

BEETS IN ECHO DISTRICT

and Expert Em... Will Be Made to... strate Capabilities.

TRY BETTER ADAPTED TO CULTURE.

Climate Just What They... Umatilla County... Will Not Embark in the... Company Will Lease... Themselves Make the... tion.

There is a receipt of a com... from George Stoddard... and manager of the La... sugar factory, and from... well, the superintendent of... asking him concerning... of inducing the farmers... to put land in beets... of the factory, and out... that they are willing to... the growth of the beets.

North of the beets in Union... not fill the capacity of... at La Grande, and it is... of the management of the... arrangements with peo... county and especially of... in the Echo district. ... for the factory on the... that are given to the... of the Grand Ronde valley... been making such a good... the beet culture in the past

coming to Pendleton. ... mentioned... Pendleton either during the... or the one following... then meet the farmers who... interested in the subject, and... their plans to them and... what the company is will... for the men who will... either raise the beets them... give their land to the use... many.

at first sight and after con... the offer of the company... one, and one that will put... into the pockets of this coun... the conditions are favora... only is the soil of the Echo... of Birch creek and the... of like nature in the coun... adapted to beet culture than... Union county, where it has... a success, but the same... be extended by the O. R., &... growers in this county that... given to those of Union... All points on the road can... same privileges at this end... as those on the other side... mountain.

and Without Irrigation.

Weston it is the opinion of... are familiar with the re... of beet culture that the... would be a good one with no... at all. Around Echo the... would require at least a little... this is in a great many... to get. Any place that... alfalfa will raise the sugar... make it a good crop. And... that it is the best thing... alternate with the alfalfa... If a field is put in beets... has grown alfalfa for a num... and then cultivated for... four years in beets, at the... time it will yield better... ever before.

of the land would in... and three-fold, as is evi... the experience of the land... Union county, who before... of the factory, held their... figures from \$15 up, which... now cannot be bought for... the price.

and Labor Conditions.

the situation here is better... in the vicinity of La... here we have the Indians... and these same people... the fields of La Grande to... the beets. There is no people... adapted to the topping and... of beets and to their thinning... to them that the growers of... look for help. If the... this county raised the beets... be here to do the work... farmers could depend on them.

Rats and Plague.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Con... Campbell, at Fort Louis, ... reports there is on... and a terrible outbreak... plague, due to billions of... which infect the island... and dogs are dying in... numbers, and are even... of a disease than rats... is also expected.

GENERAL NEWS OF WASHINGTON

Interstate Commerce Commission Files Its Annual Report of Statistics.

SURPRISING LOSS OF LIFE ON RAILROADS Railroad Earnings Have Increased \$34,000,000 in Past Year—Freight Rates Generally Advanced—201,000 Miles of Railway in the United States—Plans Accepted for a \$1,500,000 Postoffice at San Francisco.

DIETRICH HAS BEEN INDICTED

GRAND JURY ACUSES HIM OF BEING GRAFTER.

Profited From Rentals Which His Influence Secured From the Government—Rented His Building at Hastings for a Postoffice.

Omaha, Dec. 18.—The United States grand jury today made its report to the court, returning 19 true bills. These include indictments against United States Senator Chas. H. Dietrich, for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice.

Senator Dietrich is charged with the alleged violation of section 3729 of the revised statutes, which provide that no member or delegate to congress shall, "directly or indirectly, himself or by any other person in trust for him, or for his use, benefit or on his account, undertake, execute, hold or enjoy, in whole or in part, any contract or agreement made or entered into on behalf of the United States by any officer or person authorized to make contracts on behalf of the United States."

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager.

Pendleton, Dec. 18.—Wheat opened firm, a shade higher than yesterday's close. No conspicuous buying or selling at the opening. Rains are again reported in the interior of Argentina. Large exporters' business reported yesterday and light receipts today are very encouraging to holders.

Argentine shipments this week, 80,000, against 184,000 a week ago, a falling off of 104,000. Minneapolis and Duluth, 368, against 951 a year ago. There is a better tone to the market, although very dull.

The decline in stocks yesterday afternoon was due partly to provisional selling and failed to bring out any long stocks in the market this morning. After the initial trading there was some selling pressure which resulted in a slight recession in the first hour's trading.

During the noon hour the market had firmed up again and is holding firm. There is no important buying demand and the market has again the characteristic holiday dullness. Total sales, 460,000.

Table with columns: Wheat, Opening, Close, May, July, Minneapolis, Dec. 18, Wheat, Opening, Close, May, July, Liverpool closed, wheat, 1/2 to 3/4 higher; corn, 1/2 higher.

Chicago Wheat, Chicago, Dec. 18.—Wheat opened 79 1/2, closed 79 1/2.

ARRESTED IN ENGLAND.

Will Be Taken to McDonald, Pa., for Trial for Murder.

New York, Dec. 18.—The two men arrested in England for murdering Contractor Ferguson at McDonald, Pa., arrived in New York today and will be taken to Pittsburg tomorrow.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS

Resolution Adopted Demanding All Documents Relating to Postal Investigations.

SENATE CONSIDERS ISLE PINES IN SECRET SESSION.

Attempt to Authorize Heavy Bond Issue in Arizona is Called Down—Senator Morgan Balks Again on the Panama Issue—Resolution is Presented Committing the United States to Interfere in European Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Perkins of California presided over the senate today in Mr. Frye's absence.

Mr. Dooliver presented a petition referring to the Isle of Pines. Upon Lodge's objection that it should be presented in secret session it was withdrawn.

In the house about 50 were present when opened. Wanger of Pennsylvania offered a privileged resolution calling upon Postmaster General Payne to transmit to the committee on postal expenditures all papers and reports in the postoffice investigation.

Resolution Adopted. Wanger's resolution was adopted by a vote of 109 to 100. The bulk of the papers are already in the hands of the committee on postoffices.

For Bonds in Arizona. Washington, Dec. 18.—In the house this afternoon Mr. Hamilton asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill authorizing Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa, Arizona, to bond themselves for \$100,000 to be expended in building a railway from Phoenix to the reservoir at Tonto creek and Salt river, a distance of 75 miles.

A spirited colloquy lasted an hour, when Hemenway formally objected, after which the house committee of the whole resumed consideration of the pension appropriation.

Trying to Butt in. Senator Penrose offered a resolution referring to the Turkish troubles and calling on the president to secure the reconvening of the Berlin congress of 1878 to see that the provisions of that treaty are carried out. Referred to the committee on foreign relations.

Secretary Morgan offered a resolution bearing on the Panama revolution to the effect that the president has no right to use American troops to prevent Colombia warring with Panama. It went over.

BELLICOSE JAPS. Government Having Hard Time to Keep the Peace.

Tekio, Dec. 18.—Popular feeling toward Russia is today at the highest point. It is believed it put to a popular vote Japan would almost immediately declare war. The government is showing great steadiness, although the pressure is enormous. The cabinet has not yet sent a reply to Russia's communication.

BEAUPRE TO COLON. American Minister is Leaving Colombia on a Cruiser.

Panama, Dec. 18.—Arrangements were made today for a cruiser to go to Cartagena to conduct Minister Beaupre from Colombia to Colon. No reason is given, but the presumption is that it is to give Beaupre an opportunity to communicate freely with Washington regarding affairs at Bogota.

Leo to Plus. Rome, Dec. 18.—It is reported that Grotte today handed the pope \$7,000,000 in securities, the legacy of Leo to his successor.

RESULTS OF A PANIC CAUSED BY SMOKE

Dayton, O., Dec. 18.—Four women employed at dressmaking in the Gun- by building, became panic-stricken at an alarm of fire this morning and jumped from the fifth story. Minnie Trexell, two Levison sisters and Mrs. Frank Hughes were probably injured fatally. Elias Reeder, an elevator man, be-

EXPENSIVE RAILROAD.

Trans-Siberian Has Cost Nearly a Billion Dollars.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Reports on the Trans-Siberian railway, published today, show the total cost of the road for the past 10 years in construction and strengthening, has been nearly \$724,000,000. The cost will be increased in exact proportion as the road is extended eastward.

ANTI-UNIONISM. Offer of a Large Salary to John P. Irish, of San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The Citizens' Alliance, an anti-union merchants' organization of San Francisco, has made John P. Irish, naval officer of this port, an offer of a large salary to manage their fight against unionism. The same job Parry holds in the East.

PLOT TO KILL ROOSEVELT. Disclosed That it Had No Foundation in Fact.

Galveston, Dec. 18.—The report that evidences of a plot against Roosevelt were found in the possession of Charles Pearson, a local anarchist, who was arrested yesterday for intemperate speech, is without foundation.

RABBIT CANNERY WORKS FULL FORCE

THIRTEEN PEOPLE CAN 1,000 POUNDS OF MEAT DAILY.

Company Now Has 4,000 Pounds of Canned Product on Hand—Could Handle More Meat if Cans Could Be Secured.

W. H. Boyd, president of the Echo American Hare Packing and Cold Storage Company, was in the city last evening on this morning, returning home on the delayed train today. He says the cannery is running steadily with a force of 13 people, and is canning about 1,000 pounds of American hare each day.

They have over 4,000 pounds of the prepared article on hand now, awaiting the labels and this morning had 1,500 dressed rabbits in cold storage. The cannery could handle more meat if cans could be secured, but the capacity of the tinshop at which the cans are made is taxed and the cannery is waiting for a large supply of cans.

So far as tested the meat canned has proved to be canned in perfect order, as not the slightest per cent of loss has been experienced. The utmost care is taken to follow a scientific method of canning, and the company feels that all difficulties have been avoided by this caution and care.

Mr. Boyd says the small drives made occasionally supply more rabbits than necessary for the use of the cannery, with the limited number of cans on hand, and it is hoped to secure a large shipment of cans soon.

Several dozen cans of samples were distributed among the different grocery stores in the city, and the company will introduce the goods in the different points on the Pacific Coast by this method.

BUSINESS IN GERMANY. Up to High Water Mark for the Holidays.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Though Germany is supposed to be suffering more or less from an economic crisis there is little evidence to be found in the capital of any business depression. From all indications of the last week the merchants are doing a lively holiday business.

The volume of trade appears to be up to the standard of former years, though there may be some reduction in value, which would tend to show that the people find it necessary to indulge themselves on a cheaper basis. The stores all appear crowded, however, while the streets and carbs are lined with hawkers, ranging from old men to mere babies and vending toys and novelties of every conceivable description.

Captain Benjamin Dead. Manila, Dec. 18.—Captain Benjamin, of the 27th infantry, died in hospital here this morning, of malarial fever.

Lost His Divorce Suit. London, Dec. 18.—David Bisham, the famous baritone, lost his suit for divorce against his wife. Both are Americans.

Lumber Yard Burned. Harrison, Mo., Dec. 19.—Fire today destroyed a lumber yard. Loss, \$40,000.

CHICAGO HAS MORE STRIKES

Nineteen Hundred Stabblers and Livery Drivers Went Out This Morning.

SEVERAL FUNERALS SECURELY TIED UP.

Mourners, Preachers and Attendants Proceeded on Street Cars—Liverymen Are Agreeing to the New Scale of Wages Demanded, and the Unions Predict Victory—Fusion of Metal Trades Is in Sight.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Fifteen hundred livery drivers struck today. Business is tied up. At noon 400 stabblers quit in sympathy.

The drivers demand \$14 per week of 12 hours a day. A funeral at St. Procopius church was this morning interrupted. Members of the Coupe Aid Society and Cab Drivers' Union who had been impressed to drive by the liverymen, were called out by the business agent while the ceremonies at the church were in progress.

The pallbearers started to place the body in the hearse, but were notified there were no drivers, as all refused to proceed to the cemetery. The body was finally conveyed to the cemetery in a light undertaker's wagon, while Rev. Neufel and the mourners proceeded in street cars.

Another funeral to have taken place this morning has been postponed, and the body will be taken to the cemetery today in an express wagon.

This afternoon many liverymen are agreeing to the scale, and the unions predict an early victory. An undertaker this afternoon who succeeded in getting non-union drivers, called upon the police to protect a funeral. A detail of officers accompanied the carriages and hearse and stood guard around the church while the services were being held.

Steps Toward Amalgamation. Toledo, Dec. 18.—The International Association of Allied Metal Mechanics today decided to submit the question of amalgamation with the International Mechanics Union, to a referendum vote of both organizations. This is almost certain to result in amalgamation, which is regarded as a step toward the inevitable union of all crafts in the metal trades.

THREE CREMATED. A Fourth Badly Hurt at Sault Ste. Marie Fire.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 18.—Fire this morning in a ramshackle waterfront dwelling, burned to death Martin Olson, John Rusk and L. Anderson, all lodgers. Mrs. Charles Sundstrom's legs were broken jumping from a window.

Elected a Secretary. St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Layla Eagan, of Shreveport, La., was today elected secretary of the exposition's board of lady managers.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS. Ladies Aid Society Did a Profitable Business for the Church.

A crowded house greeted the ladies of the Parish Aid Society last night, at the parish house, when they opened their fair and commission sale, and as a result the ladies at the fund-raising counter received \$10, those at the Japanese booth, \$25.90, at the Mexican booth \$50, and the candy booth took in \$6.50.

The program was carried out as announced, and was much enjoyed by all, every person on the list having made an especial effort to give to the audience something that would be appreciated by them. The ladies of the society are more than satisfied with the showing made, and are grateful to those who contributed to make the affair such a brilliant success both socially and financially.

At Home for Holidays. Miss Fanchon Borie and Miss Lavelle Moorhouse returned this afternoon from Seattle, where they have been attending the University of Washington, and will spend the holidays in the city with their parents.

Heath Denies Everything. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Perry Heath arrived last night, en route to Indianapolis. Referring to charges made against him in the postal frauds report, he said: "The stuff relating to me is a lie from beginning to end; there is nothing new in it, and it is a mere rehash on old lines."