

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Interest in the Growing Western States.

Bounty for Seal Sculpin. Chairman Kendall, of the fisheries committee of the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association, is circulating a petition among the canners and those most directly interested for subscriptions for a fund to be used in paying a bounty of \$1 each for seal sculpin and \$2.50 each for sea lion sculpin.

14 Years for Highway Robbery. Martin Everett, an American citizen, was sentenced at Vernon, B. C., to 14 years' imprisonment for highway robbery, alleged to have been committed about a year ago at Grand Forks, B. C.

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BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

Inactive Demand and Weaker Prices Are the Features. Bradstreet's says: The trade situation this week may be summed up in the phrase, inactive demand and weaker prices.

Relatively good reports come from the retail trade at most centers, notwithstanding the backward spring, but as yet the volume of reorder business from wholesalers and jobbers has proved disappointing.

Wheat, including four shipments for the week aggregate 3,480,704 bushels, against 5,537,022 last week. Business failures in the United States for the week number 174, as compared with 153 last week.

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SHE GAVE UP HER OWN LIFE.

The heroic impulse of Mrs. John Sommerfroh in pushing her 6-year-old son away from her saved the boy's life at the expense of the mother's existence. She was 28 years old, the wife of a farmer living near Lyndhurst, L. I.



SAVED THE BOY JUST AS THE TRAIN STRUCK HER.

When they found the woman's body the trainmen took off their caps and tears streamed down their faces as they lifted the remains to the side of the track, where they placed a guard over them.

DEEDS AWAY HIS DAUGHTER. She is Given as a Sort of Chromo with Fifteen Mining Claims.



MISS IDA DAVIS.

default of Davis being able to deliver these—and the chromo—to Ott he agrees to forfeit \$10,000. The two men principals in the strange transaction seem to take it as a plain, serious matter of business.

LIFE IN A BOARDING HOUSE.

Ten Years of the Table Talk Likely to Cause Insanity. A recent writer on women's occupations accounts for the permanence of the boarding house as a social institution by a reference to this powerful impulse of the human breast: "In a boarding house," says she, "you can obtain a mustard plaster and a cup of palatable gruel and a warm iron for taking a spot out of a velvet gown."

"Ned" Bright, do you know 'Tom' Brown? he questioned. "Nope," replied "Ned."

HIGH LIVING.

One Needs a Balloon to Reach Prices in a Dawson Cafe. "You might suppose," said a man who was in the Klondike last summer, "that with the improved facilities of travel and freight transportation to the Klondike country prices of commodities there would have become just a trifle more nearly normal, but I have in my possession a bill of fare I got at Healy's hotel and cafe in Dawson in September last, and here are some of the prices that one must pay for eatables.

TELEGRAPH FRIENDS.

People Who Know Each Other Without Having Seen Each Other. "It's very funny," said a former "lightning jerker" the other night, to a New Orleans Times-Democrat man, "what vivid pictures telegraph operators who have never met will form of each other merely from talking over the line.

Hard Shoes in Service. It is said that each war brings out a demand for quite a crop of chiro-podists, or corn doctors. This is due to the poor quality of shoes soldiers generally wear.

Negro Distrust of the Jaybird. Southern negroes regard the jaybird with comically grave distrust, says the Chicago Times-Herald. To them he is the counsellor, guide and friend of the evil one himself.

The Caesar's Costly Yachts. The Emperor of Russia, who, in the Polar Star, which cost over £1,000,000 sterling, and the Standart, which cost about half as much, possesses finer yachts than any other European monarch.

Law suit Over 100 Years Old. A lawsuit which has lasted more than 100 years has recently been settled in Ireland.

Serves His Purpose. A boy's code of etiquette does not conform with the manual most approved and adopted in so-called polite society, says the Memphis Scimitar, but it serves his purpose all right.

High Prices for Butterflies. High prices are paid for butterflies, and some private collections, such as that of the Hon. W. Rothschild at Tring, Herts, England, are said to be worth £100,000 more or less.

Freddie Dog Towns in Nebraska. Within a radius of four miles of Bushville, Neb., there are no fewer than nine prairie dog towns, covering as much as 3,500 acres of pasture, which is rendered almost useless.

SEARCH FOR A GIRL.

AN INDIANA WOMAN'S LONG YEARS OF SEEKING. "Aunt Polly" Barnett Dead. After Seeking a Lost Daughter for Twenty Years—Touching Story of Old and Lonesome Wanderer Over the Earth.

"Aunt Polly" Barnett, whose long search for her daughter made her known all over the southern part of Indiana, is dead. A week before her death she was taken into the home of a kind woman at Linton, Green County, and there she died.

Accompanied by her younger daughter, a child of Barnett, the mother began her search. She walked up and down the banks of the river and of other streams in the same part of the State.

Below the Boilers. The Mighty Powers of Propulsion of Transatlantic Liners. Twenty-five years ago the Engineer, of London, the recognized authority on all matters pertaining to steamship navigation, made the prediction that the crossing of the Atlantic ocean, by a steamship, at the speed of twenty-five miles an hour, was one of the things impossible of accomplishment.

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