BUTTER FIRMER BUYING STRONG EGGS ARE WEAK

Portland (UP)—Market undertone for butter continues to reflect more or less improvement here and along the Pacific slope generally. There was no further price change for the day but the general feeling is rather good. During the last few days butter has emerged from extreme weakness to more than passing steadiness. For the first time in a very extended period buyers were willing to take hold with the idea that their purchases would not be worth less within a few hours. Such feeling has given the trade more or less confidence which has naturally resulted in more or less willingness to take on more than immediate needs.

Undertone in the egg trade continues very weak as a result of repeated price slashing by some operators. The Pacific co-ops are trying to maintain prices here.

General conditions in the live chicken trade appear about steady for the day. There was no change in prices despite much talk among killers of a weak tone. All values are unchanged.

Demand for dressed turkeys remains surprisingly good in the local territory. Eastern interests are keenly seeking supplies and are still bidding the season's highest values for their storage needs.

While recent receipts of country killed lamb have been of quite fair volume, demand remains even more liberal with resulting strong prices. Hogs and calves are steady to easier. Beef is steady with no bulls coming.

Market for honey is receiving a setback as a result of extreme supplies. Supplies of both comb and strained honey are very liberal and prices are being cut severely.

While prices remain low, a somewhat better outlook appears in the market generally for cheese. Tillamook sales to the southern California markets have been liberally increased during the last few days.

Fair supply of Florida oranges have been received here and the quality is excellent. Grapefruit market is reported steady with fresh arrivals from Arizona and the Imperial valley. No change in citrus prices but lemons are firmed.

Potatoes and onions continue quiet at low prices.

Columbia river smelt selling well at ¾ cents pound.

ONION SHIPMENTS AGAIN UNDERWAY

Quinaby — Recovering somewhat from the winter depression that has marked the condition of the onion market shipping has begun in car lots from Quinaby station on the Oregon Electric and by way of the Southern Pacific at Brooks, so that by planting time the warehouses bid fair to be cleared out. Prices have been in keeping with the general reduction in farm produce, but one bright spot on the horizon is the new market for seed, opened up when the Connecticut Seed company rented several farms in this section last fall, planting hundreds of sacks of onions of the choicest grade from which will be harvested seed this summer. One sack of onions produces about 10 pounds of seed, and as the mild winter allowed the onions to grow without interruption a fair profit is anticipated by the growers. The seed is all being grown on the uplands, while onions for table use requires the rich lowlands or beaver dam soils.

Salem Markets

Compiled from reports of Salem dealers, for the guidance of Capital Journal readers. (Revised daily).

BUYERS' PRICES

Wheat, (unscreened) No. 1 white $2c; red, sacked 49c bushel.

Feed oats $19 ton; milling oats $20; barley $19-$20 ton.

Meats: hogs, top grades 130-160 lbs. $8.50; 160-200 lbs. $8.75; 200-250 lbs. $8.50; 250-350 lbs. $7.50; sows $7.

Cattle, top steers 6½-7½; cows, 3-4½c; culls and cutters 2-3c.

Sheep, spring lambs 5½-6c; yearlings wethers 3½-4c; old ewes 2-3c.

Calves, vealers, top 7-9c; heavy and thins 4-5c.

Dressed meats: Top veal 12c; No. 2 grade 11½; rough, heavy 10c and up. Top hogs 120-160 lbs. 12½c lb.; other grades 11c down.

Poultry: light to med. hens 8-13c lb.; heavy hens 17c. Old roosters 7c.

Turkeys, No. 1 dressed 26-27c lb.; No. 2 19c; live 23c. Geese, live 13c; dressed 16c lb. Ducks, live Mallards 13c; Pekins 16c lb.

Eggs, medium 31c; standards 33c; fresh extras 34c.

Butterfat 22c; prime butter 28-29c; cube extras 25c; standard cubes 24c.

Cheese, selling price: Marion county triplets 19c; loaf 20c.

WHOLESALE MARKETS

Fresh fruit: Oranges, navels $3.25-$5.50; lemons $6-$7; bananas 6½c lb. Grapefruit, Ariz. $3.50; Florida $4-$4.50; Calif. $3.50. Apples, 90c-$1.25. Limes, $2.50 carton.

Cranberries ½ bbl. $10.

Pomegranates $1.25 lug. Bulk dates 8½c lb. Cocoanuts $7.50 sack, $1.15 doz. Persimmons $1.50 box.

Fresh vegetables: Tomatoes, Mexican $4.75; hothouse $3-$5; Lettuce, Calif. $2.50. Cukes, hothouse 75c to $1.65 doz. Celery, dozen 60c-$1.50; crate $5.50; hearts 90c. Cabbage 2c. Green peppers 25c lb. Spinach, Calif. $3.50 crate; cauliflower, $1.75; Calif. $1.75. Squash, Marblehead 3½c; Hubbard 3½c; Danish 3c. Peanuts 12c. Artichokes $1.75 doz. Brussels sprouts, Cal. 15c. Eggplant 15c. Mushrooms 65c lb.

Calavas $6.50 case of 2 to 3 dozen. Rhubarb XF $1.85; fancy $1.60; choice $1.25 crate of 15 lbs.

Bunched vegetables: dozen bunches turnips 60c; parsley 60c; carrots 60; beets 60c; onions 40c; radishes 60c.

Sacked vegetables, potatoes, local $1.25; Yakima $1.25-$1.75; Ore. No. 1 $2; seed $2.50-$2.75. Onions, Yakima $1.40; local 75c; sets 7c. Carrots 2c lb. Beets 2½c; rutabagas 2c; turnips 2c; parsnips 2c½; garlic 12c; sweet potatoes 4½c lb.

WOOL, MOHAIR

Market nominal. Wool, coarse 12c; medium 16c; lambs 14; mohair kid 22; long staple 18c lb.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Hopmere—The robins are here for spring. The birds are singing. The pussy willows are out, and the fields of grain are growing green.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

Portland (AP)—Cattle 35; calves 10. Steers and she stock look about steady.

Steers 600-900 lbs. good $8.50-$9.10; medium $7.50-$8.50; common $6.25-$7.50; 900-1100 lbs. good $8.50-$9.10; medium $7.50-$8.50; common $6.25-$7.50; 1100-1300 lbs. good $8.25-$8.85; medium $7.25-$8.25. Heifers, 550-850 lbs. good $7.50-$8.25; medium $6.50-$7.50; common $5.50-$6.50. Cows, good $6.25-$6.75; common-medium $5-$6.25; low cutter and cutter $2.50-$5. Bulls, yearlings excluded, $5-$5.75; cutter, common and medium $3.50-$5. Vealers, milk fed $10.00-$10.50; medium $8.50-$10.00; cull & common $6.50-$8. Calves 350-500 lbs. good to choice $8.50-$10; common-medium $5-$8.50.

Hogs 600. Looks weak to possible shade lower.

Soft or oily hogs and roasting pigs excluded: Light lights 140 lbs. $8.25-$9.25; light weight 160-180 lbs. $8-$9.25; 180-200 lbs. $8-$9.25; medium weight 200-220 lbs. $8.25-$9.25; 220-250 lbs. $8-$9; heavy weight 250-290 lbs. $7.50-$8.50; 290-350 lbs. $7-$8.25; Packing sows 275-500 lbs. $6.50-$8.00. Feeder and stock pigs 70-130 lbs. $6.75 to $10.

Sheep 100. Generally steady.

Lambs 90 lbs. down $6.75-$7.25; medium $5.50-$6.75; all weights, common $4.50-$5.50; yearling wethers 90-110 lbs. medium to choice $4-$5.50. Ewes, 90-120 lbs. medium to choice $2.50-$3.50; 120-150 lbs. $2.25-$3.25; all weights, cull and common $1.50-$2.25.

PORTLAND PRODUCE EXCHANGE

Portland (UP)—The following prices were named to be effective Wednesday. Butter quotations for shipment from country creameries and ½c lb. is deducted as commission.

Butter, cube extras 26c; standard 25; prime firsts 24; firsts 22.

Eggs, poultry producers' prices: Fresh extras 18c; standards 17c; fresh mediums 16c; pullets 10c doren.

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES

Portland (UP)— Butterfat, direct shippers track 21; No. 2 grade 16c; stations, No. 1, 20c; No. 2, 18c. Portland delivery prices: No. 1 butterfat 22c; No. 2, 17c; sweet 25-25 lb. Portland.

Milk, buying prices: $1.60-$2.30 per cental; Portland delivery and inspection C grade $1.75.

Cheese: Selling price to jobbers: Tillamook county triplets 17c; loaf 18c f.o.b. Tillamook. Selling prices to Portland retailers; triplets 19; loaf 20.

Live poultry, buying prices: heavy hens, colored 4½ lbs. 18-19c; 3½-4 lbs. 14c; under 3 lbs. 12c. Springs 20c; roosters 21c; old roosters 6-9c; Ducks 23-24c. Geese 12c. Turkeys 20-22c.

Dressed poultry, selling prices to retailers: Turkeys poor to good 25-33c; ducks 25c; geese 16-20c; capons 30-35c lb.

Fresh fruits: Oranges, navels packed $3-$4.50; jumbo stock $2.10-$2.25. Grapefruit, Florida $3.50-$4.50; Ariz. $3.25; Limes 5 dozen carton $2.50. Bananas 6c lb. Lemons, Calif. $6-$6.25.

Cabbage, local 1-1½c lb.

Potatoes, Oregon Deschutes $1.60-$1.70; local $1.25; Klamath Gems $1.50; Yakima $1-$1.50 cental.

New potatoes, Texas Triumphs $2.25.

Seed potatoes, local 2-2½c lb.

Onions, selling prices to retailers: Oregon No. 1 grade 60-80c.

Hothouse rhubarb, Washington xf. $1.10-$1.25; fancy $1.05-$1.10; choice 80-95c 15-lb. box. Oregon No. 1 $1.50; No. 2, $1.25 box 20 lbs.

Artichokes $1.25-$1.65 doz.

Spinach, local $1.25-$1.40 orange box. Cranberries, eastern $19-$20 bbl.

Celery, fancy 65-80c doz.; Calif. $1.25-$1.50; hearts $1.25 doz. bunches.

Bell peppers, green 16-20c lb.

Sweet potatoes, Calif. 3¼-4½c lb. Eastern $2.25 bushel.

Cauliflower, Ore. $1-$1.50; California $1.25-$1.35 crate. Garlic, new 8-10c lb.

Tomatoes, Hothouse, $4.65-$5 crate. Mexican $4-$4.50 lug repacked.

Lettuce, Imperial val. $2.75-$3 crate.

Country meats: selling prices to retailers: Country butchers, under 150 lbs. 12½-13c; vealers, 70-80 lbs. 13½-14; lambs 14½-15c; yearlings 8-10c; Heavy ewes 7c; canners 5-7c; bulls 9-10c.

PORTLAND EASTSIDE MARKET

Demand for root vegetables is fairly active on the east side farmers' market with prices generally maintained. Offerings are of quite liberal volume. Cabbage remains weak with potatoes steady.

General prices ruled:

Carrots and turnips, 2lbc dozen bunches; 40-45c lug. Spinach, fancy 80c-$1. Beets, 35-40c doz. bunches, lugs 45c.

Potatoes, local, large 90c-$1; small 65-75c; cantaloupe box, $1.25 sack.

Cabbage, flat type 60-75c crate, red.

Parsnips, bulk 45-50c lug. Radishes, best 20c doz. bunches.

Celery, local 80-90c doz., hearts $1.25-$1.50; doz. bunches, celery roots 60c doz. bunches.

Cauliflower, No. 1, $1.10-$1.15; No. 2A, 75c-$1; No. 2, 65-75c box.

Apples, jumble pack, large 50c; small 30-35c box.

Broccoli, green Italian 90c-$1 lug.

SAN FRANCISCO APPLES

San Francisco (AP)—(Fed.-state mkt. news service). Apples, California Newtowns, loose $1-$1.35 box; packed, fancy $1.50-$2; small lower. Delicious, packed, fancy $1.50-$1.90.

Oregon Spitzenburgs, xf $2.10-$2.40; fancy $1.75-$1.90.

Washington, Delicious xf, $2.75-$3; fancy $2.25-$2.50; Spitzenburgs, xf, $2.10-$2.40; fancy $1.75-$1.90. Rome Beauties, fancy $1.75-$1.90. Winesaps, xf, $2.25-$2.50; fancy $1.90-$2.20.

HAY, CASCARA BARK

Portland (AP)—Hay, steady. Wholesale buying prices delivered Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy $22.50-$23; valley $19-$19.50; alfalfa $17-$18; clover $16; oat hay $16; straw $7-$8 ton. Selling prices $1-$2 more.

Cascara bark, steady, 8c lb.

DRIED FRUIT, HOPS

New York (AP)—Evaporated apples steady, choice 10; fancy 11-11½.

Prunes steady, Calif. 3½-10½; Ore. 6-8½. Apricots steady, standard 9½; choice 12; extra choice 14½.

Peaches steady, standard 7½; choice 8; extra choice 8½.

Hops, steady. State 1930, 19-21; 1929 15-18c. Pacific coast 1930, 19-23; 1929, 15-18.

NUTS; HOPS; WOOL

Portland (UP)—Nuts, Oregon walnuts 18-25c; peanuts 12c lb.; Brazils 18-20c; almonds 14-18½c; filberts 20-22c; pecans 20c.

Hops, nominal, 1929 crop 5-6c; 1930 15-16c.

Wool, 1930 crop, nominal, Willamette valley 13c lb.

SAN FRANCISCO BUTTERFAT

San Francisco (AP)—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco 24c.

SAN FRANCISCO DAIRY

San Francisco (UP) —Butter, 92 score 23c; 91 score 24½; 90 score 24.

Eggs, extras, large 20½; medium 18½; smalls 16½c.

Cheese, California, fancy flats and triplets 14c.

SAN FRANCISCO POULTRY

San Francisco (UP)—Leghorn hens, all sizes 17-18c; colored hens 5 lbs. and over 21-22c; under 5 lbs. 23-24c; broilers, Leghorn, 12-17 lbs. per dozen 31c; 18 lbs. per doz. and up 28c. Colored fryers up to 3 lbs. 29-31. Leghorn fryers 2-2½ lbs. 29-31c; colored roasters 3-3½ lbs. and over 30-31c; old Leghorn roosters 12c; colored roosters 12-15c. Turkeys young, live 25-26c.

PORTLAND SUGAR, FLOUR

Portland (AP)—Sugar, steady. Sacked basis. Cane, fruit or berry $5 per cwt. Beet sugar $4.80 cwt.

Flour, steady. City delivery prices: Family patents, 49s $4.60; whole wheat $4.70; graham $4.60; Bakers' hard wheat 98s, $5.20; bakers' blue-stem patents $5.30; pastry flour 98s, $4.50.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool (UP)—Wheat range: Mar. open, high 60½, low 59 3-8; close 59½. May, open, high 61½; low, close 60½. July, open, high 62 5-8; low, close 62 3-8.

BOSTON WOOL

Boston (UP)—The finer grades of territory wools continue to move in fair volume at prices about steady as compared with sales earlier in the week. Only scattered sales are being reported on 56s, low offers on 46-50s fleeces are being refused. Cable reports to private concerns indicate a firmer tone at London.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

Winnipeg (AP)—Wheat close: May 57; July 57½; Oct. 59 3-8. Cash: No. 1 hard 59 3-8; No. 1 northern 58 3-8; No. 2 northern 57; No. 3 northern 47½.

SAN FRANCISCO LIVESTOCK

San Francisco (UP)—Hogs 750; fully steady. Spots 10c higher. Two loads 180-200 lb Californias $9, top. Around three loads 160-215 lbs. $8.75-$8.85; few pigs, 247-275 lbs. $7.75-$8.25; packing sows $7.25-$7.50.

Cattle 150. Steers, about steady. Pkg. medium 964-lb. $8.25; part load common-medium 920-lbs. $7.80. Desirable she stock fully steady; two loads outstanding 150-day grain fed 725-780 lb. heifers $9-$9.50; odd head medium heifers $7; few medium-good 1065-1260 lb. cows $5-$6; low cutter and cutter $3-$4.25; odd head good bulls $6.25. Calves 10, holdovers 30. Desirable carlot vealers quotably to $11-$11.50; steady; off head good 400-lb. calves $9.50; two decks medium 69 lb. Oregons $7.25 with 30 out at $6; medium-choice ewes quotable steady at $2-$4.50.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCKS

San Francisco (UP)—Activity was largely confined to the stocks in early trading on the San Francisco stock exchange Wednesday. Prices were off, but Caterpillar proved an exception, moving against the trend to a new high for the year at 37¾, dropping to 37¼, up ¼ from Tuesday's close. Four thousand shares changed hands in the first two hours of trading. Trans-America dropped ¼ to 13¼ in a light turnover. Magnavox at 1 3-8 remained unchanged.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago (AP)—Wheat futures:

Mar. old	79⅞	79⅞	79¼	79¼
" new	79⅞	79⅞	79¼	79¼
May old	81⅞	81⅞	81⅛	81⅛
" new	82⅞	82⅞	82½	82½
July	66-66¼	66¼	64⅞	64⅞-¼

Cash grain: Wheat, No. 1 hard 79; No. 1 northern spring 77¾-78¾; No. 1 mixed 78⅞. Corn, No. 3 mixed 61¾-62¼. No. 3 yellow 61½-62½. No. 3 white 64. Oats, No. 2 white 32; No. 4 white 40½. Rye, no sales. Barley 40-62. Timothy seed $6.75-$9. Clover seed $14.25-$22.75.

Lard 8.30; ribs 11; bellies 11.

PORTLAND WHEAT

Portland (AP)—Wheat futures: Jan. all trading 65. May, all trading 68c. July, all trading 61.

Cash wheat: Big Bend Bluestem 68; soft white, western white 66; hard winter, northern spring, western red 65.

Oats, No. 2 38-lb. white $22.

Wednesday's car receipts, wheat 47, barley 1, flour 6, corn 9, hay 1.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago (AP)—(U. S. D. A.) Hogs 28,000; slow; mostly 10-15c lower. Good and choice 130-210 lbs. $7.90-$8.10; top $8.10; 220-290 lbs. $7.10-$7.75.

Cattle 11,000; calves 2000; bidding 25c or more lower. General demand sluggish; slaughter cattle and vealers steers, good-choice 600-1300 lbs. $9.50-$13.25; 1300-1500 lbs. $9.75-$13; vealers, milk fed, good-choice $10-$12.

Sheep 11,000, slow, mostly steady. Choice lambs top $9.50; bulk $9. Lambs 90 lbs. down, good-choice $8.75 to $9.50; 91-105 lbs. medium to choice $7-$9.35; ewes 90-150 lbs. medium to choice $2.50-$5.

ROGUE RIVER FISH BILL IN SENATE

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Rogue river. Closing of the river to commercial fishing, he said, means more financially to Gold Beach and other districts on the lower river than does commercial fishing.

Senator Bennett of Multnomah county defended the bill, while Senator Franciscovich of Clatsop county fought it. He said steelheads are protected from the commercial activities by net regulations in the Rogue. He declared that the bill was ill-timed because of the present period of unemployment and because of the vote of the people in November against closing the river. The measure, he said, would legislate 86 families out of a livelihood.

"Introduction of this measure in this legislature is justified," asserted Senator Miller of Josephine county, leading proponent of the bill, "notwithstanding the fact that it was voted on in November, for the reason that the ballot measure was a constitutional amendment which was obnoxious to many persons who otherwise favored the bill.

"Prior to the election the federal bureau of fisheries signified its intention to spend $35,000 for new hatcheries on the lower Rogue, but when the result of the election became known notified us by wire that it could not make the expenditure as long as the net remained in the Rogue.

"This is a conservation measure, a question of the preservation of fish life in the stream. It is not in the interest of sport primarily, nor is it directed at the commercial fish business as such. The utter elimination of fish life in the Rogue is threatened.

"In Alaska, Washington and California nets are not allowed in the fishing streams," Miller said. He conceded that some fish are lost in irrigation ditches and that thousands are killed in turbines in the river, but declared this was added reason why the net should be removed. He recalled that the first commercial fisherman in the Rogue allowed 40 per cent of his catch to escape. "But now," he added, "ruled by avarice and greed, they allow none of them to get away. There is no question about the depletion of fish life on the Rogue and it has been necessary to transfer eggs and fry from other streams to restock that river."

Miller's speech was interrupted by adjournment until 2 o'clock.

The following bills passed the senate Wednesday:

SB 35, by Franciscovich—Relating to filling vacancies in offices of county treasurer, assessor, surveyor and commissioners.

SB36, by Franciscovich—Relating to filling vacancies in offices of county sheriff, clerk and coroner.

SB 59, by Senators Crawford and Bailey and Representative Angell—Providing that summons may be served on vice president and assistant cashier as well as other officials of private corporations.

SB 51, by Senator Crawford and Representative Angell — Providing that chattel mortgages need not be witnessed.

SB 47, by Johnson—Changing dates of circuit court terms in Benton county.

SB 71, by Senators Eddy, Kiddle, Strayer, Staples, Brown, Schulmerich, Burke, Upton and Woodward—Repealing act creating state judicial council.

MILLERS TO BUY WHEAT SUPPLIES OF FARM BOARD

Toledo, O. (AP)—Harold Anderson, president and general manager of the National Milling company, said Wednesday that the virtual corner of domestic wheat supplies in the hands of federal farm board agencies, together with price pegging tactics employed by these agencies on the Chicago board of trade, has forced his company to revolutionize its buying and pricing policies.

Starting immediately, Mr. Anderson said, the National mill, largest soft wheat consumer in the world, will clean up all privately owned grain in its storage tanks as well as its hedges in the Chicago market. This accomplished, he said, the mill will depend on the farm board for wheat supplies and base flour prices on farm board wheat prices until the new 1931 crop is available in July or August.

Sources other than the farm board agencies very shortly will have but negligible amounts of wheat available for milling, Mr. Anderson believed. He said millers generally had little choice other than to depend on the farm board for supplies. Hedging facilities, he said, are temporarily ruined and flour prices through necessity would have to be based on governmental wheat prices.

Mr. Anderson said no definite policy with respect to the 1931 wheat crop could be arranged now due to the lack of a definite farm board policy with respect to the new crop.

The National Milling company consumes nearly 10,000,000 bushels of soft winter wheat annually and is the principal single outlet for grain grown in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

BILL TO PENALIZE TELEPHONE COMPANY

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nett introduced a bill stipulating that in any city where a utility is operating without a franchise or under an expired franchise the governing body of the city shall levy a tax of five per cent upon the gross earnings of the corporation.

"This bill as applied to the telephone franchise situation in Portland," said Bennett, "would compel the city council to levy this tax based on the gross earning revenue of the telephone company. For 1929 the gross earnings were $5,172,613.11. Therefore, this tax would return to the city treasury some $250,000 a year. If the people of Portland will actively support this bill their troubles as far as franchises are concerned will be over."

While no definite information as to the number of instances over the state where utilities are operating under expired franchises was available here Wednesday, it was shown that there are many such cases in the smaller cities.

HAY DEMAND DULL ALFALFA IS LOWER

Portland (AP)—Pacific northwest alfalfa markets are barely steady to slightly lower, reflecting continued dull demand in this area, according to observers for the department of agricultural economics. Portland dealers are reported quoting $16.50 to $17.50 a ton, 50 cents below a week ago, for U. S. No. 1 grade. Price at Hermiston is reported around $11.50 a ton, f. o. b.

DRIED FRUIT MARKET IN FINE CONDITION

The dried fruit market is in very good shape here on the coast, says the California Fruit News. For the time of year, packers consider that a good business is passing at the prices in this line and have no fears of the future. In fact, even the low-priced prune, while quotably unchanged, is being groomed for better things, apparently. One important dealer in California said that he prefers to have prunes in his bins to money in the bank just now. Price changes in items under this head during the week are not important for the most part, outside of raisins and figs and northwest Italian prunes.

TO LIMIT ROUTES OF SCHOOL BUSES

School districts are prohibited from establishing a route or operating a bus for transportation of high school pupils beyond the limits of the district under terms of a bill introduced by Representative Tompkins. Violation of the act would result in withholding any funds for that district from any county high school tuition fund.

Conflicting transportation routes may be changed by a special election of the district if 25 per cent of the voters of a district not maintaining a high school transportation route petition the district boundary board, signed by not less than five residents, under another bill by Tompkins.

DRAMA LEAGUE ON ELSINORE STAGE

"Belinda", a sparkling three-act comedy by A. A. Milne, will be presented Wednesday night at the Warner Bros. Elsinore theater by the Salem Drama league. The cast includes Genevieve Thayer, James Beard, Frank Alfred, Wesley Gordon and Eleanor Henderson.

The play will be given in conjunction with the regular screen feature, "Sin Takes a Holiday." It is the most ambitious play presented by the local group of little theater enthusiasts this winter.

COLLARD HOME FROM SAN FRANCISCO VISIT

Clear Lake—W. P. Collard of Mission Bottom returned from San Francisco the last of the week after several days' visit with relatives and friends of that place. He visited a cousin that he had not seen for 19 years. He reported a nice rain while he was there that was very much appreciated as it has been very dry there all winter.

STOCKS RALLY LATE AFTER AN EARLY DECLINE

New York (AP)—A slight rally occurred in the stock market late Wednesday after the list had been depressed 1 to 7 points.

According to preliminary calculation the Dow, Jones and Co., industrial average declined 3.87 points to 166.95 and the railroad average 1.38 points to 107.88.

Sales for the session totalled 1,600,000 shares, compared with 1,601,720 shares Tuesday.

Auburn made a swift recovery of 5 points from its low of 130½ in the late trading following a statement by E. L. Cord, president, that the company had not conducted pool operations. Cord said the stock probably advanced in recent sessions as a result of stepping up of production schedules from 10,000 cars for the first fivem onths of 1931 to 19,900 cars.

The rise in Auburn was not duplicated by other shares which rose only small amounts from their lows and then lost most of the appreciation. The market generally closed lower.

The list was under the influence of the bond market where U. S. government issues were brought down due to congress debate on the war veterans' cash compensation bill.

Secretary of Treasury Mellon predicted a treasury deficit and said a huge bond offering to pay the veterans compensation would injure security markets and increase scope of the depression.

U. S. Steel reacted on its poor earnings statement for the fourth quarter of 1930, showing only 27 cents a share actually earned. The report, including non-recurring extra income from income tax refunds, showed earnings equivalent to 70 cents a share. The street had estimated the corporation would show 30 to 40 cents in the last quarter of 1930 and hence the statement was under expectations.

Steel dipped to 139½, off 2¼, and closed at 140⅝, off 2⅜. Other leading industrials dropped with it.

Rails were sold all day, having lost their strength of the recent sessions. Leading issues lost 1 to 3 points.

VICTIM UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ASSAILANT

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crooked gamblers effected his arrest.

According to the story Hinch claims that he was to have caused suits to be filed against the gamblers who had fleeced him out of most of his own money, and who had also bilked Oscar Singert out of $6,000.

The story says that Hinch knows nothing whatever of the attacks alleged to have been perpetrated upon Mrs. H. W. Howard, who claims to have evidence in connection with the cases of Nelson C. Bowles and Irma Loucks, charged with the murder of Bowles' wife.

"I know they haven't anything on me in the Howard deal because I never heard of her," the story quotes Hinch as saying. "But they'll charge me with vagrancy and give me a 90-day sentence, provided I leave Portland, making it impossible for me to appear against the gamblers."

PROSECUTOR TO AID IN BENTON CASES

A special prosecutor will aid in the prosecution of Benton county cases, it was announced Tuesday night by the governor's office, following a request on the part of County Judge Moses of Corvallis and the foreman of the county grand jury. The two men presented their request to the governor as a result of recent alleged liquor and vice activities in Benton county.

The recent murder trial in Corvallis, the delegation informed, has resulted in the disclosure of several cases of liquor selling and hijacking, approaching proportions of organized industry. The special prosecutor has not yet been named.

WHEAT VALUES SHRINK IN LINE WITH OTHERS

Chicago (UP)—An unceasing trickle of selling orders ran through the corn pit on the board of trade Wednesday and bore the prices down to new low levels for the season for all deliveries and to the lowest prices since 1922.

The close was sharply lower. The market averaged lower from the start and at no time was there any indications of a sustained rally. Wheat was slow with most of the trade in July, that month declining sharply in sympathy with corn. Oatsaagged with corn. Rye went to new low levels since 1894.

At the close corn was 2⅛ to 2⅝ cents lower, wheat was ¼ cent lower with July off 1⅛ cents, and oats were ⅝ to ⅞ cent lower. Provisions were weak to unevenly lower.

Chicago (AP)—Influenced by forecasts quantities of wheat on ocean passage would shortly assume much larger proportions, grains underwent early price setbacks Wednesday. Argentina, Australia and Canada were in position to furnish wheat supplies freely to importing countries. Starting unchanged to 3-8 off wheat afterward continued to sag. Cor nopened ⅛-⅞ down and subsequently held near the initial range.

HOUSE PASSES PORT OF PORTLAND BILL

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missioners by the people eventually and would take the matter out of the legislature.

Final roll call on the bill was as follows: Ayes—Allen, Anderson, Andrews, Angell, Bronaugh, Bynon, Chindgren, Chinnock, Day, DeLap, Deuel, Eckley, Gouley, Hamilton, Hellberg, Hill, Howard, Johnson, Knapp, Lee, Manning, McCourt, McCornack, McGraw, Mott, Nash, Norton, Oxman, Proctor, Stewart, Scott of Umatilla, Smith of Hood River, Snell, Swift, Taylor, Thornburgh, Wells, Yates and Speaker Lenergan.

Nayes—Fisher, Gill, Glass, Gordon, Janssen, Keasey, Lawrence, Lewis, McAlister, McPhillips, Nichols, Peters, Schaupp, Scott of Morrow and Umatilla, Smith of Marion, Stockdale, Temple, Tompkins and Weatherford.

Absent—Macpherson (excused).

Temporarily, at least, the conflict over the port commission problem which Governor Meier has made an administration issue by his insistance that he be given the power of appointment has shifted to the senate with a situation existing that bids fair to create a deadlock and leave the selection of commissioners for the district with the legislature.

House bill 73 when it reaches the senate will be referred to the Multnomah county delegation for consideration. The delegation already has before it the Crawford bill, providing for the appointment of the four commissioners going out this year by the governor and elections in the future.

There were indications Wednesday that house bill 73 will come out of the delegation in the senate with a divided report, four favoring its passage and three signing a minority report against it. The Crawford bill will likely have the 4 to 3 committee report against its passage and, as in the house, the fight on the floor will probably be made on an attempt to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Should the senate accept the Crawford bill its defeat in the house is practically assured, as it would require 40 votes to get the bill before the house for consideration unless the rules should be amended. The house rules forbid the consideration of any bill embodying the same subject matter as has been contained in a measure previously considered and defeated without the vote of 40 members.

The text of the Crawford bill is the same as that of House bill 29, killed in the house by indefinite postponement Tuesday.

Should the senate accept and pass house bill 73 it will then go to the governor and the issue will be placed squarely up to him, with no prospect that it can be carried over his veto if he desires to wield the executive axe.

In fact, there is no particular inclination on the part of the sponsors of house bill 73 to attempt to pass it over the veto if the veto is exercised. They are, they allege, sincere in their efforts to take the port commission squabble out of the legislature and to confer upon the people of the district the right to elect their own commissioners.

"If Governor Meier wants to take the position that the people are capable of filling satisfacorily such offices as he fills, but are not qualified to pick their port commissioners he is free to do so without any interference so far as I am concerned," said one champion of bill 73.

In the lobby there was considerable division of opinion as to whether the governor will veto bill 73 if it is passed up to him. If he does and the legislature refuses to accept the Crawford bill, which is practically certain, members of the Multnomah county delegation will ask for a joint session of the house and senate to elect the four commissioners whose terms are expiring under the present statute.

Wednesday morning, however, there was some talk of a compromise which would embody enactment of house bill 73 with agreement between the governor and the members of the Multnomah delegation on the names of the four commissioners to be selected this year.

The governor had not ceased to battle Wednesday for his demand that he be allowed to appoint the commissioners and during the morning eight members of the senate visited the executive office for conferences, most of them by summons, and there were intimations that the governor is not yet ready to withdraw his demand for enactment of the principle involved in the Crawford bill.

Reports current Tuesday about the legislative halls that house bill 73 was to be killed by design in the senate in order to create a deadlock and prepetuate the present system of naming commissioners by the legislature, were flatly denied Wednesday by members whose names are on the house bill. They declared that they placed their names on the bill with the definite understanding that every possible effort was to be made to pass it by both the house and senate.

Talk of a possible compromise between the executive and the legislature was given some color Wednesday morning by th appearance around the state house of Harry L. Corbett, a member of the port commission for several years and president of the senate during the 1929 session. Corbett's activity about the two houses during the day was indicated to be of a conciliatory nature inspired by a desire to protect the port from the embarrassment of a political controversy.

MODIFIED DECREE IN HUBBARD CASE

A modified decree has been rendered in circuit court in the case of Lawyers Title & Trust company against Hubbard Mineral Springs and others. Under the decree the legal title to the springs passes to the title and trust company. The springs company is found to be in default on $60,000 worth of bonds and the plaintiff as trustee is to recover from the springs company, H. Peterson and R. P. Landis for the benefit of the bond holders. Also interest amounting to $5,911.14; $750 in attorneys fees for the trustee's attorney; $1286.56 advanced by the trustee for issuance; $2040 for attorney's fees; $112 for E. S. Epperly; $500 for Edwin S. Wolfer. The mortgage is to be foreclosed and the holders of the bonds are placed at sixth in the list to have their claims satisfied.

'VARSITY SENIORS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Two students of Willamette university have received the highest honors conferred on seniors at the school in many years, according to word received here late Tuesday by Registrar Tennant. Raymond Waddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waddell, 539 Statesman street, and Arthur Hollenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Hollenberg, 292 North 20th street, have been notified that they have been awarded teaching fellowships in New York university in the department of physics.

Waddell and Hollenberg, who have been majoring in physics, will graduate in June from Willamette. They expect to leave in August for New York where they will work for their master's and doctor's degrees.

The two young men selected ranked the highest in a field of 40 candidates, the announcement states.

A third student, Curtis Reid, a graduate from Willamette with the class of '29, is at the present time holding a teaching fellowship in the physics department at New York university.

Registrar Tennant says the awarding of these honors to Willamette students reflects great credit upon the head of the department, Dr. E. T. Brown.

LIBERTY LOGAN POOL SOLD AT 5 CENTS PLUS

The valley loganberries were finally cleaned up last week when the large Liberty logan pool was sold. The independent tonnage has been pretty well picked up for several weeks at a nickel which with the exception of one year, 1929, has been the prevaling price for ten years. It was pretty well understood between canners and pool directors that the price this season would be five cents plus the usual 2 per cent handling charge. In fact, there were sufficient options out on both the Woodburn and Salem pools by various canners to take these crops. The Salem pool could not sell before its annual meeting which occured last week in which the same directors were elected. It was rumored that the Oregon Packing company, which, had bought a portion of the Salem pool in 1930, was not among those favored with options. This concern, says report, immediately put in a bid at five and a quarter cents a pound for several hundred tons which created consternation among the other canners who had bid five cents. Libby McNeil & Libby, by far the heaviest packer of logans in the deal quickly picked up four hundred tons at Woodburn and then forced to meet the Oregon Packing Co. bid at Salem took on its remaining requirements here at the higher price. Two concerns dropped out and the pool was sold to these two canners with a third concern retaining an option on a small unsold balance.

The Oregon Packing Co. has put out a total of 250 acres of logans on term contracts on what is called "an 85 per cent of the market" contract. Part of this tonnage is in the West Stayton district and the balance in the Monmouth district. This is about as much acreage as this concern packs so it is common knowledge among growers that the Oregon Packing company's requirements will be taken care of in a year or two regardless of independent or pool tonnage.

Ray Maling company has apparently withdrawn from active bidding for all of the Woodburn pool as in the past.

Libby having contracted a large portion of the Ettersberg strawberries and the logans there. The Hubbard pool was purchased again by the Starr Fruit company at a repated price of five and one-quarter for logans with Reid Murdoch of Salem taking the soft strawberries from Hubbard.

In face of the cutting down of the pack requirements by several of the larger canners in the valley on logans and the apathy existing among the trade the bomb exploded by the Oregon Packing company cannot be explained excepting by the fact that this concern, realizing that it was too late to pick up the tonnage required for its season's packs from independent growers, simply paid the price to insure its pack. Many growers have publicly expressed a hope that logans will not go much above the five cent price as a higher price will cause a heavy new planting thus forcing down the price again in a few years as has occurred several times in the past.

Growers report excellent prospects for a large logan crop as the danger of a hard spell of weather is pretty well pas and the canes are long and thick. Ar early season is evident which usually means increased berry yields. A late season throws the major portion of the harvest into the intense heat of early July reducing the marketable tonnage heavily.

INTRODUCES BILL TO LICENSE CHAIN STORE

A bill to license and define retail chain stores in Oregon, rumors of which have been heard every since the session opened, made its appearance in the lobby Wednesday morning in the possession of Elton Watkins, former congressman, who announced that it would be introduced in the house within a few days.

The bill defines chain stores as any two or more retail stores or sales establishments operated under one ownership, requires the licensing of all such stores by the secretary of state at an annual fee of $100 per store, and provides penalties