INCREASE BANK CIRCULATION

He Tells New York Bankers That Na. tional Banks Should Be Allowed to Issue One and a Half Times Par Value of Bond Deposits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William Barrett Ridgeley, Controller of the Currency, was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the bankers of the City of New York given at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight. Mr. Ridgeley spoke on "Elasticity in the Currency," and said in part:

"The only great objection which can be fairly made to the National banking system; the leck of elasticity in the cur-

tem is the lack of elasticity in the cur-

rency which is issued.

"The prime requisite for an elastic currency is frequent redemption and freedom of retirement. To have proper and true elasticity, contractibility is as necessary as expansibility. We have in circulation much a vast amount of currency which is such a vast amount of currency which is practically inflexible in volume—legal-tender notes. Treasury notes of gold and sliver certificates, as well as bank notes—that it is and will continue to be very difficult to introduce any elasticity into it. It must be supplied to the bank notes. This adds to the urgent necessity of giv-ing them the greatest possible measure of

this quality.

"I think the best plan which has been suggested for modifying our bank curcy is to allow the banks to issue more than the value of the bonds deposited. The first consideration should be to make these notes absolutely secure to the hold-er. The Government can safely guarantee these notes if protected by bonds held by a part of their value, and in addition by a guarantee fund to be raised by a tax or premium for insurance levied on the bank The restrictions of the National bank-

ing act in these regards have been dem-onstrated to be wise and beneficial. It would be much better for the business of the country if its commercial banking were done mainly by banks on a uniform system under Government supervision. This should be encouraged by making the system attractive and profitable, as can fairly and safely be done.

se additional notes should be exactly the same in form and in all respects as those now issued. In fact, the change should be merely the increase of the per-mission, so that a bank might issue 1½ times the par value of the bonds deposited, the maximum amount of bonds re-maining the same as now, equal to the capital stock of the bank."

Dr. Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon, arrived at the banquet and was called upon for an

address. In response he said:
"I am very much embarrassed. I really
do not know what to say to you. Still. I think you will not mind if I tell you what a great impression your country has made upon me. The strongest impression I have received in this great and beautiful country has been through the works of organized observer. ized charity. I have had some varied ex-periences in this country. Perhaps the most curious was in Chicago. The Board of Health there made me undergo an ex-amination in medicine, although I think I know something of my branch of the profession. Curiously enough, some weeks later they made me a doctor of laws. though I know nothing of law. Taught by that experience, I shall talk no more to you, gentlemen, for fear if I stay here longer you will make me a banker because I know nothing of banking."

Currency Bill for Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Scenate committee on the Philippines today agreed on a bill to establish a currency for the Philippines, which is the joint production of Senators Lodge and Allison. The bill makes the gold peso of 12.9 grains the unit of value in the islands, and makes the gold coins of the United States legal tender for all debts.

In addition to the currency at present authorized, the Philippine government is permitted to have coined 75,000,000 silver preses of 616 grains each, and these pesos are to be legal tender for all debts in the latendar act. islands until otherwise specified by Con-gress or by law. Subsidiary silver coins also are allowed in excess of the present volume. The Philippine government is authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness in order to maintain the parity between gold and silver pesos. Provisi also is made for the redemption of the silver currency of the islands. Authority is given for the coinage of the silver peso at Manila or at another of the mints of

Another Currency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-Representative Lewis, of Georgia, Democratic member o fthe House committee on banking and currency, introduced a bill today to provide an elastic or emergency currency bill to meet the financial and commercial requirements of the country. The bill authorizes the Controller of the rency to issue to any National banking association, in addition to the circulation now authorized by law, circulating notes to an amount not exceeding 25 per cent of id-up capital and surplus of the of the bank.

DEAD BODY IN SKIFF. Steamer Thompson Passes Same Off Puget Island.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 18 .- (Special.) - As the steamer R. R. Thompson, which arrived down the river this evening with the British ship Holyrood in tow, was passing on the south side of Puget Island, nearly opposite Westport, Captain Turner sighted a large skiff, nearly filled with water, and in it the dead body of a man. Owing to his heavy tow, Captain Turner could not stop to pick up the body, but he notified the steamer Okinhama, which he met shortly afterward, and the latter

Oregon Belle Quartz Mine Sold.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)

The Oregon Belle quartz mine, in the
Forest Creek district, Josephine County, was sold yesterday to the New York & Western Mines Company for \$30,000. The Grant's Pass men who sold the mine are m Ireland, John Coffman, Tom and John Broad, who discovered William Ireland. the mine several years ago. Foster & Gunnel, the representatives of the New York & Western Mines Company, have been in Josephine County for some time past looking over the mineral fields here. The Oregon Belle is opened up to a depth of several hundred feet, and has an ex-tensive ore body. It is the intention of the new owners to complete the develop-ment of the mine and put in a large stamp

Woodmen at McMinnville.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)

The Woodmen of the World are making extensive preparations for Saturday's con-vention. Five or six hundred Woodmen will be in the city. The programme will be the most extensive ever held in this county, and much interest is centered

debarring them from the principal busi-ness streets of the town. Another reso-lution was passed to compel the salcons to close at midnight, and another move-ment was originated for enforcing the state law against gambling. A proposed ordinance passed the first reading to raise the license for salcon from \$300 to \$500 a year. HUMOROUS WASHINGTON VIEW OF

Raymond A. Perry, San Francisco; the

Northwest Bridge Company, of Tacoma, and the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, of Seattle. The local concern's bids were the lowest in each instance, being \$18,445 for the Olympia work and at the rate of \$8.2 cents per cubic yard for the Salmon Bay dredging.

Increase in Alaska Mail Service.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—The United States Government has doubled its Copper

River and American-Yuxon mail service. From this time on the mail will leave

Vaides for Copper River, the Lower Yu-kon and Nome four times a month. Here-tofore there has been a semimonthly serv-

ice. The reason for the more frequent service is the result of the refusal of the

Canadian government to carry more than 200 pounds of mail matter at a time. The

Fish.

additional contract was given to James

Stage Line for Dawson and Valdes.

of the year a stage line will be in operation from Dawson to Valdes. It is pro-

posed to give a weekly service, with four trips each way per month. The distance is but 435 miles, or nearly 200 miles less

than the route from Skagway to Dawson. The trail as established runs from Valdes

to Forty-Mile. From this point the dis-

tance to Eagle City and Dawson is prac-tically the same. The line will be run-

Looked Down Pistol Barrel.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—Joseph Bowlby, the 7-year-old son of parents re-skiing at Green Lake, in this city, acci-

dentally killed himself today while playing with a loaded revolver. The child

found the weapon in an unoccupied room, and with a playmate began to examine it. He snapped the trigger, but the weapon

hung fire. He attempted to peer down the barrel, when the cartridge exploded,

inflicting a wound from which he expired

Steamer Ilwaco Laid Up.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 18.— The cannery steamer Ilwaco, which left

Saturday for the Columbia River, put back tonight. The steamer found every

oar breaking, and was forced to return to

the Straits for protection from the ele-

Dies Suddenly at Aberdeen. ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)

A man who registered as Victor Lavigne,

of Portland, died suddenly at the Pioneer

Hotel this morning. Nothing can be learned of his home or friends.

[The name of Victor Lavigne does not

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Rufus Morris, a son of C. E. Morris, of Golden-

dale. Wash., who ran away from his home about two weeks ago, was captured in this city yesterday. A message was immediately sent to the lad's father, who will

Southern Pacific Train Ditched.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The east-ound Atientic express was ditched this

evening about a mile west of Truckee

Seven cars left the truck, but no one was

and will lay up here until Spring,

oppear in the Portland directory.]

The vessel sustained no damage,

ning by the first of the year.

a few hours later.

ments.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.-By the first

How One Job After Another Keeps Pursuing John Barrett, Who Has Dredging for Harbor Improvements. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18 .- Bids for the extension of the dredging of the harbor at Clympia and the extension of the dredging for the Lake Washington Canal through Salmon Bay to the City dock at Ballard were opened today by Major John Millis. Bids were received from Raymond A. Perry, San Francisco, the

Debtined Japan Mission.

Bas finished his blennial report and has sent it to Solem. He recommends that all butter packages be required to be of eight, 16 and 22 ounces, full weight. He recommends also that he be allowed a chemist, who shall take the place of his present deputy. By the last of the year markable, at least in one particular. He does not serve out his appointed time in one position before he is called upon to take one that is higher and better. Two years or so ago he was made a delegate to the Pan-American Congress. Before that congress concluded its sittings the St. Louis board heard of Barrett's peculiar abilities, made him a tempting offer, and he left the congress to travel about in the Orient, arousing the interest about in the Orient, arousing the interest of those countries in the coming World's inspected. He suggests, further, that cer-Fair. While still a St. Louis commissioner 'tificates be issued to dairymen whose

AN OREGONIAN CELEBRITY.

President. Straightway he is selected-no, he is commanded-to proceed to Tokio. Some men are born lucky. But John Barrett-well!

Food and Dairy Commissioner Tells

BAILEY MAKES REPORT. YESTELOAY.

How to Solve Milk Problem. Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey has finished his biennial report and has

have a law enacted requiring dairymen who deliver milk directly to consumers in this city to have their dairies regularly

TUG SLIPS ITS WAYS AT BALLARD

Miss Katherine Hurley, Granddaughter of Colonel John McCraken, Christens the Craft.

M'CRAKEN IS LAUNCHED

SEATTLE. Dec 18.—In the presence of representatives of the City of Portland and several hundred residents of the port the tag John McCraken was launched at Ballard today. Miss Katherine Hurley, a granddaughter of Colonel John McCraken, in whose honor the tag was named, christened the area? christened the craft.

The tug, which is being constructed by the Heffernan Engine Works, will be used in connection with the mammoth dredger employed in deepening and keeping clear of obstruction the Port of Portland. commission she will cost about \$25,000. Her builders expect to have her completed by February.

(The John McCraken, the new tender for the 36-inch dredge of the Port of Portland, has a length of 22 feet, breadth of 21 feet and depth of 10 feet. She was designed by J. H. Johnson, the naval arch-itect, and the contract for her construc-tion was awarded to the Hefferman Engine Works, of Scattle. The contractors subjet the contract for the hull to the Ballard Shipbuilding Works. The wood-Ballard Shiphullding Works. The wood-work of the boat is built of Oregon pine and Oregon oak. She has a deckhouse and texas and a 22-foot mast fitted with and rexus steam is furn, ched by a Scotch marine boiler 9x10 feet, carrying a pressure of 150 pounds, and the propeller is driven by vertical compound engines il and 20 inches in diameter, with 16-inch stroke.)

THE INDRAPURA'S FIRE. Blaze on the Steamer Started in the

Cargo of Hemp. The Portland & Asiatic liner Indrapura, which left Yokohama east-bound Tuesday, is due to arrive here about January 3. She brings a full cargo of the usual Oriental goods. The Shanghai Times of November 20 thus describes the fire on the

steamer at Hong Kong:
"Fire in a cargo of hemp in the hold of the Indrapura, of the Portland & Asiatic Company, kept the firemen busy two days last week at the Cosmopolitan docks, Hong Kong. Owing to the removal of the plates from the side of the ship, it was impossible to flood the hold, and the level to which it could be flooded was not high enough to quench the fire. Hence above that level control of the fire could not be had. It is believed that the outbreak was caused by a spark, or that one of the hot rivets came in contact with the hemp. About two hours after the fire began a Chinese coolie dropped into the hold. Dense volumes of smoke were rising from the burning boat, and, looking down through the hatch where the coolie fell, all his companions could see was a fiery glow shining through the thick mist of stifling smoke. Water was pouring into the dock, and there was no thought of attention research. tempting rescue. Suddenly, to the amazement of firemen and coolies, the supposed victim of the burning hemp and suffocating fumes was observed crawling through the 20-inch space left by one of the re-moved plates, half of which was submerged. There was a dive, a big splash and the coolie swam safely ashore, al-most beside himself with fright, but otherwise none the worse for the adventure The hemp is covered by insurance."

PROTESTS ARE FILED.

Vessel Owners Complain of Customs Regulations at Port Angeles. The action of the Government in forcibly collecting port and customs dues from

vessels which were recently forced to drop anchor in Port Angeles while awaiting the moderation of storms outside Cape Flattery has met with a protest.

Action was taken Wednesday for the

return of the money collected from the German bark Antuco, the ship John A. Briggs and the Norwegian bark Helios. Protests were lodged by the Port Town-send representatives of the owners of the vessels mentioned, and the Collector of vessels mentioned, and the Collector of lia, left down for Astoria yesterday. The Customs there forwarded the complaints Cornil Eart and the Nai have dropped to Washington, which is responsible for the enforcement of the regulation regarding the collection of the fees and dues. The regulation lately enforced has existed on the statute-books of the United

States for many years, but till three weeks ago no attempt was ever made to enforce it against vessels which had sought shelter in American ports on the Straits rather than put to sea in bad weather. A great deal of adverse comment has been caused on Puget by the action of the Government, is claimed that the obstacles thus thrown in the way of shipping will militate against the American ports and throw shipping more and more into the Royal Roads. It is contended that the customs formalities and attendant expense required of vessels entering from foreign ports should not be exacted from vessels merely seeking shelter from storms while outward bound

The German bark Antuco loaded lumber at Vancouver, but put into Port Angeles on her way to sea to await the cessation of gales off Flattery. She merely anchored, but had to pay, notwithstandly

ELLERIC TO CARRY LUMBER. Steamer Now at San Francisco Will

Load Here for the Philippines. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The English tramp steamer Elleric has been chartered by the United States Government to carry supplies from Portland to Manila, P. I. The announcement is surprising, in view of the fact that there are at least three vessels belonging to the Government lying idle in this harbor. The Meade, Sumner and Crook are all available for Government service. The Meade is in port and will be used as a spare ship. The Sumner is also in port, and will be turned

over to the naval authorities.

The Elleric arrived from Newcastle,
Australia, last Monday night, and is now

(The Elleric was chartered six weeks ago to carry the second installment of 5,000,000 feet of lumber sold to the Government by local exporters. The steamer Quito. ment, amounting to 2,500,000 feet. Elleric was chartered by James Laidlaw & Co., and the fact that she is soon to arrive creates no astonishment here among shipping men. This business has no connection with the transporting of soldiers and Army supplies to and from

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—
When the German training-ship Herzogin
Cecelia sailed from Hamburg for this
port, she had as a portion of her supplies
8000 bottles of beer. Today her captain
sold 7000 empty bottles to a local brewery
and placed a large order for more bottled

The steamer Ilwaco, which was recent ly rebuilt at Port Townsend, is reported by the tug Sea Lion to have passed Cape Flattery at the same time that she did with the French bark Surcouf. As nothing has been seen or heard from the II-waco, it is probable that, finding the sea too rough, she turned back.



ELGIN NATIONAL WATCH COMPANY, Cirin, Illinois.

the bar. Without dropping anchor, the San Francisco. Sailed-Schooner Lyman D. Her master had evidently lost his reckoning and did not find his mistake until he had gotten inside. This same thing the had gotten inside. This same thing the hadren inside. had gotten inside. This same thing hap-pens about once each year, but so far the

vessels have escaped any accident.

As the tug Sea Lion was towing the French bark Surcouf in over the bar yesterday, her hawser parted twice, and it was only with the assistance of the tug Tatoosh that the vessel was brought in in safety. The pliot on board the vessel had great difficult in preventing the crew from dropping the anchor when the hawser parted, and if this had been done, it is

hard to tell what might have happened.

The Franch bark Francois Coppes, which arrived in port a couple of days ago, made a remarkably quick trip from San Francisco to Astoria via Cape Flattery. She salled from San Francisco for Tacoma, but, reaching Cape Flattery in 50 hours, there received orders to sail to this port, which she made in 24 hours with an east wind.

Emilie Arrives With Cargo

The German ship Emelle, 1738 tons, Captain Dahn, arrived up yesterday morning and dropped anchor in the stream. She comes from Antwerp to Meyer, Wilson & Co., and her cargo consists of 12,676 casks of cement, 250 tons of pig iron and 13 cases of mustard. The ship will probably dis-charge at Greenwich doch. The Emilie had an uneventful passage until she reached the mouth of the river, when she ran into a southeasterly gale and was compelled to beat about for 14 days until the weather moderated.

Stenmer Queen on Sand for Hour. VANCOUVER B. C. Dec. 18.—The steamer Queen, Captain Andrew Hall, struck a bank in the Narrows at the entrance to Vancouver harbor, while on her way out of port this morning. She stayed on for over an hour, during which time messengers were sent to town for assistmessengers were sent to town for assist-snoe. Before this arrived, however, the vessel floated with the rising tide, and taking the messengers on board the steamer again started for Seattle.

Ice-Bound Vessels Released. DETROIT, Dec. 18.-The steamer Martin and schooner Charles Spademan, of Ma-rine City, which have been fast in the ice in Lake Erie, off Bar Point, were released and brought, into the river during the night by tugs.

Higher Stenmer Rates Next Year. LONDON, Dec. 18.—At a conference of steam shippers trading with Canada, held this week at Liverpool, it was agreed to increase the rates by 5 per cent in 1903.

Marine Notes.

The Austrian steamer Klek moved from Columbia dock, No. 2, to Montgomery,

The Nantes finished loading wheat at the elevator, and her place will be taken by the Aster. Today the Norwegian bark Andromeda,

1176 tons, will be sold at auction at San Francisco. The vessel is at Honolulu. The Matterhorn, with wheat for Austra-

to St. Johns. The loaded grain fleet at Astoria, which consisted of the Isle of Arran, County of Roxburgh, Madagascar and Glenesslin, was joined yesterday by the Holyrood. The British warship Shearwater, which reached Honolulu December 4, will make a trip to Pitcairn Island. If, as reported, the mutineers of the British ship Leicester Castle reached Pitcairn, they will be apprehended by the officers of the Shearwater.

The lighthouse inspector at San Francisco issues notice that a barge, anchored some 300 feet east of the cofferdam at Hunter's Point, San Francisco Bay, is connected with the dock by a line used for hauling mud scows back and forward while removing the cofferdam. As the work proceeds day and night, vessels are cautioned to pass outside the barge. Fixed white lights, 15 feet above the water, are exhibited from the barge.

Domestie and Foreign Ports ASTORIA, Dec. 18.-Arrived down at 2:50 P. M .- British ship Holygood, Condition bar at 4 P. M., moderate; wind east; weather

San Francisco, Dec. 18 .- Arrived -- Stramer City of Puebla, from Puget Sound; steamer Rainier, from Whateom, Sailed-Steamer Well-ington, for Ladysmith; steamer Wyefield, for Nanaimo; steamer Henry Villard, for Port

Hong Kong. Dec. 18 .- Sailed-Tacoma, for Tacoma, Dec. 18.-Arrived-Steamer Santa Ana, from Valdes; steamer Mackinaw, from

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Arrived—Teutonic, from New York, Salled—Victorian, for New York,

Naples, Dec. 18.-Sailed-Hespertan, Glasgow, Dec. 17.—Sailed—Carthagenian, for St. Johns, N. F., and Philadelphia. London, Dec. 18.-Sailed-Minnehaha, for

New York. Queenstown, Dec. 18.—Salied—Celtic, from Liverpool for New York. Glasgow, Dec. 18.-Arrived-Furnessia, from

Hamburg, Dec. 18.—Arrived—Pennsylvania, from New York.

Havre, Dec. 18.—Arrived—La Lorraine, from New York

Hoquiam, Wash. Dec. 17.—Sailed—Steamer Centralia, from Aberdeen for San Francisco. Arrived 16th—Steamer G. C. Lindauer, from San Francisco for Aberde Seattle, Dec. 18.—Arrived-Steamer John S. Kimball, from San Francisco; steamer Sants Ana, from Valdes; British ship Glenlin, from

Caps Town, Dec. 18.-Arrived-Steamer Ineri, from Tacoma, via Montevideo. Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Salicd—Sagamore, for

a, Dec. 18 .- Arrived -- Steamer Lake, from Queenstown, Dec. 18 .- Arrived-Haverford,

from Philadelphia for Liverpool, and pr London, Dec. 18.-Arrived-Virginian, from

RAILROAD NEARS GRESHAM Temporary Track Is Being Laid for the Steam Shovel.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A steam motor, with car attached, has reached the outskirts of town on an uninished track. The grade from Lents ends abruptly at Ed Sleret's farm, and rails have been laid to that point to ac-commodate construction trains and facilicommodate construction trains and facili-tate the passage of the steam shovel, which will be put to work through the deep cut across Johnson Creek. A tem-porary track is being laid for the steam shovel and teams have been at work this week preparing a site for the first location. The cut will be nearly a quarter of a mile in length and 28 feet deep in one place. The dirt taken from it will be used elsewhere on the line to make necessary fills. The track thus florished is insary fills. The track just finished is intended to be permanent, but it will have to be leveled and ballasted before trains can make regular trips. This will not take long and the company is likely to make good its promise to have cars in Gresham "before snow falls."

To Complete Organization.

A meeting of the charter members of the a meeting of the charter members of the new Grange at Rockwood will be held on Saturday, commencing at 10 o'clock and continuing until after night, There are 65 names on the charter roll and the object of the meeting is to complete organization. Arthur F. Miller, of Scilwood, is the or-ganizer. He will be present and instruct the members how to proceed and will help in other ways to give the new Grange a good start. At the preliminary meeting Fred H. Crane was elected master, and Mrs. L. Lovelace was chosen secretary. All who attend will bring something to eat. A good plenic dinner will be served at noon and in the evening.

Corn for Feed.

Alfred Alm, a prosperous farmer of Powell Valley, has sent to Nebraeka for a carload of corn. He will use it for feed. It will cost him \$26 a ton delivered here. but he claims it will be cheaper than any he can buy in Oregon. He is probably right, as oats and barley are now retalling here for \$27 per ton, with a prospect of go-ing higher. Mr. Alm's venture will be ing higher. Mr. Alm's venture will be watched with interest by his neighbors, some of whom predict that his stock will not eat the corn because they do not know what it le. Brief Notes.

All the public schoole in this section will take a vacation for the holidays after to-There will be no school until Jan-

John Grant, a young man living a few miles west of here, has been arrested for stealing a watch from Thomas Ginder, He has been released on ball pending exami-

A proposed extension of the Barr road eastward is meeting with approval, but the effort to extend it to Fairview will be abandoned. An extension of about two miles is all that can be had at this time owing to the great cost which would be necessary for construction.

Mrs. Gore's Death Accidental.

PARIS, Dec. 18 .- The French authorities have become convinced that the death of Mrs. Ellen Gore was accidental and have decided entirely to drop the case against M. de Rydzewski.

BUFFALO LITHIA WATER

"The Most Effective of the Natural Medicinal Waters" and "Strikingly Superior to Lithia Tablets" in Bright's Disease, Albuminuria, Calculi, Gout, Rheumatism, Inflammation of the Bladder and all Renal Complications.

Dr. I. N. Love, New York City, former Professor of Clinical Medicine and Diseases of Children, College of Physicians and Surgeons and in Marion Sims College of Medicine, St. Louis, Vice-President of American Medical Association, 1895, etc., in an article in Medical Mirror, February, 1901, says: "While being the must effective of the natural mineral waters, it is strikingly superior to emergency solutions of lithia tablets and pure water, even where the said solution is an exceedingly strong one."

Dr. P. B. Barringer, Chairman of Faculty and Professor of Physiology, University of Virginia, Chariottesville, Va., writes: "In more than twenty years practice, I have used lithia as an Anti-uric Acid agent many times, and have tried it in a great variety of forms, both in the natural waters and in tablets. As the results of this experience, I have no hesitation in stating that for the promptresults, I have found nothing to compare with BUFFALO LITHIA WATER Uric Acid deposits in the body."

Dr. J. Allison Hodges, Richmond, Va., President University College of Medicine, and Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases: "In Albuminuria of Pregnancy, this water is one of the very best alkaline diuretics, and, with milk diet, is one of my sheet anchors,'

Dr. Jos. Hoft, of New Orleans, Ex-President of the State Board of Health of Louisiana, says: BUFFALO LITHIA WATER in affections of the "I have prescribed BUFFALO LITHIA WATER kidneys and urinary passages, particularly in Gonty subjects, in Albuminuria, and in irritable condition of the Bladder and Urethra in females. The results satisfy me of its extraordinary value in a large class of cases usually most difficult to treat." Medical testimonials which defy all imputation or question sent to any address. For sale by druggists and grocers generally.

PROPRIETOR BUFFALO LITHIA SPRINGS, VIRGINIA.

APPOINTED ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL OF

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS.



FRANK F. FREEMAN.

Frank F. Freeman, of Portland, has been appointed assistant adjutant-genera on the staff of the commander-in-chief of the Spanish-American War Veterans. He was with the Second Oregon Regiment in the Philippines, and is now practicing law in Portland. All the cierical work of the National organization will pass

injured. The track will be blockaded for

Be Deficient in Winter. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Officials of the Reading Railroad hold out no hope for relief in the anthracite coal stringency this Winter, despite the efforts of the company to mine and ship to ite full capacity. "Under normal conditions," said one of the officials, "the anthracite production is never equal to the demand during the Win-ter months, and the Reading and all the

other anthracite companies have been obliged to draw upon the stock at vari-ous storage points to help out the demands of the trade. This year there is not a pound of coal at any of these storage points, and consumers are dependent en-tirely upon the daily output of the mines. The big dealers in New England, who usu-ally have in stock at this season of the year from 50,000 to 100,000 tons, are bare of coal and dependent entirely of coal and dependent entirely upon what is being shipped to them by the various

companies "Practically all of the Reading Company's collicries are in operation. The com-pany shipped from the mines during the past two days nearly 1900 cars of coal. This means a daily production of nearly

60,000 tone." Reading Company officials decline to discuss the question as to whether the advance of 50 cents a ton made in October would hold good during 1503, but they (1-mitted that it would certainly rule be-yond January 1, 1903, the date fixed by President Baer for a reduction to the old rate. An operator who attended the meet ing of the operators in New York states that the advance would be retained during all of next year.

INCREASE OF PNEUMONIA. Washington Physicians Attribute It

to Conl Famine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-A material increase in the number of cases of pneu-monia and severe colds among the people of this city is attributed to the coal famine, according to a number of physicians interviewed today. They say that in most of the houses they visited only a few of rooms are heated. Even in many of the rooms are heated. Even in many of the homes of wealthy residents, furnaces

have had to be abandoned. The price of hard coal from the independent operators today was \$12 a ton. Soft coal at retail brought \$8, and many dealers are unable to furnish ever small lots to regular customers.

RYAN HAD OPIUM PILL. But He Says He Can Explain Why to

Municipal Judge.

John Ryan, charged with having opium in his possession, and Zip Foon, charged with conducting an opium joint, were bewith conducting an opium joint, were be-fore Municipal Judge Hogue, yesterday, and had a partial hearing. Policeman Hogeboom testified: "This Chinaman con-ducts an opium joint at 24614 Alder street, where a number of white people go. I where a number of white people go. I have seen Ryan hanging around the place for the last five or six weeks, at intervals. When I made this raid the Chinaman was running the place and Ryan was there stretched out on a bed." "Did you eee me smoking opium?" inter-

rupted Ryan, "Your clothen smelled of it, and we took opium from you," insisted the witness.
"Bysn won't deny having opium at that
time," remarked Jalier Roberts.
"I had an opium pill in my possession,
and Leen explain why.

and I can explain why -Ryan, you can make your statement Elms to Establish a Dend Line.

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When you go on the witness stand." broke in the Judge. "In the meantime, you would better engage a lawyer. Perhaps a short sentence at the County Jali might cure you of the oplum habit." The case was continued until today.

CANNOT SUPPLY DEMAND

Coal Operators Say Coal Output Will

Re Deficient in Winter.

Mr. Barrett was selected by the President to fill the office of Minister to Japan. The Washington Times, immediately following bie whenever, in the judgment of the Dairy Commissioner, the conditions of the dairy concerned are not up to sanifing lighter vein. The following quotations are made:

"His Excellency."

"'His excellency, the Hon. John Bar-rett, United States Minister to Japan." Within a few days it will be proper to refer to Mr. Barrett in this manner. It with credentials as Minister to the island empire of the Orient to succeed the late Minister Buck. Mr. Barrett is too away for this intelligence to reach him just now, but there is no cause for worrying over the question as to whether or not he will accept. The whole american public will be able to respond in the affirmative for Mr. Barrett. He is one of Government seems to have a constant, never-ending demand. So much so, in-deed, that he is obliged to exercise the agility of a California flea and to side step quickly from one position to another in order to meet all of his engage-

ments. Can't Lose John. "It was not many years ago that the Hon. John Barrett-except then there was no honorable prefix to his name-left his Green Mountain home with no capital sufficiency of the former, which no one will gainsay, the latter quality did not suffer by comparison—and wended his way toward the setting sun. He found em. ployment upon a Portland newspaper as a police reporter, or in some other equally

important capacity. "But no such mediocre' position could long confine the energies of John Bar-rett. He came to Washington during the second Cleveland term, and when he de-parted he carried a through ticket to Siam with credentials as Minister, and then the great ignorant American pub-lic began to know that there was such a country somewhere in the far-off Orient; and as for Barrett, the same public has never forgotten him, and perhaps the chief reason was that there has never been an opportunity for so doing,
"A change in Administration generally destined to cause most men connected with the outgoing one to lose their offi-cial positions had little effect upon the

irrepressible John. "John Barrett, like the Western country Postmaster, the Administration change no quicker than he. With one bound the Hon. John Barrett turned a double back-somersault and landed capdouble back-somersault and manage cap-a-pie in the Republican camp ready to fight the party of which he had so re-cently been a member. He received his reward, but in the case of Mr. Barrett it should not be termed reward—he merely permitted his name to go upon the Government pay-rolls in response the Government pay-rolls in response to a call to duty. A year ago he was one of the United States delegates to the International Congress of American Re-publics, held in the City of Menico. Be-fore he had completed his duties there came the summons that he should traverse the far East, visiting the remote places on the earth, as commissioner in the interests of the Louisiana Pur-chase Exposition. Now, while Commis-sioner Barrett is hobnobbing with rea-Indian Princes, holding high levees with Chinese viceroys, drinking bird's-nest soup and eating chop sucy with the Empress Dowager, while admiring her tiny fect, death's untimely hand removes Minister Buck, and there is none so fitted to fill his place as the Hon, John Barrett. No need for him to confor with the President regarding the ap-pointment as is usual with most men, he simply projects his astral body across land and sea, and stands before the

of dairymen who do not meet ashitary requirements, the public can be informed as to the sources of the best milk. "This method would not be expensive." said Mr. Balley yesterday, "and it would do more toward solving the milk problem than any plan I know of."

MEXICO CALLS FOR GOLD Wants It for Public Works-Offer for Gold Standard Received.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.-The Mexican government has received offers from New York financiers for a gold loan for public works, the government having been asked by Congress to contract such a loan. The for the works out of its ample reserve funus, and is not expected to contract the loan until it can be done on terms which

will be satisfactory.

The government has received from abroad an intimation that it could secure a gold loan for establishing a gold basis of currency, but the loan for such a purpose cannot be contracted without guther ity from Congress.

Earthaunke in Costa Rica SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 18.-Two violent earthquakes were experienced here The people ut 4 o'clock this morning. were greatly alarmed, but there were no casualties. Several other shocks followed at intervals. These, however, were of diminishing severity.

Grants for Scientific Research. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18.-It is announced that the Carnegie Institute, at Washington, has granted a sum of money to the Yale Peabody Museum, and to the experimental psychology laboratory of the college. The amount was not specified. This is the first money granted to Yale by the Carnegie Institute

MIDDLETON, Conn., Dec. 18,-Professor A. L. Atwater, of Wesleyan University, has received word from the Carnegie In-stitute at Washington that he has been allowed \$5000 for the prosecution of in-quiries with the respiration calorimeter. The special object is the study of the relation of oxygen to the animal economy.

Veteran Stock Broker Retires.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Horace L.

Hotchkiss, who was Jay Gould's broker,
and one of the oldest members of the Stock Exchange, has sold his seat, and will retire from Wall street, after a career in the street of 45 years. Mr. Hotch kiss was one of the organizers of the Nicaraguan Canal Association. To Get Rid of Old Debts. CHICAGO, Dec. 15.-Former members of he firm of Derenberg, Glick & Horner.

which conducted a department store here and failed in 1835, filed a petition in the Federal Court today asking to be relieved of their debt, which is placed at \$44,292. The assets amount to \$15,000. Order of United States Fails. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 18.-1. S. Frost, referee in the affairs of the Imperial Order of United Friends, has reported to the Supreme Court that he finds the corporation hopelessly insolvent and recommends its dissolution. An order to this effect will be entered.

Javan to Exhibit at St. Louis. ST LOUIS. Dec. 18.—Word has been re-ceived by the World's Fair Commission, that the Japanese government is sending representatives to St. Louis and that they expect to reach San Francisco December

discharging coal at Mission Wharf, No. 2. In a few days she will proceed to Port-The explanation of her being char-to the Government is that she is tered to the Government is that she is specially fitted to carry supplies, such as forage, etc., for which the transports now here are not sultable. The transports, except the Dix, have been fitted to carry soldiers, while the Elleric is a big, roomy

Manila.)

Astoria Marine Notes.

A French bark, whose identity is un-known, made its appearance off Gray's Harbor a few days ago and sailed in over