she passed, or followed her in procession, all eager to secure a closer view of the daring costume and unsuccessfully trying to discover her identity.

The woman's appearance on the streets caused no less commotion than on Rotten Row. Everybody stood looking on in open-mouthed wonder. Down Piccadilly she was followed by a huge crowd, all endeavoring to keep pace with her. It was here discovered that the whole affair was a clever advertising dodge of a resourceful press agent, the lady being an equestrienne performer at one of the London music halls.

The incident at the Longchamps race course when the crowd almost mobbed dressmakers' representatives who wore "sheath" gowns and the subsequent discussion of the possibility of the endecoru directoire gown dominating the feminine modes gave the style such an advertisement that its revival is assured. Parisian actresses immediately took advantage of the curiosity aroused among the masses to appear on the stage dressed in the audacious gowns, letting the public judge for itself as to the extent of their impropriety.

ANARCHY RAGES THROUGH PERSIA

Shah Apparently Helpless to Cope with Situation—Governors Tyrannical.

Berlin, May 25.—Advices received here are to the effect that anarchy prevails throughout Persia. As an example of the Shah's helplessness to cope with the situation a libel action is cited which has been brought against the Persian newspaper Mussowad, as an article stating that parts of Persian territory are in the control of brigands and revolutionists, and concluding with the following:

"The governors are tyrannical, the administration is corrupt and inefficient, the taxes are in arrears, the exchequer is empty, the soldiers' wages are unpaid and the army is helpless. What is the shah going to do in these melancholy circumstances? He devotes himself to orgies night after night until daybreak."

The newspaper proceeds to give proof of its allegations and concludes by demanding the dethronement of the shah and the establishment of a republic.

The shah brought a libel action, but withdrew it when the editor offered to prove the charges in detail. Following this, the walls of Teheran were covered with placards calling upon the people to assassinate the monarch.

BABY WEIGHS ONLY 1 3-4 POUNDS AT BIRTH

Smallest Ever Born Alive and Healthy in Western Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, May 25.—Dr. A. J. Colborn of Connellsville has furnished an affidavit with the story of the smallest baby ever born alive and healthy in western Pennsylvania, a 1¾-pound girl, which arrived Sunday at the home of George Hertzog, at Morrell, Pennsylvania.

The baby is the second born to Mr. and Mrs. Hertzog. The first was a boy weighing 2¼ pounds at birth. Now, at 22 months, it is as lusty as the ordinary child.

Its newly arrived sister is fully developed, and, although not as lusty, will live. The father is a carpenter. The mother is of medium build.

PREPARING PELICAN BAY FOR HARRIMANS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., May 25.—A shipment consisting of a 20-horsepower gasoline engine, a 12,000-gallon water tank, 25 barrels of cement, bath tubs, dynamo, etc., has just been forwarded to Pelican Bay to be used in equipping the place for the Harriman party, which will arrive in July. The engine will be used in connection with the dynamo, which will supply electricity for lighting and power purposes. The tank will be used for storage of water, so that every building on the place may be supplied with hot and cold water. Everything will be in readiness by July.

BAPTISTS WILL COME TO PORTLAND

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 25.—The convention of Northern Baptists, in session here, has voted unanimously to hold the next meeting at the White Temple in Portland, Oregon, next year.

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RAILROADS LOOK FOR LOOPHOLES

Bring Up Matter of Car Shortage, But Commission Offsets Arguments.

By John E. Lathrop.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., May 25—Arguments are sought as excuse for increase in railroad rates, the latest being that the number of idle cars in the country now is 413,000, an increase of 67,700 from April 15, as against an increase of 37,760 from April 1 to April 15.

Also it is cited that 6,500 locomotives are idle because of the idle cars, the investment value of the engines at an average of $18,000 being $117,000,000.

The cost of the idle cars at an average of $1,000 each is placed at $413,000,000, and the total cost of the cars and locomotives which are idle is thus $530,000,000.

This half billion dollars of idle rolling stock is cited as a tremendous charge against the railroad properties which are now in use, and the claim is put forth that the loss of revenue on this idle equipment must be carried by the other property, therefore larger carrying charges must be imposed to make up for the deficiency.

An official of the interstate commerce commission easily shows the fallacy of this idle property as a salient argument affecting the total of railroad values claimed by the railroad managements.

Railroad Properties.

"At the present moment," he said, "the outstanding securities of American railways is approximately $20,000,000,000. Railroad men assert that that total represents real value of the properties. Let us accept, for the sake of argument, the claim of the railroaders as to values. Then the $500,000,000 which represents the value of the idle rolling stock is one-fortieth of the total value of the railroads, or two and one-half per cent. In other words, only two and one-half per cent of the roads is idle. Yet an increase of from 15 to 20 per cent in freight rates is demanded by the railroads as necessary under the present conditions.

"Of course, someone will quickly advance the argument that the approximately $20,000,000,000 of securities is largely water. If that be true, as most of us admit, then the roads have no right to collect freight carrying charges on all that water, and rates by that argument are proven to have been too high, for they have been based on an attempt to collect annual interest charges on all of that genuine and watered stock and all of those bonds.

"The fact is that a short time ago the roads were demanding higher rates because of the rising prices on all things bought by the roads; now they are demanding higher rates because prices are falling. Catching us acomin' and agoin', it seems to me."

The pertinency of this matter to the Pacific northwest consists in the fact that all of the transcontinental lines are joining in the demand for higher rates. The Union Pacific, for instance, is floating $100,000,000 of new bonds, which must be a living charge for the collection of annual interest from the regions through which that system operates. The northern roads—Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington—have already indicated that they propose to raise rates, having attempted higher lumber schedules, the case now pending before the commission here.

Regardless of denials which are put forth from time to time, the conviction is deep seated here that no serious obstacles will be imposed by the administration to prevent elevation of rates.

Status of Fulton Bill.

A case in point is the status of the Fulton bill which proposed to give the interstate commerce commission authority to suspend a proposed higher rate pending an inquiry. This bill as agreed to be amended by Fulton and shippers who had backed it is exactly in agreement with the recommendation of the commission in its annual report, and is merely carrying out the recommendation of President Roosevelt in his message.

It is realized that some dynamite under that bill would have lifted it from the desk of Senator Elkins, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce. The plain truth is that the dynamite was not supplied. After a desultory fight, Senator Fulton agreed to an armistice until next fall, and the bill slumbers, like many other measures which would have been good for the public.

Serious protests have been offered by powerful shipping interests against the pigeon-holing of this salutary bill. But the protests have been unavailing. For the present the bill is "dead as a nit."

It is apparent that a great struggle is on between the roads and the shippers over the question of advancing rates. Tremendous aggregations of manufacturers and dealers are forming for the contest. The stragetic maneuvers of the roads are also apparent—to get rates raised, in the realization that, once raised, it will be difficult for the shippers to force their lowering.

The Fulton bill was designed to supply the shippers with a weapon which would prevent arbitrary raising of rates prior to a determination by the interstate commerce commission of the reasonableness of the proposed increase. The shelving of the bill, therefore, gives the roads the first coign of advantage, as no power exists now whereby a raise in rates may be estopped.

STUDIES HOUSE AS HE FIXES 'PHONES

Residents in the vicinity of King's Heights are concerned about the future welfare of their homes, and the police are on the alert as the result of visits to a number of homes by a fellow representing himself as a "fixer" of telephones, gas stoves and electric lights.

In his various visits this man has explained that he has a system by which he can reduce the bills on the above household appurtenances two thirds. He makes a thorough investigation of the entire house in order to get the lay of the wires, gaspipes, etc.

Chief Gritzmacher has issued orders for all officers to be on the lookout for this impostor.

PLAZA ROSES IN HANDS OF ROBBERS

Vandals are again desecrating Portland's city plots. Complaint has come in to police headquarters that thieves have been committing wholesale depredations on the newly planted rose bushes in the block between Park and West Park streets and Montgomery and Harrison streets.

Saturday night 12 rose bushes were uprooted and taken away. This followed close upon the haul of 30 rose bushes the same week. The police are determined to apprehend and make examples of the thieves who are thus outraging the effort to beautify Portland.

BOY HOBO ROBS HIS BENEFACTRESS

Twelve-year-old Leonard Adams is now being hunted by the police in the hope of recovering $50 which he stole from an aged woman in Holbrook who befriended him when he came there hungry and penniless. The youthful tramp arrived in Holbrook a few days ago, and after being fed and taken care of he was given a job by J. E. Gordon, who is chief of a party of surveyors working in that vicinity.

Adams stayed around the camp for a few days, but one morning he was missing and his benefactress also discovered the loss of her money. Leonard is described as having light hair, and is attired in a reddish brown coat and overalls.

TWO LIVES ENDED BY FOUR BULLETS

J. E. Blum, Teamster, Kills Mrs. Daisy Hickey and Himself.

Four days after she had left a life of immoral associations, in an endeavor to better herself for the sake of her little children, Mrs. Daisy Hickey was shot to death by J. Edward Blum, the man from whom she was attempting to free herself. After firing three shots into the woman's head the murderer blew out his own brains with the fourth bullet. The double tragedy occurred yesterday morning at 11:20 o'clock in the Laporte lodging-house, corner of Yamhill and Third streets, of which G. W. Carter is proprietor.

Additonal sensation was given the affair by the action of the excited proprietor, who was found by Officer Riley on the second-floor landing of the hotel flourishing the smoking revolver at the curious mob that would have poured itself into the death chamber. Thorough investigation by the police and coroner exonerate Mr. Carter of any complicity in the murder and suicide. His actions were caused by the undue excitement under which he was laboring.

It was in Troutdale seven years ago that Blum first met Mrs. Hickey. She was then living with her husband, a butcher in the employ of the Union Meat company. Her acquaintace with Blum rapidly ripened into an intimacy which led to her husband securing a divorce. The two children, Cecil, aged 11, and Harry, aged 9, were given into her custody. Eventually Blum and Mrs. Hickey removed to Portland, where they lived together until about a year ago, when Mrs. Hickey left Blum, because of a quarrel, and took up residence with her brother, Burt Sexton, of Troutdale.

Another reconciliation was effected and the two located in Beaverton. Again they quarreled, and again they made up. This time they came to Portland, where Blum purchased the Elkhorn rooming-house at First and Jefferson streets, Mrs. Hickey taking charge about four weeks ago.

Daily, however, she was becoming more dissatisfied with her illicit companionship with Blum. Her feelings of repugnance for the life led her to seek the advice of her friend, Mrs. Nora Roos, the chambermaid at the Laporte lodging-house, and the latter spoke to the proprietor, who gave Mrs. Hickey a position as chambermaid, with rooms in the lodging-house.

This resulted in another separation between Blum and Mrs. Hickey when she left the Elkhorn Thursday of last week to go to the Laporte. This time Blum's pleadings were futile. She was immovable in her determination to make some sort of reparation for her past life.

Sunday morning Blum entered the Laporte lodging-house unknown to anyone. The first intimation of his visit was when the shots were heard and the subsequent investigation showed Blum's dead body lying prone across that of his victim.

The little children were at Sunday school. Mrs. Hickey, according to Mrs. Roos, who last saw her alive, was in the best of spirits, singing as she went about her work. It is presumed that she discovered Blum in her room when she entered it, and in the quarrel which ensued he stifled her cries as he fired the revolver shots.

The two little children were notified as gently as possible of the tragedy when they returned from Sunday school. Their grief was pathetic. They will be sent to Mrs. Hickey's brother, Burt Sexton, of Troutdale, who has agreed to care for them.

The dead woman's body was taken to the undertaking rooms of J. P. Finley & Sons, and Blum was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital. He never regained consciousness and died at 1:10 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Blum had over $400 on him. He is said to leave several hundred dollars' worth of property. He was a teamster, about 38 years of age, and had a wife and two children living in Baker City. Mrs. Hickey was 29 years of age.

PRESBYTERIANS AT VERNON GET PASTOR

Rev. George Arms Is to Be Installed Next Wednesday Evening.

The installation of Rev. George Arms as pastor of the Vernon Presbyterian church will take place at 8 o'clock Wednesday night at the church, corner of East Nineteenth and Wygant streets. Rev. Henry Marcotte will preach the installation sermon. Rev. Harry Pratt will preside and will propound the constitutional questions, Rev. D. A. Thompson will charge the people and Dr. E. M. Sharp will charge the pastor. Other pastors will have part in the service.

The secretary of the Presbyterian Ministers' association was asked at the meeting this morning to send a letter expressing the sympathy of the association with their brother pastor and his wife, to Rev. A. W. Wilson, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church on the recent death of his son in New York.

Rev. D. A. Thompson read a carefully prepared and interesting paper, a comparison of Mohammedanism with Christianity.

Next Sunday Rev. W. S. Gilbert of Astoria will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church. In the evening he will conduct a special service for the National Guard, of which he is chaplain, preaching their annual sermon.

The members of Mrs. R. K. Warren's Bible class will give a concert in the main auditorium of the First Presbyterian church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. J. W. Cowen, the leader of the Warren chorus and class orchestra will have charge of the program. The invitation is general.

ARGUMENTS TO QUASH LAND FRAUD CASES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, May 25. — Arguments looking to the quashing of the indictments in the Hyde-Benson land fraud cases today occupied the time of those interested in the proceedings.

Counsel for the defense maintained that the prosecution has not made out its case, asserting that the whole question of the defendants guilt apparently hinges on the court's ruling as to the transactions in Oregon that are alleged to be fraudulent. The defense argued that as these transactions were made in 1898 they are within the statute of limitation and that the evidence should be ruled out.

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