COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Front strest pretty husy yesterday morning, and in the afternoon a considerable consign-ment of California garden truck was on the street, the San Francisco steamer reaching port several hours shead of time, enabling the shipmons to reach the middlemen several hours
arriver than usual. There is a very brisk demand for potatoes for shipment to outside
points, and the best prices of the seasch are
being paid for fancy stock. Onions are also
doing a little better, a great many having kept
on recovery that the demand is better for those so poorly that the demand is better for those which have proved good keepers. The poultry markets are better cleaned up than they have been for weeks, and good prices were realized

Bank Clearings.

| Portland | Exchanges Balances | Sarp. 588 | \$34.811 | Senttle | 290,510 | 42,228 | Spokane | 240,190 | 28,098 | Tanoma | 132,512 | 22,007

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc. May wheat in Chicago dropped below 60c yeardny, establishing a new low record for the easen. The foreign markets were also dull. and, naturally, there was a sympathetic feeling in the local market, although there was no change in quotations. There is a limited amount of Walla walla coming along all the time, but there is not enough Valley offering to amount to anything. As high as 524c has been paid for heavy Walla Walla, but 52c is the top for No. 1, and Valley is nominally 51652c, with

Wheat-Walla Walla, 12c; Valley, 51 @ 52c; Binssem, 5585534e per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$2 6562 per barrel; gra-bam, \$2 50; superfine, \$2 15.

Oats-White, 84605c; gray, 23634c; stained, ey-Feed, \$15@16; brewing, \$18 @ 18 50

per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$16; chop, \$16. Hey-Stendy, timothy, \$9 50011; clover, \$79 8; Oregon wild hay, \$007 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc. Butter-Fancy creamery, McKNc; seconds, 424, Gelle; dairy, 356374; store, 224639c per roll. Eggs-Weak; 174c for Eastern, 20c per dozen

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$2,5095.50; hens, \$4: springs, \$2,5080.50; ducks, \$596; greese, \$769 per dozen; turkeys, live, 18@14s; dressed.

Game-Mallard ducks, \$3; widgeon, \$1 50@2; tral. \$160 25 per dozen. -Full cream, twins, 125@13c; Young America, 13c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc. Vegetables—Paranips, \$1; carrots, \$1; turnips, \$0; onlone, \$161 10 per cental; cabbage, 156 per pound; potatoes, 50975c per cental; sweet potatoes, 2625c per pound.

per box for navels, \$2 for seedlings; tangerines, Social per box; pineappies, \$4 5006 per doz-en; bamanas, \$2 50 0 3 per bunch; Persian dates Tiglise per pound; apples, \$161 25; peans, 75c0\$1 25 per box; grapes, Thorste for Tokays,

25600c for Concords; cranberries, \$6 50g7 per barrel for Ilwaco, \$7 T5g0 for Eastern. Dried fruit — Apples, evaporated, 7 @ Sc per pound; sun-dried, sucks of boxes, \$65c; pears. sun and evaporated 500c; piums, pities, 40 50c; prunes, linilan, 514054c; allver, extra choice, 5 6 6c; figs, Smyrns, 2214c; California black, 560c; do white, 10c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee — Mocha, 25c; Java, fancy, 28 @ 29c; good, 25c; good, 25c;

Bugar — Cube, \$5 60; crusheo, \$5 00; located, \$5 72%; dry granulated, \$5 10; extra C, \$4 60; golden C, \$4 47% net; half barrels, %0 more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per

Salmon - Columbia river, I-pound talls, \$19 1 50; 2 - pound talls, \$282 50; fancy, 1 - pound fairs, \$1 6561 75; 14-pound fancy flats, \$56956; Aisskoa, 1-pound talls, \$1 2061 30; 2-pound talls, \$1 9062 25.

Grain bags-Celcutta, \$767 10 per 100.

per pound. Nuts-Pennuts, 6467c per pound for raw, 10c for reserved; coccanuts, 80c per desen; walnuts, 125,637845; per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chesinuts, 15c; Erazii, 11c; fiberis, 15c; fancy pecaus, 12914c; almonds, 15 © 1745c per

Coal oil-Cases, 21160 per gallon; barrels, 17160; tanka, 151/0.

Rice -Island, 61/6; Japan, 51/6; New Orleans, \$50000; funcy head, \$7617 50 per sack.

Ment and Provisions.

Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes. Bije; lamba, Dij@4c; dressed mutton, 6487c. Sign; intros, square. lambs, Tipe per pound. House, Gross, choice heavy, \$5; light, \$4 50;

Best-Gross, choice heavy, \$5; light, \$4 50; drossed, \$1,65%; per pound.

Best-Gross, top steers, \$3.50594; rows, \$36; \$50; dressed best, 61,67%; per pound.

Vest - Large, 61,67%; small, 8 @ 8%; per pound.

visions - Portland pack (Shield brand): Provisions — Portland pack (Shleid brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 12½c per pound; piculo hams, 8½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 12½c; baron, 8½c; backs, 8½c; dr; salt sides, 7½c; dried beef, 20c; smoked sides, 8½c; per pound; lard, 8-pound pails, 8½c; 10s, 8½c; 50s, 7½c; tissres, 7½c per pound. Eastern pick—Hammond's): Hams, large, 12c; medium, 12½c; smail, 12½c; piunic hams, 8½c; sheulders, 9c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides, 865½c; bacon sides, 8565½c; b bacon sides Signific; backs, 95c; butts, 8c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 95c; 10s, 95c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hope 86 11c; 1888 crop, 566c per pound. Wool-Valley, 126 18c for coarse, 156 18c for best; Hastern Oregon, 8614c; mohair, 27636c

spekine-Shearlings, 156/20c; short-wool, 25 @35c; medium-wool, 30050c; long-wool, 60c0\$1

Pults-Bear ekins, each, as to size, \$5@15; cubs, each, \$185; badger, each, 10840c; wildculm, each, \$185; badger, each, 10840c; wild-cat, 25640c; housecat, 5 gr 10c; fox, common gray 40960c; do red, \$1256175; do crosa, \$2 50 66; lynx, \$1 5082 50; mink, 30c9\$125; marten, čark Northern, \$488; do pale, pine, \$1 25635; muskrat, \$612c; skunk, 25640c; otter (iand), \$4 66; panther, with head and claws perfect, \$18 8; raccoon, 25650c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, \$3 5065; wolverine, \$2 5065; beaver, per skin, farge, \$697; do medium, per skin, \$4 65; to smull, per skin, \$162; do kits, per skin, 50c651.

Tallow-5054c; No. 2 and gream, 3404c per Hides-Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up-Hides—Boy hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up-ward, 1569554c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry caif, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 15695c; dry salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 80 pounds and over. Signic; do 56 to 60 pounds, SESS4c; do under 50 pounds and cows, 74695c; ktp. 18 to 30 pounds, 75695c; do wesl, 10 to 14 pounds, 74c; do caif, under 10 pounds, 75c; green (unsuited), le per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth-eaten, bady out, scored hair ellipsed, weatheraten, bady out, scored hair ellipped, weather

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

beaten or grubby), one-third less

Unsettled Condition of the Money Market Still Hampers Speculation. NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The prices of stocks traversed a considerable range today, moving forward in the early dealings, and then pursuling a retrograde course to about last night's level. The deduction to be drawn is that pro-fessional traders are distinctined to undertake extensive speculative commitments. The most live influence toward this disposition the conviction that the money markets of the world are not pet in condition to afford abund-ant funds for speculation on credit. The inci-dent which pointed this moral was the unexpected proportions of the gold engagements for tomorrow's steamer, mounting up to \$3,500,000, as compared with preliminary estimates of The large engagements were in spite of sagging interest rates in London and a sharp decline in the discount rate at Berlin. It is evident, therefore, that the British govern-ment designs abundant use for large additional is evident, therefore, that the probable spile will be funds, and that available gold supplies will be drawn to London as far as possible. Such a prospect makes definitely against the probablity of the uneasy money market in New York, the replenishment which various factory in the decline considerable long wheat was let out. With this array of gloomy news, the fact that receipts were more liberal and clearances small added to the constant of the large of t

prospect makes definitely against the probability of the uneasy money market in New York, in spite of the replenishment which various factors are now bringing to this center. The cause of the morning strength in the stock market was the consultance of the selling pressure for Berlin account.

The absorption of New York Central stocks in the sympathetic effect upon the whole railroad list continued. The reaction gained force with the gold engagements, and the bears were dismarket was overcome later by heavy realising.

industrials, notably Sugar and the steel and iron stocks. Rumors were circuisted that new difficulties would be encountered in effecting the distributions of the dividends on the com-

the industrials, were not important. The week's the industrials, were not important. The week's regular currency movement by express has been largely in favor of the banks, the outgo having fallen to less than \$1,000,000, so that the week's gains from that source are estimated at over \$3,900,000, not counting receipts by registered mail, which last week were considerable. In addition, the banks have gained from the subtreasury \$256,000.

The bond market was dill and treatuler. The The bond market was dull and irregular. The

total sales were \$1,365,000. United States 36, registered, and new 4s advanced 16 per cent in

BONDS:

*Offered. STOCKS. The total sales of stocks today were 455,000

shares. The closing quotations were: 1944 Union Pacific 614 do pref 574 Wabash

FOREIGN FINANCIAL NEWS,

Easier Money Situation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.-The Commercial Ad

Rhodes had escaped from Kimberley. Paris re

Money was very easy on the release of £5,000,-

000 in government dividends, but tomorrow the market has to pay £1,000,000 on the balance of

the treasury bills. The local loan stock was

for Argentina and \$20,000 for Malta. From Ger-

many it bought £45,000, and £27,000 was se-

Money, Exchange, Etc. SAN PRANCISCO, Jan. 5 .- Sterling on Lon-

at 4650 per cent; last loans, 415 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper—6 per cent.

Eterling exchange—Firm, with actual business

bankers' bille at \$4 87% for demand and at

London Stock Market.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and

American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.-Wheat and barley,

Wheat-No. 1 shipping, 95%c; choice, \$1; mill-

ing, \$161 02½.

Barley—Feed, 68%@71%c; brewing, 80@85c.

Oate-Gray, Oregon, \$1 071691 12%; milling, \$1 1591 17%; red, \$1 12%\$1 20.
Call board sales: Wheat-Steady: May, \$1 05; cash, \$1.
Bariey-Steady: May, 71%c.
Corn-Large yellow, \$1 02%\$1 10.

Chicago Grain, Produce, Etc.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.-The wheat market opened

easy on the absence of stimulating news, May a shade under yesterday at 604,760%c. This was the high notch for the day, for thereafter

was the high notch for the day, for thereafter, the price went under "puts" and stayed there, buying against these privileges causing only the feeblest upward motions. The poor export busi-ness was one reason for selling, good crop news

lis showing a greater falling off than Chicago-and selling orders from that section were also

from Argentina and elsewhere another weakness of the Northwest markets Mir

on, 60 days, \$4 8214; do sight, \$4 8814.

Silver bara-59%c. Mexican dollars-48848%c. Drafts-Sight, 12%c; telegraph, 15c.

Silver certificates—58%@59%c.

LONDON, Jan. 5 .- Consols-964.

Mexican dollars 47%c.

railroad, irregular.

Anaconda, 8%.

stendy. Onts, quiet.

Spot quotations:

*Ex dividend.

No. 2 red winter, firm at 5s 10d; No. 1 North-ern spring, firm, 6s 1½d; No. 1 California, 6s 34@0s 3½d. Futures closed dull; March, 5s 10%d; May, be 10%d.

Corn-Spot, American mixed, new, firm at 3s 6d; do old, firm, 8s 6%d. Futures, quiet; January, 3s 5%d; February, 3s 5%d; March, 3s 5%d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

prosecuted throughout the session with great animation. May pork closed 10@12½c under yes-terday, lard 7½@10c under, and May ribs 5@7½c

Corn, stendted by provisions for a time, later succumbed to the influence of wheat, and the reaction of provisions, and closed rather easy,

May Me down.

The trade in oats was small and prices a

shade lower, in sympathy with the other grain markets. May closed easy, 160 under yesterday. The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT. January ... \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 65% \$0 60% \$0 6

CORN.

OATS.

MESS PORK. January 10 4714 10 4714 10 4714 10 4714 May 10 90 10 9714 10 7215 10 7715

LARD. January 5 85 5 85 5 80 May 6 05 6 07% 5 02%

SHORT RIBS.

January 5 674 5 674 5 624 5 624 5 624 5 75

Corn-No. 2, 31c. Oats-No. 2, 38@45c; No. 2 white, 2516c; No.

Lard-\$5 671495 82½ per cwt.

Short ribe-Sides, loose, \$5 5095 80.

Shoulders-Dry ealted, boxed, \$5 5095 78.

Short clear aldes-Boxed, \$5 8095 85.

Butter-Firm; creamery, 19428c; dairy, 170

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 1931940.

Flour, barrels 38,000

Wheat, bushels 75,000

Corn, bushels 287,000 1

Oats, bushels 251,000 1

Rye, bushels 6,000

Barley, bushels 76,000

New York Grain, Produce, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Flour-Receipts, 11,297 barrels; exports, 15,697. Market rather quiet; Minnesots patents, 53 8064 05.

Wheat-Receipts, 6400 bushels; exports, 52,658. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 75c f. o. b. Options opened easy, and were weak all day, closing at 140 % decline; March closed at 75%; Wey closed at 74%.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Wheat—Cargoes off ceast, buyers and sellers apart; cargoes on pareage, quiet and steady; Walla Walla, 29s; English country markets, firm.

standard California, 6s %d; wheat and flour in Paris, escady; French country markets, weak; weather in England, cold and dry. Spot wheat,

May closed at 74%c; July closed at 74%c.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour-Firm. Wheat-No. 2 red. 671466814c.

Flaxweed-No. 1, \$1 49@1 49%.

Timothy seed—Prime, \$2 85.

Mess pork—\$9 80@10 50 per bbl.

Lard—\$5 6714@5 8214 per cwt.

white, 24%@25%c.

Rye-No. 2, 50@534c, Barley-No. 2, 35@45c

Cheese-Firm, 12@12%c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5 .- Wool-Spring-BAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Wool.—Sprins
Nevada, 12@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12
@16c; Oregon, valley, 20@22c. Fall—Northern
mountain, 10@12c: mountain, 8210c; plains, 1@
10c; Humboidt and Mendocino, 15@16c.
Hops—1890 crop, 11@12c per pound.
Millstuffe—Middlings, \$10@19; bran, \$12 50@
18 50 per ton.

18 50 per ton. Hay-Wheat, \$6 50@9 50 per ton; wheat and Hay-Wheat, \$6 50939 so per ten; wheat and out, \$6 5093; barley, \$5097; alfalfa, \$6097 50; clover, \$708 per ten; straw, 3509-50; per bale.
Potatoes-Early Rose, \$50950c; river Burbanks, \$50955c; Salinas Burbanks, \$1 0 1 25; Oregon Burbanks, \$50955c; sweets, \$1 5009

1 60 per cental. Onlone—Yellow, 75@85c per sack, Citrus fruit—Mexican limes, \$4@5; California lemons, 75c@\$1 50; choice, \$1 75@2 Tropical fruit — Bananas, \$1 50 @ 2 50 per More Cheerful Feeling Owing to an

bunch; pinnapples, nominal.

Apples-\$1@1 25.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 28c; do seconda, 24@25c; fancy dairy, 21 @ 22c; do seconda, 18@20c; pickled, 22@24c; firkin, 21@22c per

vertiser's London financial cablegram says:
The markets here opened dull and quiet today. Stocks were found to be scarce, especially
Americans, prices for which responded readily Cheese-New, 11@12c; Eastern, 164@17c per pound; Young America, 12@13c; Western, 13@14s to the better feeling. In all other departments business was small. The chief factors were Eggs-Store, 26@81c; Eastern, cold storage, the changed feeling relative to ease in money and better news from Berlin, where it was re-

16@20c; ranch, 38c per dozen. Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 21,820; do Ore-gon, 8196; barley, centals, 1990; oats, centals, 950; beans, sacks, 150; corn, centals, 600; potaported the liquidation was over there, and there was some picking up of Canadian Pacific and other Pacific shares. and other Pacific shares.

In the afternoon the cheerfulness was assisted by vague Transvaal rumors that the Boers had made an unsuccessful effort to break through General French's line, and that Cecil toes, sacks, 14,264; bran, sacks, 7042; midsucks, 400; hay, tone, 136; wool, bales,

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

ported that a battle was going on at the Tugela, official reports of which were kept dark. These stories were generally discredited. CRICAGO, Jan. 5.—Cattle—Good to choice teers strong, inferior weak; Texas, top, \$5 90. steady; good to choice, \$5 85@5 50; poor to mebut they had an effect. Americans were par-ticularly affected by the increasing confidence and persistent New York buying of New York um, \$4 20@5 20; mixed stockers, \$3@3 75; sected feeders, \$4 20@4 90; good to choice cows, \$3 6064 90; heifers, \$3 0065; canners, \$2 25 and the lower or textual critici 63; bulls, \$3 6064 95; calves, \$467 50; fed he chooses to confuse the two.

Texas beeves, \$4 1005 fo.

Hogs-Market 5c higher; mixed and butchers, \$4 20@4 52½; good to choice heavy, \$4 40@ 4 52½; rough heavy, \$4 20@4 35; fight, \$4 20@ 4 42½; bulk of miles, \$4 57½@4 45. Sheep-Market steady; lambs, strong; top Western lambs, \$6 25; native wethers, \$4 40@ noted today at 2% premium, which helped the honey market. Call money at the close was 31/2 er cent. The bank lost £145,000 gold engaged 5 40; lambs, \$5 40 @ 6 25; Western wethers,

\$4 25@4 75; lambs, \$5 50@6 25. Receipts — Cattle, 5000; hogs, 32,000; sheep, OMAHA Jan 5 -Cattle-Receipts 1800 Mar. ket steady; native beef steers, \$4 20@6; West-ern steers, \$4@4 80; Texas steers, \$3 70@4 30;

cri stern, 5437 50; icas store, 50 ings 50; cows and helfers, \$3 2024 50; canners, \$223; stockers and feeders, \$3 9024 85; calves, \$3 50 @7; bulls and stags, \$2 7534 25. Hogs—Receipts, 8000. Market 5@10c higher; henvy, \$4 3024 40; mixed, \$4 3524 374; light, NEW YORK, Jan. 5 .- Money-On call: Stendy \$4 374504 45; bulk of sales, \$4 35004 3714.

Sheep—Receipts, 1500. Market active, stronger; fair to choice Westerns, \$4 2504 75; common

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 5.—Cattle-Receipts. 4500. Market steady; Texas steers, \$3 75@4 95; Texas cows, \$2 65@3 30; native steers, \$4@5 85; Bonds - Government, atrong; state, strong; native cows and heifers, \$264 50; stockers and feeders, \$3 25@5 10; bulle, \$2 40@4. Hogs-Hecelpts, 12,000. Market stendy to 5e higher; bulk of sales, \$4 324@4 37½; heavy. \$4 30@4 45; packers, \$4 30@4 37½; mixed, \$4 25 LONDON, Jan. 5. - Canadian Pacific, 94;

@4 37%; light, \$4@4 35; Yorkers, \$4 30@4 35; pigs, \$3 50@4 22%; Sheep-Receipts, 1000. Market strong; limbs, \$4@4 55; muttons, \$3 25@4 85. Union Pacific preferred, 76%; Northern Pacific preferred, 75%; Atchison, 20; Grand Trunk, 7;

The Metal Markets,

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.-Tin broke badly today, in sympathy with unfavorable foreign news and indifference on the part of buyers, closing in an irregular condition and very quiet. The other metals were not specially active, nor were features of importance developed. Pig-iron warrants, quiet; lake copper, unchanged, \$16 50; tin, easy, \$24 70@25 10; spelter, quiet, \$4 40@ 4 60; lend, steady, \$4 70@4 75. The firm that fixes the selling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at \$4 72% at the close. Bar silver, 59c per ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Bar eflyer, 59%c. LONDON, Jan. 5 .- Bar silver, 27 5-324.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 .- Coffee-Options closed firm and 20 points higher; cales, 18,000 bags, including January at \$6 1856 20; March, \$6 40; May, \$6 50. Spot coffee-Rio, firm; No. 7, invoice, 74c; No. 7, jobbing, 74c. Mild, firm;

Sugar-Raw, steady.

Hard Nut to Crack. The difficulties before the English for The difficulties before the English for solution in South Africa are enormous. An English newspaper correspondent who was with Buller, and who wrote a few days before that general's defeat, said: "The fighting is always bound to be hard, because we stand at a certain natural disadvantage. One has only to look round at the frequent kopies covered with boulders and crevices which afford shelter to the trained or the cunning, to say, "This is Beers' fighting country, not ours." This natural disadvantage, since we were not born or trained to the counCULLISON & CO. Wheat Stock Brokers

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try, we cannot hope to overcome. The Speaking of the work of Professor Ram-British officer, with the manuals of tactics at his fingers' end, is constantly finding himself in predicaments of which the man-uals offer no solution; and however clever he be, his men are hard to extricate from their position, for their sturdy discipline is matched with an equally sturdy want of natural resource, intelligence, or eye for the country. The Boer knows the mon features of the country like the palm of his hand; while British troops are mobilizing, he is, as it were, deer-stalk-ing; the British officer leads a difficult movement prescribed for rare occasions; the Boer meets it by saying, 'Come on, Piet,' or 'Come on, Oom.' It is astounding to us that the irregular should be in any respect superior to the regular, but is not this a new thing for which the armies of Europe must allow in their cal-culations? This natural advantage of the Boer belongs to him only in the country of kopjes or in very broken ground. In fair, open country, where British cavalry could perform their proper functions, the results would certainly be very different."

BIBLICAL CRITICISM.

Attorney for Defense Returns With Fresh Pleadings.

PORTLAND, Jan. 4 .- (To the Editor.) Mr. Sargent's inability to satisfy himself with a latitude of 250 years as to the date of Christ's birth is really touching. We may congratulate ourselves that such ignorance on the subject is not widespread. Admittedly there is doubt as to the exact year; but the long discussion on this point strikes one as special pleading to make it appear that there was some sense in the argument that Christ should have been mentioned by Cicero and the other cadavers enumerated.

undertook to discuss certain alleged contradictions brought forward and to show by an appeal to the gospel narrative itself that they do not exist, save as the result of reading into the record what it does not in fact contain. Now, instead of taking up any of these points, and try-ing to defend his poor "contradictions," our learned controversialist hastily disowns their paternity and tells us that he found them all in books, where lots more just as good can be had for the taking. Then he ushers in, with considerable pomp of introduction, some choice spirits from the array of plous but honest theologians, higher critics and archaeologists whose dicta are to establish by authority what Mr. Sargent has found himself unable to make good by argument. First is Dr. Westcott, through the medium of Dr. Cone. It is amazing that any one should set him up to support such a contention. Mr. Sargent either knows nothing as to the difference between the higher criticism and the lower or textual criticism, or else tation set out has not the slightest reference to the subject of contradictions or inconsistencies in the statements of the biblical narrative. Dr. Westcott is sim-ply arguing for the removal of prejudice against the acceptance of the revised text. Moreover he is, as will appear by reference to the appendix to Westcott & Hort's Greek New Testament, a vigorous defender of the reliability and integrity of the text itself. That he should be dragged into a controversy on a subject about which he has said nothing, and made to appear on the opposite side to the one he really champions in what he does

say, goes to show that some one—either Mr. Sargent or the book he got it out of—is hard pressed for authorities. As to the perennial Andrew D. White, from whom Mr. Sargent has been giving us a continued-in-our-next series of quoin bankers' bills at \$4.87% for demand and at \$4.88% for 60 days; posted rates, \$4.83% fair to choice Westerns, \$4.25@4.75; common at attions for the past 12 months, I am not at \$4.88%; for 60 days; posted rates, \$4.83% and \$4.88%; commercial bills, \$4.81% 50 per cwt. not believe that his sweeping generaliza-tion that all Bible scholars of any stand-ing have come to admit that the gospels were a legendary growth, etc., is to be given much weight, in opposition to the views of such a scholar, for example, as Harnack, who has recently said: oldest literature of the church in portant points and in most of its details is from the point of literary criticism both genuine and worthy of reliange."

Next, the quotation from Professor Sayce. When this learned investigator writes that the fragments of Hebrew literature contained in the Old Testament are the wreeks of a year literature which are the wrecks of a vast literature which extended over the ancient Oriental world, the context shows plainly that he means

that the Hebrew writings were not the only literature of the time, and is very far from saying, as Mr. Sargent would have it, that the Bible is made up of the wreckage. The higher critics have argued that the Bible can have no great antiquity because the art of writing was not known in the land of its origin until a late date in the land of its origin until a late date. Professor Sayce proceeds to demolish this position by showing beyond question that literature had reached a vast development in the Oriental world before the age of Moses. When Professor Sayce tries to say this in figurative language, my valued friend straightway proceeds to misunder-stand him. But since Professor Sayce is set on such a pinnacle of authority, I would say that he has probably done as much as any one man to upset a large portion of the absurd conclusions of the higher critics with regard to the Old Tes-tament. Some quotations from an article by him appearing in the book; "Is Chris-

may, he says (p. 22):

He has shown that the first unprejudiced ap-plication of the results of modern archaeologica research by a master of archaeological science to the writings of the New Testament is to vin-dicate their iruthfulness and early date. Again, on page 28 and following:

The proof presented by archaeology declares not only that Moses could have written the Pentateuch, but that it would have been some thing like a miracle if he had not done so are ever growing more numerous, more star ling and more unexpected, and Oriental arch and more discipled, and Orienta acts acology declares with ever-increasing distinct ness that the history which the "higher criticism" has demolished is history after all. In truth, those of us who have devoted our lives to the archaeology of the ancient Orienta world have been forced back into the tradi tional position, though doubtless with a broader basis to stand upon and clearer views of the real algalification of the biblical text. Year by year, almost month by month, fresh discoveriare breaking in upon us, each more marvelou than the last, and all as regards the Pentateuc in favor of the old rather than of the new teaching. . . Oriental archaeology can go further than to prove that Moses could after all have written the Pentateuch and that the narratives contained in it are derived from documents contemporaneous with the events they record. It can further show that there is no one else so likely to have written it as the great leader and legislator of israel, to whom

For our controversialist's glittering generalities, myths, legends, credulities, plous frauds, blind and unstaggering faith, be-fogging rubbish, etc., I have nothing to match. Space in The Oregonian is too valuable. Nor am I willing to debate here the evidences of the resurrection of our Lord. The subject is too great to be given a place as one of many issues in a newspaper controversy. I consider it the most impregnable of Christian facts, and belief in it is not to be shaken by a citation from some Rev. Skeptic.

after ages agree in ascribing the written law.

So much for "iny opponent's chief wit-

Finally, why is it that men like Mr. Sargent will laud the ability, learning and honesty of such scholars as Professor Sayce, and Dr. Westcott for the sake of giving weight to little misinterpreted ex-tracts from their writings, and then pour of these great authorities with regard to the Bible and the Christian re-ARTHUR L. VEAZIE.

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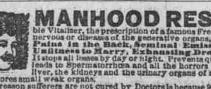
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