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WE ARE SELLING AGENTS IN ASTORIA FOR

**BRIDGE,
BEACH
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Superior Steel Ranges
Sylph Heater
Clio Heater

**COLE
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Hot Blast Heater for Coal
Dome Top Heater for Wood
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We also manufacture a Russia Iron Queen Heater for Wood. These comprise the best line of stoves in the state. We sell no second-class stoves. An inspection of our line of stoves will pay you.

ECLIPSE HARDWARE CO.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

If you have forgotten any one we still have many articles on hand suitable for New Year Gifts

**NEW YEAR CARDS
CALENDARS**

**BOOKLETS
DIARIES, ETC**

GRIFFIN & REED

SOME SALT FISH SPECIALTIES

Fine Bloater Mackerel,
Imported Holland Herring,
Genine Eastern Codfish,
Salmon Bellies and Tips,
Grimsby Bloater Herring, Etc.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.

TEN PER CENT OFF FOR CASH. . .

**SILVERPLATED WARE, CHINAWARE
GLASSWARE, CROCKERY AND LAMPS
UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 1901. . .**

Foard & Stokes Co.

A LONG ROW



Of our new and up-to-date Air-tight Heaters are still on hand. We figured on considerable cold weather and purchased an unusual quantity; but the weather has moderated, consequently sales have been slow. We are over-stocked and must have the room. From now on these splendid heating stoves will be sold at a reduction of 20 per cent FOR CASH.

W. J. Scully,
431 BOND STREET,
Between Ninth and Tenth Streets

C. J. TRENCHARD,

Commission, Brokerage,
Insurance and Shipping.

Custom House Broker,
ASTORIA, ORE.
Agent W. F. & Co., and Pacific Express Co's.

PRESIDENT HILL MAKES STATEMENT

Lines Hope by Getting Together
to Reduce Expenses.

RUMOR OF GIGANTIC DEAL

Northern Pacific and Great Northern Reduce
Local Passenger Rates in Montana
and Idaho to Three Cents
Per Mile.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4.—Regarding the report that a deal between the Great Northern and the Milwaukee and St. Paul roads had gone through and that President J. J. Hill had borrowed \$35,000,000 to carry it through, that gentleman said this afternoon:

"I have made no loan in Montreal. Does it not stand to reason that if I needed money I can get it without going to Canada? No deal by which we get control of any western line has been consummated, yet I will say, however, that some of the lines hope by getting together to reduce working expenses."

COMBINATION REPORTED

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4.—While no confirmation could be obtained here from authoritative sources of the reported combination of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul roads, it is the general belief in well-informed railway circles, that the deal if not already accomplished in fact, is in process of consummation.

The announcement was made semi-officially today, that the big deal by which the Hill-Morgan-Rockefeller interests were to secure control of the Northern Pacific and St. Paul roads is practically consummated and that inside of a month the systems will be in effect one.

About three weeks ago, so the story goes, President Hill obtained a loan from Canadian capitalists of \$25,000,000 and it is added that much of this money went for the purchase of Northern Pacific and St. Paul shares. President Hill will leave for New York next week, and it is stated that the sole object of his visit is to put the finishing touches upon the most gigantic railroad deal in recent years.

PASSENGER RATES REDUCED.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4.—The Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads this afternoon announced that the local passenger rates in Montana and Idaho would on February 1st, be reduced from four to three cents per mile, making a uniform rate of three cents per mile over the entire mileage of both systems.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

C. J. Howard Named for Postmaster of Cottage Grove.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

Nolan C. New, of Indiana, deputy auditor of the postoffice department; Cyrus F. Adams, of Illinois, assistant registrar of the treasury.

To be brigadier-generals in the volunteer army: Colonel S. W. Whiteside, Tenth cavalry; Lieutenant-Colonel Jas. B. Campbell, Thirtieth infantry, U. S. V.; Major Chas. Burd, quartermaster, U. S. A.

Postmasters: Oregon—C. J. Howard, Cottage Grove.

California—William E. Reading, Bogie; J. J. West, Williams.

Navy: Commander J. G. Hunker to be captain; Lieutenant-Commander C. K. Curtis to be commander; Lieutenant J. G. Quimby to be lieutenant-commander.

FURY OF STORM ABATING.

But Southern Pacific Passengers Are Still Detained at Ashland.

ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—With the exception of Slason, Cal., where it is still snowing tonight, all points in the track of the great snowstorm that has been raging in northern California and

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"The British invaders have lost over 45 per cent of that force. The Boers' total losses in killed and dying from wounds have not exceeded 1500, but their loss in property and in impoverishment of the people has been very great.

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VAST FORTUNES MADE AND LOST

Most Exciting Day on New York Stock Exchange.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Today was one of the most exciting days in the history of the New York stock exchange.

There can be no doubt that the aggregate sales for today exceeded anything ever done before on exchange. Recorded transactions footed up 1,837,908 shares, compared with the previous record of 1,623,918 shares on November 12, 1900. There have been wider price movements than any of these made today in individual stocks, or in groups of stocks, but it is doubtful whether there has ever before been so violent a fluctuation in the average price for stocks traded in, as from low price to high price today.

The confusion during the early hours of the market, while the ultimate course of prices was still in controversy, was beyond description, and the excitement during the late hours of the day, when the demand was at its height and prices were moving most rapidly upward, warrants the use of the term frenzy. Considering the extreme variations in prices and the highly concentrated character of some of the dealings, it is not exaggerating to say that vast fortunes were made or lost on the floor of exchange during the day.

It would be useless to attempt to analyze closely the causes underlying such a market. There was a recrudescence in full force of all the bullish sentiment which has stirred up the stock market for two months past and the effect was more acute by reason of the rebound from yesterday's depression. The rebound in sugar, on the story of the settlement of the trade war, was in itself a backset for the bears.

But the powerful lever which moved the whole market was St. Paul. St. Paul moved upward as a result 1 1/2 points from the low level, on sales of over 325,000 shares. Parallel with this rise was the upward movement in Northern Pacific of 8 points and in Great Northern of 7 points. Gains in all the stocks most actively traded in ranged from 2 to over 6 points.

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL

Discussed for Five Hours in the Senate Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—For five hours today the senate discussed the army reorganization bill. The debate took a wide range at times, but was confined principally to the necessity for the increase in the regular army proposed in the pending measure. The Philippine question was thrashed over at great length.

CAPTAIN OF ALPHA CENSURED.

Cornier's Jury Blames Him for the Loss of the Steamer.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 4.—The coroner's jury at Union, which has been investigating the deaths of the victims of the Alpha wreck, has returned a verdict censuring the captain of that steamer for not having a reliable chart and for attempting to enter the channel near Union without a pilot.

FIFTY-HOUR RECORD.

Bicycle Racers Have Covered 323.5 Miles in the Six-Day Race.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The score at fifty hours in the six-day bicycle race is McEachern leading, Kaser, Stinson, Downey, Fischer, McLean and Walt-hour; all 323.5 miles; Babcock, 323.1; Muller, 318.2.

ASK FOR . . .

"Charles Carroll" - 10c

"General Good" - 5c

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TWO UNEQUALLED SMOKES

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Distributors, Portland, Oregon

...STYLISH DINING ROOM FURNITURE...

Side Boards, Dining Room Tables, Buffets, China Closets and Chairs, all of which we are offering at a very low price. A new lot of Iron and Brass Bedsteads just received.

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