ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

A marriage license was granted yesterday by County Clerk Clinton to Rannie Mahan and Miss Bessie Shepard.

J. A. Bernula and Jaako Sakka yesterday made declaration of intention of becoming citizens of the United States before County Clerk Clinton. Both are natives of Finland.

Albert M., the infant son of John Blasich, died yesterday morning from scarlet fever. The funeral will take place tomorrow from the home with interment at Greenwood cemetery.

The different schools of the city held appropriate Christmas exercises yesterday and a number of parents and friends turned out to attend the exhibitions. A number of the rooms had trees handsomely decorated with tinsel and candles and all had programs prepared which were well rendered. Beginning with today the schools will be closed until the first Monday after New Year's day, which will be the 5th of January.

The long draw of the Youngs bay wagon bridge took a tantrum yesterday during the severe gale and refused to respond to the overtures of Keeper Nat Jones. The steamer Eclipse had passed through the draw with a tow of boom sticks, and the draw had been properly closed when the raft struck the center pier and the tow line parted. This made it necessary for the draw to be opened again to allow Captain Skibbe to capture the drifting raft, but, as though annoyed at having to swing twice for one small steamer, or catching the spirit of the wind, it became unmanageable and swung round and round to the great aggravation of numerous ranchers and milkmen who desired to cross the bay. After breaking out six segments of the castiron turn table track the great structure was finally captured and made fast but in an open position. County Judge Trenchard has engaged the Astoria Iron Works to undertake its repair, and the bridge will be open for travel as soon as the necessary castings can be made and put in place.

A drunken fracas on Astor street last night resulted in the subsequent arrest of one of the participants of the mixup and total disappearance of the others. The first intimation that the guardians of the peace received that anything had gone wrong was when Officer Thompson observed two figures, presumably men, though subsequent revelations cast doubt upon such a presumption, cross Astor street at the foot of Eighth on a dead run. Mr. Thompson at once pursued the flying figures, calling upon them at the same time to halt. No attention was paid to this injunction, but on the contrary the individuals pursued redoubled their efforts to escape. They turned east on Bond street and then south on Seventh, the officer all the while gaining rapidly. Before reaching Commercial street one of the fleeaways began removing his coat, whether to better assist him in his flight or to render him unhampered in case of a hand to hand tussle is not known. About this time Thompson, realizing that he was to deal with desperate characters, fired a warning shot. This scared the scamps out of their wits. The trembling limbs of one would pany with other fellows of his class had gered into Sherman's livery stable and fell exhausted. A minute later Mr. Thompson took him in hand and he is at present in the city jail. The others escaped. It seems the prisoner in company with other young of his class had brutally attacked a female habitue in one of the dives in the lower part of town and they then parted company. Up to a late hour the others had not been apprehended.

CHRISTMAS DINNER
AT THE OCCIDENT

Oysters.
Chicken a la Rein.
Boiled Salt Salmon, Cream Sauce.
Boiled Ox Tongue, Piquant Sauce.
Prime Ribs of Beef.
Pork and Apple Sauce.
Turkey and Cranberry Sauce.
Ham.
Veal.
Chicken Fricasse, French Peas.
Oyster Patties.
Apple Fritters, Port Wine Sauce.
Pickles. Chicken Salid. Olives.
Celery.
Mashed Potatoes. Boiled Potatoes.
Sugar Corn. Sweet Potatoes.
Apple and Mince Pie.
English Plum Pudding.
Hard and Brandy Sauce.
Pine Apple Ice Cream.
Fruit. Nuts. Raisins. Cheese.

CLUB ROOMS DESTROYED.

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es. When the explosion occurred about 4 o'clock this afternoon, the pool room was crowded with more than 100 people. Just as a race at New Orleans was being called by an operator the floor of the building seemed to rise and in an instant a report that shook the entire building rang out. The upper floor and back walls of the building fell on the mass of struggling men who were wildly scrambling to escape to the street.

The police have held Ben Murray, who is alleged to be responsible for the disaster in carelessly handling high combustibles.

The bank roll of the pool room, consisting of $55,000 was blown away in the explosion but the greater part of it has been recovered.

One singular thing about the accident is that nearly every one of the injured had his legs broken.

WAS NOTED HORSEMAN.

Killed in New York by a Street Car Horse.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Horsemen interested in racing were shocked to learn that the unidentified man accidentally killed by a horse while crossing Broadway at Spring street on Monday evening was E. C. Walker, a trainer, driver, starting judge and writer, who was known to followers of trotting all over the United States. Mrs. Walker recognized the description of the dead man published in the newspapers and went at once to the morgue, where her fears were confirmed.

POSTOFFICE PUZZLE.

Why Is Christmast Mail So Light—No Extra Force Needed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Not for a long time has there been so light a Christmas mail as there is this season. Last year the two days before Christmas found the postoffice clerks swamped by outgoing and incoming mail. No extra force has had to be put on since the first of the month, when extra men are always hired. Why there is comparatively so little mail this year is something of a puzzle to the postoffice officials for people, for people are evidently buying just as much as usual, if not more, and are probably giving as many presents as in preceding years.

CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Unprecedented Business Being Done by Portland Merchants.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Merchants report the Christmas trade the heaviest in the history of the city. The demand for holiday goods of all kinds has been so great that many lines are almost cleaned up. Merchandise of all kinds has been in demand, and the aggregate of holiday business will be very large. The demand for help has been so great that it has been impossible to supply it, and many merchants have been obliged to do their own work. The demand for help will be even greater than usual the first of the month, when extra men are always hired. Why there is comparatively so little mail this year is something of a puzzle to the postoffice officials for people, for people are evidently buying just as much as usual, if not more, and are probably giving as many presents as in preceding years.

WRECK VICTIMS.

Fifteen Persons Injured in Byron, Cal., Wreck Now in Hospital

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—There are now 15 patients receiving treatment at the railroad hospital in this city and at midnight last night Drs. Carson and Christian stated that they had grave fears as to the recovery of at least two and possibly three of these.

Those still in the hospital whose lives are despaired of are Mrs. Paul Mayer, her son, Louis Mayer and Mrs. T. Maiyowa, the Japanese woman. Mrs. Mayer was in an extremely critical condition during the forenoon. About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the woman's temperature began to rise and at midnight it was a fraction over 105. Her son, Louis, was also worse at that hour.

VANDERBILT PROMOTED.

First Lieutenant's Commission for the Sick Millionaire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A commission as First Lieutenant of the Twelfth regiment, national guard, signed by Govern Odell, has been received for Cornelius Vanderbilt by Colonel George R. Dweyer, from Albany. Mr. Vanderbilt, only two days before he was taken ill, passed an exceptionally high examination before the brigade board for the position to which he had been elected from the grade of second lieutenant some weeks previous.

SAYS OUR TRADE IS DECLINING.

Englishman on Alaskan Boundary Line Dispute.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—F. C. Wade contributes to the Empire Review, the Tribune's London corespondent says, a good-tempered article on the Alaska-Yukon boundary dispute, presenting the Canadian side of the controversy with ability and fairness and laying stress upon assertions that the American trade with the Yukon region is declining and that the tidewater towns of Skagway and Dyea are not benefited but ruined by the existing arrangements.

AFTER A CENTURY.

Government Pays for Vessel Destroyed by French in 1798.

OGDEN Utah, Dec. 24.—Mrs. George A. Craves of this city has just received a check from the United States government for $250 in settlement of a claim that has been pending for 105 years The claim was for the capture and destruction by the French, about the year 1798, of a schooner belonging to Captain Robert Patton of Gardner, Me. The claim was for $1850, and there are seven heirs.

TUNNEL IS A GO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mayor Low has signed the tunnel franchise for the New York and New Jersey company, authorizing the commencement of work on the New York side at once.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. J. T. Ross desires to express her sincere thanks to Mrs. O. F. Heilborn, Mr. Selig, Mr. Swope, Mr. John McCue and all others who assisted in the production of the "Little Duke."

A FINE LIBRARY.

Of 140 volumes is found on each of the Northern Pacific's "North Coast Limited" trains. Don't forget that these are the only trains operated in the West that are lighted throughout by electricity.

PIANO GIVEN AWAY

At Mrs. R. Ingelton's on December 29. Big reduction sale of ladies' hats, coats and skirts.

Remember MONDAY is Mrs. Ingleton's bargain day. Ten percent discount on all sales on Monday only.

A chance for the piano with every 50 cent purchase. Welch block.

PROJECT ABANDONED.

TACOMA, Dec. 24.—J. R. Warner, storekeper at Iliamna bay, Alaska, for the Trans-Alaska company, who is here enroute to Iowa to spend the winter, says the project to build a railroad from Iliamna bay to the Yukon river has been abandoned indefinitely

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Office Constructing Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., Dec. 10, 1902.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m., January 8, 1903, and then opened for repairs to wharf at Fort Columbia, Wash. Plans and specifications may be seen and further information obtained here. Right is reserved to accept or reject any or all proposals. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for repairs to wharf at Fort Columbia, Wash," and addressed to Geo. L. Goodale, Capt., and Quar. Mr. U. S. Army.