THOUGH the "old folks" talk of the good old times,
When land was plenty and cares were so few;
Yet the "young folks" listen with doubtful smile. Convinced they were not as good as the

Those were gay sleigh rides, grandpapa, know;
While lassie ne'er danced lithe as dear
"grandma";
But some things could be said 'bout a modand a cosy jaunt in a palace car.

Those were wonderful loaves dear "grand-ma'r" made.

And she broidered your socks with a won-drous darn;

Tet she wondered sometimes, I'm sure, if it paid, (Would have left had she dared for a prom-And enjoyed to have spun a little street

No doubt her papa, great-granps, you know, Really frowned when she purchased her wedding dress.

And sighed as he wished for the "good old When bonnets were cheaper and dresses

While his great-grandpa, I've heard it said, Wouldn't spare the wool fc; his daughter to weare; But sighed for the fashions of Paradice, And longed for the fig leaves of Mother

Soon forgotten is pain, when pleasures are "Distance enchants us," the poet was right:
wanders his memory back to deplore,
e collar too high or the boots all too
tight?

The malden who fingers o'er past hours of Forgets as she day-dreams of beroes and

There are bountiful times in these good new days;
There are lives as beautiful, pure and true,
As any who moved to the simpler ways;
And it may be a trifle better, too;—

Since God with infinite, loving design, is raising the nations nearer to Him;

And the steady sweep of the

-Exchange.

Ever chants a progressive, happler hymn

May prove the best that you ever have known.

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Lilla's Xmas Presents.

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in at the door with a gust of wind and a drift of snow. Then, having

kicked a pair of snow encrusted over-

Lilla ran upstairs in a hurry.
"See here, mother," said Lilla, "it's all

looking up absently from a letter she was

"It's all over-I say, it's all over be

tween Randolph-oh, what a foo-foo-fool I've been!" And she flung herself,

"Don't ask me like that, mother. Don't!

I've told you before. And this-this is

the sec-second time. Oh!" More

"I don't understand you, daughter,"

said her mother, leaving her batch of

Christmas correspondence and going to

carry comfort to the tragic figure on the

"He's run away again!" Lilla roared.

Mother, I told you, day before yes-

"Yes, mother, and I'll never speak to

him again. Day before yesterday he at

least had the politeness to bow. This

time he just turned and went down a

side street. He was with that frump of

"Don't be foolish, child, Mr. Watts

In answer to this Lills only rose from

will be here to explain it all. You'll see."

appeared through a door that led to her

ter with any further attempts at conso-

was going to do, and that was to write a

That little projectile which Lilla fired

at her fiance very nearly ended the life of Randolph Watts; at least so Watts

said. He could not think, or he might

have seen an easy way out of the horri-

escape from her and chuckled over it se-

How was he to convince her that

Mrs. Sprague did not follow her daugh-

I just hate her, and him, and

terday-ran away from me. He thought

'Mr. Watts ran away from you?"

"Done what, dear?"
"The same as he did before."

"What did he do before?"

I didn't see him.

the whole lot.'

sobbing, on a big horsebair sofa.

"But why, Lilla?"

What, dear?" Mrs. Sprague asked,

ILLA SPRAGUE seemed to blow

into a corner of the hall, Miss

Then a glad New Year, this my earnest

I send in hopeful, jubilant tone; That the coming year, rich-freighted

that, whatever future Christmas might | watch to Moore's. That was the day he should be the happiest he had known so fur at least.

exhausted. Next morning he got up and went to his business mechanically. The first ray of comfort came with his

ousin, Mrs. Sucher-the same whom Lills had spoken of as a "frump." "Why, Randolph," said Mrs. Sucher,



"IT IS ALL OVER NOW," SAID LILLA. as she entered the office, "what is the matter with you? Have you been ill?"
"She saw me," was all Randolph could

say. "Yes. I came to speak to you again How her hair wouldn't crimp and her gloves wouldn't fit:

For "deeply deprayed are inanimate things."

About it. I forgot—

"Oh, it's no use now, Cousin Mattie.

She will not 'receive me or my letters'—

> "Pooh! Did she tell you so?" "She wrote to me—I mustn't go there."
> "Look here, Randolph," said the common sense matron, "this is all nonsense. If Lilla Sprague won't receive me, she must be a ninny-"

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Don't say that

Watts, with a faint smile.

childish resignation.

Sprague's."

ture.

'Are you?"

with the original crystal over it, ch?"

where she took possession of a remark-

a tiny old-fashioned watch and the min

Then to Mrs. Sprague's.

As Mrs. Sucher entered Mrs. Sprague's

heard a whisk and rustle of skirts and a

door closed behind a rapidly retreating

"Lilla pot well?" said Mrs. Sucher

with an incredulous laugh. "Too bad.

These Christmas preparations are unde-

lature. Then to Moore's, where she

have in store for him, that Christmas ran up against Lills, when he had the whole package in his hand, and was afraid she would ask him, and ran, Yes That night he lay awake until he was terday, just as he was taking me to hold a consultation on that wonderful brace let, we saw Lilla coming along. I said to him; 'Randolph, if she meets us she'll want to walk along with us, and then the whole plot is ruined. Let's turn down here before she sees us.' But it seems she saw us after all."

On Christmas morning, in spite of many earnest assurances from her mother that that morning would bring a clear ing-up if all her trouble, Lilla was as ter ribly cross and out of tune with the chimes as she had been for four days past. Moreover, she awoke with a head

She found a stocking tied to the head of her bed, as she had expected, and took the stocking down and opened it mechanically. Then she found the bracelet with a scrap of paper in which, in her mother's writing, were the words, "Press the spring and look inside, behind the watch." And when she looked a lovely, loving face looked back at her-a face that was very like Randolph Watts' own. And at the bottom of the stockingaway at the very toe-was another pa-

per which said. The bracelet ought to tell you why I ran away. R. W." Then she laid her head and bracelet on her pillow, and wet both bracelet and pillow with tears until her headache was

A Happy New Year.

Delight and pathos are inextricably mingled with the thought of New Year's day, says the Boston Watchman. It is only a conventional point of time; any other would do as well. Every day closes an old year and begins a new one, but for all that we cannot help feeling that this day, which is agreed upon throughout Christendom for the beginning of a new year, is somewhat unique. The pathos comes from the review of the past, and from the sense that another notch has been cut for us on the stick of time. The

## THE FISH INDUSTRY.

Statistics of Columbia River Salmon Pack as Given in Annual Report of Commissioner Reed, of Oregon.

Fish Commissioner F. C. Reed, of Oregon, has filed his annual report in the office of the governor. The report covers the year ending October 31, 1899. It is a voluminous document and covers the year's work in detail.

On the subject of hatcheries the report reviews the progress in locating and constructing the buildings and the the past year.

work accomplished in the state during The number of chinook salmon eggs taken from the different hatcheries in Oregon tributary to the Columbia river

for the year 1899, is as follows: Upper Clackamas hatchery 2,200 000
Salmon river hatchery 000 000
Clackamas hatchery 1,000,000 Chinook salmon eggs taken on the

Washington side of the Columbia: Chinook hatchery L500,000
Kalama hatchery 40 c c
Wind river hatchery L500,000
Little White Salmon hatchery 11,000,000
Chewaukum hatchery 1,000,000 

Total for Columbia river .....

From the salmon that were marked by Mr. Hubbard, hatched from eggs taken in 1895, there were caught during the season of 1898, 375 fish weighing from 10 to 50 pounds each. During the season of 1899 the packers and dealers have neglected to watch for the marked fish as well as they should. says the report, but between 40 and 50 have been reported, the average weight being nearly 10 pounds greater than those taken in 1898.

The report shows a falling off in the number of cases of salmon canned during the past season on the Columbia as compared with 1898. This is in part accounted for by the increased number of pounds of salmon handled by the

cold-storage concerns.

| The following statistics of the sal- mon pack are given: Spring pack, Oregon side—  Variety. Chinook 191.108 Bluebacks 22.155 Steelheads 19.965 Steelheads 19.965 Steelheads 88.797 50                  | Seattle Markete. Onions, new, \$1.00 @ 1.25 per sack. Potatoes, new, \$16 @ 20. Beets, per sack, 75 @ 85c. Turnips, per sack, 60c. Carrots, per sack, 50c. |
|---|--|
| Total   | Parsnips, per sack, 75@85c.<br>Cauliflower, 75c per dozen.   |
| Variety.         Cases.         Value.           Chinooks         50.500         \$ 277, 56.00           Bluebacks         7.650         40.975.00           Steelheads         5,340         15,030.00 | Cabbage, native and California, 75<br>© 90c per 100 pounds.<br>Peaches, 65@80c.  |
| Total   | Apples, \$1.25@1.50 per box.<br>Pears, \$1.00@1.25 per box.  |
| Spring pack, both sides—<br>  Total   | Prunes, 60c per box.<br>Watermelons, \$1.50.<br>Nutmegs, 50 @ 75c.   |
| Variety.         Cases.         Value.           Chinook         12,902         \$ 5009 to           Silversides         21,443         96,495 to           Stecheads         222         996 to        | Butter—Creamery, 32c per pound;<br>dairy, 17@22c; ranch, 22c per pound.<br>Eggs—Firm, 30@31c.  |
| Total   | Cheese—Native, 16c.<br>Poultry—9@10c; dressed, 11@13c.   |
| Variety.         Cases.         Value.           Chinook         2.450         11.055.00           Silversides         7.750         34.875.00           Steelheads         650         2.925.00        | Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$12.00;<br>choice Eastern Washington timothy,<br>\$17.00@18.00   |
| Total   | Corn—Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23.   |
| Total   |  |

Total ......415,057 \$2,072,307 Id Amount and value of each species of fish consumed locally and shipped East

|  | Pounds.   | Value         |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Fresh salmon   | 2,194,239 | \$175,93      |
| Salt salmon  | 1,380,860 | 108.56        |
| Sturgeon   | 19,910    | 3,59          |
| Sturgeon   | 2NO, 500  | 14,00         |
| Shad   | 275,380   | 11.01         |
| Crawfish   | 138,248   | 13.82         |
| Catfieh  |           | 2,090         |
| Tom cod  | 9,000     | 36            |
| Hallbut  |           | 22,473        |
| Cod  |           | 920           |
| Herring  |           | 205           |
| Flounders  |           | 233           |
| Perch  | 4.525     | 787           |
| Oysters  | 500,800   | 14,770        |
| Clams  | 110,900   | 2,215         |
| The state of the s | -         | V. Production |

Total .... 5,448,617 Northwest Notes. Republic is soon to vote on the ques-

tion of incorporation. A Portland man has bought 25,000 pounds of wool at Ashland at 15 to 18 cents.

Washington has a stringent law for the protection of hotelmen from boardbill jumpers. The Fairhaven coal mines, at Coke-

dale, have been sold to the Great Northern railroad. Demand has outstripped the supply

of lockboxes at the Spokane postsoffice, where 762 are now in use. A gravity water supply, to be piped

nine miles, is under consideration of Baker City's common council.

Baker City is talking of a "modern pavement" for its leading business street, to relieve the present "disgraceful unpaved condition."

Approximately a sum of \$200,000 in delinquent taxes was paid into the county treasury this year on Whatcom city property. Of this sum, about \$50,000 was the interest penalty of 6 per cent. Treasurer Roeder has placed this to the credit of the county, and the city of Whatcom has entered a demand for it. The matter will be taken into the courts.

Arthur Huey, who went from his home, near Walla Walla, to work in Umatilla county harvest fields, early in the fall, and who was sought by his parents for weeks after it had come time for him to return home, has turned up alive and well. He went to Redland, Cal., and a newspaper paragraph telling of his parents' search induced him to write home, and soon follow his

letter. An electric light plant and water works system are two improvements that are almost a necessity in Burns, and the News thinks steps will be taken early in the spring to inaugurate the two systems.

A Gilliam county man recently sold 52 head of beef cattle to the Union Meat Company, of Portland. The price was \$3.50 per 100 for steers and \$3.10 for fat cows. Twelve head of the cattle averaged 1,300 pounds, and one

steer brought \$46.57. Through the failure of some of the shingle mills of Whatcom county to close, under the agreement recenty reached to limit production in the interest of better prices, a break-up was imminent in the Whatcom county asso elation. But a meeting was held and the recalcitrant concerns promised to quit work, there was a new election of officers, and harmony and strength were

restored. The Lakeview Examiner reports sale of 77 head of beef cows at 6 cents per pound, and that the seller "has a special lot of beef Christmas cows that he is holding at 6% cents."

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pacity bereafter, and pushing it to re-

markable expansion. The increase in

foreign trade has been significant, com-

pared with the increase of \$24,000,000

in payments through clearing-houses.

weak at 27%c, and copper declined to

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market. Wheat - Walla Walla, 50@51c;

Valley, 51c; Bluestem, 52c per bushel

\$2.50; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.

Eggs-181/ @ 21c per dozen.

Cheese-Oregon full cream, 13c;

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@

.50 per dozen; hens, \$4.50; springs,

\$2.00@3.50; geese, \$7.00@8.50 for old;

\$4.50@6.50 for young; ducks, \$4.50

per dozen; turkeys, live, 14@15c

Potatoes-50@60c per sack; sweets,

Vegetables-Beets, \$1; turnips, 90c;

per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cauli-

flower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, \$1;

beans, 5@6c per pound; celery, 70@

75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per

box; peas, 8@4c per pound; tomatoes,

75c per box; green corn, 1216@

Hops-8@11e; 1898 crop, 5@6e.

Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers

and ewes, 3 %c; dressed mutton, 6 % @

7c per pound; lambs, 75c per pound.

cows, \$3@3.50; dressed beef, 61/4@

7½c per pound. Veal—Large, 6½@7½c; small, 8@

San Francisco Market.

pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Val-

ey, 18@20c; Northern, 10@12c.

Wool-Spring-Nevada, 12@15c per

Hops-1899 crop, 11@12c per

Onions-Yellow, 75@85c per sack.

Butter-Fancy creamery 24 @ 25c;

do seconds, 22@24e; fancy dairy, 21

@22c; do seconds, 19@20c per pound.

Eggs-Store, 25@27c; fancy ranch,

Millstuffs - Middlings, \$17.00 @

Hav-Wheat \$7.00@10; wheat and

oat \$7.50@9.50; best barley \$5.00@

7.50; alfalfa, \$5.00@7.50 per ton;

Potatoes-Early Rose, 40@50c; Ore-

gon Burbanks, 60c@1.00; river Bur-

banks, 45@65c; Salinas Burbanks,

\$1.00@1.25 per sack. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia,

\$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00@

5.00; California lemons 75c@\$1.50;

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do choice \$1.75@2.00 per box.

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Wool-Valley, 12@13c per pound;

Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c

gray, 35c per bushel.

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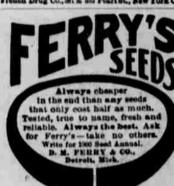
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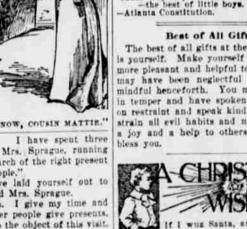
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the sofa, grimly took off her wraps and hat, muttering: "Yes, I'll see," and dis-OH, IT'S NO USE NOW, COUSIN MATTIE." niably fatiguing. I have spent three weeks, my dear Mrs. Sprague, running about town in search of the right present lation, neither did she guess what Lilla for the right people."

"You must have laid yourself out to be generous," said Mrs. Sprague. Dear Sir-in case you may wish to make any explanation of your very strange conduct on two occasions this week. I wish you would spare yourself the trouble of doing any such thing, either personally or in writing. Your ring shall be returned by mail, registered. "LILLA SPRAGUE." "I am generous. I give my time and labor to help other people give presents. That brings me to the object of this visit. Can you keep a secret?" "Yes," said Mrs. Sprague, "and I am

burning with curiosity. So make haste and tell me." "Oh, then you know?" "You were with Randolph Watts when

he ran away from Lilla yesterday. How maze into which he had got himself. "You promise not to tell her?-to keep He had run away from Lilla-twice-and lit for three days? Very well. You see, had even congratulated himself on his be wants to give her a bracelet he had made for her, with a very pretty motto on it in enamel. Then be wants to give her a beautiful little watch that belonged his evasion was not an evidence of dis-loyalty to her? to his poor mother, and he has had a lit-

delight arises from the anticipation "I wilt say that. But anyhow, her the new and better experiences of the mother will see me. I am going now to year to come. What interest any rational call on Mrs. Sprague. And now, look here, about this bracelet." person could have in having his told is a mystery. The zest and charm of life consist largely in the fact that each "Shall we go on with that?" said day is like a new page in the story. "Of course we shall, stupid. Higgins you wish to enjoy your book you do not, when it is half read, turn to the closing says he has tried to set the watch with the face in, as you wanted it, and he chapter to discover how it turns out. You can't make any better job of it than do not thank anyone for telling you the Moore could. Now I think I'd better go and take it back to Moore's and tell them finite satisfaction in each day's contributo set it with the face out, don't you?"
"Very well," said Watts, with almost tion to the record. You do not want to anticipate it. It would be a curse if any one could tell you just what the year would bring. It is just as reasonable to "And then the miniature can go inside suppose that the year will be happy as sad. Who can tell? Who can control "And then I'm going straight to Mrs. that? Are we not in the hands of God? the reason for a happy New Year's day. First to Higgins' Mrs. Sucher went

CHRISTMAS AND THE CHILDREN.

ably pretty and uncommon gold bracelet. HE little folks are talkin'-they talk the bracelet, the watch and the miniaprivate and individual sitting room she

An' while he's loading up his sleigh he's watchin' of 'em, too!

An' them that minds their mothers, they gets the most of toys—

They're just the sweetest little girls—the best of little boys!

They've just been writin' letters to Santy
Claus each day
An' tellin' him just what they want an'
showin' him the way
To where the house is, so he'll know just
where to leave the toys,
Fer just the sweetest little girls—the best
of little boys!

the noise,
'Cause they're just the sweetest little girls
-the best of little boys.
-Atlanta Constitution.



First of All. if Santa Claus would ask the horse, Who has to pull the loads. The gift he'd like for Christmas He would shout, "Good Boads!"

THE little folks are talkin—they talk
like anything
'Bout Santy Claus a comin', an' what
he's goin' to bring;
An' the mother never scolds 'em or tells 'em bout the noise:
They're just the sweetest little girls—the best of little boys!

Because they know that Santy Claus know.

They're gittin' mighty anxious fer the days An' all of 'em a their mother an' nights to go,
An' all of 'em are happy an' they make
their mothers so!
She never has to scold 'em or tell 'em 'bout

Best of All Gifts. The best of all gifts at the present time is yourself. Make yourself in some way more pleasant and helpful to others. You have been neglectful of them; be nindful henceforth. You may be quick n temper and have spoken hastily; put on restraint and speak kindly now. strain all evil habits and make yourself a joy and a help to others. They will

It was only three days before Christ-tle miniature of his mother made to fit It is better to give a Christmas and Watts had promised himself in behind the watch. First he took the than to receive one from a pugilist. It is better to give a Christmas