WORLD'S MARKETS TODAY

DISCRIMINATION IS TAKEN AWAY

Boise District No Longer Compelled to Pay 15c More for Sugar Than Others.

TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKETS.
Hop sales with no strength.
Egg market is firmer.
Chicken prices break.
Dressed meats hold firm.
Turkeys sell at the top.
Change in Idaho sugar prices.
Two declines in starch.
Syrups are down 2c a gallon.

Change in Quoting Sugar.

Pacific coast sugar refiners have announced a change in Idaho sugar quotations. The new list is a decline of 15 per 100 pounds for cane grades to the Boise section, but no change at Pocatello. Until this change was made there were two sets of sugar prices for what is called southern Idaho territory and in order to make the rate uniform in that state today's decline of 15c, which was formerly a handicap Boise was carrying, was announced.

Today's change in Idaho, however, means more than the evening up of rates. The refiners announce for that state a cut of 5c in the differential between cane and beet sugar. Formerly cane sugar sold in Idaho at 20c advance over beet, but this has now been cut to 15c, thus showing a decline of 15c at Pocatello points for cane sugar and 20c at Boise when compared with the beet price.

Meet Eastern Competition.

Today's decline in Idaho sugar prices means that eastern refiners are gradually working their way into the Pacific coast territory and the late declines on the Atlantic seaboard have put the values there lower than those ruling here, freight added. In order to meet this competition the differential between cane and beet grades was lessened.

Hop Sales With No Strength.

There is not the slightest showing of strength in the local hop market, although quite a number of transactions in low-grade stuff, practically the only thing now available for market. Most of these transactions are on a basis of 5 and 5½c to the grower, and the latter are quite willing to accept this figure for all the stock the dealers care to purchase. The New York Producers' Price Current gives the following view of the market in general:

"The market the past week has had a decidedly weak undertone and sales have been making at lower figures. In New York state there has not been much buying, but prices paid have ranged from 9@11c, with a few sales a shade higher. On the Pacific coast the markets have a declining tendency and some very fair goods have sold at 5c, in Oregon with better grades commanding a little more money. In California sales are reported in Sacramento at 4@5c, and in Sonoma county at 6¼@7c. Washington markets are quiet and weak. Locally nothing doing. Brewers are still carrying considerable stocks of 1907 hops and complaining of continued losses on beer sales. It is doubtful if they will show any interest until after the turn of the year, and not then unless more or less inducement is offered in way of prices."

New York Hop Prices.

State, 1908, prime to choice, lb.	.12@13
State, 1908, medium to good, lb.	.10@11
State, 1907, per lb	3@ 6
Pacific coast, 1908, prime to choice, per lb	9@10
Pacific coast, 1908, medium to good, per lb	7@ 8
Pacific coast, 1907, per lb	4@ 6
Germans, 1908, per lb	23@28
Pacific coast, 1906, per lb	2@ 3

Egg Market Is Firmer.

There is a firmer tone locally in the egg market and the same conditions are existing elsewhere on the coast at the moment. Best local eggs are now selling as high as 42½c. Christmas demand for eggs is quite good, and while receipts are quite fair for this time of the year the demand is increasing faster than supplies.

Local butter makers say they are experiencing not the slightest difficulty in moving all their first grade stock at quoted figures. The dullness lately reported by The Journal has been in the lesser known brands of outside manufacture and in storage stock.

Brief Notes of Front Street.

Well known brands of starch show two recent declines which aggregate ½c a pound.

There is a better feeling in turkeys, but the chicken market shows a severe glut, with values down to 11c for ordinary lots. Turkeys are scarce and the few arrivals are selling up to 22½c for the best dressed. Live birds around 17½@19c.

Syrups are down 2c a gallon.

Tone in dressed meat market is very firm, although there was a better showing in dressed hog arrivals during the day. Prices about the same.

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

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extra creamery, 37c; fancy 32½@35c; store, 20c.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 35½c; sour, 33½c per lb.

POULTRY — Mixed chickens, 11c; hens, 11½c; roosters, old, 10c; fryers, 12½c; broilers, 14@14½c; geese, 9@10c; turkeys, alive, 17½@19c; dressed, 20@22½c; spring ducks, 14@15c; pigeons, squabs, $2.00@2.50 per dozen; old, $1.00; dressed poultry, 1@1½c higher.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 16c; Young Americans, 17c.

EGGS—Local best, 40@42½c per doz; eastern, 30@33c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 18c.

HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 7½@8c, prime to choice, 7@7½c; prime, 6@6½c; medium, 5@5½c lb.

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

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.

CHITTAM BARK—Old, 4½@5c; new, 4¼@5c lb.

HIDES—Dry hides, 15@16c lb; green, 8@9c lb; bulls, green salt 5@6c lb, kips, 8@9c; calves, green, 12@13c per lb.

Grain, Flour and Hay.

BARLEY—Feed, $26.50@26.75; rolled, $28@29; brewing, $27.

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland — Club, 91c; bluestem, 97c; fortyfold, 92c; red, 89c; 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.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patent, $5.00; straight, $4.05@4.75; export, $3.70; bakers, $4.55@4.80; valley, $4.65; 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@12.00; clover, $10.00; grain, $11.00; cheat, $11.00; alfalfa, $12@12.50.

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

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new navels, $2.00@3.25 per box; Japanese oranges 65c per box; bananas, 5c per lb; lemons, $3.25@5.00 box; grapefruit, $4.00@4.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $2.50@3.00 doz; pears, $1.25; grapes, $1.00@1.25; huckleberries, 10@11c lb; cranberries local, $11.00 bbl; eastern, $13.50@15.00.

POTATOES—New, selling, $1.00@1.10; buying for shipment per cwt., fancy, 80@90c; ordinary, 75@80c; sweet, $2; Early Rose, buying, $1.

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

APLES—Good, $1@1.50; 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; tomatoes, California, $1.75@2 per crate; beans, 15c; cauliflower, $1.00; peas, 13c; horseradish, 6@8c lb; artichokes, 65@75c doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 5c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, $1@1.25 box; radishes, 15c dozen bunches; celery, 40@85c; eggplant, 15c lb.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.35; powdered, $6.70; fruit or berry, $5.95; dry granulated, $5.95; conf. A, $6.15; extra B, $5.45; Golden G, $5.75; D, yellow, $5.25; beet, granulated, $5.75; 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@6½c; Ajax (—); Creole, 5½c.

HONEY—New, 15c per lb.

BEANS—Small white, $5.25; large white, $4.50; pink, $3.85; bayou, $3.75; Limas, $5.75; Mexican reds, $4.75.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 13 lbs, 14½c 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, 12c lb; bellies, smoked, 15c lb; pickeled tongues, 60c each.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street — Hogs, fancy, 7@8c; ordinary, 6@7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 9½c; ordinary, 9c; heavy, 8@8½c; mutton, fancy, 6@7c; 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, 7c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 10c per lb; salmon, 7c per lb; 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, $3.35.

CALIFORNIA NIBBLES AT OREGON POTATOES

Although no improvement in the price is noted here and practically no shipments are going forward to the south, the potato market here is feeling better. California houses are nibbling and now seem quite anxious to see just what we are doing here, while a short time ago they didn't seem to care whether we had any potatoes or not.

Demand for Early Rose for seed by southern growers continues here, but local producers have few to offer and the buying price is firm but unchanged at 1c a pound to growers.

BOOMING TONE IN LOCAL OATS

Bids Received as High as $32.50 Track Today on Board of Trade.

Cold in Wheat Belt.

Oregon—Fair tonight, colder east portion. Friday fair. Northwesterly winds.

Washington—Fair tonight and Friday; north to east winds.

Idaho—Fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight, with a cold wave southeast portion.

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat Cars.	Flour Sacks.	Barley Cars.	Oats Cars.	Hay Cars.
Thurs.	49	7,800	8	3	12
Wed.	4	3,000	5	6	5
Tues.	26	1,500	2	..	6
Mon.	67	8,300	13	1	9
Sat.	5	3,015	2	3	5
Fri.	36	2,000	7	3	15

An unusual amount of strength is shown in the local oats situation at this time. Supplies of oats being offered by producers are very scant and the trade has been disposed to bid up prices somewhat for the cash stuff whenever they were badly in need of stocks. In this manner $[illegible] was bid today on the Portland board of trade for two cars of No. 1 white track delivery here. This is for 15 days delivery and indicates that the buyers' supplies have run quite short.

Most of the inquiries at this time are coming from the south and practically all the late transactions in this market have been for California account. The two cars bid for today were priced exclusive of commission charges. There was also an offer to buy two cars of gray oats at $32 track Portland, early delivery being specified.

While the wheat situation is firm there was no change locally today for either cash or futures. On the board of trade all grain futures were firmly held at yesterday's prices.

Arrivals of flour are now very heavy but most of the stock is going to the orient, having been purchased some time ago.

Board of trade prices today:

CLUB WHEAT.

	Bid.	Ask.
December	91⅛	91⅞
January	91⅝	92½

NO. 1 WHITE OATS.

December	1.60	1.62½
January	1.62½	1.63¾

NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.

December	1.35	1.37½
January	1.37½	1.40

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	837	851	837	843@44
March	846	858	846	852@53
May	856	866	856	860@61
July	857	865	856	858@59
August	851	852	851	851
October	840	845	838	840@42
December	880	887	878	880@81

CATTLE MARKET IS UP AGAIN

Price Is 15c to 25c Higher With Best Stuff Up to $4.65 in Yard Today.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Thursday	617	464	...
Wednesday	232	74	1,005
Tuesday	200	100	...
Monday	261	356	...
Saturday	68	27	400
Friday	811	803	212

Portland Union Stockyards, Dec. 17.—The entire livestock situation is firmer today, with higher prices ruling generally.

A large amount of Christmas cattle has been received during the past 48 hours and it is this class of stock which is bringing the advance. The best trade of cows are now selling as high as $3.75. This is an advance of 25c over former prices. For best steers the market has advanced up to $4.65, an advance of 15c over the former extreme top.

The hog market, although showing very liberal arrivals in the yards during the past 24 hours, is doing better and for extra select fed stuff sales have been made during the past 24 hours as high as $6.25.

Sheep market is in a fine position and the heavy run of yesterday has been quite well cleared up. One load of mixed stuff sold as high as $4.50. It consisted of a number of lambs, but had the lot been straight lambs there is no doubt that as high as $5 would have been obtainable.

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

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1908	617	464	...
1907	200	...	100
1906	177	...	10
1905	...	...	...

Following prices are representative of late transactions in the yards and indicate the state of the demand and prices paid for various grades:

	Weight.	Price.
80 hogs	16,120	$6.25
108 hogs	24,155	6.25
38 hogs	9,500	6.25
26 hogs	5,275	5.75
23 hogs	3,280	5.50
5 pigs	735	5.50
CATTLE.		
24 steers	26,050	$4.65
24 steers	29,885	4.60
1 stag	2,050	3.25
27 cows	28,305	3.75
75 cows	86,430	3.75
SHEEP AND LAMBS.		
419 sheep and lambs	41,780	$4.50
153 sheep	14,285	4.50
48 sheep	3,975	3.50
106 feed sheed	8,255	3.00

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

Hogs—Best east of mountains, $6.25@6.30; ordinary, $6.00@6.10; blockers and china fats, $5.50@5.75; stockers and feeders, $5.00@5.50.

Cattle — Best steers, weighing 1200 pounds, $4.50@4.65; medium steers, $4.25; poor steers, $3.50; best cows, $3.25@3.50; medium cows, $2.75; stags, $2.75@3.00; bulls, $2.00@2.25.

Sheep—Best wethers, $4.50@4.75; ordinary wethers, $4.25@4.50; lambs, $4.50@5.00; straight ewes, $3.50; mixed lots, $4.00.

Veal — Choice young calves, $4.00@4.50; heavy and rough, $3.50@3.75.

The Gould Commission company topped the market for cows today when the salesmen received $3.75 for a big bunch. The lot consisted of 102 head and the total weight was 114,735 pounds. The price obtained was a surprise, and is therefore gratifying to both the sellers and shippers. Even then the buyers were more than pleased.

HARVEST GOOD IN ARGENTINA

Favorable Weather Conditions Bring About Reaction in Wheat Market.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Dec. 16.	Loss.
Dec.	101⅛	100¾	101⅛	⅜
May	106½	105⅞ A	106⅝	¾
July	98¼	98⅜ B	98⅞	½
Sept.	95	95¼	95⅝	⅜

Chicago, Dec. 17.—There was too much wheat pressing for sale upon the market today to maintain the price here. European cables reported exactly the same conditions and while there was a fractional gain at Liverpool at the end of today's session, a portion of the early advance was lost.

Latest advices from Argentina state that the harvest there is progressing satisfactory with weather conditions ideal for the completion of the work. This market opened unchanged to a shade lower but the opening transactions showed but little effort upon the part of the bulls to hold up their end.

Primary receipts in bushels:

	Today.	Year ago.
Wheat	651,000	699,000
Corn	694,000	593,000
Shipments:		
Wheat	224,000	200,000
Corn	335,000	378,000

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	106½	106¾	105⅞	105⅞ A
July	98⅝	98⅝	97⅝	97⅝ B
Sept.	95	95⅛	95	95⅛
CORN.				
May	61⅛	61⅛	60⅝	60⅝ B
July	61⅛	61⅛	60⅝	60⅝ A
Sept.	61⅛	61¼	60⅞	60⅞
OATS.				
May	52¼	52¼	51⅝	51¾ A
July	47¼	47⅛	46½	46⅝
Sept.	39⅞	40	39⅞	39¾
PORK.				
Jan.	1570	1570	1562	1562B
May	1605	1605	1600	1600
LARD.				
Jan.	912	912	910	912A
May	937	937	935	935A
July	...	...	...	947B
RIBS.				
Jan.	815	817	812	812
May	845	847	842	842

SERIOUS LOSSES BY LIQUIDATION

Stock Market Suffers Severe Declines With Unfavorable Condition.

Serious Decline in Stocks.

New York, Dec. 17.—The stock market today showed one of the most serious declines noted for many months. Low copper price, coupled with tariff revision talk and a report of the declaration of war against Holland by Venezuela were the causes.

Amalgamated.	3	Nat. Lead	2⅝
Locomotive	1½	N. Y. Cen.	2⅝
Sugar	3	North. Pac.	1⅝
A. Smelter	4⅝	Penn.	1⅜
Can. Pac.	2¾	Reading	1¼
St. Paul	1½	Rock Is.	⅝
Erie	1⅝	do pfd	1⅛
Great North.	1½	So. Pac.	1¾
Ill. Cen.	1⅝	Union Pac.	2⅞
Lo. & Nash.	1	U. S. Steel	1⅝
Mo Pac.	1⅝	do pfd	1¼

New York, Dec. 17.—Stock market values melted away today under extreme bearishness of the trade. First there was the depressed condition of the copper market and the low price for metal stocks. Then there was the tariff revision talk by the country and still again the report that Venezuela had declared was against Holland.

All these combined to bring about extensive liquidations in the stock market. London was again a very heavy seller of American securities with the result that the market there showed general losses.

In this market the opening was rather uneasy and during the remainder of the session the loss was greatly increased. American Smelter was the principal loser with a net loss of 4⅝ points from yesterday but Amalgamated Copper was a close second with a drop of 3 points. The closing was weak and depressed.

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

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
AMal. Cop. Co.	81½			78⅞
Am. Car & F., c.	47			45⅞
do pfd				107
Am. Cot. Oil, c.	42¼			41¾
Am. Loco., c.	56			54½
Am. Sugar, c.	130½	130½	127½	127½
Am. Smelt., c.	86			81⅛
do pfd	102			100⅝
Anaconda M. Co.	48⅞			47¾
Am. Woolen, c.	30¼			29⅞
Atchison, c.	97⅝			95⅜
do pfd				101⅜
B. & O., c.	110⅝	110⅝	108⅜	108⅞
Brook Rap. Tr.	57¾			56⅛
Can. Pac., c.	177½			174¾
Cent. Leath., c.	29¾			29⅜
do pfd				99⅜
C. & Gt. W., c.	11¼			11⅛
C., M. & St. P.	149½	149⅝	147⅝	147⅝
C. & N. W., c.				175
C. & O.	57½			55⅝
Col. F. & I., c.	38⅜	38⅜	37¼	37½
Col. So., c.	57			56
do 2d pfd				69
do 1st pfd	74⅜			73
Del. & Hudson				178½
D. & R. G., c.	36½	37	35½	35⅛
do pfd.	81	81	80¼	80¼
Erie, c.	34⅜			33⅛
do 2d pfd.	39			38½
do 1st pfd.	48½			47½
G. Northern, p.	145½			143⅞
Ill. Central	147	147	145½	146
Inter. Met., c.		18¾	17	
do pfd.		43½	41¾	
L. & N.	122	122½	121½	121½
Mex. Cent. Ry.	20⅝			
M. K. & T. c.	39⅝	39¾	38½	38½
do pfd.	71	72	71	71½
Distillers	35¾			35¼
Ore Lands	70¾			71½
Mo. Pacific	65⅛			63¼
Nat'l Lead	79¾			77⅛
N. Y. Central	121¼			
N. Y. O. & W.	46⅛			44½
N. & West.				83½
do pfd. c.				85
North Am.	74	75	73⅝	73¾
N. P., c.	142½	142½	140¼	140¾
P. M. S. Co.	34⅝			33⅝
Penn. Ry.	130⅛			128⅜
P. G., L. & C. Co.	100½			100
Pressed S. C., c.	42¼			40⅜
do pfd.				99
Reading, com.	140⅞			138¾
do 2nd pfd.				92
do 1st pfd.				90½
Reb. I. & S., c.	36⅜			36⅞
do pfd.	86			84
Rock Island, c.	23¼			22¾
do pfd.	59¾			58
St. L.-S. F., 2d pfd	39			38¾
St. L. & S. W., c.	22½	23	22½	22½
do pfd.				52
So. Pac., c.	121			119¼
do pfd				122
So. Ry., c.	24¾			24¾
do pfd	59½			58¼
Tex. & Pac.	33¾			32¾
T., St. L. & W., c	40			38½
do pfd				65
Union Pac., c.	182½			180
do pfd				94½
U. S. Rubber, c.				33
do pfd				105½
U. S. Steel Co., c	54⅛	54⅛	53	53
d pfd	111¾	111¾	110½	110¼
Wabash, c.	18⅝			19
do pfd	46¾			46¼
West. Union Tel.	68¼			68
Wis. Cen., c.	31½			30½
do fd	67			65½
Wheeling Lake.	11	11	10⅝	10½
Westinghouse	89			88
Utah Copper	46¼	46¼	44¾	44¾
Third Ave.	35¼	36½	34½	34¾
Kan. City So.	37⅝			37⅞

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS

The Portland board of trade furnishes the following list of produce arrivals for the 24 hours ending 11 a. m. today:

Apples, 420 boxes; 2 cars oranges from Los Angeles 613 bundles Jap oranges, 1 car dates, 7 crates cabbage, 22 crates lettuce, 88 sacks onions, 256 sacks potatoes, 1 car potatoes, 1 car sweet potatoes, 2 crates peppers, 43 crates tomatoes, 8 crates vegetables, 7 baskets vegetables, 3 sacks vegetables, 100 packages butter, 80 cases eggs, 650 gallons milk, 3508 gallons cream, 44 boxes clams, 5 boxes crabs, 3 boxes crawfish, 107 boxes fish, 81 sacks oysters, 4 boxes shrimps, 1 box mussels, 9 cases honey.

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Merchants exchange quotations:

Cash wheat — Walla Walla, white, $1.67½; red Russian, $1.62; turkey red, $1.75; bluestem, $1.75.

Future wheat May, $1.75 bid; December, $1.67 bid, $1.75 asked.

Cash barley—May, $1.45; brewing, $1.50.

Future barley—May, $1.41½, $1.42½ asked; December, $1.42.

Millstuffs—Bran, $29; middlings, $33; shorts, $32.

Oats—White, $1.75 per cental.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
December	7s 11⅜d	7s 11⅜d
March	7s 7⅝d	7s 7⅝d
May	7s 6⅝d	7s 6⅝d

The bids on the new East Portland passenger station for the Southern Pacific were opened yesterday by Chief Engineer Boschke of the railroad but none of them has yet been accepted. Mr. Boschke stated this morning that the successful bidder would probably be notified this week.

INDICTED FOR ALLEGED LIBEL

Editor and Business Manager of Local Paper Arrested on Bench Warrants.

Melvin H. Voorhees and Dana P. Sleeth, business manager and editor, respectively, of an afternoon paper, were arrested this morning on bench warrants charging them with criminal libel in publishing statements reflecting on William Hanley of Burns, Harney county, and on Henry Ladd Corbett. Both men gave bail in the sum of $1000 each and did not have to go to jail.

Hyde Gowan, who was jointly indicted by the grand jury yesterday afternoon with Voorhees and Sleeth, two indictments being returned in each case, has not yet been arrested. He is not known to be connected with the newspaper publishing the alleged libels, but he was formerly a resident of Harney county, where he conducted a newspaper fight on Hanley, and the grand jury thought from the testimony it heard that he was in some way responsible for the bitter denunciation of Hanley, his old time enemy.

Presiding Judge Gantenbein this morning approved the bonds of the two men arrested, John Manning appearing as attorney for them. J. M. Manning, a contractor, and J. V. Burk, a banker, qualified as bondsman for Sleeth, while F. H. McCarter and J. E. McCarter signed the bond for Voorhees.

In one indictment the grand jury accuses the defendants of publishing a libel under bold type on William Hanley, in which he is accused of crimes and it is asserted that he narrowly escaped lynching. Another article reflects on Henry L. Corbett, then on his wedding tour in the east, and the second indictment relates to the publication of this.

The articles also accuse Judge Webster of being "tangled up" in a 69,000 acre land grab in Harney county, and hints that other prominent Portland men are involved in wrongdoing. Judge Webster did not go before the grand jury to make complaint, advising that the articles be passed without notice, but Hanley told his story and the indictments resulted. He was the only one whose name is indorsed on the indictment as appearing before the grand jury to testify.

SALOON ROBBER USES A CLUB

For the second time within a week, a Portland saloon has been held up successfully, and this time, though the thugs lined up their victims without being protected by masks, they escaped and the police today have but a vague description upon which to work.

John Carlson's saloon, 394 Front street, was entered by three unmasked men wearing dark clothes a few minutes after midnight. Their booty amounted to $125 in cash and two watches valued at nearly $200.

One of the few men in the saloon, J. D. Hall, was relieved of 30 cents. He mourned very little, for in another pocket he had $59 which was not discovered.

Two of the men had revolvers and the third was armed only with a club. This third man stood guard at the door. There is every indication that these men are the same who robbed the Lutkemeier saloon, 49 Union avenue, Monday night.

BUSINESS GOOD ON EAST SIDE

East Portland merchants are jubilant over the amount of business they have done this year, especially over the growing tendency of east side people to trade with east side stores. The amount of business which they transact, they say, is increasing steadily, and at this time there is a gain of from 20 to 25 per cent, and more actual sales than there were at the same time last year.

One of the big East Portland furniture dealers said this morning that there had been $250,000 spent on the east side this year over that spent last, and that the constant increase in business was even much greater than had been hoped for.

While West Portland merchants are not complaining in the least the best feature of the east side's business to the merchants there is that they are selling goods to people who live in west Portland. One big store is sending its delivery wagon over the river every day, something it never did last year. Systematic advertising on a large scale has caused the change.

One man who has been in the mercantile business in East Portland for the last 14 years says that during the past five years trade has increased 1000 per cent, and that the past year has been best of all.

WASN'T THE COLDEST NIGHT, SAYS BEALS

District Forecaster Beals predicts colder weather tonight than last night. He says the temperature will drop 26 degrees, three degrees lower than when coldest early this morning.

Although sidewalks and roofs were heavy with frost this morning, the night was not in reality as cold as the night of December 6, when the minimum temperature was 26 degrees.

Easterly winds are predicted. Heavy frosts occurred in California this morning as far south as Los Angeles.

Building Permits.

J. H. Harrington, Kearney street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, repair one story frame dwelling, $500; F. M. Moore, East Stark street, between East Seventy-fourth and Seventy-sixth, erect one story frame dwelling, $1900; Christ Taffs, Ellis avenue, between Milwaukie and East Eighteenth, erect one story frame shed, $40; C. R. Lewthwaite, East Twenty-ninth street, between East Morrison and East Alder, erect two story frame dwelling, $2000; M. O. Tomlinson, Rhone street, between Milwaukie and East Eleventh, erect one story frame dwelling, $1400; I. L. Appleton, 501 Mildred street, between East Ninth and East Eleventh, erect one story frame dwelling, $1500; L. R. Depperman, Villard avenue, between Holman and Portland boulevard, erect one story frame dwelling, $1200; O. W. Dutro, Washburn street, between Luckey and Winchell, erect one and a half story frame dwelling, $1600; Andy Eagle, Holgate street, between East Thirty-ninth and East Forty-first, erect two story frame dwelling, $1250; C. C. Richards, 1144 East Harrison street, between East Thirty-Eighth and East Thirty-ninth, repair one story frame dwelling, $400; Dr. A. M. Webster, Hawthorne avenue, between Thirty-first and Thirty-second, erect two story frame dwelling, $3500; E. J. Haight, Union avenue, corner Wygant street, excavate basement, $400; L. Strangeland, Minnesota avenue, between Freemont and Beech, erect one story frame dwelling, $2000; J. F. Martin, Kirby street, between Stanton and Morris, erect one story frame dwelling, $2000; Mrs. C. L. Palmer, Highland avenue, between East Thirteenth and East Fifteenth, erect one and a half story frame dwelling, $2000.

RAILROAD MAN GIVEN PASS FROM HELL GATE TO PARADISE

Walter H. Guild, private secretary to General Manager O'Brien of the Harriman lines, received the regular enclosure of annual passes for the coming year this morning, including a nice, fat envelope from the Northern Pacific. He sorted out the annuals and found his own. Glancing down over it hurriedly he was astonished to find that it read: "Pass Walter H. Guild over Northern Pacific lines from Hell Gate to Paradise."

He looked again and found he was right. That was the way it read. He didn't know whether to feel insulted or complimented. He had heard the Harriman headquarters called all sorts of opprobrious things, but he had never heard them designated as Hell Gate before. He sought the advice of the others in the general manager's office. They held a consultation and had about decided that it was another round in the fight that Hill and Harriman are having, when some one who had worked for the Northern Pacific hunted out a railroad guide and looked up Hell Gate.

He found that it was a station on the line in Montana. Then he looked up Paradise and found that it was there, too, a little further along the line from Hell Gate.

Guild went back to his bunch of passes and found that he had another one made out to him "Good on all lines." But now he's trying to learn the name of the Northern Pacific man who sent him the invitation to come to Paradise.

FIVE ENGINEERS ARE ON ELIGIBLE LIST

The civil service commission has announced the names of the successful candidates for the eligibility list of civil engineers required by the city engineering department. The applicants passed in the order named and are: W. D. Clarke, W. V. Detwiler, Paul Keyser, C. [illegible] Hickel and M. L. Dowling.

At its regular meeting yesterday afternoon the commission authorized Secretary McIntosh to prepare a new schedule for examinations to provide eligibility lists in all the municipal departments.

The hearing of G. W. Russell, the dismissed patrolman who appealed from the findings of the police committee, was set for Wednesday, December 30, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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