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MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

The number of marriages in Manhattan and Bronx this year will be greater than ever in their history.

The Ancient Mechanical Society of Baltimore celebrated its 16th anniversary recently.

An attack of melancholia caused Mrs. Samuel Miller, of Portchester, N. Y., to cut her tongue with a pair of scissors.

The oldest existing church in New Hampshire is the Congregational at Hampton, which was organized in August, 1638.

The state prison building at Sing Sing, N. Y., has been condemned by a committee of the New York State Prison Association.

The best maple syrup comes from the north side of the tree, but the flow is not so large as when the tree is tapped on the south side.

At a recent auction sale at Zurich more than 1000 gold and silver Swiss coins of the 15th to the 19th centuries were disposed of.

On the big steamer Oceanic there is no seat at the table marked 13, nor a cabin bearing that number. This is a concession to superstition.

In Connecticut the percentage of criminal population to the 1,000 inhabitants has fallen steadily from 2.48 in 1896 to 2.33 in the present year.

The Noah Webster Association, which has just been organized at Hartford, Conn., will procure funds for the erection of a library building in memory of the lexicographer.

The vegetable ivory of Ecuador is the nut of a native palm. The exports amount to 11,500 tons per annum, of which two-thirds go to Germany and one-sixth to the United States.

New York wants a museum of "Living History and Court of all Nations," to cost several millions, exhibiting contemporaneous art and manufacture from every country in the world.

Thunder storms are more frequent in Iowa than in any other part of the world. The average is one about every fourth day. Sumatra has 86 in a year, and Rio Janiero 51.

That the spores of mildew are disturbed by snails and worms has been proven by Mr. F. L. Stevens, of the University of Chicago. The mildew appeared in the path these creatures had taken over fresh leaves.

Funds are being collected in Denmark for the purpose of bringing to their native land the remains of two famous Danes who were buried abroad, Tycho Brahe in Prague, and the poet Jens Baggensen in Kiel.

The German firm of Krupp are said to be making trial of some light five-centimeter field pieces which are constructed of compressed paper. The good service of paper in car wheels suggested the experiment.

A Chicago workingman has discovered a process by which plate glass can be made from slag, the waste material in iron and steel manufacture, and the Federal steel trust proposes to build a plant to turn out the new product.

The whole of the dry land on this planet scarcely exceeds 52,000,000 of square miles. Forty millions are under caucasic sway, leaving, as Professor Keane says, not more than 12,000,000 for the now reduced domain of the other divisions.

The life-sized bronze equestrian statue of Frederick the Great, by J. L. Gerome, the French sculptor, which he will exhibit at the Paris exposition, has been purchased by Peter Gibson, of Cincinnati, and immediately after the exposition it will be shipped to this country.

James S. Galloway, of Hillsdale, Mich., has just purchased the whole of Morgan county, Ontario, 39¼ square miles, for the white pine timber upon it. He could cut nearly if not quite 100,000,000 feet, but intends to hold most of it, awaiting developments.

Mrs. Marie Melms, widow of Charles Melms, the pioneer Milwaukee brewer, died in Germany recently and was cremated there. Her remains have just arrived at Milwaukee through the medium of the United States mails. This is said to be first use of the mails for such a purpose.

Solon Borglum, a Parisian sculptor, has been in South Dakota for the last three months making models in clay of Indians for the Paris exposition. He found some fine specimens of the American aboriginies among the Sioux at the Crow Creek agency, South Dakota, and succeeded in working up a half dozen models.

It is said that Admiral Dewey's son receives a sample every time an article named for Dewey is put on the market, whether it be a cravat, a collar, a hat, a cigar, a brand of whisky or anything else. He has adorned his room with these samples, and it is probably the most remarkably decorated room in America.

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HAPPENINGS OF 1899.

SUMMARY OF A YEAR'S IMPORTANT EVENTS.

War in Philippine Islands and South Africa, the Dreyfus Trial, Political Difficulties in Samoa, Death and Destruction by Fire, Wind and Flood.

Many causes have combined to make the year 1899 a rather remarkable one. Its opening was signalized by Spain's surrender of the last vestige of her sovereignty in the western hemisphere; its progress brought forth the declaration of war between England and the Transvaal Republic, and its close leaves these nations still engaged in a bloody contest, that may result in important political changes in South Africa. During the year the fighting between the natives and United States troops in the Philippines has continued and the war is yet on.

Other events, aside from warfare, that have occupied public attention to a greater or less extent have been: Signing of the treaty of peace with Spain; settlement of difficulties in the Samoan Islands; trial, conviction and pardon of Captain Alfred Dreyfus in France; numerous large fires that have destroyed many lives and much property; tornadoes that caused disaster and death at Kirksville, Mo., in April, and at New Richmond, Wis., in June; several fatal shipwrecks; deaths of prominent men, among them President Felix Faure of France, Garret A. Hobart, Vice-President of the United States, and Robert G. Ingersoll; great street car strike at Cleveland and labor riots at Pana and Carterville, Ill.

A brief chronological transcript of the year's events is given below:

January.

1—Spain resigns sovereignty over Cuba.
4—Train held up and robbed at Macomb, Mo....Peace treaty with Spain introduced in the Senate.
9—Fourteen persons killed and forty-eight injured in a collision near Dunellen, N. J.
10—McCoy defeated by Sharkey in New York....Severe storm in California.
13—Fire at Memphis, Tenn., destroys wholesale dry goods house of J. S. Menkin & Co., and causes $500,000 loss....Death of Congressman Dingley of Maine.
14—British bark Andelina sinks at Tacoma with her entire crew of nineteen men.
17—Death of John Russell Young, librarian of Congress.
18—Disastrous flood at Cleveland..German consul at Apia, Samoa, ejected from Supreme Court Building by American and British consuls.
20—Bank at Arthur, Ill., robbed of $3,000.
21—Earthquake shakes Peloponnesan peninsula of Greece....Massacre of Spanish officers by natives at Balabac, in the Philippines.
25—One hundred thousand dollars damage done by fire at Johnstown, Pa....Adelina Patti and Baron Cederstrom married at Brecon, Wales.
26—Ex-Attorney General A. H. Garland dies suddenly in Washington....Court martial finds Gen. Chas. P. Eagan guilty under two charges.
29—Cold wave over the West; 13 degrees below zero at Chicago.
30—Two hundred thousand dollar lumber yard fire in Chicago.

February.

1—Seven persons perish in snowslide in Rogers Pass, B. C.
2—$750,000 fire in Columbus, Ohio, in which many are injured....Burning of the Buckingham Theater, Louisville, Ky.
3—$800,000 fire at Philadelphia.
4—Battle between Filipinos and Americans at Manila....Mrs. Botkin receives life sentence for murder....James A. Sexton, Commander-in-chief G. A. R., dies in Washington.
6—Last detachment of Spanish army leaves Cuba....Death of Gen. Count von Caprivi, former Chancellor German Empire....Peace treaty ratified by United States Senate.
8—Manitoba Hotel at Winnipeg burns; loss $400,000....Eleven business houses burn in Prairie du Chien, Wis.
9—Twenty-one degrees below zero at Chicago; coldest day in twenty-six years....$600,000 fire in Front street, New York....Five business houses at Herington, Kan., burn.
10—Explosion in Baxter Stove Works, Mansfield, Ohio, causes a $100,000 fire....Kelly Block in Cleveland burns; loss $150,000....$200,000 fire in Toronto, Ont....American troops capture Caloocan.
11—Troops under Gen. Miller take Iloilo ...Engagement outside Manila, in which Filipinos are driven back.
12—Twenty-four Italian miners and families perish in snowslide at Silver Plume, Colo....McClurg's book store in Chicago burns; loss $362,000....Seventeen insane women burned to death at Yankton, S. D. ...Report of War Investigating Board made public in Washington....Great fires in New York City and Albany, N. Y.
13—Digby, N. S., almost wiped out by fire ....Blizzard in the East and South.
14—$500,000 fire in manufacturing district of Cincinnati....Burning of manufacturers' warehouse in Chicago; loss $1,000,000.
15—Machine shops in Brooklyn navy yard burned.
16—Death of M. Felix Faure, President of France.
18—Emile Loubet chosen President of France....Riots in Paris.
20—Fire causes $500,000 loss at Fort Washington, Wis.
22—City of Manila fired by Filipinos.

March.

1—Death of Lord Herschell in Washington....Sagasta ministry resigns at Madrid.
3—George Dewey made an Admiral by President McKinley.
4—Congress adjourns.
5—Storm destroys life and property in East Tennessee....New ministry takes office at Madrid....Terrific powder explosion at La Goubran, France, kills sixty persons.
9—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage resigns his Washington pastorate....Battle between Americans and Canadians on Porcupine River, B. C.
11—Gen. Maximo Gomes deposed from command by Cuban Assembly.
13—Pasig captured by American troops.... Understanding reached on Samoan affairs ....Herbert Putnam, of Boston, appointed Congressional librarian.
16—Mob shoots nine negroes at Palmetto, Ga....Death of Editor Joseph Medill.... Five killed in street riot at Hot Springs, Ark....Election riot in St. Louis results in death of two men....B. P. Hutchinson, wheat operator, dies at Lake Geneva, Wis.
17—Peace treaty signed by the Queen Regent of Spain....Windsor Hotel burns in New York, with great loss of life.
18—Fatal riot in Havana.
20—Mrs. Martha Place electrocuted at Sing Sing.
21-24—Race war in Little River County, Ark., where many negroes are lynched.
23—Malietoa Tanus crowned King of Samoa.
25—Opening of ship canal at Port Arthur, Texas.
27—Burning of Armour's felt works in Chicago.
29—American and British warships bombard native towns in Samoa....Sinking of the steamer Rowena Lee in the Mississippi below Caruthersville, Mo.
30—One hundred and twenty lives lost by shipwreck of passenger steamer Stella in the English channel.
31—Fall of Malolos....$500,000 fire in San Francisco.

April.

7—Eleven lives lost in burning of Wallace Andrews' residence in New York.
9—Death of Justice S. J. Field, retired.... Seventeen lives lost by breaking of an ice gorge on Yellowstone River at Glendive, Montana.
10—Seven persons killed in riot at Pana, Illinois.
11—Exchange of peace treaties with Spain ends the state of war....Greek coaster Maria sunk off Tripoli with loss of forty-five lives.
14—Twenty-three Crow Indians drowned in floods near Sheridan, Wyo.
15—Great fire in Cleveland; loss almost $1,000,000.
18—Fishing schooner Eliza lost off Nantucket, with eleven of her crew.
24—Death of ex-Gov. R. J. Oglesby of Illinois....Thirty persons drowned in wreck of British ship Loch Sloy on Kangaroo Island.
26—Dawson City, Alaska, almost wiped out by fire.
27—Tornado at Kirksville and Newtown, Mo., and in Soldier River valley, Iowa. Scores killed and injured.
29—Earthquake shakes Southern Illinois and Indiana and Northern Kentucky....Fatal mine riots at Wardner, Idaho.

May.

1—Destructive forest fires in South Dakota, Nebraska and Colorado.
3—Resignation of Italian cabinet.
4—Opening of Ute reservation in Colorado.
6—Five killed by tornado in Chickasaw nation, O. T.....Death of Mrs. W. C. Whitney.
7—Report of Wade Court of Inquiry given out.
8—Russell & Co.'s threcher works at Massillon, Ohio, burned; loss $500,000.
12—Death of ex-Gov. R. P. Flower of New York....Twenty-five persons killed in railway collision at Exeter, Pa.
15—Death of Francisque Sarcey, noted French critic....Riot at Princeton between students and Pawnee Bill's Wild West.
16—Cyclone in Ohio and Michigan.
17—Insurgent stronghold at San Isidro, P. I., taken by Americans.
20—Aguinaldo sends envoys to sue for peace.
21—American liner Paris goes ashore on the Manacles, off Cornwall, England.
22—Buffalo grain shovelers' strike ends ....Tornado in Erath County, Texas.
25—Death of Don Emilio Castelar, Spanish statesman....Great fire at St. John, N. B., which rendered 1,000 persons homeless....Death of Rosa Bouheur, French artist.
28—Tornado devastates parts of South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska....Seven persons killed in train wreck near Waterloo, Iowa.

June.

9—Railway wreck at Grandview, Mo.... Jeffries defeats Fitzsimmons at Coney Island, New York.
12—New Richmond, Wis., wiped out by tornado, 150 persons being killed....Dupuy ministry resigns at Paris.
13—Herman, Neb., destroyed by storm.
16—Thirteen persons drowned in steamboat accident near Stettin, Germany.... Twelve miners killed by mine explosion at Glace Bay, C. B.
22—New French cabinet organized at Paris.
23—Death of H. B. Plant.
29—Nine lives lost in wreck of steamer Margaret Olwill in Lake Erie.
30—Dreyfus lands in France....Walkout at Homestead mills, Pittsburg.
28—Disastrous floods in Texas.

July.

5—Death of Bishop J. P. Newman.
6—Death of Robert Bonner....Order issued for enlistment of ten regiments for the Philippines.
7—Death of George W. Julian, Indiana anti-slavery leader....Lindell Hotel, Lincoln, Neb., burns.
16—Street car strike inaugurated in Brooklyn, N. Y.
19—Resignation of R. A. Alger, Secretary of War.
21—Death of Robert G. Ingersoll.
22—Elihu Root named as Secretary of War ....Telegraph messengers strike at Cincinnati.
25—$1,000,000 loss by burning of C., H. & D. elevator at East Toledo, Ohio.
26—Assassination of President Ulysses Heureaux of San Domingo.
27—Death of A. L. Luetgert in Joliet, Ill., prison.
30—Tupper Lake, N. Y., wiped out by fire.

August.

1—Elihu Root, of New York, sworn in as Secretary of War.
6—Thirty-five killed and twelve injured in trolley car accident near Bridgeport, Conn. ....Collapse of a ferry slip at Bar Harbor, Me., kills twenty persons and injures forty others.
7—Dreyfus trial begins at Rennes, France.
13—M. Labori, counsel for Capt. Dreyfus, shot at Rennes.
20—Great riot in Paris.
21—Business portion of Victor, Colo., destroyed by fire.
28—Chicago Coliseum framework collapses killing nine men and injuring as many more.

September.

5—Extremely hot weather in Chicago; thermometer registers 96 degrees.
6—Fifty persons injured in collision on the B. & O. Railway at Connellsville, Pa.
9—Capt. Alfred Dreyfus convicted at Rennes, France.
12—Death of Cornelius Vanderbilt.
13—Trust conference begins in Chicago.
17—Seven negroes killed in coal mine riot at Carterville, Ill....Death of Chas. A. Pillsbury of Minneapolis.
19—Capt. Dreyfus pardoned.
21—Fire in Chicago stockyards; loss $300,000.
26—Admiral Dewey's flagship, the Olympia, arrives in New York.
29—Dewey naval parade in New York.
30—$1,000,000 fire in Big Four depot and warehouse at Cincinnati.

October.

7—Fall festival in Chicago.
11—War is begun in South Africa....Formal declaration of war made by Boers.
12—Four thousand persons killed by earthquake in Ceram, Moluccs Islands.
16—Columbia wins first race for America's cup.
17—Columbia wins second race, Shamrock being disabled by breaking of topmast.
20—Columbia wins third race....Boers defeated at Glencoe.
21—English defeat Boers at Elandslaagte.
23—Battle at Glencoe, South Africa.
24—Boers repulsed at Ladysmith.
26—Death of Gen. Guy V. Henry.
27—Death of Florence Marryat, English novelist.
30—British badly defeated in desperate battle at Ladysmith....Ferryboat sunk in North River, New York, and ten lives lost.

November.

3—Jeffries defeats Sharkey in New York.
4—American Steel and Wire Company's plant at Waukegan, Ill., burns.
7—Cruiser Charleston goes ashore off northwest coast of Luzon.
9—Admiral Dewey and Mrs. Mildred Hazen wedded in Washington....Joubert begins bombardment of Ladysmith.
12—Major John A. Logan killed in battle in Philippines.
21—Death of Vice President Garret A. Hobart.
23—British defeat Boers in hard battle at Belmont.
25—Death of George R. Davis, of Chicago, Director-General of World's Fair of 1893.
27—Death of Charles Coghlan, the actor.
28—Boers defeated in severe engagement on banks of Modder River.
29—Block of Philadelphia business houses burned; loss $3,000,000.

December.

4—Fifty-sixth Congress opens.
5—Death of Senator Hayward of Nebraska.
6—Dick Coleman, negro murderer, burned at the stake at Maysville, Ky.
9—British meet decisive defeat at Stormberg....Thirty-two miners killed by gas explosion in mine at Carbonado, Wash.
11—British suffer great losses in engagement with Boers at Magersfontein.
14—Gen. Buller badly defeated by Boers in attempting to cross Tugela River.
17—Death of Thos. M. Brumby, flag lieutenant of U. S. warship Olympia.
18—Currency bill passed by lower house of Congress....Excitement on Wall street causes two big failures.
19—Gen. Henry W. Lawton killed before San Mateo, P. I.

Why Fishes Are Slippery.

Fish of almost every sort are, when fresh caught, slippery and hard to hold. This slipperiness is due to a sort of mucus exuded through the scale, and is of the greatest importance to all slimy creatures.

One of the important functions of the fish's slimy coating is to protect it from the attacks of fungus, a form of plant life found in all waters, salt and fresh, foul and pure. If the fish is so injured that some spot becomes uncovered by the slime, a barely visible fungus will be likely to lodge there, and when it is once lodged the process of reproduction is very rapid. It soon extends over the gills and kills the fish.

The primary purpose of the slime of the fish is to reduce its friction when in motion through the water and increase its speed. It also serves as a cushion to the scales, which it thus protects from many injuries.

Grand Opera.

"Yez needn't be taken on sich airs, Missus Mulvaney, jist beycuz yer man's bin made a jigger on 'th perleesh force. Me man went t' th' gran' opphra 'n sthyle."

"Gran' opphra nuttin'. It 'ud be takin' a month's whages whurkin' loike yer man doos, Missus O'Hoolihan, t' get dough ernuff t' go t' gran' opphra!"

"But 'e wint, jhust th' same, yez desateful creathur. 'E tauld me ivrythin' consarnin' th' perphormence."

"Oh, did 'e, yez bhloomin' parpharikatur? An' how did 'e injhoy th' songs in th' Dago linguage?"

"Dago? It wuz good Amerikhan Ooirish, begorrah, that they spuk, fur me man tould me sum o' the jhokes."

"Jhokes?"

"Yis, jhokes, yez haythen. They allus hes jhokes whin th' gran' opphra cums t' th' Cap-tal Shquare The-a-ter."
—Detroit Free Press.

A Remarkable Shawl.

The Duchess of Northumberland possesses a shawl given her by Charles X. of France, which cost a fabulous sum. It is manufactured from the fur of a species of Persian cat, the hair of which is so fine that one strand is hardly visible to the naked eye. The spinning, weaving, and fashioning of the meterial required several years of labor and thousands of cat skins.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

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

Since the first of July the people of Alaska have contributed to the federal treasury in license money the magnificent sum of $153,276.40 for the privilege of doing business in Alaska and developing the territory, says the Skagway Alaskan. This is in addition to the tariff duties paid, internal revenues, taxes and all other taxes common to the country at large. It is a special tax levied upon business in Alaska alone, such as no other citizens of the United States are required to pay; in fact it is a tax that was never before in the history of the United States levied against any of its people.

Plenty of Supplies at Dawson.

D. W. Bullock, lately arrived from Dawson, said to an Alaskan reporter:

"Dawson is supplied with everything needed there for the winter. The report as to a great shortage of oats is not true. There is plenty of oats along the river and in Dawson to supply the interior. When we got away from Dawson, November 7, oats were selling for 22 cents a pound and hay at 15 cents. Last winter oats went to 40 and 45 cents, and hay to 35 to 50 cents. Tobacco sells in Dawson today for $1 to $1.25 a pound, less than it brings in Bennett. The Bennett price is $1.50 a pound. Flour that sold for $8 in Dawson a year ago is worth only $4.75 there today. There will be plenty of beef in Dawson throughout the winter. Dumbolton had four scows loaded with beef on the way in, one of which is at Selkirk and one at Stewart river. I do not know where the others are. Dumbolton will take the meat through to Dawson over the ice after the river freezes. McDougall & Burns have 80 tons below Selkirk and will take it in over the ice. The labor market of Dawson is glutted. There were 1,000 to 1,500 idle men in the town when I left, and more were rushing in from up the river."

Atlin's Future Output.

Charles Christopher, who has negotiated more large Atlin mining deals than any other man in the country during the season recently closed, is authority for the statement that there will be no less than half a dozen large hydraulic plants put in operation in Atlin with the opening of spring. He says the output of gold in that country will exceed $5,000,000. The gold commissioner collected royalty on about $700,000 this summer, but he failed to collect on more than half the output. There was at least $1,500,000 taken out of the Atlin gold fields this year, and next year the output will exceed $5,000,000. Last summer the great majority of the miners did not get to work before August 1, and they all worked small claims and handled most of the dirt with shovels. Next year they will handle it by the hydraulic process.

Snowslide on White Pass.

News of a big snowslide on the White Pass & Yukon railroad was brought to Victoria by the steamer Tees. A rotary and two engines were buried by the slide, and after they were shoveled out, the rotary ran into a rock, knocking out 18 of its 20 knives. The train which was behind the snowbucking outfit was not injured.

P. O'Regan, one of those who endeavored to walk to Skagway from the snowbound train, was found unconscious, with his face and hands frozen. The operator at Glacier reported to Skagway that the track there was covered for a distance of 850 feet a depth of five to 20 feet. Telegraph wires beyond Glacier are down.

Heathen Chinese Threw a Bomb.

At Victoria, B. C., a dastardly attempt was made to wreck a Chinese Methodist mission church. While the congregation, principally Chinese, was worshipping, a bomb made of lead pipe and filled with gundpower was exploded. No one was injured. The deed is ascribed to heathen Chinese jealous of the introduction of Christianity among their countrymen.

To List All the Hops.

Directors of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association met in Salem Tuesday afternoon, and were in secret session four hours. The chief business transacted was to require every local representative of the association to obtain a complete list of hopgrowers and the amount of hops now on hand in their respective districts. The board also announced that it is now ready for business.

Northwest Notes.

An opera house is one of Albany's needs for 1900.

Mule-buyers from California are in Southern Oregon counties.

A Burns paper reports a sale of 2,700 stock sheep at $2.60 per head.

It is estimated that the call for warrants recently made by the county treasurer of Whatcom county covers about $170,000 of county indebtedness.

Figures of real estate transfers recorded in King county (Seattle) since July 1 show a total of 495 transfers, of an aggregate value of $3,989,625, not including, of course, the value of the transfers for nominal sums.

In Umatilla county, wheat farms are advertised for sale at prices from $20 to $40 an acre. A farm on the foothills east of Milton sold for $5,800 spot cash.

The old mill, on Chambers creek, near Fort Steilacoom, was recently destroyed by fire. It was one of the old landmarks of that part of the country, having been built in 1852.

The convention of the Linn county Christian Endeavorers is to be held in Brownsville on January 12, 13, and 14.

The Bellingham Bay & Eastern Railroad Company cannot find laborers enough to work on road construction at 20 cents an hour, and is getting in some Japs for that purpose. The Jap labor is not so satisfactory as white labor, but enough of the latter cannot be found.

Among the experiments in progress at the Puyallup experiment stations is a series of spraying tests for black spots, or canker, in hops, which is becoming so prevalent in that vicinity.

Over $25,000 was spent in Lakeview in building improvements during 1899.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

Temporary Reaction From the Heaviest Holiday Trade on Record.

Bradstreet's says: Holiday influence and stock-taking impart an appearance of dullness to general distributive trade, broken, however, by fair activity in reorder business to fill up stocks depleted by the heaviest holiday trade that has ever been experienced.

Anticipation of spring trade wants has given a more than ordinarily active appearance to business in dry goods at New York, while in industrial lines the efforts of manufacturers to keep up with filled order-books is resulting in unusually active operations. Following the flurry in money, stocks and in some lines of speculative commodities noted last week, has come, as was expected, a more cheerful tone, and a firming up in quotations is noted in such staples as cotton, which was effected by last week's money developments, and also in hog products, coffee, copper, tin and lead. The strength of textiles is still a feature which finds justification in current statistics of larger season's receipts and sales of wool, and in reports of enlarged old and heavily increased new capacity in manufacturing lines.

In iron and steel, seasonable quiet as regards new business is observable, but unabated activity on earlier booked orders is reported. In some cases, no shutdown was made for the holidays by mills and furnaces.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 3,610,557 bushels, agaist 2,813,714 bushels last week, 6,292,625 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898, 5,495,061 bushels in 1895.

For the year, failures are the smallest in number for 17 years past, and were it not for a few heavy fiancial suspensions in December, liabilities, which will exceed those of 1892 slightly, would have been smallest for 12 years past.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, new, $1.00@1.25 per sack.
Potatoes, new, $16@20.
Beets, per sack, 75@85c.
Turnips, per sack, 60c.
Carrots, per sack, 50c.
Parsnips, per sack, 75@85c.
Cauliflower, 75c@$1 per dozen.
Cabbage, native and California, 75@90c per 100 pounds.
Peaches, 65@80c.
Apples, $1.25@1.50 per box.
Pears, $1.00@1.25 per box.
Prunes, 60c per box.
Watermelons, $1.50.
Nutmegs, 50@75c.
Butter—Creamery, 32c per pound; dairy, 17@22c; ranch, 22c per pound.
Eggs—Firm, 30@31c.
Cheese—Native, 16c.
Poultry—9@10c; dressed, 13@14c.
Hay—Puget Sound timothy, $12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, $17.00@18.00
Corn—Whole, $23.00; cracked, $23; feed meal, $23.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $21; whole, $22.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, $3.35; blended straights, $3.10; California, $3.25; buckwheat flour, $6.00; graham, per barrel, $3.80; whole wheat flour, $3.10; rye flour, $3.80@4.00.
Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $16.00; shorts, per ton, $17.00.
Feed—Chopped feed, $20.50 per ton; middlings, per ton, $22; oil cake meal, per ton, $32.00.

Portland Market.

Wheat — Walla Walla, 51@52c; Valley, 52c; Bluestem, 54c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, $3.00; graham, $2.50; superfine, $2.15 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 34@35c; choice gray, 34c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, $15@16.00; brewing, $18.00@18.50 per ton.
Millstuffs—Bran, $17 per ton; middlings, $22; shorts, $18; chop, $16 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, $9@10.50; clover, $7@8; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 42½@45c; dairy, 37½@40c; store, 25@35c.
Eggs—18@19c per dozen.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2.50@3.50 per dozen; hens, $4.00; springs, $2.50@3.50; geese, $7.00@9.00 for old; $4.50@6.50 for young; ducks, $4.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12½@13c per pound.
Potatoes—55@70c per sack; sweets, 2@2¼c per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, $1; turnips, 90c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, $1; beans, 5@6c per pound; celery, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@4c per pound; tomatoes, 75c per box; green corn, 12½@15c per dozen.
Hops—8@11c; 1898 crop, 5@6c.
Wool—Valley, 12@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@30c per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3½c; dressed mutton, 6½@7c per pound; lambs, 7½c per pound.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5.00; light and feeders, $4.50; dressed, $5.50@6.00 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, $3.50@4.00; cows, $3@3.50; dressed beef, 6½@7½c per pound.
Veal—Large, 6½@7½c; small, 8@8½c per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@12c.
Hops—1899 crop, 11@12c per pound.
Onions—Yellow, 75@85c per sack.
Butter—Fancy creamery 24@25c; do seconds, 22@23c; fancy dairy, 20@21c; do seconds, 19c per pound.
Eggs—Store, 25@27½c; fancy ranch, 34c.
Millstuffs — Middlings, $16.00@19.00; bran, $13@14.00.
Hay—Wheat $7.00@9; wheat and oat $7.50@9.00; best barley $5.00@7.50; alfalfa, $5.00@7.50 per ton; straw, 35@45c per bale.
Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.00; Oregon Burbanks, 65c@1.10; river Burbanks, 45@75c; Salinas Burbanks, $1.00@1.25 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@6½c per pound.

A Shrewd Negro.

A traveler came along to the gate of a humble cabin in a town in Alabama just as an old negro handed a couple of jugs to his son, who was about 10 years of age, and said: "Now, Julius, yo' gwan down to de grocery an' git a quart o' treacle in one ob dem jugs, an' hurry back." When the boy had gone the traveler said to the father:

"You didn't tell him to get anything in the other jug; is he going to leave it at the grocery?"

"No, sah—gwan to bring it right back home" he replied.

"But why send two jugs to get a quart of treacle?"

"It's jes dis way sah. If he has a jug in each hand he can't go dipping his finger in the treacle and eating it as he comes along."—Detroit Free Press.

Death Pleased Them.

Drummer—How was the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show at the town hall last night?

Landlord Pettyville Tavern—First rate! The audience was so pleased with little Eva's death that they encored her till she done it again.—San Francisco Examiner.

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Is a blot upon our land—a symptom of governmental ill-health. The right laws would act upon it as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters does upon constipation, or dyspepsia. They would quickly restore healthy purity; and this is just what the Bitters does for the human constitution. It makes the stomach strong by curing indigestion and biliousness.

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Constipation is treated by an intestinal tonic and liver stimulant, palatable, gentle, yet potent—Cascarets Candy Cathartic. All druggists. 10c, 25c, 50c.

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Detroit Democrats are making plans for a new party organ in that city.

I believe my prompt use of Piso's Cure prevented quick consumption.—Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kansas, Dec. 12, 1895.

Baltimore claims the largest negro population in the world.

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The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

The hard, white layer inside the shell of the cocoanut is not there in the freshly plucked fruit, except as a creamy film about a 16th of an inch thick, which has to be scraped off with a spoon. Sparkling liquid, in place of the acrid "milk" known to English consumers, comprise the whole nut.

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Talked Black Hawk.

Julia Bloom, a colored woman was a prisoner charged with disturbing the peace. Julia admitted under Officer Sheahan's accusation, that she talked a "trifle loud." Her exaggerated speech was caused by her husband's conversation with a neighbor in the tongue of the Black Hawks.

"Thar's ma husban'," said Julia pointing at a stunted figure with straight black hair punctuated with an occasional truant kink. "He's bin ma husban foh de las' 16 years, rain or shine, but he will talk in his sleep an' allus in de Injun tongue. Sumtimes he talks dat way wid Mr. Meyer a nabur who hes learned de langwige frum him. Ah ges he war talkin' when Ah purtested in plain English."

Julia was let off on suspended sentence.—Detroit Free Press.

Clerical Ordnance.

Hobbs—I see by the papers that your friend Rev. Dr. Bang has joined the artillery of the church.

Hobbs—What do you mean?

"Why he's been made a canon of the cathedral."

"H'm; I didn't know that he was such a big gun."—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

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