CORVALLIS, BENTON COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1897.

# CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

**FERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES** 

An Interesting Collection of Items From the New and the Old World In a Condensed and Comprehensive Form While skating on the ice near Gardner, Miss., three young people sudden-

could reach them were drowned. At Tonawanda, N. Y., while a party were skating, the ice gave way and precipitated four young people into the

water. Three of them were drowned. China approves of the Russian fleet wintering at Port Arthur, being per sunded that this action is taken in the interest of China, and necessitated by

the German occupation of Kiao Chou. General Blanco reports to Madrid traffic. that negotiations with several influenfavorably; that he hopes to detach from the rebellion important forces which are willing to accept autonomy.

A rate war is on between the various The Dalles. A reduction of fare from The Dalles to Portland is the result. by the public since the opposition line was put on, some two months ago.

The statement of the collections of the internal revenue show that for the month of November last the receipts amounted to \$13,959,296, an increase as compared with November last year, of \$1,257,927. For the last five months, however, there is shown to have been a decrease of \$5,912.

F. M. Gideon, the clerk of the general land office, who was referred to by Thomas Reddington in the testimony before the senate Pacific railroad committee, Saturday, as having changed the land-office records so as to throw 5,000,000 acres of government land to the Southern Pacific, has made a clear denial of the charge.

A dispatch from Christiania, Norway, to the London Chronicle, says the political situation, since the failure of has become critical, and it is feared armed intervention in Norway. The dispatch adds that the Swedish press not duly exported. The articles hopes for assistance from Emperor

house. The committee expects to have to the revenue. He further says: a measure framed by the time congress reconvenes. Its members are opposed to the present law as including too

A freight train of 21 loaded cars, consequence of the slippery condition ties.' of the tracks, making the 12 miles from Galltiz into Altcona in as many minutes and crashing into a freight train directly in front of the passenger station. About 50 cars were completely broken up, and the Holidaysburg passenger train, which was standing on the track near the passenger shed, was thrown over on its side. Three of the train crew were fatally in-

An effort is on foot to reduce the production of cotton.

which goes \$4 to the pan.

Mormons have secured 3,000,000 acres of land in Mexico for a colony. John Cross, of Cove, Or., was arrested for having counterfeit money in his

and two children at Aschie, Mo, in 1891, and who was recently arrested in Oregon, where he married again, was sentenced in Harrisonville, Mo., to be

hanged on February 4. About 100 wholesale druggists from conference in Chicago for the purpose a scheme to the Nebraska irrigation sold by the department stores, as well rose. A one thousand seven hundredas by many retail druggists, and to take mile canal from Montana to Texas is witness to the crime is now there. The

changed in any of its custom features irrigation congress. The purpose of Company, where Doggett worked, on at the present session of congress. A general understanding to this effect of waters of the Missouri and Missis- other man shove him into a mixing can members of the ways and means wanted. The canal would tap the swept by flanges moving at high speed. committee, who feel that it is most desirable to avoid what is generally and empty into Red river in Texas. the factory vat is known, but a coroknown as tariff tinkering.

The subcommittee of the senate committee on Indian affairs, appointed to consider the problems, presented in Indian territory have practically decided fit of the various tribes as such.

A Birmingham, Ala., dispatch says: Company and the Sloss Iron & Steel a wave and carried back on board Company have shipped 5,000 tons of again. Alabama pig iron to Pensacola, from whence it will be forwarded to Kobe

The work of collecting salmon eggs at the California fish commission hatchery on the Sacramento river at passenger steamers, the Iowa, of the Anderson has just closed. The result Goodrich Transportation line, and the of the season's operations are the most Petoskey, of the Huron line, collided remarkable on record. Forty-eight and off Kenosha this morning. The Petosa half million eggs were collected. key was bound for this city and the This exceeds the previous record by Iowa for Chicago. The extent of the 22,000,000 and is 28,000,000 more damage is not known, but was not serithan were collected at all the other ous enough to prevent the steamers' hatcheries on the coast this year. These completing their trips. eggs will be hatched and the fry planted in the waters of the state, with the exception of 3,000,000 that will be sent between husband and wife-not even to Oregon and 6,000,000 that go to the New England states.

# BONDING MINERS' OUTFITS.

Canadian Customs Commissioner Gives Out Regulations.

Washington, Dec. 22 .- A response sioner of customs, requesting information as to the bonding of miners' outfits through Canadian territory on the The commissioner says that the following regulations have been prepared to meet the case:

Imported goods, as above described, shall be reported to the Canadian custom-house at Tagish, and may be entered for exportation there in the usual ly broke through, and before assistance form, "in transit," in duplicate. The goods may then be delivered without payment of duty to be carried to their destination out of Canada by any transportation company which has duly executed a bond in the form prescribed by the minister of customs for the due and faithful delivery of all packages carried by such company and for the general compliance with the customs laws and regulations governing such Chou affair.

tial insurgent leaders are progressing duly signed and marked with the proper of the Chinese court have advised the customs stamp, shall accompany each emperor, in view of further complicashipment of goods conveyed by a bond- tions, to remove the court to Nanking ed carrier, so that the same may be re- (the southern capital). The dispatch turned to the custom-house at Fort says it is reported that overtures have river transportation lines running to Cudahy with a certificate thereon as to been made to England to exercise prothe landing of the goods in the United tection over the Yang-tse valley and States, or of their having passed out- the West river, and that numerous ru-This cut in rates has been looked for ward from Canada, within six months more are current regarding the activity from the date of the entry.

If the goods, when entered in transit waters. for exportation, are not delivered to be The Times, commenting editorially forwarded by a bonded carrier, as pro- on the situation in China, says: vided in the last proceeding section, the duty thereon is to be deposited with of an officer of the United States, or of Chausan." the Canadian customs, that the said goods have been landed in the United is to be indorsed on the entry and certified by the customs officer in charge, and the duplicate of the entry, duty cermaking the deposit.

A report of such entry in transit decided upon. shall be forwarded by mail without deing port to the collector of customs at ties on the goods entered in transit and hitherto so kindly afforded."

"Responsible transportation comsaveyance of goods over the Chilkoot gerirer. Curiously and other passes down the Yukon river William visited the Russian ambassaand its tributaries, in which case dor Friday night on his return from traveling down the mountain to Al- United States goods may go forward Kiel, ostensibly to congratulate him toona, Pa., became unmanageable in into Alaska without payment of du- on the name-day of Emperor Nicholas.

# and the State of Texas.

Chicago, Dec. 22.-A special to the Chronicle from Fort Worth, Tex., says: The state of Texas and the United States government are in conflict over a piece of ground on the east end of Galveston island, on which is located the state quarantine station and which has been taken possession of by the federal authorities, who intend erecting Gold has been discovered at Skagway a torpedo station thereon

The United States claims it under the terms of the Texas annexation treaty, which requires the ceding to the government by the republic of Texas of all lands used for the purpose of military defenses or upon which fortifications were standing. The state will dispute the claim on the ground that there were no available fortifications in existence on the ground in controversy at the time the treaty was made.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 22.-Governor the cities of the Central West held a Leedy announces that he will present 28 last and literally cut to pieces. of considering the cut rates at which convention which, if carried out, will drugs and patent medicines are being cause the arid plains to blossom as the ceived a letter from her mother in Iresteps to stop the practice if possible. | the startling proposition to be formally letter sets forth that this witness was The Dingley tariff law will not be made by Governor beedy to the coming in the factory of the New York Biscuit The governor maintains incidentally that the cost would be only \$360,000,-000.

San Francisco, Dec. 22. - The to recommend amendments to the pres- schooner Mayflower, Captain Olsen, arent law, providing for the apportion- rived today, 15 days from the Coquille ment of all the lands held by the five river. The vessel had 112,000 feet of civilized tribes among the members of lumber as a cargo when she started, but these tribes, and asio an amendment when she reached here she was 10,000 providing that all valid leases shall be feet short of that amount. From Derecognized by the government of the cember 3 to 14 inclusive, heavy gales United States, and the money paid on were encountered, the seas washing account of them covered into the treas- completely over the schooner. It was ury of the United States for the bene. during an unusually heavy gale that the lumber was washed away. A seaman was at one time carried over the The Tennessee Coal & Iron Railroad side of the schooner, but was caught by

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 22.-Noand Yokohama, Japan. A trial ship- tices of a 10 per cent reduction in ment of Alabama iron made to Japan wages on January 1 have been posted several months ago gave such satisfac- in the Amore. Stark and Jefferson cottion that extensive orders are result- ton mills, in this city. The Amoskeag to the track. Three cars passed over day. The committee has been very ing, this shipment being the first of a mills, employing 9,000 operatives, series. Japan heretofore was supplied posted similar notices last week. The by European furnaces, but Alabama Amore, Stark and Jefferson mills employ 11,000 operatives.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 21.-The big

There's is no kissing in Japan except between a mother and child; no shaking of hands in salutation.

has been received to a recent letter from Secretary Gage to the commiswith China's Consent.

With China's Consent. With China's Consent.

The Czar's Move Is Looked Upon in tion-They May Come Together.

London, Dec. 21.-The correspond-China approves of the Russian fleet wintering at Port Arthur, being per- at once. suaded that this action is taken in the interest of China, and necessitated by the German occupation of Kiao Chou. A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia cannot fail to provoke popu-

According to a dispatch to the Daily A duplicate of the entry in transit, Mail from Shanghai, the high officials

"Instead of the kaiser's mailed fist, we have Russia's bent glove, but the the customs officer at Lake Tagish, grasp in not less vigorous and unyieldsubject to a refund of same at the port ing. Great Britain ought now courof Fort Cudahy, when the goods pass teously to invite China to extend the outward thereat, or upon the certificate same privileges to the British fleet at

Telegrams from all Continental capitals show that Russia's step at Port States within six months from the date Arthur is regarded as tantamount to a of entry. The duty deposited on such permanent occupation, and a reply to Germany's action.

A well-informed St. Petersburg correspondent says there was no agreement tified and marked with the customs between Russia and Germany, and the stamp, is to be delivered to the person latter simply warned Russia when the occupation of Kiao Chou was already

The Novoe Vremaya pretends that the united committee on foreign affairs, lay by the customs officers at the send- Japan has no cause for complaint, "since China is only giving the same that Sweden will seek an occasion for Fort Cudahy, for the collection of du-shelter to Russian ships as Japan had

This view is not held in Berlin, ususally classified as travelers' baggage where the papers are already talking of are to be passed free, without entry. the possiblity of Prince Henry having The committee appointed at the Commissioner McDougall, in a letter to shake his mailed fist at Japan, which house civil service conference 10 days accompanying these regulations, says is supposed to be secretly backed by house civil service conference to days accompanying these regulations, says as accompanying these regulations, says as accompanying these regulations, says accompanying the same acc the various bills pending before the in question, compatible with security come the news from Port Arthur as Chou, if not as actual evidence that The visit lasted one hour. There is no doubt now that the emperor and am-

bassador discussed Chinese affairs The Paris papers, without pretend ing to be deceived by Russia's innocent explanations, are pleased with the action of the ally of France.

The burden of Viennese comment is, what will England do? The British fleet now in Chinese waters consists of one iron-clad, nine cruisers and 18 smaller men-of-war.

### A HORRIBLE MURDER.

Baker Was Pushed Into a Mixing Va

and Cut to Pieces. New York, Dec. 21.-The Herald says: Circumstances pointing to a murder of unusual horror were recently brought to the attention of District Attorney Olcott and Captain McCluskey, of the detective bureau, the alleged victim in the case having been Peter Doggett, 30 years old, who, if his relatives are correct in their stories, was thrown into a dough-mixing vat at 427 West Fifteenth street on August Doggett's sister, the police have been told by her and her lawyer, has reland, in which the writer says the only the canal would be to divert the flood the morning of August 28, and saw anner's jury on November 15 decided that his death was due to an accident. The latter, which is now in the hands man, Doggett was pushed into the vat arrested.

### Rat Poison in Their Coffee.

Elk City, Kan., Dec. 21.-John Strauss is dead, his two sons are dying have been sanguinary conflicts at sevand Mr. Reed and his daughter are oritically ill from drinking coffee into few days between Czechs and German which rat poison had been dropped ac-soldiers. Twenty-five men have been cidentally. The unfortunates were seriously wounded. The authorities participants in a social at the Strauss confiscated the Czech newspapers that

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 21.-Arthur ground under the wheels of the car at him the head and arm being severed

Death Under the Rails.

Engine Jumped From an Incline.

ago from Illinois.

St. Louis, Dec. 21 .- While piloting heavy freight train up the Merchants' bridge incline today, an engine of the Terminal railroad jumped the track and plunged to the ground below. Fireman A. Pensonger was instantly killed; Engineer J. H. McCullough was dashed head first through the cab window and badly injured, and W. N. Cobb, yard agent, had several ribs broken, in addition to receiving other injuries. Pensonger was crushed into from Buenos Ayres for Liverpool, an unrecognizable mass under the engine. He leaves a widow.

Corvallis

Chicago, Dec. 22 .- The Times-Herald

leave the National Guard at once. This was the unanimous decision reached by the delegates at their weekroute from Juneau by way of the Chil-koot pass and the Yukon river to Circle consistently serve in the militia and incur the risk of being called out to Europe as a Reply to Germany's Ac- shoot down fellow trades unionists who were on a strike for the betterment of their condition. So, every unionist who is now a member of the ent of the Times at Peking says: National Guard will be required to secure a discharge from military service

> Delegate P. J. Hassett started it all with a motion to compei trades unionists to leave the National Guard. An amendment by McPhee was offered to have every workman enlist and .learn how to handle a gun. This was lost, lar indignation in Japan, where public and a less warlike substitute was opinion is already excited over the Kiao offered by Delegate B. P. Williams, 'that a request be made to all union men now in the militia to get out of the service." A second motion was offered by Delegate Williams and passed, urging all union men who are not members of the militia to refrain from enlisting. General Miles' suggestion of guns for the postoffice was enounced as a shadow of coming events. The tocsin was sounded that capital was organizing and that labor should be prepared. The delegates of the British squadron in Chinese later declared their opposition to the creation of the proposed new cabinet position of secretary of commerce and industry. The adverse report of the committee to which the subject had

been referred was sustained. A motion was passed favoring the creation of a cabinet department of la-

Reports from Nashville indicating the triumph of a movement for an eight-hour working day evoked much

### A STEAMER ROBBED.

Strong Room of the City of Washington Burglarized

New York, Dec. 22 .- The World says: The Ward liner City of Washington, that salled from Vera Cruz December 1, has arrived in this port, carrying in her strong room \$600,000 in Mexican coin. This was not an unusually large shipment of treasure for the Ward line to handle, and no one in

authority dreamed of danger. Nevertheless, during the voyage the strong room, built to withstand the attacks of almost everything but dynamite, and located so as to be under constant observation, was broken into.

"Responsible transportation com-panies will be soon in operation for the Russia and Germany are acting to the matter quiet, so that the strong force of detectives put upon the case by the company might work to the best

advantage. A. G. Smith, the company's secretary, admitted that the robbery had

TO USE PNEUMATIC TUBES.

been attempted.

Proposed Innovation for the Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 22.-Pneumatic tubes for the mail service of Chicago will be in operation between the depots, substations and the general office before long. This is the word Postmaster Gordon brought with him from Washington. After a month's absence in the East, Mr. Gordon arrived in Chicago last evening, after having conferred with Senator Mason, Congressman Foss

and President McKinley. In addition to the tubes, Mr. Gordon will also establish a special delivery service, which he promises will be a great help to the business men of this

Mr. Gordon investigated the pneumatic tubes in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. He was much pleased with their operation.

Mr. Gordon is sure the corner-stor of the new postoffice building will be laid either July 4, or October 9. If the latter date is chosen, the famous society of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston will attend, as well as President McKinley, Postmaster-General Gary and Secretary Gage, who will lay the corner-stone,

The Fighting Germans. Berlin, Dec. 22 .- The Arbiter Zeitung reports an unprovoked attack by has been reached among the Republi- sippi valleys and let them down when machine, the bottom of which was a party of officers, including Chevalier d'Ansel and Lieutenant Witschin, on Missouri river at Milk river in Montana That Doggett was ground to pieces in a number of civilians in the Cafe Raphael, at Krems, Austria, Three civilians were badly wounded with swords before the police stopped the fray. When asked to pay the bill, of the district attorney, alleges that Lieutenant d'Ansel struck the waiter during a quarrel with another work- with his sword. The officers were not

Czechs and Soldiers Fighting.

London, Dec. 22 .- A dispatch from Vienna to the Telegraph reports there eral barracks in Prague during the last

committee of citizens that has been so-Eckhardt, a brakeman on the Mesa lo- liciting funds for the purpose of sendcal train of the Maricopa & Phoenix ing two representatives to Washington railway, was killed last night by being to look after Walla Walla's interests in the matter of the alleged report re-Tempe. He was standing on a box car garding the abandonment of Fort Walla at the end of a backing train, and fell Walla will complete its labors Monsuccessful, and has secured sufficient from the body. Eckhardt was 24 years 'money to defray the necsesary expenses. old, and came to Arizona four years The delegates will probably leave for Washington after the holidays. A Smart Fool.

Stroudburg, Pa., Dec. 22.-T. C. Beatty, formerly secretary of the A. P. A., and a prominent lawyer of the Middle West, and his son Edward, were taken today to Philadelphia to serve 15 months in the penitentiary. Before he left, Beatty wrote an account of his life, which he headed, "Life Experience of a Smart Fool.'

London, Dec. 21 .- In an explosion aboard the steamer Southern Cross, which arrived today, several persons were killed or wounded.

Colonel Ruiz, a Spaniard, Neglected a Warning.

WAS WELL LIKED IN HAVANA far escaped attention. This is an abso-

The Penalty for Carrying a Proposition for Surrender Into a Cuban Camp-Two Filibustering Expeditions Land.

New York, Dec. 20 .- A Herald dispatch from Havana says: Much anxiety is felt for the safety of Lieutenant-Colonel Joaquin Ruiz, aide-de-camp to General Blanco, who, it is said, has met death as the penalty for bearing a generally supposed that its only purproposition for surrender to a rebel camp. It seems that Colonel Ruiz is a personal friend of Colonel Aranguen, who was employed by him before the war, when Colonel Ruiz was engineer in charge of the Vento water works. Recently, under orders from General

Blanco, Colonel Ruiz opened correspondence with Colonel Aranguen, with the object of arranging an interview. Colonel Aranguen wrote that he would meet the colonel if the latter only desired to talk on personal affairs, to which the colonel replied that he wished to talk about political matters. Colonel Aranguen wrote that he would absolutely refuse to receive him on these condition, and called his attention earnestly to General Gomez' order that all persons entering insurgent camps to offer terms of surrender should be put to death. He assured States.' Colonel Ruiz that he was prepared to carry out Gomez' orders to the letter, and that while he esteemed him highly as an old friend, he would hang him if he neglected the warning.

In spite of this, Colonel Ruiz started alone on Sunday for Colonel Aranguen's camp, deterimned to rick all in the attempt. On leaving he said if he had not returned by Tuesday night he might be given up as dead. So far nothing has been heard of him, and there is little room for doubt that the insurgent leader has put his threat

into execution. If this be true, much regret will be felt even in Cuban circles in Havana, where Colonel Ruiz was well known as a gallant soldier and an accomplished gentleman, but it is pointed out that his death will have a good effect as showing the indomitable spirit animat-

ing the insurgent leaders. Major Fernandez, better known as Pitore, the insurgent leader, who, according to official reports, was slain in combat with Spanish troops, was really adian territory. The resolution fur- and amended the resolution by approkilled while ill and helpless awaiting ther provides that the supplies may be an opportunity to surrender to Thomas Garcia, recently autonomist alcalde of may be fixed by the secretary of war, or Guines, an old friend. Pitore being donated to those unable to pay for transporation and distribution, the condangerously ill, applied to him to arrange terms for his surrender. (Barcia caused him to be taken to the Cancio and arranged to have a detail of Spanish troops sent to bring him to the hospital in the town. Instead the troops went to the country and butchered the man. Senor Garcia is infuriated at this breach of faith, and has declared his intention of coming to Havana to lay the matter before General Blanco and demand the punishment of the officer responsible for the murder.

The battle of Guisa appears now to have been a more important insurgent success than was at first supposed. Advices received by the junta state that the insurgents captured 270 Mausers. 220,000 cartridges and 116 prisoners. General Calixoto Garcia has sent word lease the prisoners under solemn pledge signed by General Blanco that they will be sent back to Spain. He complains that after the capture of Las off and opened the switch. The train passes to Dawson. Tunas the prisoners released on parole were sent back to the ranks.

The insurgents in Santa Clara province have more than 6,000 men well armed, and are confident of ultimate success. They are also well provisioned with medicine and other necessaries. General Gomez is at La Reforma,

where he has been for nearly a year. Within the last four days two large filibustering expeditions have safely reached Cuba, one landing in Matanzas province and the other at Baracoa, only five leagues from Havana. They brought clothing, medicines and dynamite. The rebels are now using large ble, the commission appointed by Govquantities of dynamite with considerble effect.

the east against General Garcia, has asked for reinforcements, which have been sent, several battalions being withdrawn from Pinar del Rio.

General Bernai has started across Pinar del Rio to Cape Antonio, where a large body of rebels is congregated. Reports from Guira de Melena state that the rebels fired on the town almost

every night. Rebels under Colonel Colazzo and General Rodriguez surrounded a Spanish column yesterday at the Carmen estate, Havana province. Spanish reinforcements arrived from Guines and a fierce engagement occurred. The detalis are suppressed, but the loss is admitted to be heavy on both sides. Another engagement is reported to have occurred December 14 near Guira

onel Arango's forces. New York, Dec. 20 .- The Herald correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that the government authorities have seized a letter written by Vice-President Peirera which proves beyond doubt that he was at the head of the revolutionary movement which led to the recent attempted assassination of President Moraes. Brazilian authorities still have cause to fear a revolution, and

the government has requested Uruguay

to prevent the gathering of revolution-

ary groups along her frontier.

de Melena between Morroto and Col-

A Fatal Collision. Clinton, Ind., Dec. 20.-Tran No. 3, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, which left Chicago at 11:30 last night, ran into an extra here this morning. Three employes were killed and half a dozen others injured, but no passengers freight train, and smashing the locowere hurt. Both engines were badly motive and many of the freight cars. wrecked, the baggage car was thrown down an embankment, and the mail

It is stated that the right hand, which is more sensitive to the touch than the left, is less sensitive than the latter to the effect of heat and cold.

# NO MORE SEALSKINS.

Important Clause in the Bill That Has

Washington, Dec. 21.-It has been lagic sealing which has just passed both branches of congress, and is before the president, contains a provision of far-reaching character which has thus lute prohibition of the bringing of sealskins into the United States. As the United States is the largest market in the world for sealskins this complete stoppage of the trade in this country will be a severe measure against the British and Canadian industries which take and cure the skins and then dispose of them largely in the United States.

When the bill was proposed it was pose was to prohibit American citizens from carrying on pelagic sealing. This feature was the only one to attract attention during the discussions. At the adoption of the bill, however, a section was discoverd which was not restricted to Americans, but applies to sealskins in general, "taken in the waters mentioned in this act," which include the whole Pacific ocean. The provisions is as follows:

the United States by any person what- unable to pay for them. It empowers soever of fur sealskins, taken in waters him to purchase reindeer and employ mentioned in this act, whether raw. dressed, dyed or manufactured, is States, and allows him to dispose of hereby prohibited, and all such articles imported after this act shall take effect shall not be permitted to be exported, but shall be seized and destroyed by the proper officers of . the United

Those who are thoroughly familiar with the bill say this provision is of far more importance in its effect than the prohibition against pelagic sealing

RELIEF BILL SIGNED.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars to Aid Starving Yukoners. Washington, Dec. 21.-Both houses

of congress today passed the joint resolution for the relief of miners in the Yukon valley, Alaska, and in a short time it had received the signature of the president. The bill appropriates \$200,000, to be expended under direction of the secre-

tary of war in the purchase of supplies for the relief of the people in the Yukon country or other mining regions of Alaska, and for the transportation and distribution of such supplies, provided that, if the consent of the Canadian government be obtained, the secretary of war may extend the relief into Cansold in that region at such prices as ized to use the United States army in to be obtained to pass over Canadian America, 121/2c; California, 9@10c carrying into effect the provisions of territory. The resolution further pro- per pound. for the transportation of supplies, and to adopt such other provisions as are practicable. The secretary is directed, when the work shall have been completed, to sell the reindeer or turn them over to the secretary of the interior, in his discretion, and to make a detailed report to congress at the beginning of the next session of such disbursements made and results accom-

plished under the act. A Northwestern Wreck. Vail, Ia., Dec. 21.-The overland catch struck the switch lever, broke it how supplies can be sent across the was going at the rate of 60 miles an hour The engine and mail car remained on the track, but the buffet car, two sleepers and two coaches were completely overturned on the prairie. Everybody on board was knocked about considerably, and many were scratched and bruised, but no person was killed or apparently seriously injured. A wrecking train was sent to the wreck, and within a short time the passengers

were on their way to Omaha. Denver, Dec. 21 -D. C. Beaman, Josiah Walbridge and Charles E. No ernor Adams to investigate the recent Indian troubles in the vicinity of Lity General Pando, who is operating in Park, filed their report with the gov ernor this afternoon. The report is an almost complete vindication of the game wardens, and shows that the Indians were alone responsible for the bloody conflict in Routt county last month, in which several of their num-

ber were killed. Boston, Dec. 21 .- A prominent German-American merchant of this city has received a private cipher cable from German capitalists advising him unanimous consent for the considerato sell out all his holdings in Boston tion of the bill passed by the senate immediately. It is rumored that the cable disclosed a startling coup planned by Germany, and exposed the secret explained its scope and purposes and destination of the mysterious German the necessity for its enactment. fleet. According to the dispatch, the fleet is really being sent to threaten be placed on the operation of the act, the United States, and secure absolute supremacy of the Pacific by seizure of Britain should collapse, our citizens Hawaii and Samoa.

Earthquake in Italy. shocks lasting twelve seconds were felt argued that the effect of this bill and this morning. In central Italy the the negotiations now being conducted walls of houses split, many chimneys would be the bolstering up of two great fell, bells rang and a panic prevailed among the inhabitants. New York, Dec. 21.-While Mrs.

stove. An explosion followed, and the woman was so badly burned that she Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 21 .- A Southern Pacific engine, running full speed down the Dragoon mountain east of double-header freight, killing instantly Engineer W. J. Patterson, of the

Repton, Ala., Dec. 21.-Last night n the Bear creek logging road, a locomotive exploded, killing the engineer, John O'Connor; the fireman, Jack American hickory as wagon-material Clipper, and two trainmen, John John is better suited than any other wood for son and Henry Vickery.

# AID FOR STARVING MINERS

developed that the bill relating to pe- Both Houses Vote for Relief Appropriations.

VOTE ALMOST UNANIMOUS

House Bill Appropriates \$175,000 and the Senate Bill \$250,000-Secretary of War Given Full Control.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Congress has

nceded the petition of Portland, Or., for an appropriation for transportation of supplies to the starving Klondikers. The bill which passed the house appropriates \$175,000, and the senate resolution \$250,000. It will be necessary before either becomes a law, for congress to get together on a common basis. The house bill encountered practical-

ly no opposition. As passed, the sum carried by it is to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war for the purchase, transporation and distribution of subsistence stores. It provides that these subsistence stores may be sold at prices fixed by the secretary Section 9. That the importation into of war, or donated where the people are drivers not citizens of the United the reindeer.

Represenative Cannon brought forward the bill, and Sayers and Bailey spoke in favor of it. Cannon submitted to the house a statement prepared by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, one of the agents of the commissioner of education, who was in the region as late as September 15, that there would be no suffering as far up the river as Fort Yukon, but that the food supply on the Upper Yukon would not last beyond March, and he indorsed the recommendation of the secretary of war that food be sent in by reindeer via Dyea.

Cannon said: "Whether these miners are in American or British territory, whether they are American or British subjects, if they are starving, it does not become the American congress to hesitate about voting them relief."

The bill was passed without division, although there were scattering noes when the speaker called for the nega-

Secretary Alger was on the floor during the debate. Hawley, of the military affairs committee, reported to the senate the Mc-Bride relief resolution. The committee priating \$250,000, which is to be used by the secretary of war for the purchase of subsistence and supplies and for their fair to good, 45@50c; dairy, 40@50c sent of the Canadian government first vided that the supplies are to be distributed among the needy miners as the 2.25 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; secretary of war may determine, and that the supplies are to be transported by means of reindeer, the reindeer to

be sold after they have performed their Hawley asked for immediate consideration of the resolution, and it was

adopted. Secretary Alger, in anticipation of immediate action by congress, has begun to prepare plans for carrying out | Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20 the intent of the bill. To this end, this afternoon he sent a telegram to limited on the Chicago & Northwest- General Merriam, commanding the deern, which left Chicago last night, ran partment of the Columbia, at Van- 5c; spring lambs, 51/2c per pound. into an open switch near here at 6 couver barracks, directing him to send to General Pando that he will only re- o'clock this morning. The mail-catch, two or three competent officers of the it seems, flew out of the mail coach, army to Dyea and vicinity to recoonwhich was next to the engine. The noiter and report to the department

Sent to the Senate. Washington, Dec. 18.-The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Joseph McKenna, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, to be controller of

the currency.

The Day in Congress. Washington, Dec. 18.-In the senate today, Pritchard, chairman of the civil service investigating committee, delivered a brief speech upon the execution of the civil service law, as developed by his committee.

Frye, of the committee on commerce, favorably reported and the senate passed a bill directing the secretary of the treasury to purchase or construct a 7c; pork, 7c; yeal, small, 7. suitable boat for the revenue service on the Yukon, to cost not to exceed \$40,-

Cannon of Utah offered and had passed a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to furnish the senate information regarding filibustering off the coast of Florida

In the House In the house Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, secured yesterday to prohibit pelagic sealing by citizens of the United States. He

Hopkins thought a time limit should so that in case negotiations with Great

should not be at a disadvantage. Johnson made a vigorous speech of Rome, Dec. 21.-Strong earthquake an hour in opposition to the bill. He British industries, one in Behring sea and the other in London. The present herd was not worth protecting. The purpose was to build up a new herd. Margaret Spencer was cooking on an oil stove tonight, her pet dog upset the He declared that Canada would only be too willing to join with us in prohibiting pelagic sealing on condition that we should allow her to write our tariff laws. He was particularly sarcastic in his reference to John W. Foster, the "great surrenderer."

Italy Will Act Different. Rome, Dec. 17 .- It was semi-official-Benson today, came in collision with a ly announced today that the Italian government never thought of sending

The difference between the tallest and shortest races in the world is one foot four and a half inches, and the average height is five feet five and a half

moist tropical climates.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

[Office of Downing, Hopkins & Co., Chicago Board of Trade Brokers, 711-714 Chamber of Com-merce Building, Portland, Oregon.]

NO. 41.

The Chicago wheat market is in an unusual condition. During last week December wheat sold at premium of from 3 to 12c, over cash wheat at New York, Baltimore, St. Louis, Toldeo, Duluth and other points. At one time the premium at Duluth was 15. With such premiums is it a wonder that men like Armour and Weare should take the risk of selling December and buying the cash wheat in the Northwest when the cost of getting it here from Minneapolis by rail is not over 7c to 8c? They not only get the profit in the difference, but also run the risk of the bulls changing their minds and leaving the wheat here, or at least a good part of the 5,000,000 bushels that will be here by the end of the month. They know that there is a good prospect of a large milling demand before another crop is harvested. This will give them a chance to secure fancy premiums for all the good millling wheat they may have on hand the same as last spring. In addition they get the storage. They believe in merchandising wheat the same as any other article, and when a profit presents itself they are not slow to get into the territory tributary to other markets and take the wheat away from them. There never has been such a chance in years, and they have taken advantage of it and run the risk of the wheat grading. Not only has the bulge brought in free offerings from the Northwest, where over 1,000,000 bushels have been bought within a week, but it has stimulated holders in the winter wheat country to send their wheat wheat here. The howling about the grading made them timid about risking December sales, and last week brought out offers of

in the country. This will place a larger quantity in the visible supply and give the bulls a chance to see what there actually is and enable them to make better

more wheat than was supposed to be

plans for the future.

Portland Market. Wheat-Walla Walla, 74@75c; Valley and Bluestem, 77@78c per bushel. Four-Best grades, \$4.25; graham, \$3.40; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 35@36c; choice

gray, 33@34c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstiffs-Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$18. Hay-Timothy, \$12.50@13; clover,

\$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do struck out all but the enacting clause, oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per Eggs-18@25c per dozen. Butter-Fancy creamery, 55@60c;

> per roll. Cheese — Oregon. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$1.75@. geese, \$5.50@6.50; ducks, \$4.00@5.00

per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per pound. Potatoes-Oregon Burbanks, 35@45c per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cental.

Onions-Oregon, new, red, 90c; yellow, 80c per cental. Hops-5@14c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c. Wool-Valley, 14@16c per pound;

@22c per pound. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes. \$3.50; dressed mutton, Hogs-Gross, choice heavy \$4 00: light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed,

\$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.25; dressed beef, 4@51/2c per pound. Veal-Large, 41/2 @5c; small, 51/2 @

6c per pound. Seattle Market. Butter - Fancy native creamery, brick, 28c; ranch, 16@18c. Cheese-Native Washington, 12 1/6 c.

California, 91/2c. Eggs-Fresh ranch, 28c. Poultry-Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@ 3 00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat-Feed wheat, \$22 per ton.

Oats-Choice, per ton, \$19@20. Corn-Whole, \$22; cracked, per ton, \$22; feed meal, \$22 per ton. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton \$22; whole, \$22. Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beef

steers, 6c; cows, 5 1/2c; mutton sheep, Fresh Fish-Halibut, 5@6c; salmon 3c: salmon trout, 7@10c: flounders and sole, 3@4; ling cod, 4@5; rock cod. 5c; smelt, 216@4c.

box; peaches, 75@80c; prunes, 35@40c; pears, 75c@\$1 per box. San Francisco Market. Wool-Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12 @14c; Northern 7@8c per pound.

Hops-10@14c per pound.

Fresh Fruit-Apples, 50c@\$1.25 per

Millstuffs-Middlings, \$20@23; Cal ifornia bran, \$17.00@18.00 per ton. Onions-New red, 70@80c; do new silverskin, \$1.90@2.00 per cental. Eggs-Store, 22@23c; ranch, 27@ 30c; Eastern, 14@19; duck, 20@25c per

Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencias \$1.50@3.00; Mexican limes, \$2.00@ 3.00; California lemons, choice, \$1.75 @2.25; do common, 50c@\$1 per box. Cheese-Fancy mild, new, 121/2c; fair

to good, 7@8c per pound.. Hay-Wheat, 12@14; wheat and oat, \$11@14; oat, \$10@12; river barley, \$7@8; best barley, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$8.50@10; clover, \$8.50@10. Fresh Fruit-Apples, 25c@\$1.25 per large box; grapes, 25@50c; Isabella,

60@75c; peaches, 50c@\$1; pears, 75c \$1 per box; plums, 20@35c. Butter - Fancy creamery, 30c; do seconds, 24@25c; fancy dairy, 26@ 27c; good to choice, 22@24c per pound, Potatoes-New, in boxes, 35@85c.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23. - Adam Brodrich was killed and a number of others slightly hurt by the bursting of a flywheel at the South Third street plant of the Oliver Iron & Steel Company, at an early hour this morning. The accident was caused by an engine becoming ungovernable. The flywheel was 15 feet in diameter and weighed several tons.

the ground to the tip of their horns. imens from 18 to 28 feet have een known.