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THEY ELECT OFFICERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the International Banking Corporation for the election of directors takes place today at Bridgeport, Conn. It is likely that a large number of the Equitable Life Assurance directors will retire, they having sold practically all their stock to interests identified with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and the Travelers' Life Insurance Company. However, the Equitable Company will continue to be represented on the board of the International. Valentine P. Snyder, president of the Western National Bank, will be among those who will sever their connection with the International Banking Corporation. The authorized capital stock of the company is \$5,000,000, and it has a surplus of \$5,000,000.

George Wright Post elected the following officers for the ensuing term at its meeting last evening: Commander, J. Worlek; senior vice-commander, T. G. Worlek; junior vice-commander, D. W. Sebring; surgeon, J. S. Misenhimer; chaplain, G. St. C. Segur; officer of the day, Peter Neuberg; quartermaster, R. T. Chamberlain; officer of the guard, J. W. Gray; delegates to department encampment, Enos Swan, E. E. Corvey, William Palmer, D. W. Sebring, W. W. Jaques, H. S. Allen, G. St. C. Segur; alternates, D. Barkley, T. S. Thomas, D. A. Jones, A. Matteson, G. O. Wood, P. L. Wiegand, A. Wooding. Installation of the officers-elect will take place Friday evening, January 2, 1903.

FOSTER PUTS IN WORD FOR WEST

Interview Given Out by Washington Senator.

Great Shipment of Breadstuffs—Heavy Lumber Industry—The Farmers Reap Rich Harvest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Foster of Washington says that the commerce of Puget Sound is increasing more rapidly than that of any other portion of the United States.

"During the ten months ended with October," the Senator stated today, "the exports from the port of Tacoma were valued at over \$15,500,000, an increase of over 12 per cent over the corresponding period for 1901. The port of Seattle has also shown remarkable increase in its exports, and has been the banner city of the United States in the number of new houses built for the year. In the matter of the shipment of breadstuffs Puget Sound shows an increase of over 41 per cent, and that district is lifted from the ninth to the sixth place, and now ranks well up with New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

With reference to the tariff, Senator Foster says that the times are too good to undertake any revision at this time. All lines of business are crowded, he says, in the State of Washington, and in the matter of lumber, for instance, with which he is directly connected, he states that many of the mills are absolutely unable to fill their orders. It is not a question of securing more trade, but of filling the orders that are sent from all parts of the United States and in filling the orders by steamers and sailing vessels to foreign ports.

LUMBER INDUSTRY.

"In this connection," said Senator Foster, "it may be interesting to note that Tacoma has the largest sawmill plant in the world. There may be other concerns managing a number of sawmill plants in different parts of the country which have a larger capacity than the St. Paul and Thomas Lumber Company, but that concern, nevertheless, has a greater capacity than any sawmill plant in the world, and while there are other plants of almost equal capacity located at Port Blakely and elsewhere throughout the State of Washington, they are unable to fill all the orders crowding in upon them for fir, spruce and cedar lumber.

"A few weeks ago a saw and door factory located near the plant in which I am interested near Tacoma burned, and inside of two weeks after the property was destroyed, the company had on file orders for more than 24,000 cedar doors, to say nothing of other housefurnishing materials.

RICH HARVESTS.

The farmers of Washington, particularly the wheat and hop farmers, have been reaping a rich harvest and having paid off their mortgages long ago, are

now purchasing many of the luxuries of life and taking trips to visit their friends in the East during Thanksgiving and holiday times. Our state will receive a large sum of money under the irrigation law, and the irrigable tracts of the state will be utilized for the home seekers who have been coming in by the train load during the past year and have been seeking out all of the available land to be had.

"The fishing industry is also increasing in volume and the coal output continues normal, notwithstanding the extensive use of oil in California. One of the large mines controlled by the Southern Pacific railroad was closed for a time and it was feared that it might remain permanently idle, but it has recently been opened at its full capacity in order to supply the demands of the company which operates it. The mining industry continues active, and about the time I left the state one of the smelters located at Tacoma had just closed a contract for fuel oil and smelting something like 100,000 to seven millions of dollars of gold-bearing ores per year from British Columbia.

BUSINESS FLOURISHING.

"Thus you will see that business is generally flourishing and that we have no time to think of tariff revision or seek any change from the present prosperous conditions. Prosperity seems to be the Republican vote, and our state made a very gratifying showing at the last election. One of our Congressmen, Mr. W. L. Jones, carried every county in the state, and in my own county many precincts which have always gone Democratic were overturned and Republican majorities secured. Out of a total vote of approximately 57,000 we carried up a Republican majority of 25,000. This will, I believe, compare well in proportion to the vote cast with any state in the Union."

REMEMBER WASHINGTON.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Dec. 12.—A representative of Lodge No. 4 of Masons of this city will go to Mount Vernon tomorrow, bearing, on behalf of the lodge, a wreath of evergreens, which will be placed on the grave of George Washington as a memorial from his mother lodge on the 103d anniversary of the death of that illustrious Mason. This interesting custom was inaugurated by the lodge three years ago. In June of each year a messenger to bear the wreath to the tomb is elected.

Washington, in his early manhood, became a member of the Masonic lodge of Fredericksburg, and the records showing his initiation, passing and raising had bearing his signature to the constitution and the Bible on which he was obligated are sacredly preserved among the treasured relics of the lodge, and are objects of great interest to visitors to the city.

NEW SERVICE.

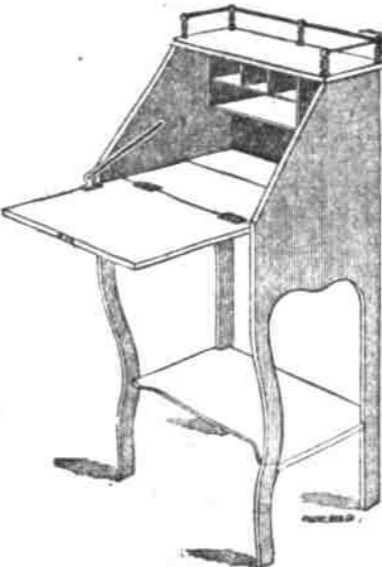
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A new direct steamship service is to be established between New York and China and Japan. The first vessel of this service, the steamship Hero, of 6,900 tons, is scheduled to sail next week for Shanghai, Tsingtau, Tien Tsin and Yokohama. The Hero is to be followed by other first-class steamships at regular intervals.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

HENLEY PLAN.

ATHACA, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The Cornell Athletic Council meets this evening to discuss a plan to send a Cornell eight to Henley next summer. It is probable, however, that action in the matter will be deferred until it is learned what action the Henley stewards take at their meeting in London today in regard to the proposed rule aiming to exclude from participation in the contests crews which have in a month of the opening of the regatta. The new rule, if adopted, would have the effect of practically excluding foreign crews from the annual regatta. From private advice received from the other side it is gathered that the regatta men of England as a class are opposed to the policy of excluding foreign crews at Henley, and that the indications are that the new proposal will be defeated.

CHILIAN EXPOSITION.

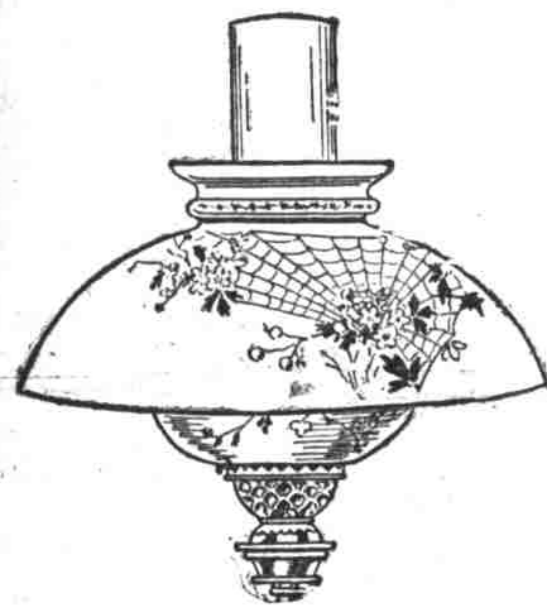
SANTIAGO, Dec. 12.—The Chilean Educational Exposition, for which the government has been making preparations for more than a year, will be formally opened tomorrow. The affair is almost unique in the annals of the South American republics and in itself affords a most striking demonstration of the rapid progress Chile is making toward a state of high civilization.

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