New York Market so Narrow in Char

Headway One Way or Other-

Slightly Easier at Closing.

GOVERNMENT HO DATS AND BARLEY GO TO RECORD WITH VERY

Portland Market; Millstuffs Low-men profits to increase the supply is the word that has gone forward from leading producing Coarse Grains Are Sharply Lifted in ered by Federal Flour Commissioner by Strict Orders to Trade.

Sharp advances and new record prices for and barley were the features of the local sal trade for the week. The slowing up of milling operations in the ifie Northwest is very marked and this is aling much concern not only to the millers masles, but to all investock feeders who dend upon millistuffs for a large per cent of r feed requirements.

themselves, but to all hivestock feeders who depend upon millistuffs for a large per cent of their feed requirements.

Strenuous efforts have been made by Theodore B. Wilcox, federal flour commissioner for the Pacific Northwest, to induce the government to give the millers more orders for flour. Mr. Wilcox freely expresses the opinion that every bushel of wheat grown in the Pacific Northwest during the last season should be milled at home in order to retain the feed supplies, and that not a single bushel should be sent to the eastern states.

During the week a liberal supply of Australian what came to Portland and will be milled here for the account of the English government and then shipped to Europe.

Lowering of millstuff prices as a result of the degree of fat lambs is now below the price paid for the thin lambs last fall, and here in the west it is difficult to market lambs at any price.

"In Sevier valley, Utah, about 40,000 lambs have been fed and many are ready for market. The buyers contend that market for lambs have been restricted because of public understanding that the food administration has included lamb in the future. We feel that the food administration has included lamb in the food administration ha

wheat, \$9.00; granam, \$9.10; For Hod; \$40.75
per barrel.

HAY—Buying price, new crop: Willamette
timothy, fancy, \$26.00 per ton; Eastern
Oregon-Washington fancy timothy, \$29.00 @
80.00; alfalfa, \$25.09; valley vetch, (——);
cheat, (——); clover, \$22.00 per ton; grain,
\$24.00 @ 25.00 per ton.

GRAIN SACKS—Nominal, No. 1 Calcutta,
18.4 @ 20c in car lots; less amounts higher,
MILLSTUFFS—Brain, \$29.50 @ 30; ahorts,
\$31.50 @ 32; middlings, \$38.50 @ 39 per ton,
ROLLED OATS—Per ton, \$62.00.

COEN—Whole, \$82.00; cracked, \$83.00 per CORN-Whole, \$82.00; cracked, \$83.00 per ROLLED BARLEY-Per ton, \$60 @ 62.

Fri Thurs Wed Tues Mon 1917 1916 ----5700 5625 5800 5800 5750 5725 BARLEY Brewing— 5750 5750 5800 5800 5700 5725

These prices are those at which wholesalers sell

Dalry Products

BUTTER—Creamery, prints in parrafine wrappers, extras, 52c; prime firsts, 50e; firsts,
48 %c; cubes, 10c less; cartens, 1c advance; BUTTERFAT—Port'and delivery basis. No.

1 sour cream, 56c per lb.

CHEESE—Selling price. Tillamcok fresh
Oregon fancy full ceam triplets, 25@25%c lb.;
Young America, 26@26%c lb. Price to jobbers,
flats, 23c; Young America, 24c, f. o. b.;
brick, 23c; limburger, 85c; brick Swiss, 39c per
lb.; Oregon triplets, 23% @24c per lb.

EGGS—Selling price: Case count, 46c per
desen; buying price, 45c per dozen; selling
price, candled, 48@50c; selected condied, 52c;
storage, 34@35c. hiry, 35c. BUTTERFAT—Port'and delivery basis. No.

dozen; buying price, 450 per dozen; selling price, camiled, 48 @ 50c; selected condied, 52c; storage, 34 @ 35c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, heavy Plymouth Rocks, 21c per Bt.; ordinary chickens, 19 @ 20c lb.; stazs, 14c lb.; small springs, 18 @ 19c; turkeys, 22c per lb.; dressed, fancy, 30 @ 32c lb.; No. 2s, 27 @ 27 ½c; squabs, \$2.60 per dozen; geese, live; 14 @ 18c; ducks, 18 @ 23c per lb.; pigeons, \$1.25 per dozen.

Fresh Fruits and Vegatables

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, \$4.00 @ 4.75 per box; bananas, 5 ½ @ 6c; lemons, 36.75 @ 8.25; California grapefruit, \$4.50; Florida, \$4.75 @ 6.00; pears, \$1.50 @ 2.25 per box.

BERRIES—Huckleberries, 15c per lb.; cranberries, local, box, \$1.25 @ 4.50; eastern, \$16.00 @ 16.50 per barrel.

APPLES—Ortley extra fancy, box, \$2.00; fancy, \$1.75; Winter Banana, extra fancy, \$2.25; Winter Banana, fancy, \$2.00; fancy table applea, 4 tier, \$2.00; Hood River Spitzenburgs, fancy, \$2.00; cooking apples, 4 tier, \$1.00; cooking apples, 50; cooking apples, 4 tier, \$1.00; cooking apples, 50; cooking apples, 50;

ONIONS-Oregon, \$2.50; sarlie, 6 % @ 8c ONIONS—Oregon, \$2.50; sarlic, 6 % \$80
per lb.
POTATOES — Selling price; Table stock,
local, \$1.25 @ 1.50. Buying price; Choice
shipping, \$1.25; sweet potatoes, 4 % c.
NUTS—Almonds, 1 X L, less than sack, per lb.,
22 % c; almonds, 1 X L, full sack lots, per lb., 22c;
almonds, Ne Plus, less than sack, per lb., 23c;
almonds, Ne Plus, full sack lots, per lb., 23c;
Brazils, less than sack, per lb., 18c; chestauts,
eastern, amall, per lb., 82c; chestauts, Jap, large,
per lb., 20c; filburts, less than sack, per lb., 28c;
pecans, large, per lb., 20c; peanuts, "Swan"
brand, Jap, single sacks, per lb., 18c; peanuts,
"Swan" brand, Jap, 5-sack lots, per lb., 13c;
peanuts, best fresh roasted, per lb., 18c; walnuts,
Prench, less than sack, per lb., 18 % c; walnuts,
Diamend budded, full sack, per lb., 28 @ 28 % c
walnuts, No. 1 S. S., less than sack, per lb.,
25c; walnuts, No. 1 S. S., full sacks, per lb.,
25c.

Grocories .

SUGAB.—Cube, \$8.75; powdered, \$8.50; fruit or berry, \$8.00; D vellow, \$7.40; granulated, \$8.00; best, \$8.00; etra C, \$7.50; golden C, \$7.50.

HONEY—New, \$4.00@4.50 per case.

BEANS WANTED

I will buy your Beans at top market price. Lady Washington, Navy, or Tree Beans. Send sample, state if recleaned or hand picked and amount. Must be sacked in new Bean or Grain sacks, and if ready to ship, mail samples and letters to S. C. Dalton, 2024, Alder St., Portland. We will make offer soon as

Lamb Market Is Not Satisfactory To Western Men

Urge Public to Consume Greater Supply in Order to Give Profits to Increase Industry.

A Utah committee has made the following

milled here for the eccount of the English government and then shipped to Europe.

Lovering of milistriff prices as a result of the decree sent forward by the flour coromissioner, caused much excitament from the trade. Brokerste interests have expressed wonder as to what the government is going to do with them. So far as can be assertained no regulations have as yet been made for the brokers but they are expected to soon be placed under federal themse, which in itself will solve the problem of prices and profits.

Trend of the hay trade was quiet during the week, but in general values wers maintained.

WHEAT—New crop, bluestem, \$2.95; fortyfold, \$2.93; club, \$2.01; Russian, \$1.98; tidewater track basis.

FLOUR—Selling price: Patent, \$10.00; Willemette valley, \$9.60; local straight, \$9.20 \$0.99; bakers' local, \$9.80 \$0.00; Mentan apring wheat patent, \$10.60 \$

Corse Grains Rise At Chicago Close;

Chicago, Dec. 20,—(U. P.)—A good commission house demand today sent oats prices up % to le over resterday's closing.

December oats opened &c higher at 78 % c, but closed at 77c; January at 75 %, off %, but closed 1 % c higher. May opened unchanged, but closed 1c higher at 74 % c.

Corn prices were algher, following an opening decline. December opened at \$1.27 %, up % c, and gained the same fraction at the close. January opened % c off, but closed 1c higher at \$1.25 %. May opened at \$1.22 %, off % c, but closed % c higher, Provisions were steady on a higher hog mar-

Omaha, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts, \$800, 5@10a higher; tops, \$16.45; range, \$16.40@16.45; mixed, \$16.30@16.40; good choice, \$16.40@16.45; rough, \$16.00@16.45; good choice, \$16.40@16.45; rough, \$16.00@16.15; light, \$16.10@16.30; bulk, \$16.20@16.35; pigs, \$14.00@16.30; bulk, \$16.20@16.30; bulk, \$16.20@16.30; bulk, \$16.20@16.30; bulk, \$16.30@16.30; bulk, \$15.35@16.50; haavies, \$16.40@16.50; bulk, \$15.35@16.50; haavies, \$16.40@16.50; mediums, \$16.35@16.60; lights, \$15.35@16.45.
Sheep—Receipts, 1000 on through billing.

Denver, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Cattle—Receipts, 2200, steady; steers, \$8.50@11.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00@\$8.50; stockers and feeders, \$6.50@10.25; calves, \$8.50@10.25. Hogs—Receipts, 100, strong to higher; tops, \$16.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 1300, steady; ewes, \$10.00 gentless; \$16.35.

DAIBY PRODUCE ON THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Butter—
Extras, 51c.

Eggs—Extras, 52c; extra pullets, 48 % a.
Cheese—California flats, fancy, 23c.

Seattle Market

Seattle, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Butter—Native
Washington creamers, cube, 52c; do brick, 53c; storage, California cube, 45c; do brick, 46c.

Eggs—Select ranch, 54c; storage, 42c.
Cheese—Oregon trinlets, 24 @ 25c; Toung
America, 25c; block Suise, case, 37c; Badger
brick; case, 34c; do single, 35c; Washington
triplets, 24 @ 25c.

Los Angeles Market
Las Angeles, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes
—Northern Burbanks, 32.90 @ 2.60; Russetz,
\$1.85 @ 2.00; sweets, \$8.25 sack, \$8.65 crate,

Orson, \$1.25 @ 1.50 per dozen; pumpkins, I we per lb. Meat, Fish and Previsions

DRESSED MEATS—Selling price, country filled best hors. 18c; ordinary, 17@17%c per lb.; best veal, 16%c per lb.; ordinary veal, 16%15e per lb.; brough heavy, 10@11e per lb.; must, 16@17e lb.; best, 7@20c per lb.; rough heavy, 10@11e per lb.; must, 17@20c per lb.; must, 17@20c per lb.; must, 17@20c per lb.; best, 32.45; fancy table and the same states, 32.60; per lb.; cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; short clears, 31.63 at per lb.; Cottage roll, 26c per lb.; Same states, 32.65; fancy short white, 18% c; man, 18% c; man,

TALLOW—No. 1, 13c; No. 2, 12c; grease, 5c per lh.

So per lh.

Chicago, Dec. 22,—(1, N, 8.)—Butter Recipits, 5c per lh.

MCHAIR—1917, 5c per lh.

Royal—Simi, dark, 23c; white, 23 to per lh.

Solid boiled, boils, 51.3c; raw, cases, 51.44; boiled, boiled, boils, 51.3c; raw, cases, 51.44; boiled, boiled, boiled, boiled, boiled, boiled, boiled, boiled, cases, 81.46 per gallon; lots of 250 gallons, less.

UOAL GII—Water white, in drums and from barrein, 10c per gallon.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 12c per lh.; 500 lbs., 12 to s.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, 55c; cases, 75c; 10 gase lots, 1c less.

Be Tolerated-Says There Is No Excuse for High Values Charged-May Take Away Licenses.



Theodore B. Wilcox

it has merit, and hope some plan of no evolved without delay. High ites and long distance to market make ary in Utah for producers to market ited products. Hence increased product. Utah depends upon ability to market ducts such as lambs."

Be Grains Rise

Chicago Close;

Demand Is Good

Those millers and dealers in millstuffs who have exacted the last cent that the traffic would be ar are finding themselves in deep water and a day of reckening has arrived. They must answer to the sovernment for their actions. Not only will they lose all excess profits exacted from the dairy interests, but they will be mighty lucky if they do not lose their license to do business—and perhaps secure greater punishment.

This is what Theodore B. Wilcox, federal flour commissioner for the Pacific Northweat, has served notice of. Mr. Wilcox, being a leader of the milling business himself, is in a position to know what milling costs are, and he says that greater profits have been secured on millstuffs than the food administration allows.

"Being an employe of the government—for

"Being an employe of the government—for which I am earnestly trying to earn my malary of \$1 a year—I have been exceedingly eareful to keep my profits within the limits allowed by law," says Mr. Wilcox. "I have sold millstuffs lower than many millers have been quoting, and have charged no more for flour. Even then I have made the profits allowed. "If the government will give us orders for more flour than at present, at least sufficient to keep our plants running for a few months, we will be able to eliminate the shortage in millistuffs, which has threatened the dairy industry. In any event, millers will not be allowed to charge additional profits, no matter how much demand there is for supplies or how short these supplies are."

Rainfall Gives to Walla Walla a Good Wheat Crop Outlook

May ... 2475 2487 2475 2480

BIBS

January ... 2487 2482 2490

May ... 2487 2482 2490

May ... 2487 2482 2490

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago Hegs \$16.80

Chicago Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts. 12.000, firm, 10c higher; mixed and butchers, \$16.00 \$16.80; good heavy, \$16.00 \$16.80; good heavy, \$16.00 \$16.80; good heavy, \$16.00 \$16.80; good heavy, \$16.00 \$16.50; high \$16.00; higher; high \$16.00; higher; high \$16.00; high \$16.00; high \$16.50; high \$16.50;

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Onions—
Per cental, brown or yellow, \$1.50@1.75 for good stock.

Potatoes—Per cental, Delta, \$1.65@1.85 for fanoy; do choice, \$1.25@1.60; do Somonia, \$1.75@1.90; do Salinas, \$2.50@2.85; de Idaho Netted Genn, \$1.65@1.85; do Oregon Burbanks, \$1.75@2.00.

Sweet potatoes—Per hundred pounda, \$2.75, extra carriage.

Potatoss — Locals, new, \$32 @ 35; Yakima icms, \$36 @ 40 per top. New York Sugar and Coffee New York, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Coffee— Spot, No. 7 Rio, 7 %c; No. 4 Santos, 9 %c. Sugar—Centrifugal holiday. Jack Rabbit Skins Redmond, Or., Dec. 22.—Prime rabbit skins a, seconds 5c each f. o. b. California Buys Liberal

Supply Tillamook Cheese

zwell Motors, c.

Poreign Bond Market

New York Bank Statement
New York, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.).—Bank
statement: Average loans, decreased, \$465,188,000;
time deposits, decreased, \$66,150,000;
time deposits, decreased, \$2,341,000; reserve,
decreased, \$43,168,850.

Chicago Dairy Produce
Chicago, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Butter—Recelpts, 5620 tubs: creamery extra. 48 % 649c;
extra firsts, 48c; firsts, 42 % 46 % c; packing
stock, 32 % 36 % c.
Eggs—Heccipts, 4932 cases; current receipts,
39 % 46c; ordinary firsts, 42 % 45c; firsts, 46
% 47c; extra. 50 % 51c; checks, 28c; dirties,
29 % 30c.



Potato Situation Is Critical; Heavy Losses in Sight

Movement of Grop Is Very Serious Factor and All Interests Must

acter That Trend Shows Little There is inuch confusion among the growers as to the proper course to take, whether to hold or sell. There is all sorts of advice available in this regard, but producers are fearful that if they sell at this time they would be accepting less than would be obtainable later in the season.

This may, or may not, be true, for only the future will tell the story. There is not a single dealer or grower who can positively say whether the market is going higher or lower than the present level. New York, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The New York Evening Sun's financial review unid today:

changes were narrowly firm. Wall street or such small part of it which had not already absented itself in anticipation of the Christmae holiday, was cheered by the news from the Stalian front, and at the same time found not a little satisfaction by the difficulties arising from the peace negotiations between the Holsheviki and the Teutens.

Business was too thin to give adequate expression to what might have been strong market influences at onother time. The steel group moved forward fractionally in restricted transactions. The copper issues were irregular within narrow limits. There was scarcely any demand for the equipment and munitions shares. There was some selling at the leading rails, brought about by Washington advices stating that the president would not send a message to congress on the rallycoal matter until after the holiday rocess.

Further peace talk was beard, and in some quarters, it was apparently believed that Germany was desperately short of munitions and copper. Some selling was attributed to the war investigations at the capitol.

Prices cased off in sluggish fashion toward the closing.

Cottonseed Prices Have Been Lowered By Many Crushers

from \$5 to \$7 per ton, the exact amount depending on the grade. This action was taken at conventions held the first part of December.

The cottonseed industry has shown hearty coperation with the food administration, and the reduction in prices is regarded at Washington headquarters as a splendid example of business patriotism that should be reflected in an increased production of meat and milk, besides making possible the wintering of a large number of cattle in the west. Branches of the industry agreeing to the reduced prices are the Mississippi and Louisiana Cottonseed Crushers, the Tennessee Crushers' association and the Arkansas Crushers' association and the Arkansas Crushers' association as a secondary of these associations are secondary of supplies the situation the cattle trade was excellent. General cattle market range:

Medium to choice steers.

Common to good steers.

Common to good steers.

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Common to good steers.

Canners

Calves

Stocker and feeder steers.

To Stocker and feeder steers.

To Stocker and feeder steers.

To Stocker and feeder steers.

The cottonseed Crushers, the Tennessee Crushers' association and the Arkansas Crushers' in the sheep and lamb alleys at North during the week. There was quite a fing of sumilian association.

Members of these associations agreed that they would not ask for their cottonseed cake the remainder of this season a price exceeding the basis of price agreed upon by the Texas association, which is as follows, & o. b. their mills at shipping

WEEK END COVERING IS AID TO COTTON PRICE

to 9 points net higher. Final prices were 18 to 20 points higher ex-2884 2867 2852 2835

2712 2730 2722 3050 8060 8081 New York Metal Market York, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Spelter, Spot. 7 % bid; first quarter, 7 % @

Casualty Lists Are Carefully Prepared

Officials of War and Navy Department Notify Relatives of Enlisted Men Fully and Promptly. Washington, Dec. 22. - The war and

navy departments today through the United Press urged relatives of enlisted sere recently in one of San Francisco's men not to bombard the department with queries for details concerning men menfashionable hotels, and was then hus-Taube dropped into the dining room and ordered everything from melon to lioned in casualty lists. Officials of both departments repeated frogs' legs,
"Do it again," said Taube to the astonished waiter. And he ordered more
tonished waiter. assurances that every detail concerning men killed, wounded or taken prisoner, will be wired their families the minute it is available. It is impossible to get

than the bare announcement in less than from two to six weeks. The army easualty work is in charge of Major J. S. Jones. Here is how it works: In every regiment both in this country and in Pershing's force several enlisted men record each casualty. They report these to their commanders who send the reports immediately to head-quarters whence they are cabled with-

out delay to Washington. Major Jones at once telegraphs to the person mentioned in the soldier's emerpartment, telling all he knows about what happened to the soldier. Later on detailed written reports as to how the men were killed or wounded are mailed to the war department. This causes delay which will lengthen as the casu-

alty lists grow.

If a soldier is captured, Germany under international law is required to report to this government through diplomatic channels, which takes about six

Hog of Importance In Winning the War

Washington, Dec. 22.-Next to human beings, the great American hog is this country's most important living factor in winning the war. Food Administrator

"Every hog," said Hoover, in a per-sonally prepared and signed statement, "is of greater value to the winning of this war than a shell. And every pound of fat is as sure of service as every

Gifts for War Work To Be Safeguarded

FINANCE, TIMBER Hyman H. C ohen INDUSTRY REVIEWED

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SHAPE IN PORTLAND

Good Quality as Previous Ones-

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN
Hogs. Cattle. Calves.
reek ... 6492 2025 45
week ... 2546 1306 55

Swine Prices Depressed.

General hos market range:

Week\$19,502,073.77

Seattle Barley Market

Three Meals in Row

If so, that honor goes to Eben Taube.

food after the second meal had vanished, the three costing him \$7. The man with

the big appetite is now in a private

Needle Found After

state teachers' convention, to be held in Portland, December 26-29, will give serious consideration to the \$50 thrift prize offered by the Oregon Bankers' association to the county whose schools make the best showing in thrift during the school year of 1917-18. The prize of \$50 was donated by the bankers at their association meeting at Marshfield executive decree of the country's wind their association meeting at Marshfield executive decree of the country's wind their association meeting at Marshfield executive decree of the country's wind their association meeting at Marshfield executive decree of the country's wind their association meeting at Marshfield executive decree of the country's wind their association in the school of the country's wind the schools are the schools of the schools of the schools of the school of the schools o Portland, December 26-29, will give serious consideration to the \$50 thrift prize offered by the Oregon Bankers' association to the county whose schools the school year of 1917-18. The prize of \$50 was donated by the bankers at their association meeting at Marshfield last summer. A committee of the Orelast summer. A committee of the Oregon Bankers' association, composed of W. E. Kyier, cashier of the Benton County bank of Corvallis; H. Hirschberg, president of the Independence National bank of Independence: A. C. Schmidt, vice-president of the First Savings bank of Albany, and Dean J. A. Bexell of the Oregon Agricultural college, was appointed to devise means for awarding the prize. Through Dean Bexell, cooperation of the State Teachers' association was enlisted and plans laid for interesting every county superistendent in the state. During the teachers' convention the details will be put before the teachers in anticipation of interesting all the children in Oregon. Activities embraced in the thrift

Government May Fix More Prices.— Bellingham, Wash, at 7:30 p. m., De Local officials of the food administra-tion believe that the government will interest and mature serially, 11 to extend its price fixing activities to em-

West, assistant cashler of the Ladd &

or interesting all the children in Oregon. Activities embraced in the thrift contest are: Saving and depositing in a bank 10 cents a week during the school year; devoting three hours a week to home industry; preparing written work on thrift, and organizing programs for the discussion of thrift among patrons of the schools. The teachers' association has named a committee to handle work will begin in the spring.

tion, has named a committee to handle the campaign. The committee is composed of F. J. Tooze, superintendent of schools at Oregon City; Joseph H. Albert, banker, Salem; J. A. Bexell, dean of the school of commerce, Oregon Agricultural college; Clyde T. Bonney, superintendent of schools in Wasco county; L. L. Goodrich, banker, Eugene; G. W. McCoy, banker, Ashland; Mrs. Gertrude Orth, teacher, Portland public schools; A. C. Strange, superintendent of schools, Baker, and T. H. West, assistant cashler of the Ladd

by C. A. McLennan, city comptroller brace a number of staple commodities will be entered.

War Refugees in Persia Collection of Sad Wrecks

Plight of Homeless Folk-Starving, Unclothed and Diseased-Who Flee Before Turks Beggars Description, Writes Forester From Uremia.

In a letter to Raphael Zon of the of whole nations out and united States forest service, Edward I had seen some of the poor united States forest service, Edward I had seen some of the poor In a letter to Raphael Zon of the of whole nations out here. I thought C. M. Richards, who is stationed as forester in Urumia, Persia, writes of the condition of that country since

PACIFIC COAST BANK STATEMENT the war. The letter, which was written from a forester's point of view, is in part as follows: "The people out here grow Lombardy poplar as a timber tree, Little groves of it or now and then fair sizes patches is the nearest they come to forests. Most of it is grown in \$13.618.180.99 tong rows along irrigation ditches Assyrians). Mongolians and \$13.618.180.99 They trim it off along the trunk so And the mixture of language that it develops into a very tall, thin and beliefs is even worse etc., in their mud houses. The really with people who can speak with every great need here is fuel wood. They one they meet. And to know three use manure cakes in their fires almost or four tongues is nothing at all. great need here is fuel wood. They use manure cakes in their fires almost or four tongues is nothing at all. There is an element of excitement ford wood to burn. About the best they can find in the way of fuel is almond wood, sycamore or fruit trees, but they are hard to buy at reason-

almond wood, sycamore or fruit trees, but they are hard to buy at reasonable cost. Twenty dollars (about) was the price I heard quoted for one cord. Except along the river beds, where willows, wild elives, and as far as I have seen, nothing else grows, this is a treeless country. In fact, the location of the village is noticed by the presence of trees, which are en irrigated soil. My belief is that this is an interesting country."

Solution for Divorce Put Gourmand in Bed Thongs Are Befugees San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Of a man eats three square meals, one right after the other without leaving the table, would "I am writing this, and in fact we are all acting in our work, as if it

was a sure thing that nothing in the way of another invasion of this dis-trict by the Turks and Kurde was going to take place. In reality, we are always living on a powder min here. There are some 15,000 refugee right here in Urumia, and all around us thousands more. Three thousand fresh ones came in a little south of here about two weeks ago. Many of hem were really almost naked and the poverty, famine, want, horror of it all makes your heart ache. I surely am glad I came out to do what I could. This winter is going to be the worst that ever struck this region. Just at present it is summer and so warm that the poor people do not need scrape up enough to keep alive, but when the cold starts in there will be the most terrible want that you can

25 Years in Body "I sasure you that when you have small mob of fifty Gilu, Kurdish an 25 years ago when she was a little child was found when Mrs. P. L. Keller of Syrian men, women and little children covered with sores, haggard and gaunt and all of them crying out for anything at all to eat, it makes you feel pretty bad. Why, one night's expenditures on wine, women and song along Broadway would save the lives Concord noticed a small spot in her hip after complaining of sharp pains in her

alive when I saw some of the people of the New York slums. the poor whites of the south, but they are bloated bondholders compared to these refugees Bandits Are Active

"Aside from the refugees' part this country, the mixture of races is a fright. In five minutes you see Americans, Russians, Kurds, Armen-ians, Syrians, Gelus (Nestorians or Assyrians), Mongolians and Persians And the mixture of language, thought They use these poles as rafters, mixture of races. One is often thro

Problem Is Sought

California Legislature Taking. From Gullty One Right of Bemarriage.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—With a view to solving the divorce evil of California, Judge E. P. Shortall of the local superior court has announced that he is prepar-ing a bill, dealing with the subject, which he will introduce at the next session of the legislature.

One of the provisions of the bill give judges presiding over divorce cases the right to determine which of the parties to the action caused the breaking up of the home, and to embody in the divorce decree a provision forbidding that person to remarry during the lifetime of

If it is determined that both have be guilty of violating their marital duties they will both be enjoined from remarrange. At the present time there are six grounds for divorce in this state. They are adultery, extreme cruelty, willful descrition, willful neglect, habitual intemperance and conviction of a felony.

Illness Diagnosed As Early Leprosy

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 22.—Surgeon G. W. McCoy, formerly of the leproar investigation station of the bureau of public health service at Molokal, Hawaiian Islands, was brought here to ex-amine Frank Siraction, who has been held in the contagion hospital outside the city as a leper.

Dr. McCoy diagnosed the case as lep-

rosy in its early stages, but said there is no danger of contamination in this climate and that it would be safe to allow the man his freedom, providing he remained north of the Potomac river. Stracusa came from Oil City several

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Above Single hill of potatoes grown by G. E. Kephart. Below-Hr. Kephart

HILL HAD 26 LARGE SPUDS

New York, Dec. 22.—Coincident with a grand jury investigation into the disposal of the receipts from the recent amounted to some \$20,000 and netted profits of only \$750, an ordinance was introduced for passage in the board of aldermen to control such affairs in the future so that givers to war charities twould be assured that their contributions would not be wasted.

D. A. Brodie, representing the department of which were less than merchantable size, and the product of that one hill weighed 19 pounds. Mr. Kephart brought the potatoes dug by the representative of the department of agriculture, has investigated the claim of G. E. Kephart, a Northern Pacific train man, that he has learned how to grow 1000 bushels of potatoes to the acre. Mr. Kephart called to the attention of the department that for several seasons, through judicious selection of seed, he had been able to grow an average of more than 1000 bushels to the Northern Pacific passenger with the Northern Pacific passenger with the acre. Mr. Brodie went to the potatoes weighed more than two pounds each. The vines, the claim of G. E. Kephart, a Northern product of that one hill weighed 19 pounds. Mr. Kephart brought the potatoes dug by the representing the department of specific train man, that he has learned how to grow 1000 bushels of potatoes to the acre. Mr. Kephart called to the acre. Mr. Kephart called to the acre. Mr. Kephart called to the acre. Mr. Brodie went to the potatoes weighed the potatoes of the department of agriculture, has investigated the claim of G. E. Kephart weighed 19 pounds. Mr. Kephart brought the potatoes to the acre. Mr. Kephart called to the acre. Mr. Brodie weighed 19 pounds. Mr. Kephart brought the potatoes of the department of the department