

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Interest to the Growing Western States.

New Line Tape Wheat Growing Territory.
The Enid and Tonkawa railroad, the new line which the Rock Island has been building for the past few months in Oklahoma, east from North Enid has been formally opened for traffic.

This new line of railroad is about 25 miles long, and is built through a section of the territory exceptionally rich for wheat growing. Three stations about equal distances apart have been established on the new road and have been named Cropper Garber and Billings.

This line gives promise of being one of the best paying branches of the Rock Island. Within the past few weeks during which time a part of the road has been open for traffic over 50 cars of wheat have been hauled out. At each of the three stations flourishing towns are springing up and elevators and other buildings are being erected as fast as the material can be procured. A few days before the line opened there were 60 carloads of lumber and supplies on a siding at Enid waiting for the completion of the track to be hauled to Billings.

This new railroad is already a favorite with the farmers of the territory through which it passes and they are jubilant over its building.

Fisheries.
Fish Commissioner Little has received partial reports from Puget Sound canneries and places the estimate of the season's pack between 35,000 and 90,000 cases. While the fall pack was disappointing the total exceeded by considerably over 100 per cent the pack of last season and places Puget sound next to Alaska as the greatest salmon canning district of the coast.

Three acres have been bought on the Little Spokane river for a state fish hatchery, and buildings will be erected at once to cost \$2,500. About 10,000,000 "baby" salmon will be shipped to this hatchery from the Chewaukun hatchery on the Wenatchee. It is reported that the fish commission deposited 1,000,000 Eastern trout in the Yakima river at Cle Elum a few weeks ago.

Quickest Mining Deal Ever Made.
The quickest mining deal ever made in the history of Oregon was closed last week by Mrs. Jacobs, of Portland, just three days after the bond was given to a Baker City firm. The property sold is the Knapp property, on Rock creek. The purchaser is J. B. Dabney and the price paid was \$15,000. Ground has already been broken for the erection of bunkhouses, blacksmith shop, etc., and two shifts of men working night and day will at once commence sinking the shaft. Work will continue through the winter.

Pacific Coast Chat.
Dawson mail and men from the steamer Anglian have arrived in Skagway.

A lone mounted highwayman held up three men in the outskirts of Walla Walla the other night.

Twenty-two carloads of apples have been shipped from Farmington, in Whitman county, this season.

A fir was cut in a lumber camp near Menlo, Pacific county, Wash., which produced 32,000 feet of fine lumber.

Arthur Huey, who left his home in Walla Walla in July to work in the harvest fields, has not since been heard of.

Farmers in Eastern Washington report that the fall-sown wheat is taller for the season than it has been in the past 30 years.

A literary and social co-operative club is being organized in Tacoma for the study of municipal affairs and social intercourse.

The Pacific sheet metal works at Fairhaven are turning out 135,000 cans a day. Clam cans are now being made for several canneries on the Sound.

Scalps to the number of 398 of wild animals in Lake county, Wash., were presented to the county court during its late session, the regular November term.

The way building is going on in Grants Pass indicates at least that people have much confidence in the permanency of the town, says the Observer of that town.

The Great Northern has ordered 10 more new engines from the Brooks Locomotive Works. They will weigh 135,000 pounds each, with 150,000 pounds on the driving wheels.

The O. R. & N. has completed its cut off from Walla Junction to Grange City, a distance of 66 miles. By this cut off 23 miles is saved on the main line.

The loss on the Aberdeen cannery, which was burned at Fairhaven, was settled. Mr. Seaborg gets about \$70,000 for the loss of his cannery and stock. He estimates his loss at \$110,000.

Secretary Baldy, of the Whatcom Shingle Manufacturers' Association, reports that 90 per cent of the shingle mills of the county have closed in response to the order of the state association.

With the exception of a small spot opposite the railroad warehouse, Lake Bennett is frozen over at Bennett from the southern end to a point a mile to the north, but the ice at the northern end is not thick.

The people of Ashland, Or., subscribed and paid \$3,155.85 to pay in indebtedness of their normal school before it could be decided to the state. All claims were paid, and a balance of \$62.76 was turned over to the regents with the title to the new school.

A dinner-pail brigade working on good salaries makes a town prosperous, a community filled with farmers raising good crops and selling them for fair prices makes the country prosperous. Dallas property-owners see the point, argues the Times-Mountaineer.

The Dallas board of fire regents held a meeting recently and determined to purchase a chemical engine and new hose cart, and to put in an electric alarm system as called for by the board of fire underwriters in order to secure the 10 per cent reduction of insurance in the business portion of the town.

STAPLES REMAIN FIRM.

Wool Underlying Strength in the Business Situation.

Bradstreet's says: A striking illustration of the underlying strength of the general business situation is furnished this week by the course of prices. Almost without exception values of staples remain firm at previous quotations or manifest a still further pronounced tendency toward a higher level. This, too, has occurred in the face of a rather smaller distribution in the ordinary trade channels than has been noted in recent weeks. So far as autumn and winter trade is concerned, the complaint of unseasonably mild weather, restricting retail distribution, is reported from many cities.

But rising superior to this and to the unquestionably smaller distribution at first hands, is the accentuated strength of textiles, particularly cotton goods, which reflect some additional strength of the raw product, due to smaller receipts and better foreign advice, but in a large measure also portray the influence of active demand coming on a market exceptionally bare of stocks. A further advance in print cloths, a feature of this week, has brought the quotation for standard grades up to 3 cents, a point not touched for four years past.

Raw wool is higher at all markets on active demand, shared in by the manufactured material.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 3,688,677 bushels, against 4,540,007 bushels last week, and 5,824,726 bushels in 1898. Since July 1 this season, the exports of wheat aggregate 85,468,548 bushels, against 89,124,083 bushels last year and 101,437,679 bushels in 1897.

Business failures in the Dominion of Canada for the week number 38, as compared with 19 last week, 27 in this week a year ago, 34 in 1898 and 52 in 1895.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Market.

Onions, new, \$1.00 to 1.35 per sack.
Potatoes, new, \$1.19 to \$2.00.
Beets, per sack, 75c.
Turnips, per sack, 60c.
Carrots, per sack, 75c.
Parsnips, per sack, 90c.
Cauliflower, 75c per dozen.
Cabbage, native and California, 75c to 90c per 100 pounds.
Peaches, 65c to 80c.
Apples, \$1.25 to 1.50 per box.
Pears, \$1.00 to 1.25 per box.
Prunes, 60c per box.
Watermelons, \$1.50.
Nutmegs, 50c to 75c.
Butter—Creamery, 30c per pound; dairy, 17c to 22c; ranch, 30c per pound.
Eggs—Firm, 33c to 35c.
Cheese—Native, 18c to 14c.
Poultry—9c to 10c; dressed, 11c to 13c.
Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$13.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$17.00 to 18.00.
Corn—Whole, \$3.00; cracked, \$3.25; feed meal, \$3.25 or ground, per ton, \$21; whole, \$22.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.65; blended straight, \$3.10; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.50; Graham, per barrel, \$3.90; whole wheat flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.75.
Millet—Bran, per ton, \$16.00; shorts, per ton, \$17.00.
Feed—Chopped feed, \$20.50 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$22; oil cake meal, per ton, \$36.00.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 50c to 52c; Valley, 51c; Bluestem, 53c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$3.00; Graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 84c to 86c; choice gray, 83c to 85c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, \$16 to 18.50; brewing, \$18.00 to 19.00 per ton.
Millet—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$9 to 11; clover, \$7 to 8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 to 7 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 60c to 65c; seconds, 42c to 45c; dairy, 37c to 40c; store, 25c to 35c.
Eggs—27c to 30c per dozen.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00 to 3.50 per dozen; hens, \$4.50; springs, \$2.00 to 3.50; geese, \$7.00 to 8.50 for old; \$4.50 to 6.50 for young; ducks, \$4.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 14c to 15c per pound.
Potatoes—50c to 60c per sack; sweets, 2c to 3c per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 90c per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, \$1; beans, 5c to 6c per pound; celery, 70c to 75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 8c to 10c per pound; tomatoes, 75c per box; green corn, 12c to 15c per dozen.
Hops—7c to 10c; 1898 crop, 5c to 6c.
Wool—Valley, 12c to 13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8c to 14c; mohair, 27c to 30c per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3c to 4c; dressed mutton, 6c to 7c per pound; lamb, 7c to 8c per pound.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, 6c to 6c; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$5.50 to 6.00 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$3.50 to 4.00; cows, \$3 to 3.50; dressed beef, 6c to 7c per pound.
Veal—Large, 6c to 7c; small, 8c to 8c per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12c to 15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12c to 16c; Valley, 18c to 20c; Northern, 10c to 12c.
Hops—1898 crop, 11c to 13c per pound.
Onions—Yellow, 75c to 85c per sack.
Butter—Fancy creamery 24c to 25c; do seconds, 22c to 24c; fancy dairy, 21c to 22c; do seconds, 19c to 20c per pound.
Eggs—Store, 43c to 45c; fancy ranch, 40c.
Millet—Bran, \$17.50 to 18.00; do, \$20.50; bran, \$15.50 to 16.50.
Hay—Wheat \$7.50 to 10; wheat and oat \$7.50 to 9.50; best barley \$5.00 to 7.50; alfalfa, \$5.00 to 7.00 per ton; straw, 55c to 60c per bale.
Potatoes—Early Rose, 40c to 50c; Oregon Burbanks, 60c to 1.10; river Burbanks, 45c to 55c; Salinas Burbanks, \$1.00 to 1.25 per sack.
Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$5.75 to 6.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00 to 5.00; California lemons 75c to \$1.50; do choice \$1.75 to 2.00 per box.
Tropical Fruits—Bananas, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal; Persian dates, 6c to 6c per pound.

MINES AND MINING.

Eastern Oregon Copper Prospect Promises Great Wealth.

The three great copper claims which the venerable Lewis and his associates have clung to so long are at last to be opened, says the Baker City Democrat. This means that Eastern Oregon will soon have the greatest mining property upon earth. There are lying upon the surface of the Atlantic, Gigantic and Pacific, as these claims are called, half a million tons of ore that will average 8 per cent copper, besides some gold and silver. As a copper mine no two properties in the world can approximate it when developed. The claims are well named, in view of their almost incomprehensible magnitude. Through their entire length of 4,500 feet they are traversed by two mammoth ledges, running each other side by side, running down practically to China, and forming one continuous ledge 160 feet in width. In the comparative estimates given as to the richness of the ore it must be remembered that in the Calumet and Hecla, and also in the Anaconda, the ore comes from a depth of hundreds and even thousands of feet, while in the Oregon wonder it was taken from the surface, where the leaching process has somewhat impoverished it. With depth it will increase also in richness. Nor have we mentioned the gold, to say nothing of the silver, which also runs to a considerable extent in this marvelous ore body. The estimate is staggering already. Suffice it to say that it is now bonded to a combination of Baker City and Des Moines, Ia., parties, with the controlling interest in Des Moines, and that the greatest mineral deposit known to exist on earth will soon be opened within 30 miles of this city.

Southern Oregon Mines.

The Johnson dredger at Sailor diggings started up again last week.

Henry Risse has made a valuable strike on one of his claims in the Bohemia district. The ledge is a well-defined one eight feet wide and will assay \$30 to the ton. A large deal was recently made of 640 acres of patented land, containing placer and quartz claims, on Galls creek, near Gold Hill, formerly known as the Klippe property. It was an all-cash deal, and the buyer was F. H. Osgood, of Seattle.—Grants Pass Mining Journal.

Shipping Cape Nome Sand.

The steam schooner Albion, which is now speeding to San Francisco from Alaska, has a ballast cargo of 400 tons of Cape Nome beach sands. The J. S. Kimball Company, owner of the vessel, has undertaken to demonstrate whether the ordinary sands of the Cape Nome beach cannot be transported to San Francisco at a profit. The gravel is to be treated by the most modern and improved machinery. Should it be found that it contains pay gold it is probable that next summer all returning vessels will try for Cape Nome beach ballast. The Alpha, also of the Kimball line, which arrived at this port from the North en route to San Francisco recently, also had 50 tons of Cape Nome sands for ballast.

Mining Notes.

There is an unprecedented demand for coal in the East. R. R. McMasters, of the Illinois Coal Company, of Chicago, says that if the Washington coal mines could produce four times as much as they are turning out, a market would be ready for it in any city east of Omaha. There is a coal famine in the East, and the Northwest will have to supply the shortage. Mr. McMasters says: The mines from which we have heretofore received our supply in the East, owing to a scarcity of labor and a lack of cars to ship, are away behind with their supply, and we are forced to get coal from any source we can. Coal in the Chicago market is very high, and unless relief comes soon will go higher.

The prospecting expedition sent out by the Olympic Mining Company, of Seattle, last summer, has returned. They prospected along the Coast with their own schooner and report having secured one property of great value—a copper bearing lode situated 50 miles northwest of Wrangell, on Duncan channel, on Kupreanof island. The whole vein measures over 10 per cent copper, besides considerable gold and silver. The ledge is about eight feet wide with a solid pay streak two feet wide. This is the fourth shipper which has been unearthed by this company during the last four months. The company will commence shipping ore from this property soon.

The far-famed Treadwell mine on Douglas island, Alaska, paid out, on October 28, the fourth quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 cents a share to its stockholders. The amount paid out since January 1 to October 28 was \$300,000, a sum that averages about \$1,000 for every working day of that period. October's gross receipts at the mine were \$107,087, and expenses \$36,500. The October report showed 540 stamps crushed 58,407 tons, yielding \$68,646, with a saving of 1,083 tons sulphuric, worth \$30,178. The ore averaged but \$1.88 per ton.

The Pacific Coast Company, which operates the coal mines at Franklin, Newcastle and Black Diamond, has recently made several advances in the wages paid to its men, amounting to a total average of 7 per cent.

State Mine Inspector C. F. Owen estimates that Washington's coal output for the year to December 31 will be over 2,000,000 tons, a 12 per cent increase over the 1898 output shown by reports received to September 30, 1899.

Ore similar to that of Index, and in large quantities, is reported to have been found in the Leavenworth district, on the east side of the Cascades.

The Qulip mine at Republic has been sold to Canadian capitalists for \$70,000.

Patrick and James Clark, of Spokane, have acquired the Copper King and California claims in the Republic camp. The sum paid was \$60,000. They have already commenced work.

The Everett smelter has received a cargo of ore from Japan.

The manager of the Copper Bell has made application to the Great Northern for a spur track above Index, but in the meantime arrangements will be made to ship from the Gold Bar siding. The mine is rightly included in the Index district, but it is much nearer Gold Bar.

Phytic Street, Canton, China.

Canton possesses the queerest street in the world, in spite of the fact that in nearly all the big towns in China there are some remarkable streets. The chief thing of interest attaching to this eccentric thoroughfare is the fact that it is roofed in with glass paper fastened on bamboo and contains more signboards to the square foot than any other street in any other country. The next interesting fact about this Canton byway is that, though a business street, it contains no other shops but those of apothecaries and dentists' parlors; no professional men but doctors. It is a sick man's paradise and a Chinese physician's Klondike. They call it Phytic street, which is descriptive if not picturesque.

A New Feature in Western Traveling.

The Pullman Company now operates two grades of sleeping cars via the Rio Grande Western Railway. The ordinary sleepers are entirely new, and the berths, both upper and lower, are fitted up complete with mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillows, curtains, etc., with stoves arranged for making tea, coffee, etc., requiring nothing to be furnished by passengers. Uniformed Pullman porters are in charge of the cars, who are required to keep them in good order and attend to the wants and comforts of passengers. The cars are very handsome and commodious, and while not so elegant, are just as comfortable as standard or palace sleepers. Both first and second-class passengers are permitted to occupy these cars on payment of the Pullman berth rates, which are less than half of the rates charged in the regular Pullman palace sleeping cars.

The ordinary sleepers are carried daily on trains via Rio Grande Western Railway between Denver and San Francisco and Portland. On five days in each week the sleepers are run through between Los Angeles and San Francisco, or Portland and Denver, Omaha, Chicago and Boston.

For additional details write for copy of folder to J. D. Mansfield, 253 Washington street, Portland, or George W. Heintz, acting general passenger agent, Salt Lake City.

The Corned Philosopher.

"Of course, the only truly happy man is the man who devotes his life to doing good for others," said the Corned Philosopher. "That is the only occupation a man can engage in, in which people will let him have his own way."—Indianapolis Journal.

American Dentists Annoyed Abroad.

American dentists are acknowledged to be the most skillful in the world. Many of them are practicing with great success in Europe. In Germany they are subject to considerable annoyance. Their American diplomas are not respected. They cannot buy anything at a drug store except on a prescription signed by a German physician.—Chicago Chronicle.

Mud stains can be removed from tan boots and shoes by rubbing them with a piece of raw potato, and then polish with cream or paste.

Fifty Years a Pensioner.

A typical instance of the effect of a pension on longevity comes from Luton, where the death has occurred of a man in his 80th year, who enjoyed for over half a century an annual allowance from the war office. He was born in 1818, in Canada, where his father was a soldier, and at the age of 8 became a drummer boy, subsequently blossoming into a full-blown private of a foot regiment. He never did any fighting, and retired at the age of 80, with a pension, on account of ill-health. A few years later he joined the Bedford constabulary, and attained to the rank of sergeant, subsequently becoming an instructor of fire-and-drum bands, and holding the post of drum major in the Luton volunteers.

Non-Sinkable Boats.

The latest invention for saving life is a non-sinkable boat. If people would pay as much attention to the preservation of life in other ways there would be a great improvement. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a life preserver. It cures dyspepsia, indigestion and all forms of stomach trouble. It is an excellent tonic.

Railway wheels made of leather have been experimented with in France.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

The same fire that makes the dross evident purges the gold.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is our only medicine for coughs and colds.—Mrs. C. Heitz, 430 8th ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 8, '99.

The state of Nebraska has invested \$1,600,000 in voting machines.

VITALITY, long debilitated or exhausted cured by Dr. Kline's Laxative Tonic. FREE B. Trial bottle containing 2 weeks' treatment. Dr. Kline's Institute, 261 Arch St., Philadelphia. Founded 1871.

Improved Train Equipment.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Harburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

The United Verde Copper Company, of Arizona, is in the hands of a receiver.

"How long should mourning gowns be worn by a widow of 22?" was the question that came sobbing through the mails. Now it chanced to be the sporting editor's day off, and the religious editor, therefore, was attending to the Side Talks with Young Persons. "There is no hard and fast rule," wrote the religious editor, confidently, "but they ought to come down to the boot tops, at least." This incident illustrates the occasional awkwardness of a newspaper standing as a bulwark of morals to the exclusion of everything else.—Detroit Journal.

The Lesser of Two Evils.

Passenger (as train stops)—Conductor, are those two men taking a straw vote?

Conductor—No, it's a case of hold up. They are train robbers.

"Thank goodness! It isn't as bad as I suspected."—Chicago Evening News.

Under the management of B. F. Casmire, the Bell Stove and Range Works, at Muncie, Ind., which have been idle a year, will soon resume work with a force of two hundred hands.

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