NO MORE SPECIAL CONTRACTS.

C. M. Wicker, Commissioner of the Chicago Freight Bureau, has issned the following important circular to merchants and shippers:

The following is particularly important to such members of this association as are already doing business with or desire to reach the Pacific coast, but have been preven!ed from doing so by the discrimination against this point and in favor yet the details are not complete, and of whom were saved and 4 lost. we are only able to advise you that the Pacific roads and their eastern 1, make the rates from Chicago about 15 per cent. less than any public or private rates it may be found expedient to make from Atlantic seaboard points. Full particulars as to the rates from this point will be given as soon as it is definitely known what rates the railroad lines may find necessary to make from New York as against steamships, clipper ships and other competition at that point.

The following rates have been proposed and in all probability will be adopted as the rates from New York to Pacific coast points: First, \$5: second, \$4: third, \$3: fourth, \$2.75: fifth, \$2.50; sixth, \$2.25; seventh, \$2; eighth, \$1.75; minth, \$1.59; tenth, \$1.25. If these rates are adopted, the agreement provides that the rates from Chicago shall be about 15 per cent. less, the same percentage to apply on any tariff of special, individual, or commodity rates that may be made at variance from the above.

The traffic covered by this arrangement includes all shipments of whatsoever nature from Chicago to San Francisco, Sacramento, Marysville. Stockton, San Jose, Oakland and Los Angeles, Cal., Portland and Astoria, Or., Tacoma and Scattle, W. T., and all points taking these rates. Shipments from the above-named Pacific coast points to Chicago will be made on the basis of about 85 per cent. of any tariff of special, individual, or commodity rates that may be made from those points to New York. This arrangement, eminently just and fair, has been acceded to only after many months of patient waiting and protesting against the present injustice, and only upon the representation on our part that with this basis established we could largely increase our shipments to and from California. Western Oregon and Washington territory.

That those who have not been di rectly interested in this tariff and those who we hope will now avail themselves of these favorable rates as compared with New York and other seaboard manuf cturing and distrib uting points, may be advised, allow us to say that although our printed tariff has been less than that from New York, there has existed and still exists a most complete and elaborate private or individual rate, much low er than the public tariff, the provisions of which compel us to pay full New York rates on 23) out of 33) articles shippel from the east to the Pacific coast. Tais unjust tariff will be abrog ital on December 31st.

We trust our merchants and especjally our manufacturers will not fail in the future any more than they have in the past, to make good their reputation for pushing their wares and products to the territory indicated, as we are no longer bandicapped by rates and contracts made for the purpose of compelling the Pacific coast consignees to purchase in the East to the detriment of this market. We shall be no longer hampered by special contracts from eastern cities that do not apply from this point and other Chicago houses will avail themselves of this arrangement and secure a good and valuable portion of the Pacific coast trade.

OxLY five of the thirty-eight states report no votes for the St. John ticket. Its aggregate vote in the country was 148,277. The apparent vote Headquarters for Holiday Presents for the Butler ticket was 128,518, but owing to the fusions in seven states, it is impossible to ascertain the real strength of the "People's party." In Michigan the Butler elector who ran separately received 41,390 votes. The total Republican vote in the country at large this year is 4,795,272; in 1880. 4.449,053; increase, 346,219. The total Democratic .vote this year is 4.811,221; in 1890, 4,442,035; increase, 369,189. The net Demorratic gain is 23,301. The popular vote as will be observed, is almost as evenly divided as it was in 1880. The largest Democratic majority is that of Texas, 98,383; the largest Republican majority is that of Pennsylvania, 81,019.

THE annual report on the life saving service shows that the disasters to vessels within the field of station operations for the last year have amounted to 327. On these vesselsDECEMBER is 1884 were 4,253 persons, of whom 4,237 were saved, and only 16 lost. The number of shipwrecked persons succored was 532, to whom 1,319 days' revalue of the vessels involved in these disasters was \$7,075,975, and that of their cargoes \$5,454,050, making the ALL ARTICLES AT COST PRICE. total value of the property imperiled \$10,530,025; of this amount \$9,090,134 was saved, and \$1,439,891 lost. The number of vessels totally lost was 64. There were 102 ensualties to smaller crafts, such as sailboats, row-boats, etc., on which were 179 persons, 175

RECENTLY two young men of Youngstown. Ohio, with \$2,000, went connections have acceded to our re- to New Orleans, their intention being quest, and will, on and after Jenuary to purchase the exclusive beer privilege on the Exposition grounds. They called on the manager, stated th ir business, and asked what the privilege was worth. "Well," responded the manager, "I have just Clean Domestic per ton, 2240 lbs ... refused \$65,000 for it from one party | S ree because I thought it was too low. If you have \$100,000 to invest you can secure the privilege of selling beer to the thirsty thousands who will attend the exposition, otherwise you can take a walk." They walked-out and took a drink.

> A LONDON bank has recently attracted some attention by its practical encouragement of the Malthusian doctrine. Having decided that it was inexpedient for clerks employed in the bank to marry on insufficient means, the board resolved, "As a general rule, but subject to any exceptional circumstances which may induce the board to dispense with such rule, that in future, if any memper of the staff, whose income is less than £150 a year, shall marry, he shall be disqualified from continuing in the bank's services, and will accordingly be required to retire from

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> No profit, says the Los Angeles, Cal. Express, can result from predicting hard times and business prostration. The better way is for every man to do what he can to put life and energy into business. If all will do this there will be no depression that will injure anybody.

It is estimated that 100,000,000 salmon eggs will be placed in the sivers of Maine for hatching this season.

THE capital invested in national anks was increased about \$15,000,000 during the year ended September 30,

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KENTUCKY has more navigable river front than any other state in the Forty Trunks and Fifteen Valises.

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Co., are notified to make immediate settlement of accounts at the City Book Store,
without further notice.

W. E. WARREN.

Annual Meeting. Annual meeting.

STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PACIFIC

Unlos Pa sing Company are hereby notified that the third annual meeting of this
company will be held at their office, in the
city of Asteria. Oregon December 22nd,
1881, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M., for the
purpose of clecting a Board of Directors,
and such other leg d business as may come
before the meeting.

By order of the President.

Secretary.

Asteria, Oregon, Dec. 12th, 1884.

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parinership heretofore existing between
II D. Newbury and Irv. Stevens in the businest known as the City Book. Store is this
day diss 4 red by mutaal consent. All bitls
due by the firm and all accounts owing arto be paid to or collected by the unfersigned. The business has been purcassed
by Messrs. riflen and Reed who will have
charge of it in the future.

H. D. NEWBURY.
IRV STEVEN.
Astoria, December 1, 1881.

Referring to the above the undersigned would respectfully amountee to the public of Astoria and vicinity the they have this dry pir based from Mesors. Newbury & stevens the stock, fixing a and cood will of the City Book Store, and hope for a continuance of the generous patronage accorded the retiring firm.

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Public Auction.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO WHOM it may concern and the pub is generally, that I will choose to be sold at pub is an tion in front of the Parker House in As old, Oregon, on Naturday, the 27th day of December, 1884, the following articles of personal proper y, to-wat:

To satisfy my legal c arges and lien against and upon the same. S id articles have been in my hands unclaimed for more than three m riths and with be so d uno ened and as they are to the highest bidder for each in hand according to the

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hand according to law,
Date: Astoria, Or., Dec. 6, 1884.
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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockh-iders of the Fishermen's Packing Co. will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, D c. 29, 1844, at 9 A. M. for the purpose of electic g a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as shall legally come before the meeting.

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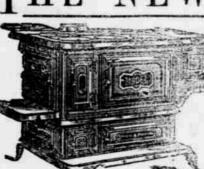
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