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Hay—Puget Sound, \$13.50; Eastern Washington timothy, \$16.50; alfalfa, \$10@12 per ton.

Livestock—Choice beef cattle: Cows, 4½c; steers, 4¼@5c; choice sheep, 5@5½c; hogs (live), 5½@6c; calves (live), 6@7c.

Hides, pelts and wool—Heavy and salted steers, over 60 lbs., 7½c; medium, sound, per lb., 7c; light, sound, under 56 lbs., 6½c; cows, sound, all weights, 6½c; stags, bulls and oxen, 4½c; salted kips, 6½c; calves, per lb., 8½c; green hides 1c less than salted. Dry hides, per lb., 12c; dry culs, 1-3 less; summer deer, per lb., 20@25c; winter deer, dry, 14@20c; papery deer, 12@16c; dry elk, 8@10c; green elk, 4@5c; sheep pelts, 25c@1.20; shearlings, 15@40c; Eastern Washington wool, 7@9c; Western Washington wool, 13c; dirty or timber burned, 11@12c; tallow, 2½@3¼c.

**Jobbing Quotations.**

Butter—Washington creamery, 21c; California creamery, 19c; eastern tub, 20c.

Cheese—Native Washington, 12@14c; eastern cheese 12@14c.

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Poultry—Live chickens, 11 to 12c; live turkeys, 13@14c; ducks, 13@15c. Spring chickens, \$3@5c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$30@35; rutabags, \$1.50 sack; beets, 40@50c per dozen; turnips, \$1.25@1.50 sack; cabbages, \$1.75 per cwt.; green peas, 2c lb; celery, 85c@\$1 per doz; radishes, 10c per doz; green onions, 10c per doz; asparagus, \$1 per box; cucumbers, 40 @50c per doz.

Strawberries—Local, \$1.25 to \$1.75; cherries, \$1.00; raspberries, \$2.00@2.50; blackberries, \$2.50@3.00.

**HOW THEY ACT IN RUSSIA.**

"Over in Russia they have a custom that is the joy of every crockery and glassware dealer in the Muscovite domain," remarked E. J. Hoge, manager of the Oceanic Packing company. "Whenever a toast is drunk to the Czar all stand and when the last drop is drained each fellow dashes his glass to the floor, breaking it into smithereens. You see, the idea is that the Czar shall be toasted from the same glass but once. I happen to know this custom from personal experience."

"Give us the story," called his companions.

"It wasn't in Russia; it was in Washington City," explained Hoge. "A few years ago I was clerk at the Shoram Hotel and one day eight or ten or more Russians of high birth came in and registered. They were sent over to America to buy a lot of steel for railroad construction, ship building, etc., in Russia, and as soon as it became known that they were in town they were besieged by steel men from far and near. One little chap, representing a works at Bethlehem, got the inside track and invited the Russians to an elaborate dinner at the Shoram. The invitation was accepted. All went well for a few hours until the party began to feel jolly and began drinking toasts. Th agent proposed a toast to the Czar and the Russians stood, drank the champagne, and then, all together, threw the glasses on the floor. The sound of breaking glass brought the waiters and clerks and everybody to the dining hall. We all thought there was a fight and some one was getting killed. But when we saw no one was

hurt we withdrew and let them have it out. The little agent didn't know what to think of the manoeuver. He believed it was a joke of some kind but, nevertheless, his curiosity was unrestrained, and he asked the Russian nearest him for an explanation.

"We always do that," explained the guest, "We never drink the Czar's health twice from the same glass."

"The agent's curiosity was satisfied, but his desire for revenge was not. The banquet went on and everything quieted down, but the agent was figuring on a scheme. He finally arose and proposed a toast to the President of the United States. He looked around to make sure the door was open and that he would have a good chance for a record run. With his right hand he secured a strong hold on the corner of the table cover and, as he proposed the toast, he twisted the cloth so that there would be no chance of slipping his grip. Just as the glasses were drained he started for the door on the dead run. The table cover followed him, and in a second the floor was covered with broken dishes, cut glassware, broken champagne bottles, ice, olives, and other etceteras of the banquet. All the guests were deluged, and too surprised to yell. The hotel employees made another run for the dining room, believing this time that there had been an explosion. The agent was caught in the hallway and taken back to his guests. By this time the Russians had recovered their surprise. They are an intuitively quick people and each of them appreciated the situation. They surrounded the agent in a frenzy of excitement and shouted:

"Bravo! Bravo!"

"They beat him on the back, pulled him by the hands and lifted him off his seat. When they had quieted down a little the agent jumped up on the table and said:

"Over in Russia when you toast the Czar you break your glasses. In this country when we toast the President of the United States we break every d—n dish in the house and smash the furniture!"

"Did he sell them any steel?" was asked.

"I should say he did," said Hoge. "He sold them several hundred thousand dollars' worth. It cost him more than \$3000 for the broken dishes, but he said it was a privilege to pay the bill."

**LUTE WILCOX SAYS:**

A man cannot push himself along in this world without employing a driving wheel. The most of us lack this great motive power, and it is thus that the pathway of life is strewn with so much wreckage.

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The affable Joseph Cook has very pithily said that the five greatest things of the age begin with the letter P—politics, the police, the press, the parlor and the pulpit. With usual perversity in such practical matters, the worthy and deserving divine has overlooked the sixth and most important of all, which is the plunks.

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The Colorado state dairy commissioner, who is always going to do something, now proposes to have a polariscope and a microscope. He thinks these things may be necessary to find his salary after the taxpayers get through with the worthless functions of his office. The only thing now left is for the next legislature to do away with the farcical job, which was originally created for the farmers but which, like the state board of horticulture, was only too suddenly seized by the politicians for personal aggrandizement.

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