# BILL TO REGULATE SIZE OF APPLE BOXES INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

## TURKEY MARKET HAS EXTREME STRENGTH AT CLOSE OF TRADE

**End of the Holiday Business Along Front Street Finds No Birds Available for Buyers; Prices Are Shoved Up a Notch.**

**Today's Produce Trade.**
More eggs arriving.
Turkey prices higher.
Chickens hold steady.
Slow movement for geese.
Butter prices holding.
Good orange demand.
Hop business is quiet.
Country meats steady.
Salmon receipts limited.

The end of turkey buying for the Christmas trade along Front street showed unusual and almost unexpected strength. Sales of fancy dressed birds was made as high as 27½@28c a pound. At the last moment a few shipments of "culls" came forward. There was little demand for these and receivers were compelled to sell them as low as 20c a pound even though good birds were scarce and very firm at the higher figures.

The turkey market for the Christmas trade was the biggest sort of surprise to the trade generally. Everyone was overjoyed at the extreme prices in effect.

The receipts, while entirely cleaned up at the closing of business for the holidays, were rather fair, although not as heavy as some interests had expected.

The big demand—and a totally unexpected one—from Puget sound, Alaska and British Columbia, took out most of the arrivals, therefore there were few birds left for the needs of the home trade.

### GEESE ARE SELLING SLOWLY

The movement of dressed geese along Front street was very disappointing to the trade generally. It was expected that with the scarcity of turkeys geese would be in better request and prices advance.

### MORE JAPANESE ORANGES IN

Another shipment of Japanese oranges arrived on the local market this morning. Demand was very good and prices were advanced to $1.50 a box. California tangerines are also in better request.

### MEAT PRICES QUOTED STEADY

Steadiness is showing in the Front street market for country killed meats. Receipts of hogs have been very liberal of late but prices are showing no change along the street. Veals are slightly weaker.

### BUTTER MARKET IS HOLDING

Steadiness is showing in the butter trade locally. Both state and city makers report a rather fair movement and prices are being quite well maintained. There is only a very limited call for country store.

### EGGS SELLING MORE FREELY

Receipts of eggs along Front street are showing an increase. Practically all the sales reported today were at 40c a dozen and this is the price quoted in these reports. Business above this figure is too limited to consider as a factor.

### SOME SALMON IS ARRIVING IN

Small supplies of fresh salmon are again coming forward from the Tillamook section, the road being open for traffic. Supplies are still limited considering the wants of the trade and values are held firm.

### SHIPPERS' WEATHER FORECAST

Weather bureau sends the following notice to shippers: Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against minimum temperatures of about 40 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 30 degrees; southeast to Boise, 20 degrees; south to Ashland, 44 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tonight, about 40 degrees.

### PORTLAND JOBBING PRICES

These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated:

BUTTER—Nominal. Creamery cubes, selling price 32c, which is the butterfat basis; prints 35c; first, 34@35c; ranch butter, 20c; New Zealand prints, 34c.

EGGS—Selected. Candled local extras 40c; case count, 38c; spot buying price, f. o. b. Portland; storage, 35@36c; storage, 30@32c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens 14c; springs 14c; stags 11c; geese, 12c; Pekin ducks, 13c; Indian Runners, 10@11c; turkeys, 20@21c; dressed, 27@28c; pigeons, old, $1; young, $1.50 dozen; jackrabbits, $1.50 dozen.

CHEESE—Nominal. Fresh Oregon fancy full cream twins and triplets, 17c; daisies, 17½c; Young America, 18½c.

**Hops, Wool and Hides.**

HOPS—Buying price, choice, 20@21c; prime, 19@19½c; medium to prime, 19c; medium, 16@18c; 1914 contracts 16c lb.

WOOL—Nominal, 1913 clip: Willamette valley coarse Cotswold, 16c lb.; medium Shropshire, 17c; choice fancy lots, 18c lb.; eastern Oregon 10@16c, according to shrinkage.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK—1913, car lots, 4½c; less than car lots, 4½c.

MOHAIR—1913—Nominal 30c.

HIDES—Dry hides, 22@23c lb.; green, 11@12c; salted hides, 13c; bulls, green salt, 8@9c; kips, 13@14c; calves, dry, 25c; calf skins, salted or green, 18c; green hides, 1c less than salted; sheep pelts, salted, shearings, 10@25c, dry, 10c.

**Fruits and Vegetables.**

BERRIES—Huckleberries, 8@10c lb.; cranberries, local, $9@12; eastern, $11.50@12 barrel.

FRESH FRUITS — Oranges navels, $2.00@2.75; Japanese oranges, $1.25@1.50 per box; bananas, 4½@5c lb.; lemons, $6.50@7.00; limes $1.50 per 100; grapefruit, Florida, $6@6.25; pineapples, 6½@7c; grapes, $1.75@2.00; pears, $1.25@1.75; persimmons, $1.75 crate.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.15; beets, $1.15, carrots, $1.15; parsnips, $1.15 sack; cabbage $1.75; California tomatoes, $1.75; lugs, $1.75; green onions, 12½c dozen bunches; peppers, bell, 5@6c; head lettuce, 40@50c dozen; celery, local, 50@75c; California, $3.50 crate; egg plant, 10c; cauliflower, local, 65c@$1.25 dozen; artichokes, $1.65 dozen, sprouts, 10c; string beans, 7@10c; lima beans, 11c lb.; peas, 6@7c.

ONIONS—Jobbing price, $2.75@2.85; carload buying price, $2.50 f. o. b. shipping station; garlic, 12½@15c lb.

APPLES—Spitzenberg, $1.25@2.50; Northern Spy, 75c@$1.50; Jonathan $1.00@2.00; Rhode Island Greening, $1.00@1.25; Winter Bananas, $1.50@2.50; Ortley $1.50@2.00; Gravenstein, $1.00@1.75 per box; cooking grades, 75c@$1.00.

POTATOES — Selling price: Extra choice, $1.15@1.25; choice, $1.15; ordinary, $1.00 sack; buying price, carloads, 70c; extra fancy, sorted, 90c; ordinary, 75c country points; sweets, $2.00 per cwt.

**Meats, Fish and Provisions.**

DRESSED MEATS — Selling price—Country killed: Hogs, fancy, 9½@10c; ordinary, 9c; rough and heavy, 7@8c; fancy veals, 13½c; ordinary, 12½@13c; poor, 9@10c; lambs, 10c; mutton, 8c goats, 2@4c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC. — Hams, 18½@19½c; breakfast bacon, 19@27½c; boiled ham, 29½c; picnics, 15c; cottage (—).

MEATS—Packing house—Steers, No. 1 stock, 13c; cows, No. 1 stock, 12c; ewes, 9½c; wethers, 10½c; lambs, 12c; pork loins, 18c; dressed hogs, 13c.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon (—); per 100 lb. sack (—); Olympia, per gallon, $3.50; per 100 lb. sack (—); canned eastern, 55c can; $6.50 dozen; eastern, in shell, $1.75@2.00 per 100; razor clams, $2.00@2.25 box; eastern oysters, per gallon, solid pack, $3.00.

FISH—Nominal. Dressed flounders, 7c; halibut 8@10c; striped bass, 17c; silverside salmon, 9c; steelheads 10c; halibut, 8@12c; Columbia smelt, 16@17c lb.; shrimps, 12½c; perch 8c lb.; lobsters, 30c lb.; black bass 10c; silver smelt, 7c; shad (—); black cod, 8c; sturgeon, 12½c; dressed tomcod, 8c.

LARD — Tierces, 12½c; compound, tierces, 11c.

CRABS—Large, $1.60; medium, $1 dozen.

**Groceries.**

SUGAR—Cube, $5.40; powdered, $5.20; fruit, or berry, $5.00; beet, $4.80; dry granulated, $5; D yellow, $4.30. (Above quotations are 30 days net cash.)

BEANS—Small white 6¼; large white, $4.90; pink, $4½c; limas, 6¼c; bayo, $5.75; red, 5½c.

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 5½@5¾c; New Orleans, head, 5¾@7c; Creole, 5½c.

HONEY—New, $2.75 per case.

SALT—Coarse, half grounds, 100s, $10 per ton; 50s $10.75; table dairy, 50s, $18; 10s, $17.50; bales, $2.25; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $5.25@6.00; lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

**Paints and Oils.**

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls. 58c per gal.; kettle boiled, bbls., 60c gal.; raw cases, 63c; boiled cases, 65c gal.; lots of 250 gallons 1c less; oil cake meal, $44 per ton.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 8c per lb.; 500 lb. lots 8c per lb.; less lots, 8½c per lb.

OIL MEAL—Carload lots, $34.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 73c; wood barrels, 70c; iron barrels, 66c per gallon.

**SPOT CASH FOR YOUR Eggs, Poultry, Hogs, Veal**

We want for New Years dressed turkeys, fancy grade, 24 to 25c lb.; ducks and geese, 16 to 18c lb.; 2d grade will be less; live chickens, ducks and geese, 13 to 14c lb.; live turkeys, 18 to 20c lb. Ship to reach us on Dec. 28 or 29. Cash by return mail. RUBY & CO., 107 Front st., Portland, Or. Assets $30,000.00.

## QUIET BUSINESS IN THE HOP MARKET OVER THE HOLIDAYS IS GENERAL

**Market Is Slow Everywhere but Strength Is Indicated at All Centers; Contract Stocks Are Held Firm at 16 Cents Per Pound.**

While there is a rather quiet tone in the hop trade at this time, the trend of the trade is very good. Contract prices for the coming crop are being held firm at 16c a pound.

Foreign markets are closed over the holidays, therefore no cables are reported by the local trade. Recent sales, however, at 20 to 21c a pound for best spot offerings, indicate that the trade is still in a rather good position.

This activity in the spot hop market this season remained for a longer period into the holidays than ever before known. This in itself is an indication of the strength of the trade's position. Were the hops not badly needed it is not likely that buying should have been shown on such a liberal scale so close to the holidays as recently.

There has been considerable strength in the New York market of late, although little business has passed because of the very limited holdings.

## CHICAGO WHEAT LOWER

**Market Closed Unchanged to ⅜c Off for the Day; December Options Stationary.**

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wheat prices closed unchanged for December, ⅛c lower for May and ⅜c for July. The market was also unchanged for December at the opening, with May off ⅛c and July ¼c.

Trading was of small volume, with a very narrow spread in quotations.

Bradstreet's report of the grain, visible supply:

Wheat—East of Rockies, increased 1,731,000 bushels. West of Rockies, decreased 254,000 bushels. Canada increased $4,557,000 bushels. Europe and afloat increased 6,031,000 bushels. Total world's supply increased 6,334,000 bushels.

Corn—Increased 2,302,000 bushels.

Oats—Increased 5,028,000 bushels.

Broomhall cabled from Liverpool that wheat was lower. The late steadiness in America yesterday was offset by the weakness in Buenos Ayres at the close, and the continued favorable reports from Argentina. The market was depressed.

Argentina estimated wheat shipments 560,000 bushels. Corn 1,700,000 bushels. Indian shipments wheat this week will be none.

Range of Chicago prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co., 216-217 Board of Trade building.

| Month— | Open. | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **WHEAT** | | | | |
| Dec. | 87⅝ | 87⅞ | 87⅝ | 87⅝ B |
| May | 90⅝ | 90⅞ | 90½ | 90⅝ A |
| July | 87⅛ | 87⅞ | 87 | 87 A |
| **CORN** | | | | |
| Dec. | 69⅛ | 70 | 69¼ | 69¼ B |
| May | 69½ | 69⅝ | 69⅛ | 69⅜ |
| July | 69 | 69⅛ | 68⅝ | 68⅝ B |
| **OATS** | | | | |
| Dec. | 38⅞ | 38⅞ | 38⅝ | 38⅝ B |
| May | 41½ | 41½ | 41⅛ | 41⅛ B |
| July | 40½ | 40⅜ | 40⅛ | 40⅝ B |
| **PORK** | | | | |
| Jan. | 2050 | 2050 | 2045 | 2045 |
| May | 2092 | 2095 | 2087 | 2087 |
| **LARD** | | | | |
| Jan. | 1067 | 1067 | 1067 | 1067 A |
| May | 1102 | 1102 | 1102 | 1102 B |
| **RIBS** | | | | |
| Jan. | 1077 | 1080 | 1075 | 1075 A |
| May | 1110 | 1112 | 1107 | 1107 |

## FIX SIZE OF APPLE BOXES

**Bill Introduced in Congress Which Is Similar to That Written by Wrisler.**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Congressman Raker has introduced a bill fixing the standard size of a box of apples as follows: Depth of end, 10½ inches; width of end, 11½ inches; length of box, 18 inches; all inside measurements and representing as near as possible 21,703½ cubic inches. The penalty for any evasion of the law is fixed at $1 per box.

### CHICAGO CATTLE ARE HIGHER

**Market Up a Dime for Day With Hogs 5c Off; Sheep Strong.**

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Hogs—23,000. Market 5c lower. Mixed, $7.35@7.85; heavy, $7.65@7.80; rough, $7.35@7.55; light, $7.35@7.75.

Cattle—7000. Market 10c higher.
Sheep—12,000. Market strong.

### DENVER CATTLE HOLDING FIRM

**Colorado Market in Good Shape; No Arrivals of Hogs or Sheep.**

Denver, Dec. 24.—Hogs, none.
Cattle—Receipts 100. Market firm. Steers $6.00@7.25. Cows and heifers, $5.25@6.50.
Sheep—None. There will be no market Christmas.

### KANSAS CITY SHEEP ADVANCE

**Sales Are Made at Rise of a Dime Today; Swine Down a Nickel.**

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Hogs—5000. Market 5c lower. Tops $7.75.
Cattle—11,000. Market steady.
Sheep—2000. Market 10c higher.

**New York Cotton Market.**

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 1204 | 1210 | 1190 | 1194@95 |
| Mar. | 1225 | 1234 | 1216 | 1221@22 |
| May | 1224 | 1229 | 1213 | 1216@17 |
| July | 1229 | 1230 | 1213 | 1218@19 |
| Aug. | 1207 | 1210 | 1200 | 1198@12 |
| Oct. | 1170 | 1170 | 1161 | 1159@61 |
| Dec. | 1220 | 1226 | 1211 | 1212@15 |

## LIVESTOCK MARKET IS VERY QUIET TODAY IN NO. PORTLAND YARDS

**All Receipts of Cattle Are Direct Shipment to Seattle Packer; General Conditions in the Local Trade Are Steady.**

**In the Livestock Market.**
North Portland—Hogs and cattle, steady; sheep strong.

Chicago—Hogs lower, cattle higher, sheep steady.

Kansas City—Hogs lower, cattle steady, sheep higher.

Denver—Cattle firm, no other arrivals.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

| | Hogs. | Cattle. | Calves. | Sheep. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | 195 | 127 | .. | 1263 |
| Tuesday | 525 | 375 | .. | 234 |
| Monday | 2133 | 570 | 6 | 1734 |
| Saturday | 672 | .. | .. | 78 |
| Friday | 1235 | 1 | .. | 514 |
| Thursday | 778 | 158 | .. | 60 |
| Week ago | 830 | 234 | 11 | 353 |
| Year ago—Holiday. | | | | |
| Two years ago | ... | 19 | .. | .... |

With tomorrow a general holiday in the livestock trade, conditions in the trade were rather quiet at North Portland today. While there was a fair run of cattle, all of these came direct to James Henry, the Seattle packer, and therefore did not enter the local market at all.

Conditions in the cattle trade at North Portland continue rather quiet, former prices still in effect. There is no change in the general situation from that shown during recent days.

At Chicago there was a firmer tone in the cattle market for the day, with values a dime better than yesterday.

Kansas City cattle market was steady at yesterday's prices.

General cattle market range:

| | |
|---|---|
| Best steers | $ 7.75 |
| Ordinary steers | 7.50@7.60 |
| Poor steers | 7.00@7.25 |
| Best heifers | 6.75 |
| Best cows | 6.70 |
| Medium cows | 6.25 |
| Poor cows | 5.50@5.85 |
| Ordinary bulls | 4.50 |
| Fancy bulls | 6.50 |
| Fancy stags | 8.50@9.00 |
| Prime heavy | 6.50@7.50 |

**Hog Market Is Steady.**

There was only a limited run in the swine pens over night but the best offerings held at unchanged prices with tops at $7.75 this morning. The wants of the trade here are still well supplied with most of the killers holding surplus supply. Considering this the market is holding rather well.

At Chicago there was a weaker tone in the hog market for the day, prices being a nickel lower.

Kansas City hog market was weaker with a loss of 5c.

General hog market range:

| | |
|---|---|
| Top killers | $ 7.75 |
| Good and light | 7.65@7.70 |
| Heavy | 7.25@7.50 |
| Rough and heavy | 6.75 |

**Sheep Situation Strong.**

There was quite a liberal run of mutton in the North Portland yards overnight. General conditions in the trade remain firm, especially for the better class offering.

Killers are taking hold of mutton supplies rather freely and are making no effort to bring prices down.

At Chicago there was a strong tone in the sheep market for the day.

Kansas City sheep market ruled strong with an advance of a dime.

General mutton market range.

| | |
|---|---|
| Best spring lambs | $6.25@6.40 |
| Ordinary lambs | 5.75@6.00 |
| Old wethers | 5.00@5.25 |
| Fancy ewes | 4.25@4.50 |
| Ordinary ewes | 2.75@3.85 |

**Today's Livestock Shippers.**

Hogs—L. L. Miller, Nampa, Idaho, 1 load; B. K. Jackson, Wash., 1 load.

Cattle—A. S. Stauffer, Caldwell, Idaho, 4 loads, Parma, Idaho, 1 load; all direct to James Henry of Seattle.

Sheep—J. C. K. Krumwelt, Wash., 4 loads; O. N. Logan, Huntington, 1 load.

**Tuesday Afternoon Sales.**

| Section. | No. | Ave. lbs. | Price. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **STEERS** | | | |
| Idaho | 26 | 1058 | $7.30 |
| Idaho | 27 | 1037 | 7.30 |
| Idaho | 27 | 1062 | 7.30 |
| Idaho | 27 | 1027 | 7.30 |
| Idaho | 28 | 1037 | 7.30 |
| Idaho | 28 | 1060 | 7.30 |
| Idaho | 27 | 1012 | 7.30 |
| Idaho | 26 | 1031 | 7.30 |
| Oregon | 1 | 1240 | 7.30 |
| Idaho | 1 | 930 | 7.30 |
| Idaho | 21 | 1096 | 7.10 |
| Idaho | 21 | 1097 | 7.10 |
| Idaho | 14 | 1057 | 7.10 |
| **COWS** | | | |
| Oregon | 25 | 1069 | $6.35 |
| Oregon | 29 | 1090 | 6.35 |
| Washington | 1 | 1120 | 6.00 |

**Wednesday Morning Sales.**

| Section. | No. | Ave. lbs. | Price. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **HOGS** | | | |
| Washington | 92 | 200 | $7.75 |
| Idaho | 37 | 145 | 7.00 |
| Idaho | 1 | 470 | 6.60 |
| Idaho | 65 | 114 | 6.60 |
| **LAMBS** | | | |
| Oregon | 210 | 76 | $6.35 |
| Oregon | 70 | 77 | 6.35 |
| **WETHERS** | | | |
| Oregon | 1 | 170 | $5.00 |

### NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT

**Portland Banks.**

| Clearings— | This Week | Year Ago |
|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | $1,613,366.07 | Holiday |
| Tuesday | 2,734,235.85 | $1,763,182.63 |
| Monday | 2,184,706.75 | 2,117,553.18 |
| Week to date | $6,532,308.67 | $3,883,735.81 |

**Seattle Produce Market.**

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Eggs—select ranch, 45@46c; April storage, 34@35c; do seconds, 30@32c.

Butter—Washington creamery first cubes, 36c; do brick, 37c; city creamery bricks, 37c; New Zealand cubes, 34c; do bricks, 35c.

Cheese—Tillamook, 18c; Young Americas, 19c; triplets, 17½@18c; Wisconsin twins, 18c; Oregon triplets, 17½@18c.

Onions—California yellow, 2½@2¾c lb.; local, $1.50@1.75 per sack; Oregon, 3c per lb.

Potatoes — Local, $20@22; Yakima gems, $23@24.

**Money and Exchange.**

London, Dec. 24.—Consols, 71 15-16; silver, 26 11-16; bank rate, 5 per cent.

New York, Dec. 24.—Sterling exchange, long, $4.82; do short, $4.86; silver bullion 57½c.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Sterling exchange, 60 days, $4.80¾; do sight, $4.84¾; do documentary, $4.79⅞; transfers, telegraphic, 4 per cent premium; transfers, sight, 1 per cent premium.

### OWNER OF BULL SNAKE TAKEN VIOLENTLY ILL

Nellie Wrenn, held by the government as a witness against W. E. Hoover, an itinerant showman arrested at Pendleton last week for an alleged violation of the Mann white slavery act, was rushed from the county jail last night to the Good Samaritan hospital, having suddenly become ill. The woman is the owner of "Pedro," the big snake being kept at the office of United States Marshal Montag.

## STANDARD BOX FOR APPLES IS THE OBJECT OF BILL INTRODUCED

**Congressman Raker Names Measurements for Package Similar to Those Sought by Pacific Coast Organizations.**

The introduction of a bill in congress for the fixing of a standard sized package for apples, is considered one of the best things that has happened in the fruit trade recently.

The bill introduced by Congressman Raker is similar to that recently written by C. E. Wisler, the well known Medford authority, and recently elected president of the Oregon State Horticultural society.

"The bill is all right so far as our information goes,' says A. P. Bateham, former president of the society and a vice president of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange of this city. "The measurements named in the Raker bill are substantially the same as those named in the Wisler bill, and the penalty for violations is the same. However, we have no information regarding the Raker bill regarding the quality of fruit.'

The Wisler bill recently indorsed by Pacific coast horticultural organizations sought to remedy many defects in the present system of marketing boxed apples just as the Sulzer bill sought to remedy the defects regarding barreled fruit.

## GIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

**Wall Street Gets Better Market and Higher Prices for Holiday; General Feeling Better.**

New York, Dec. 24.—Wall street was well pleased today with its Christmas present in the shape of a firmer and higher market for securities, as well as a better feeling generally.

The stock market, under the leadership of Reading, was sharply higher, Reading closed with a net advance of 4 points today.

It is current report that the New York chamber of commerce at its next meeting will indorse the application of the railroads for an increase of 5 per cent in freight rates.

The New Haven bond issue is still in court, and the time for subscriptions has been extended to January 20.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co., 216-217 Board of Trade building.

| DESCRIPTION— | Open | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amal. Copper Co. | 72½ | 74 | 72⅝ | 73⅜ |
| Am. Car & Foundry, c. | | | | 44⅛ |
| American can, com. | 29⅞ | 30⅜ | 29¼ | 30½ |
| American Can, pref. | 89½ | 90¼ | 89⅛ | 90 |
| American Cotton Oil c | | | | 36½ |
| American Loco., c. | | | | 30 |
| American Sugar, c. | 107 | 107 | 106½ | 106½ |
| American Smelt, c. | 62¾ | 63⅜ | 62¾ | 63⅝ |
| American Smelt, pf. | | | | 98⅜ |
| Am. Tel. & Tel. | 122⅝ | 123⅜ | 122½ | 123 |
| Anaconda Mining Co. | 35 | 35¼ | 34⅞ | 35¼ |
| Atchison, c. | 94 | 94½ | 93⅝ | 93⅞ |
| Atchison, pf | | | | 98¼ |
| Baltimore & Ohio, c. | 91⅞ | 92½ | 91⅞ | 92¾ |
| Beet Sugar | | | | 23½ |
| Bethlehem Steel, c. | 30 | 30⅞ | 30 | 30⅞ |
| Brooklyn Rapid Transit | 88¼ | 88⅜ | 88¼ | 88¼ |
| Canadian Pacific, c. | 211 | 211½ | 208⅝ | 211 |
| Central Leather, c. | 27 | 27 | 26⅝ | 26⅞ |
| Central Leather, pf. | | | | 94½ |
| Chi. & G. W., c. | 11⅞ | 11⅞ | 11½ | 11½ |
| Chi., & G. W., pf. | 28⅛ | 28¼ | 28 | 27½ |
| Chi., Mil. & St. P. | 100¼ | 100⅜ | 99¾ | 100⅜ |
| Chi. & N. W., c. | 126 | 126½ | 123⅞ | 126½ |
| Chino Copper | 38¾ | 38½ | 38¼ | 39½ |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 58⅞ | 60⅜ | 58⅞ | 60¼ |
| Colorado F. & I., c. | | | | 28¾ |
| Consolidated Gas | 130 | 130¼ | 130 | 130 |
| Corn Products, c. | 9½ | 9⅝ | 9½ | 9½ |
| Delaware & Hudson | | | | 150 |
| Denver & R. G., c. | | | | 17¾ |
| Denver & R. G., pf. | | | | 25¼ |
| Erie, c. | 28½ | 29¼ | 28⅜ | 28⅝ |
| Erie, 2d pf. | | | | 35½ |
| Erie, 1st pf. | 44¾ | 45 | 44¼ | 44½ |
| General Electric | 140 | 140 | 139 | 139 |
| G. Northern, ore lands | 34½ | 23½ | 24¼ | 34¼ |
| G. Northern, pf. | 126⅝ | 127¼ | 126⅝ | 126¾ |
| Ice Securities | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | 23⅜ | 23¼ |
| Illinois Central | | | | 107 |
| Int. Harvester | 103⅜ | 104 | 103⅜ | 103⅜ |
| Int. Metropolitan, c. | 15 | 15⅛ | 14⅞ | 14⅞ |
| Int. Metropolitan, pf. | 60¼ | 60⅝ | 60 | 60 |
| Lehigh Valley | 153⅝ | 155½ | 153½ | 155½ |
| Kansas City Southern | 24¼ | 24½ | 24¼ | 24¼ |
| Mexican Petroleum | 45½ | 46 | 45½ | 45½ |
| Louisville & Nashville | | | | 134 |
| M., K. & T., c. | 19¼ | 19½ | 18¾ | 18⅝ |
| M., K. & T., pf. | 22 | 23⅜ | 21½ | 22⅜ |
| National Lead | | | | 44 |
| Nevada Consolidated | 15¼ | 15⅜ | 15 | 15¼ |
| New Haven | 72½ | 73¼ | 72¼ | 73 |
| New York Central | 91⅝ | 92½ | 91¼ | 92½ |
| N. Y., O. & W. | | | | 27 |
| Norfolk & Western, c. | 103¼ | 103¼ | 100½ | 101⅜ |
| Northern Pacific, c. | 109¼ | 109⅝ | 109 | 109½ |
| Pennsylvania Railway | 108⅞ | 109⅝ | 108⅝ | 109¼ |
| P. G., L. & C. Co. | | | | 120¼ |
| Pressed Steel Car, c. | 26¾ | 26¾ | 26½ | 26¾ |
| Pressed Steel Car, pf. | | | | 92¼ |
| Ray Cons. Copper | 18¼ | 18¼ | 18⅛ | 18⅜ |
| Reading, c. | 166⅝ | 170¼ | 166⅜ | 170 |
| Reading, 2d pf | 90½ | 91⅜ | 90½ | 91 |
| Reading, 1st pf | | | | 86½ |
| Republic I. & S., c. | 20 | 20 | 19⅜ | 19⅜ |
| Republic I. & S., pf. | 81 | 81¼ | 81 | 81 |
| Rock Island, c. | 13⅛ | 13½ | 13⅛ | 13½ |
| Rock Island, pf. | 20¼ | 21 | 20¼ | 21½ |
| St. L. & S. F., 2d pf. | 7 | 7¼ | 7 | 7⅜ |
| St. L. & S. F., 1st pf. | | | | 13½ |
| Southern Pacific, c. | 89½ | 90¼ | 89 | 90 |
| Southern Railway, c. | 23¼ | 23¼ | 23⅛ | 23¼ |
| Southern Railway, pf. | | | | 77 |
| Tenn. Copper | | | | 30⅜ |
| Texas & Pacific | | | | 13¼ |
| Union Pacific, c. | 155 | 156 | 154½ | 155⅞ |
| Union Pacific, pf. | 84¼ | 85 | 84¼ | 84½ |
| U. S. Rubber, c. | 56¼ | 56¼ | 56 | 55⅞ |
| U. S. Rubber, pf. | 100¼ | 100¼ | 100¼ | 100¼ |
| U. S. Steel Co., pf. | 106¼ | 106¼ | 106 | 106 |
| Utah Copper | 49¼ | 49½ | 49 | 49⅜ |
| Virginia Chemical | 28 | 28 | 27⅝ | 27⅝ |
| Wabash, c. | 3 | 3 | 2⅝ | 2⅝ |
| Wabash, pf. | | | | 7⅜ |
| W. U. Telegraph | 56⅜ | 57½ | 56⅜ | 57 |
| Westinghouse Electric | 65 | 66 | 66 | 65⅜ |
| Wisconsin Central, c. | | | | 42¼ |

Call money 3½@3¾%.
Total sales 409,200 shares.

### WIFE SAYS SHE SAWED WOOD TO SUPPORT SELF

Albany, Or., Dec. 24.—That she was compelled to saw wood on a farm as means of supporting herself, because her husband failed to properly provide for her and would abandon her for long periods at a time, is an allegation made in the divorce complaint filed today by Mrs. Meda Ella Whitcomb, against George B. Whitcomb. They were married in 1883 and have one son of age and married. She asks for $1500, $20 per month alimony and $250 attorneys fees.

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## WHEAT PRICES FIRMLY HELD WITH MILLERS PURCHASING SUPPLIES

**Country Holders Asking Full Figures and Bluestem Bids Are Generally at the Extreme Mark; Oats Market Is in Quiet Attitude.**

**Foreign Crop Advances.**

India—In the northwest frontier provinces shows a decrease of about 10 per cent, but notwithstanding the decreased acreage the general outlook is more hopeful as a result of the recent rains.

Argentina—Some reports state that the outlook for the crop in southern districts is very unfavorable.

WHEAT CARGOES QUIET.

London, Dec. 24.—Wheat cargoes on passage quiet.
English country markets quiet.
French country markets quiet.

FOREIGN WHEAT MARKETS.

Liverpool—Wheat closed ⅛@¼c lower.
Budapest—Wheat closed ½c higher.
Buenos Ayres—Wheat closed unchanged.

PORTLAND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

| | Wht. | Bly. | Flr. | Oats | Hay |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ——Cars—— | | | | |
| Monday | 152 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 16 |
| Tuesday | 118 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 14 |
| Wednesday | 16 | 2 | 1 | — | 3 |
| Year ago Wed. & Thu. | 47 | 5 | 10 | 3 | — |
| S's'n to date | 10899 | 1558 | 1379 | 1098 | 1604 |
| Year ago | 10811 | 1514 | 1150 | 1051 | 1246 |

While in some quarters there is a disposition to bear the price of wheat a fraction at Pacific Northwest points over the holidays, this condition is by no means general, in fact the market is stronger than heretofore this season.

Millers all through Oregon, Idaho and Washington are keen after supplies, especially bluestem and it is reported that recent sales in the interior have been made on the tidewater basis of even better than 96c a bushel. Club bids today are generally ruling at 84@85c a bushel.

Coarse grain market continues stagnant. Oats holders are less inclined to shade values than formerly and those that want supplies are compelled to pay full figures.

WHEAT—Producers' prices, track basis: Club, 84@85c; milling bluestem, 95@96c; fortyfold, 85@86; red Russian and hybrids, 83@84c; valley, 85@86c.

BARLEY—Nominal producers' prices, track basis: Feed, $23.50@24; brewing, $25; rolled, $25 per ton.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $4.50@4.60; Willamette valley, $4.60; local straight, $4; export, $3.65@3.80; bakers', $4.40@$4.60.

HAY—Producers' prices. Willamette valley timothy, fancy $14; eastern Oregon-Idaho fancy timothy, $16@16.50; alfalfa, $13.50@$14; vetch and oats, $11@12; clover, $9@10 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price: Bran, $20.50@21.00; middlings, $29.50@30.00; shorts, $22.50@23 per ton.

CLOVER SEED—Buying price: No. 1 red, country points, 12c; Alsike, 14c.

### COMMISSIONERS ORDER CITY OF GRESHAM "DRY"

An order was signed by the county commissioners this morning declaring the city of Gresham dry, in accordance with the result of the election last November. The vote stood 232 for "dry" and 188 for "wet." The result of the election was contested by Herman Matthes and Hans Jacobsen in a suit to have the election declared invalid, but Circuit Judge Kavanaugh upheld the demurrer of the state and dismissed the case. Five days was allowed for new proceedings to be commenced, but no step was taken. Matthes owns a saloon at Gresham, and Jacobsen is erecting a building which he had leased to Matthes.

### NONE IS BLAMED FOR KILLING DE VILLIERS

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Daniel De Villiers, a wealthy Texan and Boer war veteran, who was shot and killed Monday while fighting with Roy Glover, in Glover's home, came to his death by a shot from a gun in the hands of an unknown person, according to a verdict returned today by a coroner's jury.

De Villiers was trying to see his former wife, who is now Mrs. Glover, when the shooting occurred. Attorneys for Glover, who is a realty dealer, contend that De Villiers went to the Glover home armed and say that they will prove this point if their client is prosecuted in connection with the affair.

### RAILROAD PRESIDENTS "TALK SHOP" REGARDING NORTH BANK AFFAIRS

(Continued From Page One.)

as assistant to the president of the Great Northern at Seattle. He is a lawyer, having practiced in Seattle for a great many years before he entered railroad work. James J. Hill picked him to head his staff of legal advisers and three years ago made him assistant to the president.

Mr. Gilman is rather below the medium height, with iron gray hair and mustache. His face is full and he has an affable smile which puts good natured little wrinkles around his eyes.

"I'm going back to Seattle tonight to spend Christmas," he said, "but I'll be back in a day or two and stay until I feel familiar enough with the property and administration to go ahead. Mr. Young has promised to stay by me until we both feel that I can swing it myself."

He will bring his family to Portland soon after New Year's and establish his residence here.

Both presidents stated that they probably would not find it necessary to inspect the properties before Mr. Young's formal retirement, though Mr. Young said he would take his successor over the lines if he wished it.

Mr. Young, Mr. Gilman and Charles H. Carey, general counsel for the North Bank, took lunch together today.

### NEED OF DREDGING OPERATIONS IS SEEN

Colonel Edward Burr, acting chief of the government corps of engineers, has given assurance that his department appreciates the need of dredging operations at the mouth of the Columbia river, though he says it will be impossible to send the dredge Galveston to assist the Chinook.

This information was received by the Portland Chamber of Commerce today from Senator George E. Chamberlain, to whom the colonel had addressed his letter. Colonel Burr says the needs of other projects will make it impossible to take any dredges off the work where they are now employed, but says the addition of two new pumps to the Chinook, largest sea going dredge in the service, should serve to care for the increased amount of dredging that will be necessary.

### MAN IN JAIL DECLARES OFFICER ASSAULTED HIM

With a charge of disorderly conduct against him, Archie McCoy filed a charge of assault this morning in the municipal court against Charles Backsy, known in the wrestling ring as "Strangler Smith." At the hearing this morning, McCoy charged that Backsy struck him yesterday in the prisoner's room at the court. Backsy says McCoy started the fight, and he was compelled to hold him.

Monday night, Backsy arrested McCoy in the Northern Pacific Terminal yards, saying that the foreman of the yards saw him attempt to take an electric motor from a passenger car. McCoy claims he stepped between the cars for a drink from a bottle. McCoy is 23 years old and says he is a student in the Lincoln high school.

### SEEKS TO RESTRAIN COLLECTION OF TAXES

Benjamin Brick, one of the candidates for last legislature and for city commissioner, this afternoon filed an application in the county court against the county commissioners, assessor and sheriff, for an order restraining them from proceeding toward the collection of the 7.5 mill school tax levy which is to aggregate $2,371,693.63.

**Man Possibly Former Minister.**

That Jay de Pain, who was arrested by Patrolmen Wellbrook and Miller last Sunday for selling liquor on Sunday, is a former minister in the Adventist church, is indicated through a letter received at police station for him today from Cottage Grove, containing a $100 check for his bail. The man's case was to have been heard today but it has been set over again until Friday. As a result of the receipt of the check he will not be obliged to spend Christmas in jail.

**No Quorum at Meeting.**

Trustees of the Portland chamber of commerce were so busy doing their belated Christmas shopping today that when the weekly meeting was called shortly before noon, nowhere near a quorum had appeared. It is probable that the trustees will be called to meet next Tuesday, so the members will have a day to spare before New Year's.

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## YELLOW PINE TRUST FINED BY MISSOURI COURT; MANY OUSTED

**Penalties Aggregating $436,000 Assessed; Stay of Execution Granted in Ousters.**

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The supreme court today, through an opinion filed by Judge Faris, upheld the contention of the attorney general as to 25 out of the 29 lumber companies prosecuted under the anti-trust laws and imposed fines aggregating $436,000 and ouster in 20 cases of domestic corporations and the revocation of the licenses of seven foreign companies doing business in Missouri under license. Judgments of forfeiture are ordered as to each of the 20 companies dissolving and ousting them from all their corporate rights, privileges and franchises and in addition thereto a fine as a punishment for violation of the laws of this state. The fines, ranging from $1000 to $50,000, must be paid into the state treasury within 30 days.

"Being of the opinion, however," says the opinion, "that there are diverse degrees of guilt among these respondents and that upon the surface at least, the Yellow Pine association has reformed some of the evils which it long, open and flagrantly practiced, we are further of the opinion that the ends of justice will be subserved by granting a stay of execution pending the further order of this court of the decree of forfeiture and ouster as to some of these respondents upon the payment by them of the fines severally assessed against them within thirty days."

Stay of execution is recommended for the Arkansas Lumber company, Dierks Lumber & Coal company and the Freeman Smith Lumber company to make the punishment correspond with the degree of guilt.

Judge Faris explained that the court did not hold dealers could not issue a "price current" but that such a list should be made by disinterested persons and should be based on actual offers to buy and sell and not misrepresent prices with a view to boosting any price.

The court recommended that the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' association, although not sued, should use the decision as a guide to future conduct.

**Damage Case Settled.**

Settlement of the amount of damages in the suit of Thomas B. Ray against C. J. Cook & Company, contractors of the excavation for the Pittock block, left Judge Morrow without a case for the day. Ray asked for $10,000 damages for injuries received when a dump cart, alleged to have been defective, caused him to fall to the pavement. Judge Morrow will try one case beginning Friday morning and will then take a rest for the remainder of the holiday season.

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