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THE COMMERCIAL PULSE.

The World of Traffic—Interesting Facts Concerning Crops and Ships.

San Francisco Reports.
The want of tonnage has greatly retarded the movement in grain, and exporters, dealers in wheat, and agents of vessels are looking forward anxiously for a large fleet to arrive. With the accumulation of old wheat and new in the city and about the bay there is an ample supply to load all the tonnage due here as rapidly as vessels can be made ready to receive cargo. There is a good deal of complaint at present regarding weevils, which is doubtless owing in a great measure to the long storage of last year's crop. Usually the warehouses are cleared of grain by the first of June, and that month is devoted to a thorough cleansing of the buildings. Last year, however, many warehouses remained full throughout the season and at present contain large quantities of old grain. More care than usual will therefore have to be exercised in selecting wheat for export. The wheat market yesterday remained inactive, and \$1.40 was about the top offered by exporters. The bag market remained steady. An auction sale of 48,000 machine-sewed and 4,500 hand-sewed bags were held yesterday at S. L. Jones Co. The bags were inferior in quality and, this considered, brought good prices. The machine-sewed selling at 77@81 cents and the hand-sewed at 9 cents. An increased run of salmon in the Columbia river, encourage canners to hope for as large a catch as that of last season. Considerable sales are reported of late upon terms withheld, but said to be within the range of \$1.25@1.30 per doz. 1 lb. cans. This is equivalent to \$1.20@1.25 upon the river. Our local canners are now at work upon peaches, soon to be followed by plums, pears, etc.

New York Reports.
The dullness that has prevailed in the clipper freight market for several weeks past still continues and at this moment there is no prospect of a change, although it is possible that early in August there will be signs of what the fall trade is to be. Ships in berth load slowly. Rates still maintain firmness and there is no prospect of a decline, as the price paid for charters will not admit of it. Tonnage is still rather scarce but the prospects are that within thirty days it will be more plenty. In the meantime both lines have been sufficient to carry them along. Railroad freights have been tolerably active for the season. Markets are generally quiet: Wheat, \$1.24@1.27.

Chicago Reports.
Markets generally are very quiet. Following quotations are for August delivery: Wheat, \$1.12; pork, \$17.40; lard, \$11.90. Flour and wool quiet.

Liverpool Reports.
The leading grain circular says that, under the influence of continuous sunshine, the wheat trade has been extremely quiet; demand at various markets inactive; prices barely maintained; large proportion of cargoes off coast were withdrawn, sellers expecting better prices at destinations; future arrivals firm, but buyers not eager on spot since Tuesday; business in wheat of retail character; prices generally maintained. In corn there was more offering on the quay. Prices are lower to-day. The market is not numerously attended, and business was quiet. Wheat is in moderate demand; penny advance for spring; other grades unchanged. Flour steady, winter qualities attracting chief attention; Canadian peas firm; corn more fairly offered, but being little inquired for; prices declined half a penny.

Grain Held Over in California.
The directors of the Produce Exchange have filed their report of the amount of the flour and grain crop of 1880 in the state July 1st. In a number of minor cases, which would aggregate a consid-

erable amount, no returns have been received and no estimates made in such cases. Where there has been a great discrepancy in reports of two or more parties from the same section, the board has invariably favored the smaller estimate: Flour, barrels, 135,592; wheat, cents, 12,444,278; barley, 595,028; oats, 15,743; corn, 94,410; rye, 3,830. This is the greatest amount of wheat ever carried over.

Small Farms Pay Best.

A speaker at a land league meeting held in Chicago, a few days since, said that the curse of landlordism might yet be felt in America. He said that there was an estate of thirty thousand acres in Illinois owned by an Irishman who lived in London. "The deadline where the property begins can easily be distinguished," said the speaker. "Outside can be seen the cottages of those who own their own houses, while inside are the hovels erected by the tenant. What has been done all over Ireland for generations is now being done in this country." Landlordism is no new thing even in this country, where land is so plentiful. It was a leading question in New York fifty years ago, and has since subsided under the tendency to break up large holdings. The individual grasp of the people in this country is such that small farms in this country are more profitable than large estates cultivated by tenants. Large farms near all the principal cities are being divided into garden patches, and are much more profitable to owners than they could ever have been under the landlord system. Ex-Speaker Randall said the other day that a farm in the vicinity of Philadelphia was utterly beyond his means. Farms had been divided up and sold in patches at prices which no one thought of attaching to land twenty years ago. The tendency all over the country, as population becomes dense, is to small farms. The land-owner can sell to better advantage than he can rent. The enterprising and self-reliant character of the people has something to do with this tendency.

Olympia-Tenino-Iwaco.

The Portland Daily Republican, referring to the late sale of the Olympia-Tenino railroad, says: "Mr. Brown is a wealthy merchant, who does business at Tenino, and a gentleman who came down on the train yesterday, informs us that in conversation on the prospects of the road, Brown said that it was the owners intention to extend the road either this season or next, on a straight line to Iwaco on Bakers bay. There is said to be a practicable route between the two points, and a large farming country awaiting development which such a road would bring to market. Surveys will be commenced in a few days and it is calculated that the cost will not exceed \$7,000 per mile. As no subsidies are to be asked, and as the road already possesses rolling stock in abundance, it will doubtless be a popular undertaking with farmers who, in the large and fertile belt of country between Tenino and Iwaco are entirely without adequate means of transportation, and are hence set back in their efforts many years."

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VOLCANIC FIRES ON THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

STREAMS OF LAVA AS LIQUID AS WATER FILLING BEDS OF STREAMS.

Carrying Destruction Everywhere.

The steamer City of New York, which arrived at San Francisco on the 14th, brings the latest news from Honolulu. The Gazette of July 6th, speaking of the volcanic fires on Mauna Loa, says: "The past week has been one of great excitement in Hilo, in consequence of the renewed activity in the volcanic fires on Mauna Loa. One arm of the fiery stream has pushed itself into the Kukuau gulch, and is within three miles of the village of Hilo. All Hilo may be said to have visited the flow during the last few days. Men, women and children, some on foot and some on horseback, have made the pilgrimage. As seen on Wednesday, June 29th, it presented a view never to be forgotten. A mile above the lower end of the stream

The Lava Was Flowing.

In a liquid, living torrent, some thirty feet wide along its course, consuming everything in its way. From this point half a mile of the seething, struggling torrent could be seen. The belt covered with lava was some 500 feet wide, all hot, and liable at any moment to break out into renewed activity. At night the scene was awfully grand beyond description. The sky was being brilliantly illuminated for nights past. It is now one of the worlds great wonders, and will repay the journey of those who appreciate the grand and awful in the works of Nature." Under date of June 30th the sheriff of Hawaii writes from Hilo: "I fear that we are on the brink of a great calamity. The lava stream has at last broken out of the woods immediately above Waiakia and the fish-pond, and that portion of Hilo, including possibly

The Harbor, Cannot Escape.

Except by a miracle. Last Saturday gradually increasing activity was noticed, and on Saturday night and Sunday the lava broke out of the woods, and getting into a small water-course, came rushing down in the direction of Kukas and Kalipolipo at great speed. Monday I visited the scene of the flow, and it was truly a terrific sight to see two streams of lava almost as liquid as water rushing down the beds of streams, pouring over fertile land and carrying destruction with it everywhere. The roar of burning grass and ferns, the explosions and concussions were fearful. While we were watching it, about three hours, the stream progressed some four hundred feet. It cannot be more than two miles from the sea in a direct line. A continuous stream of people are going and returning. It seems almost incredible that a lava stream is so near us, but it is, alas, too true. One part of the town seems safe; but if the stream gets into the bay, it will doubtless destroy it, and all the people in that vicinity will be ruined and homeless. This morning the report from the flow is that action at the lower end is somewhat abated, but farther up

It Continues as Violent as Ever.

It is probably only a temporary lull." The opening scene is also described by another correspondent: "About June 22d the old mountain was observed to be more than usually active, the whole summit crevasse pouring forth immense volumes of smoke. By Friday noon the three southern arms had all joined into one, and rushing into a deep but narrow gulch forced its way down the gulch in a rapid flow. By Saturday noon it had run a mile. The flow was on an average seventy-five feet wide and from ten to thirty feet in depth, as it filled the gulch up level with its banks. The sight was grand. The whole frontage was one mass of liquid lava, carrying on its surface huge cakes of partially-cooled lava. Soon after we reached it the flow

reached a deep hole some ten or fifteen feet in depth with perpendicular sides. The sight as it poured over that fall in two cascades was magnificent. The flow was then moving at the rate of about seventy-five feet an hour. If it goes through Kukuau probably all the lower or front part of the town will fall a prey to Madame Pele."

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