TODAY'S MARKETS

Just Why Some Shippers Will Send Fruit to Market They Would Not Eat Themselves Cannot Be Explained Here

ORIENT ASKS ABOUT FLOUR

New Crop Delivery Inquired for but Prices Are Too High to Suit.

Front street features:
Inquiring for new flour.
Wheat market nominal.
Ending old potato season.
Strawberry market is bad.
Eggs are steady; poultry dull.
Dressed hogs are not wanted.
Dressed veal is steady.
Boosting up hop market.

Inquiring for New Flour.

A number of inquiries have been lately received by local millers for new crop flour, but thus far no business has resulted so far as known. Millers are showing a tendency to hold the price stiff at $3.60 and $3.70, practically the present high value for export grade, and the orient is of the opinion that these prices are too high. While some millers may be inclined to the opinion that they will be able to sell export grades at a slight reduction from these figures for next season's delivery, none of them are taking chances with the market. The local market is fair according to sellers, business showing a slight improvement each 30 days over the preceding period.

Editor Leo Peterson of the Portland Commercial Review gives the following view of the general situation in flour:

"Flour is hard to sell, and prices are difficult to maintain in the little business possible. Flour buyers in the orient are looking on, and sellers are compelled to do the same. Buyers have fixed their minds on low prices in the autumn but do not expect old crop flour to depreciate in market value. The past week has been again a very quiet one in the export flour trade, and instead of any improvement, a lack of interest is in general prevailing. Buyers for the time being are generally disposed to use up existing supplies before entertaining fresh purchases. It takes but little to make the flour market look sick, and this is its condition at the present time. There are more sellers than buyers, and mostly all purchases are of a hand to mouth character. As long as this is their policy, it will be no use forcing flour sales, for this reduces prices without increasing orders. It seems that the remainder of the current crop season will be devoted to piecing out orders by buyers, who propose to limit purchases. The market for flour for local and coastwise trade is unchanged.

Seasons Are Changing.

"During the transition from the old to the new season unsettled conditions prevail. Millers continue to hold patents and clears firmly, on the ground that there is no reason why new flour should be any cheaper than old. Buyers have bought so sparingly for several months that their stocks are about exhausted, and consequently they will have to load up shortly. Occasionally a fair-sized order is filled but in no instance is there any evidence of stocking up. No particular section calls for supplies, the small orders coming from different directions. Clear flour is dull, and few sales are being made. The volume of trade is much smaller than usual, and the limited production is sufficient for all demands. Country mills are having difficulty in disposing of clears in the market. Prices are being shaded more or less to keep in the market and prevent any storing of flour. There is some inquiry for August and September shipment, but millers do not care for future contracts at present, being unable to figure on safe prices, with the uncertainties of future wheat and millfeed prices."

Ending Old Potato Season.

For old potatoes the market is being rapidly brought to a close here and by the first of the month most of the present stocks will have disappeared. Because of the heavier arrivals of new potatoes from the south as well as a slight increase in the volume of local arrivals, holders of old potatoes in this market are reducing their asking price. While for perhaps two weeks some of the trade has been asking as high as $1.15 for old stock, prices today go no higher than $1 and even this price is being shaded by some who are quite anxious to get from under while there is a chance to make a profit instead of a loss.

Strawberry Market Is Bad.

During the past 24 hours the strawberry market showed a very bad complexion. Arrivals were generally in bad order and this had a depressing effect upon the better quality. Receipts of Magoons have been more liberal than the market would justify and as these could not be held over any sort of price was accepted. With such a condition ruling it was impossible for the trade to sell the better class of Clarks at reasonable figures and sales during the day on this fruit were generally around $1.25 with some willing to clean up at a still lower figure. The heavy volume of poor arrivals is due to the lack of sunshine, the fruit not being able to stand up after picking.

Cantaloupe market is shot to pieces and sales are reported from $2.25 to $3 a crate for best fruit. Thus is a very reasonable figure—in fact, the lowest in the country outside of the producing section. Cool weather is the interference the trade meets with.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Eggs are steady with arrivals just fair.

Chicken market remains slow at former prices.

Dressed hogs are in a poor position with prices scratched but best veal is showing a steady call at ruling figures.

A car of lemons was among the arrivals from the south this morning.

Page & Son report in first arrivals of figs from California this season.

Local cabbage supplies slightly increased.

Preparations for a grand boost in values are being made by hop shorts who in this manner force growers to cultivate and pick their crops as they did a year ago.

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

Grain, Flour and Hay.

WHEAT — Buying price — Track Portland—Club, 88c; bluestem, 90c; red, 86c; Willamette valley, 88c bushel.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patents, $4.85; straights, $4.05@4.55; exports, $3.50@3.70; valley, $4.45; graham, ¼s, $4.00; whole wheat, $4.25; rye, 5s, $5.50; bales, $5.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Board of trade—Bran, $26; middlings, $30.50; shorts, $28@28.50; chop, $21@29 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—Feed, $25.50; rolled, $27.50@28.50; brewing, $27.

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

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

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

BUTTER—Extra creamery, 25c; fancy, 23½c; ordinary, 21½@22½c; store, 18c.

EGGS—Extra fancy, candled, 18@18½c.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 12¾@13c; Young Americas, 13¾@14c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 10½@11c per lb; fancy hens, 11c; roosters, old, 8@9c lb; fryers, 16½@17c lb; broilers, 16½@17c lb; geese, old, 8@9c lb; turkeys, alive, 17c; dressed, 19@20c lb; spring ducks, 16@17c lb; pigeons, $1.25 doz; dressed poultry, 1@1½c lb. higher.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS — 1907 crop, first prime, 5c; prime, 4½c; medium to prime, 4c; medium, 3½c lb; 1906 crop, 2@3½c lb; contracts, 9c and 10c for three years.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 12@12½c.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18½c.

HIDES—Dry hides, 12@18c lb; green, 4@5c; calves, green, 5@7c; kips, 5c lb; bulls, green salt, 2½@3½c lb.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 10@15c each; short wool, 25@40c; medium wool, 50c@$1 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

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

CHITTIM BARK—1908—3@4c lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Old, selling, 90c@$1.00; buying, 80@85c per cwt; sweet, 5@5½c; new potatoes, $2.25 per cwt.

ONIONS—Bermuda, $1.40@1.50 per 50-lb. crate; 5-crate lots, $1.40 per crate; California red, $1.50 per sack; yellow, $1.75; garlic, 15c lb.

APPLES—Select, $3; fancy, $2.25@2.50.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $3.25@4.00; bananas, 5½c per lb.; crated, 6c; lemons, $3.50@$4.75 box; grapefruit, $2.50@3.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $5 doz; strawberries, Willamette valley $1@1.50; cantaloupes, $2.25@3.00; apricots, 90c@$1.10; blackberries, $1.40; peaches, 90c@$1.00.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 20c; beets, 20c; carrots, 20c per dozen bunches; parsnips, 85c@$1.00; cabbage, $2.00; tomatoes, California, $1.50 box; beans, 8@10c lb.; cauliflower, California, crate, $1.75@2.00; peas, Oregon, 5½@6c; horseradish, 8@10c; artichokes, 50@75c doz; green onions, 15c doz; peppers, bell, 35c; Chile, 25c lb; hothouse lettuce, $1.25@1.50 box; head lettuce, 25@30c doz; cucumbers, hothouse, local, 85c@$1 doz; radishes, 15c doz bunches; rhubarb, Oregon, 3c; celery, (—); asparagus, Oregon, 65@75c doz. bunches; gooseberries, 6c; eggplant, 10@15c; green corn, 40c 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, 5vs, $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, (—).

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS — Front street — Hogs, fancy, 7c lb; ordinary, 6½c; large, 5@6c; veal, extra, 8c per lb.; ordinary, 7@7½c per lb.; heavy, 7c per lb.; mutton, fancy, 8@8½c per lb.; spring lamb, 7c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 12 lbs, 15c per lb; breakfast bacon, 14½@22½c lb; picnics, 10c per lb; cottage roll, 11c lb; regular short clears smoked, 12c per lb; backs, smoked, 12c; Union butts, 10@13c lb; smoked, 13c lb; clear bellies, smoked, 14c per lb; shoulders, 11c per lb; pickled tongues, 70c each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 13¼c per lb; 5s, 13⅛c per lb; 50 lb tins, 12½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 12¼c per lb; 5s, 12⅝ 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, 9c lb; herrings, 5c lb; soles, 7c per lb; shrimp, 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; 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, $7.00 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75 per 100.

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.

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

TURPENTINE—In cases, 73c per gal; wood bbls, 69c per gal.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., 53c; cases, 59c; boiled, bbls., 55c; cases, 59c a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $34 ton.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7⅝c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c lb; less lots, 8¼c lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis at $2.65.

Latest News of Oregon Crops

NORTHWEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Western Oregon and western Washington—Showers tonight and Sunday; southeast winds.

Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho—Showers tonight and Sunday.

Albany, Or., June 20.—The heavy rains of the last few days has been worth thousands of dollars to the farmers of Linn county. Field crops were sadly in need of rain and the late gardens were in peril. Grains, grasses and, especially, the pasture lands will be benefitted. Crops in Linn county as a whole are now in excellent condition. The beginning of harvest has been made and the hay crop is being harvested.

Worden, Wash., June 20.—Throughout this district the farmers are organizing and getting ready to handle their own grain crops. Warehouses will be built here by the Farmers' Grain company and practically all the business will be taken out of the commission merchants' hands. The farmers claim that it costs as much to put their grain through the third party's hands as it costs to pay freight to the coast.

OREGON SHEEP CLEANER.

Few Cases of Scab Reported by Lytle.

Dr. W. H. Lytle, federal sheep inspector for Oregon, passed through Portland last night on a three weeks' trip of inspection up the Willamette valley. Dr. Lytle says that Oregon sheep are in better condition now than ever before, there being but a few isolated cases of scab on the ranges.

The wool market, while weaker than usual, he expects will improve before very long, as the growers are holding their product for higher prices. None of the choice wool clips of eastern Oregon have been sold yet, as the sheep raisers are all in circumstances that enable them to hold their product until the price suits them.

Secretary Dan Smythe of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association is also in Portland. He says the Oregon sheepmen are well pleased with the outcome of their rent fight with the Washington woolraisers, who were defeated in their latest attempt to grab some of the Oregon range in the Wenaha forest reserve.

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$ 635,034.77
Year ago	1,034,030.35
Balances today	45,261.43
Year ago	146,422.25

SEATTLE.

Clearings	$1,190,611
Balances	150,975

TACOMA.

Clearings	$486,198
Balances	34,853

WORLD MARKET QUITE BEARISH

Wheat Prices are Lower Everywhere—Foreign Values Drop.

WORLD'S WHEAT MARKETS.

	July Option.
Chicago	86¼
Duluth	103½
Minneapolis	87⅞*
Winnipeg	101¼
St. Louis	85
Kansas City	81½
Liverpool	7s 1⅝d

*September.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	June 19.	Loss.
July	86⅝	86⅛	87¼	⅝
Sept.	85	85	85¾	¾
Dec.	86⅛	86¼	86⅝	⅝

Chicago, June 20.—The wheat market showed bearishness from the start, opening prices being generally lower, with persistent selling by both the long and short interests. The fact that Argentina has been such a persistent seller of wheat lately has drawn bearish converts from the bull side. Foreign markets were very much inclined to the selling side today, with Liverpool 1d to 1⅛d lower than the close of Friday.

This market was rather dull and slow after the opening and prices closed ⅝c to ¾c under the final figures of yesterday.

The Inter Ocean says: "Trade in the wheat pit is largely of a professional character and manipulation is much in evidence. The weather map shows ideal conditions for harvesting and many reports from the southwest say the grain is of fine quality, damage wrought by recent rains having been exaggerated.

Range by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	Close.
WHEAT.		
July	86¾	86⅛
Sept.	85	85¼
Dec.	86⅛	86¼
CORN.		
July	69⅝	69⅝
Sept.	69	69⅝
Dec.	58⅝	59B
OATS.		
July	....	44½
Sept.	38½	38⅞
May	41¼	41⅝
PORK.		
July	1435	1445
Sept.	1460	1472
LARD.		
July	880	890
Sept.	900	910
RIBS.		
July	795	802
Sept.	822	827

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF NEW YORK BANKS

New York, June 20.—Bank statement: Members' daily cash reserve average 29.87 per cent.

	Increase.
Reserve	$ 5,320,575
Reserve, less U. S.	5,175,900
Deposits	32,002,100
Loans	26,055,300
Specie	10,642,800
Legal tender	6,610,300
Circulation	981,300

Members' actual cash reserve 30.04.

	Increase.
Reserve	$ 4,601,425
Reserve less U. S.	4,409,750
Loans	23,340,900
Specie	8,783,600
Legal tenders	3,311,800
Deposits	29,975,900
Circulation	996,400
Non-members:	
Loans, increase	$ 3,901,100
Specie, increase	1,278,900
Legal tenders, decrease	258,500
Total deposits, increase	8,422,800

Total deposits eliminating other banks and trust companies in New York city, increase, $4,780,300.

Aggregate reserve on deposit, increase, $3,950,800.

Percentage of legal reserve, 32.80 per cent.

STOCK MARKET RULES DULL BUT ADVANCED

New York, June 20.—The stock market was very dull today but the tone was steady to strong with the general list showing gains in value at the closing. The market opened rather strong on the expectations of a good bank statement. London was strong for American shares with prices generally advanced.

New York Bond Market.

	Bid.	Ask.
Michigan Central 5s	100½	100½
Pennsylvania R. R. 5s	100⅝	100⅝
Uni. Railways, St. L. 4s	.....	83
So. Pac. 1st ref. 4s	92	92½
St. L. & S. F., ref. 4s	71⅛	72
N. & W. Cons., 4s	94	95
Met. St. Ry., ref. 4s	.....	48
R. I. 1st ref. 4s	86	86¼
Inter. Met. 4½s	65	65½
At. Coast L. (L. N. col) 4s	81	82½
O. R. & N. 4s	95½	97½
O. S. L. ref. gold 4s	89½	90
Cons. Trac. Co. 5s	102¼	102⅝
Erie 1st Cons. 4s	.....	89
Colo. & So. 1st 4s	89½	90
Cent. Pac. 1st 4s	97	97½
Atl. Coast L. Cons. 4s	.....	92½
L. & N. unified 4s	98½	98⅝
C. B. & Q. joint 4s	96½	96⅝
Reading general 4s	98½	98⅝
C. & O. general 4s	101	101½
Uni. R'y Gld. tr. (Phil.) 4s	66	67
Elec. & Peo. (Phil.) 4s	89½	90
U. R'y I. Co., Col. (Phil.) 4s	73½	74

News Gossip of Finance

New York, June 20.—Sterling: 4.86@4.88.

New York, June 20.—Bar silver, 54¼c, London 25 1-10d.

New York, June 20.—Government bonds:

	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered	104½	105
do coupon	105	.....
Threes, registered	101	101½
do coupon	101	101½
Small bonds	101½	.....
Fours registered	121½	122
do coupon	122½	123
Twos, Panama	(—)	.....

New York, June 20.—The cotton exchange will be closed in this city July 3, as well as July 4.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, June 20.—Wheat close: July, 7s 1⅝d; September, 6s 10¾d; December, 6s 10½d.

Corn—July, 5s 1⅝d; September, 5s 1¼d.

The Nile contains a greater variety of fish than any other body of water.

The wife in Abyssinia always owns the house and contents.

SHEEP MARKET 25 CENTS OFF

Wethers and Mixed Lots are Down, While Lambs are Unchanged for the Day.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	..	50	..
1907	70	80	..
1906	..	125	400
1905	87	875	142

Portland Union Stockyards, June 20.—The entire livestock market continued permeated with dullness, and weakness is gathering in every line. While there has been practically no business in the cattle market during the past 24 hours packers are reducing their bids and they are now unwilling to pay more than $4 for top stuff.

Additional weakness is shown in the price of sheep owing to the overful condition of the livestock market in general, and the top of the market for wethers today stands at $3.75, or a cut of 25c from former figures. No change is shown in lambs, but the low point for mixed lots has been reduced 25c, although the high mark is unchanged.

Hog market is quiet and unchanged. Of late the receipts have been light in all lines and this may mean somewhat better prices after the present glut is out of the way.

Today 40 horses were among the arrivals.

A year ago today all lines were easy to steady at unchanged values.

Official yard values today:

Hogs—Best stuff, $6.25; China fats, $5@5.50; stockers and feeders, (—).

Cattle—Fancy eastern Oregon steers, $4; medium, $3.75@4; best cooks, $3@3.25; bulls and stags, $1.50@2.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, $3.75; spring lambs, weighing 75 pounds, $4.75; mixed, $3@3.50.

Produce in San Francisco.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, June 20.—Eggs (per dozen) — California fresh, including cases: Extras, 21½c; firsts, 21c; seconds, 19c; thirds, 18c; eastern seconds, 17c.

Butter (per pound)—California fresh: Extras, 23c; firsts, 22c; seconds, 21c; packing, No. 1, 21c; do No. 2, 20½c.

New Cheese (per pound)—California flats, fancy, 11c; firsts, 10½c; seconds, 9½c; California Young America, fancy, 13½c; firsts, 13½c; eastern Oregon fancy, 11½c; do Young America fancy, 14½c; storage, eastern fancy, New York, 16c.

Potatoes (per cental)—Oregon Burbanks, 90c@$1.15; new potatoes, $1.00@1.25 per cental; boxes, 40c@$1.25.

Onions—Bermudas, 50@65c per crate; Australian browns, $3.00@3.50 per crate; red onions, 60@70c.

Oranges (per box)—Navels, $2.50@3.75; fancy Valencias, $3.50; Med. sweets, fancy, $2.50@2.75.

NEWS FORECAST OF COMING WEEK

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, June 20.—With the Republican ticket named there will be a temporary lull in the national political arena until the time approaches for the delegates to gather at Denver for the Democratic nominating convention.

One of the interesting political events of the week will be the state primary in Tennessee next Saturday, the result of which will determine the gubernatorial contest between Governor Patterson and former Senator Carmack.

Iowa Republicans will meet in state convention at Waterloo to ratify the results of the recent primary and Georgia Democrats will meet at Atlanta for the same purpose and also to choose delegates to the Denver convention.

The three-cornered race for the governorship of North Carolina will be settled at the Democratic state convention in Charlotte Wednesday. Vermont Democrats will meet in convention at Burlington Friday to name a state ticket and select delegates-at-large to the Denver convention.

Americans will be much interested in the wedding of Miss Jean Reid, daughter of Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain, and Hon. John Hubert Ward, brother of the Earl of Dudley, which is scheduled to take place in the chapel royal of St. James' palace next Tuesday.

During the week commencement exercises will be held at Harvard, Yale and other big colleges, with reunions of alumni and addresses by men of note.

The week will be filled with events of interest to all lovers of aquatic sports, including the two biggest boat races of the year in America. The crews of Yale and Harvard will have it out on the Thames at New London Thursday and two days later the crews of half a dozen leading colleges will meet on the Hudson in the annual regatta of the Intercollegiate Rowing association.

Saturday the athletic team which will uphold the honors of the United States in the coming Olympic games in London will sail from New York on the steamship Philadelphia.

Leading conventions of the week will include the annual meetings of the National Association of Credit Men at Denver, the Travelers' Protective association at Milwaukee, the United Commercial Travelers at Columbus, the American Library association at Minneapolis, the International Association of Factory Inspectors at Toronto, and the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs in Boston.

MAYOR SAYS NIX TO SPECIAL PERMIT

Another "special permit" ordinance to fall beneath the veto axe of Mayor Lane was one granting permission to the Coffin Grain & Milling company to construct an elevated sidewalk alongside of its warehouse in North Albina. The message follows:

"To the Honorable City Council, Gentlemen—I return herewith ordinance No. 17959 not approved. This is an ordinance which grants a permit to a private person to utilize a portion of a public street for his individual use by constructing a sidewalk on a grade above the street level, which is prescribed by the law.

"This grant is similar to many others which have been made heretofore, and its location is such that it would prove to be no great obstruction to the public, for which reason it is deserving of more consideration than some which have been made in the past, the fact remains, however, that neither the city council nor the mayor have the authority to make such a grant and can only do so in violation of their oath of office.

"For this reason and for the farther reason that the grant can be obtained lawfully by following the provisions of the charter relating to the granting of franchises, I return it to you for your further consideration.

"HARRY LANE, Mayor."

The fossil remains of a plesiosaurus have been unearthed at Talcahuano bay, Chile. The body of this marine reptile of byzone age was 45 feet long.

HONEYED WORDS FOR BIG BILL T.

Business Men of Portland Think Republican Nominees are Square Cut.

Business men of Portland and heads of commercial and business organizations look with favor upon the nomination of William H. Taft and James T. Sherman as the leaders of the Republican party in the contest for president and vice-president. They also join in believing that the platform is a good one and will aid in giving strength to the candidates in their race ending in November.

C. F. Swigert, president of the chamber of commerce, in answer to the question, "How do you regard W. H. Taft as a presidential candidate, and what do you think of the Republican platform?" and the second question, "Will the nominee and the platform in your judgment make a strong appeal to the masses of the people?" had the following to say:

Will Inspire Confidence.

"I consider Mr. Taft absolutely ideal for the present conditions. Of judicial temperament and ripe experience, he is preeminently fitted to carry out the progressive policy which the country undoubtedly demands, and at the same time inspire confidence and end the unrest and uncertainty. Every man and every interest will know what to expect.

"In regard to the platform, it is not as good as the candidate, but in the nature of things it must be to a certain extent a compromise. Tariff revision is inevitable, and while the injunction plank will not be entirely satisfactory to either side, a stronger declaration would certainly have a very bad effect upon business.

"I believe that the platform and the candidate ought to and will make a powerful and convincing appeal to the every day citizen who is neither a Socialist nor a plutocrat, but who is willing to give every man and every interest a fair and reasonable hearing."

Almost as Good as Teddy.

Fletcher Linn, president of the Manufacturers' association says: "The candidates are the best the Republican party could offer, except Roosevelt. I am much impressed with the platform and am glad that the anti-injunction plank is in the form given and not in the form proposed by Samuel Gompers. It is hard to tell how the candidates and the platform will appeal to the people. Republicans seem satisfied but I have no idea how it will affect the people at large."

T. B. Wilcox says:

"My answer is 'yes' to both questions, most emphatically."

A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank, says:

"The candidates were the best that could have been selected and will be elected hands down."

C. F. Adams, president of the Clearing House association, says:

"Mr. Taft is a fine man personally, and is well qualified, but I do not pretend to know what the temper of the people will be towards him."

LITTLE BABIES STARVE IN PLENTY'S MIDST

One of the most pathetic cases that has come under the observance of the police was discovered by Officer E. Burke yesterday. In answer to requests he visited a vacant lot on the grounds belonging to the Oregon electric company at the foot of Hooker street, near Moody street. In a dilapidated tent he found a mother and four children, the youngest 15 months old and the eldest 10 years.

The mother was reduced to a skeleton and the children were fearfully emaciated. The mother told the officer she had had nothing to eat but ten cents worth of crackers since Monday. The children were pitifully weak from lack of food. The mother said her husband had been gone two weeks in search of work. The case has been reported to the board of charities.

MAYORALTY AX FALLS ON CLOCK PERMIT

Big Timepiece on Morrison Street Draped With Mayor's Crepe.

Mayor Lane vetoed the ordinance permitting the establishment of a clock on Morrison street between Fourth and Fifth streets this morning and returned the measure to the council for further consideration. The clock is owned by G. Heitkemper & Co., and while Mayor Lane did not so state in his veto message, he said this morning that the clock never did keep time anyhow. The veto message follows:

"To the Honorable City Council, Gentlemen—I return herewith ordinance No. 17945, not approved. This is an ordinance which grants permission to a private person to take over and make use of a portion of one of the public streets for his individual use.

"This grant does not differ from many others which have been made in the past, except that it is more favorable to the city, for the reason that a clock is to be maintained upon the site designated which is in the nature of a public benefit.

"Heretofore it has been urged by some that the city council had the authority to grant such 'permits' (as they are called) to the use of the streets, and for one reason or another with or without certain specified restrictions and conditions they have been made.

"It now appears that such grants are illegal and quite beyond our power to confer upon anyone. The only method which can lawfully be pursued in acquiring such rights is the one prescribed for the granting of other franchises, and as that course has not been pursued in this instance, I return the ordinance to you for your further consideration. Respectfully,

"HARRY LANE, Mayor."

FRISCO BROKER TO OPEN SEOUL PLACERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, June 20.—Adolph Ottinger, a retired broker of this city, left for Chicago today to make arrangements to form a syndicate to mine for gold near Seoul, Corea. He has received word that his title to 5,000 acres of placer claims in Corea has been adjusted at a conference between the American ambassador to Japan and the Japanese residence-general at Seoul and is elated over what he says is a certainty of making a big fortune.

A syndicate composed of himself, Mrs. H. O. McCormick of Chicago, her brother, Charles, and Henry Frank of Cincinnati and John Deshler of the same city, will work the claims with dredges to be built in this country.

ILLNESS STOPS WALTON TRIAL

Defendant's Attorney Too Sick to Proceed With Case This Morning.

Because of the illness of Henry St. Rayner, attorney for Charles W. Walton, the fourth trial of the defendant on the charge of shooting Patrolman Olaus Nelson in September, 1904, did not proceed this morning, as had been expected. The jury was completed late yesterday afternoon and reported at 9:30 o'clock this morning for duty.

After half an hour's wait Mr. St. Rayner appeared in court and announced that he did not feel able to proceed with the trial, so Judge Cleland adjourned the case until Monday morning. Three trials in one week proved too strenuous for Attorney St. Rayner, but the prosecutors, Deputy District Attorneys Adams and Haney, appeared as usual, ready to begin taking testimony of witnesses, by whom they hope to be able to send Walton back to the penitentiary. In the two trials held within the last week the juries were each time equally divided as to Walton's guilt and innocence.

Following is the jury sworn to try the case: George Lawrence, C. H. Gaylord, L. H. Chambers, C. M. Paul, P. A. Preston, E. Silver, Harry E. Wood, E. Versteeg, C. A. R. Strauss, McKinley Mitchell, W. A. Currie and E. S. McCoy.

PI DELTA KAPPA TO CAPTURE TOWN

National Meeting of Fraternity to Be Held Here Next Month.

Subdued college yells by matured voices, and sweet reminiscences of days long gone, will be heard in Portland July 6 to 11, when the national meeting of the Pi Delta Kappa will be held in this city, under the auspices of local members. Sessions will be held at the convention hall of the Portland Commercial club, and there will be dinners and luncheons at the Portland hotel, the Commercial club and the University club.

An extremely clever and humorous artist at program conception has issued an illustrated program of the events to occupy the week beginning Monday, July 6, and concluding Saturday night, the 11th.

Monday morning and afternoon will be taken with the registering of delegates and a stag reception at the Portland hotel. In the evening there will be a reception for ladies at the A. D. Charlton residence on Portland Heights. Tuesday morning the alumni will hold a business meeting, and in the afternoon they will go for a river excursion, and have supper at Bonneville.

Wednesday morning and afternoon will be given over to business meetings. In the evening a stag social and banquet will be held at the Portland hotel.

Thursday the delegates will see Portland, and round up with a plunge in the Willamette river at The Oaks. In the evening they will go to Estacada and have a country dance in the pavilion, under the auspices of Dix Sorority.

The Saturday program will include luncheon at the Commercial club, and the fraternity ball at Masonic Temple. Saturday the last business session will be held, and the convention will adjourn to a stag finale including events at The Oaks and the Rock Island Country club.

DR. RILEY SPEAKS ON LOCAL BACKSLIDERS

A large audience was present at the White Temple last night to hear Dr. Riley's sermon on "Peter or Portland Backsliders." Tomorrow Dr. Riley will preach three times. At 10:30 a. m., on "Obedience and Its Blessing"; at 3:30 p. m. at a young people's service, on "Mutual Confessions," and at 7:45 p. m. on "A Fool Farmer." Last night he took for the basis of his sermon the incident of Peter following Christ afar off. The steps by which Peter descends to his disgrace are those by which cold Christians in Portland have accomplished their own falling away.

First, he was out of communion with Christ. He was disappointed that Jesus would not defend himself against his enemies and instead of going to the cross create a crown. No man knows whether his religion is genuine until he has suffered disappointment—until his ways and the divine ways have parted. Then the man without Christianity will complain.

The true Christian will only say, "Thy will, not mine, be done." Being out of communion he fell into evil company. The crowd in the porch of the high priest was made up of the sort of people with whom an apostle should find no fellowship. The old Scotch woman put it correctly when she said, "But Peter had nae business with the flunkeys."

His third step was unto cowardice. Having once lost his hope in Jesus, a little maid could sneer him into fear, and a second one could secure from him a denial of Christ. There are quite a few folks who, Peter-like, boast in the day of no battle and run when the fight is on.

Picked Up by the Police.

Thirteen-year-old Elmer Amidon, whose parents reside at Thirty-eight and Irwin streets, was picked up by Officer Vessy last night about midnight at the corner of Sixth and Ankeny streets. He said he was searching for his 8-year-old brother who had run away from home the day before. It was later found that he was attempting to deceive the officer. To Captain Slover he confessed that he had started to go to Tacoma. He returned to his parents.

Crossed Wires Cause Fire.

Fire, ascribed to crossed electric wires, called the equipment from company No. 7 to S. H. Brainard's hardware store, 122 Grand avenue, at 5:15 o'clock this morning. The blaze was confined to a partition over the front show windows. It was extinguished by a Babcock. The damage was trivial.

Falls Into River.

J. M. Leach, a bartender, aged 60 years, was stricken with an epileptic fit last night at the foot of Washington street, falling in the river in his convulsions. He was rescued and brought to the police station, where he was turned loose this morning.

YAMHILL FILES ITS TAX SUIT

State Tax Double What It Should Be, Is Alleged—Suit to Enjoin.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., June 20.—On the ground that the apportionment of taxes levied against the counties by the state is arbitrary and was determined without reference to the relative value of the assessable property, as the constitution provides, the county of Yamhill has started suit to enjoin the treasurer of that county from paying into the state treasury more than what the attorneys term a just and equitable proportion. Judge Martin L. Pipes has been retained by Yamhill county to prosecute the suit, and the case promises to be one of the most important in Oregon tax law that has come up for some time.

The law passed last winter specifies exactly what shall be each county's share toward the state's expenses until 1912. After that time a board, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, shall base its computation of apportionment upon the relation of the expense each county is called upon to make to the state's expense, instead of upon the relative value of assessable property. This law was reenacted in 1907 and has been the practice in this state for the past six or eight years.

Wants It Cut in Two.

By the arrangement imposed by the legislature last winter Yamhill's share of taxes is 3.91 per cent of the total. According to this assessment made upon Yamhill county for 1908 that county's contribution toward the running expenses of the state is $44,965. Yamhill county by this action wants its county treasurer enjoined from paying more than $23,117.03 and alleges that amount is due the state if the relative value of the assessable property is to be considered as the legal and constitutional ground upon which to base a computation of apportionment between the counties.

The total assessed value of the taxable property of the state of Oregon is $581,558,918 and the assessed value of taxable property in Yamhill county is $11,700,521. It is upon these figures that the authorities in Yamhill county base the claim that the proportion of taxes required of Yamhill county is disproportionate and inequitable.

Yamhill's Complaint.

The complaint served upon the attorney-general yesterday alleges that the proportion of such total revenue for state purposes to be paid by more than half the counties as ascertained and apportioned by the board, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, is grossly disproportionate to the relative value of taxable property each of the counties of the state bears to the value of the taxable property of the whole state. And since Yamhill's share is almost double the amount which the value of its taxable property bears to the value of the taxable property in all the counties of the state; therefore, it is alleged, the apportionment required to be assessed upon the taxpayers of the several counties is grossly inequitable.

LIFTED PAVEMENT UP WITH HIS HAND

Councilman Kellaher Tells of Feat of Strength Performed on East Side.

Councilman Kellaher declared at yesterday's meeting of the street committee that the pavement laid by the Warren Construction company on Grand avenue was the worst ever installed by the paving company and for that reason endeavored to hold up the assessment ordinance. His efforts were futile and the committee recommended the measure for passage. A minority report will be filed by Councilmen Kellaher and Rushlight.

During the debate on the passage of the measure a tilt occurred between Kellaher and A. M. Shannon, representing the company. Kellaher stated that he had his attention called to the pavement by property owners and upon examining it was able to lift a large layer from the surface by inserting his pen knife under it. Shannon retaliated by saying that the pavement had been directed with the greatest care and that the company had endeavored to install the very best pavement it could.

Finally the debate filtered down to a personal squabble between the two and ended by Shannon declaring that Kellaher had been opposed to the pavement from the start. Someone asked if Kellaher had to pay any of the cost of the improvement and Shannon said that he did not but had opposed the pavement from the start. It is expected that when the assessment ordinance comes up in the council a warm debate will follow.

Willamette Notes.

Willamette, Or., June 20.—Mrs. W. Rhiner went to Portland Friday on business.

Mrs. I. W. Rives was shopping and visiting in Oregon City Friday.

Charles Waldron has gone to Portland, where he has a good position.

Miss Eva Burke was given a surprise party at her home by her friends Thursday.

Wednesday night a crowd of jolly young folks had a good time around a campfire at Miss Jessie Johnson's home.

Miss Minnie Beckham is building a dwelling house on her lot, adjoining Peter Berdine's property.

A. Ross' new house, near the shoe factory, is well under way.

Mrs. A. Preston has moved to Washington where Mr. Preston is working.

Mrs. G. G. Groves, her two children and Grandpa Rogers, her father, are spending a couple of weeks with relatives near Newberg.

Charles Kanney, for the third time, is drilling for water on his place on the outskirts of Willamette.

Mrs. Leander Capen was shopping at Portland and Oregon City yesterday.

C. Gross, a newcomer in Willamette, is having an up-to-date residence erected.

A. Albertson contemplates building a handsome and commodious residence on his lot the coming month.

Herbert Waldron and family moved into their new dwelling this week.

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