

WHEAT.

Some Reasons Why the Price of Grain is so Low at This Time.

The present demoralized position says Bradstreet, of wheat prices, is credited to the financial situation in part, but more largely to the immense stocks on hand, particularly at Chicago. A large portion is ascribed to the May wheat deal in that market, which at one time had attracted there 23,000,000 bushels in public and private elevators, and resulted in the advance of prices in Chicago to a figure above parity with all other markets.

Reviewed by Bradstreet's.

European supplies of wheat have begun to decrease rapidly, about 1,200,000 bushels last week. Exports of domestic wheat continue exceptionally heavy for this period, there being 5,018,000 bushels for the week, against 5,622,200 bushels last week, 4,148,000 bushels in the week a year ago, and a little less than 2,000,000 bushels each in like weeks in 1890 and 1889.

A Run Stopped.

There was a run on a bank in an iron mill town and the depositors were being paid in silver dollars. The excitement increased and the run became a fast one. The cashier was a young Irishman and the work put upon him was more than he liked. He resolved to stop it. He sent the janitor with a bushel of silver dollars into a rear room where there was a stove, with the instruction to "heat them silver dollars red hot."

The Teacher's Examination.

The work of grading the papers of applicants was finished Saturday afternoon by the examiners, Miss Harriett Woodruff, county school superintendent, F. J. VanWinkle and H. E. Woodruff, having in charge the last regular examination of teachers. Miss Maggie Leonard, of Pendleton, and Miss Irene Taylor, of Athena, are honored with the success of securing first-grade certificates, a no very easy matter these times.

ners in the exacting pursuit of teaching. They have reason to be well satisfied with the degree of their success, it being their first trial. They are Miss Ella Ingram and Joseph Zaring of Walla Walla; Miss Anna Waddingham and Daisy Bryson, of Weston; Miss Ma'tha Alcorn, of Stage Gulch; Miss Lillie Porter, of Pilot Rock. Mr. Zaring and Miss Bryson obtained a per cent sufficient to entitle them to second-grade certificates had they had experience in teaching.

There were twelve applicants and three failures. Miss Woodruff considers the list of questions for this examination the best furnished by the state board since her incumbency as superintendent. "They were extremely practical," she said "and related to genuine school work. There was nothing at all in the line of catch questions, Good general information and mastery of the text books were required on the part of the applicants."

Paying off Sealers.

Paying off a sealing crew is a different thing from settling with sailors of a merchant vessel. The captain of the schooner Allie L. Algar, which arrived at Seattle a few days ago from the coast of Japan, found he had to distribute about \$15,000 among his men. The schooner was remarkably fortunate, and secured a catch of 2227 skins, the largest number of any vessel of her class belonging on this coast. The skins were shipped from Hakodate to London, via the Suez canal, and when she reached home she had but two seal skins aboard. The schooner returned six weeks earlier than expected, and the reason given by Captain Wester was that the sealing season there is practically over, and that a large number of vessels, 180, are cruising on a limited territory. He reports a very lucky voyage, not having carried away a rope yarn or met with any accident to the men.

Like Rats in Trap.

A fire resulting in the death of guests occurred Monday morning in a three-story structure on Madison street near Fifth avenue. A man who jumped from the top story of the building was killed, and about half a dozen others were suffocated and burned to death. The body of Harry Godfrey, seven years old, was recovered. The building was a dilapidated structure, occupied by a restaurant on the first floor, and by the Senate hotel on the upper floors. Thirty guests were in the building when the fire first broke out. Those who perished in the fire were caught like rats in a trap, unable to make their escape. Three additional bodies have been taken from the ruins, but they are as yet unidentified. The total number of killed is supposed to be eight.

An Oregon Treasurer.

Another treasurer is short in his accounts. This time it is the treasurer of Jackson county Ore. When court was convened Thursday for the settlement, Treasurer Bloomer was called and failed so appear. Mr. Bloomer left Jacksonville last Saturday and has not been heard of since. The amount of his default has not been definitely given out, but it is supposed to be from \$6000 to \$8000. There is much sorrow and surprise expressed by his many friends and the citizens of the town generally. He has always borne a good reputation and was one of the most popular young men in the town. He is the senior member of the firm of Bloomer, Cronemiller & Co. The members of the firm know nothing of his whereabouts. His bondsmen are absent and have been sent for.

Stood to his Post.

Fourteen people narrowly escaped death in a Point Defiance car at Tacoma last Friday night. Some unknown villain piled rocks on the rail, and the car jumped the track, ran against the guard-rail, over that and against the side railing and tottered over the edge of the bridge, where it was nearly 100 feet to the bottom of the gulch. Motorman William Gilson proved himself a hero by staying with the car reversing the motor and saving the lives of 14 passengers, while the platform was over the edge of the bridge.

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