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THE MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, March 2.—May wheat, 6s 11½d.
Chicago, March 2.—May wheat—Open, \$1.14¾; closed, \$1.15 4-5. Barley, 43¢@48¢. Flax, \$1.26½; North-western, \$1.37½.
San Francisco, March 2.—Cash wheat, \$1.50@1.55.
Portland, March 2.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 85¢; Bluestem, 92¢; Valley, 87¢.
Tacoma, March 2.—Wheat—Bluestem, 94¢; Club, 86½¢.

Local Markets.
 Wheat—40 cents.
 Oats—80 cents.
 Hay—Cheat, \$1.50 to \$1.12; clover, \$1.50 to \$1.2; timothy, \$1.3 to \$1.4.
 Flour—\$4.40 per bbl. retail.
 Flour—City retail selling price, \$1.15 @ \$1.30 per sack.
 Mill Feed—Bran, \$22.50 per ton; shorts, \$25.
 Eggs—15 cents.
 Hens—10 to 12 cents.
 Chickens (young)—9 to 10 cents.
 Butter—Country, 20¢@25 cents.
 Dishes—12½ cents.
 Turkeys—15 cents.
 Pork—Fat hogs, 4¼@5¢.
 Beef—Fat, steers, 1050 to 1250 lb. 3¼@4¼¢; cows, 3¼ cents.
 Mutton—Choice wethers, 4¼@4½¢ per pound.
 Veal—4@6½ cents.
 Apples—40 to 75¢ per bushel.
 Potatoes—40 cents per bushel.
 Hops—29 to 32 cents.

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REMARKABLE PROPOSITION TO HOP GROWERS AND DEALERS BY KREBS BROS.

In the Face of Adverse Reports Concerning Condition of Market, They Propose to Purchase 3000 Bales of Choice Oregon's at This Figure.

Ancient the hop situation of the present time, and in refutation of the reports that are being circulated as to the status of the hop market (particularly the offers of certain interests to sell hops at a very low figure to demonstrate the instability of the market) in an interview with the Statesman last evening, Conrad Krebs, of the firm of Krebs Bros., makes the announcement that they are willing to pay 27 cents per pound for 3000 bales of choice Oregon hops. In view of the alarming reports that are in circulation to the effect that there are no offers above 24 cents being received by the dealers at the present time, this is regarded as a remarkable offer, but Mr. Krebs claims to be sincere in his proposition as will be seen by the following statement:

"We have noticed that the Portland bears are offering choice hops at 24 cents, which is certainly gratifying to us because we desire to buy 3000 bales of the best quality extant at present in the state. We do not want to insult the growers by offering them such a low price as 24 cents, so we will say, and we want it understood, that this is an offer of 27 cents for 3000 bales of choice Oregon hops. We cannot understand how Portland buyers can constantly hammer down the market. We noticed in an interview in a Portland paper a few days ago that a hop grower says that the market will drop still lower and he offers as a scare to the growers, choice hops at an extremely low price. We presume he desires to grade them himself which, of course, would give him a chance to say that any quality is choice.

"It is a mystery to us how any one being a hop grower himself, can conscientiously hammer the market down continuously. It must be that he is the enemy of the other growers and that he desires to stand in with the dealers in the East in order to make a half-cent commission. One grower and dealer says that he does not understand why the market is declining and why, if the hops are such good property, people do not accept his wonderful offer of 100 bales of choice Oregon hops. We presume he graded the quality of the hops he possesses himself, consequently we prefer not to take his opinion on the quality. It does not look as if any sane man who possesses a hop would constantly attempt to scare the growers and thereby lower the market because the decline of the market in hops depreciates the value of his own property. It is deplorable that any grower of the state would stoop so low as to sell his hops to men who are worse than the hop louse ever dared to be.

"There are some dealers in the state who are offering hops as a bluff at low prices in order to influence the growers. However, we believe the growers have more common sense and that such a little thing will not frighten them in the face of a statistical situation which warrants enormous prices. Some sales have been made by dealers and reported at two cents below the actual price paid. Of course it is supposed that the growers will swallow and digest all that 'hot air.' However that may be, we believe in the intelligence of the holders of hops in Oregon and we know they will not sell until late in the summer, which means that they will receive an enormous price for their product.

"To protect them we offer to finance all growers who desire to borrow money on their hops or who are depressed by the money-lenders. We don't want any grower to sell a bale of hops until spring or summer, because we honestly believe that this market will advance enormously and to show that we are sincere we will take the medicine that we prescribe. It has been reported repeatedly by buyers here that Eastern dealers say it is only a question of time until Oregon growers will be obliged to dump their hops on the market at any price the East is offering. If supply and demand can be over-ridden by careful manipulation in the face of a shortage, as enormous as the present, then our poor hop growers had better plow our yards, for, if there should be a crop raised in the world we would be obliged to pay the price of hauling them off of the ground.

"We advise the growers to tell the buyers when they come to see them that they are not in the market and that they are willing to wait until the next crop comes in to receive adequate remuneration. There are a great many considerations which every grower must look at in addition to the present shortage. There might be a short crop in

1905. England may come in and take 10,000 or 15,000 bales more of the 1904's. Of course, if such thing should happen, every burr would look like a gold dollar. However, we must remember that regardless of coming crops, if it is small or large, whether England takes another bale or not, the market for 1904's must advance on the ground of natural supply and demand. Possibly not many growers are aware of the fact that there are only a few bales of hops left in the growers' and dealers' hands in the entire East. Any demand which comes will come directly to the grower.

COMFORTING WORDS.

Many a Salem Household Will Find Them So.

To have pains and aches of a bad back removed; to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders is enough to make any sufferer grateful. To tell how this change can be brought about will prove comforting words to hundreds of Salem readers. Mrs. L. W. Monech, wife of L. W. Monech, cabinet-maker, residing corner of Fourth and Main streets, says: "After any over-exertion, or when I contracted a cold, pain seated itself in the small of my back causing it to ache severely, and there was a difficulty with the kidney secretions. On such occasions, stooping, lifting, twisting or turning was always followed by sharp, shooting twinges through the kidneys. When I was badly in need of something to bring relief I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and went for a box and took them strictly according to directions. They thoroughly relieved me of the last attack and up to the present time I have not had a trace or symptom of irritated or inactive kidneys. I will be pleased to allow you to use my name if it will be the means of doing good to others."

Plenty more of proof like this from Salem people. Call at Dr. Stone's Drug Store and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-McBurg Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

STAYTON ITEMS.

STAYTON, Or., March 1.—(Special to the Statesman.)—March came in like a lamb; look out for the lion.

A. L. Shreve was a business visitor in the Capital City Tuesday.

Miss Alta Hobson went to Scio Monday for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Richardson left Sunday for their farm on McCully mountain. They expect to be gone about ten days.

Mrs. Joseph Kearns and children left Monday for Baker City. Mr. Kearns will follow them soon and they will make their home there.

Geo. Koeneke and family moved the first of the week to Mt. Angel, where Mr. Koeneke will open a meat market.

The Woodman band and a goodly number of the Woodmen and their wives attended the initiation exercises of the 400 in Albany Saturday.

Several new grip patients have been added to the list of sufferers the past week.

"Her Only Fault," a one-act drama, will be presented at the Opera House Thursday night by the Sublimity Dramatic Company.

There is one rational way to treat nasal catarrh: the medicine is applied direct to the affected membrane. The remedy is Ely's Cream Balm. It restores the inflamed tissues to a healthy state without drying all the life out of them and it gives back the lost senses of taste and smell. The sufferer who is tired of vain experiments should use Cream Balm. Many physicians are using and prescribing it. All the medicinal properties of the celebrated Cream Balm are contained in the Liquid form, which is 75 cts., including a spraying tube. All druggists, or by mail, Ely Brothers, 56 Warren street, New York.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. —F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 70¢. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

SOME HOP TALK

WIDE DIVERGENCE OF OPINION AS TO STATUS OF THE MARKET TODAY.

Appears to Have Dwindled Down to Strenuous Conflict Between "Bulls" and So-Called "Bears"—Conservative Resume of Opinions.

Very little of a definite nature can be said of the hop market at this time. There appears to be two sides to the question and the opinions of the dealers upon both sides of the market reach the extreme limit up and down in the scale of prices and future prospects. The "bulls" maintain that the market is being manipulated by the so-called "bears" to the detriment of the interests of the grower, while on the other hand, the bears assert that there is no strength to the market whatsoever; that the brewers are buying only in small lots, such as they absolutely need; that at present the market is on the decline and may go still lower and, further, that it will not reach higher than 25 cents again this season. In the face of this situation it would seem that the only thing to be done is to make a conservative resume of the opinions of both the bulls and the bears, as expressed to a Statesman reporter yesterday afternoon, and let those interested decide for themselves as to which is the correct view.

Careful inquiry of all the dealers in the city who could be seen indicates at least that, while there is an apparent stagnancy in the market at the present time, with nothing doing in the way of sales, except as between the dealers (the growers holding aloof from all overtures on the part of the dealers at any price) there appears to be something doing beneath the surface of it all and that there will be some interesting developments in the market in the very near future. Whether these developments mean that the bottom will fall out of the market altogether and the grower who is holding his crop will be the loser thereby, or whether he is destined to receive 30, 40 or 50¢ for his golden harvest, remains to be seen. All are agreed that this uncertainty of things cannot continue much longer and that a break of some kind may be expected sooner or later.

The rumor was current yesterday that there were numerous orders in the hands of the dealers here, and that the price ranged from 24 to better than 25 cents. Inquiry revealed that the report so far as the orders being in hand was concerned, was true, but there is a divergence of opinion as to the prices quoted in these orders. It was solemnly stated by a dealer who is regarded as an eminent authority upon the hop situation at all times, and who makes it a business to keep himself and his firm posted upon the conditions, that there are no orders in hand which quoted prices above 23 and 23½ cents in this city. This same authority, and several others, stated that any amount of hops were being offered by the dealers at 24 cents, while, if the orders could be procured, many of the growers would unload at 25 cents. They continue to pursue the hand-to-mouth policy of buying until the market is drained of the very last bale, or at least until the new crop comes on and relieves the situation. "It is true," states one, "that the growers, or some of them, are so thoroughly imbued with bright prospects of a 30 and even 40-cent market, by some dealers who are using them as cat's paws to make their chestnuts out of the fire, that it is impossible to approach them with less than a 30-cent offer and there are some who will not talk, sell at all, at any price. I cannot help but think that these growers will realize their mistake when it is too late for them to recover."

On the other hand, those dealers who have been classed in the list of bulls, maintain that there is bright sailing ahead for the growers who continue to hold their hops out of the market, and they go so far as to predict—at least in the case—that the price would go up to 40 and possibly 60 cents before the 1905 crop comes on. These latter dealers contend that there are orders in the field for considerable better than 25 cents and that the dealers who have them are holding back in order to break the market down and secure the hops at as small a price as is possible. They admit that some sales have taken place recently between the dealer, at 23 and 24 cents, but they contend that these sales are merely sham and not bona fide and perpetrated by bears for the purpose of effect in their efforts to beat down upon the market and break in upon the holdings of the growers. The extent of the holdings in dealers' hands in this state varies from 4000 to 6000

bales, while those in the hands of growers from 11,000 to 15,000 bales. These are conservative figures and are quoted from authorities on both sides of the market.

Several sales were reported yesterday, as having transpired within the past forty-eight hours, a list of which is given herewith as follows: H. J. Ottenheimer (Lilienthal & Co.) to Wm. Brown & Co., 200 bales at 24 cents; Muecke & Co., of Aurora, 100 bales to George Dorcas, on account Philip Wolfe & Co., 24 cents (same lot purchased by Muecke & Co. in November at 32 cents); McKinley Mitchell (reported), 150 bales at 23½ cents; C. D. Jessup purchased lot of 60 bales at 24 cents, and Faber & Neis purchased 86 bales at 24½ cents. Other sales are also reported to have taken place of which no confirmation could be gained and are, therefore, not enumerated.

Strikes Hidden Rocks.

When your ship of health strikes the hidden rocks of consumption, pneumonia, etc., you are lost, if you don't get help from Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, J. W. McKinnon, of Talladega Springs, Ala., writes: "I had been very ill with pneumonia, and under the care of two doctors, but was getting no better when I began to take Dr. King's New Discovery. The first dose gave relief, and one bottle cured me." Sure cure for sore throat, bronchitis, coughs and colds. Guaranteed at Dan'l J. Fry's drug store, price 50¢ and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

IS A CANDIDATE

DEAN HAWLEY, WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, ASPIRES TO SUCCEED F. A. FALKENBERG.

Election to Fill Vacancy Will Take Place at Los Angeles in April—Present Incumbent Only Temporary—Three Other Aspirants.

Dean W. C. Hawley, of the Willamette University, and member of the board of head managers of the order of the Woodmen of the World, arrived home from Denver on last Monday morning of this week. Professor Hawley attended the funeral of the late Head Consul F. A. Falkenberg, and delivered an eulogy upon the life of the dead chief upon that occasion. Since his arrival home he has been busily engaged in his work at the University that he has had no opportunity to get down-town and be seen. Although a temporary successor has been selected to fill the vacancy in the office of head consul, caused by the demise of Mr. Falkenberg, in the person of John H. Foley of Los Angeles, Cal., a permanent successor is to be chosen later on and Professor Hawley states that he is a candidate for the high office. In an interview with the Statesman yesterday afternoon upon the subject, Professor Hawley said: "Yes, it is true that I am still in the race as a candidate for head consul of the Woodmen of the World, to succeed the late F. A. Falkenberg. Mr. Foley, the present incumbent, was elected to fill the vacancy temporarily by the board of head managers, who held a meeting for that purpose shortly after the interment of the remains of our late leader. At the time of his acceptance Mr. Foley announced that he was not a candidate for the permanent office and he is generally so regarded. The permanent successor to Mr. Falkenberg will be elected at the annual meeting of the supreme council, of the Woodmen of the World, which will be held at Los Angeles in April of this year. Beside myself there are three recognized candidates for the high office, namely: Head Clerk L. I. Boak, of the board of head managers, with headquarters at Denver; A. B. Kiehl of Helena, Montana, and A. D. Stillman of Pendleton, who is also a member of the board of head managers. "There is no doubt that the other candidates are as sanguine of success as myself, all believing that we have chance to win, else we would not be in the race, and the contest for the election is expected to bring forth some interesting if not exciting developments."

Incredible Brutality.

It would have been incredible brutality if Charles F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says, "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye." Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25¢ at Dan'l J. Fry's drug store.

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IS UP TO COURT

IS THERE ANY LAW FOR EXISTENCE OF OFFICE OF STATE LAND AGENT?

Also What Authority Exists by Which He Draws Annual Salary of \$1800 From State?—These Questions Passed Up for Judge Burnett to Decide.

The motion of the defendants to strike out parts of the complaint in the case of George Summers, plaintiff, vs. T. T. Geer, L. B. Geer and W. H. Odell, defendants, was argued before Judge Burnett, in the first department of the circuit court, yesterday morning, and taken under advisement by the court. The most important question that is raised by the contesting counsel for both sides is, substantially, whether there is any law for the existence of the office of state land agent, and, if so, what authority of law exists by which he draws the salary which is paid him annually by the state. This deduction is drawn from the effect of the contentions set up by the counsel on both sides of the case and this interesting and important question is left to the decision of Judge Burnett, who will probably announce his findings in the course of a few days.

This is the case in which Summers, to whom has been assigned numerous claims similar to that of his own, and which are merged in one complaint, seeks to recover from the defendants, T. T. Geer, L. B. Geer and W. H. Odell about \$9500, moneys alleged to have been paid to Odell for information as to the whereabouts of loose land due the state under the laws of the United States or otherwise. The first allegation contained in the plaintiff's complaint is that L. B. Geer and W. H. Odell were agents of the state of Oregon for the selection of indemnity school lands, etc. The counsel for the defendants moves to strike this paragraph out of the complaint for several and very important reasons which raise the question involved.

The office of state land agent was created by virtue of an act passed by the Legislative Assembly of 1878, approved October 18, of the same year. This act is known on the statutes as section 3597, of Hill's code. The session of 1889 passed another act, which was approved by the Governor on February 17, of that year. This act designates the duties of the state land agent and purports to amend section 3597 of Hill's code. This same Legislature passed another act which was approved by the Governor on the day following the approval of the former act, February 18. The first section of this latter act provides that "the Governor of this state is hereby appointed land commissioner for the state of Oregon and empowered to locate lands to which the state is entitled under the laws of the United States, or otherwise, and is authorized to appoint such agent or agents as may be necessary in the performance of his duties." This act also operates to repeal section 3597 of Hill's code.

The counsel for the defense contend that the second act repeals the first and that, under the law, no duty is devolved upon the Governor. It is also contended that L. B. Geer and Odell were agents of the Governor and not of the state. The plaintiff's counsel contended that whether they were officers of the state or not it made no difference, inasmuch as they had entered into a conspiracy to defraud and were liable in a private capacity, but that good pleading required that all of the facts surrounding the transactions should be pleaded in order to show the conspiracy.

The plaintiff's counsel also contends that the facts prove that the Governor was appointed under the first act and that L. B. Geer was appointed and drew a salary of \$1800 per year under its provisions; therefore, if the act was repealed, the office of the state land agent was abolished and the state land agent was drawing a salary of \$1800 per year to which he had no right. The act of 1903 prescribes certain

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