

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement in All Industries—Oregon.

A fishing crew caught between 800 and 1,000 herring in one night last week, in Yaquina bay.

A farmer of Malheur county, this year sold 73,000 pounds of wool and 52 head of choice beef cattle.

Eighteen thousand dollars in gold bullion was the output of the Bonanza mine in Baker county last month.

The Ashland iron works are working on a \$1,500 order for pulleys, shafting, etc., from the Sissons Lumber & Mercantile Company.

The keel for the Alaska Gold Mining & Navigation Company's boat that is being built in the Siuslaw, near Florence, measures 125 feet in length.

There are now 1,200 signers in Astoria to the petition for the bridge across Young's bay. Only about 1,400 names are required to put the measure through.

Among Mr. Dade's sheep on Birch creek, in Umatilla county, is a lamb with only one ear and one eye. It was born thus, and is fully developed in every other respect.

Contractor Jacobson, who is working on the jetties on Coos bay and on the Siuslaw, has about 130 men employed. He says his contracts will be finished in two or three months.

There are no empty houses in Vale, Malheur county. Several farmers have been compelled to give up the idea of living in town in order to send their children to school, because of the lack of houses.

The run of chinooks in Coos bay was light last week, and silversides were scarce also. There has been a great improvement, however, in the last few days, and boats on the lower bay are making good catches.

One day last week Hume's fishing crew at the mouth of Rogue river made a regular old-time catch of salmon, raking in 3,750 at one haul of the seine. There is a large run of salmon coming into Sixes river, in Curry county.

A fish eight or nine inches long and somewhat resembling the Sound mackerel is being caught along the water front in Astoria. No one seems to know just of what specie it is, but such a fish was seen in these waters about five years ago.

There is greater activity witnessed in and around Drain this fall than has been seen here before for years. New buildings are being built, old ones repaired, sidewalks made and improved, empty houses are rapidly filling up, a brick kiln of over 100,000 is always ready for burning, and thousands of cords of wood are being handled by woodmen.

A disease called glanders is causing the death of quite a number of horses in Paradise, Wallowa county. The people there have asked the county court to order the stock inspector to that place to take steps to prevent the spread of the disease. At this particular time, however, the county is without a stock inspector, but the matter will be attended to at the next session of the court.

Movement of the hop crop has not yet started, except on sales contracted before harvest, and neither buyers nor growers are able to say when it will. A few sales are reported from Polk county at 15 cents, and it is stated on good authority that 15 1/2 cents has been offered in Salem for choice hops. The price, generally offered, however, is from 13 to 13 1/2 cents. This, growers are unwilling to take, and in some instances, agents having failed to buy at these figures, the orders have been recalled.

The Lincoln county tax levy has been fixed at 16 mills.

The shingle mill in Kelso, Clatsop county, is cutting 170,000 shingles in 11 hours. This is at the rate of over 150,000 in 10 hours.

By a vote of 10 to 4, the Tacoma city council passed an ordinance making it imperative for women to remove their hats in places of public amusement.

Tea Inspector Palmer has rejected 200 cases of Japanese tea, recently brought to Seattle on the Nippon Yusen liner, Kinshui Maru. The inspector says the tea has apparently once been used.

A farmer of Yakima will this fall sow a lot of the much-talked-of Bermuda grass, which is said to thrive on dry hilly ground without irrigation. If the test proves successful the grass will be largely sown for sheep fodder.

Tests made at the Washington state agricultural college of beets grown on irrigated lands in Yakima county under the system of experiments inaugurated by the Northern Pacific, show a range of from 14 to 20 1/2 per cent of sugar, with an average above 18 per cent. These results are said to be very satisfactory.

Thurston county will build a steel bridge with 200-foot span across the Chehalis river, near Grand Mound.

During the past week grain has been pouring in from the fields to the warehouses and mills in Dayton, and they are now nearly filled to overflowing. Very little grain is being sold or shipped, the farmers desiring to hold for a higher price. Most of them want to hold for 75 cents, but if that price is reached again and the market has a tendency to go still higher, they would no doubt still continue to hold.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

(Office of Downing, Hopkins & Co., Chicago Board of Trade Brokers, 71-74 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.)

We have had a very nervous, sensitive market in wheat the past week, but the undertone has been very strong at times, and prices were up 5 cents over a week ago. The news has been quite bullish in tone, and foreigners have been liberal buyers of wheat for nearby shipment. About the only thing that at all favored the bears was the fact that rains had fallen moderately over the drought stricken area, and that fall work was again in progress in the winter wheat sections. Receipts of wheat have been large, with an urgent demand for good milling wheat from nearly all quarters. Exports for the month of September were the largest on record, footing up 26,000,000 bushels. The American visible supply shows an increase of 199,000 bushels for last week, and now totals 24,629,000 bushels, against 57,285,000 a year ago. The fact that France has again been a large buyer of wheat the past week has done much to stimulate prices, and were it not that speculation is very light we should have seen a far greater advance. Wheat is on a legitimate basis—the basis of supply and demand—but every one seems to be afraid of it because they compare prices with what they were a year ago, and many predict declines, but while the cash demand is as urgent as it is now, and foreigners are buying our wheat and flour at the rate they are now doing, there is no chance for more than slight reactions and everything favors a higher range of values. We feel very bullish on the situation, and advise our friends to get hold of some wheat and it will soon show them a good profit.

There has been more weakness shown in corn than the most sanguine bear had looked for, and as holders became easily frightened and threw their holdings on a market that was narrow and with light trade at the start, the result can easily be foreseen—rather sharp decline with shorts the best buyers. Receipts have been large.

Portland Market. Wheat—Walla Walla, 80@81c; Valley and Bluestem, 83@84c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$4.50; Graham, \$3.70; superfine, \$2.50 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 34@35c; choice gray, 32@33c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$14 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$15.50. Hay—Timothy, \$12@12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton.

Eggs—22 1/2 per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50c; fair to good, 35@40c; dairy, 25@35c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 11 1/2c; Young America, 12 1/2c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3.00 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$4.00@5.00; ducks, \$3.00@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 8@9c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35@40c per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cental. Onions—Oregon, new, red, 90c; yellow, 80c per cental. Hops—8@10c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 6@7c. Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20@22c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$2.50@2.60; dressed mutton, 5c; spring lambs, 5 1/2c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.50; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.50@6.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.50; dressed beef, 4@5 1/2c per pound. Veal—Large, 4 1/2@5c; small, 5 1/2@6c per pound.

Seattle Market. Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 23@25c; ranch, 10@15c. Cheese—Native Washington, 10@12c; California, 9 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 28@30c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 11 1/2c; spring chickens, \$2.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@4.00. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$26 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$21@22. Corn—Whole, \$22; cracked, per ton, \$23; feed meal, \$22 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5 1/2c; mutton sheep, 6c; pork, 6 1/2c; veal, small, 6c. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 4c; salmon, 4@5c; salmon trout, 8c; flounders and sole, 3 1/2@4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 3 1/2@4c. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 75c@81c per box; Salaway peaches, 50@60c; clings, 30@40c; prunes, 1 1/2@2c per pound; pears, 75c@81c per box.

San Francisco Market. Wool—Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Northern 14@16c per pound. Hops—11@15c per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$20@22; California bran, \$15.00@15.50 per ton. Onions—New red, 70@80c; do new silverskin, \$1.00@1.15 per cental. Butter—Fancy creamery, 27@28c; do seconds, 25@26c; fancy dairy, 23@24c; good to choice, 20@22c per pound. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 12 1/2c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound. Eggs—Store, 18@26c; ranch, 36@38 1/2c; Eastern, 15@23c; duck, 20c per dozen. Potatoes—New, in boxes, 30@70c. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$1.50@3.00; Mexican limes, \$2.50@3.50; California lemons, choice, \$2.50; do common, \$1@2 per box. Hay—Wheat, 12@15; wheat and oat, \$11@14; oat, \$10@12; river barley, \$7@8; best barley, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$9.50; clover, \$8@10.

QUIEN SABE?

Quien Sabe—who know—is a phrase in very common use among the Spaniards, and helps over many, many difficulties. It is expressive. What the weather may be the coming winter, who knows? It may be snowy, wet, stormy, cold, freezing, and full of sickness and pain, who knows? Some of us today, hale and hearty, may lie on beds of torture, or hobble about on crutches, who knows? Before the autumn merges into winter many may have symptoms of approaching trouble, of the old rheumatism coming on, or of first attacks begun; who knows? That's a conundrum, but there is one thing everybody knows, the best thing to do is to be ready for the weather coming and to take hold of what is. Everybody knows what is best. With St. Jacobs Oil in the house, everybody knows they have a sure cure for rheumatism, acute or chronic. It is likewise known that in any stage of it, the great remedy does its work of cure perfectly. If we suffer, we need not ask who knows, when it is so well known what is best.

Great Gifts to Education. M. Eulogios Georgieff, the founder of the Sofia University, who died recently, bequeathed 2,000,000 francs to the Bulgarian government to be applied to the country's needs; 6,000,000 francs for a technical school to be established at Sofia and large sums for other public institutions.

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Omnibuses were introduced in New York city in 1830.

The first copper cent was coined in New Haven, Conn., in 1687.

Plants grow more between 4 and 6 a. m. than at any other time of day.

Of 73 historic kings of Scotland 61 are said to have died in battle or to have been murdered.

The German emperor declared in a recent speech that his grandfather was a chosen instrument of heaven.

An outlaw, three moonshiners and two other men were arrested at the Sunnolton camp meeting at Kingwood, W. Va.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.

Paper Underwear Tested. During the war between Japan and China the Chinese soldiers were underclothing made of paper. Experiments made with these goods in the Prussian army proved unsatisfactory, as they were found to last only two or three days.

ADVICE TO WOMEN.

You cannot have nerve trouble and keep your health. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the womb, the ovaries and the bladder are affected. They are not vital organs, hence they give out soonest.

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GENERAL WILSON'S REPORT

Progress Made Upon Columbia Fortifications.

CONDITION OF PRESENT FORTS

Estimates Made for Further Improvements of Oregon and Washington's Rivers and Harbors.

Washington, Oct. 25.—In the annual report of General Wilson, chief of engineers, the following is said about defenses at the mouth of the Columbia: "The defenses include works of the older type, one garrisoned and one in charge of an ordnance sergeant. With the funds appropriated by the act of 1896, work was commenced during the year on five emplacements for 10-inch guns on disappearing carriages, two emplacements for 8-inch guns on disappearing carriages, and two mining casemates. At the close of the year, the 10-inch emplacements were completed, and three 10-inch carriages mounted. A wharf had been built for the construction of the 8-inch emplacements, all necessary plant assembled and the excavation completed. One mining casemate was also under construction. With the funds appropriated by the act of 1897, an additional emplacement for an 8-inch gun on a disappearing carriage and a mortar battery for eight 12-inch mortars will be constructed. At the close of the year, plans for these works had been partially prepared. There are no existing works of defense on Puget sound."

The following estimates are made for river and harbor improvements for Oregon and Washington for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899:

Table with columns for OREGON and WASHINGTON, listing various projects and their estimated costs.

No action has been taken on the appropriation for a harbor of refuge at Port Orford, the secretary holding that the demands of commerce are not sufficient to occasion the expenditure.

The simple announcement is made that the secretary has not approved the project at Yaquina, and no estimate is made.

It is stated that the land has not yet been acquired for the boat railway at The Dalles. For the same reason, nothing has been done on the Seattle ditch.

CERTIFICATES NOT REQUIRED.

Judge Hanford's Ruling as to Wives and Children of Chinese Merchants.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Judge Hanford, of the federal court, today handed down a decision in a Chinese case, in which he holds that the wives and children of Chinese merchants doing business in the United States do not have to have certificates from the Chinese government to entitle them to enter this country.

Government officials here say that, if the opinion is upheld by the higher courts, it means that the important section of the Chinese exclusion act which provides that sons and daughters of Chinese merchants doing business in this country must secure certificates from their home government is no longer the law.

Treasury agents claim that if the decision holds it will open the gates for a flood of Orientals, for, if certificates are not required, any number of Chinese can claim to be children of merchants in the United States.

Judge Hanford's decision is in direct opposition to that of Judge Lacombe, of New York.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE KILLED

Terrible Loss of Life by Cyclone in the Philippines.

Madrid, Oct. 25.—A dispatch from Leyte, Philippine islands, says that place has been almost devastated by a cyclone, that many persons have been killed and that the damage to property is incalculable.

The cyclone destroyed the towns of Tagloban and Hernani, on the island of Leyte, as well as several villages. It is estimated that 400 persons lost their lives through the disaster.

Later advices from Manila say the cyclone occurred on October 12, and added that Carriga and Burga, on the eastern coast of Leyte, had been wiped out, and that an immense wave swept the island. Several hundred natives perished at Tagloban. The cyclone also swept the island of Samar. The full extent of the catastrophe is not yet known, but the damage is estimated at 7,500,000 pesetas.

Will Demand Duty.

Victoria, Oct. 25.—Hereafter every pound of goods not bought in Canada will have to pay duty before being allowed in the Klondike country. The Canadian government has seen fit to revoke the regulation allowing prospectors to take in 100 pounds of goods free of duty, and customs officers will be placed on the Stickeen route as well as at Tagish lake and on the Yukon.

Swords equal to the best ever made are still produced at Toledo in Spain.

Important Recent Discovery.

The Smithsonian Institution has received a collection which is of importance to the archaeologist. It is known as the Seton-Karr contribution, having been discovered by this Englishman in Somaliland, on the eastern coast of Africa. The implements were purchased from the discoverer by the Smithsonian Institution. There are about 50 pieces in the collection, made of flint, of quartzite, and ranging in size from an inch or so in length to half a foot, some weighing several pounds. The objects are supposed to be spear heads, battle axes and wedges, truncheons, bludgeons or whatever they may be termed.

The discoverer had this to say on the subject of his find and the locality where the objects were unearthed: "Certain landmarks as to the four rivers mentioned in Genesis led me to think that the Garden of Eden, if it ever existed, may have been here, and that these very tools had been made and used by Adam and his numerous descendants. At any rate, my discoveries in Egypt and Somaliland lead me to the idea that man's original home, or the place where he was gradually evolved, must have been in Africa, or at least, in a tropical land, where clothes were unnecessary and food plentiful to hand."

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One of the visitors to the Tennessee Centennial was a Rutherford county man, 84 years old, who, until his trip to the Nashville exposition, had never been on a railroad train.

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March 5, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

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