WOMAN, 72, MAY BE HEIRESS TO RICHES

Mrs. Esther Coates Boggs Believes She Is One Who Will Share $50,000,000.

OLD LEASE IS INVOLVED

Portland Woman, After Life of Toil, May Be Wealthy—Great Grandfather Once Owned Land in Suburb of Philadelphia.

After 72 years of intermittent toil and ease, privation and comfort, Mrs. Esther Coates Boggs, of 832 Cleveland avenue, Portland, believes that she is about to be established as one of the rightful heirs of an estate valued at upwards of $50,000,000.

Mrs. Boggs is one of the direct descendants of Marmaduke Coates, who at one time owned much valuable land in the vicinity of where Philadelphia, Pa., now stands. Daniel H. Coppock, of 639 East Thirty-fifth street North, also is reputed to be an heir.

In the last few days she has had letters from relatives in the East in which they report that late in the year 1816 the original Marmaduke Coates leased his property to various firms and individuals in the city of Philadelphia. Included in these holdings were 34 full city blocks in Philadelphia, besides 4986 acres of what then was farm land. The city of Coatesville, a suburb of Philadelphia, now covers a part of this farm property.

City Built on Leased Land.

Mrs. Boggs' relatives inform her that the entire city of Coatesville is built on leased land, the title of which really rests with the heirs of the Marmaduke Coates.

Together with other heirs, Mrs. Boggs has retained an attorney who will go to Philadelphia and make formal claim to the estate. It will be necessary first, it is pointed out, to have an administrator appointed for the Coates estate. Efforts then will be made to establish ownership of the property. After that, it is possible that the property will be sold and the proceeds distributed among the heirs.

"I don't know what my share will be," commented Mrs. Boggs, as she sat, knitting, at her home last night. "In fact, I haven't figured on that at all. I don't count my chickens before they are hatched."

Mrs. Boggs is not inclined to become over-enthusiastic about the prospect of falling heir to a fortune. On the contrary, she is philosophical about it.

Heirs Willing to Take Chance.

"To me a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," she speculated, with a merry twinkle in her eye.

"I'd rather have a few dollars of it right now than take my chances of getting perhaps a million later on."

However, Mrs. Boggs, despite her Quaker training, possesses a trace of sportsmanship and is willing, with the other heirs, to "take a chance."

She is going to send her assessment for the initial cost of bringing the suit and will quietly await developments. A cousin, Mrs. A. E. Krell, of Davenport, Iowa, has been elected secretary for the heirs and has been authorized to proceed with the preliminaries.

Mrs. Boggs says she will have no difficulty in establishing her direct relationship with the original Marmaduke Coates, who, she declares, was her great grandfather. Marmaduke Coates, the records purport to show, had 11 children, one of whom, Moses, was her grandfather. Moses Coates also had 11 children, among whom was her father, also named Moses.

Family History Interesting.

The family first settled in America, coming from England, in 1623. They were Quakers. It is related, as an interesting incident of family history, that Marmaduke Coates was an adventurous young man. He ventured far "out West"—out to Indiana. There he encountered a band of Indians, who held among their captives a white girl with whom he fell in love. He traded a horse and saddle for the girl and married her. Afterwards they had to flee for their lives with a young Indian who also craved the life companionship of the girl and a band of his friends in pursuit. They escaped and returned to Pennsylvania, where the other members of the family still resided.

It was soon after that thrilling experience that Mr. Coates, according to the story, came into possession of the Philadelphia property. He leased the land, it is reported, and died, seemingly, without making provision for its disposition.

In recent years, however, Mrs. Boggs and other heirs have been gathering the scattered shreds of the family records and believe that they will be able to establish their claim to the property that now has grown into value that is hard to estimate.

The Coppock branch of the family, of which the Portland man is a member, also dates back for several generations. The records show, says Mrs. Boggs, that the Coppocks and the Coatses intermarried several times.

BISHOP SUMNER GOES EAST

Prelate Declines to Discuss "High" and "Low" Church Issues.

Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, will leave this morning for the East. He will pass the holidays in Chicago, where he will be the guest of old-time friends, and will attend the conference of the House of Bishops which will meet in Philadelphia.

When asked yesterday regarding his attitude on high and low church matters which might possibly come up at the approaching meeting of bishops, he said: "I cannot bear the terms 'high' and 'low' as referred to the church. We are all churchmen, and should work for the best interests of the church. There should be no discord."

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. E. Couche, of Seattle, is at the Oregon.

Louis Larson, of Astoria, is at the Perkins.

R. C. Payne, of Tacoma, is at the Perkins.

J. H. Driscoll, of Ashland, is at the Imperial.

C. H. Carey, of Medford, is at the Imperial.

D. L. Ewart, of Astoria, is at the Nortonia.

J. F. Smith, of Baker, is at the Cornelius.

Luton Ackerson, of Eugene, is at the Cornelius.

Will Madison, of Astoria, is at the Cornelius.

Lillian Russell is registered at the Multnomah.

Mrs. T. B. Tripp, Miss Molly Tripp, of New Bedford, and Miss Sally Bellow, of Dorchester, Mass., are at the Portland.

J. O. Frank, of Chicago, is at the Multnomah.

G. P. Hughes, of San Francisco, is at the Oregon.

J. H. Ackerman, of Monmouth, is at the Seward.

W. B. Busby, of Yacolt, is registered at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Weil, of Baker, are at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. White, of Salem, are at the Seward.

Fred Dohnert, of Albany, is registered at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hayter, of Dallas, are at the Portland.

T. P. Stevens, of Albany, is registered at the Seward.

R. H. Parsons, of Redmond, is registered at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Childs are registered at the Nortonia from Hood River, Or.

L. B. Shipley, of New York, is registered at the Portland.

C. A. Doogard, of Los Angeles, is registered at the Eaton.

Harry Whitten, of Monmouth, is registered at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Otto, of McHenry, N. D., are at the Perkins.

Thora Pedusen, of Los Angeles, is registered at the Eaton.

O. C. Shaw is at the Eaton, registered from San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Henning, of Spokane, are at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Teal, of Los Angeles, are at the Eaton.

Archie L. Hay, of Rock Springs, Wyo., is at the Multnomah.

Members of the Spokane Bowling Club are at the Multnomah.

R. E. Garmon and H. A. Linquist, of Cathlamet, are at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hunt, of Pendleton, are registered at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wirth, of Eugene, are stopping at the Nortonia.

Mrs. T. B. Grittsmacher and Mrs. W. B. Wray, of Astoria, are at the Seward.

Mrs. Esther Coates Boggs, of Portland, Who May Inherit Portion of Large Estate in East.

ARBITRATION IS SOUGHT

MEATCUTTERS MAKE OVERTURES TO MARKET MEN.

Forces Increased for Rush and Employers May Treat With Strikers If Picketing Is Ended.

Arbitration of differences between the meatcutters, now on a strike, and the retail market men is sought. The latter, at their special meeting last week, declared for the "open shop." Also they agreed among themselves not to arbitrate, since they declared the men who had walked out Monday had not given them time to consider the ultimatum of the union. Nor would they treat with the union as such.

Overtures have been made to the Retail Market Men's Association by the meatcutters looking to arbitration, according to William Constantine, president of the association, last night. The association will meet Tuesday evening at the Chamber of Commerce. It is not unlikely that some sort of communication may find its way from the strikers to the meeting suggesting a committee from each with a view of bringing about arbitration.

Members of the association yesterday did not appear to be overly favorable to treating with the union on this matter, as long as the strikers picket the shops. One of the association members thought that if the strikers desisted from this method there might be a possibility of arbitration.

The market men say that they are going right ahead filling all orders and that this week will find them with increased forces to attend to the increased holiday business.

GADSKI DEMONSTRATES ART AT HEILIG TONIGHT

Remarkable Programme, Varied in Emotions Produced, Is Offered Under Steers & Coman Direction—Selections Are Given in Four Groups.

THE thrill of impassioned dramatic genius that lies in Gadski's voice and art makes her song recital tonight at the Heilig, under the direction of Steers & Coman, an epoch in local musical history. The programme calls for vivid contrasts, changing from a mood of warm human sympathy to the wild glorified savagery of primal instinct, or the heroic grandeur of soul of a daughter of Wotan.

Gadski's vibrant, heart-reaching tones are well adapted to these inspired songs, and with rare art she has massed these into four groups.

First comes Schumann, breathing the very spirit of romance in his "Spring Night" and "Though I Go Early Into the Garden," followed by the tender melody of Schubert, which finds expression in three songs, "Death and the Maiden," "The City" and "Who Is Sylvia?"

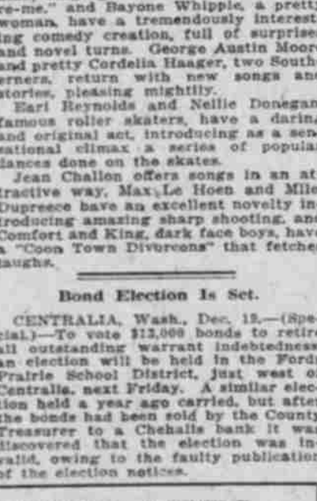
The second group, including Franz and the mystical Brahms, shows touches of subtler, more ethereal beauty, and more complex development of thought, for Brahms is called the Robert Browning of music.

In the third group are the dreamy, poetic enchantment of MacDowell, two delightful novelties by Paul Eisler, one of which sparkles with piquant humor, and Henschel's beautiful "Morning Hymn."

The fourth and last group, beginning with the lovely "Spring Song" from "Walkuere" and Elisabeth's aria from "Tannhauser," rises to a grand climax in the "Liebestod," from "Tristan and Isolde," held by many to be the most inspired love-song ever given to the world.

Following is tonight's programme in full:

Frohlingsnacht (Schumann), Wenn ich frueh in den Garten geh (Schumann); Der Tod und das Maedchen (Schubert); Die Stadt (Schubert); Who Is Sylvia? (Schubert); piano solo, Moment Musicale (Schubert), Nocturne, (Liszt), by Professor Paul Eisler; Aus meinen grossen Schmerzen (Franz); Liebchen ist da (Franz); Im Herbst (Franz); Der Schmied (Brahms); Meine Liebe ist gruen (Brahms); A Maid sings light (MacDowell); Twilight (Katherine A. Glen); Marching Song (Paul Eisler), Requiem (Paul Eisler); Morning Hymn (Henschel); piano solo, Finale of Tristan and Isolde (Wagner-Liszt), by Professor Paul Eisler; Spring Song, "Du bist der Lenz," from "Walkuere" (Wagner); Elisabeth's Aria, "Dich theure Halle," from "Tannhauser (Wagner); "Liebestod," from "Tristan and Isolde" (Wagner).



Mme. Gadski, Who Appears in Song Recital at Heilig Theater Tonight.

FAIR LILLIAN SHINES

Noted Beauty Declared More Fascinating Than Ever.

GOWN ALSO WORK OF ART

Critic Deals in Superlatives Describing Orpheum Headliner. Several Other Acts on Bill Given Creditable Mention.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

It is well known that nothing is deadlier away from his native haunts than a professional humorist. Outside of his column his repartee is as sparkling as a hunk of iron. And a prima donna or a man singer are saddest when they are not singing. As a dinner partner the poet whose measures one reads with awe and admiration oftener than not proves the dullest of the dull, and an artist whose illustrations of Robert Chambers' novels may tie one's emotions in bowknots may be as exciting as a glass of water as a conversationalist. Which is all to lead up, past Robin Hood's barn to the assertion that no professional man or woman can or does work at his trade all the time. No one, that is, save the lovely Lillian Russell.

The poet runs out of rhymes, the artist loses inspiration, the singer has an attack of bronchitis, the author sprains his typewriter—but the good works of Lillian Russell go on forever. Her motto assuredly is "Let your light shine before men—and women."

Beauty Thrills Anew.

As a professional beauty Miss Russell no longer needs to profess. Her face is truly her fortune. When an usher, the strongest on the force at the Orpheum, yesterday pattered down the middle aisle and ushed a huge gold basket, taller than himself, and crowded thick with vivid red poinsettias over the golden glare of the footlights, and Lillian Russell's pianist piloted it to safety against the wall, Miss Russell gave a little gasp and said: "My, it looks quite like a Christmas tree, doesn't it?" And so, we thought, looked Lillian Russell. A gold and silver tree, with saucy, sparkling icicles all over it, with frost and snow and ice about, and two splendid stars gleaming amid the beauty of it and a red rose smiling.

The stars were her blue eyes, dazzling and coolly imprudent; the rose red touch was her happy mouth, smiling when she isn't singing, and the frosty silver was her wonderful gown, jewel-incrusted and of icy cold magnificence.

She came into our presence trippingly, carrying the fishtail train of her silver robe—the train which was later to serve as a target for some of her keenest comedy directed at herself, her stage career, her youth and her spirits. Her sense of humor is quick and delightful. Her songs are given gladly and with the spirit of just helping out at a church social. "Let me see—I'll sing for you a wee ballad—called 'A Dream'—maybe you'll like it," says the blue and pink and gold one. And she is most generous—singing almost a dozen ballads—some of the old beloveds of her Weber and Field days, and some modern ones.

Fascination Is Felt.

It is her gorgeous feminine, undeniable, rampant beauty that attracts; it is her fascinating, adorable personality that holds and keeps her admirers.

Her Orpheum presentation proves that Lillian Russell's beauty is more than skin deep. I predict a great future for Lillian Russell!

There are some other folk on the bill. Walter Houston, a clever comedian, singing "I Haven't Got the Do-re-me," and Bayone Whipple, a pretty woman, have a tremendously interesting comedy creation, full of surprises and novel turns. George Austin Moore and pretty Cordelia Haager, two Southerners, return with new songs and stories, pleasing mightily.

Earl Reynolds and Nellie Donegan, famous roller skaters, have a daring and original act, introducing as a sensational climax a series of popular dances done on the skates.

Jean Challon offers songs in an attractive way, Max Le Hoen and Mlle. Dupreece have an excellent novelty introducing amazing sharp shooting, and Comfort and King, dark face boys, have a "Coon Town Divorcens" that fetches laughs.

Bond Election Is Set.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—To vote $13,000 bonds to retire all outstanding warrant indebtedness, an election will be held in the Fords Prairie School District, just west of Centralia, next Friday. A similar election held a year ago carried, but after the bonds had been sold by the County Treasurer to a Chehalis bank it was discovered that the election was invalid, owing to the faulty publication of the election notices.

—2000 willing and happy salespeople to help you these last 5 days.
—16 passenger elevators.
—42 delivery motors and wagons.
—Use the moving stairways—no waiting.
—Shop on Transfer; goods assembled at Transfer Desk.

Meier & Frank Co. EST. 1857 THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND THE STORE OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

—Express Office and U. S. Postoffice Basement Balcony—Packages wrapped free.
—Western Union Office—Basement Balcony—"Merry Christmas" Night Letters and packages for delivery Christmas Day.

Remember--Store Not Open Evenings

We Close at 6 o'Clock — We Close at 6 o'Clock

Portland's Greatest Store Better Prepared to Serve All

—The Store of the Christmas Spirit—Early Shopping Is the Order of the Remaining Days Before Christmas—By Remaining Closed in the Evenings Our 2000 Employes Are Better Prepared to Serve You the Next Day—The Five Nights Preceding Christmas Are for Our Employes.

Mrs. Rich'd Edwards, 1824 Sandy Boulevard, Portland, Winner of the

"Alcazar" Contest

—The manufacturers of the "Alcazar" Range decided that Mrs. Edwards submitted the ten best reasons why this wonderful range should be in every home. The prize was a beautiful "Alcazar."
—Mrs. Edwards' reasons were:

TWO faultlessly constructed stoves perfectly combined in one.

HEATS kitchen as well as cooks in cold weather—cooks without heating kitchen in hot weather and gas is always ready for immediate use any minute of day or night.

ECONOMIZES in fuel, time, labor and floor space.

A PERFECT baker, roaster and broiler—if using wood or coal and fire burns low, light the gas, instantly you have just the right heat.

LIGHTENS the housekeeper's work and makes cooking a pleasure.

COOK in comfort every day in the year on the same stove—matters not how hot or how cold the weather.

A TROUBLE-SAVER and expense-saver—no need to change stoves between seasons, for the Alcazar is an all-the-year-round stove.

ZENITH of perfection in every detail.

A STOVE that wins the good housekeeper's heart—perfectly sanitary, no complicated parts to get out of order, easy to clean.

RELIABILITY, durability, economy, convenience, cleanliness—all these and more you will find by using THE DUPLEX ALCAZAR.

—What could be a finer gift for wife or mother? —Eighth Floor.

$3 Smoking Stands $1.99

—As pictured. Just 50 of these handsome mahogany smoking stands. Stand 26 inches high, have brass ash holder with glass lining. Safety match holder attached. While any remain, $1.99.
—Basement.

Just Out—The "Once Over" *by Rex Lampman*

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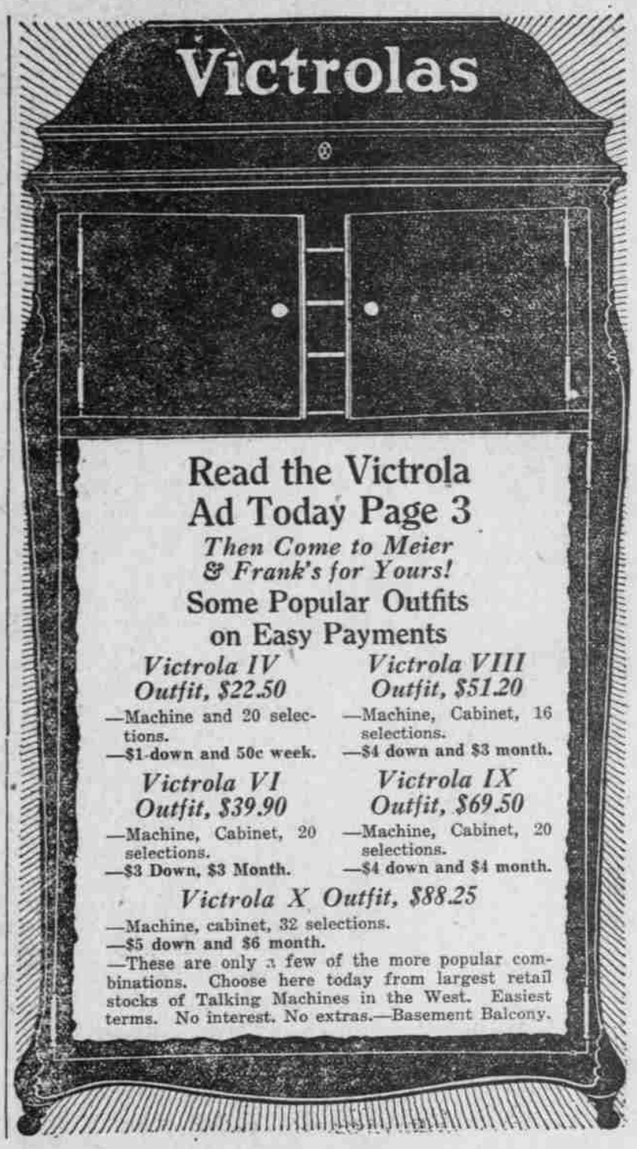
—Basement Balcony.



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Then Come to Meier & Frank's for Yours!
Some Popular Outfits on Easy Payments

Victrola IV Outfit, $22.50
—Machine and 20 selections.
—$1 down and 50c week.

Victrola VIII Outfit, $51.20
—Machine, Cabinet, 16 selections.
—$4 down and $3 month.

Victrola VI Outfit, $39.90
—Machine, Cabinet, 20 selections.
—$3 Down, $3 Month.

Victrola IX Outfit, $69.50
—Machine, Cabinet, 20 selections.
—$4 down and $4 month.

Victrola X Outfit, $88.25
—Machine, cabinet, 32 selections.
—$5 down and $6 month.
—These are only a few of the more popular combinations. Choose here today from largest retail stocks of Talking Machines in the West. Easiest terms. No interest. No extras.—Basement Balcony.

All Misses' and Children's Hats ½!

—Not one reserved. All our prettiest little models at exactly half the original prices. Come in today and see the wonderful assortments. What prettier gift could be suggested?
—All Knit Toques and Skating Sets in white and new fancy colors—regularly 75c to $2—at ¼ off!
—Fourth Floor, Sixth Street

Time for YOU to Think About Your

Christmas Groceries

—Only four more shopping days! What wise provider would put off looking to all table needs for the Christmas feast? Make up your grocery list today and you will find real satisfaction in knowing that this most important business has been attended to.

—A Pure Food Grocery that is greatest in the Northwest, a scientifically arranged, brine-purified delicatessen, clean candy kitchens that are a delight to the eye, a model ice cream factory and daylight bakery—these stand ready to gratify your every holiday need.

New Seeded Raisins, "Paradise" brand, freshly seeded, package, 10¢.
Royal Banquet Flour, our best quality, sack, $1.39.
Pure Lard, No. 10 pails, $1.29, No 5 size, 65¢.
Black Walnuts, fine Oregon variety, 3 lbs. 25¢.
Loganberries, Oregon dried, lb. 25¢.
White Figs, fancy quality, lb., 10¢.
Solid Tomatoes, "Griffon," No. 2½ cans, 3 cans, 25¢.
Black Figs, California cooking, 3 lbs., 25¢.
Plum Pudding, home-made, each, 80¢ and 40¢.
English Fruit Cake, lb., 50¢.
Layer Cakes, each, 60¢, 50¢, 40¢.
Devil's Food, each, 50¢.
Angel Food, each, 40¢.
Pies, home-made, mince, custard, pumpkin, apple, 25¢.
Scotch Shortbread, each, 25¢.
Nut Bread, loaf 10¢.
Coffee Cakes, rolls and bread hot from our ovens.
—Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

Meier & Frank Co. EST. 1857 THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND THE STORE OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

An M. & F. Glove or Merchandise Order Solves the Gift Problem.
—Main Floor

GRANGE MASTER RETURNS

Congress Asked to Resume Power to Issue Money and Lend Direct.

"This was the sixth session of the National Grange which I have attended as a delegate, and in my opinion it was the best," said State Master Spence, who attended the 49th session of the National Grange at Oakland, Cal. The other delegates were B. G. Leedy and Minnie E. Bond.

"The report of the committee of agriculture favored the employment of county agriculturists," said Mr. Spence, "a National marketing commission and distribution of manufactured articles. Extension of the postal service was advocated.

"The good roads policy of two years ago was indorsed. Rural credits was discussed at all angles and a state and National policy was indorsed asking that Congress resume its constitutional power to issue money, and lend it direct to the states."

DEATH WINS RACE HOME

Ray Stewart, Young Rancher, Dies on Way to Stone.

STONE, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Ray Stewart, a former resident of this place, died of pneumonia Thursday morning at the Willamette Hospital in Salem. He became ill two weeks ago while on his way from San Francisco to his old home here. At Salem he was removed from the train to Willamette Hospital.

Mr. Stewart was born near Albany, Or., 25 years ago, and was the son of John and Mary Stewart, both of whom are dead.

MONMOUTH BREEDERS WIN

Several Prizes Are Taken on Sheep and Cattle at Portland.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Monmouth was represented in the list of prize winners at the recent Live Stock Show at Portland. C. P. Hembree took several prizes on Jersey cattle, while William Riddel, Jr., won on Lincoln and Cotswold sheep.

C. P. Hembree won second and fourth for yearling bull, fourth and fifth for senior bull calf, fifth on cows of 4 years, first on heifer 2 years old, first years, first on heifer yearling heifer; adn second on senior heifer calf, third on fifth on senior heifer calf, and besides this junior heifer calf, and besides this took three second prizes on herd exhibits.

William Riddel & Sons won the following prives on Cotswold sheep: Ram, 2 years or over, first, O. A. C. 184; ram, 1 year old and under 2, fifth, Riddel's 1838; ram lamb, under 1 year, fourth and fifth; ewe, 2 years old or over, third; ewe, 1 year and under 2, third; ewe lamb, under 1 year, fifth.

Danish Steamer Is Held.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Danish steamer United States was brought into the Clyde by a British warship Friday night, having been diverted from her route while on the way from Copenhagen to New York. A large number of Germans and Austrians with large sums of money in their possession are said to be aboard. The mails from the ship were put ashore.

The steamer United States sailed from New York November 18 and arrived at Copenhagen December 1. She sailed from that port for New York December 12. She belongs to the Scandinavian-American Line.