THE WORLD'S MARKETS

ONION MEN IN CONTROVERSY

Action of Association in Appointing Agents Causes Unpleasant Feelings.

TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKETS.
All vegetables are firmer.
Onion controversy is on.
Potatoes are holding steady.
Some put eggs lower.
Chickens and turkeys firm.
Good demand for ducks.
Dressed meats are scarcer.
Hop transactions at low point.

Controversy Regarding Onions.

That the directors of the Confederated Onion Growers' association made a serious mistake in their selecting two Front street firms as exclusive handlers of their product for this season is the opinion of the trade in general. At the last meeting of the directors of the association E. J. Jaggar and George Herren were appointed as agents. While both of the men named are well and favorably known along Front street, the trade believes that the monopoly of the trade, if any, should not pass out of the hands of the association itself. As matters stand the opponents of the plan say that the two firms will have everything their own way and if they do not want to sell onions to certain houses they cannot be compelled to. This is certain, say some dealers, to drive these rejected houses into other markets. Already some purchases have been made in Washington and Nevada which would have gone to this state had the buyers been able to do business with the representatives appointed by the association. That it would have been far better for the association to handle its own product or else appoint a representative entirely outside of the Front street trade is the opinion of the latter itself. In this way the association would have been able to name its prices every day and would market its crop, easier without paying brokerage fees and forcing some dealers to buy elsewhere as at present.

Much Feeling Over Matter.

"While I have no part in the controversy in the onion market," says a well known local shipper, "I believe that the association has made a most serious mistake in putting all the business in the hands of two dealers who are real competitors of myself and other dealers who will be forced to buy onions from them if present plans carry. I do not like the idea of being forced to go to those dealers and beg them to sell me onions to compete with their own firms in the California market. If they choose to they can keep me from getting supplies altogether and giving the preference to their own house in the south. This would be merely human nature. Personally I believe that Mr. Fanno, the president of the association, would have been the best to handle the matter alone. It isn't proper to turn down all the dealers and favor one or two."

No Effect Upon Local Market.

While it is believed that in time the action of the Onion Growers' association will have some effect upon the local market, no change is shown at this time. The market here is full of partly frozen stock and to get rid of these with the least delay dealers are holding their prices in check. Just what effect the action of the association will have upon the California market remains to be seen.

All Vegetables Are Firmer.

There is a firmer tone all through the local vegetable market owing to the cool weather. Stock that comes from the south is showing another advance with supplies scarce. String beans have advanced to 15@18c a pound, while peas have moved to 17c. California tomatoes are firm at $1.75@2.00, the latter price for select quality. Local cabbage of best quality is selling crated at $2 in some instances, although some dealers are still offering at $1.75. For ordinary stock the price is $1.50 loose.

More Strength in Chickens.

The market for chickens is in fine shape along Front street. The price is moved up another fraction. Arrivals are small in comparison with the demand, although a great run is expected this afternoon and tomorrow. Along Front street today mixed lots are selling at 12@12½c; hens, 12½@13c; broilers, 14@14½c; fryers, 12½@13c. There is also a very good demand for ducks around 17½@18½c for either live or dressed, but the call for geese is less pronounced around 10@11c for the live birds.

Brief Notes of Front Street Trade.

Some dealers are offering eggs in large lots as low as 37½c, while others are asking 38@39c. Occasional lots move at 40c, too. Receipts are increasing. Eastern eggs lower here, with the best at 30@32c, and some being offered around 28c.

Dressed meats are almost too scarce to quote. Fancy hogs around 8½c.

Several fair sized deals are again reported in the hop market around former low prices.

Dullness reigns in sugar here, owing to the overcharge made to Pacific slope dealers as compared with the Idaho price for same delivery.

Potato market is holding rather steady here. Some interests have moved up jobbing price to $1.25 for best.

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, 12@12½c; hens, 12½@13c; roosters, old, 9½@10c; fryers, 12½@13c; broilers, 14@14½c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, alive, 18@20c; dressed, 20@25c; ducks, 17½@18c; pigeons, squabs, $2@2.50 per doz; old, $1; dressed poultry, 1@1½c higher.

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

EGGS—Local best, 37½@39c per doz; eastern, 30@32½c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 18c.

HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 6@7c; prime to choice, 6@6½c; prime, 6c; medium, 4@5½c.

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, 4½@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@27.00; rolled, $28.50@29.00; brewing, $27@27.50

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland—Club, 92c; bluestem, $1.00; fortyfold, 93c; red, 90c; Willamette valley, 92c.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price—Bran, $26.50; middlings, $32.00; 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, $15.00; ordinary, $14.00; eastern Oregon, $18.00; mixed, $11.50@12.00; clover, $11.00; grain, $13.00; cheat, $13.00; alfalfa, $12.00@12.50.

OATS—Producers' price—Track, No. 1 white, $32.50; gray, $32.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new navels, $2.00@2.80 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, $1.00; cranberries, local, $11.50 bbl; eastern, $13.50@15.00.

POTATOES—New, selling, $1@1.25; buying for shipment, per cwt., fancy, 85c; ordinary, 70@80c; sweet, $2.00; Early Rose, buying, $1.00.

ONIONS—Fancy Oregon, $1@1.25; 100; garlic, 7½@ 8c lb.

APPLES—Good, $1.25@1.75; poor, 75@$1.00 per box.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 75c@$1; beets, $1.00@1.25; carrots, 75c sack; parsnips, 85c@1.00; cabbage, $1.50; tomatoes, California, $1.75@2.00 per crate; beans, 15c; cauliflower, $1.25; peas, 13c; horseradish, 8c lb artichokes, 65@75c doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 5c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, $1@1.50 box; radishes, 15c doz. 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. Idaho prices 70c less.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, head, 6@6¾c; Ajax (—); Creole, 5½c.

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.

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; pickled tongues, 60c each.

DRESSED MEATS — Front street—Hogs, fancy, 8c; ordinary, 7c; large, 6½c; veal, extra, 10c; ordinary, 9c; heavy, 8@8½c; mutton, fancy, 6@7c.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 14c per lb; 5s, 14½c per lb; 50 lb tins, 13½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 13c per lb; 5s, 13½c 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, 8c 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.

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.

ROPE—Manila, 9¾c; sisal, 7¼c lb.

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.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	878	888	872	880@82
March	886	890	883	883@84
May	896	897	888	888@89
July	893	893	887	887@88
August	882	884	880	880@82
October	869	869	864	865@66
December	908	916	887	885@87

FANCY TURKEYS HOLD AT 25 CENTS A POUND

Journal's Turkey Bulletin.

Wholesale—	Per pound.
Fancy dressed	25c
Ordinary dressed	23½@24c
Poor dressed	20c
Fancy live	20c
Ordinary live	18c

There is a very firm tone in the turkey market along Front street. Demand at this time is about the best shown this season. There were practically no fancy birds carried over Christmas by the retail trade and few poor ones. The birds remaining unsold on Front street last Friday were few indeed and all have now been cleaned up. Best dressed fancy turkeys are today quoted firm along Front street at 25c a pound, the same price as for the Christmas trade. The poor birds are selling higher in proportion.

The firmness in turkeys is helping all other lines of poultry.

NO ARRIVALS IN THE STOCKYARD

Lack of Receipts and Holiday Market Leaves No Sales During Day.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Wednesday		None	
Tuesday	...	32	...
Monday	...	265	...
Saturday	180	370	117
Friday		None	
Thursday	277	30	...

Portland Union Stockyards, Dec. 30.—There were no arrivals at all in the years during the past 24 hours, and in consequence no sales are reported. A carload of cows, the total arrivals of yesterday have not been sold as yet, and taken as a whole the entire livestock market is nominal.

The trade is awaiting the new year, when there is every promise of a very good market for all grades and probably higher prices.

Arrivals on this day in recent years show:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sehep.
1908		None	
1907		None	
1906	200	100	164
1905	69	79	...

A year ago today all lines were steady at unchanged values.

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

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

Cattle—Best steers, weighing 1200 pounds, $4.50@4.75; medium steers, $4.25; poor steers, $3.50; best cows, $3.50; medium cows, $2.75@3.25.

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

Veal—Choice, young calves, $4.25@4.75; heavy rough, $3.75@4.00.

Hogs Drop in East.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Hogs, 5000; cattle, 19,000; sheep, 20,000. Hogs are 5 to 10c lower. Cattle steady to strong; sheep steady.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—Hogs, 15,000; cattle, 8000; sheep, 6000.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30.—Hogs, 12,000; cattle, 3700; sheep, 7000.

OFFER MORE FOR WHEAT FUTURES

Prices Advanced on Portland Board of Trade—Barley a Fraction Off.

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat. Cars.	Barley. Cars.	Oats. Cars.	Hay. Cars.	Flour. Sacks.
Wednesday	27	..	..	2	4,674
Tuesday	65	1	2	3	1,650
Monday	104	4	3	9	7,300
Saturday	73	5	4	7	8,620
Friday	..	..	..	..	.....
Thursday	45	2	5	6	2,500

There was a very firm tone in the local grain situation this morning. All lines were alike affected by the better bidding but this resulted in no actual business. Growers are not disposed to talk trade just now and no matter what advance the buyers bid there is no grain offering. This is especially true of bluestem wheat, supplies of which are unusually scarce. With practically every one quite willing to pay $1 a bushel tidewater for bluestem those who still retain supplies are not willing to let go even at this record figure for recent years.

On the Portland board of trade today there was a firmer tone for futures and prices show an advance over yesterday's figures. For the January delivery an advance of ⅝c was bid and 1c more asked than yesterday. The February delivery was added to the list today and the price is ½c higher than the January.

Coarse grains continue very firm but unusually quiet considering the extent of the demand from the south. Prices at San Francisco were held very firm during the day and yesterday's quotations were continued. On the Portland board of trade, however, a slight weakness was shown in futures and prices are a fraction lower.

Oats market is firm and unchanged for both cash and future delivery.

Board of trade prices:

CLUB WHEAT.

	Bid.	Ask.
January	92	93
February	92½	93½

NO. 1 WHITE OATS.

	Bid.	Ask.
January	162½	165
February	163¾	167½

NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.

	Bid.	Ask.
January	137½	140
February	140	142½

Northwest Crop Weather.

Oregon—Fair tonight, except rain southwest portion; Thursday rain west, fair east portion; northerly winds.

Washington—Fair tonight; Thursday fair except rain near coast; northeasterly winds.

Idaho—Fair tonight and Thursday.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
December	7s 11⅝d	7s 11⅝d
March	7s 7⅝d	7s 7½d
May	7s 7½d	7s 7⅝d

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Eggs, per dozen — California fresh, including cases: Extras, 50c; firsts, 46c; seconds, 40c; thirds, 30c; pullets, selected, 38c; California storage, extra, 36c; firsts, 32½c; seconds, 26½c; eastern storage, extra, 30c; firsts, 28c; seconds, 26c.

Butter, per pound—California fresh: Extras, 37c; firsts, 32c; seconds, 25c; thirds, 20c; pickled, No. 1, 23½c; storage, California extra, 29c; packing, No. 1, 21½c; ladles, extras, 23c.

New cheese, per pound—California flats, fancy, 14½c; firsts, 14c; seconds, 11½c; California Young America, fancy, 16c; firsts, 15½c; eastern, New York cheddars, fancy 17c; Oregon flats, fancy, 16c; Oregon Young America, fancy, 16c; California storage, fancy flats, 13c; Oregon flats, fancy, 14c; Oregon Young America, 15c.

Potatoes, per cental—River whites, sacks, fancy, 85c@$1; poor, 65@80c; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.35; Oregon Burbanks, $1.15@1.25; Early Rose for seed, $1.25@1.30; sweet potatoes, per crate, $1.25@1.35; sacks, $1@1.25.

Onions, per sack—$1@1.25.

Oranges, per box—Navel, standard, $1.25@2; choice, $2@2.50; fancy large sizes higher; tangerines, crates, 75c@$1; half orange boxes, $1.25@1.65.

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Merchants exchange quotations:

Wheat—December, $1.69; May, $1.70 bid, $1.75 ask.

Barley—December, $1.44@1.45; May, $1.42¼ ask.

Cash wheat — Walla Walla, $1.67½; red Russian, $1.62½; Turkey red, $1.77½; bluestem, $1.77½.

Cash barley—Feed, $1.42½; brewing, $1.47.

Cash oats—No. 1 white, $1.75.

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

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT

Portland.

Clearings today $1,032,624.34
Year ago, holiday.
Balances today 187,537.86

Seattle.

Clearings today $1,480,170
Balances today 56,906

Tacoma.

Clearings today $799,040
Balances today 61,486

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS

The Portland board of trade furnishes the following list of produce arrivals for the 24 hours ending 11:30 a. m. today: 113 boxes apples, 15 boxes lettuce, 279 sacks onions, 161 sacks potatoes, 5 baskets vegetables, 4009 pounds squash, 40 packages butter, 101 cases eggs, 2 boxes cheese, 1115 gallons milk, 3120 gallons cream, 16 boxes clams, 6 boxes crabs, 1 box crawfish, 34 boxes fish, 1 box mussels, 85 sacks oysters, 65 coops chickens, 1 coop ducks, 3 coops geese, 2 coops turkeys, 5128 pounds dressed poultry, 1 car eastern dressed poultry, 116 dressed hogs, 69 veal, 61 mutton, 22 goats, 27 cars wheat, 2 cars hay, 1 car grain, 2 cars meal, 2 cars feed, 4674 sacks flour.

AN OLD RUMOR AGAIN REVIVED

Holding Company for Harriman Shares Again the Talk—U. P. Weak.

U. P. Holding Company.

New York, Dec. 30.—In an effort to stem the unfavorable tide which set in today in some of the leading securities the announcement is being made in financial circles that official confirmation of the report that the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific are to be governed by a holding company would be made February 15.

Union Pacific net earnings for November show an increase of $524,020.

New York, Dec. 30.—The stock market was dull except for an occasional movement of a few fractions by one of the important securities today. The earthquake in Italy had a weakening effect upon the market, but the real cause of the liquidation shown was believed to be the desire of the trade to lay low until after New Year's.

The ancient report of a holding company for Union Pacific and Southern Pacific was revived for the occasion today. It is stated that about February 15 announcement would be made regarding an increased dividend for Southern Pacific. Despite this report Union Pacific was the weakest feature of the stock market today, closing with a loss of 1⅛ points. There was an advance of ⅛ point in Southern Pacific, but the general list was mixed.

The Norfolk & Western Railway company declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on its adjustment preferred stock, payable February 18 to stockholders of record of February 3. With Alton earning 11 per cent stockholders must get a dividend and if it does this Toledo Southern common would get money for dividends. Its preferred already pays 4 per cent.

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

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	Close.
Amalgamated Copper Co.	83⅝	83⅛
American Car & Foundry, c.	49¼	49⅛
American Car & Foundry, p	....	107⅞
American Cotton Oil, c.	42⅝	42¾
American Loco., c.	58	57⅛
American Sugar, c.	132	130
American Smelt, c.	82⅝	81⅞
American Smelt, p.	....	101¼
Anaconda Mining Co.	49¼	49½
American Woolen, c.	....	29
Atchison, c.	100⅝	100
*Atchison, p.	100½	100½
Baltimore & Ohio, c.	110⅝	110¼
Baltimore & Ohio, p.	....	92
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	67½	67½
Canadian Pacific, c.	176⅝	176
Central Leather, c.	....	31⅛
Central Leather, p.	....	101⅞
Chicago & Great Western, c.	12	11⅝
Chi., Milwaukee & St. Paul	150¼	150
Chicago & Northwestern, c.	....	183½
Chesapeake & Ohio	57½	56¼
Colo. Fuel & Iron, c.	40¼	39⅝
Colorado Southern, c.	57½	57¼
do 2d pfd	....	72½
do 1st pfd	....	75½
Corn Products, c.	....	17½
do pfd	....	73
Delaware & Hudson	180	179½
Denver & Rio Grande, c.	39⅝	39¾
do pfd	....	81
Erie, c.	34⅝	34⅜
do 2d pfd	....	39½
do 1st pfd	50½	50½
Great Northern, pfd	146⅝	146¼
Illinois Central	147	147½
Interurban Met., c.	18½	17⅞
do pfd	46½	46
Louisville & Nashville	124	124½
Mexican Central Railway	23⅝	23¾
Missouri, Kan & Texas, c	42½	42
do pfd	....	73
Distillers	....	37¼
Ore lands	72⅞	72⅝
Missouri Pacific	66	65¾
National Lead	77⅝	77¼
New York Central	122⅞	123¼
N. Y., O. & Western	46¼	45⅞
Norfolk & Western, c.	....	85½
do preferred	....	85
North American	....	74
Northern Pacific, c.	142⅝	142⅛
Pacific Mail Steamship Co.	34¼	35
Pennsylvania Railway	131¼	131⅛
People's Gas, L. & Coke Co.	104⅝	104½
Pressed Steel Car, c.	43⅞	42½
do preferred	....	101½
Reading, c.	141	141⅝
do second preferred	....	93½
do first preferred	....	92
Republic Iron & Steel, c.	25⅞	.....
do preferred	86⅞	.....
Rock Island, c.	24⅛	.....
do preferred	60½	.....
St. Louis & San Fran., 2 pfd	....	41⅝
do first preferred	....	68
Southern Pacific, c.	121	121⅝
do preferred	124½	124
Southern Railway, com.	26⅝	26
do preferred	62¼	.....
Texas & Pacific	35¾	35⅝
Toledo, St. L. & W., com.	....	46½
Union Pacific, com.	183½	182⅞
do preferred	....	95
United States Rubber, com.	....	34⅝
do preferred	....	106
United States Steel Co., c.	54⅝	54
do preferred	112¾	113
Wabash, com.	19	19
do preferred	49⅝	49⅞
Western Union Telegraph	....	68½
Wisconsin Central, com.	33⅝	36¼
do preferred	70½	71
Wheeling Lake	....	12¼
Westinghouse	85¾	83¾
Utah Copper	47	46¾
Third Avenue	....	38¾

* Ex-div., 2½ per cent.

BOSTON COPPER MARKET

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.) Boston, Dec. 30.—Bid prices:

Adventure	9½	Mohawk	69
Allouez	36½	Miami	15½
Arcadian	3	Nev. Cons	19⅞
Atlantic	16½	Newhouse	5¾
Boston Con.	16⅝	N. Butte	85
Butte Coala.	26½	Old Dom.	57½
Cal. & Ariz.	118	Osceola	135
Cal. & Hecla	675	Parrot	39¼
Centennial	33¼	Quincy	95
Copper Mt.	38 A	Shannon	17¾
Cop. Range	82¼	Sup. & Pitts.	17
C. Ely	8	Tamarack	81
Daly West	10	Trinity	17
Franklyn	16½	Utah Mining	46
Giroux	5⅛	Utah	46½
Greene Can.	12¼	Wolverine	150
Granby	106½	U. S. Mining	44½
Mass.	6¾	U. S. Oil	28¾
Michigan	13¾		

SCHOONER RUNS INTO THE FARRAGUT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30.—The steam fishing schooner owned by Peter Demaria collided with the torpedo boat destroyer Farragut at the entrance of the harbor here, yesterday afternoon.

As the schooner was coming into the harbor the Farragut crossed her bow, then making a wide turn, attempted to cross the schooner's course a second time. The schooner kept a straight course and collided with the destroyer. The destroyer was not damaged, but the schooner's rails were smashed, her mast stays torn loose, her engines disabled and a hole stove in her bow. Part of the schooner's cargo was jettisoned and blankets were stuffed in the hole in the bow to keep her from going down while the destroyer towed her into port.

IMPROVEMENT IN LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Wheat Prices Abroad Better and This Helps Chicago During the Day.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Dec. 29.	Gain.
May	107⅝	108⅜A	107⅞	½
July	99⅝	100⅛B	99⅝	½
Sept.	96	96½A	96	½

There was an improvement in the foreign wheat situation today and prices abroad closed at an advance over yesterday. At Liverpool the market opened ⅜d higher and the closing was ¼ to ½d above yesterday's last prices.

To a considerable amount of short covering is due today's advance in the Chicago market. Opening unchanged to a fraction lower, the initial weakness being in the May, which closed firmest with the best advance for the day; the market began to show signs of recovery. The improvement abroad was not felt instantly here, but when it was, the change in sentiment could be seen instantly. Today's market closed ¼ to ⅜c above yesterday.

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

Wheat—East of Rockies, increased 1,008,000 bushels; Canada, increased 464,000 bushels; Europe and afloat decreased 1,400,000 bushels; total world's supply increased 72,000 bushels.

Corn—Increased 1,985,000 bushels.

Oats—Increased 914,000 bushels.

Cash wheat—No. 2 red 105⅝@107; No. 3 red, 104½@106; No. 2 hard, 104⅝@106; No. 3 hard, 101@105; No. 1 Northern, 109⅝@110⅝; No. 2 Northern, 106@108; No. 3 spring, 102@107.

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

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	107⅝	108⅜	107⅝	108⅜A
July	99⅝	100⅜	99⅝	100B
Sept.	96	96⅝	95⅝	96¼

CORN.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	60½	61⅞	61⅜	61⅝A
July	61⅝	62¼	61⅝	62A
Sept.	61⅝	62½	61⅝	62⅜

OATS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	51⅞	52¼	51⅝	52A
July	46⅝	46⅞	46⅜	46⅞
Sept.	39⅝	39⅞	39⅝	39⅝A

PORK.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	1627	1632	1615	1632A
May	1650	1655	1640	1655A

LARD.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	942	947	937	947
May	967	972	960	970B
July	980	982	972	982

RIBS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	830	832	827	832B
May	865	867	860	867
July	877	877	875	877

News Gossip of Finance

New York, Dec. 30.—Bar silver, 49⅜c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

New York, Dec. 30. — Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered	1930	103	103½
do coupon	1930	104	.....
Threes, registered	1908	101	101½
do coupon	1908	101	101½
Threes, small bonds	....	100	.....
Fours, registered	1925	120¼	121
do coupon	1925	121	.....
Twos, Panama	....	102¼	103¼
do coupon	....	102	.....
Fours, Philippine	....	110	.....

New York, Dec. 30.—Lake, 14⅝@14¾c; electrolytic, 14⅝@14¾c; castings, 14⅜@14⅝c.

Tin—$29.00@29.37½.

Lead—$4.20@4.25.

London, Dec. 30.—Silver, 22 1-5-16d.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The treasury statement today shows:

Receipts, $2,213,958.

Disbursements, $2,030,000.

New York, Dec. 30.—Regular dividend has been declared on Great Northern.

New York, Dec. 30.—Directors of the Wabash have declared a semi-annual payment of 3 per cent on debenture "A" bonds, and 1 per cent on "B" bonds.

Elgin Butter Market.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 30.—Butter, 32c and firm.

FROM FAR NORTH TO SICK FATHER

Brave Woman Makes Wonderful Sled Trip, Atlin to Tacoma.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Dec. 30.—Impelled by the message that her father was dying and wished to see her immediately, Mrs. J. D. Sinclair of Atlin, Alaska, drove a two dog sleigh for 200 miles over the frozen snows of southern Alaska, up the gangplank of a steamer as it was casting off from the Skagway dock and reached Tacoma in less than six days after leaving her far northern home.

In her race Mrs. Sinclair established a record for speed that promises to stand for many a day. She is the daughter of Robert M. Thompson, a pioneer of Tacoma, who was in a precarious condition eight days ago. The message was sent to his daughter, who lives with her husband at Atlin, Sunday, December 20. She received the dispatch late at night. Hitching up her dog team she immediately began the perilous journey. For two days and two nights the dogs dragged the sled over treacherous roads, reaching Skagway just as the steamer was about to leave the dock.

Hastily committing her team to the care of a bystander, Mrs. Sinclair ran up the plank and sank exhausted upon the deck, completely worn out.

Her father is slowly recovering.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR GREEN LAWMAKERS

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—State Librarian James L. Gillis has started a school for lawmakers. Anxious to make the work of lawmaking more satisfactory for all concerned, he has issued a pamphlet on "Hints on Drawing Legislative Bills," which is the first of a series of "legislative reference bulletins" which will be published during the coming session of the legislature. Ernest Bruncken is the author of the initial pamphlet, which is designed to familiarize green lawmakers with the language and style used in the statutes. Bruncken declares that the law suits which follow from inaccurate and ambiguous bills cause a greater waste of money than would be required to provide a corps of expert draftsmen to frame the state's laws.

BAD MAN WITH GUN BOUND OVER

Harry Grow Tried to Shoot Charles Tasker; Is Held to Grand Jury.

Harry G. Grow, who shot twice at Charles Tasker outside of the Circuit cafe on Stark street between Fourth and Fifth late yesterday afternoon after an altercation in the saloon, was today bound over to appear before the grand jury. A charge of carrying concealed weapons has also been placed against him. Tasker was not struck by the two bullets Grow fired at him, both of which went wide of the mark and caromed off the sidewalk, but he suffered severely from the blows rained on his head and face from the butt of the long barreled revolver Grow carried.

The Circuit cafe, formerly conducted by Charles Mays, has given the police much trouble. Grow and Tasker were engaged in a card game, and although Tasker is very reticent, it is believed the quarrel grew out of the game. Tasker was arrested on a charge of vagrancy, largely because he would not tell freely what happened before the shooting took place.

AT THE THEATRES

Music and Fun Galore at Heilig.

An excellent cast of principals, a beautiful chorus of young, pretty girls that can sing, hundreds of funny sayings and many catchy melodies will be your pleasure if you attend the Heilig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight or any night this week, where George M. Cohan's merry musical play, "Fifty Miles From Boston," is the bill. Special matinees New Year's day and Saturday.

Seat Sale for "The Alaskan."

The advance seat sale will open next Friday, January 1, New Year's morning, for John Cort's big comic opera success, "The Alaskan," which will be the bill at the Heilig theatre four nights, beginning next Sunday.

"Are You a Mason" at Bungalow.

Have you seen it, or are you overlooking one of the biggest laughs of the whole year at the Bungalow this week. The Baker stock company is creating all kinds of merriment in Dietrichstein's famous farce "Are You a Mason?"

T. M. A. Benefit Tomorrow.

Seats are now being reserved at Rowe & Martin's drug store for the big annual benefit of the T. M. A. at the Orpheum tomorrow night starting at 11 o'clock and continuing till after midnight. This is the theatrical event of the year and is always looked forward to with great interest. A special program has been prepared this year and several startling features are promised. Seats should be secured at once for hundreds of tickets have been sold and a packed house is assured.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes at Orpheum.

The work of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hughes in the little one-act comedy sketch, "Suppressing the Press," marks them as hard, clever workers, and demonstrates their great ability as mirth provokers. There is not a dull minute during the entire sketch.

A Rare Novelty Act.

There are so many good things on the bill this week at Pantages that it is hard to distinguish which is best. For a refined novelty act, George Homan's "A Night With the Poets" is a wonderful creation.

"Shore Acres" at the Baker.

Archie Boyd, who is playing the great James Herne role of dear old Uncle Nat in "Shore Acres" at the Baker this week is one of the foremost character actors of today.

Columbus, the Dancing Horse.

Columbus, the dancing horse, the prize winner, is the feature at the Grand this week. Every horse lover should see this dancing animal and the children especially. The bill is exceptionally strong in comedians.

"Why Girls Leave Home" at Star.

The author of "Why Girls Leave Home" has drawn from the facts of a celebrated tragedy which was the leading theme of the continental press during the autumn of 1903, and still is a mystery unsolved.

At the Lyric This Week.

For this week Manager Dan Flood has chosen "Moths," a great eastern success, and declared by the press to be one of the best society plays ever written. Phone your order for seats for the special New Year's day matinee now.

COUNCILMEN WINK AT PETTY GRAFTING

Nine councilmen showed by their votes today that they are in favor of receiving special privileges from public utility corporations. Councilman Vaughn introduced a resolution requesting such corporations to discontinue granting special privileges, except to bonafide employes. Councilman Rushlight voted against the resolution, but explained that he had long ago turned back his free car tickets to the street railway company. He added that he did not wish to prevent other people from accepting favors from the company if they saw fit to do so.

PEEVISH MAN IS TIED SECURELY

Has Aspirations and a Knife but Fellow Boarders Truss Him Like a Chicken.

Albert Heraper returned to his boarding house at 167 North Twenty-second street last evening with the feeling that Portland was too small a place for such as he. The boarding house itself was entirely too small an affair for a gentleman of his aspirations. He could not keep his thoughts to himself, and very quickly the boarding house was in a turmoil.

Heraper was effectually quieted by the boarders tying a sheet around his legs. When Officer Teevin arrived, Heraper was lying on the floor looking more like a trussed chicken than anything else. A long knife had been taken away from him, but as he had not used the knife, he was charged only with assault and battery, the landlady, Mrs. M. Johnson, signing the complaint this morning.

Before the sheet was brought into service, however, Heraper had received one of the finest black eyes ever seen around the police station, and he will wear that souvenir for some days to come.

This morning he longed so much for that dear Seattle that Attorney Stevenson was able to pursuade the court that the best thing that could be done was to allow Heraper to make for Elliott Bay. This was accordingly made the order of the court.

SELLS BONDS AT HIGH PREMIUM

The city council passed an emergency ordinance this morning, by which the $500,000 and a premium of a fraction more than 2 per cent will be turned over to the park board tomorrow in payment for the special bond issue. O'Connor & Kahler of New York agreed, if the ordinance were passed, to deposit the money in a local bank immediately. The bid of this company is the highest ever made here for such bonds.

Perhaps this action of the council establishes a record for the quick transaction of weighty business. By the emergency ordinance $500,000 is provided for the immediate use of the park board and another sum of the same amount will be available for next year.

W. G. THIGPEN TO SUCCEED SWORD

William Gainer Thigpen, formerly of the Waldorf and the Majestic hotels in New York, is to become clerk at the Hotel Portland, succeeding Carl Sword, who is to become an assistant to James Woods, manager of the St. Francis in San Francisco. Mr. Thigpen will arrive here Friday morning from Oakland, where he has been with the St. Mark hotel. Previously he was with the Savoy in San Francisco.

Mr. Sword leaves Friday afternoon on the steamer Rose City for the south. He will assume his new duties as soon as he arrives. He has been in Portland nine months, coming here from the city to which he returns, having formerly been connected with the old Palace and after the fire with the St. Francis. Mr. Sword has made many friends in Portland who will regret his leaving, but who, at the same time, will feel proud of his promotion to the position which he is to fill at the St. Francis.

Mr. Sword is somewhat of a dresser, incidentally, and one could always depend upon finding what the latest styles were to be by inspecting the clothes and cravats of the hotel man who is now preparing to leave.

Sportsmen Will Meet.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Fish and Game association will be held Tuesday, January 5, at 7:30 p. m., at the hall in the Chamber of Commerce building, Third and Stark streets.

The committee on legislation will report the draft of the proposed new code of game laws, election of officers will be held and other important business will come before the meeting. The presence of all sportsmen is earnestly requested.

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