

THE Queen of Holland is one of the most cultivated women in Europe, and was doubtless intended by nature to be an editor. She writes constantly for some of the more influential papers of Holland, and advances many very statesman-like views on public policy.

Russian newspapers are boasting of defenses of Modlin, (the "new Sebastopol") which is already assuming formidable proportions. They speak of it as their greatest fortress and as the real masterpiece of the skill of the great military engineer, General Tollen.

GOOD RULES FOR YOUNG MEN.—"Whatever I have tried to do in life," said Charles Dickens, "I have tried with all my heart to do well. What I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself to completely. Never to put one hand to anything on which I would throw my whole self, and never to affect depreciation of my work, whatever it was, I find now to have been golden rules."

The Legislature of Pennsylvania has passed a law by which farmers are compelled to keep their lands free from obnoxious weeds, such as mullein, wild currant, Canada thistle, horse nettle, and ox-eye daisy. Railroad companies are obliged to do the same along their lines.

Mrs. Woodhull, in her advice to young men on matrimony, says: "Marriage is so uncertain, such a bondage, that the only way is to make all you can of the small comforts and wear your chain as lightly as you can."

ACCIDENT.—Miss Ada Scriber, of Salem, was thrown from a horse, near Lincoln, a few days ago. Her foot caught in the stirrup and she was dragged quite a distance before she was rescued from her perilous position. She was but slightly injured.

RAILROAD IRON.—The Dixie Thompson Saturday morning discharged at East Portland, 550 tons of railroad iron, which had been left at Astoria by some vessel.

HORTICULTURAL.—The State Horticultural Society will hold an adjourned meeting at Portland on Thursday, April 4th, to make arrangements for a Fair in June.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths.

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The Markets.

COMMERCIAL LETTER. PORTLAND, THURSDAY, MORN. MARCH 28th, 1872. Gold in New York, 110; currency, buying, 90 1/2, selling 91 1/2.

The volume of business exhibits a larger increase for the week ending than for any previous week of the year. This increase in trade is based principally upon the undeniable fact that our merchants—the leading merchants—are competing for the trade of points heretofore passing us by and going below. Merchants are making purchases here who have never before purchased amounts of any moment from us.

In groceries we have no change to note outside of a steady and active call from the trade for all descriptions. The N. P. T. Company have placed another steamer on from here to San Francisco, so as to accommodate the freight offerings. This makes four steamships on. The number of regular sailing vessels is reduced to seven. In Coffee and Tea we may look for a decline—in the former, very slight; in the latter, quite heavy, all of 15 cts per lb. This is in consequence of their being placed in the free list.

Hardware continues to advance. In Agricultural Goods no advances have been made. Messrs. Hawley, Dodd & Co. have received and are still receiving some of the best and most approved patterns.

In Clothing and Dry Goods, there exists a negative demand, with prices advancing. In all lines, Woolen Goods have been marked up about 15 per cent. on former rates. They are to be advanced again soon.

In Wheat we have to note a better feeling, with prices appreciated for choice milling. Farmers should always take into consideration that shipping lots and milling lots are entirely different. Shipping Wheat is from poor to good, milling is from good to choice, while for feeding, extra choice is required. I make this statement, for in giving quotations I may often take occasion to see shipping lots, milling lots or extra choice for seed or milling. The difference in price is from 5 to 15 cts per 100 lbs. Shipping being the lowest command at this writing \$1.55 to \$1.75 per cental. Milling \$1.75 to \$1.85 per cental, while extra for milling \$1.87 1/2 to \$1.92 1/2 per cental, all sacked and delivered. Since our letter we note the sale of 1200 centals in the interior, at the rate of \$1.65 per cental delivered here, 250 sds milling, at \$1.85 and 1000 centals extra at \$1.90 per cental. The steamship Oriflamme did not take out any on her last trip, but the Idaho took out about 5000 centals, and the bark Amatis cleared with about 3000 cts. The steamship California for Victoria and Sound ports cleared with about 1200 centals best quality. Liverpool market has advanced—now quotable at 12s.

The Flour market at this writing is fairly active under a local call. The shipments have been in excess of any previous week for the past month, Victoria and Sound ports taking quite heavily—principally of standard brands. There is a better feeling in the market, although prices have not been appreciated, and are hardly likely to at the present writing, or at least not under a month, when an advance is looked for. San Francisco advices give an increased demand under the low prices ruling in that market. The shipments to San Francisco since our last aggregate about 8,000 bbls to Puget Sound, and Victoria 1500 bbls. We quote jobbing lots of extra standard brands at \$6.00 per bbl, choice country \$5.25 to \$5.75 per bbl, outside and superfine \$5.00 to \$5.25 per bbl; fine \$4.75 per bbl.

In Oats prices are stiffening under advices of a better feeling in the California market and a steady call in this. The new schedule of freight tariff on sailing vessels brings the cost of freight on oats to 22 cts per 100 lbs delivered at store, so farmers can see by noticing California quotations how much it costs to deliver them from San Francisco to Portland. We quote California 2 1/2 and 2 1/2 cts per lb, Oregon 2 1/2, 2 1/2 cts per lb.

Owing to an advance during the winter in the Walla Walla section, in barley supplies can be obtained from California cheaper. It costs freight by rail delivered here from San Francisco 30 cts per 100 lb. We quote brewing at 2 1/2, 2 1/2 cts per lb. The Potatoes market is dull owing to the large supply on hand with a large supply ahead. We note sale of 250 sds Humboldt at 1 ct per lb, 200 sds Humboldt \$1.05. Puget Sound Potatoes are in good supply with demand dull at 1.05 to 1.10 from first hands. Jobbing at 1 1/2 cts per lb.

Onions are being shipped to San Francisco owing to better prices ruling there than here. One lot of 400 sds went forward on the Oriflamme sold in that market previous to shipping from here at 5 cts per lb. We quote market here at 4 cts per lb.

Flaxseed continues to advance East, and in Europe and from this present look out will go higher. In Feed we have nothing new to note except middlings are low. We quote Bran at \$22.50 per ton; Middlings, etc., \$22.50 to \$25.00 per ton. Oil Meal is in good demand at \$17.50 to \$20.00 per ton.

The Egg market is hardening with a shade advance. At this writing they command 25 cts per dozen. Poultry is in due receipt with prices firm at \$5.50 per dozen.

The market is well supplied with Butter—prime from California jobbing at 35 cts per lb in 2 lb rolls. Poor quality is neglected. Prime commensals 35 cts per lb; choice 30 cts per lb, and other quality in proportion. Solid ranges from 18 to 22 cts per lb, in brine 30 cts per lb.

Receipts of Provisions fair with light stock clear Sides which are firm. Victoria and Sound ports continue to take largely from us. With a shipment on the market prices would recede at our quotations. We quote Bacon at 18 1/2 to 19 cts per lb; Hams 15 1/2 to 17 cts; Shoulders 10 1/2 cts; Lard in tins 14 1/2 to 15 cts per lb, in kegs 13 1/2 to 14 cts; Pork in bbls \$22.00; Beef in bbls \$18.00.

Cattle for Beef continue to arrive from East of the Mountains where they are ruling low, and in consequence prices have been lowered. Sheep are in better demand with prices advanced. Poor Cattle are taken East of the Mountains by every trip of the Emma Hayward—average daily shipments 100.

We quote Beef at 9 1/2 to 10 cts per lb. Pork, on foot, 4 1/2 to 5 cts; dressed, 8 1/2 to 9 cts; Sheep, \$1.50 to \$1.75. HIDES—Quotable at 18 1/2 to 19 cts for dry; 8 1/2 to 9 cts for salted.

TALLOW—Quotable at 8 1/2 to 9 cts per lb. In the Wool market nothing is doing. Prices East continue to advance. San Francisco quotations for combing, 50 1/2 to 52 cts per lb for clean and long staple. New York 62 1/2 to 70 cts per lb.

The demand for Seeds is fair. We quote for Timothy 12 1/2 to 13 cts per lb; Clover, red, 25 1/2 to 30 cts per lb; white, 30 1/2 to 35 cts per lb; Orchard Grass, 37 1/2 to 40 cts per lb; Blue Grass, 60 1/2 to 70 cts per lb.

We quote the market for Beans in Jobbing lots, Bayo, 4 1/2 cts per lb; Butter, 4 1/2 cts per lb; Pva, 4 1/2 cts per lb; Small White and Pinks, 4 cts per lb.

We quote market for Dried Fruits, Jobbing lots, for Apples, loose, 6 1/2 to 7 cts; packed, 7 1/2 to 8 cts. Plums pitted, 3 1/2 to 4 cts; common, 6 1/2 to 7 cts; Peas, 10 1/2 to 11 cts per lb. Prices East continue to improve, but no improvement in California has taken place yet.

Fresh Fruits are unchanged. The surplus of Apples are worked off to San Francisco where they command from 50 to \$2.00 per box as per quality and condition. Farmers should take more pains in packing fruit, and greater attention shown to orchards. This is one of the side branches of farming that make it profitable.

CALIFORNIA MARKETS. (BY TELEGRAPH.) SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH 28. WHEAT—5,200 sds choice for local milling, at \$4.00; 2,000 sds do \$3.05. Both full prices. FLOUR—We quote extra for Superfine, \$4.50 to \$5.25, and Extra, \$5.50 to \$5.75. WOOL—A lot of 50 bales spring clip arrived last

Saturday. This is the first considerable consignment of new at hand. The Kalorama arrived from Southern coast Islands last evening with 800 bales fall clip. Full rates continue to be paid in the country, while the Eastern market remains firm. Chicago dates of March 20th report good demand with upward tendency. Unwashed descriptions were quoted in that market at 25 cts per lb washed, 25 1/2 cts; prime washed, 25 1/2 to 26 cts.

SALEM RETAIL MARKET.

ORIENTED WEEKLY BY CAPT. L. S. SCOTT. SALEM, MARCH 29, 1872. MONETARY. LEGAL TENDERS, buying, 90c; selling, 91c.

Table with columns: FLOUR, GRAIN, & C. Items include Wheat, best white, 91; Oats, 75; Flour, best, 1 1/2; Buckwheat Flour, 85; Flax Seed, 65; Bran, 20; Middlings, 45; Oat Cake Meal, 2 1/2; Hay, 20.

Table with columns: GROCERIES. Items include Sugar, San Francisco refined, 14 1/2; Island, 15; crushed, 16 1/2; powdered, 17 1/2; granulated, 18; Tea, Japan, 1 1/2; Imperial, 1 1/2; Coffee, Costa Rica, 25; Rio, 25; Kona, 25; Java, 25; Salt, Carmen Island, per cwt, 1 1/2; Liverpool, extra, 2 1/2; Bay, 1 1/2.

Table with columns: FRUITS, VEGETABLES, & C. Items include Apples, green, 75; dried, 75; Peaches, dried, 75; Plums, 75; Beans, 75; Potatoes, 75; Onions, 75; Cabbage, 75; Carrots, 75.

Table with columns: FISH, & C. Items include Salmon, fresh, 1 1/2; smoked, 2 1/2; pickled, 2 1/2; Smelt, fresh, 75; Halibut, fresh, 75; Codfish, dried, 75; Mackerel, pickled, 75; White Fish, pickled, 75.

Table with columns: MEATS. Items include Beef, fresh, 1 1/2; corned, 2 1/2; smoked, 2 1/2; Veal, fresh, 1 1/2; Pork, 1 1/2; Bacon, 1 1/2; Hams, 1 1/2; Sides, 1 1/2; Shoulders, 1 1/2.

Table with columns: POULTRY. Items include Chickens, dressed, each, 50; per dozen, 5 00; Turkeys, fresh, 1 1/2; Ducks, each, 75.

Table with columns: BUTTER, EGGS, & C. Items include Butter, fresh rolls, 40; packed, 45; California, 45; Eggs, 25; Cheese Oregon prime, 20; California, 20; Lard, 25.

Table with columns: OILS, & C. Items include Linseed Oil, boiled, 2 1/2; raw, 2 1/2; Lard Oil, 2 1/2; Coal Oil, 2 1/2; Neatsfoot Oil, 2 1/2; Tallow, 2 1/2.

Table with columns: WOOL, HIDES, & C. Items include Wool, 25; Wool Sacks, each, 10; Wheat Sacks, Liverpool burlap, extra, 10; Hides, dry, each, 40; Deer Skins, dressed, 2 1/2; Sheep Skins, wool on, each, 2 1/2.

Table with columns: LEATHER, & C. Items include Harness Leather, 3 1/2; Skirting Leather, 3 1/2; Bridle Leather, 3 1/2.

Table with columns: BUILDING MATERIAL. Items include Lime, 3 1/2; Cement, 3 1/2; Plaster, 3 1/2; Brick, 7 1/2; Lumber, rough, 12 1/2; dressed, 16 1/2; flooring, 18 1/2; Laths, 3 1/2; Shingles, cedar, 3 1/2.

Table with columns: PRICES OF LABOR. Items include Carpenters, per day, 4 00; Bricklayers, per day, 5 00; Stonemasons, per day, 5 00; Common Laborers, per day, 3 00; Farm Hands, per month, with board, 30 00; Blacksmiths, per day, with board, 3 00; Wagon Makers, per day, with board, 2 50; Housemaids, per month, with board, 16 00; Cooks, per month, with board, 20 00.

Table with columns: TRAVEL. Fare from Portland to San Francisco. By steamer, cabin, coin, \$30.00; steerage, 15.00. Fare by Overland Railroad—CURRENT. FROM SAN FRANCISCO. First Class, 100.00; Second Class, 80.00; Sleeping Cars, 14.00.

Fare from New York to Europe. Steamers leave New York for Liverpool every Saturday for Bremen every Saturday and alternate Thursday; for Glasgow every Saturday; for Hamburg every Tuesday; for Havre, every two weeks; for London, every Saturday. CUNARD LINE.—To Liverpool, stopping at Cork: First cabin, \$180 gold; second cabin, \$80 gold. To Paris, \$145 gold. First Cabin. To and return tickets, \$250 gold. Steamers carrying steerage: First Cabin, \$50 gold, Steerage, \$20 currency. To and return tickets, \$120. INMAN LINE.—To Liverpool and Queenstown every Saturday and alternate Tuesday. Cabin passage to Liverpool (gold) \$75; Steerage (currency), \$24. P. M. S. COMPANY.—Fare to San Francisco from New York: First Class, \$125 to \$170 currency, according to location; Steerage, \$60 currency. San Francisco to New York: First Cabin, \$100 cts; Second Class, \$50.

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