THE WORLD'S MARKETS

APPLE INTAKE IS TOO HEAVY

Demand Not Able to Take Care of Enormous Arrivals—Price Is Wobbly.

PORTLAND WHOLESALE MARKETS.
Too many apples coming.
Heavy supplies cranberries.
Movement of eggs is good.
Italian chestnuts coming.
Halibut is down again.
Silverside salmon scarcer.
Slow sale for grapes.
Chicken market just steady.

Apple Movement Is Too Liberal.

Those growers who have anticipated some good prices on apples are doomed to disappointment from the present outlook, at least. Far too liberal supplies of apples are coming at this time, most of them being from the Hood River section. While practically none of the arrivals consist of eastern shipping stock, much better quality is shown in arrivals from every place than during recent years. While some ordinary quality fruit is coming forward and sells at quite low figures, there is little of that rotten, wormy and scrubby looking stuff now putting in appearance, which usually causes the price of good apples to drop. To date there has been but little change in the price of apples along Front street, because Front street is making every effort to hold up the price. There are two reasons for this. The first and primary reason is the fact that Front street has bought heavily of apples, and therefore can not afford to slash too deeply into quotations. On the other hand it is the desire of the commission trade to save shippers from loss, for down on the street the trade seems to be of the opinion that just so many boxes and cars of apples will be consumed, whether the market is at a certain price or 25c lower.

Depends Upon Future Receipts.

However, the state of the market is rather critical just now, and it would not take much to cause a severe break in values. Arrivals of apples have been so heavy that all available wareroom space in the wholesale district has been filled with the fruit, and the docks still contain liberal holdings. Therefore the limit of the intake has about been reached, and unless there is a rapid decline in the inward movement growers are liable to see prices that will not pay the cost of transportation. At this time the very best fruit can not be sold over $1.75@2.00 a box, and it takes a well-selected and highly colored besides a Hood River packed Spitzenberg to bring these figures. What is ordinarily called first class apples in this market will not range over $1.25@1.50, the latter price being exceptional. Very good apples are today selling at $1.00@1.10 a box, and some ordinary stuff down as low as 50c, with the top around 75c.

Heavy Cranberry Supplies Here.

The local market is showing very heavy supplies of eastern cranberries, and the top of the market is now $11.50. Quality is unusually good on latest arrivals, and because of this the demand is better than otherwise. Local berries are in small supply, but the movement is not good because of the small sizes and the better appearance of the eastern stock.

Silverside Salmon Is Very Scarce.

There is a great scarcity in supplies of silverside salmon in the local wholesale fish market at this time, owing to the very small catch in the Columbia. According to reports received here this morning from lower river fishing grounds the catch is the smallest in years.

With the more liberal supplies of halibut from the north the local price is down to 7½c a pound today.

Brief Notes of Front Street.

Market for grapes is lifeless with liberal supplies.

The first shipments of imported Italian chestnuts are reported in by several Front street houses. Priced at 17c.

Chicken market is just about steady. Sales of fat live turkeys have been made as high as 18c with small stock around 17c.

Egg market shows a better demand for local fresh. Price the same.

Dressed veal is still scarce, but today's arrivals of hogs were quite liberal. Same old price.

Sweet potatoes are lower with accumulated holdings.

Potatoes are holding very steady with no shipments from the south as threatened.

Hop market is just about holding its own, with some orders in from brewers for ordinary goods at low prices. Choice quality continues scarce and wanted.

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

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extra creamery, 35@36c; fancy, 32½c; store, 20c.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 34½c; sour, 32½c per lb.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12@12½c hens, 12½c; roosters, old, 10c; fryers, 12½c; broilers, 12½c; geese, spring, 8@9c lb; turkeys, alive, 17@18c, spring ducks, 14c lb; pigeons, squabs, $2.00@2.50 per doz; old, $1.00; dressed poultry, 1@1½c lb higher.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 14½@15c; Young Americas, 15½@16c.

EGGS—Local best, 37½c per doz; eastern, 27½@32½c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 8¼@8½c; prime to choice, 7½@8c; prime, 7@7½c; medium, 6½c lb.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 15c.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 10@15c each; short wool, 25c@40c; medium wool, 50c@$1.00 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18@19c.

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

CHITTAM BARK—Old, 4½@5c; new, 4½@5c lb.

HIDES—Dry hides, 13@14c lb; green, 6@7c lb; bulls, green salt, 4@5c lb; kips, 6@7c; calves, green, 8@10c per lb.

Grain, Flour and Hay.

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland—Club, 90c; bluestem, 95c; fortyfold, 92c; red, 88c; Willamette valley, 91c.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price — Bran, $26.50; middlings, $33.00; shorts, $30.00; chop, $21.00@29.00; alfalfa meal, $18.00 per ton.

BARLEY—Feed, $26.50; rolled, $28.50; brewing, $27.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patent, $4.80; straight $3.90@4.55; export, $3.40@3.50; valley, $4.55; graham, ¼s, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, 5s, $5.50; bales, $3.00.

HAY—Producers' price—New timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $14.00@15.00; ordinary, $12.50@13; eastern Oregon, $16.50; mixed, $11.00@13.00; clover, $10.00; grain, $11.00; cheat, $11.00; $11.00; alfalfa, $10.00@11.00.

OATS—Producers' price—Track, No. 1 white, $30.50@31.50; gray, $29.50@30.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new navels, $3.25@3.50; bananas 5c lb; lemons, $3.25@5.00 box; grapefruit, $4.00@4.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $4.25 doz; pears, Bartlett, $1.75; grapes, $1.00@1.50; baskets, 25c; huckleberries, 8@9c lb; cranberries, local, $9.50@10.50 bbl; eastern, $11.50 bbl.

ONIONS—New Oregon, $1.10@1.25 per 100; California, $1@1.10; garlic, 7½@8c lb.

POTATOES — New, selling, $1.00@1.25; buying for shipment, per cwt., fancy, 90c@$1.00; ordinary, 70@85c; sweet, $1.75@1.90

APPLES—Extra select, $2.50@3.00; fancy, $2.00@2.25; choice, $1.00@1.25; ordinary, $1.00; poor, 50@75c per box.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 75c@$1; beets, $1@1.25; carrots, 50@75c sack; parsnips, 85c@1.00; cabbage, $1.50@$1.75; tomatoes, 65c per box; California, $1 per crate; beans, 12c; cauliflower, 75c@$1; peas, 12c; horseradish, 9@10c; artichokes, (—) doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 5c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, 75c@$1 box; radishes, 15c dozen bunches; celery, 75c; eggplant, 15c lb.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.15; powdered, $6.30; fruit or berry, $6.05; dry granulated, $6.05; conf. A, $6.25; extra B, $5.55; Golden G, $5.45; D, yellow, $5.35; beet, granulated, $5.85; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

SALT—Coarse — Half ground, 100s, $11.00 per ton; 50s, $11.50; table, dairy, 50s, $16.50; 10s, $16.00; bales, $2.35; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 40s, $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, 5½c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, head, 6@6¾c; Ajax (—); Creole, 5¼c.

HONEY—New, 15c per lb.

COFFEE—Package brands, $16.50.

BEANS—Small white, $5.25; large white, $4.50; pink, $3.85; bayou, $3.75; Limas $5.75; Mexican reds, $4.50.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 13 lbs, 15c per lb; breakfast bacon, 13@21½c lb; picnics, 10c lb; cottage roll, 11c lb; regular short clears, smoked, 13c lb; backs, heavy, smoked, 12c lb; light, smoked, 14c lb; bellies smoked, 15c lb; pickled tongues, 60c each.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street — Hogs, fancy, 7c; ordinary, 6@6½c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 8@9c lb; ordinary, 7@7½c lb; heavy, 5@6c lb; mutton, fancy, 6@7c lb; spring lamb, 7@7½c lb.

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, 8¾c per lb.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2.00 per box; 10c per doz.

FISH — Rock cod, 10c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 8½c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 10c per lb; salmon, chinook, 7c; silverside, 7c; herrings, 5c per lb; soles, 7c per lb; shrimp, 12½c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 10c per lb; lobsters, 25c per lb; fresh mackerel, (—) per lb; crawfish, 20c per dozen; sturgeon (—) per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelts, 6c per lb; black cod, 7½c per lb; crabs, $1.25@1.75 per dozen.

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.

Paints, Coal, Oil, Etc.

ROPE—Manila, 9¾c; sisal, 7½c lb.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls, 58c; cases, 64c; boiled, bbls, 60c; cases, 66c a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $34 ton.

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 19c per gal; iron bbls., 11½c per gal.

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

TURPENTINE—In cases, 58½c per gal.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $2.35.

Northwest Crop Weather.

Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain tonight and Thursday; cooler tonight except near coast. Southwesterly winds.

Idaho—Occasional rain tonight and Thursday.

ORDINARY STUFF IS PASSED BY

Only Select Steers Find Sale at Right Prices—Advance for Sheep.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Wednesday	400	143	...
Tuesday	178	85	278
Monday	709	275	...
Saturday	576	267	635
Friday	356	58	55
Thursday	356	58	55

Portland Union Stockyards, Nov. 18.—While best selected steers weighing around 1,150 pounds and very fat will still bring as high as $4.25 in the local yards, killers seem determined to hold back any possible improvement in the ordinary stuff.

Steers which will not top quality, are not moving very fast in the yards at this time, although the arrivals are far from being liberal. The big people are not buying anything in the yards just now and this indicates that they still have plenty of their own. One or two of the larger packers have been buying cattle on the outside because they were able in this way to obtain supplies lower than they possibly could in the yards.

Loss Falls Upon Cattlemen.

If cattlemen would ship all their stock to the commission handlers at the yards instead of selling it direct to packers, the trade believes that a better price would be obtainable. Commission handlers are in a position to know the market and are able to judge better of the merits of the market than someone who is located in the interior and who cannot possibly secure the information that comes to those in daily contact with all the buyers.

With killers buying stock outside at lower prices they are not seeking purchases in the yards and for that reason cattle that do not top quality are somewhat neglected and when they are purchased the price is not as satisfactory as could be expected.

Demand Better in Sheep Market.

There is a better demand in the market for sheep with no arrivals for the past 24 hours. Best wethers are being quoted as high as $3.75 and dealers say that if something select in quality arrives a slightly better price would be obtainable. While the sheep market is quite good in general there is weakness in the demand for lambs bcause of the generally poor quality.

Hogs are firm with no change in prices for the day.

Today's arrivals of livestock in the yards compare with this day in recent years as follows:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1907	270	...	300
1906	187	351	...
1905	296	28	912

A year ago today all lines of livestock were weak with no change in values.

Yards' Representative Sales.

The following sales of livestock are representative of late transactions in the local yards and show exactly the state of the demand and price for the various grades and weights:

HOGS.

	Weight.	Price.
78 Hogs	15,200	$6.00
90 Hogs	19,950	6.25
50 Hogs	11,462	6.25

CATTLE.

25 Cows	24,363	$2.75

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

Hogs—Best east of mountains $6.00@6.25; ordinary, $5.75; blockers and China fats, $5.00@5.50; stockers and feeders, $4.75@5.00.

Cattle — Best east of mountains steers, $4.00@4.25; medium steers, $3.75; best cows, $3.00; medium cows, $2.50@2.75; stags, $2.50@3.00; bulls, $1.75@2.00.

Sheep—Best wethers, $3.50@3.75; ordinary wethers, $3.25@3.50; lambs, $4.00@4.25; straight ewes, $3.00@3.25; mixed lots, $2.50@2.75.

Veal — Choice young calves, $4.50; heavy and rough, $3.75@4.00.

WHEAT FUTURES DOING BETTER

Advance of 1-8c to 1-4c Bid on Board of Trade Today —Holders Ask More.

World's Wheat Prices.

	Dec.
Portland	$ .92¼B
Chicago	1.03¼B
New York	1.13¼
Kansas City	.97
St. Louis	1.03¾
Minneapolis	1.04½
Duluth	1.04⅝
Winnipeg	.98¼
San Francisco*	1.65
Liverpool	7s 11½d

*Per cental.

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat. Cars.	Flour. Sacks.	Barley Cars.	Oats. Cars.	Hay. Cars.
Wednesday	42	3,000	8	5	11
Tuesday	43	8,000	34	6	25
Monday	122	....	40	..	11
Saturday	28	50	7	6	5
Friday	44	1,120	20	2	5
Thursday	36	3,400	16	1	12

There was a firmer tone in the local grain market today following the recent advance in Chicago and the improvement today in Liverpool, the latter, though slight, having a good effect. On the Portland Board of Trade there was a noticeable improvement in the bids for wheat and prices on futures are higher. For December 92¼c was bid and for November 91⅝c. This is an advance of ⅛c to ¼c over the bids of yesterday. The asked price on November gained ¼c, indicating that holders are unwilling to part with their supplies unless they are able to obtain improved values. An advance of ½c a bushel was asked for December.

The cash wheat situation is quiet though firm with exporters taking on small supplies around 90c track Portland for club.

There was no change in the price of either oats or barley futures today on the Board of Trade, although San Francisco was a fraction higher than yesterday for the latter. Today 300 tons of spot barley were sold on the exchange at $26.50 a ton track.

Board of Trade prices today:

CLUB WHEAT.

	Bid.	Ask.
November	91⅝	93
December	92¼	93½

NO. 1 WHITE OATS.

November	155	157½
December	157½	160

NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.

November	133¾	136¼
December	136¼	138¾
January	....	140

TURKEY CROP AGAIN ALARMINGLY SHORT

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Again the turkey crop is short, "alarmingly short," as it is just prior to Thanksgiving day each year in justification of the prices charged. As Chicago consumes 750,000 pounds of turkey, in addition to half a million pounds of other poultry at Thanksgiving time, the "shortage" cost this city alone a pretty penny, in the neighborhood of $125,000. Last year tuprkey prices soared like the wise old gobblers that take to roosting high just prior to the festivities, the advance coming about the time the housewives began buying in earnest. Curiously enough the severity of the annual "shortage" of turkeys, cranberries, pumpkins and oysters is simultaneous—all are short together at the crucial time. Everything that is handled in South Water street gets "scarce" in the retail markets and the scarcity is traced to the commission merchants, whose consignors hear only of a glut in the Chicago markets. Last year the commission merchants blamed the farmers and poultry shippers, the poultry shippers pointed an accusing finger at South Water street where practically the produce of the city in wholesale lots is handled, and the retailer put the blame there also, pleading innocence of extortion himself. Turkeys went up to 25 cents a pound last year, cranberries to 12½ cents the quart, pumpkins to 20 cents each and oysters to 40 cents, as against 12 cents for turkeys, 7 cents for cranberries, 15 cents for pumpkins and 25 cents for oysters. This year the turkey scare has a new wrinkle, appendicitis having developed, and of course the crop is affected. Chicago's Thanksgiving dinner this year will cost about $2,500,000, not at prevailing prices but at the "shortage" prices that soon will prevail.

PRISON GRAIN BAGS SHOW ACCUMULATION

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 18.—It is stated by the authorities of the state prison that many million grain bags manufactured by convict labor will be carried over until next season because of the condition of the market. This is the largest stock of grain bags ever carried over by the state from one year to another. The price of bags dropped from 11 cents to 7 cents last spring and the trust product, shipped in from Indiana, was able to capture the market. The importers were unable to undersell the prison authorities, and the failure of the grain crops on the coast to come up to expectation left many bags in the warehouse this year.

Over $100,000 is being spent to erect a new jute mill at the Washington prison. The machinery is already on the way from Dundee, Scotland, having been ordered over a year ago.

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

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

510 boxes apples, 4 boxes cherries, 35 boxes berries, 387 crates grapes, 37 boxes oranges, 40 boxes pears, 8 crates cabbage, 11 crates celery, 58 sacks onions, 26 sacks onion sets, 406 sacks potatoes, 2 cars potatoes, 6 cases butter, 49 cases eggs, 1 car butter and eggs, 4,077 gallons cream, 1,160 gallons milk, 28 boxes clams, 13 boxes crabs, 2 barrels crabs, 128 boxes fish, 78 sacks oysters, 1 box shrimps, 1 box mussels, 160 coops chickens, 3 coops ducks, 26 coops geese, 16 coops turkeys, 1 coop squabs, 660 pounds dressed poultry, 208 dressed hogs, 58 dressed veal, 12 dressed mutton, 1 car lard, 2 cars meat.

Tomorrow and Friday, positively the last days for discount on East Side gas bills. Don't forget to read gas tips.

$100,000,000 ST. PAUL BONDS

Report That the Road Wants Money Has Opposite Effect From Expected.

New York, Nov. 18.—The report that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad was about to issue $100,000,000 monds in order to consolidate the entire system from coast to coast, had directly opposite the effect that the trade expected. Instead of the stock market showing a bullish streak, the trend was decidedly bearish even from the start although one or two of the leaders did retain sufficient strength to show but small loss for the day.

There was again heavy trading in Chicago Great Western; the profit-taking in this security being met by good steady buying orders.

The summary of the Wall Street Journal says today:

"Americans in London firm but quiet, mostly above parity. Federal Sugar refining company and Arbuckles ask congress committee for free sugar. Stockholders of the Boston elevated meet today to authorize $7,000,000 new stock. Anthracite orders not coming in as rapidly as expected. Some improvement in demand for soft coal but prices continue to sag. Heavy buying of tin plate reported.

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

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Cop. Co.	86	87⅛	85¼	85¼
Am. Car & F., c.	46⅝	46¾	46½	46⅝
Am. Car & F., p.	.....	.....	.....	106⅝
Am. Cot. Oil, c.	36⅝	36½	36	36
Am. Loco, c.	56½	56½	55½	55¾
Am. Sugar, c.	133⅛	133⅛	132⅛	132¼
Am. Smelt, c.	96	97	94⅝	95⅛
Am. Smelt., p.	107	107	106¼	106½
An. Min. Co.	51⅝	52⅝	51¼	51¼
Am. Woolen, c.	31⅝	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛
Atchison, c.	96⅝	96¾	95⅝	95⅝
Atchison, p.	99½	99½	99¼	99¼
B. & O., c.	109	109¼	106⅞	107⅝
B. & O., p.	90	90⅝	90	90
Br. Rap. Tr.	55½	56⅛	54¾	54½
Can. Pac., c.	178⅝	180⅛	178	178¼
Cen. Lea., c.	28¾	29¼	28	28⅛
Cen. Lea., p.	100	100	99⅞	100
C. & G. W., c.	13⅞	14⅝	12½	12¾
C., M. & St. P.	148	150	148	148⅝
Chi. & N. W., c.	173	173⅝	172	172
Ches. & Ohio	47	47⅛	45⅝	45⅞
Colo. F. & I., c.	39¾	40¼	38⅛	38½
Colo. South., c.	45⅞	46¼	45⅝	45⅛
do 2d pfd.	62½	62⅞	62½	62½
do 1st pfd.	69¼	69½	69¼	69¼
Corn Products, c.	19⅝	19⅝	19	19
do pfd.	75½	75⅞	75½	75½
Dela. & Hudson.	177	177¼	176½	176½
D. & R. G., c.	.....	.....	.....	83
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	76
Erie, c.	34¾	34¾	34⅛	34¼
do 2d pfd.	39⅜	39⅜	39	39¼
do 1st pfd.	48⅝	48⅝	48⅛	48¼
Gt. North. pfd.	141	141¼	139⅛	139⅝
Illinois Cent.	149	149	146¾	146⅝
Louis. & Nash.	118¾	120⅛	118¼	118¾
M., K. & T., c.	36	36¼	35	35½
do pfd.	.....	.....	.....	69
Distillers	34¼	34⅝	34¼	34
Ore Lands	74¼	74⅞	73¼	73¼
Mo. Pacific	63¼	64⅛	62¾	62⅝
Nat'l. Lead	85	85½	83¾	83⅞
N. Y. C.	117	117	115⅝	115⅞
N. Y., O. & W.	44¼	44¼	43¾	43⅜
N. & W., c.	83½	83½	82½	82½
N. & W., p.	.....	.....	.....	82
N. American	.....	.....	.....	70½
N. P. C.	156¾	157½	155⅝	155⅞
P. M. S. Co.	32¼	32¼	31¼	31
Penn. Ry.	130⅝	130⅝	129⅝	129⅝
P. G. L. & C. Co.	101¼	102	100¼	100¼
P. Steel Car, c.	40⅝	40½	39½	39⅝
P. Steel Car, p.	.....	.....	.....	98½
Reading, c.	141	141¼	138⅝	138¼
Reading, 2d p.	.....	.....	.....	88½
Reading, 1st p.	89	89	88	88
R. I. & S., c.	28⅞	28⅞	27⅝	27⅝
R. I. & S., p.	88¼	88½	88	88
Rock Island, c.	23	23¼	22½	22¼
Rock Island, p.	50½	50⅝	49	49½
St. L. & S. F. 2dp.	34½	35⅝	34½	34½
St. L. & S. F. 1stp	.....	.....	.....	58
St. L. & S. W., c	.....	.....	.....	20½
St. L. & S. W., p	.....	.....	.....	52½
S. P., c.	118½	120½	117⅝	117⅛
S. P., p.	121	122¼	121	120½
S. R., c.	25⅛	25⅝	25	25¼
S. R., p.	59	59⅞	58	58¼
Texas & Pa.	32¼	32½	31¼	31½
T. St. L. & W., c.	.....	.....	.....	36
T. St. L. & W., p.	60½	60⅝	60	59⅞
U. P., c.	183⅞	194⅛	181⅝	181⅞
U. P., p.	97	97	96¼	95¼
U. S. Rubber, c.	35	35¼	34½	34¼
U. S. Rubber, p.	.....	.....	.....	103
U. S. Steel Co., c.	57½	57¾	56⅝	56⅝
U. S. Steel Co., p.	113¾	113⅞	113⅛	113⅛
Wabash, c.	15½	15⅝	15	15
Wabash, p.	34⅝	35⅝	34	34⅝
W. U. Tel.	65	65¼	64¾	64½
Wis. Cen., c.	29¾	29¾	29½	28⅝
Wis. Cen., p.	57½	58	56⅝	56½
Wheeling Lake.	11½	11⅝	11¼	11¼
Westinghouse	93	93	91½	91¼

Total sales 1,161,400 shares.

Money opened 1¾ per cent; high 2 per cent; low 1½ per cent; close 1½@1¾ per cent; ruling 1¾ per cent.

NEW YORK HOP MARKET IS GAINING ACTIVITY

The New York Producers' Price Current gives the following on the hop situation in its latest issue:

"The market in New York state has been more active the past week and 13c has been paid for several lots. In one instance 13½c was paid and such offers are also reported refused. The market is firmer in all sections, with lower grades selling up to 11¼@12c. The buying is reported to be principally for prominent brewing concerns. Locally the transactions consist of very small lots to fill immediate deliveries. There is no inquiry and nothing offering. English markets are quiet and the German markets continue unchanged, with a weaker undertone."

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—Eggs—Per dozen—California fresh, including cases: Extras, 54c; firsts, 50c; seconds, 40c; thirds, 28c; storage California extra, 35c; firsts, 32½c; seconds, 26½c; eastern storage, extra, 28½c; firsts, 27c; seconds, 25c.

Butter—per pound—California fresh: Extras, 32c; firsts, 27½c; seconds, 23c; thirds, 20c; eastern extras, 27c; ladies extras, 22c; firsts, 21c; pickled No. 1, 23½c; storage, California extra, 26½c; packing, No. 1, 21½c.

New cheese—per pound—California flats, fancy, 13½c; firsts, 12½c; seconds, 11½c; California young America, fancy, 16c; firsts, 15c; eastern New York chedders, fancy, 15c; Oregon flats, fancy, 13½c; do young America, fancy, 15c; California storage, fancy flats, 12c; Oregon flats, fancy, 13½c.

Potatoes—per cental—River whites (sacks), fancy, 70@85c; poor, 50@65c; Salinas Burbanks, $1.40@1.55; Oregon Burbanks, $1.15@1.30; sweet potatoes, per pound, 1¼@1½c.

Onions—Per sack—50@60c.

Cattle Lower in East.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Hogs, 35,000; cattle, 23,000; sheep, 20,000. Hogs are steady. Left over yesterday 7,700. Receipts year ago $1,000. Cattle 10c lower, sheep steady.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 18.—Hogs, 13,000; cattle, 16,000; sheep, 6,000.

Omaha, Nov. 18.—Hogs, 5,600; cattle, 5,000; sheep, 15,000

HARVEST STARTS IN ARGENTINA

Good Showing Reported in Santa Fe Wheat Fields —Chicago Market Off.

Argentina Wheat Harvest.

Liverpool, Nov. 18.—Broomhall has the following cable from Argentina:

"The harvesting of wheat has commenced in the province of Santa Fe and is progressing satisfactorily. In the south drought continues and the wheat crop is very backward."

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Nov. 17.	Loss.
Dec.	103⅜	103¼B	103⅞	⅝
May	108⅝	108¼A	108⅞	⅝
July	102¼	102½	102¾	¼

Chicago, Nov. 18.—There was more or less selling of May wheat around $1.09@1.08⅞ in the pit today on the report of general rains in the Argentina, which, however, have not been fully confirmed.

Foreign markets were mixed, with Liverpool higher, as was Antwerp, while Paris was sharply lower. At Liverpool the market opened at an advance of ⅛ to ⅝d, but closed not so firm at a net advance of ⅛d in late deliveries and unchanged for near options. Paris was weak, and closed 50 centimes lower. Antwerp closed with a net gain of ⅛c over yesterday's figures.

There was a better cash situation, with an advance of ¼c at Minneapolis, but even with this the general trade was bearish here at the start today. The best showing for the session was in the July delivery, which closed ¼c under yesterday, while a loss of ⅝d was noted in both the December and May.

Official range of Chicago prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	103⅜	104⅛	103¼	103¼B
May	108⅝	109⅛	108⅛	104¼A
July	102¼	103¼	102¼	102½
CORN.				
Dec.	62⅝	63⅝	62⅝	63⅛A
May	62½	63⅝	62½	63 B
July	62¼	62⅝	61⅞	62¼A
OATS.				
Dec.	49⅝	49⅛	49¼	49¼
May	51⅛	51⅛	51	51⅛
July	46⅝	46⅞	46¾	46⅝B
PORK.				
Dec.	1465	1470	1465	1465N
Jan.	1625	1627	1617	1625A
May	1632	1640	1632	1637
LARD.				
Nov.	....	....	....	927A
Jan.	925	932	925	930A
May	945	945	940	942
RIBS.				
Jan.	852	855	850	855A
May	867	870	865	867B

News Gossip of Finance

Portland Banks.

Clearings today	$1,306,375.38
Year ago	719,424.55
Gain today	$ 586,950.83
Balances today	$ 269,439.67
Year ago	102,875.93

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today	$1,584,985
Balances today	231,338

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings today	$754,274
Balances today	64,789

New York, Nov. 18.—Bar silver, 50c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

London, Nov. 18.—Bar silver, 23 1-16d.

New York, Nov. 18. — Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Asked.
Twos, registered	1930	103½	104
do, coupon	1930	104	.....
Threes, registered	1908	100¾	101¼
do, coupon	1908	100¾	101½
Threes, small bonds	....	100	.....
Fours, registered	1925	120¼	121
do, coupon	1925	121	.....
Twos, Panama	....	102⅝	103
do, coupon	....	102⅝	.....
Fours, Philippine	....	110	.....

New York, Nov. 18.—Metal—Copper, lake, 14¼@14½; electrolytic, 14⅛@14¼c; castings, 14@14¼c.

Tin—$29.90@$30.00.

Lead—$4.35@4.40.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The treasury report today shows:
Receipts, $2,007,835.
Disbursements, $2,650,000.

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET

San Francisco, Nov. 18—Merchants exchange quotations:

Cash wheat — Walla Walla, white, $1.67½; red Russian, $1.63¾; turkey red, $1.75; bluestem, $1.75.

Future wheat—May, $1.72 bid; December, $1.65.

Cash barley — Bright, $1.45 bid; brewing, $1.47½.

Future barley — May, $1.53½ bid; $1.55 asked; December, $1.51 bid; $1.53 asked.

Millstuffs — Bran, $29.50; middlings, $34.00; shorts, $33.50.

Oats—White, $1.73¾ per cental.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Nov. 18.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
December	8s	7s 11¼d
March	7s 9¾d	7s 9¼d
May	7s 9⅛d	7s 8⅝d

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	907	917	906	911@912
March	899	906	895	900@901
May	895	904	892	899@900
July	888	895	887	890@891
December	925	934	923	926@927

PLAN TO IMPROVE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Improvements involving an expenditure of about $500,000 will be made during the next year by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Portland. C. W. Burkett, chief engineer, and E. S. Murray, general superintendent of the company, are here from San Francisco and are working out plans for improvements, which when completed will give Portland a better telephone service.

The most important improvement to be made is the installation of a toll switchboard at the central office, Alder and West Park streets.

Putting the wires in the business district under ground will continue, it being the plan of the company to keep this branch of the construction department actively at work.

The St. Johns office is to be made as thoroughly modern as any of the company's suburban offices.

Former Senator Spooner of Wisconsin has been chosen Yale law school commencement orator for next spring.

CURES DEFECTS OF THE WIRELESS

Walter J. Willenborg, the young pupil of Edison, whose picture is here shown, claims to have overcome one of the serious defects in the wireless system of telegraphy by the invention of a device which prevents the tapping of messages by others than those for whom they are intended.

Stray Topics From Old New York

New York, Nov. 14.—Dr. Aked, the pastor of Rockefeller's church, has whirled up a great deal of dust by his radical views on woman's suffrage and by his advice to women to use force to obtain the right to vote, now denied to them. What is the world coming to, if a minister of the gospel dares to give such advice? It may be doubtful what women in general may think of Dr. Aked's advice, but it is safe to assume that an overwhelming majority of men will agree with a certain prominent politician of this city, who expressed himself rather enigmatically upon this subject. His only comment, after having read the remarkable advice of Dr. Aked was, "The Man Who Wrote That Should have 'D. F.' behind his name instead of 'D.D.'" He did not explain what "D. F." stood for, but the look of disgust on his face indicated that his enigmatic criticism was not meant to be complimentary.

Maybe, Dr. Aked's advice came a little too late to arouse the great mass of women to concerted and hostile action; however that may be, nothing came of it. The suffragists and suffragettes confined themselves to a mere demonstration of their seriousness by holding mock elections, just like the naughty men. It is rumored in suffragette circles that Taft received a handsome majority, but as each one of the feminine election judges arrived at a different total of the votes cast and the experts are still working on the straightening out of the returns, this statement could not yet be verified. It appears from the disclosure made by one of the fair suffragettes in an unguarded moment, that many of the women voted for Taft because his name is so much like "taffeta," easily remembered and evoking pleasant suggestions.

While Gotham was in the throes of the presidential election and eagerly discussing the chances of the various candidates, the seriousness of the suffragette movement, Broughton Brandeburg's discredited Cleveland articles and other subjects of political importance, the National academy, where a few hundred, mostly young men and women, are cultivating a close acquaintance with "higher art," was the scene of impressive rites and serio-comic doings, unsuspected by the busy outside world. The central figure of the event was a skeleton in the closet of the women's life class at the National academy, and thereby hangs a tale. The skeleton aforesaid is to be taken literally. It is a human skeleton used by the members of the life class in studying the anatomy of the human body. Every art academy has its skeleton, and it plays an important part in the academic and social life of the students. For generations it has been the custom of the students at the Paris academy to hold every year, at the beginning of the term a celebration, at which the skeleton is baptized for the year's term. The girls at the National academy had heard of this custom, and its gruesomeness appealed to their artistic imagination. They decided to follow the ancient custom of the Paris academy and to baptize their skeleton with appropriate ceremonies. To defray the cost of the celebration and of the banquet which, according to the program, was to bring the event to a close, a collection of voluntary contributions was made among the members of the life class. The girls contributed $3.60 and it was decided to use whatever should remain unexpended of that amount for the purchase of a new rug in the anteroom.

The next question was what name should be given the skeleton. For years the aforesaid skeleton had done service in the life class, and during all that time it had been affectionately referred to as "Bill Bones," or, more ceremoniously, as "Mr. Bones." The "Bill" and the sense of humor strongly developed among many of the art students, suggested to name the skeleton "Bill Taft." The suggestion met with favor, and was unanimously approved by the members of the class.

But it was not to be! The day before the ceremony one of the girls, who had studied anatomy before she entered the life class, discovered that "Mr. Bones" wasn't a "Mister" at all at all, and that for obvious reasons it would be a shocking misnomer to call it "Bill Taft." After the girls had recovered from the shock of this discovery they bravely reconsidered their former decision, and after 239 votes had been taken, compromised on "Elfrieda Taft," which name was duly and solemnly bestowed upon the "misunderstood" skeleton on the following day.

For the first time in many generations the hunting season in the Adirondacks has come to a close without having demanded human sacrifice. Not a single hunter was killed, and only two or three were injured. In former seasons from five to a score of hunters were killed and many more injured in the Adirondacks every fall. In nearly every case the victims were mistaken for deer by some of their comrades in arms. Old timers are inclined to believe that the bloodless result of the hunting season just passed, it was bloodless in every respect, as only a few deer were shot, was due to the decline of marksmanship in the present generation of hunters. "These city hunters," said one of the veteran hunters, "make me tired. They couldn't hit a two-story barn at a distance of 20 feet." No wonder, if that is true, that so few deer and no hunters were killed in the past season.

The progress and development of civilization, with its new devices, machines, tools and scientific methods of doing things has called into existence many new occupations unknown to our forefathers. The latest addition was disclosed the other day, when a man was arrested for speeding his automobile beyond the limit of safety. The prisoner was taken to the nearest police station and booked in the usual way. When the lieutenant asked the prisoner what his occupation was the man answered, "Absolute chronic rheumatics." When asked whether he had no other occupation, the prisoner indignantly replied, "What else do you want? Don't you think that's enough to keep any man busy?" He may be quite right, but it seems a rather unpleasant and unprofitable occupation.

NEWS IN LAVENDER

"Splinters" of "Gleason's Pictorial" Which Still Have Point.

Somebody with an investigating nature recently got down from his father's garret a bound volume of Gleason's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion, published in Boston, 1854, and thumbing the yellow pages over he found on the editorial page of each weekly issue a refreshing compendium of short facts and editorial humor under the standing title of "Splinters." Here are some of them:

Little Cordelia Howard has made a most decided hit at the National theatre in this city as Little Eva.

The engineers of the Erie railroad have struck on account of a regulation whose mandate is that every engineer whose train runs off the track shall be dismissed.

Miss Julia Deane's engagement in this city has been highly successful, though to us she lacks refinement and study.

A Rochester paper states that the Rev. Miss Antoinette L. Brown is not married.

We have had a remarkably open fall and a beautiful Indian summer in the state of Massachusetts.

Kasosky, the celebrated bootmaker of Paris, works only for people who ride in carriages. His boots cannot be walked in.

The governor of Arkansas says the state treasury is short—a very prevalent complaint.

It is now almost as much an evidence of foppery to have a close shorn face as it used to be to wear a moustache.

As many as eight dead horses are carried out of Boston daily to feed Mr. Ward's pigs. Who eats the pork?

Ninety tons of poultry came to New York for Thanksgiving. Great place, New York.

Mr. Joseph Brelsford was accidentally killed at Coney Island, N. Y., lately. He broke his spine playing leapfrog.

Princess Henry of Battenberg is the latest recruit to the list of royal authors. She has just finished a history of the Isle of Wight, of which she is th captain and governor. The book is to be sold for the benefit of the island.

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