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MARKET REPORT.

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COMMERCIAL. THURSDAY, Dec. 16, 1880. All interest centers at present in the wheat market, and for weeks past there has been no wheat sold. That is to say transactions are so light that business is at a standstill.

We are reproached by wheat buyers because we have presented facts and influenced farmers not to sell their grain. After careful survey of the situation we have no occasion for self-reproach. Let us review: Two months ago we showed farmers that while wheat was so low they could lose little by holding, if able to do so, and might gain considerably.

Wheat.—Market opened dull and easier owing to advices from the East and Europe. There were no transactions to-day of importance; quote choice shipping \$1.45 to \$1.50; good shipping \$1.37 to \$1.42.

Wheat.—Our receipts to this date now exceed by 500,000 cents those for a corresponding period of last year, while our exports to date fall short nearly 2,500,000 cents. It will take some time for us to overcome this deficiency in shipments. Farmers seem to be willing sellers at \$1.00, while exports generally refuse to go over \$1.50 per cwt for best samples.

Wheat went up too suddenly at Liverpool, and we said we looked for a reaction, and it came. Quotations are now 3s a quarter lower than at the top price and tonnage is trying to own the market—it does own it pretty severely—but if there is any faith in figures, there must be a break in the freight boom when ships find wheat holders will sell, but held never claimed that any great rise could be certainly expected until Spring, but we have done our best to make it come sooner.

As to the Columbia river, we have always said tonnage would be light here and our relief must come from San Francisco, and could not come until tonnage accumulated there above the demand. That time is coming. Here we have three ships in the river and ten more due, and may any time see vessels coming in that have not been announced to the public.

It is reasonable to suppose that within the next six months there will be tonnage to this coast abundantly sufficient to carry away all our grain, and with this apparent certainty of ships enough to answer our purpose, if we will wait for them, and the further probability that the market will be better another year than now, we have the probability that much of this surplus will not be shipped, but held for a better price, and if this shall be the case—and it will be, unless prices advance handsomely—what are the ships to do if wheat cannot be had to load them?

In case there is an advance in the near future, those who cannot afford to hold their wheat for two months longer will see the propriety of selling. We hope to see such an advance, and it will be facilitated if all the vessels now due can manage to drop in just at the right time. We have made the best fight we know how for the wheat grower this year, and many of them fully appreciate it. There was no time when wheat has advanced here quickly, that it would not have tumbled in half an hour if the farmers had become free sellers. To have rushed wheat upon a market that had no transportation at command, or only slight amount of tonnage available, would have been the poorest policy in the world.

Hay holds up well. Oats held up to 45c for choice. Potatoes and apples are abundant at former prices. The opening of navigation on the upper Willamette brings down many apples and may overstock the market. Butter and eggs have been held too high and are lower; see price list. Hog products have been very high all the Fall and may be expected to decline with the coming in of the new crop. Butchers pay 6 to 6 1/2 cents for hogs.

Hope are at a good figure. Messrs. Corbett & Macley report sales below of choice at 10c; fair middling at 10c to 11c, and inferior range from 10c to 15c. The hop crop seems to be about equally divided, in thirds, between the three grades.

LATEST.—At the hour of going to press Thursday we learned that Liverpool shows no material change, but there is nothing doing. Evidently the fear of Irish troubles increasing has palsied the English markets. If conciliating measures prevail when parliament soon meets, we may look for rapid improvement. We also learn that last night five vessels arrived in San Francisco, two of which were not known to be on the way, one of these two was ordered off the Heads to proceed to Portland. So this confirms again our statement that the names of many vessels on the way to this coast are kept back. One man of our acquaintance claims to know of six vessels unknown to the public now on the way to Portland.

The freight market in San Francisco is even weaker than we talked of in the first part of this report, and we are confident it must grow still weaker soon. We hear of a lot of 10,000 bushels of valley wheat sold yesterday by a warehouseman for \$1.25, but farmers are not selling. The report on the streets has been for weeks: "farmers won't sell."

GOLD AND STOCK COMPANY'S REPORTS. San Francisco Markets. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15. Charters.—Br. ship Z. Ring, wheat, Cork U. K., 55c prior to arrival; Br. ship Arctic, wheat, Cork U. K., 62c 6d, prior to arrival. Re-chartered.—Br. bark Mary Emily, wheat Cork U. K., 70c.

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OREGON STATE FAIR. The board of managers of the Oregon State Agricultural Society met in Salem last week. Members were in attendance from all the valley counties, and some from distant portions of the State. The meeting was interesting, and the members of the board seem to be well pleased with the result of their labors.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer we presented, read and referred to the finance committee; but as the latter was only given to the board on the last day of adjournment the finance committee were compelled to take home both reports and accompanying papers and documents, so that no summary of them can be given here. The secretary, however, informs me that the total receipts of the fair of 1880 were \$18,333 cents—about \$4000 over last year. Gate receipts were \$10,556 and some cents.

The speed program was thoroughly revised, and while the turfmen will profit about the same as usual, yet, by the arrangement of the premiums several hundred dollars, (about \$800) were saved to the society. The premiums are free for all, with one exception.

The time for holding the fair of 1881 was fixed from Wednesday, June 20th, to Wednesday, July 6th, to include a celebration on the 4th of July. Liberal premiums were offered for the exhibit of fruits, while those for grain in sheaf, offered last year, were continued. Several premiums were added to division appointed for all divisions.

The premium list was thoroughly revised. Geo. Downing, of Sublimity, was re-elected chief marshal without opposition, and only accepted to gratify a special desire of the board, his former economical and satisfactory management having met their hearty approval. Mr. W. H. Lewis was elected assistant marshal, and it is thought he will make an efficient and accommodating officer.

The floral exhibit for the fair of 1881 will be removed from the pavilion and placed in the floral garden ordered by the board to be completed for the exhibition of next year. A committee consisting of Henry Miller, of Portland, S. H. Lambert, of Milwaukie and the secretary of the Society, was appointed to superintend the work.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS. The small schooner Swallow from the Coquille river arrived at Florence on Dec. 5th. On coming over the bar she shipped a sea which carried away the cabin, smashed the small boat, carried the stove overboard and threw B. G. McDaniel who was at the helm against the wheel, breaking his left shoulder and slightly injuring him otherwise. No lives were lost and Mr. McDaniel is doing well.

We are pleased to note that there is scarcely a vacant dwelling house in Salem at the present time. We may almost say that there is not one to be had. This is pleasing contrast to what has prevailed for a year for two past, when vacant tenement houses could be seen upon almost every street. It is, besides, an evidence of reviving prosperity, and speaks well for the interests of our city.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT. A special correspondent, writing from Comstock, Douglas county, to the Eugene Journal says: A most distressing accident occurred at this place on Friday, Dec. 3d, resulting in the death of Mr. Duncan McFeil, who was engaged in driving a team for Mr. J. A. Griggs. It was a cold, frosty morning, and it is supposed, the boards on the wagon, used for dumping manure, slid forward and struck the horses on the legs, frightening them and causing them to run away. Duncan was thrown forward and kicked in the face by one of the horses, which rendered him insensible. He was then dragged over the frozen ground a distance of about 150 yards. Men ran to his assistance, but he was dead before anyone reached him, probably being instantly killed. His neck and several ribs were broken, and he was badly mangled otherwise. Deceased was a sailor by occupation and a native of Glasgow, Scotland. He had no relations in this country, but had scores of friends, by whom he was decently buried. He had received a letter from his relatives in Scotland about an hour before his death, and was feeling very happy. His consequence. His death, cast a gloom over the whole community. Three small children were in the wagon at the time of the accident, but were thrown out unhurt.

LOTS OPEN WITH BEAR. Andy Foster and John Wiklemann relate an exciting encounter with a grizzly bear recently. They concluded that they had lost a grizzly and repaired to the fast hills surrounding Summer Lake purposefully to find the stray bruin and "bring him into camp." Unfortunately for them, they were very successful in their quest, and soon started a huge grizzly out of his quiet lair. Herding him into a convenient cove, they dismounted tethered their horses and, in company with the dogs, proceeded to charge on his bearship. The dogs, eager for the fun, rushed in and succeeded in running bruin out of the chaparral on the side next to the hunters and their horses. One of the horses, in his fright and frenzy, reared and, being tied securely, threw himself and broke his neck, while the other one broke his rope and depart-

ed for home. The grizzly, as he passed, snuffed the air defiantly as a farewell to the courageous men, and soon hid himself in the forest, pursued by the hounds, while the hunters were left "a foot and alone," a long way from home. They were thirty-six hours without food. One of the dogs was in pursuit at last account, not having been heard of for ten days.

FEARFUL ACCIDENT. Last Wednesday, Mr. Smith, of the Lakeview House, received the intelligence from his partner, Mr. Wiggin, that the wife and little son of the latter had met with a painful misfortune while en route by stage from Reno to this place. When about eight miles from Bidwell, the coach turned over, throwing the occupants violently to the ground, breaking one of Mrs. Wiggin's arms and one of the legs of the son. No further particulars are given of the fearful accident. Later—it is reported that the coach was blown over and that a soldier who was a passenger, also had a arm broken and that the driver's nose is a complete wreck.

NEW PINE CREEK. State Line Herald: This prosperous village is located on the line dividing Oregon and California, and about fourteen miles distant from Lakeview. Evidence of its future prosperity have been abundant lately, chief among which is the erection of a fine church building. Mr. Reas, a gentleman from California who recently located there and engaged in the general merchandising business, contributed very largely to the building of this church, and has manifested his enterprise and energy in various other ways. New Pine Creek is surrounded by a magnificent farming country, mountain forests near on the East and Goose Lake immediately to the West. When the railroad is constructed into this section, it will, of necessity, pass directly through this embryo town, and it is destined to become more important than was first anticipated at the erection of a flouring mill and blacksmith shop. It has abundant water facilities, also.

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