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## STAIN BLOCH CLOTHING

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### THE MARKETS

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.—March wheat 34 d.  
New York, Dec. 19.—Silver, 61 1/4;  
Union Pacific, \$1.10 1/8; P&M, 95 1/4;  
Chicago, Dec. 19.—May wheat opened \$1.10 5/8@1.11; closed, \$1.11.  
Barley, 41@42.  
Flax, \$1.17; Northwestern \$1.24 1/2.  
San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Cash wheat, \$1.50.  
Portland, Dec. 19.—Wheat for export Walla Walla, 81; Blounton, 85; Milling Walla Walla, 85; Buestem, 89@90; Valley, 87; Eastern basis, Walla Walla, 83@85; Blounton, 90.

### Local Markets

Wheat—80 cents.  
Oats—46@48c per bushel.  
Hay—Chest, \$12.50@13; clover \$12 @13; timothy, \$13@14.  
Flour—\$4.40 per bbl. retail.  
Flour—City retail selling price, \$1.15 @1.25 per sack.  
Mill Feed—Bran, \$22.50 per ton; shorts, \$25.  
Butter—Country, 22 to 25c.  
Eggs—30 cents.  
Cuckers—7 cents.  
Springs—9 cents.  
Ducks—9@10 cents.  
Turkeys—14 cents.  
Pork—Fat hogs, 4 1/2@4.45c.  
Beef—Fat steers, 1050 to 1250 lb 2 1/4@2 1/2c; cows, 2@2 1/2c.  
Mutton—Choice wethers, 2 1/2@2 3/4c per pound.  
Veal—4@4 1/2 cents.  
Apples—40@50c per bushel.  
Potatoes—45 to 50c per bushel.  
Hops—25 to 30 cents.

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## BEAR HOP STORY

HOW THE WOULD-BE PURCHASERS OF CHEAP HOPS TRIED TO BEAR MARKET.

Held Meeting in Portland and one Man Sold Hops Low Expecting to Turn the Market—Failed and Hops Keep Going Up.

Prof. that two swallows do not make a summer is never lacking. Also that one sale of hops at low prices does not make a slump in the market is fully as evident.

Some time ago there was a strong effort made to bear the hop market in Oregon, and there was a combination formed with this object in view, but little many things of the same character it "died a-borning."

The story has been imagined for some time, but only recently has it come out in full and is about as follows, as told by a heavy hop grower of this city, and one who looks for good prices soon. He says:

"We believe the growers of hops would be interested in a report of the method used and the tactics employed by the bear operators. During the first week in December the bears held an informal session at the Hotel Bellevue, in Portland, to decide on a course of procedure, which would break the market. When the spirit moved the first bear he delivered, in a weak and trembling voice, caused by nervous strain, an elaborate opinion.

"He said: 'I was East last summer visiting my brothers and dealers alike, and incidentally I sold short to the tune of several thousand bales, at low prices, expecting to buy cheap from growers, whose duty it is to support a learned gentleman like myself.' (Loud and prolonged applause by the sympathetic bear auditors.)

"Fellow bears, give me your unbounded sympathy and hearty co-operation. I present prices by you cannot make good our shorts sales, because we lack the wherewithal; and besides, we must figure on living during a long and rainy winter.

"What about the poor growers who have raised the hops," interrupted a conscientious bear, who is not short and who has no hops on hand, but who desires a lower market to enable him to buy cheaply and hold for higher prices.

"Growers are not entitled to more than a living. They have plenty to eat! What more do they need? retorted the orator, with an air of 'we are the people.'

"I move," said another bear, 'to admit Conrad Krebs an honorary member to our society.'

"Another bear, with a large head on him, jesticulating vehemently, shouted, 'That will never do. He is a grower who desires more than a living; the growers!'

"You are right," rejoined many voices from the gallery. Quiet having been restored, the speaker continued.

"To start the ball rolling I will sell to Mr. — 100 bales at 26 1/2 cents. We will give it to the newspapers and telegraph it East. That will tickle the growers, and our bear conspirators of the East, and it will scare the growers and the bull speculators to death. Having our enemy on the run, we will handle the situation at will."

"I do not consider it wise or good policy to put the market below 12 cents, because we want the growers to raise another crop for us," interjected a bear, whose head is not entirely hollow.

"At this stage of the game the committee on resolutions went into executive session, for the purpose of giving reasons and passing resolutions for distribution among absent members. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, there is a shortage in the hop crop of the world, which will cause the market to advance considerably, unless we resort to extraordinary measures to lower the same, even if we have to bear the expense of playing the game with stacked cards. Be it resolved, That we maintain our credit of heading the list in the classification of 'extraordinary jokers, medical experts and some hop buyers,' by making fictitious sales at low prices among ourselves, and giving it to the public as gospel truth. Secondly, that all of our members be instructed to tell the growers, regardless that the market will decline to 12 cents, and the bulls want the growers to hold to give them a chance to sell their own hops. Thirdly, that we must work diligently, for if the growers hold until February or March, the extraordinary shortage will raise prices to 40 or 50 cents. Fourthly, that all details of this meeting must be kept secret, because if our actions should become known to the growers, they might refuse to sell to us, and the bulls would give the bears an advantage."

## ELECTION CASE

ATTORNEYS FOR CHARLES LIVESLEY TRY TO PROVE CITY CHARTER AT FAULT.

Effort to Have Justice Turner Declare if Unconstitutional in Clause Where It Demands Payment of Poll Tax Before Voting.

The case of Chas. Livesley vs. David Steiner and G. P. Litchfield, where Livesley charges that Steiner and Litchfield, who acted as judges of the city election in Ward No. 2, refused to accept his vote in a manner which he claimed to be contrary to the law, was tried before Judge Turner at 1 o'clock yesterday.

Richardson & Richardson appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney H. J. Bigger for the defendants being appointed by the city council for that purpose.

After reading the complaint and answer, the attorneys for the defense briefly outlined the case, saying that the defendants were at the time acting only in accordance with the city ordinance requiring the payment of a \$3 road poll tax as a necessary legal requisite of any one desiring to vote in the municipal elections, and that the only issue raised was whether or not the plaintiff had paid his tax.

The prosecution then called one Evans, a young man who had lately moved to the city from the country, and was asked if he had voted and had paid his poll tax. The defense objected to this, saying that the case concerned only the parties mentioned in the complaint and not as to how many illegal votes were cast at the time.

The court overruled the objection and the witness testified that they (the defendants) knew he had not paid his poll tax, but they had accepted his vote without protest.

The defense again objected, claiming that the plaintiff was trying to put in issue a matter not in the case and was trying to put in evidence in rebuttal instead of in chief.

The court's ruling again favored the plaintiff and Livesley was placed on the stand.

He testified that he had been denied the right to vote, which was admitted by the defense.

He was excused, but as he was leaving the stand he was asked if he was a male citizen, the defense stating that the complaint did not state whether he was or no. (Laughter.)

The defense then called Recorder Judah to take the stand and asked him what action the council had taken in regard to assessing the road poll tax. The prosecution objected to this and cited a number of authorities to prove that special laws are unconstitutional. The defense then asked permission to issue a writ of habeas corpus against the city as to not detain him from his duties, but the prosecution continued reading. When he had finished, the defense said the objection that had been made by the prosecution was premature and in his remarks he said that the court was sworn to administer the law as it is, and not to detain him from his duties, but the prosecution continued reading. He claimed the constitution gives the Legislature the special power in incorporating municipalities. (Sec. 2 Art. 2, Oregon Constitution.) The municipal law of Salem did not in any way conflict with the constitution.

Also that the city was not after a poll tax, but the road poll tax specified in the general laws and that the city had a right to collect it.

The prosecution then said the question was whether the defendant could pass a local act in the face of a constitution.

Also that the general law could not apply to the case on hand, and that the special act incorporating the city of Salem did not invalidate the general law.

The defense claimed that the Legislature had the power to repeal any general law that affects the city.

The prosecution then asked Recorder Judah if it was not a fact that the poll tax was not due till the 31st of December, and asked the percentage of the amount of poll tax paid before that time.

The witness replied that it was very small and it was for this reason that the law requiring the payment of the \$3 tax as a prerequisite to voting at city elections was passed.

Livesley's attorneys claimed that the constitution gave all legal voters as described in that document the right to vote.

The defense then claimed the constitution gave no man the right to vote, but it was privilege granted by the sovereign state of Oregon, and that many people refused to pay poll tax, thinking the city could not enforce its election under the charter, and that the attorneys were limiting the broad language of the constitution within certain restricted laws, and that the defendants had obeyed the laws only as they found them.

The case was then apparently closed by both sides, when the junior member of the firm appearing for the plaintiff, unexpectedly opened up with rather a vigorous discussion, which seemed to have no other effect than to cause the court to sit down on the plaintiff, who attempted to take a hand in the proceedings. When he had finished, he took the case under advisement until the 29th, when he will give a decision.

## A Brilliant Display

We have new shipment of cut glass in some new designs and brilliant effects. The prettiest pieces we have yet shown. Note the prices.

- Punch bowl - - - - - \$5.00
- Celery dishes - - - - - 6.00
- 8 inch vases - - - - - \$3.00 to 3.50
- Spoon trays - - - - - 3.50
- Nappys - - - - - 3.00
- 9 inch fruit bowls - - - - - 8.50

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Silk Umbrellas	Ladies' Fancy Neckwear
Fine Hosiery	Table Covers
Fine Table Linens	Bureau Scarfs
Towels and Napkins	Black Silk Mercerized Underskirts
Kid Gloves	Ladies' French Flannel Waists
Yarn Gloves	Dressing Sacques
Silk Underskirts	Knit Wool Shawls
Silk Handkerchiefs	Ribbons
Silk Mufflers	Hose Supporters
Linen Handkerchiefs	Children's Hosiery
Ladies' Belts	Men's Hats
Shopping Bags	Men's Gloves
Dress Skirts	Men's and Boys' Sweaters
Walking Skirts	SANTA CLAUS Upstairs
Ladies' Jackets and Capes	Dolls
Children's Jackets	Wagons
Lace Curtains	Mechanical Toys
Tapestry Curtains	Crowns
Blankets and Comforts	Acrobats
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## LARGE ESTATE GOLD MEDALS

### HENRY NICHOLAS THIELSEN DIES IN GERMANY AND LEAVES VALUABLE PROPERTY.

Over \$50,000 Worth of Property Left to Heirs, One of Whom is Henry B. Thielson, of This City, Who Departed for Germany Yesterday Afternoon.

Henry B. Thielson, of this city, yesterday received the sad news of the death of his uncle, Henry Nicholas Thielson, who died in Flensburg, Germany, on the previous day. Mr. Thielson had been notified of his uncle's illness and the news of his death was not entirely unexpected. Upon receiving the telegram yesterday he immediately prepared for the journey and departed on the 4:30 train yesterday afternoon for Germany. Before going, however, Mr. Thielson filed the last will and testament of his uncle for probate in the Marion county court and the same was admitted by Judge Scott. This action was taken on account of the fact that he was named in the will as executor and he received his appointment from the court, so that the settlement of the estate in Germany might be expedited.

The estate of H. B. Thielson in the United States consists of personal property valued at \$28,000, and real property located in Salem and Portland valued at \$17,000. The deceased also leaves an estate in Germany, the value of which is not made known by the papers filed here.

By the terms of the will admitted to probate in this court the property belonging to the estate of Henry N. Thielson is bequeathed as follows:

To Miss Luise Kornblum, the deceased's housemaid, 12,000 marks; also the household goods, furniture, etc., in the residence at Flensburg, Germany.

To H. Thielson, son of William Thielson, a cousin, 400 marks; to Margaret Thielson, a daughter of William Thielson, 1000 marks; to W. Thielson, a son of William Thielson, 900 marks; to N. N. Jurgensen, a cousin of deceased, living in Germany, 3000 marks; to Horace T. Thielson, a nephew of deceased, \$5000; to Julius Thielson, a nephew, \$1000; to H. B. Thielson, a nephew, \$10,000, and all the rest of the property except an annuity of \$600 to a relative in California.

The will specifies that 4 1/2 marks shall be equivalent to \$1 in United States money.

Before departing H. B. Thielson furnished a bond in the sum of \$77,000 which was approved by Judge Scott, and which was the largest bond filed in an estate in Marion county for many years, if not in the history of the county.

### CHADWICK FATHER AND DAUGHTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A special cable to the World from Paris says that Dr. Chadwick and his daughter sailed from Dover, England, for New York on Sunday as second class passengers on the steamer Pretoria.

### THE BEARS TALK.

The statement that Herman Klaiser of Tacoma, has sold some of the 400 bales of the Geo. L. Rose crop to England, at a price of 30 1/2 cents has called for a statement from Chas. Livesley & Co. that they offered the same hops in London to the same people a few days before, for less money, and they do not seem to believe the statement. They say there are no London orders here. However, this may be, there is a general feeling of stringency in the hop market and there seems every reason to believe that prices are stiffening and the sellers of the 400 bales say the statement is correct.

There is no evidence of a desire to get rid of their holdings on the part of the local growers and there seems to them every reason why prices will get better before they will get worse. Tomorrow the Statesman will publish the latest statement from a reliable London journal of the hop statistical situation.

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