TODAY'S MARKETS

There Is Very Much Need at This Time of a Long Period of Hot Weather to Bring Out the Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES MAY REACH HIGHER

Prospects Are Good for Highest Value of Season for Olds Soon.

Front street features:
Future of old potatoes.
California potatoes are poor.
First cantaloupes sell high.
Apricots are in larger supply.
Outdoor cucumbers soon.
Car bananas is unloaded.
Strawberry market lower.
Eggs are holding steady.
Creamery butter demand heavy.
Run of fish still nominal.
Green corn is in poor shape.
Whole wheat and graham flour down.

Old Potato Prospects Good.

From present indications still higher prices will rule on Oregon old potatoes than at any time during the present season. While the California markets are rightly lower owing to the enormous shipments in that direction during the past week, it is not likely that Oregon will have any potatoes to spare from this time forth. Producers have but scant supplies of potatoes remaining unsold and what is left in dealers' hands will not be put upon the market until prospects are better. New potatoes will not be put upon the market from this state in any great quantities until the last of July or the fore part of August. The arrivals from California at this time are not showing as good quality as the ones at the start of the season did. While sizes are better, the potatoes are very green and it will take several weeks before they will be in a good marketable condition. In the meantime the trade is holding to the old growth because as far as quality is concerned they are far the best. Then as regards values, the difference is all in favor of using the old Oregons. The recent decline in California prices was not due to any lack of demand for Oregon's old potatoes, but to the "bunching" of shipments.

What a Pioneer Dealer Believes.

L. Jaggar, a pioneer potato man of this city and one of the most prominent operators in the market, stated to The Journal this morning that he believed that potatoes would strike the highest price of the season during the next three weeks.

A fact that leads the trade to believe that every sack of marketable potatoes in western Oregon will be needed this season is that inquiries for supplies from the outside are increasing instead of showing a decrease and prices offered are generally better than they were a short time ago. The Puget sound markets have recently been very heavy purchasers of potatoes in eastern Oregon, but recently advances were made in the price in the latter sections and even then it is not likely that any great amount will be carried over for lack of buyers.

While there is a temporary lull in the San Francisco buying, some potatoes are still being called for by southern California and Arizona.

Says Conditions Are Mixed.

McKinley Mitchell, a prominent local shipper of potatoes, believes the prospects for an advance in old potatoes during the next few weeks fully as good as are the prospects for a decline. "The market may shoot suddenly higher," he stated this morning, "and there is a chance that it will go lower. It will take several weeks to clean up the California surplus, which has been rushed there from Oregon during the past 10 days."

Another car of California red onions arrived this morning in very fine shape and found a demand around $1.75.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Hop market is again quiet.

A car of bananas from Central America was unloaded this morning. Good shape.

Green corn arrivals from California have not been showing good quality. Price at 50c a dozen.

Creamery butter demand is better than supply, according to city makers. Call is from the north.

Egg market is firm, with sales at 19c and 20c.

Chickens are rather dull, but prices are holding. Cleanups could be made at these figures.

Dressed meats are again in fair supply and it looks as if demand will again improve. Little doing as yet.

Run of salmon in the Columbia is still small and local arrivals are nominal.

Green peas are in better supply from the south and local shipments are likewise increasing. Demand is good and prices are holding.

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—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patents, $4.35; straights, $4.05@4.55; exports, $3.50@3.70; valley, $4.45; graham, ⅛s, $4.00; whole wheat, $4.23; rye, 5s, $5.50; bales, $5.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Board of trade—Bran, $26; middlings, $30.50; shorts, $28@28.50; 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—1908—3@4c lb.

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@20c.

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

POULTRY — Mixed chickens, 12@12½c lb; fancy hens, 13c; 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.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 11½@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 — Old, selling 95c@$1; buying 75@80c per cwt.; sweet (—); new potatoes, 3c.

ONIONS—Bermuda, $2 per 50 pound crate, 5 crate lots, $1.90 per crate; California red, $1.75 per sack; 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 doz.; strawberries, California, $1.75@1.90 per 15 box crate; Oregon, $3.60@4.25 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, 85c dozen bunches; Walla Walla, $1.75 box; spinach, 80@85c box; gooseberries, 7@7½c; eggplant, 15c; green corn, 50c doz.

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—$3.60 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@5⅝c; New Orleans, head, 7⅝c; Ajax, (—); Creole, 5⅝c.

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, 6⅝c 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, 15@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 30 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, 13c 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, 12⅝c per lb; 5s, 12⅞c per lb; 50-lb tins, 12⅜c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 11⅝c per lb; 5s, 11⅞c per lb; compound, 10s, 9⅛c 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; surimps, 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, 8½c.

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	.....	28 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 $2.15.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, May 29.—July wheat opened at 7s 6½d, closed at 7s 6⅛d, a net loss of ⅜d from yesterday.

Tacoma Wheat Market.

Tacoma, May 29.—Wheat — Export: Club, 87c; bluestem, 89c; red, 85c.

QUOTATIONS TOPSY TURVY IN MEXICO

State College, Pullman, Wash., May 29.—Frank Jenne, a former student of the State college, who has but recently returned from near Acapulco, Mexico, tells some very interesting things of the Mexican country. In the region near Acapulco, string beans sell at 1c per pod, bananas 9c per bunch, tomatoes 10 each. Potatoes wrapped in tissue paper are received from the United States and are considered by the Mexicans as much of a delicacy as the oranges the people of northern climates receive from the south.

EGG SITUATION IS QUITE SATISFACTORY

"Eggs are coming in freely, and with eastern goods in the market, in some quarters the demand is not quite what it should be. However, taken as a whole, the situation is very satisfactory from a producer's standpoint.

"Butter is in large supply, but with a very good demand stocks soon clean up, and at firm prices. This is true equally as to dairy and creamery.

"Poultry matters have not been very satisfactory the past week, for the market on hens has been a dragging one, and springs have been in quite large supply. There is a very good demand for these, however. Spring ducks are coming more freely, but if large, are selling very well. Any sort of turkeys are in very firm demand and this market needs more of these. Squabs are very dull. With a holiday next week poultry may do a little better.

"Veal has not been as plentiful this week as formerly and the demand has been better. It is likely that with cool weather the market for veal will improve. Hogs have been weak and it takes the best medium and small to bring top quotations."—Tom Farrell of Everding & Farrell.

NEGLECT HOGS IN THE YARDS

Packers Are Not Inclined to Buy at This Time and Prices Are Nominal.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle	Sheep.
Today	152	37	684
1907	256	27	40
1906	8	87	176
1905	100	75	756

Portland Union Stockyards, May 29.—There was a very much distressed tone in the local hog situation today, although the arrivals were not heavy. Packers are all inclined to the bear side and there was absolutely no call for porkers in the yards during the day. It did not seem to be so much a question of price as that packers did not want supplies at this time.

Cattle market is steady with a small run and quotations were well maintained during the day.

Sheep market ruled steady with fair arrivals during the 24 hours.

Today five head of horses arrived in the yards.

A year ago today all lines were just about holding their own at unchanged values.

Official yard values today:

Hogs—Best stuff, $5.25@5.35; China fats, $5.00@5.15; 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, $4.75@5.00; ewes, $3.50@3.75; mixed, $3.75@4.00.

SHEEP DIE FROM LUPINE.

Umatilla Buyer Loses 250 Head—Weed Sometimes Harmless.

Pendleton, Or., May 29.—George McDonald, a well-known Umatilla county sheepman, lost 250 head of sheep from eating lupine or Crowfoot, a poisonous weed. The sheep were out of a band which Mr. McDonald had just bought of K. G. Warner.

According to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state sheep inspector, the lupine is ordinarily a good forage plant, but it occasionally has disastrous effects. It is harmful if sheep are not used to feeding upon it, or eat the plant when warm. Not long ago an entire band of Montana sheep was lost through eating this weed.

HOGS DROP IN EAST.

Market Opens Rather Steady but Closes With a Loss of 5c.

Chicago, May 29.—Hogs, 17,000; cattle, 1,200; sheep, 7,000. Hogs opened steady at yesterday's close. Left over, 7,800; mixed, $5.25@5.60; heavy, $5.40@5.55; rough, $5.25@5.35; light, $5.20@5.52½. Cattle strong; sheep steady. Hogs closed weak to 5c lower.

Kansas City, May 29.—Hogs, 10,000; cattle, 2,000; sheep, 4,000.

Omaha, May 29.—Hogs, 6,500; cattle, 1,000; sheep, 1,800.

STOCK MARKET SHUNS FATEFUL HALF HOUR

STOCK MARKET GAINS.

Mo. Pacific	1⅛	Reading	⅝
Northern Pac.	⅝	Southern Pac.	⅝
St. Paul	⅞	Union Pac.	⅝

New York, May 29.—The stock market was generally steady to firm during the day, but the fateful half hour preceding the close was somewhat weak, although there was little change in prices. The report from Washington that the currency bill would likely be put to death by long-distance talk had no visible effect upon the market.

With the exception of an advance of ¼ point in Missouri Pacific the price changes were not heavy.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper	64	64⅝	63⅝	64⅝
Sugar	128¾	129	128¾	128¾
Colo. F. & I.	25½	26½	25	26⅝
Brooklyn	48	48	47¼	47¾
People's Gas	91	.....	.....	91
U. S. Steel, c.	36⅝	37¼	36	37¼
do pfd.	100⅝	101½	100¼	101½
Atchison	79½	80⅜	79⅝	80¼
B. & O.	88½	88⅝	87⅞	88½
Can. Pacific	158	158½	157⅝	158½
Erie	21½	21⅝	21¼	21⅝
L. & N.	105½	.....	.....	105½
Mo. Pacific	46½	48⅜	45⅝	47½
Pennsylvania	119¼	119⅝	119⅛	119⅝
Reading	110⅝	111⅝	110⅜	111½
Rock Island	16⅝	17	16⅝	16⅞
S. Pacific	83⅝	84⅝	83	84¼
St. Paul	129½	130⅝	129	130¼
U. Pacific	139½	141	138⅞	141
Am. Smelter	72⅝	74	72⅝	73¼
Am. Smelter, p.	98⅝	.....	.....	98⅝
N. Y. Cen.	101⅝	102½	101⅝	102½
Nor. Pac.	134⅝	136¼	133⅝	134¼
Anaconda	40⅛	41¼	40⅛	41¼
So. Ry.	16½	16⅝	16¼	16⅝
Am. Loco.	48½	48⅝	48¼	48⅝
On. & W.	38⅝	.....	.....	39⅝
Gt. Nor.	129⅝	.....	.....	129⅝
Wabash, p.	22	.....	.....	22⅝
Ches. & Ohio	43	44⅝	43	44¼
Rock Island, p.	34	.....	.....	34⅝
Soo, c.	.....	.....	.....	111
Soo, p.	.....	.....	.....	133
Cotton Oil	.....	.....	.....	30½

Total sales, 476,900 shares.

Money, high 1⅝ per cent, low 1¼ per cent, close 1½ per cent.

75 CENTS EACH FOR FIRST CANTALOUPES

The first cantaloupes of the season have arrived here and you can buy them in the retail market at 75c each. Two crates came this morning from California—one from Brawley, which sold at $7, and the other from Cochella, which is quoted at $4 in the wholesale market. This means 40c each for the best at wholesale. They are on display in a Fourth street house.

Apricots are coming to market more freely and the quality is improving. Today's arrivals sold at $2.25 per 20-pound box.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$ 700,888.16
Year ago	1,362,993.15
Balances today	87,761.01
Year ago	94,943.00

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,183,982.00
Balances	109,447.00

TACOMA.

Clearings	$ 615,517.00
Balances	45,160.00

Chicago Cash Barley.

Chicago, May 29.—Cash barley, 60@65c.

MAY GOES OUT IN FIREWORKS

Option of Wheat Climbs to $1.11 or Within 1 5-8c of Year's High Mark.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	May 28.	Gain.
May	109	110½	109	1½
July	90⅝	90½	90¾	⅛*
Sept.	87⅝	87⅝	88⅛	⅝*

*Loss.

Chicago, May 29.—May wheat closed its career for the season at $1.10½ a bushel, an advance of 1½c over the closing figures of yesterday. The May option opened last July at 103¼.

There was a covering of shorts after the opening of the market, May advancing to the high mark at $1.11, closing ½c under that amount. Other options were weak and distressed even at the start and the closing was ⅜c lower for the July and ⅝c for the September delivery.

May longs in corn did not fare so well as their brethren in the wheat pit. During the day May lost about 2c a bushel. Other corn options were steady.

Oats and provision pits were dull with fractionally lower prices.

Range by Downing-Hopkins Co.:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	109	111	106	110½
July	90⅝	90⅝	89⅝	90½
Sept.	87⅝	88⅛	87	87⅝

CORN.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	....	82½	77	80½
July	67¼	67⅝	66½	67⅛
Sept.	65⅝	65⅝	64⅝	65⅝

OATS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	45¼	45¼	45¼	45¼
Sept.	38	38¼	37⅝	37⅝

MESS PORK.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	1362	1380	1362	1370
Sept.	1390	1407	1390	1395

OLD POTATOES HOLD BETTER THAN THE NEW

San Francisco, May 29.—Butter (per pound)—California fresh, extras, 23c; firsts, 22½c; seconds, 22c; packing No. 1, 21c; do, No. 2, 19c.

Eggs (per dozen)—California fresh, including cases, extras, 21½c; firsts, 20c; seconds, 17½c; thirds, 17c; eastern seconds, 17c.

New cheese (per pound)—California flats fancy, 11½c; firsts, 11c; seconds, 10c; California Young America fancy, 14c; firsts, 13c; eastern Oregon fancy, 13c; do, Young America fancy, 14½c; storage eastern fancy New York, 16c; Oregon, 14c.

Potatoes (per cental)—Oregon Burbanks, $1.00@1.10; river whites, per box, 75c@$1.00; new potatoes, $1.00@1.15 per cental; boxes, $1.50.

Onions — Bermuda, 65c@$1.25 per crate; Australian brown, $3.25@3.50 per crate; red onions, 75c@90c; silverskins, $1.00@1.10.

Oranges (per box)—Navels, $2.50@4; fancy Valencias, $3.50@4; Mediterranean sweets fancy, $2.50@2.75.

40 CENTS LOST BY TONOPAH OF NEVADA

San Francisco, May 29.—Noon closing prices:

GOLDFIELD DISTRICT.

Sandstorm 25c, Red Top Ext. 5c, Columbia Mt. 13c, Jumbo Ext. 24c, Silver Pick 14c, Black Butte Ext. 1c, Atlanta 17c, Great Bend 26c, Florence $3.02½, Diam. B. B. Cons. 14c, Comb. Fraction 36c, F. Mohawk 15c, Red Hill 18c, Lou Dillon 2c, Yellow Tiger 7c, Yellow Rose 1c, Col. Mt. Ext. 2cA, Goldf. Cons. $5.17½.

BULLFROG DISTRICT.

Lige Harris 1c.

TONOPAH DISTRICT.

Ton. Nevada $8.17½, Ton. Montana $1.42½, MacNamara 26c, Ton. Belmont 91c, Ton. North Star 8c, Jim Butler 24c.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.

Little Joe 1c, Granny 4c, Jumping Jack 5c.

SCATTERED DISTRICTS.

Nevada Hills $2.25, Pittsburg Silver Peak 45c, Eagles' Nest, 12c.

LATEST NEWS OF OREGON CROPS

NORTHWEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Western Oregon—Fair tonight. Saturday fair and warmer south portion. Cloudy with probable showers tonight and Saturday north portion. Westerly winds.

Western Washington—Cloudy with probable showers tonight and Saturday; westerly winds.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho—Cloudy with probably showers tonight and Saturday.

During the past 24 hours rains were quite general thoroughout the wheat belts of the Pacific northwest but the downfall was greatest in Idaho. Conditions point to more showers.

According to a buyer for a local commission house The Dalles, Hood River and Mosier section shows a backward season for fruits. However, the prospects for the crops are generally good. Cherries are in excellent shape and apple and peach prospects could scarcely be improved at this time. Cantaloupes and melons will likely show a heavy production. The same can be said of vegetables. The shipments of outdoor grown cucumbers will soon start and telephone peas are ready to send to market. Prospects are that shipments of green corn will begin within the next week or two.

Pendleton, Or., May 29.—That apples raised on the Furnish project will be entered for the $1,000 prize to be given at the Spokane interstate fair and that they will capture that honor is declared by Dr. H. W. Coe of Portland, who is interested with W. J. Furnish in this project. In the immediate vicinity of the project there is an apple orchard of several years' growth and it is from these trees that the ribbon-taking apples will be taken next fall.

Of all the points of which the west end people feel proud the fact that fruits can be raised there earlier than in any other place in the northwest seems to be the favorite. On May 21 cherries were ripe on the Leezur place at Echo, and for some time past cherries from that orchard have been selling at 15 cents per pound.

I. S. Woods, Palouse manager of the Campbell-Sanford & Henley company at Tekoa, Washington, was a visitor on the Portland board of trade today. He states that the wheat, barley and oats crops in that section have had plenty of rain and are looking the best in 10 years.

FIRST OF FLOTILLA IS IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER

Gunboat Yorktown Reported but Torpedo Boats Have Not Been Sighted, Owing to Strong Winds—Special Car Will Collect Roses for Festival.

The gunboat Yorktown entered the Columbia river at 12:40 o'clock this afternoon and proceeded up the bay, where a river pilot will relieve the bar pilot. She will probably not leave up until tomorrow morning.

The torpedo boats Farragut, Davis and Fox and the torpedo boat destroyers Perry and Preble had not been sighted when the Yorktown arrived. Being dark in color and small it is difficult to see them at any great distance. It is possible therefore that they will steal a march on the North Head lookout and show up at Astoria without announcement. On her last visit here the Perry sneaked in over the bar and past the forts at the mouth of the river without being detected.

The "wasps" left San Francisco ahead of the Yorktown and have evidently been proceeding under slow bell in view of the strong northwesterly winds and seas. Tomorrow should see all the warships in the harbor.

The naval squadron, when it comes to Portland Monday morning or Sunday afternoon, will not arrive in sections. It has been decided to hold the vessels at Astoria as fast as they reach that point and to have them steam up the river to Portland in regular order with the flagship Charleston in the lead, the other cruisers, gunboats and torpedo boats following.

No word has been received by the festival association officers yet as to the arrival of the torpedo boats off the bar, and until they reach the river it will be impossible to tell exactly when the squadron will reach Portland. The gunboat Yorktown reached Astoria at noon today and will probably await the coming of the other vessels there.

Will Be Welcomed to City.

As soon as the warships enter the lower harbor they will be met by the reception committee in Harbor Master Speier's launch and will be made welcome to the festival and to Portland.

At the festival headquarters in the Swetland building everything is rushing towards completing the arrangements for the various parades. All boys and girls with bicycles are invited to take part in the horse and carriage parade on Thursday morning, the decorated bicycles to form the rear guard for the carriages and riding horses. Owners of motor cycles are invited to participate in the automobile parade Wednesday morning. The number of night parades arranged by the festival association assures all those who are unable to witness the day parades unlimited opportunities for participating in the festival. Tuesday evening comes the illuminated parade "Spirit of the Golden West"; Wednesday evening the water carnival and parade of small boats; Thursday evening the children's parade and Friday evening allegorical parade of electrical floats.

Interest Widespread.

Indicative of the interest that is being taken in the various festival entertainments is the fact that applications for tickets and reservations are coming from all over the western states, including Utah, Montana and Idaho, as well as Washington and California. A letter was received this morning from an enthusiastic fan in Mullen, Idaho, asking for the reservation of baseball tickets for next week.

Master Fish Warden H. C. McAllister has selected the committee to judge the Venetian water carnival and marine pageant for Wednesday night. It is: Colonel Charles E. McDonnell, chairman; Dr. Harry F. McKay, Frank A. Spencer, John Annand and Dr. J. Arch Stewart.

The line of march for the Spirit of the Golden West and the allegorical and historical parades is to be the same and is as follows:

Parade Line of March.

The starting point will be at the Ainsworth school, and from there they will proceed on Thirteenth street to Stark, on Stark to Twelfth, on Twelfth to Morrison, on Morrison to Seventh, on Seventh to Alder, on Alder to Sixth, on Sixth to Yamhill, on Yamhill to Fifth, on Fifth to Morrison, on Morrison to Third, on Third to Couch, on Couch to Sixth, on Sixth and Ankeny, on Ankeny to Seventh, on Seventh to Stark, on Stark to Sixth, on Sixth to Oak, on Oak to Fourth, on Fourth to Washington, on Washington to Seventh to Morrison, on Morrison west to the reviewing stand on the Pennoyer block, out to Twelfth, and there disband.

The University Park board of trade has appointed the following committee to gather roses in University Park and Portsmouth for the festival: William Tate, A. Burdick, W. Peddicord, E. Carlander, R. Bowman, F. Fernan, C. Brouse, R. Wise, George McNamara and R. E. Haldeman.

Special Car for Flowers.

The street railway company will run a special car out along its suburban lines Monday morning for the collection of roses. The Peninsula is literally abloom with the flowers and two booths of the Peninsula Development league in the Forestry building will be used to show some of the choicer blossoms. Receiving stations for roses will be established at J. Glen's store and the University Park & Portsmouth Mercantile company in Portsmouth, and roses will be kept there until they can be sent to the exhibition building.

During the festival week the Travelers' Aid society of the Y. W. C. A. will list the rooms of Portland people free of charge and those desiring to rent their rooms can send postal cards addressed to the Travelers' Aid society, 312 Oak street, furnishing information as to name, address, telephone, number of rooms, with or without meals, bath, price and nearest car line. A representative of the society will be at the depot and will meet all trains so that strangers can apply at the depot for accommodations.

PLAN TO OPPOSE ADVANCE OF RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, May 29.—Following closely upon the heels of the big gathering of commercial bodies of every description, commercial clubs, chambers of commerce, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers' associations to the number of 56, who met in Chicago May 15 to formulate a plan of action to head off the threatened 10 per cent advance in freight rates, the freight rate committee, of which C. F. White is chairman and A. F. Specht is secretary, representing the combined interests of western lumber manufacturers and shingle mills' bureau, has just issued to more than 2,000 eastern correspondents a confidential letter on transportation politics, which outlines a plan for effectively opposing an advance in freight rates.

Briefly, the letter calls upon business interests all over the country to join in requesting delegates to both the Republican and Democratic national conventions to support the following article of political faith and to see that it is made a plank in the platforms of both political parties:

"We urge that congress enact an amendment to the interstate commerce act whereby the interstate commerce commission may, at its discretion upon proper complaint, suspend the tariffs and investigate advances in freight rates as to their reasonableness before becoming effective."

SPANISH SOLDIERS KILLED IN DUELS WITH FRENCHMEN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Paris, May 29.—Two Spanish soldiers have been killed and several Frenchmen badly wounded in duels between the soldiers of the two nations jointly engaged in policing Morocco, the enmity growing out of the clash on May 17 having taken the form of a bloody vendetta according to advices received at the war office here today.

At the same time the Spanish war office notified the French office that complaints of the constant dueling had been received at Madrid and that unless order was restored the Spanish troops would be withdrawn.

No open fighting has taken place between the Spanish and the French, but the bitterest feeling exists and duels take place daily. In these encounters the Frenchmen so far have been more successful than their adversaries.

The condition of affairs is looked upon as being serious in the extreme and conferences are being held here today in an effort to determine the best method of meeting the situation.

It is constantly feared that another outbreak may take place and lead to a much more serious clash than the previous one.

WILLIAMS WILL BE EXONERATED--BATY

Man He Accidentally Killed Found to Be a Horse-thief.

Captain Baty stated this morning that the evidence secured by the detectives detailed on the case of W. H. Bigelow—at first thought to be W. H. Nosuy because he registered under that name at the McAllister hotel—is sufficient to exonerate both Fred Williams and Mary Keiser from a charge of manslaughter.

It has developed that Williams responded to the cries of Mary Keiser for assistance against Bigelow and that the extent of his attack was to wrench Bigelow from the woman and throw him across the room. Bigelow's skull was fractured by the impact against the wall. This caused his death.

Coroner Finley will hold an inquest over Bigelow's body at 4 o'clock this afternoon. About two weeks ago Bigelow stole a horse from the Ziegler & Hill stables and sold it for $110. Detectives Jones and Tichenor, who were working on the case, this morning discovered that Bigelow and the horse-thief were the same man.

Mary Keiser and Fred Williams will probably be held on an assault and battery charge until after the coroner's inquest.

New Notaries.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., May 29.—Commissions as notaries have been issued as follows: Robert E. Shine, Empire City; John J. Kurath, Hillsboro; O. F. Cady, Portland; B. E. Harder, Haines; C. H. Finn, La Grande; Charles R. Barrow, Coquille.

DAMROSCH WELCOMED ALL OVER THE COAST

One Evening of Portland Engagement to Be Wagner Night.

The extraordinary success of the Damrosch concert season in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles, where the New York Symphony orchestra has been played to record-breaking houses, insures the same remarkable demonstration of enthusiasm for their coming Portland engagement, June 3 and 4, at the Armory, under the management of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman.

All the most important of the world's greatest masterpieces in orchestral music have been crowded into the three programs which they will give in this city. Never before has such a rich intellectual feast been offered the art-loving public. The splendid works of genius bequeathed the world by Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, Weber, Wagner, Tschaikowsky, Liszt and other leading representatives of both the classic and romantic schools, will be interpreted with an artistic sympathy and dramatic power which has made Walter Damrosch the great conductor that he is. The men of his orchestra revere him and do his bidding with a zeal and intelligence of enthusiasm which can came only of a pure and lofty love of what is noble and beautiful.

In addition there will be many piquant and captivating novelties and charming bits of orchestration from the French school of today, the immense range and scope of these three programs far exceeding anything ever before offered Portland people. One evening, June 4, will be devoted entirely to Wagner. Seats now selling at Sherman-Clay & Co.

ANNEXATIONISTS' CAMPAIGN ENDS

Mount Scott People Hear Arguments Why They Should Join Portland.

Five hundred people crowded Nash's hall at Nashville last night to hear the final arguments for the annexation of the Mount Scott district to Portland. The meeting was scheduled to be the last one held by the Mount Scott Annexation club, which has been making a vigorous campaign for the past month, and judging from the sentiment expressed at the conclusion of each speech there is no doubt that the majority of the vote at the close of the election will be found to be for annexation.

To judge from the remarks made by the speakers last night about the only persons who are not in favor of annexation are those who are selling water out in the Mount Scott district and their friends. It is said that these people are naturally against the annexation movement, as the installation of a municipal water service will cut off their revenues.

Judge James Stout, an old pioneer of Mount Scott, aged 90 years, opened the arguments for annexation in a brief address in which he set forth the advantages of being connected with the city. He said the growth of Mount Scott depended on the growth of Portland and that if Portland were not situated as it is real estate in that section would be practically valueless. He argued that better sanitation would be secured to the district by annexation.

The next speaker was Mr. Farnsworth, another resident of Mount Scott. His remarks were on the same order as the first speaker's. He said that Mount Tabor had had the same fight before it was finally annexed and that no one in that district wanted to go back to the old regime. He said that the argument used by the opposition that increased taxation would result in case of annexation was not a valid one as the benefits that would be derived would offset the additional cost to residents.

L. Q. Matthews and Walter Thomas Mills were brought up to Nashville by President O. N. Ford of the Mount Scott Annexation club to drive the final rivets in the annexation argument, and this they did in a manner to leave no one in the hall unconvinced of the advantages of coming into the city.

Their remarks were a reiteration of all the arguments hitherto advanced by annexationists for the incorporation of the district with Portland. More water and better water, better fire and police protection were urged as reasons for the change. The speakers also showed how realty values would be increased and insurance rates reduced. They showed that annexation would not work a hardship on any one as has been claimed by the opposition, but on the contrary, would be of lasting benefit to every man, woman and child in the community.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the selections rendered by the Mount Scott male quartet. This is composed of young men of that suburb and is as good as many professional organizations. The members of the quartet are A. L. Warner, R. W. Lovgren, C. Heath and M. Hickox.

SOCIETIES STRIVE FOR SILKEN BANNER

Street Fair in Albina Nearly Ended, and Contest Grows Warm.

As the end of the young men's carnival and street fair on Morris street approaches the rivalry among the various societies who are trying to get enough votes to win the beautiful silk prize banner grows more keen. The Ancient Order of Hibernians took a spurt last night in the contest, getting 3,000 votes to the good. The other societies are waking up, however, and tonight and tomorrow night the battle for the premier position will take on the aspect of a planned campaign. It is known that at least two of the societies are making up a purse today for the purpose of boosting themselves into the lead and thousands of votes will pour in during the closing hours of the carnival.

The banner, which will be presented to the most popular society as determined by the number of votes, is a beautiful fabric made of imported French silk and it was made by the Sisters of Mount Tabor.

The political voting contest ends tonight but the society contest will not close till tomorrow night.

Following is the result of the voting up to date:

Political contest closes tonight at 10:20. Bryan 239, Taft 249, Chamberlain 236, Cake 319, Manning 1,809, Cameron 313, Word 1,045, Stevens 907, O'Day 262, Morrow 352.

Society contest closes Saturday night at 10:25. A. O. H. 4,785, C. O. F. 467, K. of C. 1,482, St. Joseph 487.

GO ON WITH TESTIMONY IN LAND FRAUD CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, May 29.—Having lost in its efforts to induce the court to quash the indictments in the Hyde-Benson land fraud case the defense today proceeded with its testimony.

John D. Ackerman, a San Francisco lawyer, was the first witness. He testified that he had purchased thousands of acres of land in the forest reserves in precisely the same manner as Frederick Hyde and John A. Benson had. He had been called to the stand to show that the transactions of the defendants were not different from those of other land lawyers. He declared that the practice of signing signatures to blank applications was not uncommon.

HEAD CRUSHED TO PULP CHILD STILL LIVES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, May 29.—The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Carboni, who live in the third story of the Lorenzi apartments, at Octavia and Haight streets, fell from the front window today striking its head on the cement pavement below and, strange to say, was not killed. The child's head was crushed until its features were almost indiscernible, but its breathing was regular when it was picked up. At the Emergency hospital the doctors say they cannot account for the survival of the child at all and have no hope whatever that it will live through the day.

ONE HUSBAND AND A WIFE SEEK DIVORCE

Alleging that his wife is a hard drinker and contracted the habit of prowling around at night in company with strange men and women, visiting cheap restaurants for entertainment, Perry L. Witbeck has begun suit in the circuit court for divorce from Annette Witbeck. They were married in Bay City, Michigan, April 23, 1902.

Lillian M. Harris is seeking divorce from Percival E. Harris, to whom she was married in Cove, Union county, in 1902. She says her husband left her without cause March 1, 1907. She desires to resume her maiden name of Lillian M. Bennett.