

We Are Going Up Higher

True economy consists in buying the best article that can be had. The American people evidently appreciate this fact, because the growth of our business proves it. Notwithstanding the business conditions of the past year our shipments show a gain of \$ 187,233¹²

Actual Shipments to Customers.

Year ending December 10 th 1908	\$ 10,228,618 ⁷⁷
Fiscal year 1907	10,041,385 ⁶⁵
Gain	187,233 ¹²

In Ten years we have created a business exceeding Ten Million Dollars a year without absorbing any other institution and without owning any interest in retail stores.

Our growth has been steady and continuous, never having shown a loss in any year.

We believe that leather is the only good thing out of which to make shoes, hence we use no substitute for leather in any shoes we make.

We produce in our own factories 98% of the shoes we sell.

The improvement in our shoes from season to season is evidence of our fixed policy on quality. We will continue in the future as we have in the past to make them better and thus maintain the truthfulness of our slogan.

"Star Brand Shoes are Better"

Eleven Big Factories — No Retail Stores — No Branch Houses

(In the future our Fiscal year will close on Dec. 10th instead of May 10th as heretofore.)



Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co.

Manufacturers — St. Louis.



WHANG HO CONTINUES TRIP

CHINESE WAR JUNK LEAVES AUSTRALIA FOR GALVESTON.

Puts Into Thursday Islands in Distress, but Will Keep on Voyage Around Good Hope.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Advice received from Australia state that the Chinese war junk, the Whang Ho, which put into the Thursday Islands in distress, is continuing her voyage to Galveston. The story connected with this historic craft is sensational. Since 1906 she has crossed the Pacific Ocean twice and is said to be the only vessel of her size that has ever done so. On April 19, 1906, she left Shanghai and 85 days afterward she arrived in San Pedro. In itself this was a feat out of the ordinary.

ness authorities before they would let her leave on her voyage. She has been advertised as 110 years old and is built of valuable timber. She is 121 feet long, 24 feet beam and has a draft of from six to eight feet, her tonnage being 73 net, but this is no indication of her roominess. Her frames appear to be all of camphor wood and her masts of Formosan mahogany. Pictures of the craft show her with iron muzzle-loading cannon, smooth bore. She has an armory of weapons of the days of hand-to-hand encounters, boarding grapnels, pikes, tridents and others similar. She also has a number of other articles, such as staving cages, drowning baskets and bleeding tables, which the Chinese pirates used.

Captain Wilms started from San Pedro, intending to round Cape Horn. Bad weather 42 days out broke the Whang Ho's helm, which meant the abandonment of the Cape route, and the captain found his way into Newcastle Bay, Australia, without any chart beyond an ordinary school atlas. Captain Wilms intends leaving for Galveston in a week, crossing the Indian Ocean and rounding Cape of Good Hope. Mrs. Wilms and her daughter and son travel with the strange craft.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. See

TREE CUSTOM IS UPHELD

NO CONSERVATISM WANTED AT CHILDREN'S EXPENSE.

Chief Forester Pinchot Says Christmas Trees Can Better Be Spared Than Others.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The country's forests again have been called upon to supply about 4,000,000 Christmas trees, and again many persons have asked themselves and have queried the United States Forest Service, "Is the custom a menace to the movement for forest preservation?" "It is consistent and proper that the custom should be maintained," has been the answer of United States Forester Gifford Pinchot in every case. "Trees are for use, and there is no other use to which they could be put which would contribute so much to the joy of man as their use by the children on this one great holiday of the year. "The number of trees cut for this use each year is utterly insignificant when

compared to the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. Not more than 4,000,000 Christmas trees are used each year, one in every fourth family. If planted four feet apart they could be grown on less than 1500 acres. This clearing of an area equal to a good sized farm each Christmas should not be a subject of much worry, when it is remembered that for lumber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year.

"It is true that there has been serious damage to forest growth in the cutting of Christmas trees in various sections of the country, particularly in the Adirondacks and parts of New England, but in these very sections the damage through the cutting of young evergreens for use at Christmas is infinitesimal when compared with the loss of forest resources through fires and careless methods of lumbering. The proper remedy is not to stop using trees but to adopt wiser methods of use."

Accused of Stealing Films. ELMA, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Harry Fields and Fred Brown, charged jointly with the theft of \$1000 worth of films from a moving-picture show here, were given a preliminary hearing here yesterday before Judge Alvin Porter. Fields was released, while Brown was bound over to the Superior Court.

HAWLEY MAY GET PLACE

POSSIBILITY FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS COMMITTEE.

Existing Circumstances Make Him More Likely Candidate Than Cushman or Humphrey.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 27.—When Speaker Cannon takes up the apportionment of committee places for the 61st Congress, he will have to settle a three-cornered fight that has developed over the vacancy that will be left by Representative Jones, of Washington, on the committee on rivers and harbors, when he moves over to the Senate. Representatives Cushman and Humphrey, of Washington, are both candidates, as is Representative Hawley, of Oregon, and at this time no one of them seems to enjoy any marked advantage over the others. In point of seniority of service, Cushman and Humphrey outrank Hawley, and Cushman outranks Humphrey, but

this place will not be disposed of under the seniority rule. As a matter of fact, any one of the three contestants is eligible, and the decision will be made by Speaker Cannon without regard for the length of service of the aspiring members.

The fact that Washington is now represented on the Senate committee including river and harbor bills may operate against the two Washington Congressmen and in favor of Representative Hawley. The Oregon member may also be aided by the further fact that the Washington men are opposing each other and that both, in times past, have lined up against the Speaker and the House organization.

Cushman once made a famous speech in which he condemned the House rules and grilled the House leaders. Humphrey, on the other hand, has been a most insistent advocate of a ship subsidy bill ever since he came to Washington, and, in advocating that measure, went contrary to the desires of the party leaders. The records of these men are sure to be revived, for Speaker Cannon is a man who never forgets. Were the past attitude of Cushman and Humphrey considered and when it is recalled that each is determined the other shall not succeed Jones, it is reasonable to presume that Representative Hawley, hailing from Oregon, stands some chance of getting on the river and harbor committee, particularly as Oregon

has been without representation on this committee since the death of Representative Tongue. His chance, if not better than that of the Washington men, is at least equally as good.

Barbound at Tillamook. TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Argo and Kibau, lying between here and Portland, are barbound, owing to the severe storm off-shore.

King, Haskon was the first contributor to Captain Amundsen's polar expedition. He gave \$5000.

