

OVER TWO BILLION DOLLARS

Our Foreign Commerce of 1899 Breaks All Records.

GREAT REDUCTION IN BREADSTUFFS

But This Loss is More Than Offset by Our Astonishing Sales of Merchandise.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The foreign commerce of the United States seems likely to make its highest record of the century in the closing year of that period. The October exports are larger than those of any preceding October, the total for the ten months ending with October is greater than the total for the corresponding period in any preceding year, and it is apparent that for the first time in our history the foreign commerce of the year will not exceed \$2,000,000,000. For the ten months ending with October, 1899, the figures of the treasury bureau of statistics show the total exports to be \$1,029,242,000, while in the corresponding months of last year they were \$987,879,000.

The remarkable increase in exportation is the more surprising cause of the absence of the excessive demand abroad for our breadstuffs, which characterized the year 1898. In that year the short crops abroad and plentiful supplies of breadstuffs of all kind in the United States resulted in an abnormal large exportation of breadstuffs, so that the exportation of agricultural products in the present year naturally falls about \$35,000,000 below that of the corresponding period of last year. Yet the total exportation for the ten months are, as already indicated, more than \$40,000,000 in excess of those of last year.

It is easy, however, to find the cause of this remarkable growth in our total exportations, which occurs in the face of the reduction in our exportation of breadstuffs. An examination of the detailed figures of the nine months of the year already accessible shows that the exports of manufactures in that period were \$50,000,000 in excess of those of the corresponding months of the preceding year, and \$65,000,000 greater than those of the same months of 1897, while the products of the mine were \$4,000,000 greater than those of the corresponding months of last year, and those of the forest \$6,000,000 in excess of the corresponding months of the preceding year. Thus the year's exportation of agricultural productions will be quite up to the normal, while those of manufacture, mining and forestry will exceed those of last year, and indeed, of any year in our history.

Fatal Row in a Saloon.

WAVELLY, Wash., Nov. 18.—During an altercation in a saloon tonight, Ed. Twyman shot and instantly killed George Wiggins. Twyman was formerly a deputy sheriff and town marshal of Fairfield. He had been quarreling with an unknown man, and, drawing a revolver, ordered him out of the saloon. Just then Wiggins came in, and seeing the leveled revolver, appealed to Twyman not to shoot. Twyman turned quickly and fired two shots, the second striking the victim squarely in the forehead. Twyman was arrested and will be brought to the Spokane jail tomorrow.

Judge Chambers Resigns.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Chief Justice Chambers, of Samoa, has resigned, and his resignation has been accepted for the United States, one of the three parties to the Berlin treaty, by the president. The resignation will also be made to Great Britain and to Germany. The last official act of Judge Chambers was the submission of a report of the administration of his office from his appointment up to the time of his departure from Samoa. Identical copies of the document

have been dispatched by mail to the foreign offices at London and Berlin.

Used By British Soldiers in Africa.

Capt. C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Gallahe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and had given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

Senator Thurston Married.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The marriage of Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, and Miss Lola Purman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Purman, of this city, was solemnized at 9 o'clock this morning at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Dr. Frank M. Bristol, of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. The wedding ceremony was attended only by immediate relatives of the contracting parties in addition to Edgar C. Snyder, and intimate personal friend of the groom.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm Cures Others, Why Not You?

My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually for nine years. We have tried all kinds of medicines and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well. —ADOLPH L. MILLETT, Manchester, N.H. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

ARE ANXIOUS FOR ENCOUNTER

Armored Train Fight—Ladysmith Surrounded and Boers in Great Straits For Want of Food.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Delagoa Bay, Nov. 17.—The official Volstem reports that the bridge over the Tugela river near Colenso was completely destroyed Wednesday November 15. The Boers are looking forward with great interest to the impending encounter between Colenso and Estcourt with the advancing British. About 600 burghers with cannon are guarding the Helpakaar pass, eighteen miles from Dundee, to baffle any attempt to reoccupy Dundee by the Pietermaritzburg-Drytown route.

Armored Train Fight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says: The Daily Telegraph printed these advices from its special correspondent:

"Estcourt, Nov. 16.—A few Boers are laagered near Frere. A few others have been seen moving east. An ambulance train has gone forward to try to recover our wounded. Yesterday's losses in the armored train engagement have been ascertained to have been in wounded or missing: "Dublin fusiliers—Captain Haldane, Lieutenant Frankland and forty-five men. "Durbin light infantry—Captain Wylie and twenty-four men. A heavy musketry fire was heard in the direction of Ladysmith at 2 o'clock this morning, but there was no sound of cannon."

All Well at Kimberley.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The war office received the following dispatch from General Buller:

"Cape Town, Nov. 17.—A report from Kimberley, Saturday, Nov. 11, says all are well there. Reports from Ladysmith, November 12 and 13, say all are well."

Ladysmith Surrounded.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says: The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from its special correspondent at Pietermaritzburg, November 11:

The natives report that the enemy

Shoe Dep't News...

MEN'S TAN up-to-date winter shoes reduced from \$4.00 to \$2.85. This entire line goes.



LADIES' up-to-date black vicci kid, vesting top, lace shoes; reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.55. Entire line goes.

MISSES' and CHILDREN'S up-to-date lace shoes, medium and heavy soles, vicci kid uppers, sizes 8 1/2 to 11; reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.20. Sizes 11 1/2 to 2 reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.40.

One Word.

These lines represent shoes that are thoroughly up-to-date in every respect. There is nothing more desirable in the house.

Tablets Free

with all shoe purchases. Ask for them.

See Windows.

Our special sale of

TABLE LINENS

In order to give everyone an equal chance, will continue until Wednesday, 8 p. m.

A. M. WILLIAMS & COMPANY.

have drawn a complete cordon around Ladysmith, and ingress is now most difficult. Our troops are cheerful, and there is little sickness. The Boers are in great straits for want of food. The free States have become almost mutinous.

Heavy Boer Losses.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—A special dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Saturday, November 18, says:

"A runner brings a message from Ladysmith, saying that November 9 the Boers attacked the town from the southwest, but were repulsed by the Royal

rifles and rifle brigade with great loss. November 14 the Boers made an attack near Colenso, but were repulsed with a loss of 800. Fighting is proceeding at Estcourt."

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but skin eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also old, running and fever sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chills, etc. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out pains and aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

OUR GREAT

..Clearance Sale..

OF BOYS' AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

opened this morning and will continue until further notice. Now is the time too! Our usual January Clearance Sale is happening just when

Boys' Clothing

Is In Demand.

Not after the season is half over and every one has already bought. Could we present a better argument why you should buy. Every appreciative parent who is equally willing to save a dollar when the opportunity offers, will take advantage of this grand sale.



490 Boy's Knee Pant Suits

from \$1.50 to \$5.50; in sizes from 3 to 14 years are now being offered you at the special price of

\$1, \$2, \$3.



430 Boy's and Young Men's Long Pant Suits

worth from \$2.85 to \$10.00, in sizes from 11 to 20 years, are now being offered at the special prices of

\$2, \$4, \$6.

In addition to these lines we selected a special lot of Boys' Long Pants, worth from 90c to \$2 pr. pr. Take your choice at just half the regular price.

Men's Pants. TWO LOTS. 25 pair of Men's Pants, worth \$2.25 to \$4.50 a pair, your choice \$1.50. 34 pair Men's Pants, worth from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per pair, your choice \$1.00.

Men's Suits One lot of 75 suits, sizes from 35 to 42, ranging in prices from \$3.50 to \$6.50; a chance is here offered to the man who needs a good warm working suit. Any suit in the lot for..... **\$3.00**

the liver clean by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers and you will avoid trouble. They are famous little pills for constipation and liver and bowel troubles.

Wanted Agents.

Steady employment, salary or commission. A 1 Article calls at eight. Suitable for Xmas present. Sample by mail 35 cents. Oregon Agency Co. Box 96. Portland, Ore.

Are You Looking for Paper Bands? We don't sell them, but if you want the best five cents, worth in this town, try our Far West cigars. It'll make you feel good all over, and only five cents. Ben Ulrich.

You never know what form of blood poison will follow constipation. Keep