

MARKETS AND CROPS. WHEAT AND GRAIN. CATTLE AND HORSES. WOOL. LUMBER. COPPER. BULLION. STOCKS AND BONDS. PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET. OFF GRADE CATTLE ARE DOWN A QUARTER BUT PRICES THE SAME FOR GOOD. FURTHER GAIN OF 2 3-4 POINTS MADE TODAY—UTAH COPPER JUMPS TO 61 3-4.

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Recent Dullness Has Effect of Bringing Down Price of Growers Would Sell.

During the late dullness in the hop market the price fell 2c a pound, and the very highest figure now offering is 21c, and the trade is not disposed to take hold at this figure.

Interviews with the leading interests in the Pacific coast hop trade during the past few hours confirm all late utterances of The Journal regarding the dullness in the local trade.

There is no business at all passing at this time, says Julius Wolf of Silverton. "No one wants to buy, and you couldn't sell if you wanted to."

Purchase Reports Are Reported. In order to make the hop market appear more lively than it actually is, some of the growers are repeating old sales over and over again, and their prices printed are generally from 4c to 10c above the highest actual transactions made at.

Considering the readiness of the eastern market and the strength of the local market to continue inactive and weak, but such is the actual case.

Ability of the growers to move their hops at the price quoted by these hop interests through their various publications added to the selling pressure from growers who wanted to take profits.

Best Eastern Freely Offering at 27 and 28c a Dozen in Local Market. Egg market is broken wide open.

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Crop Advances From There Add to Bullishness of Wheat Situation.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—News from Argentina was of character to induce here short covering in the wheat pit and closing prices were 1/4 to 3/4 a bushel higher than yesterday.

Latest cables from South America fully confirm the earlier reports of damage and poor quality. Since the recent government report has been issued and fully digested by the grain trade, the increased output is not considered such a bright feature as it is at first deemed.

Pressure to buy was much greater than profit taking, although some of the big bulls seemed inclined to take real money for a portion of their holdings.

Early gain in the May and July, while not so good as in the December, were not so much advanced to the high mark at 118 1/2, or 1 1/2c above yesterday, but the closing was 1/4c under this, or a net advance of 1 1/4c.

WHEAT. Open. High. Low. Close. Dec. 115 1/2 117 1/2 115 1/2 117 1/2 A

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More Snake River Wheat. Asotin, Wash., Dec. 17.—The wheat crop is being rapidly moved from Snake river points by the boats, which make three trips a week.

Business Is Good. North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 17.—In spite of the failure of the peach crop here this season, and a production of apples only 25 per cent of a full crop, the merchants of North Yakima report that business this season is 40 per cent greater than for the same season a year ago.

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Further Gain of 2 3-4 Points Made Today—Utah Copper Jumps to 61 3-4. New York, Dec. 17.—Seven per cent dividend announcement recently made for Louisville & Nashville caused a further advance of 3/4 points in that security.

Only fractionally changes were shown in the general security list, but most of Americans were firm and active in London today with values 1/2 to 1/4 higher.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co. Amal. Copper Co. 87 1/2 88 87 1/2 87 1/2

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PRODUCE PRICES IN NORTH AND SOUTH. (United Press Landed Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Wheat, per doz.

SACRAMENTO STORE FIRED BY BURGLARS. (United Press Landed Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 17.—A fire caused \$10,000 damage to the furniture store of Charles M. Campbell last night.

CUCUMBERS SELL AT NEARLY 19 CENTS EACH ON STREET. Cucumbers are high these days along Front street and the average cost in the wholesale market is 18 1/2c each.

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COAL CLAIMANTS ALLEGED SLAYER LIKELY TO LOSE TAKEN ON TRAIN. Pinchot's Interference Has Placed Alaska Grab in Jeopardy. Umatilla Murder Mystery Is Believed Solved by Arrest of George Tracy.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 17.—There is good reason to believe the general land office will be forced to reject the Alaska coal claims as such recommendations have been received from men in the field as will compel the rejection of the claims as illegal notwithstanding the present secretary of the interior once cleared listed many of them for patent.

HOBS LEAVE MAN MANGLED TO DEATH. (United Press Landed Wire.) San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 17.—Pedro Cervantes is lying in a precarious condition in the county hospital suffering from wounds sustained and exposure suffered when he was beaten and robbed by tramps who then threw him off a fast moving freight train and left him on the desert to die.

WALLACE POSSIBLY LURED TO HIS DEATH. Nevada City, Cal., Dec. 17.—An organized search was begun today for Wallace, secretary of the California State Miners' union, who has been missing from his home in Grass Valley since Thanksgiving day.

SALOON HOLDUP ESCAPES WITH \$750. Michael McCormick, proprietor of a saloon at Thirteenth and Northrup streets, reported to the police this morning that his place was held up last night.

CHRISTIE MAKES A RECORD. Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—Christie, driving a big racing car, today broke the American record for a quarter of a mile, covering that distance in 8 3/4 seconds.

The Bitulithic Pavement. Because It Is BEST FOR THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER. Because It Is Resilient and Non-Slippery. Warren Construction Company. BECK BUILDING.

SMITH WANTS. and will pay as follows for good, fat and well-never charge commission on anything.

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT. (Portland Banks.) Clearings today \$1,224,249.30

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