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ROYAL	GENERAL NEWS.	SCIENCE.	The Flour Trust.
	Parliament Commission Examines	What is said to be a satisfactory substitute for the high nitric acid	The object of this trust is said to be to keep down the

of flour. The great mills of the country, as we have heretofore pointed out, have been selling flour in Great Britain cheaper than in the United States. The purpose of shipment is to keep up prices in the home market by getting rid of the surplus product. The millers assert that they are not interested in making an order to mill at a profit; it would be better for them to sell, for example every third barrel abroad at, say, 50 cents less than the home rate; at thereby they may charge 50 cents apiece more for the other two barrels. They also charge that grain gambling forces them to it. Naturally the millers resort to the overshadowing trust system in order to protect their industry. How it is with them just at present may be gathered from the circumstances as stated by Millard, of this city. He says: "If flour be made out of grass, brought on foot

days' (Saturday's) market was shipped to England it would cause a loss to the miller of from 40 to 50 cents a barrel." He adds: "The idea is this, that if we pay fictitious prices for wheat, we must have a fictitious price for flour." This is, in a nutshell, why the trust is necessary for the millers. By the trust they will be able to get their wheat from the farmers at their own terms and sell their flour to the public also on their own terms. Now, what do the farmers and the consumers respectively think of such a proposition? They think simply of a proposal to buy wheat, and sell flour in the United States at purely fictitious prices.—Chicago News.

COAST NOTES.
The big reservoirs of the water company at Bismarck, Dakota, which are on the bluff above the Northern Pacific railroad bridge, it is said have, by leakage of the water, weakened the bluff and is in danger of causing a land destruction of the bridge.

At 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon the officers and directors of the Portland & Vancouver Railway Company, accompanied by a party of friends, left Fourth and D streets East Portland, on the first of the company's 'trains, bound for the Columbia river on a tour of inspection.

occurred last Friday and Saturday doing immense damage. The fire originated at Palmer's logging camp. Parties were engaged in clearing land and were burning up the brush. The fire quickly spread and the logging camp was soon all ablaze. By great effort the mill was saved. The logging camp was, however, completely burned, nothing being saved except the cattle. All the feed and buildings were destroyed.

Efforts are being made to secure the help of the U. S. fishing commissioner's steamer Albatross, now at the sound from her northern expedition, to locate the banks of cod and halibut in the vicinity of the mouth of the Columbia river. Such action will greatly assist the fishing interests of Astoria.

The Astorian says: George and Barker's fruit canning experiment is at an end for this season. They packed 1,300 cases plums and 400 cases pears. It is spoken of as an experiment, for that is really all it is. If it turns out satisfactory they will probably go into the matter on a large scale next year. The advantage this vicinity possesses is

that such firms as George & Barker at the close of the salmon season have all the material and appliances; the disadvantage is that the fruit must be brought from a distance, comparatively. The natural solution of the latter is—raise fruit here. It can be grown of as fine quality and in as great profusion as in any other part of the state or coast. This will solve the

In a Bad Way.
The Astorian is responsible for the following: "On the Oregon yesterday arrived a youth to fortune and to fame unknown fair beauty smiled on his bumble birth and Melancholy marked him for her own; he came from Frisco on a duck boat."

"pleasure trip," but dreadfully disorganized on the way. The effect of the motion of the vessel on him was similar to that produced on Sut Luvngood when his best girl persuaded him to take a seidlitz powder, and mixing the contents of the white paper in one glass, told him the proper way was to drink the contents of one and in

about five minutes shallow the contents of the other. But followed the directions and sat down in happy contentment, but soon became conscious that there was a most extraordinary commotion going on inside of him. A yearning for the solitude of his own home, where he could sit down and think, seized him.

thunk, seized him, and he lit out, depositing as he went, on the parlor floor, veranda, and pathway down to the front gate, a stream of foam, which he afterwards declared was a yard wide and a foot deep.
