Shipping Lumber to the East.

Considerable encouragement is offered the lumber manufacturers of this section by the reduction in rates to Eastern points. The concessions are not all the mills think they are entitled to, but the modified rates place them more nearly on an equality with Coast ship- These pouches have since been in the pers, and extend the market farther east and south than ever before.

As a result of these reductions, many mills in the white pine districts will be able to reap notable benefits and increase their output as opportunity is offered to build up trade in the treeless states of the plains.

The states west of the Mississippi, from the Dakotas to Louisiana, ought to become permanent customers of Western lumber, and their purchases will no doubt increase every year, provided a living transportation rate is given by the railroads. These states must look abroad for their building material, and, with the depletion of the forests at the head of the Mississippi, they will have to turn toward the farther West. Under ordinary circumstances they would come to the timber section of the great Northwest, and this they may now do under the new lumber rates which have been established by the transcontinental lines. The result should be greater activity among the mills of the section, and a prosperity among lumbermen such as they have never enjoyed heretofore.

Two Billion Corn Crop.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, accompanied by Darius Miller, James A. Patten and Corwin H. Spencer, all of ficials of the Burtington railroad, have just completed a trip over the corn growing area of the Middle West. In an anterview in a Chicago paper, Mr. Corwin said: "With three weeks of good corn weather I believe we will have a 2,000,000,000 bushel corn crop. The and he is highly elated with it. Howgreater part of the crop will be out of ever, he will not be happy until he prothe way of frost by September 22 with duces a 50 pound fleece. the right kind of weather. The crop is green and the entire country looks fine, of Oregon's dairy products for the year and one can not help being impressed 1901 was 40 per cent over the amount of by the prosperity all through the West. the production and value for the pre-From what I saw it made me feel rather ceeding year, and is shown by the folweak on corn. We went as far West as lowing figures: Butter, 8,400,0:0 lbs, Oxford, Neb. At Hastings, Neb., we two-thirds of which was creamery and left our car and inquired about corn. one-third dairy, valued at 22% cents a We were told that a farmer had some pound for the former and 15 cents for good corn about five miles from that the latter, or \$1,680,000. Cheese 2,000point. We drove out to it and made an 000 pounds valued at 11 cents a pound, examination. The farmer said it would or \$220,000. Total \$1,900,000. ran seventy-five bushels to the acre. The Texas wheat crop is estimated be-Patten thought the estimate would be tween twenty and twenty-five million about sixty-five bushels, and most of us bushels. Of this amount Texas mills thought the man would be fortunate if will consume about ten million bushels he secured seventy five bushels.

and in Eastern Nebraska the corn crop at Galveston daily with export grain, is not good. It is only fair and very and the indications are that this will be weedy. At one point in Iowa they told the banner year in grain exporting busias the corn was better back in the coun- ness. try away from the railroad. There is a A. T. Riggs, a business man of Dallas. tame yield of alfalfa, two or three crops Ore., has just cleared \$16,000 on a deal

Four pouches of important mail matter belonging to residents of Havana, Cuba, and Progresso, Mexico, have just been forwarded by Postmaster General Payne. This mail was seized during the Spanish-American War, five years ago, by an American patrol, off the coast of Mexico, bound to its destination. possession of the judicial authorities of the United States. It was only recently that the mail was forwarded to the officials of the post office.

The United States sends abroad more merchandise than any other nation, and yet it has, exclusive of coastwise vessels, a deep-sea fleet of only \$73,000 tons against 1,600,000 tons for Norway, 2,-960,000 tons for Germany and 14,800,000 tons for Great Britain. The New York Board of Trade and Transportation has undertaken to find out why this is so, and why the deep-sea tonnage is not as great as in 1810, when the population of the United States was only seven millions.

The Yawkey Lumber Co., a prominent lumber concern of Hazelhurt, Wisconsin, has recently purchased about 16,-000 acres of timber land on Wood river, in the northern part of Klamath county. This land was all bought from individual claimants who have been located on the claims from two to five years. The price paid is said to be from \$8 to \$10 an acre. Mr. Wm. Schlecht, one of the members of the company, is their representative here. He states that they have other holdings in other parts of the state also.

The two prize Rambouilet rams received recently by Hon. J. S. Herrin, says the Ashland Tidings, were sheared last week, and the 12 months' crop of wool on the two weighed 86 poundsthe fleece of one o! them weighed 40 and the other 46 pounds. Mr. Herrin has been 30 years in the business of growing IN THE fine sheep and says this yield of wool has never been equaled in this country

The increase in total output and value

and the balance will be exported Over

"Along the Burlington road in Iowa one hundred and fifty cars are arriving

boing harvested. In riding through in Cascara Segrada, or chittem bark, as it is more commonly called. Some time ago Mr. Riggs purchased 65 to 70 tons at leaving him a net profit of about \$16,000. Gregon possesses 70,000 of the 300,000 Angoras in the United States, and pro-

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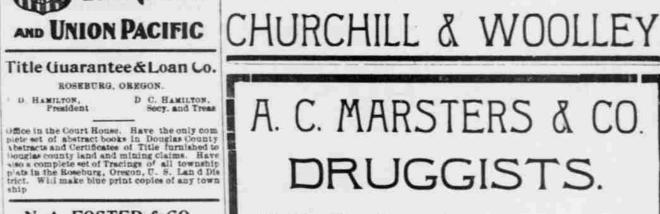
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Reports from California show that the wine industry is receiving a great boost hair, the increase of the herd would this year. The grape crop of our neighboring state is 60 per cent larger than in 1902, and it is estimated that 1,300,-000 gallons of wine will be made this year in the counties ranging from Vendura to San Diego. The percentage of sugar is said to be larger than usual, which means a heavy brandy produc- country. There are thousands of acres tion. The wine product of California is in Western Oregon adapted to goat raiscomposed mostly of sweet wines, so- ing. -called port, angelica, sherry and muscatel. In addition about 30,000 gallons of San Francisco from the Orient, had in dry wines will be manufactured. As her cargo of less than three thousand high prices prevail for grapes the out- tons, thirteen hundred bales of raw silk look is very satisfactory to the vineyard- valued at over one million dollars, and ist. California wines are beginning to 18,908 chests of tes. gain abroad the reputation to which they are entitled. It is still the case, however, that California wine is shipped abroad in bulk and reshipped to this country in bottles under high-sounding foreign titles. Some day California wine will go abroad under its own labels and be as favored as the best French brands.

paration and effort, and the expenditure of more than six thousand dollars, the almost \$15,000,000,000. plan for the excavation of Ur of the Chaldees and other places in Babylonia tural machinery which this country exby American explorers has been aban- ports. Incidentally, too, she is taking doned because the Turkish Government away the agricultural trade of the Unitwill not grant permission to American ed States in Manchuria. citizens to do this work.

The Krupps of Germany have sent experts to the United States to compete with the American Steel Trust on bridge building contracts.

duces over 200,000 pounds of mohair annually. If there were no profit in momore than pay for themselves as a land clearer alone.

Parts of Lane county have been devoted to goat breeding for the last 30 years. During the last four years the industry has spread to all parts of the

The steamer Korea, just arrived at

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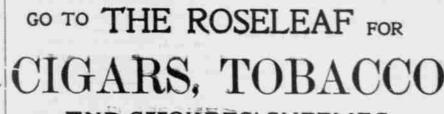
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