WORLD'S MARKETS TODAY

SLY OLD GAME BY CARNATION

Puts Price of Canned Milk Down Again So Competitors Lose Trade.

Wholesale market features:
Carnation milk down 40c a case.
Sharp rise in millfeeds.
Cheese market is higher.
Butter price to advance.
Yakima cants in fine shape.
Peach market slightly better.
Egg price is holding.
Chickens to do better.
Nominal trade in hops.

Carnation Milk in Fight Again.

Whether it is through fear that the Borden people will get control of the condensed milk trade, or simply another turn of the trick the Carnation people have been playing in the milk business during late months, the price of Carnation is down 40c a case today, making the new value, $3.65 in single cases and $3.60 in 10-case lots. Some time ago the Carnation people gave notice to the trade that after such a date the price of Carnation would be advanced 40c a case which would put the price to $4.05 in single cases. Sufficient time was given the trade to get in on the ground floor of the proposition for the proposed advance was widely advertised. This had the effect of causing a heavy run of orders to flow to Carnation because everyone wanted to get as heavy stocks as possible before the advance.

Orders Are Filled Now.

Now, it is stated, the huge orders for milk at the old price have been filled, and the trade is again prepared to enter the market for more milk. Now unless something was done this trade would go to the other makers because Carnation was 40c higher than any other. At the high price Carnation would lose this business so down comes the price to meet the others and perhaps some announcement will soon be made that this decline in price will not last long.

Butter Price to Advance.

In all probability there will be an advance of 1c or more in the price of creamery butter in the local market. The present market at 31½c is deemed a very poor figure to stand upon and the trade wants to get either above or below it. Of late there has been considerable improvement in butter prices elsewhere and it is not likely that Portland would quote a lower figure. The general tendency of the market is higher and the change in values is likely to be made at any time. Supplies of butter are very limited here and none of the makers here or handlers of outside stuff are able to fill all their orders.

Cheese Market Is Higher.

One creamery is quoting an advance of ½c a pound in the price of cheese but prices elsewhere are unchanged at 14½c for flats, triplets or daisies. The market, however, is in quite good shape for fancy quality. There is some cutting of values on off-grade stock but best cheese is holding firm with the market denoting an upward tendency.

Chicken Market to Do Better.

An advance in the price of chickens is likely within the next few days. Demand is increasing, especially for fancy hens and with a small supply buyers are likely to bid up quotations. Some geese are wanted, if in good condition, and there is a good call for ducks at the price quoted. Turkeys are arriving very slowly with demand fully as good as last week.

Egg market is steady with various prices ruling. Supplies are very scant.

Hop Trade Nominal.

According to Julius Wolf of Silverton, there is practically nothing doing in the hop market in that section. Same conditions rule elsewhere in the valley. According to Mr. Wolf practically all the hops in his section are being gathered and the crop will be heavy enough for everyone. No transactions have been reported for hops in that locality above 7c a pound, these being on contracts.

J. J. Metzler has received by express the first bale of this year's hops to reach Portland. Quality is pronounced select.

Brief Notes of the Trade.

Some fine "cants" are arriving from Yakima. Pack is fine and heavy and price is better.

Peach market doing slightly better for select quality.

Potatoes and onions quiet and unchanged.

Dressed meats are showing a good tone for fat stuff but poor stock is not sought in either the dressed hogs or veal market.

Change in Commission Firms.

John Koskey has retired from the firm of McEwen & Koskey, his interest in the incorporation being purchased by Mr. McEwen who will continue in charge.

Henry C. Thompson has retired as head of the firm of Davenport-Thompson company. He has sold the controling interest to W. L. Bartlett, formerly of the Willamette Produce company. While Mr. Thompson will remain with the firm, his interest will be nominal.

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

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Wheat—No. 1 California club, per cental, $1.67½ @1.70; California white milling, $1.75 @1.80; northern bluestem, $1.72½@ 1.77½; northern club, $1.67½; inferior grades of wheat, $1.50@1.60; reds, $1.65@1.70.

Barley—Feed, $1.30@1.35; common to fair, $1.25@1.30; brewing at San Francisco, nominal at $1.45@1.55; Chevalier, $1.50@1.60, according to quality.

Eggs, per dozen—California fresh, including cases, extras, 40c; firsts, 32½c; seconds, 26½c; eastern selected, 22c; eastern firsts, 25c; seconds, 23c; thirds, 21c; storage, 29c.

Butter, per pound—California fresh, extras, 31c; firsts, 26c; seconds, 22c; thirds, 20c; eastern extras, 25c; packing No. 1, 21½c; No. 2, 19c.

New cheese, per pound—California flats, fancy, 11½c; firsts, 10½c; seconds, 9½c; California Young America fancy, 12½c; firsts, 12c; eastern Oregon fancy, 13c; Young America fancy, 14½c.

Potatoes, per cental—River whites (sacks), fancy, 75@90c; poor, 50@70c; Burbanks, $1.40@1.60; early rose, 75@85c; sweet potatoes, to the trade, sacks, $1.35; crates, $1.50.

Onions, per sack—Yellow, 50@55c.

Oranges, per box—Valencias, $2@3.50.

Cattle Slow in East.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Run:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	15,000	5,500	22,000
Kansas City	6,500	3,000	8,000
Omaha	4,000	6,500	4,000

Hogs are steady at yesterday's closing prices. Left over, 6,300. Receipts year ago, 7,000. Mixed, $6.65@7.40; heavy, $7.10@7.40; rough, $6.65@7; light, $6.65@7.30.

Cattle—Slow.
Sheep—Steady.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Sept. 17.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
September	7s 8¼d	7s 8¼d
December	7s 8¾d	7s 8¾d

COWS SELL AT $4 FOR SELECT

Something Out of Ordinary in Quality Brings Fancy Quotations Here.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	390	240	700
Wednesday	611	145	128
1907	95	60	130
1906	224	108	...
1905	91	300	400

Portland Union Stockyards, Sept. 17.—The stock market is good for all first class stuff. This was shown today when a sale of a carload of cows was made at $4 as compared with $3 on the ordinary run of what is considered best quality. Heretofore the best cows that came to market were not sold above $3 and from that price the market ruled down to $2.75 for what is considered first class stock. These cows, however, were worth more money, and that the trade was willing to pay above the quotations heretofore ruling was amply shown by the demand for this shipment even at an advance of $1 over anything lately sold in this market. This price for cows compares favorably with those ruling at Chicago and other eastern centers of which much talk of high prices is heard.

"The shipment of first class stock which came in this morning," says W. H. Daughtery, president of the stockyards, "shows just how eager the killers are to get quality that is topnotch. While there is a demand always for ordinary stuff; select quality will bring a much better price. It's up to shippers to get this class of stock to the market if they want the top price. It's quality that makes the price in the Portland yards. Ordinary stuff can be purchased anywhere at almost any price.

Fancy Steers Would Bring More.

While no sales of steers have been reported in the yards above $4.25, the market would stand an advance of fully 15c if the proper class of cattle arrived. With killers over-anxious to pay $4 for select cows they would be willing to pay more in proportion for steers.

Hogs and sheep are firm for select quality as are cattle and yesterday's advance of 25c in the former market is quite easily maintained for anything that will top the market.

Today 65 horses arrived in the yards.

A year ago today hogs were weak; cattle and sheep firm; prices unchanged.

The following are the general range of values on stock ruling in the yards for late shipment:

Hogs—Best east of mountains, $7@7.25; ordinary, $6.75@7; blockers and China fats, $6; stockers and feeders, $5.

Cattle — Select east of mountains, steers, $4@4.25; medium steers, $3.50@3.75; ordinary, $3.25@3.50; best cows, and heifers, $2.75@3.00; medium cows, $2.00@2.25; stags, $2.50@3.00; bulls, $2.00.

Sheep—Best wethers, $2.50; ordinary, wethers, $3.00@3.25; lambs, $4.00; straight ewes, $2.50; mixed lots, $2.50@2.75.

Veal — Choice young calves, $4.50; heavy and rough, $3.50@4.00.

Winter Feeding.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Butte, Mont., Sept. 17.—The shipment of range cattle from southeastern Oregon into eastern Montana for winter feeding has begun. Another trainload from Ontario, Or., passed through Butte yesterday enroute to Miles City, where they will be unloaded and turned onto the range of one of the large cattle owners of that section. This makes 10 or 12 trainloads of Oregon cattle shipped into eastern Montana within the past few weeks.

News Gossip of Finance

New York, Sept. 17. — Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Asked.
Twos, registered	1930	103¾	104
do, coupon	1930	104⅛	.....
Threes, registered	1908	101	101¾
do, coupon	1908	101	101¾
Threes, small bonds	....	100½	.....
Fours, registered	1925	121	121½
do, coupon	1925	121½	122
Twos, Panama	....	102⅝	103⅛

New York, Sept. 17.—Metal prices: Copper—Lake, 13⅜@13⅝; electrolytic, 13¼@13½c; castings, 13@13¼c. Lead—$4.52½@4.55. Tin—$28.50@28.75.

New York, Sept. 17. — Bar silver, 52¼c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

London, Sept. 17.—Silver, 23 11-16d.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Today's treasury statement shows: Receipts, $2,309,794; expenditures, $2,190,000.

NEVADA MINING STOCKS.

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Bid prices: GOLDFIELDS DISTRICT.

Sandstorm 20c, Columbia Mt. 23c, Jumbo Ext. 40c, Vernal 5cA, Kendall 15c, Booth 44c, Blue Bull 12c, Adams 4c, Silver Pick 18c, Nev. Boy 3c, B. B. Ext. 2c, Blue Bell 5c, Dixie 1c, Hibernia 8c, St. Ives 27c, Conqueror 5c, Blk. Rock 2cA, Lone Star 9c, G. Wonder 2cA, Oro 12c, Kendall Ext. 1c, Sandst. Ext. 1c, Mayne 2c, Atlanta 21c, Great Bend 31c, Empire 4c, Red Top Ext. 10c, Florence $3.92½, G. Daisy 62c, Comb. Fract. $1.30, Gr. Bend Ext. 6c, Gr. Bend Anx. 7c, B. B. Bonanza 2c, Kewanos 35c, Portland 7c, Cracker Jack 6c, Red Hill 24c, Mohawk Ext. 4c, Lou Dillon 3cA, Y. Tiger 11c, Grandma 6c, S. Pick Ext. 1c, Y. Rose 4cA, Col. Mt. Ext. 2cA, Goldf. Cons. $6.02½, Diam'f. Triangle 4c.

TONOPAHS.

Mont. Ton. $1.12½, Ton. Ext. 66c, MacNamara 45c, Ton. Belmont $1.02½, Jim Butler 23c.

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Grain market:

Wheat—May, $1.36¾@1.37⅝; December, $1.62 bid.

Cash wheat—Walla Walla, $1.67½; red, $1.65; turkey red, $1.75; bluestem, $1.75.

Barley—Cash, bright feed, $1.31¼; brewing, $1.35@1.37½; May, $1.40¾ bid, $1.37⅝ asked; December, $1.36.

Millstuffs—Bran, $29.50; middlings, $32; shorts, $31.

Oats—No. 1 white, cash, $1.65.

Northwest Bank Statement.

Portland.

Clearings today	$1,104,668.1[illegible]
Year ago	1,144,080.79
Balances today	112,962.41
Year ago	99,849.26

Tacoma.

Clearings	$704,022
Balances	75,716

Seattle.

Clearings	$1,511,022
Balances	169,264

Northwest Crop Weather.

Oregon—Fair tonight, cooler east portion; light frost except northwest portion. Friday fair. Northerly winds.

Washington—Fair tonight, cooler east portion with light frost. Friday fair. North to east winds.

Idaho—Showers tonight, cooler, with possibly light frost north and southwest portions. Friday fair.

HIGHEST PRICE ON MILLFEEDS

Portland Values Touch Another Record Today—Japan Buys Some Flour.

World's Wheat Prices.

	Dec.
Portland	$ .93½A
Chicago	1.00½A
Minneapolis	1.02⅛
Duluth	1.01⅝
Winnipeg	.95⅝
Kansas City	.94½
New York	1.08⅞
Liverpool	7s 8½d

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Sept. 17.	Sept. 16.	Sept. 15.
Barley	5	7	4
Flour	4	2	..
Hay	6	8	13
Oats	6	9	14
Wheat	79	130	109

Portland is today quoting the highest price on millfeeds in its history. In addition to the sharp rise in values a few days ago, another advance was quoted today; putting shorts at $30@31, middlings at $33 and bran at $26. There was also an advance in San Francisco today.

Cash barley market is firmer and higher with $25@25.50 being offered for feed.

Cash wheat market is quiet.

Japan is buying a small amount of special brand flour around $3.60 and north China is taking stocks around the same figure. Local flour is quiet.

On the Board of Trade today there was sharp bidding for September wheat and the price closed 2½c a bushel above the final figure of yesterday. No stock was offered under 92⅞c. For the December option the market was firm with an advance of ½c in the bid.

Oats futures were firm with an advance of 1c in the bid for September today and 2c a cental in December.

In Barley the bidding was vigorous for the September option, indicating that supplies in the hands of buyers are very scant. The market started weak 3c a cental under yesterday at $1.27 bid but quickly climbed back to former bid and ask values. December was firmer though practically unchanged for the day.

Board of Trade prices today:

CLUB WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closed.
Dec.	92 B	92½B	92 B	93½B
Dec.	92 Z	92½B	92 B	93½B

NO. 1 WHITE OATS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closed.
Sept.	147B	......	......	147B
Dec.	149B	......	......	149B

NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closed.
Sept.	127B	129 B	127B	132½A
Dec.	130B	132½B	130B	140 A

WHEAT MARKET FEELS RATHER GROGGY TODAY

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Sept. 16.	Loss.
Sept.	101	101	101⅞	⅞
Dec.	100⅝	100½A	101⅛	⅝
May	102½	103⅛	103⅛	..

Chicago, Sept. 17.—The wheat market started very weak and unsteady with prices badly hit in all options. To blame for this there was the heavy selling by Armour brokers and the decline in foreign prices after a stiff advance yesterday. Perhaps the advance here yesterday was too steep, for overnight sentiment became very bearish and the market opened ⅛ to ⅞c under yesterday's finals.

Liverpool opened ¼ to ⅜d above yesterday, but closed at a loss of ⅛ to ¼d. Antwerp closed ⅝c higher, but Paris was 5 down up 5 higher.

Reports received by brokers indicate that seeding of winter wheat is much delayed owing to the drought, and this may cut down the acreage somewhat.

Argentina shipments are estimated as: Wheat, 1,200,000 bushels; corn, 2,800,000 bushels.

Minneapolis reported an increase of 475,000 bushels in wheat stocks within five days.

Primary receipts—

	Bushels. Today.	Year ago.
Wheat	1,794,000	900,000
Corn	319,000	930,000
Shipments—		
Wheat	974,000	611,000
Corn	393,000	660,000

Range of prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Sept.	101	102⅛	100⅝	101
Dec.	100⅛	101⅝	100¼	100½
Old Dec.	.....	.....	.....	102¼
May	102½	104	102½	103⅛
CORN.				
Sept.	79⅝	79⅛	77⅞	77¾
Dec.	66⅝	67	65⅝	65⅝B
May	65½	65⅞	64⅝	64⅝
OATS.				
Sept.	48	48⅛	48	48
Dec.	49⅛	49¼	48⅝	48⅝
May	51½	51⅝	50¾	50⅞
PORK.				
Oct.	1500	1517	1500	1505
Jan.	1665	1680	1645	1665
May	1662	1677	1662	1665
LARD.				
Oct.	1010	1015	1000	1002
Jan.	977	990	977	982
May	987	997	985	990
RIBS.				
Oct.	967	972	967	967A
Jan.	877	885	875	877
May	890	895	890	890A

GRANTS PETITION TO ASSIGN LUMBER STOCK

Judge Webster in the county court has granted a petition by F. A. Clary to assign the stock of the Kalama Lumber company, owned by the estate of F. A. Clary. This is done by arrangement with the creditors, the assets of the company being $42,322 and the liabilities $35,120, and the concern being in need of ready cash for conducting the business. The petitioner is one of the directors of the firm, J. P. Aitken, a Kalama banker, is another, and the third will be R. L. Dunham, vice-president of the Merchants' National bank. Nearly all the stock of the company was owned by the deceased, and the creditors are willing to have the business go on if the stock is assigned to Durham as trustee.

HI HENRY, OLD-TIME MINSTREL, IS DYING

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 17.—Hi Henry, veteran of the minstrel world, is in a critical condition at the mining camp of Pearl, near here, as a result of a stroke of apoplexy. Henry has been engaged in mining in this vicinity for the past five years.

COMBINE TO HIT STOCK MARKET

Drop in Copper Metal Starts Avalanche and Political Fears Help Bears.

By J. B. Clews.

New York, Sept. 17.—The action of New York Central directors in declaring the regular dividend is taken as an indication that the board of directors, which is composed of some of the greatest men in the country, believe that the return of normal conditions is in sight.

New York, Sept. 17.—Various items combined today to force bearishness upon a market that already seemed scared of its own shadow. There was the drop of ⅛c in the price of copper metal which caused Amalgamated to lose almost a point and infused weakness into American Smelters, which shows a net loss of 3⅝ points in price. The weakness in Smelters upset the rest of the list. Some attributed the cause of the severe decline to the Michigan rate decision which affected the earnings of the railroads; and the fear that Bryan will say something to upset Wall street during his speech in New York tomorrow night.

Heavy losses today were: American Smelters, 3⅝; St. Paul, 2⅝; Great Northern, 1⅞; Pennsylvania, 1⅞; Reading, 2½; Southern Pacific, 1¼; Union Pacific, 3⅝; United States Steel, common, 1—preferred, ¾; New York Central, ⅞ points.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Cop. Co.	75¾	.....	.....	74⅝
Am. C. & F., c.	38¾	.....	.....	38¼
do pfd.	102	102	102	102
Am. Cot. Oil., c.	34½	.....	.....	33⅞
Am. Loco., c.	45	.....	.....	44¼
Am. Sugar, c.	129½	129½	127¾	127⅝
Am. Smelt., c.	88¾	89¾	85	85¼
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	100¾
Anac. M. Co.	45¾	.....	.....	43½
Am. Woolen, c.	.....	.....	.....	23⅝
Atchison, c.	88	88½	86¾	87
B. & O., c.	96½	.....	.....	95¾
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	85
Brook. Rap. Tr.	50¾	.....	.....	49½
Can. Pac., c.	171½	.....	.....	170¼
Cen. Leather, c.	26¾	.....	.....	25¾
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	95
C. & G. W., c.	6	6	5⅞	5⅞
C., M. & St. P.	138¼	138⅝	135⅝	135⅝
C. & N. W., c.	158½	159	157½	157½
Ches. & Ohio.	41	.....	.....	39⅞
Col. F. & I., c.	33⅝	.....	.....	32
Col. Southern, c.	38	.....	.....	37¼
do 2pfd.	.....	.....	.....	57
do 1st pfd.	.....	.....	.....	64¼
Corn Products, c	18	18¾	18	18
do pfd	46	46	46½	45
Del. & Hudson	170	170⅞	167¾	167¾
D. & R. G., c.	.....	.....	.....	26½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	65
Erie, c	28⅜	.....	.....	27¾
do, 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	33¾
do, 1st pfd	42⅛	.....	.....	42
Gt. Nor., pfd	133	133¼	130⅞	130⅝
Ill. Cen.	141½	.....	.....	138
L. & Nash.	106	106	103½	103½
M., K. & T., c.	31	.....	.....	29½
do pfd	61	.....	.....	62½
Distillers	29¼	30¾	29¼	29
Ore lands	62¾	62¾	59	59¼
Mo. Pacific	54½	54⅞	53¾	53¾
National Lead	77½	.....	.....	.....
N. Y. Central	105	105⅞	103	102⅞
N. Y., O. & W.	40¼	.....	.....	39⅞
N. & W., c.	73¾	73⅞	73	72½
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	80½
N. American	.....	.....	.....	60
N. P., c.	138¾	.....	.....	137¼
P. M. S. Co.	25	25	24¾	24¾
Penn. Ry.	123⅝	123¾	121½	121½
L. G., L. & C. Co.	.....	.....	.....	95
P. S. C., c.	31¾	.....	.....	31
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	93½
Reading, c.	133⅝	135	130⅝	130⅝
do 2d pfd.	.....	.....	.....	85
do 1st pfd.	.....	.....	.....	87
R. I. & S., c.	21¾	22	21¼	21¼
do pfd.	79½	79⅞	78¾	78½
Rock Island, c.	18	18	17¾	17⅝
do pfd.	34	34	33	33½
St. L. & S. F. 2d p.	.....	.....	.....	26¼
do 1st pfd.	.....	.....	.....	45
St. L. & S. W., c.	.....	.....	.....	16
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	46
South. Pacific, c.	105¾	.....	.....	102⅞
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	118½
Southern Ry., c.	21½	.....	.....	20⅝
do pfd.	51	.....	.....	50¼
Texas & Pacific.	24	.....	.....	23
T., St. L. & W., c.	.....	.....	.....	25
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	55¼
Union Pacific, c.	163	163⅞	159⅛	159⅝
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	87
U. S. Rubber, c.	30¼	30¾	29¾	29½
do pfd.	99	99	98¾	98¾
U. S. Steel Co., c.	45⅝	46½	44⅝	44⅝
do pfd.	109	109⅜	108¾	108¼
Wabash, c.	12	12½	12	12
do pfd.	25¾	.....	.....	25
W. U. Tel.	61	.....	.....	60
Wis. Cent., c.	27	28	25⅝	26¼
do pfd.	48½	50	47⅝	48
Wheeling Lake	8⅝	8¾	8½	8½
Westinghouse	71½	.....	.....	70½

MULTNOMAH HAS LAND FOR SALE

Multnomah county has over 42 acres of land for sale—land for which it has no use and which has been in its possession for 15 years or more. The county commissioners this morning ordered the giving of notice of reception of bids up to the hour of noon on October 21, for the tract as a whole or for five-acre lots.

The land is known as the J. Brown tract and escheated to the county. It lies in the eastern part of the county, between the Base Line and Section Line roads, and is also on the line of the O. W. P. It is said to be particularly adapted for fruit and berry culture.

The whole tract consists of 48 acres, but the county reserves 5.64 acres for a gravel pit.

V. P. MOSES WINS CONTEST CASE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Corvallis, Or., Sept. 17.—Judge Harris today handed down his decision in the Benton county clerkship contest case and Victor P. Moses is declared the duly elected clerk by a majority of 10. The original election returns gave Moses a majority of three, but T. T. Vincent, the then incumbent, alleged fraud and appealed to the circuit court.

On the recount many ballots were objected to by both sides as containing distinguishing marks, and of these 10 cast for Moses were thrown out as defective and also 47 cast for Vincent.

The judge further finds that there is no evidence of fraud on the part of the election of judges or of Vincent, in tampering with the ballot boxes. By the decision Moses gets judgment for his costs. The case has been followed with much interest here.

SUB STATION MEETS FAVOR

Eastern Oregon Shows Interest in Investigations of President Kerr.

Great progress is being made in the movement for establishing sub-experiment stations in eastern Oregon for study and exemplification of the best agricultural processes for the different districts, according to President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, who passed through Portland last night, enroute to Corvallis, after a survey of various districts in the inland empire.

The tour was one of investigation for the purpose of ascertaining conditions and studying possible lines of endeavor, all of which will be embodied in a report, along with recommendations to be made to the board of control of the Oregon Agricultural college at a special meeting to be held in November.

President Kerr was accompanied by Dr. William Jardine, dry farming expert in the bureau of plant industry at Washington, D. C., and by Mr. Stover, government expert in charge of irrigation in Oregon. Reports in writing are to be made by Dr. Jardine and Mr. Stover to President Kerr, and these will be embodied in his final report to the board of regents.

Meetings of citizens were held in several counties visited, and explanations made of the purpose of the plan, all with a view of ascertaining the sentiment and to what extent that sentiment could be drawn on for cooperation in establishing and maintaining the sub-experiment stations.

"We found very great interest in the plan, and an earnest desire on the part of the people to help themselves by means of the movement," said President Kerr at the Hotel Portland last night. "We held a number of public meetings and in every case they were well attended and a very earnest spirit of progress was manifest. Eastern Oregon is a wonderful field for intelligent agricultural activity, and a great deal of good can be accomplished through a system of cooperative sub-experiment stations.

"The possibilities of endeavor in that direction are very great, and it is due the people there that every facility be afforded them to profit to the utmost from the various irrigation systems that have been established and that will be inaugurated.

"Sub-experiment stations can be conducted at a very small comparative cost, and if provision can be made for them the benefits that will accrue will return in a 100-fold measure. I have the promise that the federal government will cooperate with us, and bear a portion of the expense if means can be provided by the state, and small tracts of land and buildings can be provided by the people where such stations are established, if established at all. Of course, the announcement as to the location of proposed stations cannot be made until all details have been worked out, and my report made to the board of regents whose action together with a provision by the state of means has been secured."

USE $10,000 TO FOUND ACADEMY

It appears probable that Columbia synod, United Presbyterian church, will this afternoon vote to expend the fund of $10,000, which it now has on hand as the result of the sale of church property at Waitsburg to founding an academy at Weiser, Idaho. Nearly all of the morning session was devoted to a discussion of the matter, and although a final vote had not been taken when the synod adjourned for lunch, it appeared extremely probable that the measures would go through.

The committee having the question of the disposition of the $10,000 in hand made a report this morning recommending that it be turned over to the board of education of the synod, which, as one of the members explained, would mean that the money would lie idle.

An amendment to the report was offered to the effect that the custodian of the fund be instructed to use the money for the purchase of the property of the Weiser academy, on condition that the town of Weiser would agree to raise not less than $1,500 a year for not less than five years, to be devoted to maintenance and running expenses of the proposed school. This amendment was adopted, but at the time the session adjourned, the question as amended had not been put to vote.

The property which it is proposed to buy belongs to the Congregational church, which formerly supported an academy there. But the school has been removed to Oklahoma and the property is for sale. The price asked being $6,000. It includes three buildings and 80 acres of land adjoining the townsite and is said to be a bargain at the figure asked. The United Presbyterians, if the property is acquired, propose to start an academy which may later develop into a college.

This afternoon the synod will conclude its sessions.

Fish Machine Failure.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 17.—After spending $25,000 in building and experimenting with a large vacuum venting machine it has proved to be a failure and the Pacific American Fisheries is now tearing it to pieces and boxing it ready for shipment to an eastern meat packing company.

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DEFENDANT'S VERACITY GIVEN HARD JOLTS

That the reputation of M. M. Rankin, timber land operator, for truth and veracity is bad, was the testimony of three prominent citizens in the circuit court this morning. It was given in the case on trial before Judge Bronaugh and a jury in which E. B. Watson is suing Rankin for $10,000 alleged to be due as attorney fees, and tended to increase the temperature of the room by several degrees.

State Senator C. W. Nottingham was the first witness called by the plaintiff in the attack on Rankin's reputation for truthfulness. Then came Attorney J. N. Davis and lastly another attorney, G. M. Allen. All of them said that Rankin's reputation for truth telling in the community where he is known is far from good.

At the conclusion of this testimony the plaintiff rested his case. His attorneys said that they had other witnesses on reputation, but as the witnesses were not present they would not ask the court to wait for them. As the court adjourned for the noon recess, Rankin approached the chair where Davis sat and they exchanged some words, but Rankin's attorney stood near and directed his client away.

Both Watson and Rankin were on the stand this morning and flatly contradicted each other in vital parts of their testimony. Watson gave a long narrative of his employment by Rankin and the negotiations for the purchase of 5,000 acres of land held by the Abiqua Land company, the title having passed to it from the state land board through S. A. D. Puter. He said he was to get $10,000 when the deal was consummated. He told of numerous conferences until near the time when Rankin acquired the property from the Commercial Trust company, and of his unsuccessful pursuit of his fee. He said Rankin put him off with promises that he would settle the affair after certain things were done, until he grew tired of waiting and brought suit.

Rankin, on the other hand, declared that Watson was to be paid a fee of $1 per acre for all land that he obtained for Rankin by attacking the title of the Abiqua company. This attack was to be made on the ground of fraud committed by Puter. He said that Watson was not to receive anything unless he defeated the Abiqua title. He said he once offered to pay Watson $500 rather than be sued, but that he owed the attorney nothing.

The windup of the case will come this afternoon, when the defense will have opportunity to rebute the attack made on Rankin's reputation, if it so desires.

TRAPPED INTO TELLING ON PAL

Henry Tartarini, the last of the four boys implicated in the robbery of a boxcar at Bertha station, has been served with a citation to appear in the juvenile court tomorrow. His three companions tried to shield his name, and Chief Probation Officer Teuscher was compelled to resort to strategy to get results.

Being convinced that there were four in the affair and finding that the three under arrest would not tell the name of the fourth, Mr. Teuscher went over the details with the other boys repeatedly, purposely mixing the names until one of the boys let slip the fact that "Henry" was with them. With this clue it was comparatively easy to learn that Henry's last name was Tartarini.

Another case for hearing in the juvenile court tomorrow is that of Ralph Kadderly, the boy accused of throwing a stone through the windows of a Mount Scott streetcar, narrowly missing one of the women passengers.

USUAL TROUBLE AND OTHER WOMEN

Mrs. Millie E. Maddux has begun suit in the circuit court for divorce from Clifford W. Maddux, alleging that he frequently became intoxicated and was too fond of the company of other women. She says he left home for good on August 13. They were married in Portland in June, 1904.

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