WORLD'S MARKETS TODAY

PRICE IS HIGH QUALITY POOR

Oregon Cabbage Crop Shows Big Shortage Owing to Little Rainfall.

The cabbage shortage this year has made the price for the sauerkraut accessory higher than it has been for years, but the quality is much below the average. This is attributed to the lack of rain and to the heat.

The farmers all raised cabbage last year and the rainfall was abundant. As a consequence the dealers almost had to give away the product. This year, disheartened by the poor demand of last season, the gardeners did not put in very many plants and the dry weather was so unfavorable to the growing of what little was planted that the present shortage was caused. The price has not receded from the 2-cent mark.

Peaches Still Scarce.

Peaches continue scarce and in great demand. The early Hale variety is just going off the market and the Crawford peaches will not be in yet for two weeks, so there will be no possibility of the price dropping. The crop was short this season anyway, owing to cold weather and frost in the spring. Two carloads of the fruit are expected today from California.

More Apples and Potatoes.

Apples continue in good demand and are coming in more freely, as are potatoes, these two commodities as is natural becoming more abundant with the advancing season. The price remains at the same figure as in yesterday's quotations. Loganberries and raspberries are practically out of the market.

Mixed Car of Casabas In.

Pears are not much in evidence, only a few lots of the sugar variety having as yet been received on Front street. Bartlett pears are expected at the end of the week from the San Joaquin valley. A mixed car of Casabas came in this morning and are finding ready sale at $2.50 a dozen.

Butter at High Price.

Creamery butter is more than ordinarily hard to supply the insistent demand with, and the price is steadily growing higher. The milk product is now selling for 27½ cents a pound straight.

Front street prices follow:

Grain, Flour and Hay.

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland—Club, 85@87c; bluestem, 88@90c; red, 83@85c; Willamette valley, old, 89c bushel.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patents, $4.85; straights, $4.05@4.55; exports, $3.40@3.60; valley, $4.45; graham, ¼s, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, 5s, $5.50; bales, $3.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price — Bran, $26; middlings, $30.50; shorts, $28@28.50; chop, $21@29 per ton.

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

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

HAY—Producers' price—Old timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $13@13.50; ordinary, $12.50@13; eastern Oregon, $16@17; mixed, $10@10.50; clover, $8@9; grain, $11@12; cheat, $11; alfalfa, $9@10.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 26c; sour, 24c per lb.

BUTTER — Extra creamery, 27½c; fancy, 26c; ordinary, 25c; store, 16@17c.

EGGS—Select fancy, candled, 23½@24c; ordinary, 23½c; eastern, 20c@21c; Oregon, 24c.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 14½c; Young Americas, 15½c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12½c lb; fancy hens, 12½c; roosters, old, 9c; fryers, 12c@14c; broilers, 15c lb; geese, spring, 14c; turkeys, alive, 17c; spring ducks, 13@15c 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, 3@4c; medium, 2½c lb; 1906 crop, 2@3½c lb; contracts, 9c.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 13@15c.

MOHAIR—1907—Nominal, 18½@19c.

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

HIDES—Dry hides, 13@14c lb; green, 5@6½c; calves, green, 8@10c; kips, 5@7c lb; bulls, green salt, 4c lb.

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

CHITTIM BARK—3@4c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

ONIONS—California, $1.25; Walla Walla, $1.25 per sack; garlic, 15c lb.

POTATOES—New, selling, $1.10@1.25; buying, 85@90c per cwt.

APPLES—New, 90c@$1.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $4.00@4.25; bananas, 5½c per lb., crated, 6c; lemons, $4.75@5.50 box; grapefruit, $4@4.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $3@3.50 doz; cantaloupes, $2.25@2.50; apricots, 75c@$1; blackberries, $1.50; peaches, 85c@$1; pears, $1.50@2; grapes, $1.50; raspberries, $1.00@1.10; loganberries, 90c@$1.00; cherries, Royal Ann, 3@5c per lb; Lamberts and Bings, fancy, $2 box; watermelons, 1@1¼c lb; currants, $1.50 crate.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 20c; beets, 20c; carrots, $1.50 sack; parsnips, 85c@$1; cabbage, $2; tomatoes, 75c@$1.00 box; beans, 7c; cauliflower, California, crate, $1.75@2.00; peas, Oregon, 3½@5c; horseradish, 8@10c; artichokes, (—) doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 8c; Chile, (—); head lettuce, 25@30c doz; cucumbers, local, 20c@50c doz.; radishes 15c doz. bunches; celery, 75c@$1.25; gooseberries, 5c; eggplant, 6@8c; green corn, 20c@30c 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—New, 15c per lb.

COFFEE—Package brands, $16.50.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $11.00 per ton; 50c, $11.50; table, dairy, 50s, $16.50; 10s, $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, 5⅛@5⅜c; 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, (—).

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street—Hogs, fancy, 7½@8c lb; ordinary, 7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 9c per lb; ordinary, 8@8½c per lb; heavy, 7½c per lb; mutton, fancy, 7@7½c per lb; spring lamb, 7@7½c lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 17c per lb; breakfast bacon, 15½@23½c lb; picnics 11c per lb; cottage roll, 12c lb; regular short clears smoked, 12c per lb; backs, smoked, 12½c lb; smoked short clears, 13½c lb; clear bellies smoked, 13½c lb; shoulders, 12c per lb; pickled tongues, 70c each.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 14c per lb; 5s, 14¼c per lb; 50-lb. tins, 13½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 13c per lb; 5s, 13¼c per lb; compound, 10s, 9½c per lb.

FISH—Rock cod, 12½c lb; flounders, 5c per lb; halibut, 5c per lb; striped bass, 10c per lb; catfish, 11c per lb; salmon, chinook, 8c lb; bluebacks, 8c lb; steelhead, 8c 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, 20c per dozen; sturgeon, 12½c per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelt, 7c per lb; black cod, 7½c lb; crabs, $1.00@1.50 dozen; 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, 11¼c, standard, 11c, sisal, 9¼c, L. B. sisal, 8¼c.

LINSEED OIL — Raw, bbls., 51c; cases, 59c, boiled, bbls., 53c; cases, 57c a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $34 ton.

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

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

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c lb; less lots, 8¼c lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $2.65.

Latest News of Oregon Crops

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair tonight and Wednesday; northwesterly winds.

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 4.—For the first time in years the melon crop in the Walla Walla valley will be short. The first fruit has begun to arrive on the market but the quality and size of the melons is not up to standard and growers say the yield will be light. Notwithstanding this fact, there will be no scarcity of melons on the local market. There will, however, be few shipped from here. The light crop is attributed to the cold, dry spring and the sudden heat of the summer. In addition to this, aphis has bothered the vines considerably.

STEADY DEMAND FOR ALL STANDARD STOCKS

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper Co.	77¾	79¼	77½	79
Am. Car & F., c.	39⅝	40¼	39½	40
do pfd				103
Am. Cotton Oil, c.	35	35⅜	34⅝	34⅞
Am. Loco., c.	56¼	57⅜	56¼	55½
Am. Sugar, c.	131¼	132¼	131¼	131¼
Am. Smelt., c.	89½	92	89½	91¼
do pfd	108⅛	109¾	108	109
Anaconda M. Co.	47¾	48½	47⅝	48⅜
Am. Woolen, c.	25½	26½	25½	25½
Atchison, c.	87¼	87¾	87	87½
do pfd				93
Balt. & Ohio, c.	91⅝	92¼	91½	91⅞
do pfd				80
Brook. Rapid T.	53	53¾	52¾	52¾
Can. Pacific, c.	172¼	173⅞	172¼	172¼
Cent. Leather, c.	29¼	30	29⅛	29⅛
do pfd				97
C. & G. W., c.	7¼	7½	7¼	7⅝
C., M. & St. P.	141¼	142½	141¼	141⅝
Chi. & NW., c.	160⅞	161¼	159½	160
Ches. & Ohio	43⅝	44⅜	43⅝	43¾
Col. Fuel & I. c	32½	33⅞	32½	33½
Col. Southern c.	32⅝	32½	32¼	32⅛
do 2d pfd	52	52¾	52	52½
do 1st pfd				62½
Corn Products c.	20	20	19⅝	19¾
do pfd				77¾
Del. & Hudson	169¼	170	169¼	169
D. & R. G. c.	27¾	27⅞	27⅝	27½
do pfd	67	67½	67¼	66¼
Erie, c.	24¾	25	24¼	24½
do 2d pfd	30	30¼	30	29¾
do 1st pfd	40¼	40⅝	40¼	40½
Great Northern p	136¼	137⅝	136¼	137⅝
Illinois Central	139⅞	141	139¾	140
L. & N.	108½	110¾	108½	109¾
Manhattan Ry.				137
Mex. Central Ry.				14
M., K. & T. c.	31¾	32⅜	31⅝	32
do pfd	64	64¼	64	64¼
Distillers	37⅝	38⅜	37¾	38
Ore Lands	67¾	68¼	67⅝	68
Mo. Pacific	57⅝	57⅞	59	56⅞
National Lead	79½	79½	76⅞	78¾
N. Y. Central	108	109	108	108¼
N. Y., Ont. & W.	42¼	43¼	42½	42½
Norf. & West., c.	73½	73⅝	73½	73½
do pfd				79
North American	65	65½	65	65½
Northern Pac., c.	141	143⅜	141	142⅞
Pacific M. S. Co.	25	25½	25	25½
Penn. Railway	124⅞	126	124⅞	125¼
P. G., L. & C. Co.	94⅜	95½	94⅜	94⅞
Pr. Steel Car, c.	33¾	34	33¾	33¾
do pfd				97
Reading, c.	121¾	124¼	121½	123¼
do 2d pfd	84⅞	85	85	84½
do 1st pfd				84
Rep. I. & S., c.	20¾	21¾	20¾	21½
do pfd	74	74¾	74	74½
Rock Island, c.	17¾	18	17¾	17⅝
do pfd	33½	34	33¾	33¾
St.L.&S.F.2d pfd	28	28	27½	27½
St.L.&S.F.1 pfd				53½
St. L. & S. W., c.	19	19	18⅝	18⅝
do pfd				39¾
S. Pacific, c.	92⅞	94⅝	92¾	94
do pfd	119	119	118½	118½
So. Railway, c.	19⅝	20⅜	19¼	20
do pfd	49⅜	51⅜	49⅜	50½
Tex. & Pacific	25	25¼	25	25¼
T. St. L. & W. c.	22½	22½	21	20¼
do pfd	39⅝	39⅜	39½	40
U. Pacific, c.	154½	156½	154½	155⅝
do pfd	83	83	83	83
U. S. Rubber, c.	33¾	34⅜	33½	34
do pfd	98⅞	99⅞	98½	99⅞
U. S. Steel Co. c.	44⅞	46½	44⅞	46¼
do pfd	109¼	111½	109¼	111¼
Wabash, c.	13¾	14	13⅝	13¾
do pfd	28¾	29¼	28½	28¾
Wis. Cent. c.				21⅞
do pfd	42⅞	43	42⅞	42⅞
Wheeling Lake	10	10¼	10	10
Westinghouse	78	78	77	77¼

Total sales, 851,000 shares.

U. S. Government Bonds.

New York, Aug. 4.—Following are quotations on United States bond market:

	Asked.	Bid.
Twos, reg. 1930	103⅝	
do coupon, 1930		103¾
Threes, reg. 1908		100¾
do coupon, 1908	100¾	101½
Threes small, 1908		100½
Fours, reg., 1925	120¾	121¾
do coupon, 1925	122¾	123¾
Panama twos, reg.	101¾	102½

Bay City Markets.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—Wheat—No. 1 California club, per cental, $1.62½@1.67½; northern bluestem, $1.67½@1.72½; northern club, $1.60@1.62½; inferior grades of wheat, $1.40@1.55.

Barley.

Feed barley, $1.35@1.40; common to fair, $1.30@1.35; brewing at San Francisco nominal at $1.45@1.55; chevalier, $1.65@1.85, according to quality.

Eggs.

Per dozen—California fresh, including cases, extras, 30½c; firsts, 27c; seconds, 23½c, thirds, 20c; eastern selected, 24c; eastern firsts, 22c; do seconds, 20c.

Butter.

Per pound—California fresh: Extras, 23c; firsts, 22c; seconds, 20½c; thirds, 20c; packing No. 1, 19½c; packing No. 2, 18½c.

New Cheese.

California flats: Fancy, 11¼c; firsts, 10½c; seconds, 10c. California Young America: Fancy, 13c; firsts, 12½c; eastern Oregon fancy, 13c; do Young America fancy, 14½c.

New Potatoes.

New potatoes (sack): 75@90c; boxes, $1@1.15; Early Rose, 75@85c; sweet potatoes, 20@30½c per pound.

Onions.

Per sack: Red onions, 60@70c; yellow, 70@75c.

Oranges.

Per box: Valencias, $2.50@4.00.

English Sterling Rates.

New York, Aug. 4.—Cables, 486.75@486.85; demand, 486.55@486.65; 60 days, 4.85.

WHEAT IS KING AT EVERY MART

Bulls Dominate Market at Chicago and Rapid Advance Day's Feature.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
WHEAT.				
Sept.	93¾	94⅛	93⅛	95⅝
Dec.	95¾	96⅜	95⅛	95⅞
May	100	100½	99⅝	100⅛
CORN.				
Sept.	75¾	76⅜	75	75⅝
Dec.	64¼	64⅜	63⅞	64⅛
May	64¼	64⅞	65⅜	63⅛
OATS.				
Sept.	45⅝	45⅞	44⅞	45⅝
Dec.	46	46⅝	45½	45¾
May	47⅝	48⅛	47½	47⅝
PORK.				
Sept.	1575	1580	1560	1560
Oct.	1585	1597	1572	1572A
Jan.	1670	1672	1637	1640
LARD.				
Sept.	960	962	950	950
Oct.	965	967	957	957
Jan.	940	940	932	935
RIBS.				
Sept.	900	903	887	887
Oct.	910	910	895	895
Jan.	860	860	842	842

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The sensational rise in wheat continues to be the feature of the market. With a 5-cent rise since Friday and one of 10 cents over the market a little while ago, the bulls are rampant and acting on advices received from every grain belt in the wheat raising countries of the globe that the crop will present a material decrease after the harvest is all in, are buying like wild fire.

And all signs at this time point to another period of stress and change like that during the famous Leiter corner which ended so disastrously for Mr. Leiter, but contributed to the pockets of more than 1,000,000 farmers. This time, however, the market is being dominated by natural causes. Crop shortages due to various causes are boosting the little yellow and red grains toward the highest pinnacle that has been within near view for a decade. Dollar wheat is the cry and dollar wheat may not be without the bounds of possibility.

The foreign markets have all responded to the call of the Chicago pit and appreciable advances are noted at all grain centers.

Bradstreet's Visible Supply.

New York, Aug. 4.—Wheat—Increase east of Rockies 4,459,000, Canada 949,000, Europe and afloat December 1, 1,400,000. Total increase 2,110,000. Corn, December, 404,000. Oats, increase 562,000.

Chicago Cash Wheat.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—No. 2 red, 94½@95c; No. 3 red, 94¾c; No. 2 hard 95¾@97½c No. 3 hard, 94@96½c; No. 3 spring, $1.08@1.16.

No. 2 corn, 78@80c; No. 2 white corn, 79½c; No. 2 yellow corn, 80c; No. 3 corn, 78c; No. 3 white corn, 78½c; No. 3 yellow corn, 79¼@80c; No. 4 corn, 75⅝@76½c.

Snow's Report.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Wheat declined in South Dakota 11 points in Ohio 19, in North Dakota 24. Improvement of about 4 points noted in corn market in Iowa and Missouri.

Liverpool Market Reopens.

Liverpool, Aug. 4.—Close: September wheat 7s 5d; December wheat 7s 4d; September corn 5s 7¼d.

New York Cotton Market.

New York, Aug. 4.—Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	928	938	927	932
February	...	...	...	933
March	936	943	934	934
August	998	1003	996	998
September	966	973	966	970
October	955	970	953	967
November	...	...	...	932
December	932	942	932	934

World's Visible Supply.

New York, Aug. 4.—World's shipments, wheat 5,242,000. America's visible supply: Wheat, increase 1,892,000; corn, decrease 456,000. Total, wheat 16,174,000; corn, 2,078,000.

FARMERS AWAIT DOLLAR WHEAT

Inland Empire Wheat Raisers in No Hurry to Sell at Present Figures.

PORTLAND WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Sept.	86	B 89	B 86	B 89 B
Dec.	87	B 92	A 87	B 91 B
OATS.				
Sept.	1.15	B	.....	1.15 B
Dec.	1.20	B	.....	1.20 B
BARLEY.				
Sept.	1.10	B	.....	1.10 B
Dec.	1.12½	B	.....	1.12½ B

PORTLAND BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

Barley, 5 cars.
Hay, 6 cars; 270 bales.
Wheat, 8 cars; 650 sacks.
Oats, 1 car; 30 sacks.

The local wheat pit today maintained its busy aspect of yesterday and a number of shipments changed hands. Prices varied from 87 cents for December at the opening to 91 bid and 92 asked. The market closed strong at 89 cents bid for September No. 1 club. This was an advance of three cents over the opening figures. December closed at 91, an increase of four cents over the opening.

The farmers of the grain belt seem to want to hold, many of them waiting for the 80-cent mark to be reached. Last year at this time they would have been glad to sell for 75 but now they want a dollar.

HOG RECEIPTS STILL LEAD ALL LIVESTOCK

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Official run:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	13,000	7,000	15,000
Kansas City	11,000	11,000	5,000
Omaha	6,500	4,000	9,000

Hogs opened steady at yesterday's closing prices. Left over yesterday 5,200. Receipts year ago 23,000. Mixed, $6.15@6.90; heavy, $6.70@6.90; rough, $6.15@6.45; light, $6.15@6.80.

Cattle—slow.
Sheep—Steady.

No Receipts of Livestock Today.

Portland Union Stockyards, Aug. 4.—There were no receipts at the Union stockyards this morning, the demand being supplied from stock on hand. Prices remain unchanged from yesterday.

Portland stockyards receipts yesterday: Cattle, 200; hogs, 6; sheep, 755; horses, 28.

Eastern Metal Market.

Boston, Aug. 4.—Closing bid prices on copper stocks:

Adventure	8¾	Butte Coal	[illegible]
Cal. and Ariz.	127	Cal. & Hecla	69
Centennial	30	Franklin	1½
Cop. King	79¾	Greene	12¼
Mohawk	68	Michigan	13½
No. Butte	84⅛	Nevada	15¼
Old Dominion	42	Osceola	115½
Shannon	16⅝	Tamar'k	73¾@[illegible]
Trinity	17¾	Sup & Pitts	[illegible]
Victoria	6	Lake	12¼
Wolverine	142	Cum Ely	9⅜
Allouez	38	Giroux	4¾

Northwest Bank Statement.

PORTLAND.

Clearings today	$1,109,75[illegible].06
Year ago	989,37[illegible].79
Balances today	142,7[illegible]1.52
Year ago	122,559.44

TACOMA.

Clearings	$683,385.13
Balances	51,121.65

San Francisco Feed.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—Feed—Barley, 33¾; brewing, 37* to 40; bran, 28½; midlings, 32*; shorts, $3.30; December barley, $1.34⅞; others same.

Chicago Butter and Eggs.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Butter and eggs unchanged. Receipts: Butter, 8,365; eggs, 9,794.

EIGHTY BABIES DIE IN CHICAGO

Mercury 90 Degrees Before Noon and Humidity Is Alarming.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Aug. 4.—With the mercury registering 90 degrees and an alarming humidity before 12 o'clock today and steadily rising, Chicago is in the throes of another period of terrific heat. Over a score of prostrations had been reported by 10 o'clock and unless there is an unexpected abatement in the temperature many deaths are regarded as inevitable.

The sun's rays grew so hot before noon that the mechanism of an automatic fire alarm was released by the melting of wax valves in a building on Wabash avenue and a dozen fire engines were brought to the scene. A panic was narrowly averted in the building.

The heat wave is fatal to infants. Eighty babies have died within 24 hours as a result of the extreme temperature. No relief from the terrible heat is promised by the weather bureau for 24 hours.

This afternoon it was reported that the total number of prostrations has reached 75, and three deaths have been added to the list of adults who succumbed to the heat, making a total for the last 24 hours of eight adult deaths.

THE PLAY

Last night the Allen Curtis comedy company added fresh credit marks to its record as a fun producer by its presentation of "The Merry Grafters" in the big airdome at the Oaks. The play is a peculiar one and tells of the experiences of three young men who start out to form a syndicate for the purpose of busting the trusts. During their efforts in this direction they, as might be expected, have some very strenuous experiences.

The play, which has never been seen in Portland, is one of the productions of Weber & Fields and has all of the snap and go of their productions.

One of the chief items of interest in the new bill for this week is the fact that Dave Caston, the new comedian of the company, makes his first Portland appearance this week. Mr. Caston is well known on the eastern circuits and has played for many of the leading houses of New York. His appearance with the Allen Curtis company greatly strengthens it and he was heartily greeted by the large audience at the opening performance last night.

All of the different musical numbers scattered throughout the two acts of the play were good, but two received special applause from the audience. One of these was "When the Moon Plays Peek-a-boo," sung by Miss La Ponte and chorus, and the other was "Vanity Fair," sung by Miss Winifred Green and chorus. Miss Green was recalled six times last night by the audience.

"The Merry Grafters" will be presented each evening during the week and on Sunday night.

CHINK SLEUTH MARKED TO DIE

Moy Kee Aids in Anti-Smuggling Campaign and a Tong Gets Next.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—A bitter highbinder war is threatened in San Francisco's Chinatown as a result of the recent investigations of the immigration service made by Professors Jeremiah Jenks and Fernando Sanford, under special commission from President Roosevelt. In his work of ferreting out the underground system by which Chinese are smuggled into this county, Jenks employed a Chinese sleuth named Moy Kee. Following the disclosure of the commission's investigation Kee suddenly disappeared from his familiar haunts, declaring that a bounty of $2,500 had been placed on his head by the Chin family.

Members of the Chin family today appeared in the council of the Chinese Six companies and vehemently denied that they had offered a price for Kee. In this they were supported by the local Chinese consul, who issued an order for the apprehension of Kee in order that he may be brought back and confronted by the Chin tong.

Much anger was displayed at the meeting and it is possible that the gunfighters of the warring tongs will go on the warpath before the matter is settled.

COSTS FIFTY TO KNOCK OUT THREE TEETH

Fifty dollars was the price W. Kelso had to pay today for the fun of knocking three teeth from a man's head. Patrolman J. Burke found the two men and the teeth in front of 204 Washington street last evening and arrested Kelso. As the assaulted man did not appear in court this morning Kelso was fined on the strength of the policeman's account of the fracas.

RYLAND O. SCOTT

Captain of the Third Infantry, Who Will Be in Charge of the Oregon Rifle Team at the National Shoot at Camp Perry.

RAN A BIG BLUFF FOR TWO YEARS

R. A. Wade, Disbarred Chicago Attorney, Is Now in the County Jail.

Before the district attorney's office is through with R. A. Wade, there will be unfolded a remarkable story of a clever man who came to Portland and ran a gigantic bluff for two years—a schemer who, the police say, obtained $6,000 by the shadiest methods, because he had the nerve to open a law office in the Commercial block, though never admitted to the Oregon bar.

While police detectives watched his house on North Eighteenth street yesterday afternoon, Wade was in the sheriff's office surrendering himself on an old warrant. He is now in the county jail, and it is expected that he will have a preliminary hearing in the municipal court tomorrow morning.

In addition to the two warrants held by the sheriff, the police had two papers for his arrest, and the constable's office had another. Wade has been keeping out of sight since Friday afternoon; but, evidently believing it useless to hide any longer, went to the sheriff's office in company with Alex Sweek yesterday and asked that he be locked up on a charge for which Robert Andrews had already furnished bail to secure Wade's release. Wade did this to escape the police detectives and the unpleasantness of the city jail. This is but a sample of the cleverness of the man with whom the authorities now have to deal.

Bumped for Thousand.

J. D. McGuire, superintendent of the Astoria & Columbia River railway, is said to be one of the heaviest losers by Wade's manipulations, though Mr. McGuire has not yet sworn out a warrant. Wade obtained $1,000 on a tricky business deal, it is alleged. A woman who has not yet appeared in the case will also probably be another complainant.

Wade has been in Portland over two years. In Chicago he was known as an expert criminal lawyer. He defended during the first trial Prendergast, the man afterward convicted of shooting Mayor Carter Harrison. Wade secured a hung jury. He was afterward disbarred from the Illinois bar and came to Portland. Apparently he has lived largely by his wits since coming to the city. His home is at 122 North Eighteenth street, and his married daughter lives near by. The detectives have watched both houses since Saturday.

Prominent Attorney Involved.

One of the features of the Wade case is that it is reported a prominent lawyer, a bona fide member of the Oregon bar, was deeply concerned in Wade's schemes, and may be brought into the case.

The McGuire complaint has not yet been filed, but thus far Wade has been charged by three persons—Frank Kubik, with obtaining $500 due Kubik and never turning it over; William H. Shea Sr., with obtaining $1,500 through selling a piece of property which had been owned by Dr. A. S. Nichols for many years, and S. V. Davidor, with obtaining $100 through representing himself to be an attorney.

Both the Shea and Kubik cases are strongly against Wade, and District Attorney Cameron said today either could be successfully pressed, he believed.

Wade signed the name of Peter J. Kirnan to the deed he gave Shea. Lee Hering and Police Judge Anderson of Astoria witnessed Kirnan's signature, but are said to have identified Wade as the man who signed himself Kirnan.

Peter J. Kirnan, a lawyer of Vancouver, bought another piece of property from Wade, it is alleged, and received a deed signed Peter J. Hanson. It is expected that a forgery charge will also be laid.

The police have already made a total of $6,000 obtained by Wade through such sharp business practices, and also through promotion schemes.

JAMES DUNCAN HAGUE MINING EXPERT DEAD

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 4.—James Duncan Hague, a noted mining engineer and author and extensive mining operator, died of heart trouble at his summer home at Stockbridge, Mass., today at the age of 72.

Duncan was born in Boston in 1836 and received his education here and at mining schools abroad. From 1871 to 1878 he lived in California, where he was employed as a consulting mining engineer. He owned considerable mining property there and was president of the North Star Gold Mining company of Grass Valley, Cal. In 1878 he was appointed United States commissioner to the Paris exposition.

The funeral is to be held from his home at Albany tomorrow afternoon.

Feather Pillows 75c.

Three-pound feather pillows, 75c; $12.50 couches (velours), $8; $1.50 lace curtains, only 65c; $3 velvet rugs, 27x54, 98c. See half page ad today. Big East Side Store, East Burnside and Union avenue.

NO FIRE PROTECTION; ALBINA READY TO FIGHT

Fire hydrants and fire protection formed the subject of an interesting discussion for a committee of five from the North Albina Push club with Mayor Lane and Chief Campbell this morning. The committee came with blood in its eye and wanted to know why the taxpayers occupying four square miles of territory could not have one little hydrant in their district without digging down into their personal funds to pay for it.

They further wanted to know why there is no fire hydrant in front of or near the Ockley Green school which houses more than 400 school children and which is included within the four square miles mentioned. Further, why the city has never tapped the 14-inch main that runs in front of the school and connected it with a fire hydrant.

That was not all the members of the committee wanted to know. They wanted to know why they were forced from pillar to post to secure knowledge in regard to their rights. "We ask one official why we do not have hydrants," they said, "and he tells us that another official is responsible. We go to that official and he says go to another. We go to the other and in turn are referred to a board. Thus we go from one official to board and from board to official until we have taken up more time and money than 100 hydrants require for their installation.

Tired of Delay.

"We are tired of it. Mark that. Tired of it. We have been after hydrants for two years and we want them. We are paying our money as taxpayers and have nothing to show for it.

"When a committee gets through running around to every board, committee and official in the city of Portland and can then show the club it represents nothing more than a lot of evasions, it is high time that a radical change of some kind is made in the government. Anyway, we think there are altogether too many boards, committees, departments and officials for a business like administration of the city's affairs. What we need are more results and less officials. The more of the latter we have the more politics we have and the more politics we have the longer it takes to get a two-inch main established in a district that has been filled with law-abiding taxpayers before some of these officials came to Portland.

"We came after water mains and what did we get? Nothing. We were told that there were no hydrants and then we were told that there were. We finally found out that the city has 86 hydrants which have been lying on the street but have never been accepted. Why doesn't the chief engineer of the fire department see that the contractors put these hydrants in such shape that they will be fit for use.

"Or, if the engineer doesn't take action why doesn't the water board rescind the contract and order new hydrants?

Need Less Red Tape.

"What are 80 hydrants, anyway, when the city needs several thousand? They told us today that 500 new hydrants had been advertised for. What if they have? The city officials know that 500 hydrants won't sprinkle one-third of the territory in which fire hydrants are needed. There is not a district in the city which does not require additional hydrants to give adequate fire protection. But such a condition does not worry the city officials. They would rather take up time in throwing the responsibility upon somebody else. It is time that we did away with about four fifths of these committees, boards and officials, and start a business form of government in Portland.

"North Albina has been in the city longer than Sellwood, yet Sellwood has fire hydrants, fire protection and an engine company. We have a larger territory and a larger population than Sellwood, but we have no fire protection of any kind. We have put in hard surface pavements and are putting in more, and we started this work because we thought we would have fire hydrants in long before the pavements could be laid. We have the pavements, but no fire hydrants, and when we do get them, if such a thing is possible, we will have to tear up the pavement and install them to the detriment of the pavement.

Promises, but Nothing Else.

"Oh, we have lots of cause for rejoicing, because we have paid our taxes for these many years. We are more than happy, because we have seated ourselves in the byways and the highways and listened to the promises of these politicians, who do nothing. We are tickled to death. But somebody else will be tickled before we get through with this matter, and if there is a slaughter in the number of city officials to be elected at the next city election it will be because we have come to our senses and depleted the city payroll of a large list of wise-acre obstructors who have never done anything or ever will do anything. The money we are paying these officials for obstructing our business would install enough fire hydrants to protect the city in every district. We would be much better off without them.

"But do not think that we have anything against these men personally. We haven't. They are all right, but they cannot do anything even if they wanted to. When you have a form of city government so complicated that it takes a lawyer to work it out—and, like all things lawyers work out, requiring an age to pay for 10 cents' worth of paint to put a sign on some official's door, one can expect no better results than we are getting now.

"We didn't get the fire hydrants we came for, and we do not know that we will ever get them. Chief Campbell didn't say that he would put any in our district when the city buys the 500 that have been advertised for, if they really buy them, and Mayor Lane didn't say that we would get them. We are leaving the city hall in the hope that if the hydrants are ever purchased that we may get a few of them in time.

Chaotic Conditions.

"What do you think of that for a city government?

"Neither man can say where the hydrants will go and yet our district with its four square miles of territory, a population numbering thousands and containing a school building which houses more than 400 school children, is without a single fire hydrant save one which was purchased by W. H. Foster, who wanted it in front of his store in case of fire. We are mighty glad we have paid our taxes, but we have notified the councilmen that we will hold them criminally responsible in case our school building burns and any of the children lose their lives. We may go further than that, but we are not here to make threats.

"Think of a city government which is so loosely put together that a district four miles square with thousands of people residing within its confines, without a fire hydrant, although those residents have been petitioning and praying for hydrants for more than two years. Think of it. Two years of time and money wasted trying to get something from representatives who have treated other districts as shamefully as our own. But it is not wholly the fault of the representatives. The form of government is the chief factor and you may be sure that we people of North Albina know how we are going to vote on amendments this coming November election."

The committee consisted of Dr. H. M. Greene, George C. Carl, W. H. Foster, J. A. Mills and J. H. Nolta.

LAND CASES ELICIT INTEREST AT VALE

Pacific Livestock Company Has Several Fenced-In Ranches in Malheur County.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vale, Or., Aug. 4.—Intense interest is manifested here in the Pacific Livestock company and William Handley cases before the United States district court. Handley is well known locally and ships thousands of head of cattle through here every spring. The Pacific Livestock company has considerable holdings in this county. The big Hooper ranch, being one of the properties, the Agency ranch at Beulah and the ranch near Riverside another, being among the company's holdings. It was reported several months ago that a special agent was inspecting the properties here and had ordered considerable fencing removed.

APPEALS TO COURT AGAINST TAXATION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Aug. 4.—An amended complaint has been filed in the superior court by the Peacock Mill company of this place against officers of Walla Walla county and city, in which the plaintiff seeks to enjoin the city and county from collecting taxes on 13,000 sacks of wheat purchased from W. P. Reser.

The ground for the action is that the plaintiff did not own the grain in March when the taxes for 1907 were levied against W. P. Reser. The complaint alleged that W. W. Raymond, as agent for the Peacock company of Milton and Freewater, made a proposition to W. P. Reser to purchase the grain on March 2, and on March 7 the delivery of the grain commenced. The taxes are state and county, $113.76; school, $91; city, $136.50.

Soldier Is Bound Over.

Harry Riggs, the soldier who before he left Portland to enlist at Monterey, Cal., helped himself to a watch belonging to Mrs. Mary Barton, so she alleges, waived examination in the municipal court today and was bound over to the grand jury under $1,000 bonds. The robbery was committed in the Wapato, Fifteenth and Alder. Riggs was recently brought back from Monterey by Detective Tom Coleman.

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