SHOT BY HER SON

Charles A. Wilson Fatally Wounds Mother-in-Law.

FIRES AT SUSPECTED BURGLAR

Aroused by a Noise, Young Man Hastily Shoots Down a Stairway -Mrs. Frederick L. Wilson Receives the Bullet.

In the belief that burglars had entered the house Charles A. Wilson, of 516 Starr street, fired a pistol shot at 12 o'clock last night, fatally wounding his mother-inlaw, Mrs. Frederick Wilson. Some 19 days ago the house was entered by burgiars, end to guard against their return young Wilson purchased a 38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. He was awakened at midnight by a noise at the dack door, and taking his revolver went to the head of the stairs and fired at a shadow at the bottom, without asking who the invader was. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Frederick Wilson, fell from his shot, the bullet penetrating her left breast. Dr. Esther C. Pohl and Dr. W. B. Hamilton were summoned as soon as possible, but an investigation showed a very serious wound and it was not expected that Mrs. Wilson would live more than a few hours.

That the sad affair was purely accidental is the belief of those who heard the words of Mrs. Wilson, the injured weman, who turned to Jailer Johnson and

"Don't arrest him. It was all an accident."

The family has no telephone in the house, and news of the accident did not reach the police station until nearly 12:36. Jailer J. F. Johnson accompanied the patrol wagon, and when he learned that the injured woman could not be removed to the hospital, returned with Wilson, who is 24 years of age, to the station where his testimony was taken. The young man looks decidedly younger than the age he gave would indicate. The terrible affair seemed to have shocked him so that he could scarcely give a definite account of what had taken place,

"I went to the head of the sairs and saw a shadow at the bottom. I just threw out my arm like that and fired, and then my mother-in-law fell. Of course I was sure it was one of the burglars who had stolen 29 from our house some time ago. My mother-in-law is my brother's wife, and we live in the same house."

Wilson was placed under arrest until an investigation can be made this morning. The affair seems to be purely accidental, and the young man guilty only of extreme carelessness. He is a carpenter by trade, and is now employed on a build. ing at First and Grant streets.

WORK IS IN VIEW.

(Continued from First Page.)

ing the last four years than ever before Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore have been particularly valuable members of the boards, for the reason that they have been always at Salem and have not divided their attention between their official duties and politics. The Governor is often called away to make addresses. Men who have been in a position to observe the manner in which the state's business has been conducted are strong in their expression of belief that it would be a mistake to relieve the Secretary of State of the duty of serving the principal state boards. The board during the next four years will be composed of two Republicans and one Democrat. One member will be a lawyer, so that the board will have the aid of that member's legal knowledge, as well as the advice of the Attorney-General when desired. The outlook seems very bright for a continuance of good administration during the next four years.

All Ready at Salem.

All these and many other subjects are enough to keep the 90 members of the Legiclature busy for 40 days, even though they had no complicated Senatorial problem to solve. When the members of the Legislature come to Salem next Sunday morning and afternoon, they will find all in readiness for them in the capital. The hotels have arranged to accommodate every person possible, and the residents of the city have prepared their "spare rooms" for boarders during the session. A large number of the members of the Legislature prefer to make their quarters in private houses, rather than in hotels, and such have no trouble in finding

At the Statehouse the members of the Legislature will find everything awaiting their coming. Each member's desk and chair has his name on it, and the Secretary of State has a supply of stationery to distribute as soon as the two houses pass resolutions directing him to do so. The telegraph companies will put in offices at the Capitol Sunday, and two additional telephone booths have already been installed. George E. Waters has been granted the cigar stand privilege, and make the air thick enough to cut.

It was announced several months ago that Representative R. D. Hume, of Coos and Curry, has leased the Martin mansion, near the Capitol, for his residence during the session. It is now reported that Mr. Hume is seeking living quarters

elsewhere, and that the Martin house will Funstor elsewhere, and that the Martin house will Funston, of Spoks be used as a clubhouse, and will be the Leonard, of Utah. Hermann headquarters. As Mr. Hume is an ardent supporter of Mr. Hermann, it is probable that this splendid residence will be the chief meeting place of Hermann's friends, whether it remains as Hume's domicile or becomes a clubhouse. Presiding Officers' Rooms Secretary of State Dunbar has fitted ur

the room on the second floor formerly occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the use of the Speaker of the House. Two of the candidates for this place, Davey, of Marion, and Eddy, of Tillamook, have visited the room at the invitation of the Secretary of State, and both seem to be exceedingly well pleased with it. At any rate, each of them has charged with lynching a negro named long Davis Tillamook, have visited the room at the been working a little harder for the Speakership since seeing the very comfortable quarters prepared for one of the three candidates. The president of the Senate will occupy a room adjoining the

society people of Salem, and especially the Democratic members thereof, would like to give a ball in honor of Governo Chamberlain, but those who have considered the subject have concluded that there is no hall in Salem suitable for the purpose. Armory Hall is large enough, and has a good floor, but the room is unfinished, and could not be decorated so as to make a satisfactory place for holding an inaugural ball. Some time during the session some of the Salem society people may tender Governor Chamberlain a reception, but that will be the extent of his welcome to Salem.

CHIEF SULLIVAN CALLED Senttle Grand Jury Is Securing Much

Damaging Evidence. SEATTLE, Jan. 7 .- The grand jury in vestigation of the city administration and police corruption that has been going on since Monday was made sensational today, when Chief of Police Sullivan was called. The jury has been leading up to the Chief and other officials by taking the gamblers and smaller persons first and thus gaining evidence which would arm them when the

bligger game appeared. It is understood that the Chief was ques tioned on every happening in the police department since his incumbency, nearly two years ago, when the former Chief, Meredith, was killed by John Considine after he had been compelled to resign on account of a City Council's investigation of police scandais. It is believed here that the present proceedings of the grand jury will result in many indictments against gamblers, the Chief of Police and other officials. Several witnesses were examined today, and it is claimed that so far the grand jury has largely the better of it, as is being secured that will convict all offenders indicted.

LABOR CONVENTION ENDS. Spokane Next Place of Meeting-List

of Officers Elected.

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—The first annual contion of Labor was brought to a close toight after the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year and the selection of a place to hold the next meeting. Spokane was selected for the 1904 convention, after a hard fight against Everett and Aberdeen, and officers were elected as follows: President, William Blackman, Olympia;

vice-president, C. R. Case, Everett; secretary, James Menzies, Tacoma; treasurer, F. W. Clark, of the Longshoremen's Union, Seattle. Executive board—S. W. Harmon, Green Lake, chairman; T. V. Copeland, Tacome; John Geronow, Aberdeen; E. F. Quinn, Spokane; S. C. Vander, E. F. Quinn, Spokane; S. C. Vander, S. C. Vand derhoff, Arlington.

Epidemic of Smallpox Near Eugene EUGENE, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—An epidemic of smallpox is now occupying the attention of the residents of Thurston and vicinity, nine miles east of Eugene There is much complaint about failure to observe regulations of precaution to prevent the general spread of the disease, and, as one citizen expressed it, "everybody in that neighborhood may expect to have it." The epidemic there, without doubt, is traced from a certain dance hall Thanksgiving night.

Indian Woman 130 Years Old. GRIDLEY, Cal., Jan. 7 .- An old Indian woman, known as "Ancient Sally," died at woman, known as "Ancient Sally," died at Prattville, in the mountains, a few days ago. She was 130 years of age. Though unable to stand upright, she crawled about her home and cooked her own meals. She was totally blind.

Representatives Leave for Olympia VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7 .- (Special.) -Representatives Parcell and Ranck and State Senator Rands left yesterday for Olympia, to attend the Legislature, which convenes next Monday.

ROBBERS SHOW FIGHT.

Wound a Captured Comrade and Then Murder Saloonkeeper.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 .- A gang of robbers created much excitement in the western part of the city tonight. One of them was captured during the robbery of a saloon and later three of his companions, who had escaped, robbed an and murdered the proprietor.

The first robbery was in the saloon of Robert Koehler, 132 West Twenty-second street. Four men compelled the proprietor and several men who were in the place to remain quiet while they robbed the cash register. A small boy gave the alarm and two officers hurried to the place. The robbers flei and in the chase Sergeant Rooz, one of the officers, captured Edward Pitzersid an averaging tured Edward Fitzgerald, an ex-poman, who was one of the robbers. The companion of Fitzgerald attempted to kill Sergeant Rooz, but he held Fitzgerald and the prisoner was twice hit by the bullets of his friends, who were firing at the

Two hours after the robbery of the Koehler saloon, three men, supposed to be the same as those who had figured in the first robbery, entered the saloon of Anton Duffle, at 973 California avenue, and attempted to rob the place. The proprietor showed fight and was shot and instantly killed by one of the robbers. All three men escaped.

BISHOPS FIGHT FOR LEGACY Division of Utah Diocese Causes

Contest of Miss Mount's Will.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 .- Suit over the contruction of a will which involves four ishops of the Protestant Episcopal church has been brought and the case will be heard in the Supreme Court with-in a few days. The point at issue is the disposition of a legacy of \$25,000 left by Maria P. Mount, daughter of the late Richard E. Mount, a New York lawyer.
This bequest was made to Bishop Tuttle, then bishop of Utah, or his successors in a will made in 1880. Miss Mount died in 1899. When the will was made the diocese included the territories of Idaho and Utah. Now Utah itself is a diocese and Idaho is divided between Montana and material will be available with which to Washington. The result is that there are four claimants for the bequest and the heirs-at-law have set up a counter-claim that the diocese of Utah, to which the bequest was made, has passed out of ex-tetence and the money should revert to

Charles A. Mount, brother of the tests trix, as administrator, has brought the suit to define the will. The four bishops in the case are: Tuttle, now of Missouri; Funston, of Spokane; Wells, of Boise, and

Astoria Marine Notes.

ASTORIA, Jan. 7 .- (Special.)-The work of discharging the bullast from the British ship County of Linlithgow at the quarantine station is proceeding much more rapidly than in the case of the County of Roxburgh, and it is expected that it will be included within be finished within a few days. The man on board who had the smallpox is now well and there is no sickness of any kind among the others.

Mob Releases Lynchers

LEWISBURG, Tenn., Jan. 7.-Last mid-

There is no opium or other harmful substance in Chamberiain's Cough Remedy. It may be given to a baby as confidently as to an adult. It is pleasant to take, too, and always cures and cures quickly. It is a favorite with mothers of smail children for colds and croup. For sale by all druggists.

MYRTLE CREEK'S FUTURE | flour was sold to the miners in this part of Oregon. Wheat was worth \$1 a bushel, and during one year Mr. Hall sold all his flour for \$14 a burrel, and teams would

ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING TOWNS IN OREGON.

Situated in Good Farming District, With Mines and Timber Resources to Be Developed.

MYRTLE CREEK, Or., Jan. 4 .- (Spe. cial correspondence.)-"One of the most omising little towns in Oregon today is Myrtle Creek," said a traveling compan-ion to me on the train a few days ago. "Myrtle Creek?" I repeated, questionngly. "Why, I did not know there was such a town in existence. I have passed up and down the Southern Pacific Railroad many times, and I remember a sta-tion by that name south of Roseburg, about 29 miles, but I never knew there was a town there; and what is there to back it to make you think it has a prom-

wait for days their turn to get loaded. The first collection of buildings for a town was on the opposite side of the creek from the present town, but the high waters of 1861 washed away the houses and the new buildings were put on the higher grounds. About 15 years ago Mr. Hall sold his flouring mill to Mr. Kramer, the present proprietor, who changed it to the roller system. Mr. Hall still owns about 200 acres of land adjoining the town, and recently donated 10 acres to the new sawmill company for the location of their large plant here. He is an energetic, wide-awake man, and the kind who are needed to help build up the country. His daughter, Miss Grace Hall, is a recent graduate of the Normal School at Menmouth. William P. Johnson, whose home has

been in Virginia, where he was engaged in the lumber business, came to Myrtle Creek last July and announced that he intended locating a large sawmill in the town and another on the edge of his body of 29,000 acres of fir, sugar pine and cedar timber, which he had purchased of the ising future?"

Southern Pacific Company. He set
"The town of Myrtic Creek is about a
half-mile off from the railroad, and is at
the foot of two valleys, one of 14 miles,

NEW CHIEF OF SCULPTURE FOR ST. LOUIS WORLD'S



MR. KARL BITTER.

Karl Bitter, whose appointment as chief of sculpture of the Louisiana Purchas Exposition, to succeed F. W. Ruckstuhl, has been announced, contemplates some radical changes in the scheme devised by his predecessor. Mr. Bitter, while taining the poetly conception of Mr. Ruckstuhl, proposes to make the keynote of the decorations joyous and feative, climinating the less decorative features in the way of portrait statues within reasonable bounds, and symbolizing the activities, rather than setting them forth by means of the portraits of the actors. The portrait statues of Napoleon and Jefferson which are to be executed by the noted sculptors Ward and French, will be retained, however, and he proposes to mass the statuary about the focal point of the exposition, rather than to scatter the

The cuscades and the stairways Mr. Bitter intends to decorate with sportive groups of human and animal forms, using for his purpose nymphs, cupids, horses, dragons and other mythical forms. The cascades he regards as the most import

and the other 12 miles, and the present population is only about 200, but the lum-ber interests are to be shortly developed, Eastern capitalists having secured several thousand acres of timber, and are now at work building one sawmill of 25,000 feet capacity five miles from town, which is to be followed by another alongside the railroad track of 100,000 feet capacity, and a lumber flume five miles long will conpect the two mills, and later a railroad Myrtle Creek, and tap the timber on its two carloads of ore, which brought mill ing returns of from \$49 to \$270 a ton. Nor is that all. There are over 400 acres already planted to prunes near the town, and this year 30 carloads, or about 1,009,000 pounds of dried prunes were shipped and brought in about \$35,690. Nor is that all. An oil well was put down just on the edge of the town, and after sinking 1600 feet oil is said to have been struck. I have talked with persons who saw the drill pulled out of the well dripping with a heavy, black substance, which was pronounced to be a good quality of refining petroleum. In the Spring operations are to be resumed, and I feel certain you will hear a very favorable report."
"How long since these enterprises have been on foot?" I asked.

"The men from Virginia came in there last July, only about five months ago. The quartz ledges were discovered 18 months ago, but the practical results have all been obtained through work in the last 10 months. The drilling for oil has been in progress only about a year, and the prune business has just been yielding returns during the past few years.

I was surprised to hear of a town so lauded, and I came here to investigate for myself and learn the true conditions. I called on the business men of the town and found the facts to be substantially as given me, but they were not the least excited over what the future might have in store for them in the increase of their trade. I inquired the price of real estate and found it to be held at very reasonable figures, as compared with the prospects; and that farming lands up the valleys could be purchased for from \$20 to \$25 an acre. I climbed the hill above the town and looked over the prune orchards and the farming lands, the mountain stream creeping through the valley and the til-lable lands on each side, entirely clear of either timber or underbrush, and then at the town, which is the undisputed outlet of this country, and the thought came to me, why is it that these people, who have lived here so long, enthuse so little over what seems to be such splendid prospects in the development of the country? If this were in any other state than Oregon, would not all kinds of dreams of future wealth float through their brains, based on the increase in population and the location here of enterprises which will give employment to more laboring men than the whole population of the town at Myrtle Creek is located just off the line

of the Southern Pacific Railroad, 22 miles by rail, or 18 miles by wagon-road, from Roseburg. It has a roller flouring mill, the property of Willis Kramer, which has a 60-horsepower on the creek and a duly capacity of 50 barrels of flour. It is the intention to incorporate the town in the Spring, and an electric plant will then be installed in the mill to furnish the town with lights, and the present water system is to be enlarged so as to cover the entire townsite and afford protection against

The principal business firms and lead-The principal business firms and leading men of the town are: William P. Johnson, H. W. Miller, T. N. Humphrey, W. B. Drake, John Hall, C. E. Begue, W. A. Powell, W. P. Willis, C. J. Richey, J. S. Dunnavin, J. A. Rice, Mrs. A. W. Cotton, George Dement, Mrs. J. Gabbert, B. M. Armitage, C. O. White, W. S. Baer, T. S. Cornutt, U. Selig, E. G. Horton, H. M. Oatman, Miss Kate Cameron and others who might be mentioned. who might be mentioned.

Senate will occupy a room adjoining the Senate chamber on the north.

No Inaugural Ball.

It is probable that no attempt will be made this year to establish in Oregon the custom of giving an inaugural ball in honor of the new Governor. Many of the logical parts of the new Governor. Many of the logical parts of the new Governor. Many of the logical parts of the chamber of the coal parts and cures quickly. It is probable that no attempt will be made this year to establish in Oregon the custom of giving an inaugural ball in honor of the new Governor. Many of the logical parts of the surrounding country and logical parts of the old residents here and founder of the town. He located in 1861, buying the flouring mill is one of the old residents here and founder of the town. He located in 1861, buying the flouring mill located in 1861, buying the flouring mill is one of the old residents here and founder of the town. He located in 1861, buying the flouring mill two miles of ditch. The McDallen placer she are several Mr. John Hall is one of the old residents here and founder of the town. He located in 1861, buying the flouring mill two miles of ditch. The McDallen placer she are several Mr. John Hall is one of the old residents here and founder of the town. He located in 1861, buying the flouring mill two miles of ditch. The McDallen placer has also nearly two miles of land, on which the town was hid out. In those early days there was no railroad as now, and the flouring mill ground the wheat of the surrounding country and of ditch and four giants on North Myrtle,

a natural flume for 18 miles, and set about obtaining the right of way for a lumber flume from a point 51/2 miles above the town of Myrtle Creek, and then com menced the construction of a 25.000-foot sawmill at the head of this flume, whichis to be used at first for sawing the lumber for building the lumber flume. As soon as this five-mile flume is completed. which will be as soon as men and money can do it, the large mill will be built headwaters. Nor is that all. A local alongside the railroad track here at Myrcompany has opened up a new belt of gold-bearing quarts, and with only a few at the upper mill and cut into "cants" and floated to the town laths, etc., and loaded into cars. Later a railroad of standard gauge will be built up North Myrtle Creek and logs brought direct to the mill here, which will be a double band saw mill, complete with latest improved methods of economically handling the lumber. The total contemplated investment repres outlay of more than \$500,000, and the employment of about 250 men. The machinery for the upper sawmill arrived here this week, and in a short time the mill will be in operation.

About 18 months ago a ledge of gold-bearing rock was discovered on South Myrtle Creek, about 12 miles from here, and a company organized to develop the property. This was followed later by a number of other locations. The Chieftain group consists of four claims of 20 acres each; the Legal Tender of four claims, the Continental of one claim, the Dewcy of one claim, besides which are several others in the same locality. These claims are reached by a good country wagon-road, only 12 miles from here, and just within the timber belt, and have excellent water privileges for developing pow-er to run stamps, concentrators, etc. The ledges are a base ore, requiring a smelter,

but are very rich. When the mines are sufficiently developed, a 15-ton smelter will be located on the railroad here. Recently two carloads of ore were shipped to San Francisco for a milling test, one carload from the Chieftain giving values of \$39 55 a ton in gold. The carload from the Legal Tender was two grades, and gave \$49 50 and \$270 to the ton. A small milling test was made from the Cont (which is about to be purchased by land parties) and gave returns of \$150 to the ton. The ledges are from 3 to 12 feet wide. The prospects are that from 50 to 75 men will be at work in these mines within the next six months, as the ties managing the enterprises are experienced mining men. These mines can be reached in a two hours' drive from Myrtle Creek. Development work on the Chieftain consists of a 150-foot tunnel and an incline of 77 feet and a shaft of 40 feet, There are drifts 40 feet each, east and west on the 77-foot incline, and 20-foot drifts east and west at the bottom of the 40-foot shaft. The ledge matter runs from 3 to 5½ feet. A carload of ore was taken out a few weeks ago in four days, which returned nearly \$100 to the ton. Three horses hauled 3000 pounds at each wagon load to the railroad here over the roads since the rain began. This mine is capitalized at \$1,000,000, and is officered follows: C. O. White, president; W. Baer, vice-president-elect (the latter being from Pennsylvania, and a cousin of Pres-ident Bacr, of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad); B. M. Armitage, secretary, and

John Hall, treasurer.

The Legal Tender has a tunnel in 126 feet and a shaft down 40 feet, the ore body being from 3 to 5 feet. The owners are: Messrs. John Hall, John Rice and James Hall. Continental has 125 feet of tunne

and a shaft 70 feet deep, the ore body be ing from 3 to 12 feet wide. Three miles higher up South Myrtle are two new prospects called the "Alsora" and "Gold Brick," the same grade of ore as in the district lower down, but with 2 per cent of copper. This same mineral belt extends many

miles, and other discoveries will undoubt edly be made On North Myrtle Creek are severa

which is in litigation and not being worked. CHARTERING STILL Mr. George Dennut, living here, claims

there is a good route for a railroad from Coos Bay to the East, to turn up the Umpqua River, at Dillards, to this place, thence up South Myrtle Creek and over a low divide and strike the Umpqua at FOUR NEW CHARTERS FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA. Day's Creek. And over the headwaters of

South Umpqua to Klamath, Wash, then

Oregon are said to be raised in the vich ity of Myrtl: Creek and Riddles, six miles

the railroad station here are:

\$400,000, in shares of \$1 each.

J. S. Dunnavin has a distillery here

which has been in operation since 1894

remaining in that business, and I am not going to branch out into anything else.

I once heard a story which illustrates my

position. A preacher was telling his con gregation how he happened to become

minister. When he became converted be

seemed to see floating in the air and written on the walls, and wherever he went, three letters, 'G. P. C., and for days and weeks he studied over what they could mean. One day as if by in-

spiration he saw the words interpreted to

gation arose shortly afterwards and said

certainly made a mistake in the interpre-

and not the Council should manage it.

E. C. P. vided in the charter that a commi-

'Go preach Christ,' and he said

A gentleman in the congre

now done.

'Here I am.'

from here.

through this side of Steen Mountain and strike the Short Line at the mouth of the The Bille and Daniel Will Load at Owyhu River, which would be the best Portland and M. E. Watson and and shortest route.

Nearly one-tenth of all the prunes in Pass of Melfort at Puget Sound.

The German bark Bille, now due at Honolulu, has been charted to load wheat Up to five or so years ago, the farmers here raised wheat principally, and the local mill ground about 25,000 at Portland for South Africa. bushels of home-grown wheat, but prune-French bark Daniel, under charter for the United Kingdom, has been rechartered to raising has been found to be more profit-able, and the production of wheat has so lond wheat for Africa. These charters, with the Foyledale for lumber, and the fallen off that scarcely any has been raised recently. Among the principal prunegrowers who ship their crops from County of Linlithgow taken for wheat to Europe, make a total of four charters within a week, which is a pretty good show-ing for so late in the season, especially after such an abnormally heavy move-Kelly, 12 acres; Mrs. Adams, 20; Ed Weaver, 85; John Weaver, 40; Jake Chad-Ed ment of wheat earlier. The same num-ber of fixtures have been made from the idle fleet on Puget Sound. The charter wick, 30; John Hall, 15; Mrs. S. Selig, 30; Mrs. M. A. Rice, 15; A. Willis, 13; Cornetions Bros., 29; L. Adle, 12; Noble Andrews, 5; Mrs. H. S. Chaney, 10; Mark of the Glenlui and the Muskoka has been Smith, 6; John Metz, 6; George Rich, 10; William Burke, 10; Robert Christianson, previously reported, and yesterday the British ship M. E. Watson was chartered 6; Joe Harris, 12; William Hurst, 5; W. to load for Australia, and the Pass of Lipincott, 6; John Dix, 10; W. Gridley, 22; J. Newton, 6; H. W. Jones, 8; G. A. No-Melfort for South Africa. The Watson re-ceives 15c 6d. and the South African ship durft, 7; C. Weaver, 30; a total of 445 22 shillings, which is about in line with previous charters. These engagements leave but three idle grain ships on Puget Umpqua Valley Oll Company has Sound-the Alice A. Leigh, Galgate and Yola

an oil derrick and drilling machinery lo-cated just east of the town of Myrtle Creek, and has drilled a hole 1600 feet The disengaged fleet in Portland consists of the Emelie Bidston Hill, Col de Villebois Mauriel, Euphrosyne Rivers-dale and Wiscombe Park. Some of these ships are obtainable at 17s 6d for United deep. At this depth the sand pump was lost, and could not be fished out, so the drill was set to work and drilled through the pump and later another sand pump was lost, and has not been recovered, and for the past four months the drill has not Kingdom, but most of the British owner, refuse to accept such low rates and will hold their ships off the market until there been at work. A business man here in-formed me the oil found in the well was of tw. grades, a heavy, dark oil and a lighter quality. Some of the stockholders is an improvement in the situation. Australia and Africa continue to take about everything that is offered by the wheat were induced to part with their stock shortly after the drill was stopped, and dealers of Oregon and Washington, 12 out of the last 13 charters reported from Port-land and Puget Sound being for South from their version, when the work is resumed in the Spring, which it will be, it will be but a short time until oil will be flowing. The president of the company is M. McCoy; secretary, H. S. Warsters; vice-president, S. E. Elrod, and treasurer. Africa or Australian ports.

WENT AFTER COCOANUTS. Crew o. a Japan Sealing Schooner T. R. Sheridan. The capitalization is

Make a Serious Mistake. The Japan Advertiser prints the following sarcastle account of an unsuccessful raid of a Japanese sealer on a seal

(excepting this year), in making peach, pear, prune and apple brandy. Every "The schooner started out for a cargo f cocoanuts. Of the island a boat was gallon made requires a revenue stamp of \$1 10, and the capacity of the distillery being about 6500 gallons during the fruit of cocoanuts. Off the island a boat was landed and each man took a club with which to knock the nuts off the trees. season, the money invested in stamps alone would be \$7150, so that Mr. Dunna-vin has not been able to run the distil-The boat did not return, and at daylight much to the captain's surprise, he die covered that the inhabitants were by no lery to its full capacity, which would bring in about \$19,000 a year. An addimeans of a peaceable dieposition, for they promptly began to bombard the schooner tion of about \$4000 cash capital is needed. with six-pound solid shot. The captain at The machinery consists of steam boilers, engine and still, all the cooking being once gave orders to slip the schooner's cable and a heavy snow squall coming along at that moment and shutting the vessel out of sight, he was fortunate enough to get his vessel out of range of done by steam heat. The fruit is here in abundance for operating this plant to its full capacity, and every dollar's worth of the guns without damage. A course was then steered to the southward, and two days afterward the schooner arrived in brandy amanufactured in Oregon adds that much to its worth, by not sending the money out of the state, which is emuro. By working back over the burse steered after leaving the island, se captain now thinks that the place was much amused to hear a gentleman here, recently from the East, score the incompetence of persons in certain lines of business. "People," he said, "come out here from the East expecting where he anchored must have been Robben Island, on the southeast side Saghalien, a spot not exactly noted to make a fortune, having ability along certain lines, and if they would stick to the line they understand would make a coconnuts, but on which there is a large seal rookery; also that the people who fired at him must have been the Russian success; but they see an opening in some other business, which, however, they do guard, who no doubt mistook the vessel for a seal poacher. The schooner is now at Akkeshi, where the captain succeeded not have an aptitude for, and are, as a consequence, failures. I was in the lum-ber business in the East, and I propose in trading his cargo of salt for a cargo of

Nothing definite is at present known of the whereabouts of the six men who landed on the leiand, but it is presumed in Hakodate that they have gone to take a course in practical roadmaking at Vladivostok. The foreigners were T. R. Tompson, a Swedish subject, and G. Mc-Camish and C. Greger, the two latter Americans, and all residents of Yoko-

JAPAN IS DOUBTFUL.

Orientals Are Skeptical About the Specessful Workings of Steamers. Shipping men on this elde of the Pacific Shipping men on this site of are inclined are not the only once who are inclined to be skeptical regarding the successful to be skeptical. Hill's big steamers. The tation of those letters 'G. P. C.,' and the interpretation should have been, "Go plant corn." I came out here to Oregon to 'saw lumber, and I am going to stick to it, and if I can't make it earn me "The point of interest is the possibility by the point of interest is the possibility or the point of interest is the possibility." to saw himber, and I am going to stex to it, and if I can't make it earn me money I am going back to Virginia."

When this town is incorporated next Spring it seems to me that if it were to be called "Myrtle" instead of "Myrtle creek" it would be an improvement. If the city is ever to own its own water and elective light viviews it, when they are to fill up with cargo is a mystery it would be excepted in the concerned, a special organization for collecting cargo and the concerned in commenting on them says:

"The point of interest is the possibility of working such immense vessels profit-ably. Very likely they will get the main share of the passenger traffic, but how they are to fill up with cargo is a myster. electric light systems it should be pro- would be essential, unless it is in con- tie, for Skagway,

Were there a possibility of gathering 20,000 or 20,000 tons of cargo at one place by a certain date. Mr. Hil's venture would look more promising. But who is to undertake such work and carry it out successfully. The Nippon Yusen Kalsha alone have the necessary constitution and the have the necessary organization, and they certainly will not employ their machinery to assist a company which will be competing with them on the Pacific. how many ports are there in the far East capable of receiving such vessels, and where can they be docked in the event of an accident. Mr. Hill is an emi-nently long-headed man. It is scarcely onceivable that he should not have taken all these things into consideration. But it so, he has preserved silence most success so, he fully.

FOURTH JANUARY SHIPS. Francis Coppee Will Complete Her Cargo Today.

The French bark Francois Coppee will finish loading today, making the fourth grain vessel of the January fleet. Several others are being rushed along and will clear early next week and unless there is an unexpected change in the situation, the fleet for the month will include nearly 15 vessele, which is not very far short of the fleet for the corresponding month last year. In addition to these vessels there will be two steamers for the Orient and an unusually large number of coastere. The San Mateo is reported under engagement to return for another cargo of wheat, and several of the other coneters will take wheat and flour to San Francisco. The clearing out of the January flest will not leave a very full list of ships for February loading, but there will be a larger business in lumber in February than there is this month.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The Arcata, the new revenue cutter which has been launched at Oakland, has a hull of wood, is strongly built, and has a length of 85 feet, beam of 18 feet and a depth of hold of 10.8. The Arcata is intended to take the place of the cutter Golden Gate in carry-ing customs officials to and from ships. The Golden Gate may be transferred to Puget Sound.

Strikes Submerged "Deadhead,"

MOBHLE, Ala., Jan. 7.—The steamer James A. Carney struck a submerged "deadhead" in the river today and stove a his hole in her bow and soon began to sink. The captain ordered full speed on and made to shallow water, where the hoat was beached. The passengers were transferred to tugs and brought to the city. No lives were lost.

Marine Notes.

The cargo of the Indrapura is coming out at a rapid rate and she will probabl begin loading outward tomorrow or next

The British bark Dunearn, the first large salling vessel ever listed for Sitka, is now overdue at the Alaskan port with a cargo of coal from Cardiff. The Austrian steamship Klek arrived

down at Astoria yesterday bringing the fleet in the lower harbor ready for sea up to 17 wheat and flour ships, and three The steamer Lakme, from San Francisco by way of Eureka, is due this morning. The Redonda, which came in early

yesterday morning has discharged her in ward cargo and will follow her usual route by going to Tillamook light to load lumber for San Francisco. Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Jan. 7 .- Arrived down at 9 A. M. -Austrian steamship Klek. Condition of the bar at 4 P. M., rough; wind southeast; weath-Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 8.-Sailed-Schooner

Dauntiera, from Hoquiam for Guarmas; schooner Alert and steamer Coronado, from Aberdeen for San Fedro; steamer Centralla, from Aberdeen for San Francisco, Arrived-Barkentine Benicia, from Hawalian Islands for Aberdeen. San Francisco, Jan. 7. — Arrived — Steamer Queen, from Victoria; steamer Rival, from Wil-lapa Harbor; brig W. G. Irwin, from Roche

Tacoma, Jan. 7.-Sailed-Steamer Umatilla, Seattle; bark Levi G. Burgess, for San Francisco. New York, Jan. 7.—Sailed—St. Paul, for

Southampton and Rotterdam; via Boulogne, Trave, for Naples, Genoa and Algiera; Teuconic, for Liverpool. Genoa, Jan. 7.-Sailed-Scilly, for New York. Litard Jan. 6.-Passed-Philadelphia,

d-Blucher, from Jan. 7.-Arriv New York, via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Queenstown, Jan. 7.—Arrived—Westernland, from Philadelphia for Liverpool, and proceed'd. New York, Jan. 7.—Arrived—Hekla, from Co-

Scattle, Jan. 6.-Sailed-Steamer Lyria, for Yokohama; steamer J. B. Thomas, for What com; steamer Californian, for Whatcom; steamer er Moyune, for Tacoma; steamer City of Seaf-

for weeks, perhaps months, and even to send them from port to port seeking, creased over \$4,000,000 the past year.

