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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS. THE WHEAT MARKET.

Various Reports from the Four Great Markets of the World. CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Wheat weak; January closed at 99 1/2; February \$1.00 3/4; May \$1.04 3/4. NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Wheat market to-day is weak. January \$1.00 3/4; February \$1.00 3/4; March \$1.03 1/4; May \$1.07 1/2. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Wheat dull, but firm. Buyer the year \$1.42 1/4; buyer the season \$1.48 1/4. LIVERPOOL, Jan. 3.—Wheat steady; California 7s. 6d.

PORTLAND POINTS. A Newy Batch of Items from the Metropolis.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—Katie Putnam is still playing to good houses at the New Park. EGGS are worth thirty cents a dozen, fancy dairy butter thirty-five cents per pound, and young chickens \$3.50 per dozen. The weather continues dry and cold, and there are prospects of a skating season. Two large Jack rabbits, hung up a la mutton in one of the principal market places of this city, attract much attention.

The Jewish Synagogue, by far the handsomest church edifice in the city, will soon be completed. The New Year's EAST OREGONIAN was duly received, and received many flattering notices. Comparatively speaking this is considered the most enterprising piece of journalistic work ever turned out in this State.

This afternoon, one of the men engaged in pruning the trees on the plaza, lost his footing and fell to the ground, fracturing two ribs. He claims that after he had fallen the ladder jumped on top of him and kicked him several times. John Flagoel, the Frenchman who was arrested a few days ago for complicity in an attempt to smuggle a lot of opium from the British ship Ethelbert at this port, had an examination before Commissioner Dendy this morning, and was held to answer in the sum of \$700. It is believed that some prominent parties are connected with the affair and if the men who are under arrest can be induced to tell what they know, these parties will be implicated and brought to justice. The persons caught are not of the most intelligent type, and it is thought they were to receive only a small profit to be derived from the smuggled goods.

Yesterday evening, R. J. Watson, a gentleman who has been stopping at the International Hotel, became suddenly ill, while walking by the postoffice with a friend named William Stroweck. A doctor was called and the sick man was taken back to the hotel, medical aid summoned, but before a physician could arrive he expired. Letters were found on his person from his wife, daughter and nephew. The former writes from Crown Rock, Gilliam county, and signs herself "Your living wife, Nellie." In answer to a dispatch sent to Salem inquiring about the deceased, the following reply was received: "R. D. Watson, who died at a Portland hotel this evening, is well known in Salem. He worked on the Vidette as a compositor up to about four years ago, when he went to Eastern Oregon. He was here about ten days ago, visiting relatives. His true name was Richard D. Stevens. He changed his name while in the army to Watson, under which name he was discharged, and by which name he has since been known. His brother, J. A. Stevens, is a well known contractor at Salem. His daughter, Miss Minnie Watson, is a compositor in the Statesman office, and was at the case when the dispatch announcing her father's death was brought in. The news was broken to her gently by one of the attaches of the paper. She will go to Portland in the morning. He has a number of relatives here, and his wife's folks all live near Turner."

EASTERN NEWS. A Special Train Wrecked.

OMAHA, Jan. 3.—It was reported here this morning that the "Golden Gate special," on the Union Pacific, which went West last night, was wrecked near Echo canyon, Utah. The report proves, upon investigation, to be untrue. The story has probably grown out of the fact that the "overland flyer" met with an accident near Echo Canyon Tuesday night. Two sleepers and two day coaches jumped the track, but nobody was killed. Prof. Stark, of Cheyenne, had his leg broken. MURDERED HIS FATHER. MAY'S LANDING, N. J., Jan. 3.—Robert Elder, Jr., was hanged at noon for the murder of his father. Death was almost instantaneous. The pulsations were extinct in seven minutes from the time the drop fell. The killing resulted from the ill-treatment of Robert's mother and brother by his father. The murdered man was 60 years old. The killing was witnessed by his father, aged 90. Rumor Unconfirmed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The State Department has received no information confirming the report that the Haytian government has caused the arrest of several Americans and ill-treated the American minister at Port au Prince. Soldiers for Legitime.

CONGRESS. Resolution and Petition Presented by Mitchell—A Petition by Stanford.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—A petition was presented to-day by Senator Stanford from the chamber of commerce of San Francisco, calling the attention of Congress to the urgent need of a permanent relief station in the Arctic ocean. The petition says the whaling fleet fitting out at San Francisco is steadily increasing, and many hundreds of lives and millions of dollars' worth of property are exposed to unusual danger in pursuit of whaling in the Arctic. A relief station supplied with provisions, fuel, medical stores, heavy clothing, and life-saving apparatus, the petition says, would be a great boon to the men in the service. On motion of Mitchell, of Oregon, a resolution was adopted, calling on the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate with copies of all records and papers in the War Department, relative to the service of volunteers from Washington and Idaho Territories in the Nez Perce war, together with information as to the number and names of such volunteers, period of service, etc. Mitchell presented a petition from citizens of Washington Territory, asking an appropriation for the improvement of Cabinet Rock Island and Matthew Rapids, in the Columbia river.

FOREIGN NEWS. Emin all Right.

SUAKIM, Jan. 3.—A sergeant who formerly belonged to the Egyptian service at Suakim, has arrived here from Khartoum, which place he left on Nov. 23. He says Emin Bey was free at the time he left Khartoum, and had repeatedly defeated Dervishes in B. H. El Gossala. The sergeant's story disproves the report of Osman Digna, who claims to have captured Emin on the 10th of October. Officers who know the sergeant believe his story. Supposed Murderer Arrested. LONDON, Jan. 3.—John Kuhn was arrested on the steamer Lord Gough, at Queenstown, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, charged with the murder of William Christen, at Primrose, Wisconsin. He was arraigned to-day at the Bow street police court, and was remanded. Big Railroad Suit. MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The Montreal, Portland and Boston railway company has sued the Canadian Pacific railway company for \$1,850,000 for use of plaintiff's track since 1883. The Mahdi. SUAKIM, Jan. 3.—It is thought the white man reported captured by the Mahdi is probably a traveller named Newfeldt. An emigre among the Mahdi's followers is considered certain. Ship Burned at Sea. LONDON, Jan. 3.—The British ship, Stephen D. Houton, from Calcutta for New York, has been burned at sea. Two of the crew were drowned; the remainder have landed at Pernambuco. A Mill Burned. ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Jan. 3.—The Lincoln Pulp Mill, a large frame building, burned this morning. John Boyle's remains were found in the ruins; loss \$30,000.

STATE AND COAST NEWS. Lawrence Barrett's Daughters Married.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Gertrude Barrett, a daughter of Lawrence Barrett, and Joseph Anderson, were married this morning in the Cathedral here, by Archbishop Williams. The church was decorated with flowers, and crowded with gaily-dressed people. Lawrence Barrett was present, having come from New York by a special express train after the theater last night. A Fatal Accident. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—A barrow containing a load of iron pipes, which was being wheeled by John McCabe, a longshoreman, was struck by a train this morning, and McCabe was thrown to the ground, and one of the pipes falling on his head killed him. The Dinnig Case. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—The argument in the second trial of John A. Dinnig, charged with the murder of Henry Benhayon, was concluded this morning and the case given to the jury. Weather Predictions. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Indications for Oregon and Washington territory: Rain; Southerly winds; warmer; storm signals continue at the mouth of the Columbia river. Royal Taffy. BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The National Zeitung says that at the Emperor's New Year's reception Count Von Moltke advanced to the Emperor and expressed the good wishes of the army for him. The Emperor replied: "The occasion upon which you are first assembled around me will be specially remembered. I hope that in the labors before us you will serve me with the same fidelity with which you displayed towards my father."

HOPE FOR PEACE. St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The Journal of St. Petersburg says every nation in Europe is sincerely hoping that the coming year will verify the favorable auguries of King Hubert and Herr Von Tiza, the Hungarian prime minister, who predicted in a recent speech peace for 1889. Boundary Line. OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—The Dominion government has instructed that the boundary line between British Columbia and Alaska should be fixed at least four miles farther south than the point fixed by Schwatka. Sugar Stock Plots. LIVERPOOL, Jan. 3.—There was a panic to-day on the Liverpool exchange in electric sugar stores, owing to the cablegram reporting a damaging discovery in the process. Shares fell from 82 to 75. Very Important. LONDON, Jan. 3.—It is reported that Lady Salisbury, wife of the Premier, will present Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain to the Queen at the first drawing room of the season.

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