# HOPS AGAIN SHOW ADVANCE

Local Jobber Is Offered 25 Cents.

A Decline of 5 Cents Is Noted on Wire Natls--- Gold Dust Deal.

Hops show additional strength today and prices show an upward tendency. This morning a local dealer received an the buyer of an Eastern brewery for 25 cents a pound for a large quantity of the Oregon crop. This is one cent over the prices offered last week. The demand is increasing and advances are expected in quota-

WIRE NAILS DECLINE. A decline of 5 cents a barrel is noted today in the price of wire nails. This makes the base for that product \$2.85 and \$2.95. The usual advances over these figures are made on the smaller sizes. The decline takes effect today. DEAL ON GOLD DUST.

Local jobbers have been notified that until further notice, the manufacturers of Gold Dust Washing Powder will give one case of that article free with every five cases purchased.

Beceipts of poultry were small today and ruling prices are strong. The demand is steadily increasing and there is a strong prospect that prices will advance. The market was entirely cleaned up of all vertettes of popultry at the clean up of all varieties of poultry at the close of last wash

EGGS SELL WELL There is a steadily increasing demand for the strictly fresh Oregon eggs and even with the rather heavy receipts of the past few days, the market is considered quite strong at present quotations

NO DECLINE ON BUTTER. Dealers deny that there is any change in the butter situation. They say that the market is fairly strong and that no declines in prices are expected for some time. The price for the best creamery butter stands today at 30 cents a pound. Other grades are weak,

A car of California vegetables arrived this morning and has been distributed among the jobbers.

Today's quotations as revised are as

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Peed.
Wheat—Walla Walla. 72c; bluestem,
79@80c; Valley, 75@75½c.
Bartey—Fee., \$22.00; rolled, \$22.00@ Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.174; gray, \$1.124@1.15.
Flour—Eastern Oregon: Patents, \$3.70 @4.29; Diamond W., \$2.85; straighte, \$3.20@3.30; graham, \$3.00; Valley, \$3.35 @2.46. Millstuffs—Bran. \$19.00 per ton; middl-ings, \$24.00; shorts, \$20.00; chop, 18.00@ Hay—New timothy, \$11,00@12.00; clover,

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Wool—Nominal; Valley, 15 915 ½c; East—on Oragon, 10 914c.

Sheepakins — Shearings, 14 ½ 919 ½c; short wool, 25 935c; medium wool, 25 9 60c; long wool, 60c 931.44 each.

Tallow—Prime, per lb., 3 ½ 94c; No. 2 and grease, 2 92 ½c.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up. 15 9 15 ½c per pound; dry klp. No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 15 ½c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted bides, steer, sound, 60 pounds or over, 7 ½ 98 ½c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7 ½ 98 ½c; under 50 pounds, and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5 95 ½c; klp. sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 7c; veal, round, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; caif, sound, under 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), to per pound less; culls, ic per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, \$1.25 91.76; dry, each, \$1.90 91.50; colts' hides, each, 25 950c; goat skins, common, each, 10 9 pouters, with wool on, each, 25 95 1.00.

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Butter—Creamery, 30c; dairy, 20c)
22½c; store, 17c.
Cheese—Full-cream, twin, 15@16c;
Young America, 16½@17c; Wisconsin, 16@16½c.
Poultry—Chickens

16@16%c.
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per doz, 10c.1b; hens, \$4.00@4.50 per doz;
broilers, \$2.50@3.00; springs, \$3.00;
ducks, \$6.00@7.00 per doz; turkeys, live,
17@18c; dressed, 19@20c per 1b; geese,
\$7.00@8.00 per doz.

Mosts and Provisions.

Fresh Meaus—Beef, prime, 6%@7c;
bulls, 2@4½; cows, 4½@6; pork, 7@7½;
veal, o@5½; mutton, 3½3½c, gross;
dressed, 5%@6%c; lambs, 6@6%c per

Hams, Bacon, etc.—Portland pack (local) hams, 13%; picnic, 10%c; breakfast bacon, 15% 218c; light sides, 12c; backs, 12%c; dry salted sides, 12%c; dried beef sets,—; insides and knuckles,—per lb.

Eastern packed hams, under 15 lbs.

14%c; over 18 lbs., 13%c; fancy, 15c; picnic, 12%c; shoulders, 11%c; dry salted sides, unsmoked, 12%c; breakfast bacon, 18c; butts, 12@13c.

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Local lard—Rettle leaf, 5s, 13 %c; 10s, 13 %c; steam rendered, 5s, 13c; 10s, 12%c.

12%c. 5s. 13%c; 60-lb-tins. 13c; 10s. 13%c; 5s. 13%c; 60-lb-tins. 13c; steam rendered, 10s. 12%c; 5s. 13c; 50s. 12%c. Above packing house prices are net cash, 15 days.

Fish—Rock cod, 8c; flounders. 7c; half-but, 9c; ling cod, 5c; crabs, per doz., 21.50; razor clams, #e doz: red snappers, 569c; black cdd, 569c; stripped bass, 106114/c; salmon. 667c; soles. 8c; smelt, 4c; lobsters. 12%c; shrimp, Puget Sound, 15c lb.

Groceries. Nuts. Etc.

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Sugar, "sack basis," cube, \$5.55; powdered, \$5.46; dry granulated, \$5.36; extra G., \$4.80; golden C., \$4.70; barrels, 10c; ½ barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c per cwt. for cash, maple, 14@16c per pound.

Honey—16@16c per frame.

Coffee—Green Mocha, 21@28C; Java, fancy, 25@32; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 15@20c; Coata Rica, fancy, 19@50c; Coata Rica, fancy, 19@50c; Coata Rica, fancy, 19@50c; Coata Rica, fancy, 19@50c; Coata Rica, fancy, 19@15c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 16@12c per pound; Columbia roast, \$10.63; Arbuckies \$11.25 list; Lion, \$10.76 list; Cordova, \$11.25.

Tens—Oolong, different grades, 25@65c; Gunpowder, 25, 32 to 26c; English Breakfast, different grades, 124@66c; Spider Legs, uncolored Japan, 30@60c; green Japan, 4ry scarce, 30@60c.

Sait—Bales, 28, 32, 42, 58, 10s, \$200; fine table, dairy and imported Liverpoot, 50s, 45c; 100s, ——; 200s, ——per hag. Sait—Worcester 140 2s, 55.50; Worcester, 100 3s, 55.50; Worcester, 60 5s, 25.5; Worcester, 30 10s, \$5.00; Worcester, 11men sacks, 50s, 86c; table sait, 50s, 38c; 10ss, 74c.

Sait—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton,

linen sacks, 50s, 86c; table salt, 50s, 3sc; 190s, 74c.

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9@10c for roasted; cocoanuts, \$5@90c per dox; walnuts, 144 @15c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 16c; chestnuts, Eastern, 15@15c; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 15@15c; fancy pecans, 14@15c.

Cosl oil—Cases, 23c per gallon; tanks, Water White, 16½ net; tanks, Headlight, 18½c net.

Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 5c; New Oricans, head, 7@1½c.

Salmon—Columbia River, 1-lb talls, 11.70; 2-lb talls, 22.40; fancy, 1-lb fals, \$1.70; 2-lb talls, \$2.40; fancy, 1-lb fals, \$1.85; ½-lb fancy fiats, \$1.20; Alaska talls, pink, 35c red \$1.25; 1-lb talls, \$2.

Beans — Small white, \$4.25; large white, \$4.00; pink, \$3.75; bayou, \$4.00; Limas, 5½c.

Tobacco—Plug cut, smoking, 12-3-oz packages; Seal of North Carolina, 71c lb; Mastiff, 68c; Dixie Queen, 41c; Red Bell, 39c; Pedro, 56c; Golden Scepter, \$1.15; fine cut, Cameo, 41c; Capstan, \$1.85; Duke's Mixture, 46c; Bull Durham, 66c; Old English Curve Cut, 4c; Maryland Club, 71c; Mail Pouch, 38c; Yale Mixture, \$1.40; Plug tobacco, Drummond's Natural Leaf, 58c; Piper Heldsieck, 66c; Something Good, 46c; Sundard Navy, 38c; T. & B., 53c; Spear Head, 43c; Star, 44c; Fine cut chewing: Golden Thread, 68c; Fast Mail, 70c.

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Onions—Oregon, 75@90c; garlic, 6c lb. Fresh fruits—Apples, fancy Oregon, 75c@1.5c; cooking, 50@75c box. Oranges, navais, \$2.76@3.00 box; California tangerines, \$1.06@1.25; banana, \$2.00@2.75 bunch. Fall pears, 85c@\$1.25 box; pomegranates, \$1.50@2 box; cranberries, Jersey, \$11 barrell; huskleberries, 10c lb.
Vegetables—Tomaties, \$1.00@1.25 box; turnips, 75c sack; carrots, \$1.01.10 sack; beets, \$1 sack; radishes, 12½@15c doz; cabbages, California, \$1.25@1.50 cwt; lettuce, head; per dox, 12½@15c doz; cabbages, California, \$1.25@1.50 cwt; lettuce, head; per dox, 12½@15c dox; inorseradish, \$c lb; celery, 65@85c dox; hothouse lettuce, \$1.75@2 per box; sprouts, \$c lb; green peas, 9@10c lb.
Dried fruits—Apples, evaporated, 7@7½c; apricots, 7@7½c; peaches, 7½@9c; pears, \$½c; prunes, Italian, ½%@5c; French, ½%@4½c; figs, California blacks, 6@6½c; do, white, 7½@5c; plums, pitted, 5@6c; raisins, seeded, fancy, 1-10 cartons, 50 packages to case, 5½c pkg; seeded, chofoe, 12-os cartons, 7½c; loose Muscatelles, 56-lb boxes, 6½@7½c lb; London layers, \$1.75@2.00.

#### SECONDS CLIPPED FROM RECORD

Marvelous Time Made by Athletes and Horses.

Feb. 21—Henry J. Avery runs 50 points in 51 innings at three-cushion billiards, at Mussey's.

April 5—Charles A. Carver sets strength record at 2,737.4 kilograms.

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April 26—University of Pennsylvania relay team runs two miles in 8:04 4-5; South Division High School team runs mile in 3:35; Harvard relay team runs mile in 3:35; Harvard relay team runs mile in 3:35; Harvard relay team runs mile in 3:21 2-5.

May 3—Jerome Magee sets Western collegiste pole-vault mark at 11 feet 9 inches in dual meet between Chicago and Illinois, at Champaign.

May 31—Arthur F. Duffey runs 100 yards in :09 3-5 in international meet at Berkeley Oval; Dewitt of Princeton throws the hammer 164 feet 10 inches; Beck of Yale puts shot 44 feet 8½ inches; Holland, Georgetown, runs quarter-mile in :49 3-5; F. G. Moloney sets' Western intercollegiste high hurdles record at :15 2-5; Keachie, Wisconsin, runs mile in 4:31 2-5.

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Keachie, Wisconsin, runs mile in
4:312-5.
June 7—Miss Bertha Burgett of Elmirs College throws a basketball 181
feet.
June 21—Fred Hall, running for First
Regiment Athletic Club, runs two
miles in A. A. U. meet at Ravenswood in 9:56.
June 22—Recruits defeat Pittsburg 3 to
2 in 19-inning game in Chicago.

on Beach.
July 30 — Bonnibert (J. Martin) runs
one and one-eighth miles in 1:51 in
Islip Handicap at Brighton Beach.
August 3—Terre Haute and Cedar Rapids play 13 innings to a tle, neither
side scoring. side scoring.

August 16—Terre Haute and Cedar Rapids continue, playing 15 innings, again tying, 1 to 1. Twenty-seven men struck out in this game.

August 16—Lord Derby trots mile to wagon in 2:05%, at Brighton Beach.

August 18—Musketeer runs seven furiongs in 1:25 at Saratoga, world's record.

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Twentieth Century Handicap, at one and three-sixteenths miles, in 1:57 2-5—new world's record.

September 17—Willie Anderson makes a score of 60 for course of Euclid Club, Cleveland, in Western open golf championship—record 20r 6.060-yard course; Lord Derby beats The Monk for wagon championship in fastest three heats ever trotted to wagon—time, 2:06 ½, 2:06 and 2:06.

September 24—George C. Cannon makes a mile in 1:05¼ and five miles in 6:05 at Narragansett Park, Providence—world's record for steam automobile. October 2—Plater runs five and one-half furlongs in 1:02 2-5, on straight course, Morris Park.

October 9—Ozanam wins \$6,000 Transylvania at Lexington, in fastest six-heat race in trotting history—time, 2:09½, 2:09%.

October 27—Prince Alert (2:99%) paces a half-mile in :57%—new world's record, in defeating Sir Albert S, in match for \$12,000 a side at Memphis.

October 20—Direct Hal and Prince Di-

match for \$12,000 a side at Memphis.
October 20—Direct Hal and Prince Direct, driven by Ed Geers, pace in 2:05½ to pole: Nervola (Dean) sets pacing stallion record for two miles at 4:24½; Calumet bowling team. Cleveland, O., average 1,068, with scores of 1,061, 1,079 and 1,064 in competition.
October 31—Cresceus trots two miles in 4:17 at Memphis; Prince Alert sets gelding record at 2:00; Tony W. sets mark for hobbled pacer at 2:11½.
November 5—Ben Stell, of the Rival bowling team, rolls 200 in league contest against Murray Kids.
November 12—The Monk (C. K. G. Billings) trots one and one-eighth miles to wagon, in 2:25½.
November 29—Peter Peth averages 2631-3 in bowling match—world's record,

RABE CHANCE TO TRAVEL.

O. R. & N. Makes Tickets to Kansas

City Good for Sixty Days. Realizing the importance of a large attendance from Oregon to the Livestock Convention at Kansas City, the O. R. &N. has extended the ticket limit to 60 days. Tickets, \$60, on sale January 8. 9, and 10, with stop-over privileges on return. Call up city ticket office. Third and Washington and learn particulars.

The Willamette Rising Past. So is the opinion of the consumer of the value of Preferred Stock Canned Goods.

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# WHEAT PRICES

The Result of Favorable Crop Reports.

Saturday's Bank Statement Raised the Hopes of Wall Street Men.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 .- The Record-Her-

ald says: The recent weakness has re-

sulted from the continued favorable crop conditions at home, from the improvement in harvesting conditions in Argentina and from a cessation in those other conditions which kept some influential interests bullish through the fall. There has been a pause in the flour demand which was so unusually heavy. The small Minneapolis wheat stock has been increasing until there is now over 14, 000,000 bushels there, or within 1,000,-000 bushels of a year ago. Sixty days ago there was only 3,000,000 bushels up there, and the supply was 6,500,000 bushels under last year. At that time it ooked as if there was good reason for flour men to be anxious about getting enough to keep them going. The Argentine position has developed into the most effective circumstance with the specula-tor. If there should develop anything to inspire buying now there would follow a competition among the old bulls and the shorts to get wheat. It is not possible to name a respectable holding left. The Spencer party is supposed to have a line, but it has its wheat at St. Louis and has probably been short here. Corn has no lack of bull leaders. If there is any merit in that, higher prices are ahead. Patten is about the only conspicuous operator who is not preach-ing higher corn quotations. The announcement of the biggest crop ever grown has made no impression at all. The seaboard is willing to take all the corn it can get, but with cars scarce it is reported that it cannot get very much. Receipts are small for the season, and no view of a great yield, but that. In fact, everyone is guessing as how fast the corn would come in or how fast it would go out if the polling stock could be had.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The Times says: The bank statement issued at the close of the stock exchange on Saturday came not only as a surprise, but as influential in many ways upon Wall street sen-timent. A bad statement had been much predicted, and a demoralizing December in surplus reserves was the popular ex-pectation. Thus the exhibit which was actually disclosed set at naught a vari-ety of speculative plans. Raids that had been planned were necessarily post-poned. In this week's market there will be naturally reflections of this disap-pointment that the bear campaign suf-June 22—Recruits defeat Pittsburg 3 to 2 in 19-inning game in Chicago.
June 24—Tripie play by Selbach. Williams and McGann in game by Baltmore from Philadelphia by score of 6 to 4.
July 4—Major Daingerfield runs mile and five furlongs at Sheepshead Bay in 2:17 3-5.
July 5—Gold Heels rans one and one-fourth miles in 2:63 4-5 at Brighton Beach.
July 21—F. Appleby, at Stamford Bridge, England, ruts world's amateur 15-mile running record to 1:20:04 3-5.
July 22—Hyphen runs one and one-sixteenth miles in 1:44 4-5 at Brighton Beach. fered. There is an extended short inter-

trade continues to report great scarcity of fuel and consequent delay in deliver Saturday's bank statement considered very good. Banks more willing to lend money for reasonable speculation. Reported U. S. realty will establish an office in London. Earnings of T. C. I. for year ended December 31, about \$2,-608.888, or 6 per cent on common stock Reported Westinghouse will get tract for new Manhattan cars. plentiful in loan crowd. Expected banks will relax pressure on exchange in view of return of currency from interior and gold exports therefore become more probable. Fifty-three roads in the third week of December show an average gross increase of 13.55 per cent. Twelve indus-trials advanced 5 per cent, and twenty active roads in December 12 per cent.

Cattle and Eogs.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Union Stock yards:
Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.
Chicago ... 37,000 26,000 25,000
Kansas City ... 35,000 5,000 2,600
Omaha ... 3,000 3,000 1,600
Hogs—Opened steady; 5c lower; 7,128
left over Saturday; receipts year ago, 45,000. Mixed and butchers, \$5.90@6.55; good, \$6.35@6.60; rough, \$6.00@6.30; light, \$5.70@6.30.

light, \$5.70@6.30. Cattle—10@15c lower. Sheep—10@15c lower. Grain Shipments.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—World's wheat shipments last week, 6.208,000; previous week, 6.440,000; dast year, 7.483,000; corp., 2,746,000; 1,892,000; 4.001,000.

Liverpool Markets. LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5.—Liverpool close: March wheat, 6-%, % up; May wheat, 5-11%, % up; January corn, 4-6%, % up; May corn, 4-2%, unchanged.

ROOSEVELT'S NEW CANE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5 .- President Roosevelt has received a remarkable cane from James Atkinson, a former slave, of Rome, Ga.

The stick was carved by the sender and bears 103 figures of men, women, beasts and birds. Among the carved personages are Washington, Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, Mrs. McKinley and the Saviour. At-kinson also sent the knife with which he did the work.

#### PRESS CLUB MEETS.

The City Press Club of Portland held ar

enthusiastic meeting Saturday evening at the clubrooms and adopted a constitution and by-laws. A large number of active and associate members were elected and a financial report was read, which showed the club to be on a solid finan-clal basis. Among other provisions the by-laws subdivide the classes of mem-bers into five divisions—active, associate non-resident, lite and honorary, The active members are to be selected from active newspaper men only, and the associate members from the prominent business and profess



MR. HARRY BERESFORD In "The Wrong Mr. Wright" at the Marquam next Saturday night.

#### WHO REALLY WON THE COPPER WAR

This Ouestion Is Still Puzzling Wall Street.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.-New phases of the long extended fight between the Amalgamated Copper Company and the Heinzes in Montana are creating wide discussion in Wall street. The Rockefellers, who are behind the Copper Trust, are old campaigners with the reputation of continuing a fight until victory is won. It has never been part of their policy to compromise. Hence the stories recently circulated of an amicable agreement between the opposing parties in this con-test have not been accepted. A rumor was affoat yesterday that a board of arbitration had been considering the claims and counterclaims of the Heinzes and the Amalgamated, and that as a result both parties would continue in control of certain sections of the Butte copper dis-trict. Attorneys for the Heinzes assert that they have won a court victory. Positive statements to the contrary are

made by Amalgamated interests. The Montana Supreme Court has handed down an opinion in the Pennsylvania mining case modifying a decision in the lower courts in favor of the Heinzes. This modification, however, was claimed by Arthur P. Heinze as "a fine Christmas gift to the Heinzes." It gave the Heinzes three-fifths of the full length of the vein claimed by them, granting the Amaigamated the other two-fifths. The Heinzes' assertion of victory by the de-cision is given by Amalgamated insiders as evidence that their claim for it all was not well founded. Amalgamated ofto the effect that the decision is favor-

able to them. An officer of the United Copper Company says: "The decision will result in the canceling of \$3,000,000 of liabilities. the Mortana Ore Purchasing Company's the Montana Ore Purchasing Company's contingent making good its suits for \$3.500,006 demages against the Boston Montana Company. The decision is of far-reaching importance, as it definitely establishes that the Heinzes have an unlimited supply of ore, and that they will continue in the copper business as long as they wish."

#### LONDON'S MANY **PANTOMIMES**

They Are Sharing Popular Favor With Buffalo Bill.

LONDON, Jan 5 -- Boxing Day saw 120 pantomimes opened in London and the provinces. The subjects of nearly every one of them were based on nursery rhymes and well-known children's tales, the topic of no fewer than 22 being Cinderella. In London and the suburbs there were 32 pantomimes. There were five Cinderellas, five Babes of the Wood, five Little Red Riding Hoods, three Robinson Crusoe and three of Dick Whitting-ton's Cat, in addition to the Drury Lane's production of Mother Goose, which, of course, was the most important in the whole country.

It was run hard, however, as the leading London amusement, by "Buffalo Bill's" Wild West Show at the Olympia, where Col. Cody received a tremendous personal ovation yesterday afternoon. The great building was crowded with 14,000 spectators, including the Duke and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Argyle and Princess Henry of Battenberg's children. Hundreds of persons were turned away after the building had been completely filled, which was some time be fore the opening of the show.

The performance went with snap and ginger, especially the battle of San Juan Hill, but the thing that seemed to find the most favor was the lassoing and the riding of bucking broncos.

TIME IS EXTENDED

Tickets to Kansas City Via O. R. S N. Made Good for 60 Days. Those who are contemplating a trip East win be pleased to know that the O. R. & N., in connection with the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific, has decided to make the tickets to the Livestock Convention, Kansas City, good for 69 days. Tickets \$60, on sale January 8, 9 and 10. Stop-over privileges grant-ed on return trip. Call up O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington, and

learn particulars.

Special Rates East On January 8, 9 and 10 the Canadian Pacific will sell round-trip tickets at re-duced rates, account National Livestock Association, to be held at Kansas City January 13 to 16. Call at 142 Third street for full particulars.

## CHOLERA IN CHINA

Worst Epidemic Known for Forty Years Is Now Raging.

Not since 1862 has there raged such an epidemic of cholera in China as is raging at present. Some old residents who passed through that one think that the pres-ent one is even more extensive and just as virulent. It is sweeping through the whole empire, from Santon to Pekin, and from Shanghai to Szchuan. And it is not confined to coast or port any longer, but is also sweeping through the country districts, making havoe in every yillage it strikes. It seemed to begin simultaneously in June in Canton, Shanghai and Manchuria, and from these centers it has soread until there is scarcely a province in the empire that is not infected. A missionary who has just returned to

this country says that thousands have perished in Manchuria, Chili and Shangtung. In Kweilin, a large city in Kaingsi, people are dying at the rate of 1,000 a day, and over 40,000 have already succumbed. So great was the death rate that it was impossible to meet the demands for coffins, and tubmakers and other workers in wood were pressed into service to make coffins. In Shanghai the epidemic has been especially severe; not only among the natives, but among the foreigners as well; over 40 foreigners have succumbed thus far. It spares no one, high or low, eld or young. Usually the beggars and coolie class are the first to be attacked, and then the botter classes are affected. It has crept into the im-perial palace at Pekin, and some of the ennuchs have died of it. As a consequence the Empress Dowager has become frightened.

The disease seems to be of a specially ficials refuse to speak of the decision be- virulent type, an unusually large per yond saying that telegraphic advices are | cent, dying from its effects. Some die within a few hours. Carriers of burdens, fruits, vegetables, etc., fall down and die in their tracks before reaching their destination. Whole families are wiped out in a single night. A village near Cheefoo consists of 50 families. In a short time 100 members died and the suryiving ones have lost all hope. They do not attend to their business, but simply wait until their turn comes, Travelers arrange with their muleteers or carriers to be taken home dead or alive, as there is such a strong probability of their dying while on the road, and every China man wants to be buried at home, if pos-

#### ROUTS THREE NEGRO BURGLARS

WEST CHESTER, Jan. 5.-Charles Brown, a farmer residing on an isolated farm in New Garden Township, discov-ored three negro burglars trying to rob his home early yesterday morning. curing his shotgun he fired into the trio as they stood on the porch and killed one. The dead burglar, who was shabbily dressed, was a stranger. When searched later by the coroner not a single article could be found on his person which would lead to the establishing of his identity. When Brown heard the footsteps on the porch he opened the window of his bedroom and saw three men carrying off several bags of potatoes. He fired. With a scream of agony, one dropped His companions fied, leaving him to die, and dropping their booty as they ran. District Attorney Thomas Jack has taken the case in hand and is directing the investigation. Up to this evening the

negroes were still at large.

The burglar's face will be photographed by the police, who will endeavor to iden-

#### PELEE AGAIN IN ERUPTION

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Jan. 5 .- The cable ship Newington, which arrived at St. Lucia, E. W. I., yesterday, reported having passed Mont Pelee, Island of Martinique, in the morning. The volcano was then in violent eruption.

Dense clouds of gray smoke and dust were pouring out of the crater, and as-cending to an enormous height. Other advices say that the cone is luminou turing the night.

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#### FOUND A TRIBE OF BLACK JEWS

Australian Explorer Tells a Strange Story.

LONDON, Jan. 5 .- The Christmas season has not passed without furnishing a topic for Hebrews fascinating enough to occupy their minds in the holiday leisure. The current number of the "Jewish Chronicle," the most influential organ of the race in England, publishes an amazing account by Sidney Klein of the discovery of a tribe of black Hebrews in the interior of Western Australia.

Klein is a London Hebrew, who emigrated some years ago to Western Australia and engaged in the furniture business. From there he went to Coolgardie, and with Il others explored the interior of the country as a government expedition to report on its resources. NEW TRIBE OF BLACKS FOUND.

At the farthest point reached, about a thousand miles beyond the Leopold range, they came upon a new tribe of blacks. The difference between them and the other tribes was very marked. They received the travelers hospitably and offered them wild apples and goat's milk. Their habits were remarkably clean, and they were taller than the other tribes

Klein and another member of the expedition witnessed the rite of circum-cision performed on an infant with a place of worship made of timber and bushes, and at one end there were two tables which they appeared to prize greatly. They offered burnt offerings of goats and birds, but never hunted for food on Saturdays, which they observed as a sacred holiday, when they conducted their religious exercises.

Although pigs ran wild they did not partake of the flesh of swine and ate only fish having fins and scales. Their laws and prayers seemed to have been handed down from generation to generation. COULD READ HEBREW.

Mr. Klein showed them a Hebrew prayer book, a word or two of which they understood. One very old man said it was an extinct language which their forefathers used to speak. He could read parts of it.

The men of this peculiar tribe married only women of their own race and kept strictly aloof from the other blacks

In Mr. Klein's opinion they were undoubtedly Hebrews. On his return Mr. Klein was offered several hundred pounds by a Christian missionary to conduct him to the spot, but in view of the many dangers he refused to undertake the task.

The "Jewish Chronicle" thinks Klein's narrative must be regarded as wanting confirmation. Other colonists who have been in the country say there is no tribe that is acquainted with the art of reading and writing. They are also skep-tical in regard to the presence in the ter-ritory mentioned of wild apples, pigs and

Klein gave his remarkable account in letter to his parents,

#### "PETIT BLEU" TO BE FREE PAPER

Novel Idea of Its Proprietor About Circulating the Paper.

PARIS, Jan. 5 .- It is said that money can always be obtained in France for three things-to open a theater, to support a dancing girl, or to found a newspaper.

A man has now been found whose A man has now been found whose wealth so embarrasses him that he has undertaken to extend the scope of the newspaper business at his own expense. He is Henri Deutsch, the well known donor of the \$20,000 prize for aerial navigation, which was wen by Santos Dumont when he sailed around the Eiffel tower within a certain prescribed time. scribed time.

BUYS THE "PETIT BLEU." It seems that M. Deutsch had a rest-less, guilty feeling that there must be a newspaper around somewhere which might prove navigable and floatable un-der the encouraging buoyancy of his fortune. He found exactly what he wanted in the newspaper "Petit Bleu," which heretofore has had a very pedestrain career, and threatened to go down

altogether.

The opulent patron of airships took the cripple in hand, and is now trying to teach the lively kind of progress he likes best to see, The paper announces that it offers 100,000 subscriptions gratis, subject to the payment of 1 franc to cover the cost of postage and newspaper wrappers. This expense is estimated at \$100,000 for three months.

"DEADREADS" APPORTIONED. "DEADERADS" APPOSITIONED.

It is not merely by layshing money that M. Deutsch testifies to his appreciation of the possibilities of newspaper enterprises. He has drawn up a list of the various professions, members of which will receive the paper free. Officers on the active list of the army, dressmakers, postoffice clerks and house-keepers will receive 2,000 copies each; butchers, 1,600; chemists, professors of the piano, and dentists, 500 each. A copy will go to all teachers in Lie department of the Seine, but only 50 doctors and 10 policemen are on the free list. policemen are on the free list.

The difficulty of selecting and apportioning "deadheads" among the various professions is due chiefly to M. Deutsch's anxiety to have enough monsy left to carry the enterprise to its natural completion by paying the possessors of the free paper to read it.

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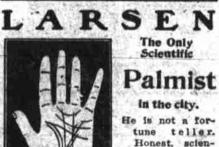
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Old Lady of France Has Discov ered That They Enjoy Harmony.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—An elderly lady who lives in her own house at Buttes Chau-mont, and who is the daughter of one of the functionaries under the late Empire, has discovered that spiders are peculiarly appreciative of music. She has made great nets of them, and her house is full of spiders of all kinds, on whom

the spends much of her time. Her proteges are lodged in a large, airy room, where she has provided every necessary support for their different webs. Her great favorites are immerse black spiders, which, with their hairy legs and great bodies, look very repulsive to

others. When she is inclined to show off their capabilities for music she surrounds ber-self with a circle of water to keep off their too delicate attentions, and plays slowly, softly and in a minor key on the slowly, sortly and in a minor key on the harp. From all corners of the room the spiders run toward her, listering with evident pleasure, but should she strike up a noisy, gay, inharmonious strain they scamper back to their holes as though disgusted.