

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Trade Conditions in the Leading Cities of the World.

Last week was a very important one in the Chicago wheat market. May wheat advanced 6 cents per bushel and January 13 cents. Statistics were all in favor of high prices, but the main feature is the Letter corner. He claims to be able to put May wheat to \$1.25. The exports from both coasts to Europe were very large—5,110,624 bushels, and the visible supply showed a very good decrease. The foreign news situation is as bewildering as it usually is on wheat. Speculators have their eyes on Argentine, not because it contributes so much, but because it sells so furiously the 25,000,000 bushels it has to contribute. The Englishmen at Liverpool learned something during the week to make them nervous about the South American supplies, yet direct Rosario cables reported nothing more serious than a cessation of deliveries because of rains, and the Argentine shipments for the week were 828,000 bushels, a big start so soon after harvesting. The flour people talked dolorously of the demand and of the demoralizing effect of the corn adulteration going on; and then, to make this as puzzling as every other feature, Minneapolis reported 200,000 barrels of flour sold in two days. The winter wheat condition so far is high, and recent heavy snows have minimized the danger for the present. Exports keep large, and new purchases for foreign account small. The movement from first hands is away over any expectation, but the supplies of contract wheat everywhere are in such low hands as to be unavailable and in most markets at startling premiums. January wheat at New York for a few minutes was 12 cents cash at Chicago and 12 cents over the May price at New York. All of which should be new proof that no one can tell very much with any certainty about a subject which involves the supplies and needs of the whole world.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75@76c; Valley and Bluestem, 75@76c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.75; Graham, \$3.30; superfine, \$3.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 35@36c; choice gray, 33@34c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$10@10.20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20. Hay—Timothy, \$12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—20c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 55@60c; fair to good, 45@50c; dairy, 40@50c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 12½c; Young America, 12½c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.75@3.00 per dozen; hens, \$3.00@3.50; geese, \$4.50@6.00; ducks, \$4.50@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 45@50c per sack; sweets, \$1.75@2 per cental. Onions—Oregon, \$1.75@2.25 per sack. Hops—4@16c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c. Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20@22c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 7c; spring lambs, 6½c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.00; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$3.00@3.25; cows, \$3.00; dressed beef, 4½@6c per pound. Veal—Large, 5@5½c; small, 6@6½c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 27c; ranch, 22@23c. Cheese—Native Washington, 18c; California, 9½c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 23c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$22 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$21. Corn—Whole, \$23; cracked, per ton, \$23; feed meal, \$23 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22. Hay—Puget sound, new, per ton, \$11@12; Eastern Washington timothy, \$17@18; alfalfa, \$12. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 7c; cows, 6½c; mutton sheep, 8c; pork, 6c; veal, small, 7c. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 6@6c; salmon, 8c; salmon trout, 10c; flounders and sole, 3@4; ling cod, 4@5; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2½@4c. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 40c@51c per box; pears, 25@75c per box; oranges, navel, \$2.25@2.75 per box. San Francisco Market. Wool—Nevada 11@18c; Oregon, 12@14c; Northern 7@8c per pound. Hops—12½@16c per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$22@24; California bran, \$20.50@21.50 per ton. Onions—New red, 70@80c; do new silverskin, \$2.50@2.65 per cental. Eggs—Store, 22@23c; ranch, 24c; Eastern, 18@19; duck, 16c per dozen. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 11½c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound.

GOLD BY THE TON.

That's the Way They Speak of It in Dawson City.

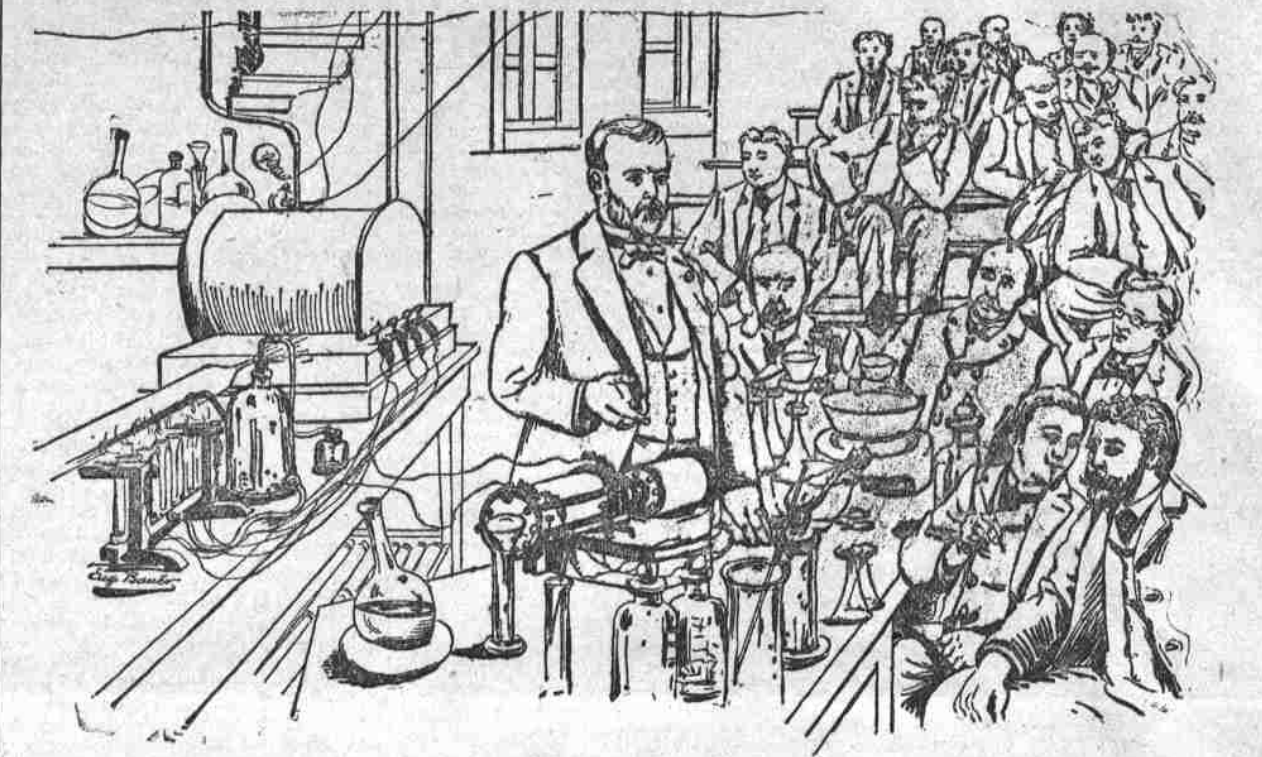
In a personal letter, received in Portland from William J. Jones, press correspondent in Dawson City, he says, among other things: "The stories of the great yield of gold published in the United States have not been exaggerated in the least. The mind is unable to grasp the real situation, and appreciate the sights that are so common here to every-day life. In Dawson City today, ready for shipment, are between four and five tons of gold. Can you realize that such a thing is possible, or at all probable? Just consider, too, that all that is about one-third of the year's output. Men handle gold as you would a plug of tobacco. At the saloon bars, the stores, restaurants or other places of business, the mines throw up their sacks, and casually turn their backs, never stopping to see if they are accorded proper weight. Would you think of handing your purse over to a Portland barkeeper and allowing him to take out the change? "In many of the cabins along the gulches where I have visited I have seen shelves loaded down with all kinds of cans filled with gold. In one cabin on Eldorado creek there are five coal-oil cans full of the yellow metal, weighing nearly 1,200 pounds. "The Canadians are exercising the laws leniently, and to the satisfaction of the Americans, and generally speaking, the camp is orderly and very quiet, considering the vast amount of money in circulation, and the number of hard characters in the country."

Some Notes on Alaska.

There are two telephone lines between Dyea and Lindemann. T. R. Needham has just started the Stikkeen River Journal at Fort Wrangel. The weather is so moderate at Juneau that the people are not wearing overcoats. It is estimated that the carrying capacity of Portland and Puget sound steamers foots up 10,000 passengers per month. The lumber famine continues at Dyea and Skagway, and prices rule \$5 to \$60. The dealers promise a supply in a few days. Good weather for building continues. Colonel E. O. Lamphere and M. P. Gilbert, of Chicago, capitalists, have purchased a gang of Greek miners seven gold quartz claims in Southeastern Alaska for \$120,000. A large force of men and teams are getting out and delivering piles for the Nowell wharf at Dyea. This wharf will probably be the first of the three wharves under construction to be completed. An ordinary shack—if there were lumber to build it with—in Skagway will rent for \$50 to \$60 a month. A squatter's right on a lot not far from the central district brought an offer of \$700 to a Portlander. It was refused. Archie Sheep and W. Stewart, of Dawson, presented to the famous "Slim" Birch—as a testimonial of regard—a nugget two inches in diameter. It is worth \$200. Slim's convict number in San Quentin will be engraved on it and it will adorn his neck. J. M. Fowler's townsie scheme at Lake Lindemann, by which he hoped to plaut out all the available land and tax everybody \$2 who put a tent on it, has been knocked in the head by the Canadian government, which has reserved this particular land for the use of the public to put up tents and store their goods there without charge. J. Kay, of San Francisco, who took a cargo of lumber to Skagway on the Noyo, says so great is the demand for lumber that they can hardly wait until it is unloaded. Mr. Kay says that but a small per cent of the hundreds of people arriving at Dyea and Skagway, intent on pushing on to Dawson, have any conception of the difficulties before them. He predicts that congestion on the trails will be greater than last season. A company, of which J. J. McKay, the Yukon freighter and the man who made the quickest trip ever made from Dawson to Dyea during the winter, is the head, has been organized at Tacoma to run an express between that city and Dawson. The company will operate steamers on the lakes, and from the White Horse rapids to Dawson, using dog and horse trains in packing from Dyea. It is estimated that the trip from Tacoma to Dawson will be made in 18 days in the summer and 25 days in the winter. The company will attempt to secure mail contracts. At present mail is scattered all along the trail, and McKay asserts that he is the only man who ever succeeded in delivering mail on the Yukon during the winter. Collector of Customs J. W. Ivey is receiving a good deal of praise for his vigorous policy in enforcing the laws regarding the liquor traffic. As long as the laws are in effect they will be enforced. His vigilance in seizing contraband stuff is attracting general attention. The liquor men are growling because he shipped away 20 tons of the stuff on the Elder. The new administration is making warm times in the North, and, as a natural result, the collector is cordially disliked by the Juneau smuggling ring. About every party of miners now fitting out for Alaska takes along a net or seine, which is set at night in some eddy through a hole in the ice, and seldom fails to catch fish enough for breakfast. After the ice is gone, there is no trouble in catching fish in any stream flowing into the Yukon. A report has reached Portland that one Sullivan formerly a fisherman at Yaquina, who went to Alaska last spring, engaged in the fishing business at Dawson, and, with the limited plant at his command, made \$7,000 last summer.

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BLACK AND BLUE.

Black and blue colors are not subject to fashions this season nor in any season. They hold their own and will not wash out. They are pretty solid colors, and but for the misery of wearing them, might become fashionable. Some men take pride in wearing them as tokens of their profession, as soldiers do their scars. But bruises, black or blue, or both, ought to have immediate attention, for under them may be a nerve hurt or a muscle badly wrenched. A black and blue bruise is a bad thing, not only from its tender soreness, but the continued blood is prevention of regular circulation. While sore spots like these will not wash out, there is something that will rub them out in no time, and that is St. Jacobs Oil. It is peculiarly adapted to their quick cure. A pennant can be won only by hard knocks, with scars and bruises. But after the ball is over, if any remain, this one cure is the best. Bruises come from contusion in all avocations, and it is well to remember at all times just what will cure them the best.

Detectives detailed to look after professional shoplifters, always look to see if their suspects are wearing gloves. A professional, it is declared, never works with gloves on.

NEW CRAZY SECT IN CONNECTICUT.

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Portsmouth, N. H., high school girls advertised an approaching school benefit by appearing on the streets as "sandwich men," with placards hung about their necks.

Infant schools began in New Lanark, Scotland, in 1815, in England not till 1818.

GIRLS IN STORES,

offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially those who are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense.



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A local South Shore train came into collision with a Grand Trunk local at St. Lambert, Canada, and August Bourbon and James Coudry were killed.

Four hundred years ago only seven metals were known. Now there are 51, 80 of which have been discovered within the present century.

If Chinese children do not obey their parents, and the latter whip them to death, the law has no punishment for them, as obedience to parents is the cardinal virtue.

W. T. Woodward, the Kentucky horsebreeder, is going about telling his friends that he has been cured of rheumatism by carrying old electric light carbons in his pocket.

Two New York men have invented an electrical dental mallet for use in hardening tooth filling, the tool having a central bar, which strikes back and forth as the current is made and broken.

The combination of a lamp, bell and brake for cyclers' use has been patented, the bell being set in the back of the lamp in position to be struck by a clapper attached to the brake plunger.

The tramways, omnibuses, and underground railways in and around London within a radius of five miles, carry each year, it is calculated, about 453,000,000 passengers.

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