

MARITIME STATISTICS.

The tariff lesson has been so burned into the minds of men by the hot iron of adversity that the few theorists who still believe that Great Britain and the rest of the world will buy more of our products in proportion as we become more dependent on them find few listeners.

The old "proscriptive" navigation act still is in force on our lakes, and in relation to our river and coasting trade. It has been considerably modified in relation to our open sea trade. But Braddish's last report upon our mercantile condition shows that our lake vessel tonnage has been nearly doubled during the past ten years.

We submit these facts. The free traders and the free-ship men will not heed them. They will continue to twiddle our "whiskers" and "therefore," and will continue to convince themselves that free trade and free ships must result in larger trade and larger commerce.

EXTRANE VIEWS.

This paper believes in equal rights, equal freedom to all men, regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude. It thinks all men have a right to a livelihood from the result of the full fruits of their labor.

We believe Brother Jackson is too positive in his opinions, and in his criticism of editors opposed to Chinese labor very unjust. All men, no doubt have a right to a livelihood if they can earn it in an honest vocation; but the industrious and thrifty should possess a largest portion of this world's goods because they earn the privilege by their labor and self-sacrifice.

DANIEL WEBSTER.

Daniel Webster safely might have followed the precedent of Francis Bacon, who formally bequeathed his memory to "men's charitable speeches, to foreign nations, and to the next age," says the Inter-Ocean.

STILL NOTORIOUS.

Penney's Christmas' letter to President Cleveland is a characteristic one. The governor has a notion that the great panacea for ills suffered by the people is the unlimited coining of silver, and he is not modest in the least in expressing to the executive of the nation his views on the question. Of course, this open letter to Mr. Cleveland will accomplish nothing to the purpose, and will have no effect except in making our governor more notorious, if possible.

A SERVOUS FATLITTY.

The Loxow committee in New York is still showing up the rottenness of that municipality, and the job it has undertaken appears to be an endless one. Carline's currency bill will receive as many amendments as Wilson's tariff measure did.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is reported in the dispatches that China has appointed two peace commissioners who will immediately proceed to the Japanese capital and see what can be done to restore amicable relations between the two countries.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Feeding Indians. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—General complaint against the issuance of government reports of agents. Captain F. H. H. of the Indian Service, Wyoming, says: "They will never become self-supporting so long as the government gives them a supply of support; neither can they begin to accumulate property so long as the supply of the necessities of life is left to the hands of white traders."

New Orleans Hotterness.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The grand jury that has been in continuous session for two months made its final report today. Judge Ferguson thanked the jurors for the distinguished service and the personal sacrifices they had made during the past two months, and discharged them without delay.

A MURDERER MAY INHERIT FROM HIS VICTIM.

After six years' litigation the supreme court has decided in the case of Ransom versus Shellenbarger, involving the point of whether or not a murderer can inherit property from his victim.

THE WAVER URBANITY HIGH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—There is no direct telegraphic communication between this city and Sandy Hook, owing to the storm.

Abundance of Snow.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—A snow storm which started last evening has proved the heaviest known here in several years.

Received by the Post.

ROME, Dec. 27.—The pope received the latest fragments of the horse struck to death at the morning. The officers present were: Commander Newell, one lieutenant and six junior grade lieutenants.

Killed by a Negro.

TACOMA, Dec. 24.—E. R. Coptan, an upholsterer, was killed this afternoon by W. T. Taylor, a negro. The men were quarreling when Taylor suddenly struck Coptan a terrific blow in the face and knocked him down.

The Judge Freed.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Dec. 24.—County Judge Neil, who was indicted and convicted for breaking in the jail door in the absence of the sheriff, to obtain possession of the person of an insane man, to have him taken to the asylum, and was asked for 10 days in which to file a motion for a new trial, did not file the intended motion, but appeared for sentence today for 60 days.

Penney's Christmas Presents.

SALISBURY, Or., Dec. 25.—V. L. Armstrong, the delinquent treasurer of Douglas county, was released from the penitentiary today on parole. He had been in prison one year, for receiving stolen goods.

A PALACE OF GHOSTS.

In the midst of the old ruins and palaces of Italy, stained with countless deeds of blood, it remains for modern structure to be known particularly as the home of ghosts. This interesting building is described by Marion Crawford in an article in The Century devoted to the wonderful Italian castle between Sorrento and Salerno.

Penney's Present.

Penney, Dec. 27.—Witnesses of the shooting affray on Basket Mountain which Frank Fitcher shot James Ashworth at a Christmas dance, say it was cold blooded. Fitcher came to the dance carrying a pistol. He had a dispute with an aunt, and drew the pistol, and it was before her and threatening her, Ashworth, who was playing the violin, espoused, Fletcher said, "I'll shoot any man who interferes with me."

A Bismarck Burial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—From a weather bureau view, the chief characteristic of the present state has been the rapidity of the development and movement, the result being largely due to a barometric pressure in Montana of 81.3 inches, the highest recorded by the weather bureau.

A Bloody Christmas.

Penndleton, Or., Dec. 26.—Christmas day Frank Fletcher, of the Milton neighborhood, shot James Ashworth, of Dry creek. Ashworth is a prominent figure and was a candidate for the nomination of the United States congress last spring.

A Constable's Men's Trouble.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, East Africa, of December 4, says the son of James McIntosh of the United States consular agent, who got into trouble by shooting a native burglar, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with the option of paying a fine of 1000 reis daily, for resisting the police.

Feared He Is Drowned.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 27.—Al Somers, resident of Portland and for some time past engineer of the steamer Harriet Moon has been missing since Monday night last, and fears are entertained that he has been drowned. The steamer arrived here Monday, and it is supposed that Somers fell into the river while attempting to go aboard his vessel.

His Preference.

Mamma (opening the latest book by one of the modern school of writers for children)—Now, Freddy, if you will be a real good little boy, mamma will read this pretty story to you, but if you are naughty she will stop.

From to Death.

BRIDGEVILLE, Cal., Dec. 27.—The overland stage-driver arriving yesterday reported that late last week, aged 40 years, and his son, aged 17 years, were found frozen to death near Bridgeville, in the southern part of the county, Sunday.

Removal of a Defeat.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 27.—It is rumored here today that Cashier Torney, in the county treasurer's office, is a defaulter. The amount of his default is placed anywhere from \$24,000 to \$90,000.

China and Japan.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 28.—General Kavura reports from Hang Chung Monday that the Chinese army under General Suga, after its defeat at Kagasi, fled back to New Onawa, and thence retreated to Den-shoda, being joined by the Chinese troops stationed at New Onawa, which they completely encircled.

Pleading from Wrath.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Daily East correspondent at Odessa says that numerous Armenia refugees from Moosh and Balank are arriving at Saratamlia. They are in a wretched condition. The correspondent also says several conspicuous Armenians in Moosh have been forced to go to the direction of Pochi report that about 8100 Chinese are advancing from Ciuo along the seashore.

First Grand Masquerade Ball. Will be given by Wasco Tribe No. 16, I. O. R. M. December 31, '94 At Wingate's Hall, Dalles City, Or. The Following Prizes Will Be Given: One Fancy Fruit Stand for the best sustained lady's character.

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