HOUSE LOST ENTIRE DAYS' WORK

Proposition to Bar Soldiers' Widows From the Pension Rolls Defeated in the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 12.-The contest which has been waged in the house committee on invalid pensions ever since the assembling of congress on the question of barring from the pension rolls the widows and children of soldiers who marry hereafter, came to an end today in the defeat of the proposition. A motion, with this end in view, was introduced by Smith, of New York, and it had the indorsement of Commissioner of Pensions Evans. The question had been agitating the committee at all of its meetings, and today, after a very spirited discussion. Representative Norton brought it to a sudden close by demanding a vote on the question of favorably reporting it to the house. The vote disclosed five members of the committee in favor of it, and seven against it, the division not being on party lines. The vote

Ayes-Ray, Warner, Henry, Smith, Republicans, and Griggs, Democrat. Noes-Sulloway, Kerr, Gibson, Stur-

tevant, Republicans; Norton, Democrat, and Botkin and Castle, Populists. This practically ends the effort to secure the enactment of a general measure along these lines at this session.

Chairman Ray, who was instructed at the last meeting to appoint a subcommittee to draft a service pension bill, notified the committee today that he would appoint the subcommittee in a few days.

During the entire time of the senate today, the Indian appropriation bill was under consideration. . The reading of the bill was completed and all the committee amendments were adopted and subsequently several amendments of a minor character were attached to

the measure. Allen enlivened the proceedings a few minutes before adjournment by making an attack on Speaker Reed for preventing the enactment, as the Nebraska senator declared, of meritorious legislation sent to the house by the senate. He denounced the speaker's action in this regard as "a disgrace" to congress and to the American people. When a point of order was made against him for the use of improper language concerning the other branch of congress, Allen said he was stating only the truth and that he was responsible here or elsewhere, at any time for his statements.

It was expected to conclude the consideration of the pending bill today, but when an appeal was taken from the ruling of the vice-president against Allen that an amendment offered by Thurston was not in order, the point of order was made by Allen that a quorum was not present. A roll-call disclosed the absence of a quorum, and the senate adjourned.

The house was in a very bad temper today, and the whole session was consumed in filibustering against two bills of minor importance, one to issue a duplicate check, and the other to make Rockland, Me., a subport of entry. Neither got farther than the engrossment and third reading. The trouble arose over the enforcement of the rule against the discussion of irrevelant subjects, when Handy attempted to reply on the floor during the consideration of those bills to a letter recently written by Thomas F. Bayard, in denunciation of the free-silver democracy, Roll-call followed roll-call all day long, and partisan spirit reached a high pitch. Fihally, when it became evident that no progress could be made with the bills presented, adjournment was taken until Monday.

Washington, Feb. 12.-The senate committee on appropriations has reported the Indian appropriation bill. The increase is \$173,000 over the house bill. A proviso is made in regard to the detailing of army officers for agents at such agencies as in the opinion of the president may require the presence of an officer. The number of Indian inspectors is increased to five, and each one shall be competent in the location, construction and maintenance of irrigation works.

The Dawes commission is increased to four, and provision is made for the commission to make up the rolls of the five civilized tribes, and it is declared that when the rolls are made up and approved by the secretary of the interior, they shall be final.

The time fixed for opening the Uncompangre land in Utah is extended six months.

The legislation of the house bill regarding the Pottawattamies and the Kickapoos in Kansas is stricken out.

Washington, Feb. 12.-The Oregon delegation expects to get favorable action from the war department for the Yaquina bay improvement, which means the expenditure of \$1,000,000 at that place. Representative Tongue has been promised that the contract shall be authorized.

Amending Coastwise Shipping Laws.

Washington, Feb. 12. - Senator Frve today secured the passage by the senate of a bill amending the navigation laws in important particulars, affecting the coasting trade of this country. The bill is of general application, but it is intended especially to prevent Canadian vessels from securing an undue share of the carrying business between Alaska and other American ports. It will prevent Canadians gaining part of our coasting trade.

THE PITTSBURG FIRE.

Twelve Bodies Have Been Taken From the Ruins.

Pittsburg, Feb. 14.-Twelve people dead, 27 missing, 18 injured and a property loss of \$1,500,000 is the awful record of the big fire of last night The tollowing is a revised list of the dead: Police Lieutenant A. J. Berry, John McHanna, William Scott, jr., Stanley Stitz, John Dwyer, George Loveless, William Smith, Albert A. Wolffe, Thomas Claffey, William R. Habenstein, John Scott, the youngest son of the president of the Chautauqua Ice

Company; William McGonigle. Jacob Booth and a party of four companions, who were in a saloon on Pennsylvania avenue when the building crashed, are missing, and are supposed to be under the debris.

Mrs. Mary McFadden, with her family of eight children, are supposed to be under the fallen walls. They lived in a house on Mulberry alley, which was crushed. Nothing has been seen of them since the explosion last night, and it is believed all are dead.

The fire broke out in the Union street, near Thirteenth. The building was six stories in height and occupied almost the entire block. The first floor was occupied as offices of the Union Storage Company and the Chautauqua Lake Ice Company. The second floor front contained the stables of the Chautanqua company, and in the Twelfth street end they had their ice-making machinery and other property of the Chantauqua company. The rest of the building was occupied by the storage company. The entire fire department was called out. While the conflagration was at its height, an explosion of one of the large tanks filled with ammonia, used in the manufacture of ice, occurred, which was followed by several others and the burned-out walls came toppling down, and firemen, policemen and spectators were buried.

As soon as possible, work was commenced to recover the dead and wounded, the former being sent to the morgue as fast as recovered from the debris and the wounded sent to the hospital.

The scene at the morgue was a harrowing one. As soon as the burned and mangled bodies were recovered, they were taken there where they were washed and placed in presentable condition.

Every victim was covered with wood and dirt, and almost every body was scalded and charred. Bones protruded from the charred and broken hands ot some, and gaping wounds were found here and there over the bodies.

All day firemen, policemen and other city employes have been working at the risk of their lives, but up to nightfall little progress had been made in clearing away the debris. The work will be continued without cessation until it is known that no bodies remain buried.

A FABULOUS DISCOVERY.

Rich Find Reported on the American Side of the Yukon.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 14 .- It is reported that a great gold discovery has been made on the American side in the Yukon country. Fritz Behnsen, of of the trade in Columbia river fish will Victoria, writes to his brother, Kari be under its control. Behnsen, as follows:

"We have struck it rich on an unknown creek across the border never before seen by man. In the crevices of the rocks in one day we picked up \$50,000 in coarse gold. Sell your business, or give it away, and come up

quick with 10 men." The Behnsens have large interests in Vancouver, and are said to be reliable. Several Klondikers were interviewed as to the probability of this report being true. The richness of the reputed discovery seems so fabulous as to create in their minds a doubt as to its truthful-

ALL QUIET IN DAWSON.

W. Kenny Reports the Miners Busy at Work.

left Dawson January 12, arrived here tonight on the City of Topeka. He reports everything quiet in Dawson. All of the miners are busy at work. Dr. Rufus Smith, of Dyea, who was

also a passenger on the City of Topeka, ment. brings with him two petitions which are signed by leading citzens of Skagway and Dyea, asking the war department to declare martial law in those places. Dr. Smith states that robberies and hold-ups are of daily occurrence. In his opinion, the lawless element outnumbers the law-abiding

The officers of the City of Topeka report that a body could be seen floating around in the wreck of the steamer Corona. It could not be identified.

Reward Is Offered.

was taken from the Colfax jail and condition. banged by a mob.

Luetgert Convicted.

Chicago, Feb. 14.-Adolph L. Luetgert was tonight convicted of the mur- Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul last der of his wife and sentenced to life night at Carney spur, Conductor Animprisonment in the penitentiary derson, of this city, and Brakeman Luetgert received the verdic. with a Toole, of Green Bay, were instantly laugh.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 14.-Advices from the Orient report an assault by Japanese artisans on Mr. Sands, secre tary of the United States legation at Seoul. The attack was unprovoked, and the police did not interfere. Sands, however, held one of his assailants and compelled the police to arrest him. Afterwards a complaint was lodged by the United States consul, and the Japanese authorities have arrested various persons supposed to have been engaged in the affair

TORTURED BY THUGS.

A Coos County Farmer Held Over a Blazing Fire.

Myrtle Point, Or., Feb. 14,-Two masked thugs yesterday extorted \$180 from Levi Grant, an aged farmer, who ary 10 says civil strife and bloodshed lives near here, by holding him over a blazing fire till he disclosed its hiding place. After they left, Grant managed to crawl a quarter of a mile from his cabin in search of assistance, but finally fainted from the excruciating pain his burns caused him. He was brought here by a neighbor, who found him lying by the roadside, and his injuries were dressed. It is hardly likely that he will survive.

Grant is a widower, 75 years old, and lives alone on a farm, his dwelling being about a quarter of a mile from the road, and hidden from it by a tall poplar hedge. He was sitting by the fire last night, having removed his shoes preparatory to going to bed, when one of the windows was smashed in with a bludgeon and he was suddenly seized from behind by a masked man, while a second confronted him and demanded his money. As soon as he found breath Storage Company's building on Pike to speak, he protested that he had none. The thugs then lifted him bodily and held him over the fire that was blazing on the broad hearth, till he screamed for mercy and promised to give them all the money he had if they would release him. He was taken from the fire and allowed to take out his purse, but when his torturers found that it only contained \$40, they thrust him back into the fire and held him till, in his agony, he told them where \$140 more was hidden. They quickly found this and made their escape, leaving him writhing on the cabin floor. A search is being made for the robbers, but thus far without result.

CANNERS COMBINE.

Organization of Columbia River Packers Formed.

Portland, Or., Feb. 14.-Formal papers were signed here yesterday and an organization perfected of what is to be known as the Columbia River Canneries Company. The incorporators are J. O. Hanthorn, B. A. Seaborg and T. B. McGovern. The capital stock is fixed for the present at \$500,000, but it is understood that this may be increased as the business of the company shall require. It is stated by the incorporators that the company starts off with all financial arrangements made to enable them to put up as large a pack this season as may be deemed advisable. They further state that selling arrangements have already been consummated with the firm of Delafield, McGovern & Co., of New York, which insures a market for at least 100,000 cases of this

spring's catch of salmon. Provision is also made in the by-laws of the company for the future admission of other packing concerns on the Columbia river, at such times and on terms agreed to by the original incorporators. The canneries which will be controlled and operated by the new company this season are among the largest and best equipped on the river. It is understood that a number of the small packers have not joined the organization, though a large majority

SALTER WORDEN'S CASE.

General Belief Is That Sentence Will Be Commuted.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.-Governor Budd has as yet taken no official cognizance of the confession and plea for mercy made by Salter D. Worden. Before it was made he had reprieved the death sentence of the condemned man, postponing the date of execution from February 11 to June 15. As stated at the time, this was done chiefly for the purpose of giving several medical experts an opportunity of examining into Worden's mental condition, the plea of insanity having been set up by his counsel. His voluntary confession is regarded as a virtual abandonment of Seattle, Feb. 14 .- W. Kenny, who this plea, and it is on his personal appeal for elemency that the governor is now expected to act. The prevailing impression is that Worden will not die on the gallows, but will receive a commutation of sentence to life imprison-

Battle With Amazons.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 14.-A Times-Star special from Vanceburg, Ky., says: At Esculapia, this county, this morning, Constables Cropper and Thacker attempted to arrest an old lady named Crowe, who was at her home with several grown-up daughters. Before the officers realized it, one of the girls flew at them like an enraged tigeress, with a big knife, dangerously wounding both officers. By this time, the old lady and another daughter drew revolvers and the officers realized it was a fight for Colfax, Wash., Feb. 14 .- The Whit- life. The battle raged for a few moman county commissioners have offered ments, and after the smoke had cleared, s reward of \$500 for the apprehension Mrs. Crowe was found dead and shot and conviction of the lynchers of Chad- to pieces, and one daughter was dead. wick Marshall, alias "Blackey," who Those who survived are in a dangerous

Two Killed in a Collision.

Menominee, Mich., Feb. 14.-In a collision between two trains on the killed.

Million Dollar Fire.

New York, Feb. 14.-Levi P. Morton's seven-story office building, with frontages on Nassau and Ann streets, known as the Nassau Chambers building, was destroyed by fire last night. The firemen had a hard battle, and, for three bours there was every prospect of a great conflagration. Every fire company in the city from Forty-ninth street to the Battery was called out. The World says that the loss from all sources will reach \$1,000,000.

THE STORM HAS BURST.

Guatemala in the Throes of Civil War Over Barrios' Death.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.-A special from San Jose de Guatemala of Februhave followed the killing of Barries. Before the body of the late ruler had found sepulture the factions were flying at each other's throats, and as a result, General Marrequina, the chief supporter of Prospero Morales, one of the aspirants to the presidency, is dead and his forces are seeking safety in flight.

San Jose de Guatemala, Feb. 14.-Last night General Marrequina attempted to seize the reins of government in behalf of Morales. He made an attack in force on the palace barracks. The assault was vigorously resisted, and in the fighting General Marrequina and five others were killed. Seeing that their efforts would not prove successful, the attacking forces, consisting of 2,000 men, headed by General Majera and Colonel Aravello, fled from the city.

Today General Toledo, who has been appointed minister by Manuel Estrada Cabrera, the president pro tempore of the republic, started the artillery in pursuit of the fleeing revoutionists. The populace and soldiers are now demanding that General Mendiza be proclaimed president.

The situation is becoming more complicated and the crisis is acute.

Barrios' Fatal Love of Power.

New York, Feb. 14 .- Details of the assassination of President Barrios, of Guatemala, from the Herald's correspondent in Guatemala City state that President Barrios was shot and killed at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. The shooting took place near the palace, while the president was walking accompanied by four guards. The assassin met the party and stepped off the sidewalk, apparently to let the president pass. Then he pulled aside two men nearest President Barrios, thrust a revolver against the president's face and shot him in the mouth and then in the stomach. The murderer ran, but was shot to death by guards who chased him. Barrios died in a few minutes.

President Barrios' assassin was about 23 years of age. For years he was an employe of Senor Don Juan Aparicio, a well-known financier, who was killed by a government soldier during the revolutionary outbreak last September, while he was held prisoner. The as sassin's name was Oscar Sollinger. He was a British subject. Senor Aparicio was wealthy and popular. His death caused great feeling against President Barrios, and the assassin's act is the result. He arrived in Guatemala three weeks ago, and had presumably been watching for an opportunity to kill Barrios since his arrival.

Sollinger was heavy and muscular, and he fired so suddenly that the guards could do nothing. After the assassination the foreign ministers called at the palace and expressed their regret.

Manuel Estrada Cobrera, vice-president, has assumed the duties of president, and will continue as chief executive until the next election.

It is difficult to say what turn events in Guatemala will take now. The man who was assassinated had an iron by the will of the people has he been hastened to his death. His ambition was to retain power.

Had he retired at the end of his legal term much bloodshed would have been averted, and his refusal to do so caused the revolution of last September. He could have retired with a fortune of \$20,000,000 and with the gratitude of the people, as it is acknowledged he advanced the government in every branch.

There is a scramble among all party leaders now for the presidency. General Prospero Morales, with his great popularity and prestige, has a good chance, but is doubtful under present circumstances if he could retain the office unless at the head of an army.

Indian Title Good.

Portland, Or., Feb. 14.-By virtue of a decision handed down by Judge Bellinger in the United States court, the allotment of lands on the Klamath Indian reservation will be at once proceeded with. The court holds that the title of the Indians to the 130,000 acres involved has never been extinguished, and that consequently the California & Oregon Land Company, adverse claimant, has no claim thereto.

Indian Appropriation Bill Passed. Washington, Feb. 14.-Consideration of the Indian appropriation bill was resumed by the senate today, and, after being amended to some extent, the measure was passed. The most important amendment to the bill was that offered by Pettigrew, which, if finally enacted, will restore the free-homestead law, so far as it relates to Indian lands ceded to the United States, for which lands settlers have been obliged to pay the purchase price paid to the Indians. The bill carries appropriations aggregating nearly \$8,000,000.

Japan Wants More Warships. New York, Feb. 14 .- A special to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says advices from Rio Janeiro are to the effect that the Japanese have made an

offer to Brazil to purchase warships

now in course of construction in Eu-

rope.

Klondikers From Australia. San Francisco, Feb. 14.-Among the passengers on the steamer Mariposa, which arrived today from Australia ports, were 50 stalwart miners, who are on their way to the Alaskan gold fields. Some of them stated that at least 5,000 people would leave Australia for the gold fields during the

next few months. The most easily digested meats are cold mutton, mutton chops, venison, sirloin, roast beef and chicken.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Trade Conditions in the Leading Cities of the World.

There was uniform strength in all speculative markets during the past week. Chicago May wheat sold from markets up in proportion. The American visible supply decreased 388,000 bushels during the week and now totals 35,634,000 bushels compared with 46,658,000 bushels last year. In 1897 week was 1,227,000 bushels. The amount on passage increased 1,400,000 and the world's shipments were 5,801,-000 bushels, of which America conof the year wheat stocks at Buffalo, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore were 8,615,000. At the close of last week there were 6,092,000 the egg man?" showing a decrease of 2,523,000 bushels for the five weeks. During this time exports of wheat alone from the four points named were 6,018,000. These figures show that the four points received 3,495,000 more than can be from Ohio. Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, and other territory immediately tributary to those in cold storage. ing from unexpected sources. The movement in the Northwest is increas- ney continued. ing and dumbfounded even the bears. prices up and we would not be surprised to see a further advance.

Portland Market.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 74@75c; Valley and Bluestem, 77@78c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.75; graham, \$3.30; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel.

Oats-Choice white, 36@37c; choice gray, 33@34c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$19@20; brew-

ing, \$20 per ton. dlings, \$24; shorts, \$20.

Eggs-17@18c per dozen. fair to good, 45@50e; dairy, 40@50e per roll.

Cheese — Oregon, 12½c; Young America, 12½c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$2.75@ 3.00 per dozen; hens, \$3.00@3.50; geese, \$3.50@6.00; ducks, \$4.50@5.00

per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, 45@50c per sack; sweets. \$1.75@2 per cental. let the line go. The raft went spin-

Onions-Oregon, \$2.00@2.40 per

@22c per pound.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 7c; spring lambs, 51/2c per pound. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$4.00; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed,

\$4.50 @ 5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, \$3.00@3.25; cows, \$2.50; dressed beef, 41/2 @6c per pound.

Veal-Large, 5@5%c; small, 6@ 7e per pound. Seattle Market.

Butter - Fancy native creamery, brick, 27c; ranch, 22@23c. Cheese-Native Washington, 13c; California, 91/2c. Eggs-Fresh ranch, 23c.

Poultry-Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 12c; spring chickens, \$2.50@ 3 00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat-Feed wheat, \$23 per ton.

Oats-Choice, per ton, \$23. Corn-Whole, \$23; cracked, per ton, \$23; feed meal, \$23 per ton. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton,

\$22@23; whole, \$22. Hay-Puget sound, new, per ton, \$12@13; Eastern Washington timothy,

\$18; alfalfa, \$12. Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beef, steers, 7c; cows, 61/2c; mutton sheep, 8 1/4c; pork, 6 1/4c; veal, small, 8. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 6 @ 7c; salmon,

Sc; salmon trout, 10c; flounders and sole, 3@4; ling cod, 4@5; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 21/2@4c.

Fresh Fruit-Apples, 50p@\$1.75 per box; pears, 25@75c per box; oranges. navels, \$2@2.75 per box.

San Francisco Market. Wool-Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12 @14c; Northern 7@8c per pound. Hops-123 @16c per pound.

Millstuffs-Middlings, \$22@25; California bran, \$20.50@21.50 per ton. Onions-silverskin, \$2.65@2.85 per cental.

Eggs-Store, 13@14e; ranch, 15e; Eastern, 18@19; duck, 14c Cheese-Fancy mild, new, 111/c; fair

to good, 7@8c per pound .. Citrus Fruit - Oranges, navels, \$1.00@1.50; Mexican limes, \$6.50;

California lemons, choice, \$1.50 @1.75; do common,75c@\$1.25 per box. Hay-Wheat, \$16@18.50; wheat and oat,\$16@17.50; oat, \$14.50@16.50; best barley, \$13.50@16; alfalfa, \$10.50@ 11; clover, \$11@12.50.

Fresh Fruit-Apples, 25c@\$1.40 per large box; grapes, 25@40c; Isabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@\$1; pears 75c; \$1 per box; plums, 20@35c. Butter-Fancy creamery, 26c; do

seconds, 24 % @ 25c; fancy dairy, 23c; good to choice, 21@22c per pound.

MAKES A FORTUNE IN EGGS.

Everybody Laughed at This Man, But Success Came to Him.

Nearly every man who has come out of Dawson during the past two months or more has had something to say of 941/4 to 98 3-8; May pork, \$10.30 per the "frozen egg man." They met him bbl to \$10.75; Liverpool and foreign at various points between the Chilkoot summit and the Yukon river, trudging along with one companion and four dogs, pulling a cargo of frozen eggs bound for the Klondike. Eggs at Dawson are worth a dollar or more each and this high price proved such an inthe decrease for the corresponding centive to a Portland man that he resolved to freeze a lot of them and take them in. The egg man has been the source of no little amusement for the Klondikers who have come out. They have frequently laughed at his fooltributed 3,420,000 bushels. The first hardy speculation and often predicted his failure. He has been a prolific landmark and one of the stock questions which Klondikers have asked each other here has been, "Where did you meet

The egg man has sold his eggs and returned with a sack which many a Klondiker might well envy. His name is Charles Vest.

Mr. Vest left Portland last October on the steamer Elder. Before leaving he obtained 1,743 dozen eggs. He accounted for, except on the theory broke and packed them in tin cans, that the wheat was shipped direct holding one gallon each, or six dozen. The cans were sealed, frozen and put in ice. They weighed 2,025 pounds

With one man to help and his dogs seaports. It will surprise the trade to Mr. Vest hurried the eggs up to Sheep learn that Atlantic ports are receiving camp and buried them in the snow. weekly about 700,000 bushels from He put four cans in a sack and tied the points outside of the visible. All sack over the dogs' backs. Each dog along the line wheat seems to be com- carried 28 pounds in this way. Once over the summit the cans were piled on sleds, pulled by the dogs and the jour-

Several adventures befell Mr. Vest However, Mr. Leiter seems to hold and his companion on the way. On December 21 they stopped at a cabin and bought supper and lodging. They bought some moccasins of one of their hosts. In the morning one can of the eggs, now becoming more and more precious, was gone. Mr. Vest had his suspicions but had no evidence. He asked his host about the missing can but got no satisfaction, although his suspicions were confirmed. There were others camping at the cabin and from these two or three days later Vest Millstiffs-Bran, \$19 per ton; mid- obtained corroborative evidence as to the guilt of the suspect. The thief had gone towards the coast but Vest Hay—Timothy, \$12.50; clover, had gone towards the coast but Vest \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do followed him and took him before the police. Confronted with the evidence oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per of his crime the fellow confessed. The police decreed that the man should be Butter-Fancy creamery, 55@60c; punished by giving up his outfit to the man he had wronged. This was done and Mr. Vest got \$185 per dozen for

the can of eggs. At Thirty-Mile river an adventure of a different sort overtook the egg man. A raft was built to float down the river. Vest stayed on shore to line the raft down and his companion was aboard the raft. The ice at one place was not strong enough to support Mr. Vest's weight and he was forced to ning down the river at a fearful rate, the anxious owner running along shore Hops-4@16c per pound for new to keep up with it. Suddenly a rock crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; of the raft. In a moment the raft had rimmed with ice appeared in the track hand and indomitable spirit, but only Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20 dived under the ice, the rider had jumped for his life to the rock and the cargo had spilled into the swift stream.

It was bitter cold, but the situation was desperate. Vest did not ponder long upon what to do. He plunged into the stream and pulled out the sacks one at a time. To do this he had to run along and into the stream for a mile and a half. His clothes froze to him, but he saved his eggs. Then he went back to his companion and threw out a rope and towed him ashore. Three men who happened to be camping near by gave the two wet men shelter until they had dried and warmed themselves.

Sixty-five miles further down Vest reached the Big Salmon where Major Walsh was camping. Major Walsh wanted supplies and he bought Mr. Vest's eggs at \$3 per dozen. The eggs yielded \$5,211, which, added to the \$1,110, amounted to \$6,321 as the total product of Mr. Vest's undertaking.

Some Lines on Alaska.

A "lay" on Eldorado creek is worth \$10,000. Rope is selling at Dawson for \$1 per

A lantern is said to be more useful than an overcoat at Wrangel.

Some men are making \$125 per day each with a rocker on the Eldorado. Skagway's population is said to be increasing at the rate of 300 per week.

Extensive as is the steamship service it is still unable to accommodate the rush. Gulch creek, a tributary of Boulder

creek, is expected to prove as rich as the Klondike. Eighty gamblers from Tacoma went

north on the Corona when she sailed. A crude log cabin 20x24, costs \$1,000 to construct at Dawson, and readily rents for \$125 per month.

Ordinary dogs will pack from 80 to 50 pounds and stand the work all right, day in and day out.

A party of 12 from Champaign county, Ill., with 40 trained dogs, will sail shortly from Tacoma for the Alaskan mines.

James Jackson has taken north a number of homing pigeons, to establish a pigeon express between Dawson and

Dawsonites say they want letters and papers from the outside world worse than food. They have received no regular mail since August.

There are several toll bridges on the Skagway wagon road to the summit, which will assist materially in reliev-Potatoes—New, in boxes, 55c@\$1.15 ing the prospector and miner of his surplus cash.