

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

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

Bounty for Seal Scalps.

Chairman Kendall, of the fisheries committee of the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association, is circulating a petition among the canners and those most directly interested for subscriptions for a fund to be used in paying a bounty of \$1 each for seal scalps and \$2.50 each for sea lion scalps.

14 Years for Highway Robbery.

Maxin Everett, an American citizen, was sentenced at Vernon, B. C., to 14 years' imprisonment for highway robbery, alleged to have been committed about a year ago at Grand Forks, B. C.

Fattens Eastern Oysters.

Mr. Wachsmuth expects another carload of Eastern oyster seed for his beds near Oysterville. With him the raising of Eastern oysters is no experiment, as he is the pioneer in the business on the North Pacific coast.

The Riverside Tennis Club has been organized in Arlington, Or.

Gold dust is as much a medium of exchange at Sparta, Or., as it was 35 years ago.

H. M. Stevens and W. F. Yeck, who are operating the Darnell mine, have made application to the city council for a franchise to operate an electric light plant in Kalama, Wash.

An effort is on foot to organize a company of National Guard at Cottage Grove, Or. The required number of names have been secured and many more are available that could be had.

Dr. B. E. Stewart, of Goldendale, Wash., has a collection of over 30,000 perfect Indian arrow heads, besides several thousand imperfect ones, and a large and rare collection of Indian curios.

The supply of milk at the Brownsville, Or., creamery is increasing. It now averages over 3,500 pounds per day, and still there are a few more who have not commenced supplying milk yet, but will do so later.

Navigation on the Upper Columbia is to be a reality, it is said, even though the boats of the portage company fail to materialize. J. A. Pound has commenced work at Arlington on a boat that will be capable of stemming the current of the big river at any stage of water.

C. T. Moore, of the Blaine, Wash., mill man, who platted the original townsite of Blaine for the Cain Bros., is making preparations for the building of a complete sawmill and box factory on the Semiahmoo side of the Blaine harbor.

Five well developed cases of smallpox are reported at Forest Center, Stevens county, Wash., three and one-half miles north of Springfield, Dr. Baker reports the cases are in three different families. It is said the members of the families have been around town as usual and many people have been exposed.

The Bellington Bay Rod and Gun Club has made arrangements to procure 20,000 rainbow trout fry for Lake Whatcom. This variety of trout is the handsomest, gamest and best of the trout family on the Pacific coast and the advantages of securing a plentiful supply of these fish are so great that the club intends to establish a nursery for them near the foot of the lake where the young fish can be brought to an age and size to care for themselves.

An unknown man was killed at Marcus, Wash., while attempting to steal a ride on a freight train. His head was almost severed from the body.

H. B. Meyer has temporarily closed his sawmill on the Calapoola. He has between 400,000 and 500,000 feet of lumber, which will shortly find its way to the valley, mostly to Brownsville. Mr. Meyer will soon move his mill below the old logging camp, where he expects to cut nearly 4,000,000 feet every year.

Mrs. G. L. Circle has sent for the necessary machinery to start a creamery at Prineville, Or.

Gross Bros.' Iron Works are manufacturing a quartz crusher for A. E. Wood and F. L. Gilman, to be used at their mines in the Blue river district, says the Eugene, Or., Register. The machine will weigh in the neighborhood of 800 pounds, and is the invention of Mr. Gilman, who claims that it will crush 10 tons of quartz per day. Two ore cars, to be operated by a cable, are also being gotten out for the same men. The motive power to operate the machinery will be a waterwheel.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Inactive Demand and Weaker Prices Are the Features.

Bradstreet's says: The trade situation this week may be summed up in the phrase, inactive demand and weaker prices. While in many respects the industrial situation is easier than it was, the unsettlement in the building trades continues marked, the reflex action being exhibited in the unsettled demand for building material and weaker prices for lumber and for many products used in the building industry.

Iron and steel buyers are still holding off, most of the business done being for small lots for immediate consumption.

Relatively good reports come from the retail trade at most centers, notwithstanding the backward spring, but as yet the volume of reorder business from wholesalers and jobbers has proved disappointing. Finished cotton and woolen goods remain steady.

Wool is weaker, owing to the restricted demand from manufacturers and in sympathy with lower prices set at many grades at the London wool sales.

Relatively a good report comes from the distribution trade in shoes, but manufacturers are hanging back in their purchases of leather, and hides are rather weaker.

Relatively the best trade reports still come from the Pacific coast markets, but better weather conditions at the South have tended to brighten trade reports from that section.

Wheat, including four, shipments for the week aggregate 8,450,704 bushels, against 5,537,022 last week.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 174, as compared with 153 last week.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets. Onions, \$9. Lettuce, hot house, 40@45c doz. Potatoes, \$16@17; \$17@18. Beets, per sack, 50@60c. Turnips, per sack, 40@60c. Carrots, per sack, 75@85c. Parsnips, per sack, 60@75c. Cauliflower, California 85@90c. Strawberries—\$2.00 per case. Celery—40@60c per doz. Cabbage, native and California, \$1.00@1.25 per 100 pounds. Apples, \$2.00@2.75; \$3.00@3.50. Prunes, 60c per box. Butter—Creamery, 22c; Eastern 22c; dairy, 17@22c; ranch, 15@17c pound. Eggs—17c. Cheese—14@15c. Poultry—14c; dressed, 14@15c; spring, 5c. Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$11.00@12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$18.00@19.00. Corn—Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$20. Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.25; blended straight, \$3.00; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; Graham, per barrel, \$3.00; whole wheat flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00. Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$13.00; shorts, per ton, \$14.00. Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$20; oak cake meal, per ton, \$30.00. Fresh Meats—Choices dressed beef steers, price 8c; cows, 7c; mutton 8c; pork, 5c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 8 1/2@10c. Hams—Large, 13c; small, 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c; dry salt sides, 8c.

Portland Market. Wheat—Walla Walla, 51@52c; Valley, 52c; Bluestem, 54c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.00; Graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$3.10 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 36c; choice gray, 33c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$14@14.50; brewing, \$16.00@16.50 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$13 per ton; middlings, \$19; shorts, \$15; chop, \$14 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$9@11; clover, \$7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c; seconds, 45c; dairy, 25@30c; store, 22 1/2@25c. Eggs—13c per dozen. Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$4.00@4.50 per dozen; hens, \$5.00; springs, \$2.50@3.50; geese, \$6.50@8.00 for old; \$4.50@6.50; ducks, \$6.00@7.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 14@15c per pound. Potatoes—40@65c per sack; sweets, 2@2 1/2c per bushel. Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 75c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2c per pound; parsnips, 75c; onions, 8c per pound; carrots, 50c. Hops—2@2 1/2c per pound. Wool—Valley, 12@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 27@30c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3 1/2c; dressed mutton, 7@7 1/2c per pound; lambs, 6 1/2c. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$3.00@6.50 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$4.00@4.50; cows, \$3.50@4.00; dressed beef, 6 1/2@7 1/2c per pound. Veal—Large, 6 1/2@7 1/2c; small, 8@8 1/2c per pound. Tallow—5@5 1/2c; No. 2 and grease, 3 1/2@4c per pound.

San Francisco Market. Wool—Spring—Nevada, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@12c. Hops—1899 crop, 11@13c per pound. Butter—Fancy creamery 17@17 1/2c; do seconds, 16@16 1/2c; fancy dairy, 16c; do seconds, 14@15c per pound. Eggs—Store, 15c; fancy ranch, 17c. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$17.00@20.00; bran, \$13.50@13.50. Hay—Wheat \$6.50@9.50; wheat and oat \$6.00@9.00; best barley \$5.00@7.00; alfalfa, \$5.00@6.50 per ton; straw, 25@40c per bale. Potatoes—Early Rose, 60@65c; Oregon Burbanks, 70c@1.00; river Burbanks, 40@75c; Salinas Burbanks, 80c@1.10 per sack. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00@5.00; California lemons 75c@1.50; do choice \$1.75@2.00 per box. Tropical Fruits—Bananas, \$1.50@2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal; Persian dates, 6@6 1/2c per pound.

SHE GAVE UP HER OWN LIFE.

Mother's Heroic Sacrifice to Save Her Small Son.

The heroic impulse of Mrs. John Sommerfroh in pushing her 6-year-old son away from her saved the boy's life at the expense of the mother's existence. She was 28 years old, the wife of a farmer living near Lyndhurst, L. I. She was walking with her son toward Babylon on the east-bound track of the Long Island Railroad.

The train left Babylon at 4:25 in the afternoon, bound for Long Island City. Mother and son were in no danger where they were. They could see the train three miles away, for the road runs perfectly straight at that point.

The boy was walking at his mother's side and was next the west-bound track. The oncoming train was rushing at high speed. That tremendous fascination which even grown people sometimes feel when they are looking at a swiftly approaching train—a desire to throw one's self in front of the locomotive—must have taken possession of the child.

The boy gave a scream and darted across the tracks. He paused for a second in the path of the train. His mother sprang after him. That one second enabled her to catch up with him. It was a matter of a fraction of a second. She thrust the boy from her just as the train struck her. Death came to her instantly. All had happened so suddenly that Mrs. Sommerfroh was a corpse before Engineer Forbell could close the throttle and check the speed of the train. The train crew went back to find the victim. Engineer Forbell had told the others how the woman had given up her own life in an effort to save the boy, and they wondered if she had succeeded.

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coolness in the social atmosphere, let him remove at once to one of those establishments whose landladies advertise that they and the guests are all one family. In these the home feelings at times fairly run riot in the veins. They are no mere product of mustard plasters and flat-irons, but the result of a great, warm, miscellaneous intimacy on the part of the people who might otherwise have dodged one another had they ever met at all. It is an intimacy ordained by chance, but it is as thick as that of twins and as voluble and unescapable as the intercourse of a crate of chickens on their way to market.

The social ties that lash souls together at a boarding-house table draw more powerfully than any mustard plaster and leave more lasting effects. Sometimes for good, but sometimes for evil, it must be said. They say a delicate brain is apt to break down after ten years or so of boarding just from the dripping on it of continued table talk. Like every other good thing, it can be overdone.

TELEGRAPH FRIENDS.

People Who Know Each Other Without Having Seen Each Other.

"It's very funny," said a former "lightning jerker" the other night, to a New Orleans Times-Democrat man, "what vivid pictures telegraph operators who have never met will form of each other merely from talking over

the line. As a general thing they are correct, for you can size up a man pretty accurately from the way he manipulates the key, but sometimes they are ludicrously wide of the mark. "When I was a kid and was holding down my first job in a little Ohio town, I worked on a Pittsburg wire with an operator who signed C. D. He was a jolly fellow, and slack times we used to chat and chaff and spin yarns to each other by the hour. He was a capitalist story teller and a still better listener, and there was an appreciative quality in his 'b-a,' 'b-a,' 'b-a,' that was peculiarly tickling to my vanity. You know, that's the way telegraphers laugh over the wire, by sounding 'b-a' and repeat, and there's just a hunch difference in the way it is done, as there is in laughing with your mouth.

"Well, I got quite attached to C. D. and imagined I knew exactly how he looked. I thought he was about 20, with a round jovial face, and a little baseball moustache. A good dresser, I said to myself, and popular among the girls, and I was filled with such a yearning to make his acquaintance that I finally seized on a very flimsy pretext to run over to Pittsburg for a couple of days on ostensible private business, but really to meet C. D. face to face. I was only 17 and was sure we would have a glorious time together. When I walked into the office, a thin elderly man, with a long gray beard, was leaning against the counter. 'Is Mr. — about?' said I, giving C. D.'s right name. 'I am Mr. —,' he replied, and you could have knocked me over with a feather.

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