THE WORLD'S MARKETS

SHARP ADVANCE IN EGG MARKET

Price Along Front Street Moves Up 5c a Dozen Within Two Days.

TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKETS.
Eggs advance to 42½c today.
Entire poultry market firm.
Butter and cheese held firm.
Fruit trade at standstill.
No trading in hops.
Dressed meats sell high.
Flour market to move up.
Firmer tone in cash wheat.

Sharp Advance in Eggs.

There was an advance of 2½c a dozen in the price of local ranch eggs today. This brought the market for fresh stock to 42½c, and there were very few cases obtainable at that figure. Supplies of eggs along Front street have been rather light for several days because receivers, fearing a sharp decline in prices, have kept stocks moving out about as fast as they came, even though having to sacrifice quotations. The cold snap of yesterday found only scant holdings along the street, and practically all the sales were made at an advance of 2½c. That put the price up to 40c, and the rise today makes the total advance for two days 5c a dozen. While the news cannot be confirmed it is stated that several sales of eggs were made beyond 42½c. The advance in local stock had a steadying effect upon the eastern storage product here, and while no advance in quotations is shown as a result of the cold snap prices are quite well maintained around former figures. The fact that supplies of eastern eggs are still quite liberal causes holders to let go whenever possible at the least sacrifice in price.

Fruit Trade at a Standstill.

Trade in the Front street fruit market was at a complete standstill today. Most of the commission houses kept their doors tightly closed all day, but had signs outside stating that business was still being conducted in the inside. The tieup of the produce market was almost complete. There was practically no shipping, and orders which came from the outside could not be filled promptly because teamsters would not risk their animals on the slippery streets.

All Lines of Poultry Firm.

While there is no excitement in the demand owing to the snow blockade, the call for all sorts of poultry continues very firm along Front street, and the recently advanced prices are being easily maintained by the trade. While chickens found the best call there was almost an equally good demand for everything in the poultry line.

Dressed Meats Sell at Top.

Cooler weather has stimulated the demand for dressed meats in the Portland market and prices in all lines are being held very firm. Receipts are small, owing to the difficulty in making shipments from the country.

Onion Price Put Higher.

At the last meeting of the Confederated Onion Growers' association, the price of onions was advanced 10c per 100 pounds, which put the buying value at primary points to $1.20 per 100 pounds. While the action of the association growers is having a stimulating effect upon the price, demand is practically no better, and according to President Fanno, will not be until after the weather has moderated and shipments can again be made with safety to other markets. Growers who are outside of the association continue to sell their product at former prices, and for that reason most dealers are still offering onions along Front street at former values. However, from the present disposition of the trade, an advance in the local jobbing market is quite likely.

Potato market is very quiet, with shipments to the south entirely suspended on account of the freeze.

Brief Notes of Wholesale Trade.

The Portland Linseed Oil Works today announces an advance of 2c a gallon in the price of linseed oil, both raw and boiled. This is in addition to the advance a few days ago.

Cold weather and difficulty in traveling has caused an entire suspension in hop buying.

Butter and cheese markets are both firm. No change in price.

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, 20@21c.
BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 35½c; sour, 33½c per lb.
POULTRY — Mixed chickens, 13½c@14c; fancy hens, 14@14½c; roosters, old, 10@11c; fryers, 14c; broilers, 14@15c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, alive, 17½@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, 42½c per dozen; eastern, 28@30c.

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, 6@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, 91@92c; bluestem, $1; 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, $2.00.
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, $2.25@3.00 per box; Japanese oranges, 60@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, 85@90c; ordinary, 70@80c; sweet, $2; Early Rose, buying, $1@1.10; garnets, $1.00.
ONIONS — Jobbing—Fancy Oregon, $1.75 per cwt; ordinary, $1.15; garlic, 7@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@1.75; tomatoes, California, $2.00 per crate; beans, 16c; cauliflower, $1.25; pears, 17c; horseradish, 8c lb; artichokes, 65@75c doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 8c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, $1@1.50 box; radishes, 15c doz bunches; celery, 60@90c; 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, 5¼c.
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; pickeled tongues, 60c each.
DRESSED MEATS — Front street—Hogs, fancy, 8@8½c; ordinary, 7½@8c; large, 7c; 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, 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; Columbia smelts, 5c; 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, $8.00@6.50; canned, 60c can, $7.00 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75 per 100.

Paints, Coal, Oil, Etc.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls, 62c; cases, 68c; boiled, bbls, 64c; cases, 70c a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $34 ton.
ROPE—Manila, 9¾c; sisal, 7½c lb.
BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 19c per gal; iron bbls., 11½c per gal.
TURPENTINE—In cases, 68½c per gal.
WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500 lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c per lb.
WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $2.35.

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Eggs (per dozen) — California fresh, including cases: Extras, 45c; firsts, 44c; seconds, 40c; thirds, 30c; pullets, selected, 39c; eastern storage, extra, 33c; firsts, 31c; seconds, 29c.

Butter (per pound)—California fresh: Extras, 34c; firsts, 32c; seconds, 27c; storage, California extra, 30½c; ladles, extras, 23c.

New Cheese (per pound)—California flats, fancy, 14c; firsts, 13½c; seconds, 11½c; California Young America, fancy, 16c; firsts, 15½c; eastern New York cheddars, fancy, 17c; Oregon flats, fancy, 14c; do Young America, fancy, 16c; California storage, fancy flats, 13c; Oregon flats, fancy, 14c; do Young America, 15c.

Potatoes (per cental)—River whites (sacks), 60@75c; do per cental, 75c@$1; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.45; Oregon Burbanks, $1.00@1.15; early rose (for seed), $1.25@1.30; sweet potatoes, per crate, $1.25@1.50, with some extra fancy at $1.75; do sacks, $1.00@1.25.

Onions (per sack)—$1.25@1.35.

Oranges (per box)—Navels, standard, $1.25@2.00; fancy, $2.00@2.50; tangerines, half orange boxes, $1.00@1.50.

CENTRAL BREAKS REST OF MARKET

Stocks Open Lower but Fail to Maintain Values at the Close in New York.

New York, Jan. 6.—A break in New York Central today brought about a general reaction in the stock market today and shares that were sharply higher at one time, closed either lower or but fractionally advanced.

The extent to which New York Central was sold was tremendous and brought about a decline of 3 points in that security. Louisville & Nashville dropped 1¼. Southern Pacific 2½. Consolidated Gas 1¼. Union Pacific ⅝ and Great Northern ⅜.

American Smelters was the bull feature for the day and closed with a net advance of 2¼ points. Amalgamated Copper advanced ½, with the improved tone in the metal market.

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

	Open.	Close.
Amalgamated Copper	83	83
Anaconda Mining Co.	49¼	49
Atchison	99⅞	100⅜
American Smelter	84	85
American Sugar	128	128
Canadian Pacific	176	175½
Chi. Milwaukee & St. Paul	148	148
Colorado & Southern	56	55¾
Baltimore & Ohio	111¼	110½
Wheeling-Lake Erie	33¾	33¼
Missouri Pacific	69½	69
New York Central	128⅝	125⅛
Great Northern	146¼	145
National Lead	77½	77⅜
Pennsylvania	133⅝	132⅝
Reading	140⅝	139½
Southern Pac.	118¼	118⅜
Union Pac.	179¼	178⅜
United States Steel	51⅞	52
do pfd	113	113⅛
Consolidated Gas	126	126¼
Wabash	19	19
Rock Island	24¼	23⅞
do pfd	60⅝	59¼
Louisville & Nashville	125	123½

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT.

Portland.

Clearings today	$1,165,916.00
Year ago	959,350.35
Gain today	$ 206,565.65
Balances today	144,537.71
Year ago	118,165.14

Tacoma.

Clearings today	$ 659,988.00
Balances today	70,849.00

Seattle.

Clearings today	$1,466,024.00
Balances today	130,354.00

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	893	901	892	894
March	896	903	891	903
May	896	903	895	903
July	891	896	889	896
August	882	882	882	882
September	860	...	...	868
October	865	868	862	866
December	863	864	863	864

Eastern Livestock Market.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Hogs, 40,000; cattle, 17,000; sheep, 20,000. Hogs are steady.
Kansas City, Jan. 6.—Hogs, 10,000; cattle, 5000; sheep, 5000.
Omaha, Jan. 6.—Hogs, 12,000; cattle, 3000; sheep, 7000.

Factory surplus sale. See page 5.

CATTLE FAMINE SENDS PRICE OF COWS HIGH

Relief Is Promised.

Oregon — Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer west portion. Diminishing northeasterly winds.
Washington—Fair tonight and Thursday. Fresh northeasterly winds interior; moderate northeasterly gale along coast.
Idaho—Fair north, snow and colder south portion tonight. Thursday fair.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Wednesday	300	75	...
Tuesday		—None—	
Monday	934	48	511
Saturday	500	230	...
Friday		—Holiday—	
Thursday	...	75	190

Portland Union Stockyards, Jan. 6.—Price of all livestock is very firm today, and receipts are less than a quarter of what the present demand justifies. There is a call for livestock, and especially cattle from every direction with the wants of the trade unfilled because of the cold weather, which makes shipments nigh impossible. Interior shippers can not get their cattle to the railroads, and even when there they are unwilling to take chances of having them frozen while in transit.

"There is a great shortage of cattle just now," says C. C. Colt of the Union Meat company, "and while prices are higher we are unable to secure enough to fill our wants. From present indications there will be a shortage in beef supplies for a while, but unless present weather conditions continue I do not fear a real famine."

Cows Up a Quarter Again.

Price of cows is showing another advance of 25c in the local yards, as a result of the extreme scarcity of supplies and the extra liberal demand. While the regular tabulated sales can not be given in this report today because the weights have not yet been secured, it is known positively that cows have sold up to $4 for extra select quality, this being about 25c above regular quotations of a few days ago. While no sales of steers are reported beyond $4.75 the market is firmer, and considering the quality that brought this figure, select quality would sell around $4.90, or even a fraction better. The exact figures can not be told, however, until actual sales are made, and when they are the transactions are always reported in this column.

Hog market is firm, but no sales are reported beyond $6.40.

Sheep market is firmer, with no arrivals since Monday.

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

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1909	300	75	...
1908	...	325	160
1907	20	...	148
1906	105	133	125
1905	...	150	200

A year ago today all lines were firm, with prices showing a tendency to advance.

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

Hogs—Best east of mountains, $6.40; ordinary, $6.00@6.25; blockers and china fats, $6.50; stockers and feeders, $5.00.

Cattle—Best steers, weighing 1300 pounds, $4.75; medium steers, $4.25@4.50; poor steers, $3.50@4.00; best cows, $3.75@4.00; meedium cows, $3.00@3.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, $5.00; ordinary wethers, $4.50@4.75; lambs, $5.00@5.25; straight ewes, $4.50; mixed lots, $4.25.

Veal—Choice, young calves, $4.50@5.00; heavy rough, $3.75@4.00.

Western Fruit Jobbers.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6.—The Western Fruit Jobbers' association assembled at the West hotel today for a session of three days. It is the fifth annual meeting of the association, which has a membership of leading fruit jobbers throughout Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Colorado, Missouri, California, Washington, Idaho and other states. At the opening session Mayor Haynes welcomed the visitors and a response was made by William M. Roylance of Provo, Utah. Uniform packages, freight rates and the relations between the growers and jobbers are some of the chief subjects to receive the attention of the convention.

ADVANCE LIKELY IN EXPORT AND PATENT GRADE OF FLOUR HERE

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat, Cars.	Barley, Cars.	Oats, Cars.	Hay, Cars.	Flour, Sacks.
Wed.	8	3	2	3	500
Tues.	35	3	4	12	2,950
Mon.	63	4	4	16	7,010
Sat.	12	4	3	13	7,616
Friday		—Holiday—			
Thurs.	4	1	1	2	4,722

Balkan troubles and other incidents of European life may solve the problem of Pacific northwest millers of what to do with the increasing surplus of export grade of flour.

With wheat high and a possibility of it going higher, supplies scarce, a probable Russian and Japanese demand, and flour prices at this time below the height justified by present prices of wheat, there is every indication of an early advance in flour prices here.

For some time millers have been paying as high as $1 a bushel for what small lots of bluestem wheat they could secure and have been paying in proportion to this for other grades. At $1 a bushel the wheat cannot be ground to sell export flour at the present price, so an advance is likely at the the first sign of probable business. Even $5 a barrel for patents will not justify $1 a bushel for wheat, and as the wheat cannot be secured for less—and no great quantity at even this price, the indications are for an advance in patents to keep company with the probable rise in export grade.

Cash wheat market is very firm locally and there is a like tone for futures. On the Portland board of trade there was no change in grain values for the day.

Board of trade prices:

CLUB WHEAT.

	Bid.	Ask.
January	92¼	93
February	92¾	93½

NO. 1 WHITE OATS.

January	1.62½	1.65
February	1.63¾	1.67½

NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.

January	1.37½	1.38½
February	1.38½	1.40

News Gossip of Finance

New York, Jan. 6.—Bar silver, 50⅜c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

New York, Jan. 6.—Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered	1930	103	103½
do coupon	1930	103	.....
Threes, registered	1908	100¾	101½
do coupon	1908	100¾	101½
Threes, small bonds	....	100	.....
Fours, registered	1925	119½	120¼
do coupon	1925	120½	.....
Twos, Panama	....	102	103
do coupon	....	102	.....
Fours, Philippine	....	109	.....

New York, Jan. 6. — Lake, 14½@14⅝c; electrolytic, 14⅝@14⅞c; castings, 14@14½c.
Tin—$29.00@29.37½.
Lead—$4.20@4.25.

London, Jan. 6.—Silver, 23⅝d.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The treasury statement today shows:
Receipts, $2,498,266.
Disbursements, $2,920,000.

London, Jan. 6.—Close: Spot copper up 1s 3d.

New York, Jan. 6. — Rock Island—Frisco line—shows big earnings for December, exceeding those of 1906.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Stock of record on Globe Consolidated Copper company has the right to subscribe to $2 paid stock at $2 a share at the rate of one new for two old. Payment must be made in Duluth by January 15. Rights expire on that date.

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Merchants exchange quotations:
Wheat—December, $1.69; May, $1.70 bid, $1.75 ask.
Barley—December, $1.44@1.45; May, $1.40 bid, $1.42 ask.
Cash wheat—Walla Walla, $1.67½; red Russian, $1.61½; No. 1 Turkey red and bluestem, $1.77½; choice, $1.80.
Cash barley—Feed, $1.42½; brewing, $1.47.
Cash oats—No. 1 white, $1.75.
Millstuffs—Bran, $29; shorts, $31; middlings, $33.

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Portland board of trade furnishes the following list of produce arrivals for the 24 hours ending 11:30 a. m. today:
Apples, 273 boxes; potatoes, 54 sacks; onions, 1 car; onion sets, 167 sacks; lettuce, 15 boxes; squash, 15 boxes; vegetables, 5 baskets; butter, 42 packages; eggs, 62 cases; milk, 1520 gallons; cream, 2797 gallons; clams, 16 boxes; crabs, 3 boxes; fish, 36 boxes; oysters, 44 boxes; mussels, 1 box; lobsters, 1 box; chickens, 69 coops; ducks, 1 coop; poultry (dressed), 585 pounds; hogs (dressed), 99; veal (dressed) 69; mutton (dressed), 13; meat, 2 cars; tallow, 1 car.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Jan. 6.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
May	7s 6 3-8d	7s 6 5-8d

W. J. Van Schuyver Improving.

There was a slight change for the better in the condition of W. J. Van Schuyver, president of W. J. Van Schuyver & Co., this afternoon. Mr. Van Schuyver was taken sick Christmas eve. He is suffering from an attack of stomach trouble.

SALMON CATCH 18,463,546 LBS.

H. C. McAllister, master fish warden, has submitted his annual report to the board of fish commissioners. In making his report the new commissioner thanks the former official, H. G. Van Dusen, for his assistance given at the time when McAllister assumed charge of the office. He reports all books and accounts in perfect order.

The report shows that during the year the Columbia river fishermen caught 14,447,797 pounds of chinook salmon, 2,588,773 pounds of steelheads, 1,033,185 pounds of silversides and 393,791 pounds of bluebacks, making a total catch of 18,463,546 pounds. While the catch of silversides and chinook salmon shows a decrease from 1907, the increased catch of bluebacks and steelheads brings the 1908 total 311,803 pounds above that of 1907.

In addition to the salmon catch, the Columbia river yielded 87,772 pounds of tules, 1,001,037 pounds of sturgeon and 494,366 pounds of shad.

The Ontario salmon hatchery has yielded 3,266,000 early chinook salmon eggs, the Wallowa hatchery 1,272,000, the McKenzie 2,983,900 and the Salmon river 553,340. The federal hatchery at Cazadero has yielded 3,443,000 eggs. Of this number 3,031,000 were sent to the Salmon River hatchery.

It is also reported that during the past year the hatcheries have liberated 27,719,173 chinook fry in the Columbia river and tributaries, 2,638,161 silversides and 228,303 steelheads.

It is pointed out in the report that thousands of the young salmon are swept out on irrigated fields through the irrigation ditches of eastern Oregon on their way from the hatcheries to the sea and are killed.

It is recommended that a law should be provided enforcing the use of screens at the intakes of these ditches.

The report states that an appropriation of $15,000 will be asked for the construction of a central hatchery on the Columbia river, where young fry can be shipped and cared for until old enough to turn loose in the river.

A scalp bounty on seals and sea lions is advocated, owing to the great amount of salmon destroyed by these animals.

Mr. McAllister makes various suggestions for needed legislation.

GRISCOM TRANSMITS LETTER FROM LUPTON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 6. — Ambassador Griscom cabled the state department today confirming the report that Vice Consul Lupton survived the Messina disaster. Griscom has received a letter from Lupton, written January 3, in which the vice consul says:

"It is practically impossible to telegraph the department any information from here. The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Cheney are buried under tons of debris at the consulate, and it will take weeks of work by the 200 men clearing the debris to reach them. Only 10,000 people are now in Messina, and these are departing rapidly."

Griscom says that Cutting and Landis, whom he sent to Messina to search for Americans, have wired that the only private American citizens known to have been in Messina on December 28 were Mr. and Mrs. Fobert, of whom little can be learned. Their fate is unknown.

Factory surplus sale. See page 5.

EARLY ADVANCE IS LOST LATER

Chicago Market Firm and Higher at Start—Liverpool Opens Low.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Jan. 5.	Loss.
May	107⅞	107⅝A	107½	*⅛
July	99	98½B	98⅝	½
Sept.	95⅝	94⅝	95	⅜

*Gain.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Opening values on wheat abroad were lower today, but the tone became firmer during the session and the closing was firmer. At Liverpool wheat started weak, ¼d lower, but closed unchanged from yesterday.

This market showed a bulge in price at the start, short covering being the cause of the activity at higher prices. May wheat went to 107⅞, or ⅜c above yesterday's closing. July started the same sum higher at 99c. The greatest strength at the opening was shown by the September, which started ⅝c above Tuesday's bid.

An excellent cash call had considerable influence with the trade during the first half of the session, and this induced considerable buying back by those who had sold short. Minneapolis reported spot wheat very firm, with No 1 northern selling at a premium of 1c over the May. Minneapolis mills were the buyers of the cash stuff.

After the opening the strength was continued for about an hour. Turning dull, the tone became weaker and this brought forward more selling.

Primary receipts in bushels:

	Today.	Year Ago.
Wheat	304,000	481,000
Corn	583,000	601,000
Shipments:		
Wheat	137,000	191,000
Corn	400,000	386,000

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

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	107⅞	108	107¼	107⅝A
July	99	99⅛	98¼	98½B
Sept.	95⅝	95⅝	94⅝	94⅝

CORN.

May	61¼	61⅝	61⅛	61½B
July	61¾	61⅝	61	61¾
Sept.	62⅛	62⅛	61⅝	61⅞B

OATS.

May	51½	51¾	51⅝	51⅝
July	46	46¼	46	46⅛
Sept.	39¼	39¼	39¼	39¼

PORK.

Jan.	1642	1645	1637	1637
May	1665	1672	1662	1665

LARD.

Jan.	950	952	947	947
May	972	977	967	972B
July	982	987	982	985A

RIBS.

Jan.	850	850	845	847
May	877	880	872	875
July	...	...	...	890A

YAMHILL VISITED BY MOST SEVERE SNOW IN 10 YEARS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

McMinnville, Or., Jan. 6.—The most severe snowstorm that has visited Yamhill county for more than 10 years occurred yesterday. A strong north wind blew. The total snow fall was nearly six inches.

The cold wind drove the snow everywhere. The government minimum thermometer at this place kept falling all day and last night at 6 o'clock registered 17 degrees, 15 degrees below freezing. The snow quit falling the middle of the afternoon but cold increased during the night.

ICY BLASTS ARE SWEEPING GRAYS HARBOR COUNTRY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Aberdeen, Jan. 6.—With a keen, icy east wind blowing, and the thermometer last night registering but 23 degrees above zero, Grays Harbor is in the grasp of the coldest weather of the winter. Snow is reported but a few miles up country, where the temperature is somewhat milder. Ice is thick enough for skating at Montesano, 12 miles distant.

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DAIRY AND CREAMERY OWNERS TENDER LEGISLATORS LUNCHEON

Members of the Multnomah county delegation, and all other members-elect of the legislature who could be rounded up were given a taste of pure milk fresh from the cow, fresh butter just from the churn, cream like mother used to put on the strawberries, and various oher things too numerous to mention at a luncheon given by the dairymen and creamerymen at the Commercial club at noon today.

The dairymen and creamerymen, marshaled by J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner, want something from the legislature. Believing that the shortest way to a man's heart is through his stomach, and openly boasting of their belief they arranged the luncheon.

The dairymen and creamerymen want three or four dairy inspectors to be provided for by statute. The duties of these inspectors is to be the inspection of the creameries and dairies of the state, and the education of the farmers of the state in the best way to make butter, care for cream, handle cows and boom the dairy business generally. According to the plan these men would travel through the state meeting the farmers and dairymen and instructing them in the best and most scientific manner of handling their herds and output.

It is contended that such men would be of great benefit to the industry of the state, and would eventually be able to build up the dairy business in the state until Oregon would be close to the head of the list as a butter and milk producing state.

The luncheon was prepared for noon today in order that the dairymen and others interested in the movement would have an opportunity to present their contentions clearly and concisely before the legislators.

RELIEF GRANTED ALASKAN SUITORS

Washington, Jan. 6.—Litigants in Alaska will be enabled to save the expense of a journey to San Francisco to amend cases pending on appeal in the United States circuit court of appeals for the Ninth district, through the provision of a senate bill passed today. The measure provides that litigants may attend the court session at either Portland or Seattle instead of being compelled to journey to San Francisco.

W. C. Bristol, formerly United States district attorney for this district, when asked in regard to the above dispatch, stated that the measure, if it becomes a law, will be a great convenience to litigants in Alaska, and also to the government itself.

The bill, he said, has been up before congress twice before. At the time it was first introduced it was almost impossible for anyone to get out of Alaska in the winter time. When they could get out at all, it was necessary to go to Valdez or Sitka and then make the long trip down by water. The season closes usually by October 10.

Heretofore it has been necessary for all cases appealed to the United States circuit court of appeals to be taken to San Francisco, and Alaskan litigants have generally been obliged to employ counsel in San Francisco to look after their cases, which, of course, was a heavy expense.

The court is obliged by law to come to Portland and Seattle at least once a year, usually in September, to hold a term of court. The new senate bill means that Alaskan cases may be taken before the court in these two cities instead of having to go to San Francisco.

Frequently the court comes up north and finds no cases awaiting its action, but by law it must come whether there are any cases to be tried or not. This is a great expense as the entire court has to be moved north and then taken back south again. Under the proposed law, the Alaskan cases can be tried here, and thus the court will be able to dispose of this business at a time when it otherwise might find nothing to do. The proposed law, therefore, will be a saving not only to litigants but to the government. The time for holding court here, also, is much more convenient for Alaskan litigants, as the transcripts of Alaskan cases can reach here by September when it is impossible for them to be sent to San Francisco by May or June when the court holds its sessions in the south. Mr. Bristol expresses the belief that the law, if passed in the form of the original bill, will prove to be a good one.

WEATHER IS MILD BUT SNOW FALLS IN VALE COUNTRY

Vale, Or., Jan. 6.—The steady snowfall which commenced Tuesday throughout this territory is continuing today, without any signs of cessation. About four inches have fallen up to this time. Sheepmen have gone to the ranges to look after stock, which will require feeding for awhile. Both stockmen and ranchers are congratulating themselves on the snowfall, which insures a feed supply on the ranges next spring, and water for the streams. The weather is comparatively mild.

TACOMA REPORTS SNOW AND WARMER

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 6.—The cold wave of yesterday gave place early this morning to a snowstorm and rising temperature. Two inches of snow had fallen at 1 o'clock this afternoon and there was no indication of a cessation of the storm. No damage and little inconvenience has resulted. The high wind is greatly lessened in velocity today and normal conditions again prevail on the waterfront, where some damage was done during the storm of Tuesday night.

FUNDS COME IN FROM OUTSIDE

Contributions for the relief fund being raised by the Portland committee for the Italian earthquake sufferers are beginning to come in from the outside in response to the appeal of Governor Chamberlain. A letter received this morning by Colonel David M. Dunne, treasurer of the committee, reads:

Alicel, Or.—Enclosed find a money order for $7.25 as a contribution from the Alicel Union Sunday school to be forwarded by you to the earthquake sufferers in southern Italy. We trust that other schools may send larger sums for the same purpose. May God's blessings be upon you and your committee. Yours very truly, B. S. Webb, superintendent."

All persons wishing to contribute to the fund, which is now more than $5,000, may do so by calling at the Hibernia Savings bank or by sending money order or by draft to Colonel Dunne, who makes his headquarters at that institution.

JUDGES REFUSE TO LET JURIES DECIDE

Plaintiffs in big damage cases in the circuit court are finding difficulty this term of court in getting their cases before juries. Judge Morrow has granted a nonsuit in favor of the defendant and discharged the jury in the case of James E. Williams against the Oregon Round Lumber company, and Judge Cleland nonsuited Einer Halversen in his suit against the O. R. & N. Williams claimed $32,000 and Halversen $20,000, the former for an amputated foot and the latter for an injured hand. In each case the court held that the plaintiff could not recover any damages.

LINE TO TAP TWIN FALLS COUNTRY

Surveys have been made by Harriman engineers, working for the Oregon Short Line, for a new line running from Twin Falls, Idaho, 120 miles south to the Southern Pacific, 20 miles east of Wells, Nev., according to the Railroad Age Gazette. The articles of incorporation of the Minidoka & Southwestern have been amended and extended so as to cover this survey. If the line is authorized and constructed it will serve as the western and southern outlet for the agricultural country around Twin Falls and in southern Idaho.

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