WORLD'S MARKETS TODAY

SALMON FREEZE TO BE SMALLER

Present Slow Operations Traced to Failure of Booth & Co. at Chicago.

Wholesale market features:
New nuts are arriving.
Cheese is advanced ½c a pound.
Egg market is firmer.
Butter market holding well.
Little freezing of salmon.
Halibut supplies are scarce.
Heavy run of silverside salmon.
Poultry remains very dull.
California "cants" sell well.
Small buying of potatoes again.

Little Salmon Freezing Reported.

To date there has been but little salmon frozen along the Columbia river this season. The failure of A. Booth & Co. at Chicago some weeks ago has had a demoralising effect upon the frozen fish market and especially salmon. With one of the best runs of fall fish ever seen in the Columbia river in recent years, salmon supplies are beginning to accumulate and the result is a very low range of values. The trade in general attributes this inactivity to the Booth failure and there is not likely to be any fancy values paid for fresh fish for freezing this fall. The failure of the Booth firm caused a suspension of operations almost everywhere where the company was located. Booth & Co. were said to be the prime movers in the Pacific coast firm known as the Cloepeck Fish company, with headquarters in the north and a place of business here. The Cloepeck Fish company had been doing an extensive business on the coast, but it is understood that the company was not a paying one financially. The business here is to be discontinued—in fact, the affairs of the company in this city are now being wound up. The Cloepeck company was formerly owned by Mr. Cloepeck himself and at one time was a big factor in the Portland market. Later the company was reorganized and the control is said to have been vested in Booth & Co.

Poultry Market Remains Dull.

There remains a dull tone in the local poultry market and prices are not showing the slightest improvement; neither is the demand. "There is scarcely any call for poultry at all," states W. H. Dryer, of Dryer, Bollam & Co. "Every one seems to be stocked up with chickens. At the present time there is no particular demand for anything in the poultry line. Even turkeys are not so firm and recent sales have been made at lower prices. At present it does not look as if there will be any decided change in the situation, for every one stocked up heavily last week and since that time arrivals have been quite liberal."

Cheese Market Half Cent Higher.

An advance of ½c a pound is shown in the low price for cheese this morning, most sales at this time being on a basis of 15c for flats, triplets and daisies, although once in a while a sale is made as low as 14½c. According to latest advices from Tillamook, the supplies of cheese of best quality at that point are quite light. The make is smaller than usual, owing to the protracted dry weather.

Eggs are showing a firm tone locally, although no sales are reported at a higher figure.

Buying Potatoes Again.

While the movement is still rather light, there is a slight increase in the purchases of best quality potatoes here for shipment to the south. For select stock the trade is paying 90c per hundred pounds, while quite good stuff is finding a call from buyers around 80c. At the present price ruling in the south there is little profit in shipping in that direction, but some of the regular shippers are taking a few lots at the mentioned prices here and there. Offerings by producers are not so heavy.

Brief Notes of Wholesale Trade.

New walnuts and new pinenuts are in from the south and in a small way the former are being quoted at 18c and the latter at 20c a pound. New almonds are likewise being offered at 12@13c a pound.

Because of the very small catch, halibut prices are advanced 1c a pound to 7c today.

At the advance of 2c a pound yesterday the local butter market is firm, although some of the trade believe that prices will go down again soon, owing to the coming of the rains, which means more grass.

The shipment of California cantaloupes yesterday is finding a very good demand locally at $1.50 per orchard box.

Concord grapes are in larger supply and the price is easier and sometimes lower.

Dressed meats are firm again.

Peach market is quiet, with nothing on the street able to command a better price than 75c.

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

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

The Portland board of trade furnishes the following list of arrivals of produce at Portland for the past 24 hours:

Apples, 1,065 boxes; berries, 30 crates; cherries, 2 boxes; cocoanuts, 2 sacks; grapes, 374 crates; grapes, 400 baskets; grapes, 2 cars; grape fruit, 3 crates; lemons, 133 boxes; limes, 7 boxes; melons, 2 crates; nutmeg melons, 50 crates; pears, 13 boxes, peaches, 805 boxes; prunes, 39 boxes; persimmons, 5 boxes; quinces, 54 boxes; artichokes, 19 boxes; beans, 1 barrel; cabbage, 23 crates; cauliflower, 10 crates; cucumbers, 55 boxes; celery, 25 crates; egg plant, 9 crates; okra, 3 cases; onions, 38 sacks; tomatoes, 65 crates; potatoes, 229 sacks; potatoes, 1 car; sweet potatoes, 1 car; peppers, 183 boxes; peas, 2 drums; sprouts, 2 drums; vegetables, 76 packages; clams, 65 boxes; crabs, 18 boxes; crabs, 1 barrel; crawfish, 9 boxes; fish, 99 boxes; oysters, 52 sacks; oysters, 2 barrels; oysters, 16 boxes; frog legs, 2 tubs; lobsters, 2 barrels; meat, 3 cars; hogs, 97; veal, 51; mutton, 6; chickens, 27 coops; ducks, 3 coops; turkeys, 7 coops; butter, 70 cases; cheese, 415 cases; cream, 2,651 gallons; milk, 485 gallons; eggs, 56 cases; canned fruit, 1 car; raisins, 1 car; beans, 1 car; hops, 382 bales; bark, 122 sacks; honey, 4 cases; deer, 1.

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Oct. 13.—Eggs, per dozen—California fresh, including cases, extras, 28c; firsts, 41c; seconds, 26½c; thirds, 25c; eastern, 25½c; firsts, 23½c; storage, 30c; eastern storage, 24½c; firsts, 24c.

Butter, per pound—California fresh, extras, 30½c; firsts, 26c; seconds, 22½c; thirds, 25c; eastern extras, 27c; packing, No. 1, 22c; packing, No. 2, 20c; storage, California extra, 24½c.

Cheese, per pound—California flats, fancy, 13½c; firsts, 12c; seconds, 9½c; California Young American, fancy, 13½c; firsts, 13c; eastern New York cheddars, fancy, 16½c; Oregon flats, fancy, 15c; Oregon Young America, fancy, 14½c; California storage, fancy flats, 15c.

Potatoes, per cental—River Whites (sacks), fancy, 70@85c; per box, 50@70c; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.40; Oregon Burbanks, $1.25@1.35; Early Rose, 75@80c; sweet potatoes, to the trade, sacks, $1.35; crates, $1.50.

Onions, per sack—Yellow, 50@60c.

Oranges, per box—Valencias, $2@2.50.

FAIL TO SELL BEYOND $6.75

No Transactions in Hogs at This Time Above That Figure—Tone Weaker.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	265	550	205
Monday	105	175	257
1907	30	40	...
1906	...	79	...
1905	...	125	...

Portland Union Stockyards, Oct. 13.—There was a fair run of hogs and cattle and a small one of sheep in the local yards today. The hog market is gathering considerable weakness and buyers are not bidding up quite as high as they did the latter part of last week. While it is believed that as high as $7 could still be obtained for something showing select quality, the general run of what is called best stuff will top the market at a less figure. No sales are reported beyond $6.75 and the trade in general is of the opinion that this is the extreme top and some look for still lower figures for the very near future.

Buyers seem to have deserted the steer market again, for arrivals in that line are somewhat neglected, although sales could be made if values were cut a fraction. In any event killers are not now clamoring for steers, but are showing a pronounced preference for good fat cows. Good select cows will readily bring $3 in the yards on the present market. While top steers will bring the same figures as quoted on Saturday, sales are forced.

Sheep market is firm at former prices with arrivals smaller than the demand.

A year ago today hogs were rather weak, cattle and sheep holding firm. All prices were unchanged for the day.

The following sales are representative of late transactions in the local yards and indicate clearly the extent of the demand and prices paid for the various varieties and weights:

	Weight.	Price.
3 heifers	2,410	$2.50
7 steers, 9 heifers	6,500	2.50
54 cows	55,135	3.00
2 bulls	2,500	2.00
15 cows	16,800	3.00
21 steers	22,280	3.85
15 steers	16,400	4.00

HOGS.

105 hogs	21,000	$6.50

Following is the general range of values on stock ruling in the yards for late shipments:

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

Cattle — Select east of mountains, steers, $4@4.25; medium steers, $3.50; ordinary, $3.25; best cows and heifers, $2.75@3; medium cows, $2@2.25; stags, $2.50@3; bulls, $2.

Sheep—Best wethers, $3.50; ordinary wethers, $3.25; lambs, $4; straight ewes, $3; mixed lots, $2.50@2.75.

Veal—Choice young calves, $4.50; heavy and rough, $3.50@4.

Sheep Weak in East.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Run:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	20,000	8,000	18,000
Kansas City	20,000	20,000	10,000
Omaha	6,000	7,500	16,000

Hogs are steady. Left over yesterday, 4,400. Receipts year ago, 17,000. Mixed, $5.55@6.35; heavy, $5.30@6.35; rough, $5.50@5.85; light, $5.40@6.10. Cattle steady, sheep weak.

HOP CORNER IS NOW AT AN END

Herman Klaber Retires From the Buying Because of Heavy Offerings.

Efforts to "corner" the hop supplies of Oregon have failed and temporarily the promoter has retired from the field.

Herman Klaber, kingpin of the hopmen, member of the firm of Herman Klaber & Co. of Tacoma, Klaber, Wolf & Netter company of this city and Phillip Wolf & Co. of San Francisco, makes the announcement himself today.

While Mr. Klaber does not state exactly that it was his intention to "corner" Oregon's 1908 crop of hops, he announces that his bull campaign is at an end for the time being.

"The hopgrowers are offering hops too freely," he told The Journal this morning. "I cannot take them all because too many bales are offered. Every one seems to want to unload all at once and it is impossible for me to handle the entire crop. Yesterday, while I thought earlier in the day that a number of lots had been purchased by my men in the Willamette valley, the total purchases have turned out to be simply 23 bales—a sort of skidoo number—upon which I will stop purchases for awhile. I simply cannot take care of all the hops growers want to sell."

The failure of Mr. Klaber to "corner" the hop market is the talk of the hop trade today. In many quarters his plan was believed unfeasible, but some thought that because of the very small crop and the fact that Mr. Klaber purchased heavily last week together with probable holding back of supplies by producers, would enable the plucky dealer-grower to carry his plan to a successful conclusion and thereby enable the hopgrower to secure a better price for his product.

In a single day Mr. Klaber purchased upward of $27,000 worth of hops and at this rate he saw the finish was in sight.

BOSTON COPPER MARKET.

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Boston, Oct. 13.—Official bid prices:

Adventure	7½	Newhouse	47/8
Allouez	37/8	Nippissing	8⅝
Arcadian	3½	N. Butte	82
Boston Cons.	14	E. Butte	8½
Butte Coalition	24⅝	Old Dom.	45⅝
Black Mt.	3½	Osceola	117
Cal. & Ariz.	116¼	Parrot	26
Cal. & Hecla	665	Phoenix	50
Centennial	25	Quincy	92
Cop. Range	73½	Royale	23¼
C. Ely	7½	Shannon	15⅝
Daly West	24⅝	Sup. & Pitts.	14
Granby	101A	Tamarack	71
Greene	10⅝	Trinity	16⅝
Giroux	4¼	Utah Mining	40½
Mass	5½	Utah Cons	41½
Michigan	13½	Victoria	4½
Mohawk	63	Wolverine	137
Miami	16¼	Winona	5
Nevada	16¼		

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET.

San Francisco, Oct. 13.—Merchants' exchange quotations:

Cash wheat — Walla Walla white, $1.65; red Russian, $1.61¼; Turkey red, $1.73½; bluestem, $1.72½.

Future wheat—May, $1.64¾; December, $1.65¼ bid.

Cash barley—Bright, $1.37½ bid; brewing, $1.36¼.

Future barley—May, $1.39½; $1.40 asked, December, $1.31½ bid; $1.39½ asked.

Millstuffs — Bran, $30; middlings, $32.50; shorts, $32.50.

SAY U. P. WILL ISSUE BONDS

Market for Stock Starts Good and Makes Early Gains—Loses Later.

New York, Oct. 13.—The stock market started with a fractional advance. There was a good advance in the leaders early in the session. The report that Union Pacific was about to issue a large amount of bonds, while very indefinite, caused a relapse in bullishness and selling pressure carried off a large per cent of the early gains.

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

DESCRIPTION.	Opening.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper Co.	75⅛	76⅛	75⅛	75⅞
Am. C. & F. c.	40½	40¾	39⅝	40⅛
Am. C. & F. p.	...	...	...	100½
Am. Cot. Oil, c.	35¼	35⅝	35⅛	35⅛
Am. Loco., c.	49	49	48⅝	48⅝
Am. Sugar, c.	...	...	...	130
Am. Smelter, c.	86⅞	87⅜	86⅛	87
Anan. Mining Co.	43¼	43⅝	43¼	43⅝
Am. Woolen, c.	...	...	...	22⅝
Atchison, c.	88⅝	90⅛	88⅛	89¼
Atchison, p.	...	...	...	95
B. & O., c.	97⅛	97⅝	97⅛	97½
B. & O., p.	...	...	...	86
B. R. T.	48⅞	49	48	48
Can. Pacific, c.	175⅝	175½	174½	174¾
Cen. Leather, c.	25¼	25⅝	25¼	25¼
Cen. Leather, p.	...	...	...	95
C., M. & St. P.	136½	137¼	135½	136½
C. & N. W.	...	...	...	161
Ches. & Ohio.	42⅝	43	42⅝	42⅞
C. F. & I., c.	36	36⅛	35⅝	35⅝
Col. So., c.	43⅝	43¾	43⅛	43⅛
Col. So., 2d p.	...	...	...	58⅛
Col. So., 1st p.	66	66	66	66
Dela. & Hud.	167	168	167	167½
D. & R. G., c.	28⅝	30⅛	27⅞	29⅞
D. & R. G., p.	...	...	...	69⅜
Erie, c.	32	32¼	31½	31⅝
Erie, 2d p.	37	37⅛	37	36⅛
Erie, 1st p.	45	45⅛	44⅜	44⅛
Gt. Nor., p.	133¼	133⅞	133⅛	133⅛
Ill. Cent.	139	139	138½	138½
L. & N.	106	106½	106	106¼
M., K. & T., c.	30⅜	31⅜	30⅜	30⅞
M., K. & T., p.	66	66⅛	65½	65½
Distillers	...	...	...	29⅜
Ore Lands	59	59⅜	59	59
Mo. Pacific	55⅜	57¼	55	56½
National Lead	82⅞	83⅛	82¼	82¼
N. Y. Central	104½	104½	104	104¼
N. Y., O. & W.	41	41	41	41
Nor. & West., c.	74	74¼	73¼	74
do pfd.	...	...	...	81
Nor. Pac., c.	141	142⅜	141	141¼
Pac. Mail SS.	...	...	...	25
Penn. Ry.	123⅝	124⅛	123⅝	124
P's G., L. & C. C.	95¼	95⅝	95½	95½
Pressed S. C., o.	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32½
do pfd.	...	...	...	92
Reading, c.	131⅛	131⅝	130⅛	130½
do 2d pfd.	...	...	...	85
do 1st pfd.	...	...	...	87
Rep. I. & S., c.	22¼	22¼	22	22⅛
Rock Island, c.	20	20⅛	19⅞	19¾
do pfd.	48½	49⅝	48⅛	48⅝
St.L.& S.F., 2d p.	31½	31½	31	31
do 1st pfd.	...	...	...	50
St. L. & S. W., c.	18	18½	18	18½
So. Pacific, c.	104⅛	104⅝	103½	104¼
do pfd	118⅝	118¼	118	118
So. Ry., c.	21⅝	22	21½	21⅜
do pfd	53	53	52½	52½
T. & P.	25½	26⅞	25½	26½
T., St. L. & W., c	29¾	31	29¾	31
do pfd	60¼	60⅜	60	59½
U. P., c.	165½	166¼	165⅛	165½
do pfd	...	...	...	87
U. S. Steel Co., c.	46⅝	47¼	46⅝	46¾
do pfd	109½	109⅝	109⅜	109⅝
Wabash, c.	13	13⅛	12¾	12⅞
do pfd	26½	27⅜	26⅝	27½
W. U. Telegraph.	60	60¾	58⅛	58½
Wis. Cent., c.	...	...	...	27½
do pfd	48	48	47	47
Westinghouse	75	75¾	75	75½

Total sales, 517,000 shares.

Money opened 1¾ per cent; high, 1¾ per cent; low, 1¼ per cent; closed, 1¾ per cent.

News Gossip of Finance

Portland clearings today	$1,358,530.97
Year ago	1,428,328.52
Portland balances today	114,564.83
Year ago	112,224.56
Seattle clearings	$2,176,684.00
Balances	198,364.00
Tacoma clearings	$ 825,483.00
Balances	68,182.00

New York, Oct. 13. — Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Asked.
Twos, registered	1930	103¼	104
do coupon	1930	104	...
Threes, registered	1908	100¼	100⅜
do coupon	1908	101	101½
Threes, small bonds	...	100½	...
Fours, registered	1925	121	121½
do coupon	1925	122	...
Twos, Panama	...	102⅝	103⅛
Dist. of Columbia	...	110	...
Fours, Philippine	...	110	...

New York, Oct. 13.—Metal—Copper, lake, 13⅝@13⅝c; electrolytic, 13½@13¾c; castings, 12⅞@13⅛c.

Tin, $29.15@29.40.

Lead, $4.40@4.45.

New York, Oct. 13.—Bar silver, 51⅝c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

London, Oct. 13.—Silver, 23 13-16d.

New York, Oct. 13.—Sterling—Cables, 486.75@486.80; demand, 486.50@555; 60 days, 485.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Today's treasury statement shows:

Receipts, $1,331,600; disbursements, $1,790,000.

HALF MILLION MILL FIRE AT BLAINE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 13.—The plant of the H. L. Jenkins Lumber company at Blaine, Wash., was entirely destroyed last night by a fire of incendiary origin; the mill was valued at $500,000. A conflagration that would have swept the waterfront and destroyed two other large mills and two canneries was averted only by the most desperate fire fighting.

The Jenkins company loses a sawmill with a capacity of 100,000 feet daily; shingle mill, capacity 600,000; a planing mill with six planers, eight dry kilns and a two-tory office building.

The plant was one of the largest in the world. When running it employed 150 men. It had been shut down 18 months on account of the depression in the lumber market. It is said it would have been started within a short time.

The city's loss is $2,000, due to the burning of several hundred feet of docks.

TWO SUSPECTS PASS UP EXAMINATION

Edward Christopher and Elmer Parsley, the two young fellows arrested Sunday and charged with the several hold-ups, waived examination in police court this morning and were bound over to the grand jury under bail of $1,000 each. They could not give it and will remain in jail. The detectives say they have an absolute case against each of the men.

BARLEY MARKET IS DOWN TODAY

Bids on November Are Down 3 1-2c a Cental—Lower Price in Frisco.

World's Wheat Prices.

	Dec.
Portland	$ .92½A
Chicago	1.00⅝A
Kansas City	.94⅝
St. Louis	1.00⅛
Minneapolis	1.01⅛A
Duluth	1.01B
Winnipeg	.92
San Francisco*	1.65¼
Liverpool	7s 8¾d

*Per cental.

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Cars.				
	Barley.	Flour.	Hay.	Oats.	Wheat.
Tues.	11	3	11	11	86
Mon.	15	4	11	5	123
Sat.	1	2	10	9	52
Fri.	11	4	14	7	76
Thurs.	6	10	7	7	78
Wed.	9	1	6	4	67

A very slow flour market with an easy tone in other markets for wheat, caused a relaxation of bull interest in the local market for wheat today and though prices were unchanged there were no bids at all for either option.

Cash wheat market shows a dragging disposition for the same reason and prices, while unchanged, show an easier tone.

There was an easier and weaker tone in oats futures and on the board of trade today the bids were reduced 2½c a cental, an equal amount slashed off the asked prices.

An easier tone in San Francisco with lower prices there caused a decline of 3½c a cental in the bids on November barley today but holders were firm in their views and did not offer supplies under $1.32½, the same price as yesterday. A loss of 5c a cental is noted in the bids on the December delivery today while asked prices are 1½c a cental under yesterday.

Rains were rather general in the wheat belts of the Pacific northwest today and this was one cause of the easier tone in wheat.

The official weather forecast for the Pacific northwest:

Oregon—Rain tonight, cooler east portion. Wednesday rain west, fair east portion. Southerly winds.

Washington—Rain tonight, cooler except near coast. Wednesday rain west, fair east portion; southerly winds.

Idaho—Rain tonight, cooler north and southwest portions. Wednesday fair.

Board of trade prices:

CLUB WHEAT.

	Open.	Close.
Nov.	92A	92A
Dec.	92A	92½A

NO. 1 WHITE OATS.

Nov.	1.50B	1.55A
Dec.	1.52½B	1.57½B

NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.

Nov.	1.25B	1.32½A
Dec	1.27½B	1.33¾A

WHEAT STARTS GOOD; CLOSES DOWNWARD

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Oct. 12.	Loss.
Dec.	101¼	100⅝A	100⅞	½
May	104¼	103½B	103⅞A	⅜
July	99⅝	98⅞	99	⅛

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Wheat opened firmer, but selling pressure carried prices below the closing of yesterday, and at the end of today's session the market was ⅛c to ½c lower. July was the strongest feature of the day, and the fractional decline in that option shows that the big people have some fears of a small crop the coming season, owing to the very dry seeding season. Liverpool opened ½d to unchanged, but closed ¼d to ¾d above yesterday.

Bradstreet's report of the visible supply shows in bushels:

Wheat—East of the Rockies, increased 3,727,000 bushels; Canada, increased, 2,276,000 bushels; Europe and afloat, increased 2,300,000 bushels; total world's supply, increased 8,402,000 bushels.

Corn—Decreased 528,000 bushels.

Oats—Increased 442,000 bushels.

The primary receipts show: Wheat, 1,745,000 bushels, against 1,397,000 bushels a year ago; corn, 267,000 bushels, compared with 831,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 1,183,000 bushels, compared with 1,061,000 bushels a year ago; corn, 205,000 bushels, compared with 749,000 bushels.

Cash wheat—No. 2 red, $1.01⅝@1.02⅝; No. 3 red, $1.00⅝@1.01⅝; No. 2 hard, $1.00⅝@1.02⅝; No. 2 hard, 98c@$1.02; No. 1 northern, $1.07@1.08; No. 2 northern, $1.06@1.07; No. 2 spring, 98c@$1.06.

Range of Chicago values furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	101¼	101⅝	100⅝	100⅝A
May	104½	104½	103½	103½B
July	99⅝	99⅝	98⅞	98⅞

CORN.

Dec.	64⅝	64⅝	63⅞	63⅞
May	64¼	64⅝	63½	63½B
July	63⅝	63⅝	62⅝	62⅝A

OATS.

Dec.	49¼	49½	48⅝	48⅝A
May	51	51⅛	50¼	50¼B
July	46⅝	46⅝	46⅛	46⅛A

PORK.

Oct.	1375	1387	1370	1372N
Jan.	1545	1550	1500	1500
May	1525	1530	1492	1495B

LARD.

Oct.	940	942	910	910
Jan.	915	925	902	905
May	920	922	900	900

RIBS.

Oct.	880	882	870	870
Jan.	817	822	800	806
May	820	822	807	807B

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Oct. 13.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
Dec.	7s 8¾d	7s 8¾d
March	7s 6d	7s 6½d
May	7s 5¾d	7s 5¾d

O. R. & N. DEPOT AT WALLULA BURNED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 13.—The O. R. & N. depot, which contained also a railway restaurant, at Wallula, Wash., was totally destroyed by a fire that broke out at 6 o'clock last evening. The loss is $30,000, of which $5,000 is on freight in the warehouse, household goods of the agent and restaurant fixtures. A large number of citizens improvised a fire department and succeeded in confining the blaze to a small area.

It is thought a cigarette thrown into some rubbish started the fire. A strong southwest wind was blowing.

BARGE BELIEVED TO BE IN STORM

Surveyor for Underwriters Anxious for News From the Nehalem.

FISHING CRAFT TEARS TATOOSH SPAN WIRE

Report of Shipping at Entrance to Straits of Juan de Fuca Missing as Result of Accident Due to Sudden Blow—High Wind at North Head.

Some uneasiness is felt by Captain E. W. Crowe of this city for the safety of the barge Nehalem which is supposed to have left Astoria yesterday for Tillamook in tow of the tug R. Vosburg. The barge had on board a large quantity of locomotives and machinery for the Tillamook railroad now in course of construction.

Captain Crowe represents the San Francisco underwriters who insured the cargo and is therefor particularly interested in the craft. He says the barge was taken to Astoria yesterday morning by one of the Diamond O towboats and was to be picked up there by the seagoing tug Vosburg. The Diamond O boat delivered the barge, but since then no word has been received from it.

A heavy wind struck the mouth of the river last night, the wind attaining a velocity of 64 miles an hour and Captain Crowe fears that if the tug and tow had gone to sea they would probably have trouble keeping together, although the Vosburg is well equipped for towing. But he has no definite information, and he believes it quite possible that the tug put in for shelter in one of the bights near the entrance to the river to await more favorable weather conditions. Ordinarily it would only take about eight hours to tow the barge from the entrance of the Columbia to Tillamook.

The wind did some damage to shipping off the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca last night in that it carried a fishing schooner against the span wire connecting the vessel reporting station on Tatoosh Island with the mainland, breaking the line. As a result no reports of shipping have been received from the entrance to the straits since yesterday.

To repair the line is a most tedious undertaking since the work has to be done by Indians in canoes. The wire is about a mile long and dozens of canoes will be required to stretch it across the water. To prevent it from sinking the Indians attach it at short intervals to inflated bladders until they finally get the two ends spliced. In the meantime no reports of shipping will be received from the station.

Experiments to maintain a submarine cable between the island and the mainland have proved futile in that the cable has chafed to pieces by the action of the tide against the rocky shores at both ends.

District Forecaster E. A. Fields of the local weather bureau says that the storm of last night was light as compared with the usual fall blows. Incoming steamers from southern ports report that yesterday morning the sea was quite calm and the view obscured by a dense fog. It began to freshen up last night, however, as they made port.

SHIPS IDLE ON THE SOUND

Wheat Shipments Go in Vessels From Columbia River.

Puget sound waters are crowded with shipping, vessels lying idle waiting for business, while in Portland and on the Columbia river the docks are crowded with vessels loading wheat and lumber. On Puget sound there are 17 large sailing vessels and one steamer on the disengaged list. In Portland harbor there are but six.

It is considered quite likely that a number of the craft lying idle on the sound will be sent around here eventually for freight to take them home to Europe, since the bulk of the wheat is being exported this year through the Oregon metropolis.

Following are the disengaged vessels lying idle on Puget sound, their nationality, rig, net registered tonnage and place of anchorage:

Agapanthus, British steamer, 2,866 tons, Tacoma.

Agnes Oswald, British ship, 1,380 tons, Tacoma.

Amiral Cecille, French ship, 2,293 tons, Port Townsend.

Archibald Russell, British bark, 2,161 tone, Port Townsend.

Carradale, British ship, 1,982 tons, Victoria.

Crompton, British bark, 2,717 tons, Port Townsend.

Ditton, British ship, 2,699 tons, Royal Roads.

Emilie, German ship, 1,738 tons, Tacoma.

Falls of Dee, British ship, 1,845 tons, Royal Roads.

Grenada, British bark, 2,106 tons, Port Townsend.

Inverness-shire, British bark, 2,147 tons, Port Townsend.

Kynance, German bark, 2,688 tons, Vancouver.

Lord Shaftesbury, British bark, 2,373 tons, Royal Roads.

Loudon Hill, British bark, 2,066 tons, Tacoma.

Marion Inglis, British ship, 1,882 tons, Port Townsend.

Osborne, British bark, 2,986 tons, Port Townsend.

Semantha, British bark, 2,211 tons, Quartermaster.

Senator, British ship, 1,589 tons, Royal Roads.

GALES IN OCTOBER

Hydrographic Chart Indicates Weather Along Coast.

Strong southeasterly gales will be frequent directly under the coast during the present month if records of former years are to be taken as indicative of prevailing October weather. Beyond 130 degrees the wind will blow longest and strongest from SSW.

Between 40 degrees and 45 degrees and under the coast the most frequent directions will be SSE. and NNW., the winds from these quarters blowing with about equal frequency. West of 130 degrees a majority of the winds are included between SW. and north. South of 40 degrees the prevailing direction will be NW.

Continuing southward NW'ly winds may be expected between the coast and a line drawn from 35 degrees N., 130 degrees W., to 15 degrees N., 105 degrees west. South of 15 degrees and under the coast NE'ly winds will blow. Off the coast and as far west as 120 degrees the prevailing direction is SW., becoming successively S'ly and SE'ly as the equator is approached.

Occasional cyclonic storms of no great intensity may be expected between the parallels of 10 degrees and 20 degrees N. along the sailing route from San Francisco to the line and return.

The above information is furnished by the October chart of the North Pacific ocean just issued by the hydrographic office of the United States.

THIEVES ON WATERFRONT

West Coast Shipping Suffers From Presence of Pirates and Robbers.

London, Oct. 13.—The west coast of South America is just now afflicted with bubonic pest and smallpox; but these plagues could be endured or avoided while the greater pest of chronic robbery in every part of packages, bottles and even bales of goods is insupportable. In Callao an insurance company against this class of robberies exists, but in Chilean ports (both ends to have been a sort of copartnership between the officers of the port and the pirates.

After an emphatic representation by the Hamburg-American Steamship company the general government of Chile took up the matter by placing a ship of their navy at Antofagasta. The custom had been to sentence the thieves to three months imprisonment, but they were clandestinely set free in a few days after their confinement. It was said that thousands of people live on the proceeds of these thefts, for which they have stores where the goods are bought and sold.

When the ship arrived in Antofagasta, a close watch was set and thieves were captured. After conviction on board, where they were tried, the robbers were chained to heavy weights and thrown overboard. As a result the business soon stopped and the naval commander reported that order was reestablished and he returned to Valparaiso. Then the disorder broke out afresh and today is worse than ever on the entire Chilean coast.

On shore the robberies of cargoes are made by carts from the docks. In Antofagasta ships are attacked by armed pirates in the night, and they capture whole launch loads. Merchants have the custom of leaving goods a long time in the custom house to save expense of storage in warehouses and much of this class of goods is stolen, though under government supervision.

CONDOR WITHOUT MASTER

Captain Theorin Returns After Strenuous Visit at Waldport.

Captain Fred Theorin returned from Waldport this morning, where he left the gasoline sloop Condor, belonging to the Waldport Lumber company, after a heated row with Superintendent Charles Whitmer. Captain Theorin is the third master to have had command of the Condor in about that many months, since Captain Tyler resigned.

Captain Theorin took the Condor from Portland about 10 days ago after having had some difficulty with Superintendent Whitmer concerning a receipt book. Upon reaching his destination he was met by Superintendent Whitmer who had gone overland, and was informed that his services were no longer required. In settling up their affairs the captain and superintendent got into such close quarters that the superintendent's port optic was given the hue of a starboard light. The superintendent had Captain Theorin arrested on the charge of threatening to do him bodily harm, but the case was dismissed after a hearing before the justice of peace.

Captain Theorin will remain in Portland until he secures another berth in the coasting trade. But he says he has had enough of the Condor to last a while. The Condor has been plying between Portland and Waldport for several months, carrying general freight.

CLEAR WITH LUMBER

Three Steam Schooners Sail From Columbia River Ports.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Oct. 13.—The steam schooner Jim Butler cleared at the custom house Sunday for San Francisco with 320,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Rainier and 400,000 feet of lumber, loaded at the Hammond Lumber company's plant. The steam schooner J. Marhoffer cleared for San Francisco with 425,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Portland, 100,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Linnton, and 200,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Rainier. The steamer R. D. Inman also cleared yesterday for San Francisco. She carries 375,000 feet of lumber from Portland, 175,000 feet of lumber from Rainier and 350,000 feet of lumber from Knappton.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steamer State of California, Captain Nopander, arrived here last night after a pleasant trip from San Francisco.

The steam schooner Quinault is at the mills of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company loading lumber for San Francisco. She arrived here this morning.

The overdue French ship Grande Duchesse Olga reached San Francisco yesterday from Newcastle, Australia, just as reinsurance had jumped from 15 to 25 per cent.

Lester H. Lewis has arrived at Boston on his way back to Portland from Liverpool. He says he went from the Oregon port to Europe on a sailing vessel but was unable to work his way back without going hungry and penniless many a day.

The British steamer Hazel Dollar is reported under charter to carry a cargo of lumber from this port to Australia in the near future. She is due to arrive here October 22.

The American-Hawaiian liner Nevadan is due to arrive here tomorrow from Salina Cruz via San Diego. She left San Diego four days ago.

The British steamer Romford is due to arrive at Astoria today from Eureka, Ca.