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ago that three or four lines between the two cities... Portland and Salem in celebration of the event.

WITH HER OWN WINGS. It will no doubt prove refreshing and surprising to the East to learn that Seattle is asking no special assistance from the Government in her exposition undertaking.

Chicago, St. Louis, and, last but far from being least, in Seattle, where the Jamestown were all favored with heavy appropriations by the Government, and without exception each of these big shows was unable to make a financial success in spite of the aid given them.

Quite naturally, the Western States, being a part of the United States, might expect some assistance from the Government, but the failure to receive it did not prove a serious matter in the case of Seattle.

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nearly a week can be saved on the journey from Europe to the Far East. The second proposed new short line to the Far East is that of the Grand Trunk Railroad, which is reported to have effected arrangements with the Cunard line to establish a fast through service from the north of Ireland by steamer to Canada and Halifax, thence to the Pacific Coast where the Cunard management will place in service a fast steamship line to the Far East. Judging the future by the past, and with a knowledge of what has been taking place in the Far North, there is nothing unreasonable in the new projects and the next decade will without doubt see them in active operation.

The short courses in agriculture, horticulture, dairying, etc., at the Agricultural College this Winter should be well attended. Men engaged in active farm operations who desire a successful man may be on the farm, he can learn something useful and well worth what it costs at these short courses. Many a successful dairyman, a man counting a mill test, many a fruit grower who makes his orchard pay does not understand budding or grafting. There are many ways in which the best of farmers could increase their profits if they knew all there is to be known about the science and art in which they are engaged. The Agricultural College does not profess to teach all there is to be known about agriculture, but it will offer instruction that every practical farmer will find useful.

The steamship Senator, a modern built craft well equipped for the passenger service is due in Portland this morning and will remain on the Portland and San Francisco route indefinitely. She will be followed in December by the Rose City, which is also something better than we have been accustomed to having. The placing of these modern steamers on the route would indicate that Mr. Schwerin had at last discovered that there was business in Portland that was actually worth looking after. There is business for more than two good steamers on the route, but with the aid of the freighters the answer is not so clear. We may worry along until Mr. Harriman builds the new steamers he has been promising us for so long.

The wheat market is still showing the effect of the unsatisfactory financial situation. Prices declined heavily in the early part of the week, but Liverpool market, after a very weak opening, closed a bare fraction higher. The May option in Chicago closed weak at 99 1/2 cents, the first day in several weeks that the closing figure has been lower than \$1 per bushel. It is becoming generally recognized that the abnormal condition of the money market finds ample evidence in all of the crop news that is received, for reports from all parts of the world are fully as bullish as they have been at any time this season, and the statistical position of the cereal has seldom been stronger.

Portland voted a large sum for parks. Landscape Architect John C. Olmsted is here by invitation. Let the two-acre civic improvement clubs get together, discuss the proposition, codify their plans and then present them to the Oregonian. Of course, such a thing won't bar Brother McKenna from proposing something better twenty years hence, but he won't be able to offer a plea that the people had no voice in the matter originally.

There are reports from all parts of the state that hobos are numerous and that robberies against Mayor Lane and the peace and dignity of the city, ought not to be allowed to escape under this long-continued holiday system. There is some fear that unless the courts can be opened soon this outrage will be forgotten.

"Executive Roosevelt and Bryan" is the utterance of Harper's Weekly, trust organ. The panic, it is sure, has put both these out of the way, and a sane, even quiet, man will be elected President a year hence. Then indeed the great trust thieves may have peace.

As all the business before the Democratic National Committee can be disposed of in fifteen minutes, there will be ample time for members to indulge in such sports as Tom Taggart's French Lick Hotel provides, limit or no limit.

From Tom Taggart's liquor shop and gambling joint at French Lick, Ind., we get almost daily bulletins of the intentions and prospects of his party. Chairman Taggart thinks he has basis for his enthusiasm.

If some Victor Hugo had been a passenger on the Oregonian, the world of literature might have been enriched by a story of a loose anchor to match that incomparable yarn of the loose cannon.

Since the Westinghouse Company went into a receiver's hands, \$2,000,000 worth of orders has poured into it from concerns west of Chicago. In emergencies, depend on the West.

Purchase of the Board of Trade building by private capital so simplifies a complicated situation that it is a matter for general felicitation.

At this late day a trio of Brooklyn bankers are sadly leaning an old and almost forgotten commandment—"Thou shalt not steal."

"Turkeys are cheap," reads a headline yesterday. "A very careful man would have written 'Turkeys not so high this season.'"

HARD TO REACH ALASKA PORTS

Winter Trips Require Many Weeks by Dog-Sleds.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Upon request of the War Department, Major Sage, adjutant-general, Department of the Columbia, has compiled a report on the relative positions of the different ports in Alaska. The report includes the distances between the ports, the time necessary to make the trip in different seasons of the year and the cost of travel.

The distance from Seattle, Wash., to Nome is 2741 miles. This distance is covered entirely by steamer to Sitka, and the passenger rates are from \$35 to \$100. In winter the steamer from Seattle stops at Valdez. The rest of the trip is made by dog sled. The team via Fairbanks, Gibbon and Kaldag. It requires from 45 to 60 days to make this trip and the cost for a passenger is from \$50 to \$100. The winter trip is made by dog sled on October 15. St. Michaels is 115 miles down the coast from Nome. It requires 10 hours to make this trip in summer, by water, and the cost is \$20. In winter the trip is made by dog-team at a cost of \$100.

None is the northern terminus of the Alaskan telegraph system and it is connected with St. Michaels partly by land lines and partly by wireless telegraph. Fort Egbert, the furthest point from the Army post, is 147 miles from St. Michaels. During summer months, from June to October, there is communication with St. Michaels by boat. In winter the only communication is by mail. In the northern and more inaccessible part of Alaska there are four Government forts—Fort Davis, at Nome; Fort St. Michaels, at St. Michaels; Fort Egbert, at Valdez; and Fort Scott, on the River and have communication by boat with Seattle. In winter the only communication with these forts is by dog-team from Valdez. Fort Lisicum, near Valdez, is 1673 miles from Seattle and 417 miles from Fort Gibbon. The passenger fare from Fort Lisicum to Valdez is from \$25 to \$50, and thence to Fort Gibbon, in winter, \$100. Fort William S. Seward, near Skagway, is 1136 miles from Seattle and 475 miles from Fort Egbert.

TELLS AN INCOHERENT STORY

Indian Held for Wife-Murder Was Drunk When He Killed Her.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Enoch Spores, charged with wife murder, lies in the Polk County Jail, where he was