CAPTURE OF JUTE LADEN SHIPS SENDS PRICE OF BAGS HIGHER

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HOP MARKET HAS STRONG TONE WITH NO SELLING HERE

Growers Are Not Inclined to Let Go Because of the Expectation of Still Higher Values; World's Crop Reported Short, Generally.

The exceedingly strong tone in the hop market here is attributed directly to the European war situation. While the market is nominally very firm, practically no business is passing here, although some activity is still showing in California at better prices.

The fact that the bulk of the usual world's supply of hops is in danger in Europe, owing to the probable scarcity of harvesters, as well as the lack of transportation facilities, has caused unusual strength to prevail in the trade here and elsewhere throughout the United States and England.

English hop prices continue to show advancing tendency, with recent prices sharply higher. There is more or less talk among short interests that the war will not affect the price of hops; but those who are neither long nor short are of the decided opinion that the troubles abroad cannot help but force American hop values higher.

The entire world's crop, even under the best of harvest conditions, is much smaller than a year ago. The Oregon crop estimate is being almost daily lessened, owing to the continued dry weather, which has curtailed the arm production. The crop in western Washington has been curtailed in a similar way, and the ravages of the red spider have brought down still further the expected production. The Yakima section alone will likely have a bigger crop than a year ago, because the crops there are irrigated, and the chief source of the trouble with this year's crop elsewhere is not apparent there.

Under existing conditions there is practically no inclination among local producers to contract their crops. There is more or less guess as to the probable price that will rule for hops after the picking, but the general ideas of the trade, as well as of producers, are that higher figures will be forced.

CHICKEN MARKET VERY FIRM

Market for chickens is showing strength at the closing of the week's trade along Front street. There were but limited arrivals, and these were quickly picked up. The demand remains at 15c a pound for hens.

MEATS ARE GETTING SCARCE

While the demand is by no means extensive, the call for country killed meats is much better than offerings. Prices are, therefore, holding at the extreme marks for both veal and hogs today.

GLUT OF TOMATOES HERE

There is a glut of tomatoes on the local market, and all sorts of values are ruling. California stock is still in abundance, and there are very liberal arrivals from the valley and from The Dalles.

SUPPLY OF CORN IS HEAVIER

Rather heavy supplies of green corn were offering along Front street today, and values were generally demoralized. While the trade was still asking as high as $1.25 a sack for supplies, the bulk of the business was from 75c to $1.00.

LEMONS TO ADVANCE AGAIN

With a further advance in the price of lemons by the combination of California producers, local prices were generally lifted to $10 a case this morning. The trade here is simply following the forced advances made by the producers.

COFFEE MARKET GOES DOWN

Latest advices from New York indicate that there was not the slightest excuse for the recent sharp advance in the price of spot coffee, either there or elsewhere throughout the country. Most of the advance has already been lost in the eastern market.

SHIPPERS' WEATHER NOTICE

Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against maximum temperatures of about 70 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 88 degrees; southeast to Boise, 94 degrees; south to Ashland, 90 degrees. Maximum temperature at Portland tomorrow, about 74 degrees.

JOBBING PRICES OF PORTLAND

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

BUTTER—Nominal Willamette valley creamery, cubes, selling price, 28½c; state prints, 30@2½c; ranch butter, 18c; city creamery, 32½c.

BUTTER FAT — No. 1, Portland delivery, 31c.

EGGS — Selected. Candled local, extras, white, 25c; fancy, 24@25c; case count, 22½c; buying f. o. b. Portland, 22c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 15c; broilers, 16c; stags, live geese, 10@11c; ducks, old, 10c; young, 11c; turkeys, 20c; dressed, 25c; pigeons, old, $1.00@1.25; squabs, $2.25@2.40 dozen.

CHEESE—Nominal. Fresh Oregon fancy full cream twins and triplets, 16c; daisies, 16c; Young Americas, 17c.

Fruit and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUIT—Oranges, $2.75@3.00; bananas, 2@3c pound; lemons, $10.00; limes, $1.00 per 100; grapefruit, California, $2.50@2.75; pineapples, 7c; peaches, 40@75c; cantaloupes, 75c@$1.25; watermelons, 2½@7½c; casabas, $2.00@2.25; apricots, $1.05@1.15; pears, $1.35@1.50.

BERRIES—Blackberries, 90c@$1; huckleberries, 12@12½c pound.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25; beets, $1.50; carrots, $1.50; parsnips, $1@1.25 sack; cabbage, local, $2@2.25; tomatoes, 40@60c; green onions, 12½c per dozen bunches; peppers, bell, 7@7½c; head lettuce, $1@1.25 box; celery, 40@75c doz.; egg plant, 5c; head lettuce, $1.25@1.50 box; celery, 40@ 75c doz.; cauliflower, local, 75@90c; California, $2.35 per crate; French artichokes, 50c doz.; sprouts, (—); string beans, 5@7c; Lima beans, (—); peas, 3 lb., cucumbers, $1 per box; green corn, 75c@$1.25 sack.

ONIONS—Walla Walla, $1.25@1.35 cwt.; garlic, 12½c pound.

POTATOES—Selling price: Extra choice, $1.25@1.35 per central; sweets, 3½c lb.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—Buying price, choice, 12½@13c; prime, 12@12½c; medium to prime, 10@11c; 1914 crop contracts, 14c.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK—Car lots, 5c; less than car lots, 5c.

MOHAIR—1914—27@27½c.

WOOL—Nominal. 1914 clip; Willamette valley coarse Cotswold, 17½c; medium Shropshire, 18½c; choice fancy lots, 19@20c lb.; eastern Oregon, 14@20c, according to shrinkage.

HIDES—Dry hides, 22@23c lb.; green, 11@12c; salted hides, 12½c; bulls, green salt, 8@9c; kips, 13@14c; calves, dry, 25c; salt skins salted or green, 18@20c; green hides 1c less than salted; sheep pelts, salted, shearings, 10@25c; dry, 10c.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

DRESSED Meats — Selling price—Country killed; hogs, fancy, 12c; ordinary, 10½@11½c; rough and heavy, 9@10c; fancy veals, 14½@15c; ordinary, 13@14c; poor, 10@11c; goats, 8@9c; spring lambs, 10c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Hams, 19½@21c; breakfast bacon, 15½@30c; boiled ham, 32c; picnics, 14½c; cottage, 22c.

MEATS—Packing house—Steers, No. 1 stock, 12½c; cows, No. 1 stock, 11½c; ewes, 10c; wethers, 11½c; lambs, 12½c; pork loins, 20c; dressed hogs, 13½c.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gallon (—); per 100 lb. sack, (—); Olympia, per gallon, $3.50; per 100 lb. sack, (—); canned eastern, 50c 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; chinook salmon, 7@8c; steelhead, 7c; halibut, 4@8c lb.; shrimps, 12½c; perch, 9@8c lb.; lobsters, 35c lb.; silver smelt, 8c; salmon trout, 12½c.

LARD—Tierces, 11¼c; compound, tierces, 10½c.

CRABS—Large, $2.00; medium, $1 dozen.

Groceries.

SUGAR—Cube, $7.95; powdered, $7.80; fruit or berry, $7.55; beet, $7.30; dry granulated, $7.55; D yellow, $6.85. (Above quotations are 30 days net cash.)

RICE—Japan style, No. 1, 5½@5¾c; New Orleans, head, 7¼@7½c; creole, 5¾c.

HONEY—New, $3.25@3.50 per case.

BEANS—Small white, 6½c; large white, 5½c; pink, 5¾; limas, 8c; bayo, 6c; red, 7½c.

SALT—Coarse, half grounds, 100s, $10 per ton; 50s, $10.75; table dairy, 50s, $18; 100s, $17.50; bales, $2.25; extra fine barrels, 2s, 5s and 10s, $5.25@6.00; lump rock, $2.50 per ton.

Paints and Oils.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7½c per lb.; 500 lb. lots, 7¾c per lb.; less lots, 8c per lb.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 5bbls., 72c per gal.; kettle boiled, bbls., 74c; raw, cases, 77c; boiled, cases, 79c gal.; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $44 per ton.

OIL MEAL—Carload lots, $34.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 87c; tanks, 80c per gallon.

COAL OIL—Water white on drums, and iron barrels, 10c.

NORTHWEST BANK STATEMENT

Portland Banks.

Clearings	This week.	Year ago.
Saturday	$1,399,422.27	$1,633,217.19
Friday	1,512,492.72	1,846,595.39
Thursday	1,575,810.21	2,180,801.96
Wednesday	2,156,265.58	1,847,451.48
Tuesday	1,573,517.90	1,805,795.50
Monday	1,796,646.67	1,895,953.91
Week	$9,705,141.31	$11,520,629.53

Seattle Banks.

Clearings	$1,952,480.00
Balances	179,960.00

Tacoma Banks.

Bank clearings	$ 252,556.00
Balances	35,183.00

Chicago Hogs Are Lower.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Hogs, 7000. Market weak to 5c lower. Light, $9.10@9.55; mixed, $8.80@9.65; heavy, $8.55@9.45; rough, $8.55@8.75.

Cattle—200. Market steady.

Sheep—3000. Market steady.

Kansas City Cattle Higher.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 15.—Hogs 50. Market steady. Tops $9.50.

Cattle—100. Market, 5c to 10c higher.

Sheep—None. Market strong.

Denver Hogs Lower.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 15.—Cattle— Receipts, 120; market steady. Steers, $6.50@7.75; cows and heifers, $5@7.25; calves, $8@11.

Hogs, 50; market lower, at $9@9.35.

Sheep, 500; market steady; lambs, $7.50@8.10; ewes, $4@4.85.

San Francisco Dairy Products.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Eggs, extras, 33½c; firsts, 28c; pullets, 27½c.

Butter—Extras, 28c; prime firsts, 25c; firsts, 23c; seconds, 21½c.

Cheese—California fancy, 14½c; firsts, 11½c; seconds, 11c.

Seattle Dairy Products.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 15.—Eggs, fresh ranch, 35@35c; oriental, 18c.

Butter—Local cubes, 31c; bricks, 32c; Oregon cubes, 29@30c.

Cheese—Limburger, 17c; Wisconsin, 18@19c; Washington, 16@18c.

Omaha Hogs Drop.

South Omaha, Neb., Aug. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, none.

Hogs, 7700; market 10c lower at $8.85@9.35.

Sheep—None.

SENSATIONAL RISE IS SUDDENLY FORCED IN PORTLAND WHEAT

General Scramble for Grain Is Forced as Result of Shortage of Milling Stuff; Rumor That Foreign Ships to Be Loaded.

Flour Prices Lifted.

Owing to the great scarcity of milling wheat, and the fact that bluestem sold yesterday on the sound up to 85c per bushel, two of the local mills here advanced their quotations on patent flour 20c a barrel to $5 a barrel this morning. One mill refused to follow. A similar advance was made on the sound.

Quite suddenly there has been a stiffening of wheat market prices here and in the north. Purchases are small, but this is due to the fact that growers will not sell. As high as 87c is being bid for club wheat here, tidewater track delivery, but even that price, while sensational, is not causing growers to let go. Bluestem is quoted at the usual differential. The advance was suddenly made with the discovery that milling wheat was very scarce, and that two cargoes of wheat would probably be loaded here Monday morning for Europe.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT SLUMPS.

Liverpool, Aug. 15.—Wheat closed 8¼d lower.

PORTLAND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

	Cars Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	101	10	12	3	3
Tuesday	21	2	8	4	1
Wednesday	43	2	9	4	1
Thursday	48	...	5	3	3
Friday	42	5	14	2	10
Saturday	37	...	7	3	8
Year ago	41	1	7	4	3
Total this week	292	19	50	19	34
Year ago	167	18	277	116	141
Season to date	1077	174	277	116	141
Year ago	476	171	298	103	336

The reported capture of several cargoes of bag material en route from Calcutta in English vessels has caused much strength in the bag market, and prices are showing an advance here while in the Atlantic coast markets the scarcity of offerings is sending prices skyward.

The local market supply of Calcutta bags is very short at this time and while the demand has not been brisk, those who were forced to enter the trade during the last 48 hours were compelled to pay 8¼c. The price of cot bags has also been advanced sharply. One of the leading makers along the Pacific coast, the W. C. Noon Bag company of this city, recently shipped a carload to the east, so great was the shortage along the Atlantic coast.

A recent report of the New York Journal of Commerce Bulletin says:

"According to reports received on this market on Saturday two German freight carriers containing large quantities of burlap from Calcutta to east coast ports of the United States had been captured by the English. It was also reported that an English freighter carrying burlap to this country had been compelled to turn back in order to avoid capture.

"The manifests of two of these vessels show that they were bringing about a month's supply of cloth to this country. The practical wiping out of these shipments will, according to trade authorities, make the situation more serious than importers anticipated would be the case early in the week.

"The demand for spot goods was not as excited on Saturday. There was a goodly number of buyers in the market and those who needed goods for pressing requirements paid the prices demanded.

"Lightweights sold at 1c an ounce. Some 7½-ounce goods changed hands right after the market opened at 7.40c. Toward noon the price of goods of this description was 7½c and carload lots were bought at this figure. Eight-ounce 40s were offered in one quarter as low as 7.60c, but it was reported that business had been done at 8c.

"Ten-ounce 40s were sold at 8¼c, with a number of sellers quoting 8.50c. The quotation on 10½-ounce 40s was 8¾c. Carloads of 8-ounce 40s were offered here from Portland, Or., at 8c."

While the wheat market was generally quoted weak throughout the world today, the market is beginning to show healthier signs. One local firm, which has been practically the only one in the market here recently, reports that the foreign situation is clearing and that some export business may soon be expected.

WHEAT—Nominal. New crop club, 87c; fortyfold, 88c; bluestem, 90c; red Russian, 85c.

OATS—Nominal. New crop, buying price, No. 1 white feed, $21.50; milling $22 per ton; gray, $21.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, $4.80@5.00; Willamette valley, $4.70@4.80; local straight, $3.80@4.00; export, straight, $3.90; cutoff, $4.00; bakers', $4.70@4.80.

HAY—New crop, producers' price: Willamette valley timothy, fancy $12.50@14.00; eastern Oregon-Idaho fancy timothy, $15.00@16.00; alfalfa, $12.00@13.00; vetch and oats, $9.00@10.00; clover, $8 per ton.

GRAIN BAGS—No. 1 Calcutta, future delivery, $8.25.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $23; shorts, $27.00@27.50.

BARLEY—Nominal. New crop, feed, $20; brewing, $21 per ton.

Chicago Wheat Has A Bad Break Today

Market Closes Severely Lower With a Sharp Loss in the Price Abroad.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—There was a sharp break in the price of wheat early in the day and while the market closed lower than the opening there was a good rally from the low mark during the last hour of the trade. Closing figures were a det decline of 2⅛c to 2⅜c from yesterday.

There was a further sharp break in prices abroad and this was the bearish influence during the day.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT				
Sept.	89	89⅝	88	88⅝ B
Dec.	95	95½	93⅝	94½ A
May	102⅝	102¾	100⅝	101⅝
CORN.				
Sept.	76⅝	77⅝	75⅝	76⅞ B
Dec.	67⅛	67⅞	66⅝	67⅝
May	68¼	69⅝	68⅛	69⅛ B
OATS.				
Sept.	41	41¼	40¼	41 B
Dec.	44	44⅝	43⅝	44¼ B
May	47¼	47⅝	46⅝	47⅝ A
PORK.				
Sept.	2195	2200	2170	2200 B
LARD.				
Sept.	945	952	940	952
Oct.	960	967	952	967
Jan.	995	1002	992	1002
RIBS.				
Sept.	1205	1207	1257	1282
Oct.	1227	1230	1217	1227 B
Jan.	1097	1100	1080	1100

San Francisco Barley Calls.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Barley calls: Aug. 14, December close, 103; bid 102½; ask 104.

SWINE MARKET IS FIRM HERE WITH A SALE AT THE TOP

Best Offerings Still Easily Command $9.50 in North Portland Yards; Cattle Are Weak but Sheep Show Much Strength.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs	Cattle	Calves	Sheep
Saturday	268	28	5	2878
Friday	186	267	...	144
Thursday	631	80	2	...
Wednesday	...	31	1	198
Tuesday	...	59	...	150
Monday	837	1194	5	8947
Week ago	71	3	...	...
Year ago	174	27	...	...
2 Years ago	91	14	4	256
3 Years ago	...	...	...	...

There was a very strong tone in the swine trade at North Portland for the day, and top stuff again sold at $9.50. Only a small run was shown in the yards overnight, and this was quickly disposed of at ruling figures.

While the market for hogs was generally weak at eastern points for the day, prices changes were limited.

At Chicago there was a slightly weaker feeling for hogs, with tops down a nickel at $9.55.

Kansas City hog market was steady at former prices. Tops $9.50.

Omaha hogs turned weak today and prices lost a dime. Tops at $9.35.

Denver hogs ruled weaker and lower, with tops at $9.35.

General hog market range:

Best light, 200 pounds	$ 9.50
Medium	9.25@9.35
Heavy	8.50@8.75
Fat pigs	8.00@8.25

Cattle Continue Weak.

While there was only a nominal run of cattle reported in the yards overnight, the general situation here is very weak. Killers are holding a rather liberal surplus, and some stock was carried over from receivers from day to day, owing to the almost general lack of demand.

At Chicago there was a steady tone in the cattle trade for the day.

Kansas City cattle market was strong, with an advance of 5c to 10c this morning.

Omaha cattle market was steady, with no additional arrivals overnight.

Denver cattle trade was steady, with tops selling at $7.75.

General cattle market range:

Selected steers	$ 7.35
Good to prime	7.00@7.15
Good to choice	6.75@6.85
Ordinary to fair	6.50
Fancy cows	6.50
Good to prime	6.00@6.25
Ordinary	5.50
Selected calves	8.00@8.25
Heavy	7.50
Fancy bulls	4.50
Ordinary	4.00@4.25

Sheep Trade Continues Good.

There was quite a liberal run of mutton from the Columbia river section in the local yards today. The general trend of the trade continues favorable and no change in prices is announced for the day.

At Chicago there was a steady tone in the sheep trade for the day.

Kansas City sheep market was strong at former prices.

Omaha had no sheep supplies for the day but the market was generally considered strong.

Denver sheep trade was steady today with top lambs at $8.10.

General mutton range:

Best shorn yearlings	$ 4.75
Shorn wethers	4.40@4.55
Best shorn ewes	4.00@5.90
Best east mountain lambs	5.90@6.00
Valley light young lambs	5.65@5.85
Heavy spring lambs	5.00@5.50

Today's Livestock Shippers.

Hogs—C. E. Lucke, Canby, 1 load direct to Union Meat company; F. B. Dealer, Hubbard, 1 load direct to Union Meat company; J. D. Jones, Tillamook, 1 load.

Cattle—Bruce Commission company, drove in 26 cattle, 3 calves.

Sheep—W. M. Burrows, Lyle, Wash., 9 loads.

Mixed stuff—P. Kopplin, Plainview, 1 load calves, hogs and sheep.

Comparative statement of North Portland livestock run:

	Cattle	Calves	Hogs	Sheep
Month to date	4,241	153	4,149	11,481
Same, 1913	4,433	233	4,117	7,907
Increase	...	...	32	3,580
Decrease	192	90	....	....
Year to date	49,498	1,570	129,773	188,562
Same, 1913	51,578	3,085	113,945	172,215
Increase	...	...	15,828	16,347
Decrease	2,080	1,465	.....	.....

Friday Afternoon Sales.

STEERS.

Section—	No.	Av. lbs.	Price
Oregon	11	1047	$7.00
Oregon	7	763	6.50
LAMBS.			
Oregon	144	67	$5.90
HOGS.			
Oregon	11	140	$9.50
Oregon	82	173	9.50
Oregon	98	158	9.25
Oregon	5	398	8.50

Saturday Morning Sales.

CALVES.

Section—	No.	Av. lbs.	Price
Oregon	2	188	$8.25
HOGS.			
Oregon	44	206	$9.50
Oregon	2	340	8.50
Oregon	34	93	8.50
Oregon	1	340	8.25

Railroad Delegates Home From Chicago

D. W. Campbell and M. J. Buckley Express Perfect Faith in Wage Question Board of Arbitration.

Confident that the award of the board of arbitration that is to pass upon the wage claims of the engineers from the lines west of Chicago will be satisfactory to both parties, D. W. Campbell, assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific company, and M. J. Buckley, general superintendent of O.-W. R. & N. Co., were back at their desks today, after nearly six months of conferences in Chicago.

The arbitrators selected by the managers are H. E. Bryan, vice-president of the Burlington, and H. L. Park, of the Illinois Central. The enginemen have not chosen their representatives. The qualifying members of the board will be named by the government board of mediation.

This complete board of arbitration is scheduled to assemble in Chicago October 1, and the two Portland operating men will be called back to attend. Mr. Campbell said today he and Mr. Buckley would start about two weeks ahead of time.

"President Wilson made it plain to us at the conference two weeks ago in Washington that he wanted the arbitration board made up of fair-minded men," said Mr. Campbell today. "I am sure the board will prove of the sort he had in mind."

Journal Want Ads bring results.

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BUTTER PRICE IS TO BE LIFTED UP TO 35 CENTS ON MONDAY

Great Shortage in Cream Supply Due to Dry Weather Forced Butter Market Here 2½c Per Pound Higher; Cannot Fill Orders.

An advance of 2½c a pound will be made in the price here of creamery butter Monday morning, making the new quotation for city prints 35c a pound.

The advance, which has been forecasted in these columns, is due directly to the fact that the dry weather has caused a greater shortage in the grass supply, thereby lessening the shipments of cream and the output of butter.

One of the leading local creameries announced today that the advance was absolutely necesary, as it has not been able to secure sufficient cream to take care of its orders. Some of the orders received several days ago are still unfilled.

The advance in the price here is expected to be followed by a similar movement in other markets. The new price means that the price of butter fat has ben lifted to 34c a pound, Portland delivery.

Advertisement Was Fake Is Allegation

Man Files Suit to Recover Money Which He Says Was Secured From Him by Misrepresentation.

Alleging that an advertisement in the Oregonian of April 24, last was a fake and part of a bunko game, Hans P. Jensen has filed suit in the circuit court for $450 damages against C. A. Gorrell and wife. The advertisement, according to the complaint, was as follows: "Young man wanted; steady, pleasant position; experience not necessary; pays $150 per month; small investment; fully secured. Call room 7, 291½ Morrison street."

Jensen alleges that he answered the advertisement and was told by Gorrell that the job was that of salesman, that Gorrell had been in the brokerage and real estate business for eight years, that the business was large and lucrative and that Gorrell could not handle it alone.

He said he paid Gorrell $300 for a one-third interest but found no business, received no money and that when he demanded his money back Gorrell abandoned his office and Mrs. Gorrell took charge. He alleges that Mrs. Gorrell gave him a note for $250 and that Gorrell immediately came back. Mrs. Gorrell, he said, is insolvent and the note was given by her that criminal liability might be avoided.

Busy Day in the Circuit Court

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 15.—The Portland Railway, Light & Power company filed two suits in the circuit court Friday for the condemnation of rights of way. The first suit against Sarah S. F. McMillan and John F. Sotule and Clackamas county for a certain tract of land in section 11, township 3 south, range 3 east of Willamette meridian, and the second against Henry Hanson for a right of way across Mr. Hanson's property in the southeast ¼ section 19, township 3 south, range 3 east of Willamette meridian.

The Portland, Oregon City Railway company filed a suit condemning a tract of land, the property of W. Osborn, E. R. Osborn and Paul Schinder, in sections 9 and 10, township 3 south, range 2 east of Willamette meridian.

George Priester filed suit against T. L. Sager to settle the title of a certain 80 acres in the west ½, southwest ¼, section 12, township 4 south, range 2 east of Willamette meridian.

C. C. Paxton filed suit against B. W. Burgess for $135, which the plaintiff claims is due for medical services rendered the plaintiff on January 1, 1914, and August 9, 1914.

G. W. Walker filed suit against Ed DeYoung, George Quibble, and Emma E. Quibble. The complaint states that plaintiff and defendants were owners of the "Bell Theatre" in this city and that the defendant, who has had charge of the accounts of theatre before it was closed, refused to make a statement as to the financial conditions. The plaintiff is suing for his one half of the profits.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.

Vancouver, Wash., Aug 14.—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the county auditor to the following persons: Emil Ammer and Miss Ella Brown, both of Portland; Charles McMaster and Miss Emilie Bruce, both of Portland; George Melvey and Miss Kattie Weber, both of Portland; James R. Menaley and Miss Pearl Hill, both of Portland.

Shelly-Saunders Nuptials.

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 15.—Harry C. Shelly and Miss Emma Saunders were married Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. French by Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Oregon City Licenses.

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 15.—County Clerk W. L. Mulvey issued a marriage license to J. M. Hite and Miss Hazel Odgen, both of Boring, Friday.

Hood River Anxious.

Hood River, Or., Aug. 15.—Forest fires are raging in the mountains south and west of Hood River, in the Green Point section. Large crews of men have been rushed to the scene of conflagration. Chief of Police Carson has pressed the hobos into service fighting fire who have been inhabiting quarters along the O.-W. R. & N. railroad near the city. Reports are current that the sawmill plant of Fred Newby and the plant of the Hood River Lumber company are in danger of being destroyed.

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HOUSEWIVES WARNED TO BEWARE OF DARK DRY GOODS PEDDLERS

Commissioner Bigelow Asks Persons Solicited to Buy to Report.

LICENSES DENIED OTHERS

License Inspector J. S. Hutchinson Not Well Impressed With Applicants Who Have Invaded City.

Housewives of Portland are warned by City Commissioner C. A. Bigelow and License Inspector J. S. Hutchinson against representations by foreign peddlers who have invaded the city with supplies of fancy goods, tablecloths, etc., and it is believed are selling them under the representation that the goods are made of pure linen.

Five of the dark skinned foreigners obtained peddlers' licenses from the city last Tuesday and today six more asked for licenses and were refused by Mr. Hutchinson. A little later they returned with Attorney Leslie Parker and again demanded licenses, but Commissioner Bigelow backed up the decision of License Inspector Hutchinson and the licenses were denied.

Commissioner Bigelow told the six applicants for licenses that he had caught them in a number of falsehoods about themselves and about their goods and that if they couldn't tell the truth to him they were not fit to be allowed to peddle their wares in the city.

The first group that secured licenses Tuesday were more forward in their representations to the license inspector, but Commissioner Bigelow has obtained the names of a number of persons who have purchased goods from them and he instructed employes in his department to make an investigation and if the goods have been represented as being pure linen he said he would take steps to revoke all the licenses. Commissioner Bigelow asks anyone to whom representations have been made that these goods are linen to notify his department.

Under the provisions of a new ordinance the license inspector is authorized to deny a peddler's license if a person appears to lack good moral character or is making misrepresentation of the goods he intends to sell.

TAX REDUCTION IS PLANNED

Pruning Process Will Begin by City Commissioners.

An effort is to be made by the city commissioners to so prepare their budgets that the next tax levy will not exceed 7 mills, which is seven-tenths of a mill less than the levy for 1914 taxes, and for 1913. This would mean a reduction of about $210,000 in the amount the taxpayers would have to pay for maintaining the city government.

Budget forms were received from the printer yesterday by Commissioner C. A. Bigelow, of the department of finance, and they will be distributed at once so the various departments can prepare their budgets. Then the pruning process will begin.

The budget committee consists of Commissioners Bigelow and Brewster and Auditor Barbur, as voting members, and the secretary of the civil service commission and the city purchasing agent as advisory members.

Commissioner Bigelow says the matter of next year's city taxes has been discussed to some extent among the commissioners and they are agreed that an effort shall be made to hold the levy down as far as possible. He said no extensive improvements are contemplated by any of the departments and that the city's finances are now in very healthy condition, which ought to enable them to carry out their intentions for a lower tax levy next year.

WILL ADD FINE SCREENINGS

Terwilliger Boulevard Surface to Be Improved.

Too much oil on the new Terwilliger boulevard, which was formally opened to traffic a few days ago, is causing the road surface to loosen and crumble, according to H. W. Holmes, chief of the city bureau of highways and bridges. Mr. Holmes said his department is preparing to immediately spread a layer of crushed rock screenings from a half inch to one inch thick over the roadway and thoroughly roll it. This will make a sort of oil macadam, and put the new boulevard in good condition.

BRIDGE WILL BE REPAIRED

Grand Avenue Span Weakened by Fill in Gulch.

The Grand avenue bridge over Sullivan's gulch is in much worse condition than was supposed, according to a report made to Chief H. W. Holmes of the bureau of highways and bridges, after an inspection by his department yesterday.

It is said that owing to the fills made at the bridge by the S., P. & S. Railroad company, the concrete pedestals which support the bridge are being made to carry about 120 tons weight, when it was intended they should carry about 20 tons. The result is that the bridge has settled several inches, and the inspector who investigated yesterday reported that the bracing near the center of the structure is badly distorted, one column on the northeast corner will have to be replaced, and much of the steel will have to be replaced with heavier steel.

Another inspection of the bridge is being made today by the bureau of highways and bridges, and Chief Holmes said it may be that the repairs will have to be made before the contemplated repairs on the Union avenue bridge, otherwise crosstown traffic over the gulch would be entirly blocked while the two bridges were being repaired. The cost of the repairs is to be borne by the S., P. & S. railroad.

MANY VACANT LOTS POSTED

Commissioner Dieck Reports on Season's Weed Cutting.

Over 31,000 vacant lots in the city have been posted with weed cutting notices by the department of public works. From most of the lots the weeds have been cut by the property owners, but the city has cut weeds from 600 lots and it is expected will have to cut weeds from over 1000 more lots before the weed cutting season ends September 15.

These figures are according to a report made to the city council by Commissioner Dieck, who estimates that the city will have expended about $8500 in weed cutting by the end of the season. This money is being paid out of the general fund, but will be returned when the assessments against the lots for the work are collected.

HALSEY STREET EXTENSION

City Engineers Allow $7250 for Zion Church Property.

In assessing the damages for property proposed to be taken for the extension of Halsey street, at East First street, the city engineer's department has allowed the First African M. E. Zion church $7250 for its property. An ordinance providing for the extension on this basis has been introduced in the city council and passed to third reading.

The movement to have the street opened was begun when the negro church people purchased the property and began the erection of a church edifice. The church people contend they have invested $9500 in the property and will not willingly consent to the street extension unless they recover the amount they have invested.

It is expected that the matter will be contested in the courts before a settlement is reached.

AFFECTS PROPERTY OWNERS

City May Order Pavement in Ladd Addition Removed.

In a written opinion, City Attorney LaRoche advised City Commissioner Bigelow today that the property owners in the southern portion of Ladd's addition have valid claims for damages against the Barber Asphalt Paving company for laying pavement not in accordance with city requirements, that the city can force the removal of the pavement at the expense of the paving company or the Ladd estate, and then proceed to have new pavement laid at the expense of the abutting property.

The Ladd estate in 1907 obtained a permit from the city to enter into a private contract with the Barber Asphalt Paving company to pave the streets in Ladd's addition. The paving company was under contract to maintain the pavement in that portion of the addition north of Ladd avenue for a period of 10 years, but it appears such an agreement does not exist as to the paving south of Ladd avenue. This pavement is now reported in very bad condition.

Property owners in the southern portion of the addition have been contending that the city should maintain the pavement for the 10 year period, but the city attorney points out that the pavement was never accepted by the city, as it was not laid according to the requirements of the city. It was not laid as thick as the city requires.

The city attorney advises that the property owners may bring suit for damages against the paving company. But in any event the city can serve notice on the paving company and the Ladd estate to remove the pavement within 30 days, and if this is not done they can be prosecuted for obstructing the streets with pavement ordered removed.

City Will Open Bids.

Next Tuesday afternoon the city purchasing department will open bids for 5000 barrels of cement and for redecking the Union avenue bridge over Sullivan's gulch. On August 21 the city will open bids for a year's supply of hay and grain for all the city bureaus.

Fire Apparatus Hits Post Answering Call

U. S. Carriage Works Sustains a Loss of About $2000 at an Early Morning Hour.

Fire started in the rear of the U. S. Carriage Works, at 325 Couch street, this morning at 6 o'clock, causing damage by fire and water of about $2000. As the automobile hook and ladder truck was turning Sixth and Couch streets, the heavy vehicle struck the lamp post, breaking it off and knocking it into the window of a jewelry store at 41½ North Sixth street. Several articles in the window were broken.

Last night fire started in the rear of the coffee house at 46½ North Fourth street, spread to two other buildings before it was controlled. The damage is about $2500. The Rose Grocery store, 44 North Fourth street, and the Panama hotel, adjoining, were the other buildings damaged. Cause of the blaze is not known.

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