

MONMOUTHSHIRE'S DELAY

paire previous to being taken to Belfast for a thorough overhauling.

Marine Notes. The river commenced falling pretty lively yesterday, and all dangers of a flood have passed for the present.

Passed Carmarthen Point Last Evening. The steamer Marjorie, Captain Borthwick, the marine surveyor, yesterday made a survey of the damages to the German bark Marjorie, which collided with the Margretha. Captain Hohen held a survey on the Margretha the day previous.

Foreign and Domestic Ports. ASTORIA, Jan. 18.—Arrived down at 3:30.—British ship Clackmannanshire. Left up at 9:30 A. M.—British ship Colony.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Arrived.—Steamer survey of the damages to the German bark Marjorie, which collided with the Margretha.

San Diego.—Sailed January 17.—Barkentine Retriever, for Port Hadlock.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Arrived.—Hawala steamer San Mateo, from Port Los Angeles.

Hong Kong.—Sailed January 17.—British steamer Empress of India, for Vancouver.

Liverpool, Jan. 18.—Arrived.—Sylvia, from South.

Auckland, Jan. 18.—Arrived.—Mariposa, from San Francisco, for Sydney.

Queenstown, Jan. 18.—Sailed.—Rhynald, for Philadelphia, for New York.

New York, Jan. 18.—Sailed.—La Gasconne, for Havre; Wilhelm, for Bremen.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—Arrived.—Belgian steamer, from Philadelphia.

Bremen, Jan. 18.—Arrived.—H. H. Meier, from New York.

New York, Jan. 18.—Arrived.—Lahn, from Bremen.

Smallpox on the Steamer. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 18.—The steamer Monmouthshire, of Dowell & Co.'s line, arrived at William Head quarantine station shortly after midnight.

Portland Will Ship Two Wheat Carriages to the Orient. The Japanese steamship Doju Maru sailed from Yokohama for Portland by way of Honolulu, December 28.

Another Wheat Cargo. Portland Clears Five Ships for Europe in Four Days. Kerr, Gifford & Co. yesterday cleared three second class vessels for Europe.

Death of a Pioneer. Mrs. Rachel Boggs, mother of Mrs. S. M. Boggs, who lives at 21 East Fifteenth street, died at 10:15 o'clock on Tuesday.

East Side Notes. Phalanx lodge, No. 8, K. of P., formally known as the Phalanx lodge, met at the Phalanx building, on Grand and East Pine streets, last evening.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. After a surfeit of farces, comedies, etc., it seems as if drama is to have a turn, and to prove it, look at the success of the drama at the New York theater.

The Newfoundland Wreck. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Jan. 18.—No additional news has been received since the steamer was wrecked in St. Mary's bay.

Thick Weather at Astoria. A very thick fog was reported down at the mouth of the river nearly all day yesterday, and shipping was delayed somewhat.

Bankers and the Treasury. The letter amounted merely to a suggestion that a delay in paying over to the government a fund arising from the Central Pacific railroad settlement would help the financial situation.

MEETINGS IN PORTLAND. CLOSURE OF MEETING OF THE NORTH-WEST FRUITGROWERS. Ask That a Man Be Sent to Europe to Investigate Means of Checking Codlin Moth.

TACOMA, Jan. 18.—The seventh annual gathering of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association closed this afternoon. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Portland.

The association will request the department of agriculture to send a man to Southern Europe, where the codlin moth is abundant, to investigate the natural enemies, to investigate the pest, and, if possible, to devise treatment to afford relief to the growers of the United States.

The standard California apple box, which is smaller than the present Washington box, was adopted as the official package for the four states embraced in the association.

Papers read were by H. P. Stacy, of Minneapolis, "Shipping Fruit," Colonel W. J. Rife, of the First Washington volunteers, "Prospective Markets in the Philippines," J. O. B. Seabey, of Olympia, "Preserving Fruit," E. A. McDonald, pure food commissioner, "Pure Food Law," Professor A. B. Cordley, Corvallis, Or., "Apple Cankers."

Henry E. Deach, of Portland, read an interesting paper on "Foreign Markets," as follows: "The great secret of success in life is to be ready when the opportunity comes."

Lord Beaufield. The fruit markets in this country are perhaps the most serious problem confronting the fruit-grower, and when we look over the large area that has been planted to fruit, and is still being planted throughout the fruit belt, without being sealed in glass bottles, we cannot help speculating what to do with all these fruits, especially in a good fruit year.

BANKS AND THE TREASURY

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INTERESTING LETTERS AND PERTINENT COMMENT THEREON. Intimation That Political Considerations Sometimes Operate to Shade Relations of the Treasury.

That there is much interest in the relations of the national banks to the national treasury is shown by the attention given the recently published opinion of the secretary of the treasury.

The following, from the New York Tribune, quoting the Herald and World, and dispatch from Washington to the New York Evening Post, is a very interesting article on the subject of the question, which is just now occupying so much of the attention of the treasury.

The Tribune says: Much comment was caused among downtown bankers yesterday by the publication in the World and Herald as part of the official correspondence called for by congress of the following letter to Secretary of the Treasury, G. B. Hoar, president of the National City bank, and now vice-president of the Chase National bank:

New York, June 5, 1897.—My Dear Mr. Hoar: The National City bank, of this city, of which I recently became the vice-president, through the consolidation of the business of the Third National bank with it, is one of the banks designated as a United States depository bank.

It is requested that in any changes which may be made under the administration, we may not be disturbed in this respect. We should like to remain a United States depository, as at present.

Of course, the bank is very strong, and if you will take the pains to look at our list of directors, you will see that we also have very great political influence in view of what was done during the canvass last year. Very truly yours, A. B. HEPBURN, Vice-President.

Mr. Hepburn said yesterday afternoon he had no recollection of having written the letter or of having had any correspondence with the secretary of the treasury at that period.

He added that he had only a few faint recollections of the president of the National City bank, and pointed out that, in view of that fact, he naturally would not have known much about any contributions which might have been made by directors of the National City bank nine months or more before.

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CHURCH ROBBED TWICE

Westminster Presbyterian Church Stripped of Its Light Fixtures. More petty house burglaries have broken out in many places on the East Side.

For the second time during a brief period the Westminster Presbyterian church, on East Tenth and Welder streets, was robbed of its light fixtures.

The fixtures were carried off from the church on the north side of the church. An ax was taken from the basement, and the door was broken into the edge being badly chipped and scarred in the effort.

At first the burglars tried to open the door with a leather pouch, a very peculiar instrument to be used for that purpose, but it would not accomplish the work, and the ax was found and proved more successful.

The trustees of the church kept the matter quiet until yesterday, hoping that the thief would obtain some clue. They informed the police yesterday.

The former robbery occurred a month ago, when two coats were stolen. The trustees held a meeting last night, and it was decided to make an effort to bring the thieves to justice, if possible.

Several houses in the vicinity of East Tenth and East Oak streets were broken into last night, and a quantity of provisions and \$25 in cash were taken.

Some silver spoons were carried away on a second visit. The home of F. A. Ford, East Pine and East Thirteenth streets, was entered, and the family was disturbed, and the thieves took a quantity of provisions and \$25 in cash.

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HEALTH OF THE CITY

Commissioner Menettee Makes His Report for December. The report of Health Commissioner J. P. Menettee, for the month of December, has been published.

The report shows that the health of the city is generally good. The number of births registered during the month was 78; males, 38; females, 40.

The number of deaths registered during the month was 24. The principal causes of death were: pneumonia, 8; influenza, 6; typhoid fever, 4; diphtheria, 3; scarlet fever, 2.

The number of cases of contagious diseases reported during the month was 15. The diseases were: diphtheria, 3; scarlet fever, 2; typhoid fever, 4; pneumonia, 6.

The number of cases of venereal diseases reported during the month was 12. The diseases were: gonorrhea, 8; syphilis, 4.

The number of cases of insanity reported during the month was 8. The cases were: general paresis, 3; dementia, 2; melancholia, 3.

The number of cases of epilepsy reported during the month was 5. The cases were: grand mal, 3; petit mal, 2.

The number of cases of chorea reported during the month was 3. The cases were: chorea minor, 2; chorea major, 1.

The number of cases of tetanus reported during the month was 2. The cases were: tetanus, 2.

The number of cases of rabies reported during the month was 1. The case was: rabies, 1.

The number of cases of typhus reported during the month was 0.

The number of cases of cholera reported during the month was 0.

The number of cases of dysentery reported during the month was 0.

The number of cases of malaria reported during the month was 0.

The number of cases of yellow fever reported during the month was 0.

The number of cases of plague reported during the month was 0.

The number of cases of typhoid fever reported during the month was 4.

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The number of cases of pneumonia reported during the month was 8.

The number of cases of influenza reported during the month was 6.

OUR CITY ADMINISTRATION

A Letter in Reply to Remarks by Mr. Goldsmith. PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(To the Editor.)—Mr. Goldsmith's criticism of the city administration is not necessary.

Further comment is not necessary, and endeavors to make it apply to all he said in his communication. I intended it to apply only to his statement of the tax rate of Beane and Tacoma.

It is less than that of Portland, which statement was clearly incorrect, and prejudicial to our city.

My only source of United States Statistics of Cities (September, 1899), shows under the table "Income of Cities," as follows: Portland \$3,000,000; Beane \$1,000,000; Tacoma \$1,500,000.

And under the table of expenditures: Portland \$2,500,000; Beane \$800,000; Tacoma \$1,200,000.

Interest on debt—Portland \$250,000; Beane \$100,000; Tacoma \$150,000.

Includes water and Port of Portland interest. I think the above, without going into details, proves that the rate of tax is as low as in the city of Portland.

I did not intend to discuss other matters referred to by Mr. Goldsmith. He, however, asks a question: "Do you consider it fair to compare the rate of tax in Beane and Tacoma with the rate in Portland?"

In reply I will say that I am not familiar with the details of county and state administration, and for that reason it would be obviously unfair for me to express an opinion.

With the city administration I am familiar, and I assert that the city administration is honestly and conscientiously endeavoring to do its duty.

I assert that there is not a city in the United States of the population and area of Portland whose municipal affairs are as carefully, economically and honestly administered as those of Portland.

The rate of tax is as low as in the city of Portland. I do not mean to say that there are not abuses in our city affairs, but they are of minor character, and are being corrected.

It should be noted that the rate of tax in Beane and Tacoma is not as low as in the city of Portland. The rate of tax in Beane is 1.5 cents per dollar, and in Tacoma it is 1.75 cents per dollar.

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ARE NOT YET WORKING

APPAIRS SHAPING UP FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. Simon and Arid Lead Matters—Heating of India War Veterans—Bill to Be Had.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Although expected before the holiday recess, the pension committee of the house has not yet had its report on the bill to amend the act relating to the pension committee.

As soon as the pension committee organizes, and appoints its subcommittee, representatives of Tongue and Moody, of Oregon, are to be called in behalf of the Indian war veteran bill, which has been reintroduced in the house.

As well as in the senate. Mr. Tongue had this bill before the committee at the last congress, but in bringing it up this time he will have the able support of his colleague, Mr. Moody, who, while not the author of the measure, is intensely interested in the matter, and is very anxious to see the measure passed.

This matter has hung fire in congress for a great many years, and there is considerable opposition to it. Mr. Tongue, however, says that he expects to get a favorable report from the committee on pensions, and in that event will persistently push the measure through the house.

There are representatives from other western and southern states in the committee, and they will stand in with the Oregon representatives. The opposition comes principally from the eastern members of the committee, but in bringing it up this time he will have the able support of his colleague, Mr. Moody, who, while not the author of the measure, is intensely interested in the matter, and is very anxious to see the measure passed.

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