Was Passed After Displacing the Nicaragua Canal Bill-Pension Bill Carries \$145,233,830.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The house today adopted the conference report on the bill extending the marine inspection laws to sailing vessels of 700 tons to have been purchased in this city by

Barney (Rep. Wis.), in charge of the pension appropriation bill, then called up this measure and made a general explanation of its provisions.

Allen (Dem. Miss.), of the appropriations committee, in reply to Barney. he first came to congress, 14 years ago, bly precipitated a bloody-shirt discusthat congress had progressed since then and that there would be no acrimonious discussion on this bill. The country at least had the gratifying information that the pension roll had reached the maximum.

"And I congratulate the country for perate soldiers of the Confederacy (him- spite of their defiant talk. self) helped to report this bill, the occupied in its consideration being less than 20 minutes. This is the shortest satisfactory results. time on record for a general pension bill. The bill carries \$145,233,830. The total number of pensioners on the roll is 993,714.

The senate decided upon convening today to take a recess from 1:30 until 5:30 o'clock in order to permit senators to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bright, wife of the sergeant-at-arms.

Morgan (Dem. Ala.) presented a memorial from the national board of trade favorable to the construction of islands. the Nicaragua canal, asking that the document be printed in the Congressional Record. Allen (Pop. Neb.) objected, and the objection provoked an animated discussion, involving the rules of the senate as well as the wisdom of the construction of the canal.

Morgan accepted the objection as an effort to obstruct legislation on the subject of the canal and prevent the country securing information on the subject. Allen resented this imputation, saying he was favorable to the canal on general principles, though advocating government ownership. He predicted

deficiency appropriation bill.

mustered out, and many of whom were Jersey. making sacrifices by remaining in the

Hale (Rep. Me.) said he had no doubt that the rank and file of the army abroad had a great desire to return home, and he expressed the opinion that they should be allowed to

Allison (Rep. la.) expressed sympathy with the desire to have a large number of volunteers mustered out.

Sewell (Ren. N. J.) said the war department had for the past several months been gradually weeding out soldiers for discharge, and that many thousands had thus been relieved from this duty. He had no doubt that even without legislation 50,000 men would be released within the next six months. The urgency deficiency bill was then

At the instance of Harris, the senate adopted a resolution calling upon the president for information as to the status of the report of the Nicaragua

Repairing the Massachusetts. New York, Dec. 17 .- The Herald says: So serious are the injuries sustained by battle-ship Massachusetts as be at least \$24,000. Requisitions covering this amount for material and labor have been approved, and repairs will be started at once. Constructor Bowles estimates that six weeks at least will be necessary to complete the

Imlay City, Mich., Dec. 17 .- A southbound engine, light, on the Pontiac. Oxford & Northern railroad, tonight struck a sleigh containing five people, throwing them out, seriously injuring two and killing three outright. The dead are: Mrs. Thomas Robb, of Lum; Walter Robb, her son, aged 4, York tomorrow on the steamer St. and Mrs. John Yerkes' son, aged 14

months.

Grain Blockade at Buffalo. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17 .- The grain blockade at this port continues and is unprecedented. At noon today fully 80 large steamers were in the river waiting to be unloaded, or frozen in. They carry about 9,000,000 bushels of grain, while in the different elevators 7,000,000 tushels are at present stored.

Lima, Peru, via Galveston, Tex., Dec. 17 .- Advices received here today confirm the report of a revolution in the Bolivian republic.

Soirit of Expansion

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17 .- At its annual convention today, the American Federation of Labor declared, by almost a unnanimous vote, against a larger standing army in the United States, which is in reality recognize as a protest against expansion, or the spirit of "imperialism," as it was termed by the delegates. This action was taken after five hours of debate on every phase of the question. At times, many their utterances and received unstinted known what caused their deaths. applause from the delegates.

LOOKS BAD FOR MRS. BOTKIN.

Damaging Evidence Introduced at the San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The defense

House Passed Pension Bill ceived the worst set-back it has experiin the Botkin murder trial today reenced since the case opened. The evidence of two of the witnesses examined today was of such a convincing nature DEFICIENCY BILL IN THE SENATE tion was plainly written upon the faces that the chagrin caused by its introducof the accused woman and her counsel, The evidence clearly showed that Mrs. Botkin wrote the anonymous letters sent to Mrs. Dunning from this city. apprising Mrs. Dunning of the alleged misconduct of her husband, and informing her that she had grounds for commencing a suit for divorce. The handkerchief which was inclosed in and over, and providing for licensing Mrs. Botkin, another link in the chain of the prosecution.

DEFIANT ONLY IN TALK.

Admiral Dewey's Opinion of the Philippine Insurgents.

Manila, Dec. 19. - Rear-Admiral called attention to the fact that when Dewey, when a press correspondent called upon him today, was courteous the pension appropriation bill invaria- and pleasant, but absolutely declined to discuss the political situation in the sion, and he congratulated the country Philippine islands, on the ground that his sphere was purely naval. He then proceeded to cross-examine the correspondent about everything ashore. He was glad to learn that the insurgents were releasing the sick Spanish soldiers they held as prisoners, notwithstanding Aguinaldo's grandiloquent rethis," said Allen, in conclusion, "that fusal to do so. This proves that the while one of the most gallant and des- insurgents are very conciliatory, in

Admiral Dewey always believed that president of the United States is down in the insurgents were friendly, especial-Dixie doing honor to the Confederate ly since the warships of our fleet have dead. We all have cause to rejoice." visited the different ports of those (Langhter and applause.) There was islands, and since some of our officers no further debate upon the bill. It have made tours inland, carefully inwas read through without a word of vestigating popular sentiment and jucriticism and passed, the whole time diciously preaching the gospel of peaceful settlement everywhere with highly

Hawaiian Bills.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- The senate committee on foreign relations made some progress today with the bill reported by the Hawaiian committee for the government of the Hawaiian Islands, but adjourned over without completing the work. The house committee on merchant marine and fisherles today ordered a favorable report on a bill to extend the navigation laws of the United States to the Hawaiian

Ex-Confederates in Soldiers' Homes. Washington, Dec. 19.-Representaive Rixey, of Virginia, today introluced a bill for the admission of ex-Confederate, as well as Union, soldiers, to soldiers' homes.

Four Persons Killed by a Train.

New York, Dec. 19 .- A wagon containing eight persons was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad tonight at the Allenwood crossing, a few miles from Manasquan, N. J., and four people were killed, two fatally injured, that the canal would cost \$500,000,000. dead are: Mrs. Ellen Allen, Bessie Without determining the mooted Allen, her daughter; Miss Allie Alger, point raised by Allen, the senate, at and Jennie Crammer. The fatally in-Hale's request, took up the urgency jured are: David S. Allen, husband Cockrell (Dem. Mo.) addressed the Allen, their daughter. Mr. Allen was of Mrs. Allen, who was killed, and Kate senate in regard to the mustering out of the family of which Allenwood takes of the volunteer soldiers, a large ma- its name, and was one of the most jority of whom he said, wanted to be prominent men in that part of New

Dying by Hundreds.

San Francisco, Dec. 19 .- On board the steamer Gaelic, which arrived from the Orient today, was Rev. H. W. White, a missionary. He brings news of a terrible condition of affairs existing in the Chin-Chow-Fu province, a section 150 miles long and 70 miles wide, inhabited by over 4,500,300 people, mostly farmers. Owing to two successive droughts the crops have been failures, and the people of the province are dying by thousands from starvation and the outlying provinces and the government are doing little to help the suffering. The people of Shang-Tung province are also starving. In some of the villages of the latter place there are hundreds of deaths in a week's time. In Chin-Chow-Fu there have been as many as 180 deaths in one day.

Important Mexican Concession. New York, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Mexico City says: The last act of the Mexican congress today was the confirmation of one of the largest concessions for many years. The concession was granted to Captain a result of the mishap several days ago A. B. Smith, of Los Angeles, Cal., and that Naval Constructor Bowles esti- his associates for colonizing, steamship mates that the cost of her repairs will and railway enterprises of the first magnitude.

The colony lands include many leagues on the Gulf of California, with the condition that a canal be constructed from the lands to Yuma, Cal., and a steamship service be placed from tended to the Lower California points. Pacific. The line will comprise six modern steamers.

Paris, Dec. 19.-The American peace commission left for Havre and Southampton tonight, and will sail for New Louis.

Killed by a Falling Wall. Chicago, Dec. 19 .- Two firemen, Lieutenant Matthew Myer and Truckman Patrick O'Hern, were killed by the collapse of a wall tonight during a fire in the Palace livery stables, at 8:54 Cottage Grove avenue. Several other firemen were seriously hurt, in-Lieutenant cluding the following: Albert Lingenberger, leg fractured; Michael O'Hare, skull fractured; Thomas Dillon, skull fractured; Edward Creuscuo, back broken. The property loss was about \$30,000.

Madrid, Dec. 19 .- A semi-official note issued today says:

"As the American senate must ratify the treaty of peace before it becomes effective, our government should wait senate may not accept."

Durango, Colo., Dec. 12.-News has reached this city that three men have been killed in the Columbus mine, located in the La Plata district. They are: Ray Burnett, Joseph Faragher of the speakers became eloquent in and Walter E. Seeling. It is not

FOR WANT OF FOOD

Scores of Sick Soldiers Dying at Manila.

HOSPITAL SERVICE VERY POOR

Petty Officialism and Jealousy Override All Other Considerations-More Skilled Nurses Needed.

Honolulu, via San Francisco, Dec. 16 .- The United States transport Scandia has arrived from Manila, which place she left November 15. She brings a number of officers, 91 discharged and furloughed men, two Red Cross nurses and the largest mail that ever left Manila, 213 sacks for San Francisco, and one for Honolulu. The vessel will resume her voyage on or about the 10th inst.

Miss Schafer, a Red Cross nurse, who went from Honolalu to Manila, arriving there September 26, returned on the Scandia. She makes startling charges as to the way the United States soldiers are taken care of in Manila. Miss Schafer made the following statement for publication:

"Scores of soldier boys are dying in the hospitals at Manila just for want of proper nourishment. They say the government allows 60 cents a day for each patient. I could have saved dozens of lives on 5 cents a day. Oh! the utter woe of the soldiers, and the helplessness of them. Men as bright and noble as God ever made, giving up to death, hoping for it, seeking for it, taking poison, doing anything that will relieve the despair that comes upon them. Seeing nothing before them but days of pain and nights of wretchedness, without proper care, without proper food, alone with no one to give them sympathy or cheer, to write to manded by General Brooke, so far as their friends, to soothe their aching brows or moisten their parched lips, if by sheer endurance of nature, of obstinacy of vitality, they do get better, there is before them nothing but a still more cheerless period of a relapse of convalescence, with the probability of a relapse and the old weariness of despair to be suffered again. No wonder there are six or seven funerals a day. No

wonder the dead house is never empty. "And outside of the hospital, and even in it, such indifference. Petty consideration of rank and position, squabbles about precedence, lack of consideration in prescribing and preparing food, while men are dying, not merely of heart hunger, but for want of nourishment. I have gone through the wards day after day, and as I spoke to this one and that one, and they poured out their sorrows, men do not wear their hearts on their sleeve, cried for pur agony of their loneliness and despair, made pregnant and vivid by their own telling of it.

"I got so I just could not go through the wards. What could I do? I saw need of care, of proper nourishment, of the most ordinary hospital treatment. and was utterly helpless to do any thing; just one cog in a great, remorseless grinding machine, whose material was noble men and whose grist was

"I do not mean that all in the hospitals are careless or indifferent. Many are trying to do their best. There is a lot of worthiness and poselfishness among the attendants at the hospitals; but in a whole ward there is not more than one nurse, only one or two awkward boys, who, perhaps, never saw a sick room before."

Colonel George W. McFarlane returned by the Coptic and brings word that the controller of currency has guaranteed to Perry S. Heath, first assistant postmaster-general, and his associates that he will issue a charter The Monthly Statement of Exports for a new bank in which James Campbell and himself are interested as soon to Hawaii. The bank will have an authorized capital of \$1,500,000.

CLEARWATER LINE

Statement by President Mellen, of the Northern Pacific. New York, Dec. 16.-President C. S.

Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, today gave out the following statement:

"The Northern Pacific Company is not constructing, nor does it contemplate constructing lines for the purpose ing the imports by \$537,837,046, an of injuring any other company, nor do I believe that any other company in- of \$143,026,115. tend to build lines to injure the Northern Pacific.

Northern Pacific has in progress is about 75 miles in the Clearwater country, in ports \$4,023,078. Idaho. The Northern Pacific is the only line in that country or within 50 miles of it. A question has arisen between the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. as to whetehr the O. R. & N. should not also be allowed to occupy the head of the gulf to the southern that country without being considered boundary. The service will also be ex- as invading territory of the Northern

> "Except the 75 mile in question, no construction has been authorized by the Northern Pacific board, and none will be undertaken without its authority. I have none to recommend at

"The Northern Pacific is not engaged in war with any of its neighbors and competitors, and does not expect to be.

"Local territorial questions like the one between the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. are of common occurrence between railways, and when conservative counsels prevail, are generally settled by negotiations, as I presume

this one will be in due time. "Outside the lines covered by the plan of reorganization, the Northern Pacific, since its reorganization was completed, over two years ago, has built only 100 miles of railroad (mostly spurs), and has bought altogether only 150 miles."

Attached to Pacific Station.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- Orders were sent from the navy department today to the commander of the Badger, at for this ratification and not hasten to League island, to proceed with that vescede territory which the United States | sel to San Francisco, in place of her sister ship, the Yankee, originally selected for this service. The Badger is to make the passage by the Straits of Magellan, and will be attached to the Pacific station when she reaches her destination. The station is particularly short of vessels just now, and one of the two, the Yorktown, is likely to be dispatched

CUBA'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

Formal Order of the War Department-Assignment of Comman

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The war department made public the formal order for the military government of Cuba. The notable feature is that Major-General Ludlow, who is designated as military governor of Havana City, while nominally subordinate to the divsion commander, General Brooke, is civil functions in that place under direct authority of the president. General Lee's functions appear to be limited to those stricely military, and it is province. The text of the order is as follows:

"War Department, Washington, Dec. 15 .- By direction of the president, a division to be known as the di vision of Cuba, consisting of geographical departments and provinces of Cuba, with headquarters in the city of Havana, is hereby created under command of Major-General John R. Brooke, United States army, who, in addition to commanding the troops in the division, will exercise the authority of military governor of the island. 'Major - General Fitzbugh Lee, United States volunteers, commanding

the Seventh army corps, is assigned to the immediate command of all the troops in the province of Havana. "Major-General William Ludlow, United States volunteers, is designated as the military governor of the city of Havana, and will report direct to the division commander. He is charged with all that relates to the collection and dishursement of the revenues of

the city and its police, sanitation and general government, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the president. R. A. ALGER. "Secretary of War." The commands of military departments of the division of Cuba, com-

Department of Pinar del Rio, Brigadier-General W. Davis. Puerto Principe, General H. L. Car-

decided upon, are as follows:

Santa Clara, General Simon Snyder. Santiago, General L. Wood. This leaves the provinces of Havana and Matanzas unprovided for. These commands probably will be left open until the return of the president from the South, but the probabilities are strong that Major-General Lee will be assigned to the district of Havana, and

of Matanzas. CALVIN S. BRICE DEAD.

Major-General Henry to the command

Millionaire and ex-United States Sena tor Passes Away.

New York, Dec. 17.-Calvin Brice died at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon at his home in this city. Mr. Brice contracted a severe cold one week ago today. Friday last he went down to his office, returning home in a until this afternoon, when he died.

war. He served in West Virginia in the Ninety-sixth Ohio infantiv. In 1863 he graduated from the university, and, after teaching school a few months, he became captain of a company in the One Hundred and Eighth Ohio, and served to the end of the war,

In the winter of 1890 Mr. Brice war elected United States senator to succeed Henry B. Payne, and took his seat March 4, 1891.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The monthly \$22,000,000. Exports of domestic The mill is one more addition to Walla \$3.50@4.50; per box. merchandise last month aggregated Walla's manufactories. \$127,483,467, an increase over Novem-

ber, 1897, of about \$13,000,000. For 11 months ended November, 1898, the exports of the United States amounted to \$11,117,681,199, exceedincrease over the same period of 1897

The imports of gold during November amounted to \$5,825,701, and the "The only construction which the exports \$913,467. The silver imports amounted to \$2,268,635, and the ex-

Buried in a Hog Pen. Franklin, Neb., Dec. 17 .- The body of Peter Kreighbaum, a wealthy farmer, who disappeared mysteriously last on his farm, three miles south of this

Mexico Preparing Extradition Treaty. City of Mexico, Dec. 17 .- The foreign relations department is preparing management, has put in eight new a draft of an extradition treaty with looms. The mill is a three-set one, and the United States, which will be for- when fully repaired will be getting out warded to Washington to Ambassador samples for the Eastern market. It Romero, who will negotiate it with also has a large government contract Secretary Hay. for woolen goods.

Repatriated Spanish Troops.

Malaga, Dec. 17.-The Spanish arrived here.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 17 .- A decision to hold a greater American exposition in Omaha in 1899 was reached at a mass meeting of business men, bankers bonds were received December 5, by and professional men tonight. Over the clerk of school district No. 26, Car-\$105,000 was subscribed for the project. | bon county, Mont.

San Francisco, Dec. 16 .- The inquest upon the victims of the Baldwin botel fire was held today. The investigation lasted but a short time, the jury returning a verdict that J. L. White died from concussion of the brain following a fall from the third story of the hotel; that Lewis Meyers died from heart disease, caused by the shock; that H. A. Prior, James N. Leithead and John B. Carter, died from the shock caused by born-

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

of General Interest Gleaned From the Thriving Pacific

Export of Salted Fish Japan has become a new customer for the fish of the Northwest, and last year 1,400 tons of salted fish was shipped from the North Pacific coast. The apparently charged to exercise all the Nippon Trading Company of Seattle has gone actively into the business of shipping salt fish, and buy in all the ports of the Sound and British Colum-This year they are shipping over thought he may be eventually charged 600 tons, and have orders for more if with all the duties, civil as well as they could get the fish. Seattle military, of the government of the shipped out 300 tons last year and Tacoma shipped the same amount, while about 600 tons was bought and shipped from the Frazer river. There are be sides the Nippon Company, which is made up of local Japanese business men, three or four other firms there engaged in exporting fish. The North Japan fishing industry is running out and her people are looking this way for a supply, the same as they are looking to this coast for flour and other natural products.

> Advance in Price of Fish. At Seattle the price of salmon has advanced from 10 cents per pound to \$24@25; whole, \$22. 15 cents per pound in the last few days, the cause being assigned to the closing of the season and consequent \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.75; graham, scarcity of fish. The demand for fish in general is reported to be better than has been the case for some time, steelhead salmon are beginning to run and shorts, per ton, \$16. the Tyee variety is expected in a few weeks, but as yet the run is rather short. Good fishing is reported in the Narrows, a few miles from Taconia, and the run is expected to continue there until January 1. The catch now is said to be about 12,000 salmon daily, of the dog salmon variety. A few herring were captured at Quartermaster harbor on Saturday and it is said that they were the forerunners of the regular season's run.

Favors San Diego. After viewing all the ports on the Pacific Dr. Weigand, general manager of the North German Lloyd Company, which has in contemplation the operation of a steamer line from this coast to the Grient, is reported by the San Francisco papers to be on his way home 30@35c. by way of Hong Kong and Suez canal. As many of the stockholders of the company are interested in Northern Pacific securities, Tacoma was considered to have an excellent chance to be chosen as a terminus. It now seems ernment in the adayntages of San Diego 12c per pound. harbor for a trans-Pacific mail route, the steamship company is inclined to favor the Southern California port.

Honolulu Taking Our Flour.

R. I. Lillie, the purchasing agent on the Pacific coast for the firm of Theodore H. Davis & Co., of Honolulu, is in the Northwest. Mr. Lillie will suffering condition, and Saturday took load a vessel at Seattle with flour and to his bed. He grew steadily worse other Northwestern products for shipment to the islands. The short grain Calvin S. Brice was a native of Ohio | crop in California last year has turned and was born in 1845. He was the the greater portion of the trans-Pacific son of a Presbyterian minister. Three demand to Oregon and Washington. years before the civil war he entered Miami university, and in 1881 he enhave been discharigng in San Francisco listed in a university company for the for a number of weeks past, and then reshipped by the Californians to Honolulu. It is likely, therefore, that the present engagement of flour by Mr. Little for Honolulu will be but one of many similar engagements.

New Flour Mill Running. William Kirkland, with Carl and Bismark Sholl, have completed their floor mill in Walla Walla, and it has been turning out flour since Saturday, November 26. Mr. Kirkland, the miller, was with Dement Brothers for eight years, and in Isaacs' mili for five years, consequently has all the experience necessary. The mill building and ground and the water power represent as congress extends the territorial laws statement of the imports and exports of an outlay of \$6,000, and additions to do seconds, 17@21c per pound. the United States shows that in No- the machinery are to be made in the vember imports of merchandise near future to the value of from \$1,000 amounted to \$52,109,560, about \$348,- to \$2,000. Two qualities of the fine 000 less than November, 1897. The patent process will be turned out, as @2,50; Mexican limes, \$6 @6.50; Cali-

Big Bond Bids.

The county commissioners of Gallathe bids is still held in abeyance.

Ready for Business. Two new banks were opened in Ross land, B. C., December 1, and considerable rivalry exists over which shall secure the greatest number of commer-

charge. In Flourishing Condition The Dallas woolen mills, under new

Paving Bonds Sold.

Spokane Riverside avenue paving transport St. Augustin has arrived from | bonds to the amount of \$23,000 were re-Guba with 1,306 repatriated Spanish cently sold at a premium of \$552. troops on board. Two died on the These bonds are subject to recall by the voyage, and 18 were sick when they city officals whenever there is sufficient money on hand to redeem them.

worth of five-year, 6 per cent school

Secured Portland Capital.

The promoters of an ice factory and cold storage plant for Walla Walla have interested Portland capitalists in the enterprise, and a company will soon be incorporated with ample finances. A plant with a capacity of eight tons per day will be instailed,

William Weisgarber, a man of financial standing representing a large company in Wilesburre, Pa., is visiting the Northwest, seeking a suitable location ing; that an unknown woman was for starting a large shoe factory and destroyed by fire, and that the deaths tannery to give employment to about PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Sentile Markets. Onions, 85@90c per 100 pounds. Potatoes, \$10@12. Beets, per sack, 75c. Turnips, per sack, 50 @ 60c. Carrots, per sack, \$1. Parsnips, per sack, \$1. Cauliflower, 50@75c per doz, Celery, 35@40c. Cabbage, native and

California \$1.00@1.50 per 100 pounds. Apples, 35@50c per bom. Pears, 75c@\$1 per box. Prunes, 50c per box. Peaches, 75c. Butter-Creamery, 27c per pound;

dairy and ranch, 18@20c per pound. Eggs, 35c. Cheese-Native, 12@121/c.

Poultry-Old hens, 15c per pound; spring chickens, 15c; turkeys, 16c. Fresh meats-Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 61/2 @7c; cows, prime, 616c; mutton, 716c; pork, 6@7c; veal,

Wheat-Feed wheat, \$22. Oats-Choice, per ton, \$24. Hay-Puget Sound mixed, \$9.50@ 10; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$12.

Corn-Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$23.50. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; straights, \$3.25; California brends,

per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour.

\$3.75; rye flour, \$4. Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$14; Feed-Chopped feed, \$19@21 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake

meal, per ton, \$35. Portland Market. Wheat-Walla Walla, 58c; Valley, 61c; Bluestem, 62c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 42@43c; choice gray, 40@41c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$22@25; brew

ing, \$24 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$16; chop, \$15.50 per ton. Hay-Timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7

@8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton. Butter-Fancy creamery, 60@65c; seconds, 50@55c; dairy, 45@50c store, Cheese-Oregon full cream, 11@130; Young America, 15c; new cheese,

10c per pound. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@8 per dozen; hens, \$3.50@4.00; springs, \$1.25@3; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old, that the Santa Fe Railroad Company \$4.50@5 for young; ducks, \$4.00@ having interested the Australian gov- 5.00 per dozen; turkeys. live, 11@

Potatoes-60@70c per sack; sweets, 2c per pound. Vegetables-Beets, 90c; turnips, 75c

per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, 75c per sack; beans, 3c per pound; celery, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@3 1/2c per pound.

Onions-Oregon, 75c@\$1 per sack. Hops-15@18e; 1897 crop, 4@6c. Wool-Valley, 10@12c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 26c per pound.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 71/6c; spring lambs, 75c per lb. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$4.25; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed,

\$5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, 3.50@\$3.75; cows, \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@616c per pound.

per pound. Wool-Spring-Nevada, 10@12c per pound, Oregon, Eastern, 10@12c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 9@11c.

Millstuffs-Middlings, \$18@21.00; bran, \$15.50@16.50 per ton. Onions-Silverskin, 50@75c per sack. Butter — Fancy creamery, 80c; do seconds, 20@24c; fancy dairy, 26c; Eggs - Store, 18@22c; fancy ranch,

85@37 %c.

Martha Washington's Oven. C. L. Brainard, an Oak Park druggist, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, tin county, Mont., opened bids last while searching among some family week for \$137,000 worth of 20-year 5 heitlooms recently, found an oven per cent bonds. The premiums offered which had once belonged to Martha were the largest ever bid for bonds in Washington. In the same trunk was a Montana, and ranged from \$1,712 to letter which gave a history of the relic. \$7,904. The bidders included a great The oven has the appearance of a ketmany of the same firms who bid for the. It is a round iron pot, about six Portland bonds and the acceptance of inches deep and thirteen inches in diameter. The sides of the kettle are

black. Martha Washington gave the oven to a Mrs. Mary Denning, in 1778, in exchange for some knitting. Mrs. Denning kept it until her death, in 1872, when it came into the possession cial accounts. The new banks are of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Renweek, was found buried in a hog pen branches of the Bank of British Colum- shaw. During the war of 1812 Mrs. bia and the Bank of Toronto. Of the Denning, who was living in Brandyplace. The coroner has empaneled a former H. F. Mytten is local manager, wine Manor, Pa., buried the oven in jury and will at once begin an investi- and of the latter A. B. Barker is in her yard with \$200 in it. In 1840 Mrs. Renshaw exchanged the oven for some coal oil and tobacco to E. W. Wright, a storekeeper of Coatesville, Pa. Mrs. Wright kept it until her death, in 1878, when it was stored away with some other furniture and forgotten. C. L. Brainard, a grandson of the storekeeper, visited the old homestead and found the oven.

The Manna of the Jews.

The manna of the Jews is a lichen (Lichen esculentus, sive Canona esculenta). The Sahara nomade and the inhabitants of South Algeria call it Ousschel-Ard (excrement of the earth). It occurs in lumps the size of a pea. The inside resembles a white farina. It must be gathered early for the rays the traveler rolled away. Sealed bids for the purchase of \$500 of the sun soon wither it, but it can be kept quite well in closed vessels.

> Germany has 16,000 union shoemakers.

Brewery Improvements. There has been incorporated the Grand Forks Brewery Company, with a capital of \$10,000, for the purpose of reviving the business of the old Grand Forks brewery and bottling works. The new company will enlarge the present the line between hay fever and influplant to sufficient size to seek the large enza. trade of this section of British Colum-

The First Presbyterian church of Morristown, N. J., has had but five sextons since 1748, and but two in 59

A ROMANY MONARCH.

Crowning the King of the Scottish

Gypsies. With much quaint pomp and ceremony, and in the presence of a vast concourse of spectators, a gypsy king was crowned on Kirk Yetholm Green.

The chosen of the Romany tribe is named Charles Blythe Rutherford. He has passed the age of three score and ten, and besides being crowned king. his gypsy subjects also proclaimed him Earl of Little Egypt. Prince Charlie, as he is familiarly

termed, is a fine specimen of manhood It is years since he gave up the roving habits of his tribe and devoted himself to the more prosalc occupation of keeping a lodging house in the village of Kirk Yetholm, but his admirers proudly proclaim that he is descended from royal gypsy houses of Faa, Blythe and Rutherford.

Charles Blythe Rutherford's mother was Queen Esther, the last gypsy sovereign crowned at Yetholm. Esther does not appear to have been too heavily endowed with this world's goods, seeing that she applied for parish relief and was refused on the ground that she had visible means of support as a "mugger"-that is to say, she possessed a horse and cart to convey her mugs to the customers who patronized her. The gypsy queen was offered admission to the poorhouse, but refused, and lived on until 1883 in her own "palace," a low, one-storled, whitewashed cottage, with an open hearth fire, the smoke from which passed out through a hole in the roof. Quite recently Charles himself removed into this "palace," the lodging house not having proved a lucrative investment.

The "Archbishop of Yetholm," who placed the crown on the Romany monarch's brow, was Mr. Gladstone, the village blacksmith, whose father crowned Prince Charlie's mother, and whose family are said to possess the hereditary privileges of crowning the gypsy sovereigns. The crown itself was made of tin, adorned with tinsel and surmounted with a thistle, and the archbishop, in performing the coronation ceremony, delivered a speech In the Romany tongue. After Prince Charlle had duly responded, a procession was formed, in which mounted men, a brass band, a mace bearer and herald preceded the royal carriage drawn by six asses, and after the neighboring villages had been visited the proceedings wound up with athletic ports, a public dinner and a dance.

It is, of course, in its association with he past that the interest of this novel ceremony lies. The Faas, from whom Prince Charlie is descended, claimed that their name was a contraction of Pharaoh, and asserted that they were connected by blood with the ancient kings of Egypt. So far back as 1540 James V. of Scotland made a treaty with "Johonne Faw, Lord and Erle of Little Egypt," acknowledging his kingship and giving him the right to administer law and inflict punishment on his fellow Egyptians. Not long afterward, however, James changed his attitude and issued an order commanding his loyal subjects whenever they found three gypsies together to slay two of them without mercy.-London Daily Mail.

MINIATURE BICYCLES.

Wonder Excited Among English Rus-tics by the First Road ! kates,

Road-skating has been called the missing link between cycling and walking; it is really roller-skating out-ofdoors. A writer in the Standard tells Veal-Large, 6@61/2c; small, 7@8c how he took an extended trip, meeting with admiration and derision by the way; how he fought against the wind, ran into the roadside weeds and knelt there, and on a favorable road covered three miles in fourteen minutes. He says that, in appearance, the new roadskates resemble nothing so much as a

pair of miniature bicycles. The wheels are six inches in diameter. and are attached to the boot. Jointed leg-splints extend from the skate to the knee, relieving the ankle of an unbearable strain, and an automatic brake, acting upon the front wheel, imports free of duty aggregated over well as the ordinary baker's brand. fornia lemons, \$2.00@.300; do choice, and so removes the greatest difficulty instantly corrects any backward run, in hill-climbing. The skates weigh

from six to eight pounds a pair. The amazement of natives, when this mode of locomotion dawned upon them, s well expressed in the queries of an old man who, with "an apparently hypnotized donkey," seemed to be the only inhabitant of a certain hamlet upon the

"Wart's them?" he asked.

"Skates." "Wart?"

"Skates." "Skates?" "You"

"Wart are they for?" "Skating."

"Skatln'?" "Exactly." "They ain't blcycles, then?"

"No: skates." "Eh?" "Skates!"

"You needn't 'oller so loud; I ain't deaf! Wart's them sticks for?" "To support the ankles." "Uncles?" "No; ankles,"

'Wonderful! I wish my old 'oman

was 'ere to see 'em!" "So do I. Where is she?" "Dead an' gone well-nigh fourteen ear ago."

"I am very sorry for you." "Wart?" "I'm sorry. You must miss her sad-

'No. Sally wa'n't 'er name. It was Jane, same as the donkey's is. I called 'im after 'er."

Then conversation languished, and

"What is the meaning of the word tantalizing?" asked the teacher. "Please, ma'am," spoke up little Johnny Holcomb, "It means a circus procession passing the school house

Johnny's Idea.

and the pupils not allowed to look out." Social Distinctions.

Young Doctor-I find it hard to draw

Old Doctor-It is hard, my boy, but social distinctions have to be made; there's no help for it.-Detroit Journal.

Every little while you hear people say: "There is something wrong." years, the present one having served 33 It's worse than that; there are a lot of things wrong.