"OLD SALT" MATES MAY CURB CHINESE

Master of Tramp Strathearn Seeks "Bucko" Mariners Expecting Trouble.

OFFICERS REFUSE TO SAIL

Owners of Steamer Order Her to Get Under Way and Captain Is to Keep Mutinous Celestials. New Steward Signed.

Two old-time "bucks" mates and a second assistant engineer who do not second assistant engineer who do not fear Chinese as fighting opponents may be aboard the British tramp Strathearn today when she leaves the harbor. Herchief officer and second mate, besides the assistant engineer, refuse to be nembers of her crew on the run to Australia. Ecaring continued trouble with her Chinese crew of 19, following the outbreak Friday morning aboard when George Rudolph, steward of the ship, was beaten severely with chipping hammers.

Captain McKay authorized Jack Grant yesterday to provide the steamer with a steward and two mates. A steward was found and the mates are expected to go aboard today, while the engine-room department will be taken care of. Owners of the Stratheam cabled the master yesterday to get under way as soon as possible and with the least trouble, and no attempt will be made to discharge the Chinese, as in that event they would have to be transported out of the country. They are employed under the same rules as any sailors on a British vessel, as setablished by the English Board of Trade, although sea-faring men familiar with the laws of the United Kingdom say there is no reason why Captain McKay authorized Jack Kingdom say there is no reason why the officers could not deal summarily with the Celestials if they provoke

As the Strathearn is under time charter to the American Trading Com-pany, the charters will not countenance, delay, as all lumber cargo is aboard, and it is expected that notice will be and it is expected that notice will be served that \$250 a day will be withheld for every day the steamer is held back. It is the impression on the waterfront that the white officers have been largely "bluffed" by the Chinese, who are reported to conduct themselves in an impertinent manner abourd ship, and that if two husky boatswains, or fighting mates, are obtained the Chinese will hunt cover and preserve respectful decorum on the voyage.

The steamer was to have salled Fri-lay, and then it was thought that she ould get away yesterday afternoon, but the latest programme is for her to eave early today

LIGHTED AIDS SANCTIONED

Gas Buoys to Be Placed at Mouth of Columbia Next Year.

Executives of the Bureau of Light-houses have approved the plan of light-ing the entrance of the Columbia River with gas buoys. Henry L. Beck, in-spector of the Seventeenth Lighthouse spector of the Seventhermond that the System has been adopted, and while it was not said how the equipment is to be assembled, it is inferred that the Bureau will order the buoys in the East at once and have them shipped

One busy is to be placed outside to serve us the outer end of the range in conjunction with the lightvessel, which will be moved northward from her pres ent position. Another busy probably will be placed on the bar to determine whether it can be maintained perma-nently there, while one will be inside. The inner end of the range will be at For Columbia, where the intensity of present illuminations will be increased. In the latest list of changes to aids to navigation it is shown that the Desdemons light has been increased from \$20 to \$200 candlepower. That will be a material help to navigators passing through the lower harbor.

BEAVER'S SALOON AGLOW

Boatlond of Evergreen Used for Christmas Show.

Ristered palms, tired backs and ex-bansted patience have been the expe-rience of Steward Southgate and Mrs. MacDonnell, steward southgate and also-MacDonnell, stewardess of the steamer Beaver, who completed saloon decor-ations on the vessel yesterday in ad-vance of the Christmas throug board-ing her in the afternoon. Oregon grabe, fir boughs, belly, colored paper atreamers and other artistic effects were blended in a Yulctide color scheme in the dining section, and to the crew fell the task of fastening fir trees to

Materials for decorations were not delivered at the dock by tradesmen, but these in charge, augmented by waiters and saflors, launched a small waiters and saltors, father and pulled boat. Friday afternoon, and pulled down the river to collect the natural growth and nimble hands fashioned paper materials. Captain Nelson says that the Christmas dinner planned will make even the most seasick respond and the universal day will not be over-looked, as hundreds are compelled to

CASCO SERIOUSLY DAMAGED

Frames, Planking and Celling on

Starboard Side of Steamer Suffer. For the next two or three weeks the steamer Casco will be on the Oregon

For the next two or three weeks the steamer Casco will be on the Oregon drydock, for an extensive examination, made after she was lifted yesterday, disclosed that 14 frames were broken and practically all planking on the bottom and starboard bilge are in the same condition, with the ceiling extending over the same area splintered and forced upward.

The vessel struck Monday night on a ledge near Pillar Rock, while bound downstream with wheat in her hold and a derkload of lumber. She was returned to port the following day and discharged. As soon as her injuries were ascertained yesterday a force of 25 mm was employed and every effort will be made to rush the repairs. There are no indications of deck damage, nor of other parts of the vessel having been strained or harmed through the shock. While the replacing of pianking and ceiling will not prove tedious, the labor of getting new frames in place will require much of the time.

which will resppear on the river soon after Jahuary I as a new vessel, as she floats on a different hull, has a new lower cabin and is generally im-

proved.

The measurements give her a length of 189 feet, beam of 30.8 feet and depth of held of 6.5 feet. Her gross tonnage is 407 and the net tonnage 350. Her previous measurement in 1903 under regulations new obsolete, which contained no provision for exemptions of machiners space and everything was tained no provision for exemptions of machinery space and everything was added to her gross tonnage. Later rulings allow exemptions on the tonnage deck or main deck, and they reduce the gross tonnage. The former measurements were for a length of 160 feet, beam of 28.5 feet and depth of hold of 5.6 feet and a gross tonnage of 451 and net tonnage of 267.

Fred P. Baumgartner, general agent for S. Elmore & Co., deserted the wa-ter route yesterday for rall accommo-dations and departed for Scattle to end Christmas.

Preparatory to handling additional cargo, the Prench bark Col. de Villebos Marcull will be shifted at Mersey dock this morning so that her head will point downstream.

With passengers and a cement carge the new steamer Willamette salled from San Francisco for Portland at noon yesterday and was followed two hours later by the Klamath, both being in the McCormick line. The Willamette will discharge at Supple's dock.

Wheat-laden for Europe, the Con-why Castle and Crocodile left the har-bor yesterday. The Lydgate shifted from Linnton to the elevator, the In-veriegle from Linnton to Columbia dock No. 2, and the Sierra Miranda and Bufthe stream to the ballast a from the

dock at Linnton.

Wireless advices received yesterday from Captain Loftus, of the steamer Alliance, recounted that the vessel was heading into strong northwest winds, with a big sea running, her position then being 25 miles south of Cape Mears. Her sailing date has been changed to Monday, as she will arrive late today

D. W. Paul, agent for the Sallors' Union of the Pacific, has returned from Washington, D. C. where he went with over 26 delegates of the organization, who worked in the interest of a bill before Congress to prevent Chinese sallors being employed on American vessels. He says that there are extensely the bill passing. cellent prospects of the bill passing. Carrying 227,160 bushels of wheat, valued at \$190,814, the British steamer Fitspatrick cleared at the Custom-Fitspatrick cleared at the Custom-House yesterday morning for Teneriffe, Canary Islands, and salled in the after-neon. The atsamer Westerner cleared for San Francisco with \$30,000 feet of lumber and will sail Tuesday, while the steamer Carlos, also of the Olson & Mahony fleet, is expected that day from the Golden Gate.

Movements of Vessels.

PORTLAND, Dec 23.—Arrived—Strams Olympic from San Pedro; steamer Falcon from San Pedro; steamer Falcon from San Francisco: steamer Coaster, from San Francisco: Salted—Steamer Beaver for San Francisco and San Pedro; steamer Hosquiann, for San Francisco; British accam francisco for Teneriffo, Canary Islands er Finpairick, for Teneriffo, Canary Islands er Finpairick, for Teneriffo, Canary Islands er Finpairick, for Teneriffo, Canary Islands er Falmouth for orders, British bark Conwa Castle, for Queenstown of Falmouth, for or ders.

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Astoria, Or. Dec. 21.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 5 P. M., moderate, wind, northwest, 26 miles; weather, parily cloudy Arrived at 5 and left up at 10:50 A. M.—Steamer Olymple, from San Pedro. Arrived at 10 and left up at 11:15 A. M.—Steamer Falcon, from San Francisco. Arrived at 8 P. M.—Gasoline schooner Tillamook, from Bandon and way ports. Arrived at 3 and left up at 2:30 P. M.—Steamer Chaster, from San Francisco. Outside at 5 P. M.—Steamer W. F. Herrin, from Monterery.

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San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Arrived at 10 A.

Steamer W. S. Porter, from Portland,
eo. W. Eider, from Portland; steamer
one City, from San Pedro, Sailed at 11

M.—Steamer Rose City, for San Pedro,
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2 P. M. steamer Klamain, for Portland,
illed last night—Steamer Carlos, for Portnd.

and Cos Bay, Dec. 21.—Salled at 2 P. M.—
tteamer Breakwater, for Portland,
San Diego, Dec. 22.—Salled—Schooner
trene, for Columbia River,
Falmouth, Dec. 21.—Arrived—Crown of
Arragon, from Liverpool, for San Francisco,
St. Vincent, C. V., Dec. 22.—Arrived—
Hellopolis, from Portland, Or., for United
Kingdom.

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Batavia. Dec. 22 - Salled - Singehow, from the Singapore, etc. Glasgew and Liverpool via singapore for Seatile.

Seatile. Wash. Dec. 23.—Arrived.—Steamers Umatilla, from San Francisco; Watson, Alameda, from Tacoma; U. S. revenue cutter Theils, from Comos. Salled.—Steamer Jefferson, for Skawws,

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Arrived.—Steam ors Santa Barbara, from Williapa; Bandon, Green W. Eider, W. S. Petter, Com. Handon; Geo. W. Eider, W. S. Petter.

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from Astoria. Salled Steamers Grown of Hallefa, Liverpool, via Vancouver; William-ette, for Asteria; Admiral Sampson, for Seattle: Klemath, Nome City, for Astoria Grays Harbor, Svea, for Grays Harbor; achooner Manua, for Pago-Pago,

Tides at Astoria Sonday 88378 3:41 A. M. ... 7.0 feet 5:15 A. M. ... 4.1 feet will 2:42 P. M. ... 7.8 feet 8:37 P. M. ... 6.1 feet

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TABOO

Vancouver Children Barred From Holiday Joys at Churches.

VANCOUVER, Wanh, Dec. 20.-(Sp. cial.)-No Sunday school, no golden text, no Christmas trees, no merit cards, no candy, no presents at any of the Vancouver churches for any of the children until after January 3, on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever in this

city, is the edict issued here.

The County and City Health Officer,
Dr. R. G. Black, has ordered that no
one under 18 years of age will be per-

one under 18 years of age will be permitted to go to church, or to Sunday school, or attend the moving-picture shows or other places of amusement until January 2, or later.

It is thought now that scarlet fever here is under control, few new cases being reported. The public and high schools were closed a few days early on account of the epidemic, which is supposed to have been spread from Armada school. nada school.

Clothes Lost in Hotel Blaze.

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CENTRALIA. Wash. Dec. 21.—(Special)—E. Howe and wife of Portland, who were registered at the St. James Hotel. In Winlock, last night and who barely escaped from the fire by climbling down a ladder that was raised to their window, arrived in Centralia this morning on an early train. They were only partially dressed, having lost their was a good volume of belated buyentire wardrobe in the fire. They were fitted out with clothes by guesta at the free was a good volume of belated buyentire wardrobe in the fire. They were fitted out with clothes by guesta at the fire and vesteables yesterday morning and trade on the whole was better than usual on Saurday. Perighable stocks in all lines were fairly well classed up. A

Licht Raises His Estimate of the European Supply.

RUSSIA MAY ALSO EXPORT

Raws Are Weakening at New York. but Present Refined Prices May Be Maintained Until After New 'Year's.

The world's sugar markets are weakening and lower prices seem in store after the turn of the past. Raws have been declining steadily at New York for some time past, though it is not expected there will Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.35@1.75; Northern

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Vegetables and Fruits.

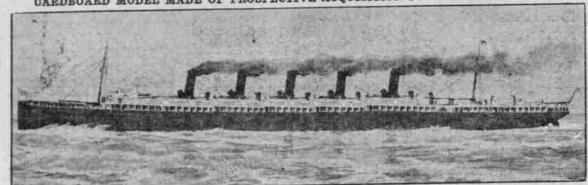
tory and Western mediums, 17@20c; fine mediums, 16@18c; fine, 11@15c. Condition of the Treasury.

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

TACOMA, Dec. 23.-Wheat - Bluestem le: fortyfold, The: club, The; red Russian Sic: fortyfold. The: club. The: red Russian. Fic. Testerday's car recolpts—Wheat, AS: corn. 4.

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Bluestem, light fortyfold, T94c; club, T8c; fife, T8c; ed Russian, T7c. Yesterday's car receipts—Wheat, 28; cats, 2; corn, 2; hay, 13; barley, 1.

Exchange at San Francisco



WORLD'S LARGEST COASTER, EIGHT HUNDRED FEET LONG.

Chief Engineer Paul, of the Beaver, presided at a burlesque launching yesterday of a new five-funnel combined passenger and cargo gray bound, which looked well on paper, as originated in the fertile brain of combined passenger and cargo gray bound, which looked well on paper, as originated in the fertile brain of First Assistant Engineer Townsend and Second Assistant Engineer Kerr. From five menu cards in the saloon. First Assistant Engineer are considered to the Beaver, they cut which are made up so that a part is perforated on which is printed a colored view of the Beaver, they cut sections and pasted them on a cardboard strip so that the Beaver is shown as she is from her funnel forward, and from a point ahead of her funnel aft. Three additional sections were then cut from cards to show the function of the cards to show the functions. the funnel, and they were pasted amidships to give her five stacks.

be any drep in refined quotations before New Year's, as the refiners are still work-

New Year's, as the refiners are still working on high-priced raws.

Buropean best options have shown a considerable drop, owing to the revised estimate of Licht, which is 275,000 tons more than be predicted last October. On this subject an Eastern refiner says:

The most important news of the week has been Licht's increase of his German estimate of 120,000 tons to 1,480,000. This increase is reported as being based on a better yield from the beels than was expected. Today we have received another cable from Licht making a further increase of 50,000 tons in his estimate of the Ruscable from Licht making a further increase of 50,000 tons in his estimate of the Russian crop and 20,000 tons for the other countries, making his total estimate now for all Europe 6,220,000 tons, against 8,020,000 tons last year. The increased production, particularly in Germany, will be must welcome, as it comes where it is most needed, and the effect of it is shown in today's closing quotations, which represent a decline of over ations, which represent a decline of over

The prospects of an increased supply are The prospects of an increased supply are not liked by speculators especially as Russia may succeed in obtaining permission of the Brussels Conference to export some 500,000 cone more than this year. The resumption of grinding on an active scale in Cuba also helped to modify the ideas of planters on the island, there boing now 17 centrals on the island in operation. The Louisiana cans crop promises to be much centrals on the island in operation. The Louisiana cane crop promises to be much smaller than anticipated, owing to the great famage done by the cold weather, not over 100,000 tons, according to the latest figures. Portunately the Cuban yield will reach 1,800,000 or more tons, so that the supply will be ample for requirements of refiners. They are finding little inquiry for their product, despite the reduction in price from the high iswels, the country not anticipating at the besis now quoted by the refiners.

HOLIDAY IN THE GRAIN MARKETS Eastern and Foreign Exchanges Are Closed and No Business Is Done Locally.

and No Business is Done Locally. With the foreign and Eastern exchanges closed until Tuesday, there was nothing doing in the local wheat market yesterday and but little business was transacted in other

Oats were quoted steady at \$30@30.50. Montain outs are offered laid down here at \$31 and as long as Montain is seeking an outlet on the Coast, it is not likely that local oats will sell higher. Local receipts, in cars, were reported by

the Merchants Exchange as follows Wheat Barley Plour Oats Ha
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POULTRY MARKET FIRM AT CLOSE Owing to Heavy Retail Buying, Receipts

Owing to Heavy Retail Buying. Receipts
Clean Up Well.

A few delayed shipments of poultry arrived yesterday mosging and everything was
disposed of easily except some small lots
of poor stock. Good turkeys sold at 20 to
23 cents. The retail trade was unusually
heavy and for this reason the retailers
eagerly bought all the choice turkeys that
were offeerd. Live poultry was in small
demand, but there was not much of it.
The eag market was firm at 37% cents
for candled Gragons. The country is clossly cleaned up and it would take only a day
or two of cold weather to put the market
back to 40 cents.

or two of cold weather to but the back to 40 cents. The demand for cheese has been heavy throughout the week and at the close stocks were very light and prices firm. The butter market was steady at the close. Candillans locally are now more salisfactory and a firmer market from now on can be expected.

DECREASE IN NUMBER OF SHEEP

Weel Clip of Pacific Coast Worth More Than Year Ago.

The census report on the American sheep industry, recently issued, shows that the Pacific States rank third, producing 11-8 per cent of all the wool grown in the United States. The comparative figures for the Pacific di-

Shipment of Pear Trees Condemned. Shipment of Pear trees concemned, a shipment of 2000 pear trees, received from Indiana and consigned to a local nurseryman, was condemned at the depot yesterday by County Fruit Inspector J. E. Stansberry. He found the shipment covered with scale and immediately ordered its destruction. Mr. Stansberry prenounced the

Spy. \$1.25@1.75; Winter Banans, \$2@5; Beliflower, \$1.10@1.35.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Burbanks, \$6.86\color=1.15 per hundred; sweet potatoes, \$2.40@2.50 per crate, \$1.50 per sack, VEGETABLES—Artichokus, Doc per dozen; beans, 10@12\color=0.02 per crate; cubumbers, \$1.25@1.75 per dozen; egg plant, 12\color=0.02 per gound; garlifower, \$1.90\color=0.02 per gound; exitiower, \$1.25@1.75 per dozen; egg plant, 12\color=0.02 per pound; garlifower, \$2.50 per crate; cubumbers, \$2.50 per crate; poppers, \$3\color=0.02 per pound; pound, \$2.50 per pound; \$2.50 per crate; poppers, \$3\color=0.02 per pound; pound, \$2.50 per pound; \$2.50 per pou

Grain, Flour, Feed. Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 81@ \$2c: club, 79c; red Russian, 78c; Valley, 80c; forty-fold, 79@ 80c.
FLOUR—Paients \$4.50 per barrel straights, \$4.05; exports, \$5.50; Valley, \$4.50; exhalm, \$4.65; whole wheat, \$4.53, CORN—Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 per ton. MILISTUFFS—Bran, \$22 per ton; middlings, \$35; shorts, \$34; rolled barley, \$37.038. ORTS-No. 1 white, \$30@30.50 per ton. HAY-No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18 G18.50; No. 1 Valley, \$15@18; alfalfa, \$18 G18; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$12@12. BARLEY-Feed, \$36@37 per ton.

Dairy and Country Produce.

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BUTTER—Oregon creamery butter, solid pack, 35c; prints, extrs; butter fat, le less than solid pack prices.

POULTRY—Hens, 12½c; Springs, 12c; ducks, young, 179;18c; greese, 13c; turkeys, live, 199;20c; dressed, choice, 209;23c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon ran'h, candled, 37½c per dozen; cass-count, 35c per dozen, CHEESE—Fresh Tillamook flats, 179;14;c; Young Americas, 189;18½c

PORK—Fancy, 12½@14c per pound.

Staple Groceries. SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound tails, \$2.25 per dozen; 3-pound tails, \$2.95; 1-pound flats, \$2.40; Alaska pink, 1-pound tails, \$1.35.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 254.640e per nound

HONEY-Choice, \$5.75 per case; strained eney, 10c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, \$15 per ton; halfround, 160s, \$8.50 per ton; 50s, \$9 per ton.

NUTS—Walnuts, 160,16%; per pound; SALT—Gramiated. S15 per ton; half-ground, 160s, \$3.50 per ton; 50s, \$3 per ton; NUTS—Wainuts, 1601655c per pound; Brazil nuts, 14016c; filberts, 14016c; si-monds, 17021c; pecans, 55c; coccanuts, 90c \$51 per dogen; chestnuts, 125c per pound; hickory nuts, 6010c per pound; Asc, 15ma, 75c; pink, 5 dec. alexicans, 5 %c; bayou, 5c.

EICE—No. 1 Japan, 5%c; cheaper grades, 5% 65%c; Southern bead, 5% 67%c; imported imperial, 5%c; imported extra No. 1. 767%c.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, \$6.40; fruit and berry, \$6.40; beet, \$6.20; extra C, \$5.90; powdered, barrels, \$6.65; cubes, barrels, \$6.85.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 14c per pound; apricots. 16@18%c; peaches, 12@14c; prunes Italian, 1946-10%c; sliver, 18c; figs. white and black, 5% 57%c; currants, 10@11c; raisins, pone Muscatel, 6% 57%c; bleached Thompson, 11%c; unbleached Suitanas, 8%c; seeded, 7% 6%%c; dates, Persian, 5%c per lb., Fard, \$1.00 per bex.

Provisions.

HAME—10 to 12 pounds, 15 % 616 %c: 12 to 14 pounds, 15 % 616 %c: 14 to 16 pounds, 15 % 616 %c: 14 to 16 pounds, 15 % 616 %c: 8kinned, 16c: picnics, 11 %c: cottage roll, 14c LARD—Kettle rendered, theres, 13%c; tubs, 12%c; standard, theres, 11%c; tubs, 12%c; shortening, theres, 5%c; tubs, 9c.
BACON—Famoy, 25c; standard, 22c; choice, 25c; English, 16@17c.
DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry, salt, 12%c; smoked, 14c; short clear, dry, salt, 12%c; smoked, 14 %c; short clear, dry, salt, 12%c; smoked, 14%c; short clear, backs, 16 to 20 lbs, dry, salt, 12%c; smoked, 14%c; short clear, backs, 16 to 20 lbs, dry, salt, 12%c; smoked, 16c; Oregon experts, dry, salt, 14%c; smoked, 16c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1911 crop. 41044c; olds, nominal 1812 contracts, 25c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 35@37c; per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 9618c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 156

17c per pound.

PELITS—Dry, 1tc; lambs salted, 65@80c; short-wool poits, 55@75c; butcher pelis, Nov. take-off, 50@50c; Dec. take-off, 90c@41.00.

HIDES—Salted, hides, 10@10½c per pound; salted, calf, 16@10; salted state, 10@10; per pound; salted salted stagt, 5½%7c; green stags, 5½%6c; alted stagt, 5½%7c; green stags, 5½%6c.

CASCASCA—Per pound, 5½%6c. Hops, Wool and Hides.

Linseed Oil and Turpentine. LINSEED OIL.—Pure raw, in barrels, 17c; soiled, in barrels, 19c; raw, in cases, 82c; oiled, in cases, 84c.

TIRDENTINE—Cases, 73c; wood barrels.

PLANSEED OIL MEAL-Per ton, \$44. SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Quoted at the Bay City for Vege tables, Fruits, Etc. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The follow-ing produce prices were current here today: Vegetables—Cucumbers. 1191.15; garlic 2814c; green peas, SS1214c; string beans be124c; tomatoss. 75c@\$1.25; egsplant, 5

98c.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c.
Eggs—Store, 31c; fancy ranch, 38c.
Oulons—\$18 | 1.30.
Cheese—Young America, 15@16c.
Fruit—Apples choice, \$1.25; common, 75c;
Mexican limer, 25.06 4.50; California lemens, choice, \$2.75; common, \$1.35; navel
oranges, \$1.75@1.50; nonexpies, \$1.50.
Potatocs—Oregon Burbanks, nominal; Salinas Burbanks, \$1.00@1.80; river Burbanks,
\$1.01.25; sweets, \$2.25.50.
Miliatuffs—Bran, \$2.50.20.50; middlings,
\$250.26. Milistuffs—Bran, 125.500 20.50; mountage, 152-34. Har—Wheat, \$17-0-22; wheat and oats, \$17-0-20; alfulfs, \$11-0-10.50.

Weol at St. Louis. who strain ago.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 23.—At the beginning of business today the condition of the Treasury was.

Working balance in Treasury of 11.244.504. In banks and Philippine troasury 34.600.224. In banks and Philippine troasury 34.600.224. Total balance in general fund. 120.910.737 Ordinary receipts yesterday. 1.851.241. Ordinary dishursements. 1.851.241. The deficit of date this fiscal year is \$23. The deficit of date this fiscal year is \$23.500.241, and gainst a deficit of \$8.011.700 at this time last year.

These figures exclude Panama Canal and public debt transactions.

Chicago Produce Market.

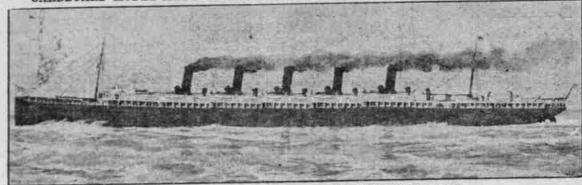
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Butter — steady.
Creameries. 26@30c; daisies. 25@31c.

Egge-Weak. Receipts. 1644 cases; at
mark. cases included, 18@27c; firsts. 23@
25c; prime firsts. 27@25c.

Cheese—Steady. Daisies. 16%@16%c; twins. 16%@16%c; young Americas. 16%@16%c; long horns. 16%@16%c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.-Sterling on

CARDBOARD MODEL MADE OF PROSPECTIVE ACQUISITION TO "BIG THREE" FLEET.



PRICES HOLDING STEADY.

Good Steers Sell at \$5.65 and \$5.90 and Cows at \$4.75-Exchange Will Be Closed Christmas.

Trading at the stockyards came to a close at noon yesterday. There was only a small run and the morning's business was without feature. The exchange will remain closed on Christmas day.

A load of choice steers was moved at \$5.90 and a smaller bunch brought \$5.65. Good cows sold at \$4.75 and buils at \$4. For a load of hogs \$6.20 was paid.

Receipts yesterday were 53 cattle and 175 hogs. 175 hogs.

Nhippers were: Dixon & Hunt, Redmond, cars of cattle; E. C. Lucke, Camby, I car f hogs, and Murray Longhurst, Arco, Idato, I car of hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

Good to choice cows... Choice spayed heifers. Good to choice heifers. Choice bulls... Good to choice bulls... Good to choice calves... Hors...

Good to choice hogs Fair to good hogs Smooth heavy hogs

Sheep-holds yearling wethers. holds killing swes..... 1.75@ 4.25 1.25@ 1.75 4.90@ 5.00 4.75@ 4.90 1.00@ 4.00 ce lambs to choice lambs. Chicago Livestock Market. Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Cartic—Receipts estimated at 300; market, atwady. Bovves, \$4.80 (88.90; Texas steers, \$4.20 (95.75; Western steers, \$4.50 (96.80; stockers and feedors. \$1.25 (85.85; cows and helfers, \$1.00 (96.50; caives, \$8.67.25.

Hogs—Haccipts estimated at 13.000; market, steady to shade higher, Light, \$3.65 (96.15; mixed, \$5.80 (96.36; heavy, \$5.90 (96.30; pigs, \$4.50 (95.70; bulk of sales, \$6.05 (96.30; pigs, \$4.50 (95.70; bulk of sales, \$6.90 (96.30; pigs, \$6.90 (96.30; pigs,

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Sheep—Receipts estimated at 2000; ket, steady. Native, \$2.50@4.10; Western, \$4.75@5.35; insitve, \$4.90.50; Western, \$4.20@6.25. SPOKANE HITS ALL OTHERS Inland Empire City Wants Eastern

State Towns to Change Names.

Explosion Kills Three.

NANAIMO, B. C., Dec. 23.—Three em-ployes of the Bay Works of the Can-adian Explosive Company, Limited, were instantly killed yesterday when an explosion destroyed the mixing-room of the powder plant at Departure Bay. The dead are: Joseph Defries, aged 50; Walter Day, aged 18; T. E. Wilcox, aged 20.

James Leighton received an injury to his ribs and Victor Barnett sustained refractured rib and cuts about the face, Six other employes received cuts from broken glass.

Kidnaped Girl Found.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 25.-Nine years' racoma, Wash. Dec. 25.—Nine years' search for a daughter who was kidnaped by the father was brought to a close today when Mrs. W. V. Kilburn received a cablegram that the missing girl had been located at Auckland. New Zealand. The girl's father, S. Peterson, who stole the child, died there a year

Excess Surplus of New York Banks Is Reduced.

EXPANSION OF DEPOSITS

This Necessitates Heavier Reserve Requirements - Loans Increased Ten Millions During Week. Preparations for Year-End.

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Trust companies' cash reserve in vault, \$82,729,000.
Assregate cash reserve, \$397,532,000.
Assregate cash reserve, \$11,128,300; decrease, \$4,489,100.
Trust sempanies' reserve with clearing-house members carrying 25 per cent cash reserve \$36,837,000.
August of \$4520 banks and trust companies in Grester New York not reporting to the New York Clearing-House: Increase.

*Decrease.

The Financier will say:
Instead of an anticipated gain from \$8,100,000 to \$10,000,000 in cash, the actual
statement of the New York clearing house
banks for the week enting December 23
showed a decrease of \$1,071,000 in
and this, coupled with an expension of
\$29,040,000 in deposits, the latter, of course,
necessitating heavier reserve requirements,
reduced the excess surplus by \$4,885,100,
leaving the present surplus above the 25
per cent minimum requirement, \$11,11,200,
Loans during the week expanded \$10,
281,000. The current statement was complicated largely by local bond underwritings and preparations for the year end sentlements. In addition to this, borrowing
was done in this market. The trust companies in New York, according to
an independent statement at the end of
the week, have strengthened their position,
the cash increase having amounted to over
\$2,500,900, while loans were reduced and reserve on deposits is nearly \$2,000,000 heavier
than at the close of last week.

WOMAN'S VICTIM MAY DIE

Bullet Lodged Near Spine of Man Shot at Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Death probably will be the result of the shooting of Charles Murray by Goldie Bestcott on Front street in Marshfield. Murray is in a critical condition and there is little hope en-tertained for his recovery. The bullet lodged in his spine after passing through his lungs. The physicians say that should he live, he will be paralyzed. Murray refused to make any statement against the woman who

shot him. The woman is in jail and there will probably not be a hearing until after Christmas, as the Prosecuting Attorney was delayed by the Garrison murder

case. Thefts in Medford Numerous.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 23,-(Special.) That there is a modern Fagin in from there is a modern Fagin in add-ford using small boys as tools with which to secure stolen goods, is the opinion of the Medford police. Num-berless thefis of bicycles, scrap iron and berless thefts of bicycles, scrap from and brass have been investigated, and five boys, ranging from 12 to 16 years of age—George Anderson, Frank Collins, Lloyd Walgamont, Gilford Reames and Jib Vickstrum—were taken before Judge Neil and committed to the re-According to the storiform school. According to the stories of the parents, the boys have been the dupes of an older person higher up, presumably a junk dealer or second-hand store man, and an arrest by the olice is momentarily expected. thefts have extended over a period of

Klickitat Values Increase.

HUSUM, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)— The total assessed valuation of all property in Klickitat County upon property in Klickitat County upon which taxes are levied, as reported by Roy Wertz, County Assessor, is \$19,-850,822. The gain over the 1910 assessment is \$1,939,638. The North Bank Hallway Company will pay in 1912 a total county tax of \$112,610.58, which is more than one-third of the revenue raised in the county, the total amount of taxes levied being \$294,363.11. In Klickitat Mounty there are \$135 horses. Klickitat Mounty there are 6135 horse 252 mules, 2938 stock cattle, 1898 milch cows, 34,053 sheep, 7295 hogs, 1260 dozen chickens, 29 automobiles and 235 planes.

SPOKANE. Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Too many Spokane's scattered throughout the country bid fair to lead to interstate compilications.

The Chamber of Commerce has learned that North Carolina, Ohio and Missouri each boasts of a town named Spokane, wherefore, Secretary Maclean declared with emphasis that he would communicate with Senator Poindexter in an effort to have a few of the towns with names similar to this select new names.

In a conversation with a visitor a few weeks ago, Mr. MacLean was informed that the city by the fails had no corner on the name Spokane.

Centralia Wants Meeting.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—In view of the likelihood of the new passenger station in Centralia being completed early in the Summer, the question of securing the Midsummer meeting of the Southwest Washington Development Association for this city, and at the same time dedicating the new station, was considered at a neeting of the local commercial club last night. The next meeting of the development association will be held in development association will be held in femtion is to ask that the following meeting be held in Centralia.

Attorney Sues Centralia. Centralia Wants Meeting.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special)—A suit has been filed in the Superior Court of Lewis County by L. B. DuFonte, a Tacoma attorney, on behalf of J. W. Quick, also a Tacoma attorney, asking judgment against the City of Centralia for \$250 for legal services. Quick defended a suit against the city Quick defended a suit against the city in 1098 and alleges that the bill for his services was not paid.

Fire Threatens Mill.

CENTRALIA. Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Quick work on the part of employees saved the Eastern mill in this city from possible destruction this morning. A fire started near the shingle mill, but was extinguished after \$250 damage had been done. A high wind was blowing.

Miners' Orphans Will Celebrate.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20. A mammeth Christmas tree for the 290 or more children made fatherless by the cross mountain explosion of December 9 was given at Bryceville this afternoon. The gifts, consisting of clothing.

toys and confections, were bought with funds contributed by men, women and children in many states.

Klamath Falls Residents Protest.

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KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 23.—
(Special.)—Some of the residents of the fashionable high school hill district, where many new homes have been built of late, some worth \$6500 and \$7000 each, are complaining bitterly of their lack of fire protection and have indicated to the City Council that if there are not more available fire hydrants, payment of taxation may be resisted in the courts. A small fire was discovered there a few nights ago and the residents put it out themselves without sending for the fire department, believing they could extinguish it quicker than the department, owing to the remote location of the nearest hydrant. The residents say they are not given fire protestion equal to that afforded people who live in other parts of the city where the neighborhood dwellings represent a much smaller indwellings represent a much smaller in-vestment.

Store Burns at Scotts Mills.

SCOTTS MILLS, Or., Dec. 23,- (Special.)—Fire destroyed the general mer-chandles store of B. C. De Long at the corner of Grand avenue and Second street tenight. The building was a street tonight. The building was a two-story frame structure and the upper floor was occupied by the Oddfellows, Rebekahs, Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors as lodge rooms. The equipment of all of these orders was destroyed. The building was owned by John Scott, of this city, and the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Widower Sues Railway.

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Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)

—Paul J. Morette, widower and administrator of the estate of the late Mary Morette, killed at Timber, December 7, by a train on the Pacific Railway & Navigation track, in the townsite of Timber, has brought suit against the company for \$7500 damages. The complainant alleges that pedestrians were in the habit of walking along the right of way, and that Mrs. Morette had no warning of the approach of the train which backed over her two car lengths, causing her death within a few minutes after she was struck. Morette alleges no lights were displayed, no bell rung, nor whistle blown. The accident took place after dark, when the Morette woman, with a companion, was return woman, with a companion, was return-ing home from a visit to the settle-ment.

Big Power Plant Work Started.

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HUSUM, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—
Cook and bunk houses are being erected by the Northwestern Electric Company, near the site where their big power plant is to be installed on the White Salmon River, four miles below here. Work on the high dam is being done under the supervision of Frank Walsh, of the firm of Newell, Gossett & Walsh, Great Northern engineers, with offices in Portland. All material and supplies for the construction of the large plant are hauled by team from Underwood. A crew worked last Sunday in rushing to completion the different buildings required on the site for the big dam. for the big dam

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