

THE ALASKA RUSH.

Western Roads Preparing to Ignore the Canadian Pacific.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The Western roads have for some time been figuring earnestly on the business that is expected to set in in the late winter and the early spring toward Alaska. They have been doubtful whether the purchasers of transportation would wish to buy tickets through to Dawson City, or only to the ports on the coast, and today the roads took their first action bearing on the question of Alaska rates. They have decided to get out their rate sheets showing the rates to Alaska and will ignore entirely the claims of the Canadian Pacific for the differential on the business. The rates of the Canadian Pacific will not be shown on the sheet at all.

In the days of the old Transcontinental Association, the Canadian Pacific was allowed a differential of \$5 on its Pacific coast business, and it claims the same now, but the roads of the old association, and those of the Western Passenger Association, after the promulgation of the supreme court decision regarding the formation of pools and associations, absolved them from all further obligations to allow the differentials of the Canadian Pacific. The latter road has never seen the matter in that light and it will make a fight that is very likely to demoralize the rates to Alaska, and North Pacific coast ports.

FIGHT ON THE BORDER.

Three Mexican Guards and One Desperado Killed.

Denver, Dec. 13.—News is received of a desperate fight that occurred near the border of Arizona and old Mexico. Three guards of the Mexican service and one desperado were killed. The latter was Franco Phallard, one of Black Jack's gang, and an outlaw from Texas, whose two brothers were killed while members of Billy the Kid's gang. A few days ago the border guards learned of a raid that was designed by Black Jack to loot a town across the river. A start was made from Leander Springs, and the guards had no difficulty in finding them. The two forces met face to face at a turn in the road. There were eight outlaws against three officers, but the latter opened the attack with orders of "hands up." Two of the outlaws turned their horses for the hills, but Phallard dismounted, and drawing his Winchester, opened fire and killed the three officers before he fell with a wound in his side which proved fatal.

Phallard is the last of the Sam Bass gang of trainrobbers, who cleaned out Custer City many years ago.

HIS LAST HOPE GONE.

The California Supreme Court Decides Against Durrant.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Late this afternoon the supreme court dispelled the last hope of W. H. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a summary manner of his two appeals.

In a written opinion, from the pen of Chief Justice Beatty, which is concurred in by all but one of his colleagues, the court affirms the judgment of Judge Bahrs, in remanding the prisoner to San Quentin until the time set for his execution, but reverses that sentencing Durrant to be hanged on November 11, and remands the case to the superior court, with instructions to proceed according to law.

As the remittor was ordered issued forthwith and the court holds that execution can only be stayed now by the issuance of a certificate of probable cause, it only remains to resentence the condemned murderer, which will probably be done tomorrow.

Justice Garoutte alone dissented from this opinion, maintaining that Durrant's appeals should have been dismissed, as the time required by law for their perfection had been allowed to lapse.

BRAVE PORTLAND GIRL.

Rescued a Woman From a Burning Victoria Lodging House.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—Through the courage and promptitude of Lily Baldwin, a Portland girl, a life was saved here under sensational circumstances, yesterday evening. There had been an explosion of gasoline in the oil tent factory of Tryon & Co., and the entire premises were soon blazing. On the upper floor was the American lodging-house, whose proprietress, Mrs. Fox, was ill in bed. In the confusion she was forgotten until the Portland girl, a lodger, remembered her. She ran upstairs and carried down the landlady, who by that time was unconscious from suffocation. Both escaped with slight burns, although their danger was imminent.

Ritch Strike in Montana.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 13.—Reports from the Lowland mining district are that a rich strike of gold and silver quartz has been made in the Ruby mine, and that over a million dollars' worth of ore is in sight. The owners are taking out over \$2,000 a day. The property was purchased last summer from Adolph Moudelbauer, of San Francisco, for \$80,000, the principal owner being M. E. Graves, a New York man.

New York, Dec. 13.—The largest life insurance policy ever issued has been written in this city, calling for \$1,000,000 insurance upon the life of George W. Vanderbilt. The policy is what is known as a 20-payment life contract, and provides for a premium of \$35,000 a year. After Mr. Vanderbilt has paid that sum yearly for 20 years the payments cease and the principal becomes due at his death. The next largest policy ever written is said to have been for \$700,000 (\$500,000).

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

(Office of Downing, Hopkins & Co., Chicago Board of Trade Brokers, 711-714 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.)

Light speculation was the dominating factor in the wheat market last week. Its force was felt more keenly than at any time since prices left 64 cents five months ago. The bear element is working on the idea that all the bullish influences have been discounted by the advance in prices of 36 cents from the low point in the spring. Wheat that cleared last week was all bought a month or more ago, and prices were advanced at the time. Now that the stuff is moving out, the bulls think that prices should continue to go up, because the stuff is being delivered to the buyers. The latter are not taking hold as freely, but export sales during the week were heavy. For three months the market has backed and filled around 90 cents for May, getting 5 cents above it recently, and has been 2 cents below it. The bears have been unable to maintain a break for more than a day or two below 90 cents. December sold 4 1/2 cents to 17 cents premium over May. The position of the bulls and their intention are as much of a puzzle as ever. They stand ready to pay for 5,000,000 bushels of wheat, and are very liable to get it before the first of the year. Elevator people, however, are not disposed to make any deliveries until navigation is closed, as they want to keep the wheat in their houses. The Leiter party have from 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 bushels bought. There are also scattered lines that will reach above 2,000,000 bushels held by parties outside of the pool. The claim is made that there is no shortage, except on the part of the elevator people. The latter have been bringing wheat down from Duluth. It is a deal that no one except rich men can afford to be in. The bulls claim that the wheat brought down from the Northwest by the elevator people has not shown any profit. If such is the case, it seems rather strange that two such shrewd business men as Armour and Weare should be so actively engaged in it. Government report gives crop of winter and spring wheat at 350,000,000 bushels. Visible supply of wheat decreased 101,000 bushels, and now totals 84,744 bushels.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 72@73c; Valley and Bluestem, 75@76c per bushel. Four—Best grades, \$4.25; graham, \$3.40; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 34@35c; choice gray, 32@33c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$20 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$17. Hay—Timothy, \$12.50@13; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—18 1/2 @ 25c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; fair to good, 40@45c; dairy, 30@40c per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 11 1/2c; Young America, 12 1/2c; California, 9@10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$1.75@2.50 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$5.50@6; ducks, \$3.00@4.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35@45c per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cental. Onions—Oregon, new, red, 90c; yellow, 80c per cental. Hops—8@14c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c. Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20@22c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$3.00; dressed mutton, 5c; spring lambs, 5 1/2c per pound. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.00; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3.00; cows, \$2.25; dressed beef, 4@5 1/2c per pound. Veal—Large, 4 1/2 @ 5c; small, 5 1/2 @ 6c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 28c; ranch, 16@18c. Cheese—Native Washington, 12 1/2c; California, 9 1/2c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 30@32c. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$3.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$22 per ton. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$19@20. Corn—Whole, \$22; cracked, per ton, \$22; feed meal, \$22 per ton. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$22; whole, \$22. Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5 1/2c; mutton sheep, 7c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 7. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 4@5c; salmon, 3@4c; salmon trout, 7@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2 1/2 @ 4c. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 50c@1.25 per box; peaches, 75@80c; prunes, 35@40c; pears, 75c@1 per box.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 12@14c; Northern 7@8c per pound. Hops—10@14c per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$20@22; California bran, \$17.50@18.00 per ton. Onions—New red, 70@80c; do new silverskin, \$1.40@1.60 per cental. Eggs—Store, 23@28c; ranch, 27@30c; Eastern, 14@20c; duck, 20@25c per dozen. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 13 1/2c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound.

OREGON STATE NEWS.

Brief Review of the Week Throughout the State.

Thirty-four marriage licenses were issued by the Marion county clerk in November. Fishermen on the Umpqua are shipping sturgeon overland via Drain to Portland. Four panthers were killed near Marshfield last week. One measured 7 1/2 feet from tip to tip. Manager Dorwin increased the force at the Jewett mine and will hereafter run night and day shifts.

Samuel Henry, a veteran of the civil war, celebrated his 94th birthday anniversary at Jacksonville last week. It is estimated that over 20,000 boxes of apples have been shipped from the Coquille valley this season, and there are several carloads yet to be forwarded. The owners of the Oregon Bonanza mine contemplate running a blind tunnel, to begin on the Powell creek side of the mountain and extend westward a distance of 800 feet.

Another shipment of Wallowa county beef cattle was made from Elgin the latter part of last week by a Chicago dealer. He paid 3 1/2 cents for the steers weighed at Joseph. A lot of cattle were recently bought on Smith river, in Lane county, and driven to Harrisburg. The average weight of 16 of the band was estimated to be 1,750 pounds each. A three-foot ledge of bituminous coal has been found in the south end of Jackson county, as good as that produced in eastern states. Indications are that the vein is very extensive.

The judgment in favor of the state of Oregon and against Baker county has been recorded in Baker City, and a tax levy will have to be made to raise the amount of the judgment, \$10,928.00. It was blowing a gale when the Chilkat crossed the Coos bay bar Monday, and two tremendous seas boarded the little steamer. Her stern was stove in, and she is at North Bend, undergoing repairs. An old store building, a landmark at Uter City, Coos county, collapsed during the recent storm. As many surveys started from the old building as a corner, some trouble will be caused in running lines.

It is a foregone conclusion that we will be treated to the operations of a first-class English mining company, in the Ashland district very soon, as one of the best and largest quartz mines is now being listed on the London market.

At the Clackamas hatchery about 1,000,000 young fish have been turned out so far this season. There are now about 5,000,000 eggs in the troughs in all stages of hatching. The eggs were obtained from the Little White Salmon river station, in Washington. There was a heavy run of salmon in the Siuslaw this year, and at the Florence cannery 3,500 cases of canned salmon and 600 barrels of salmon were recently shipped to San Francisco. Mr. Hurd says that 10,000 cases could have been put up had the market price justified.

During the last two months one man has shipped from Brownsville, to outside markets, 1,150 turkeys, 650 chickens, 71 geese and 95 ducks, making a total of about 16,000 pounds of poultry shipped by him alone. There are several other poultry buyers in Brownsville, who have shipped a large amount also.

There have been shipped from Medford station this season thus far about 40 carloads of apples, and there remains to be shipped yet 20 carloads more of merchantable apples. This includes fruit hauled from the Applegate and surrounding country. Two carloads of dried fruits of different varieties have been shipped eastward from that station, too, and about eight carloads more remain to be shipped.

The Albany Fruit Company has shipped to Davenport, Ia., 600 boxes of Oregon winter apples. The company is also arranging to ship a carload of winter apples to Missouri. There is a good demand for Oregon apples in the East, but they must be salable. This company has dried 8,000 pounds of apples, which were not good keepers. It is also now arranging to carry out the experiment of drying vegetables for the Alaska trade.

While workmen were excavating a ditch in Elgin, at the intersection of Front and C. streets, last week, at a depth of two feet or a little more they began to uncover human bones, and in a short time almost the entire skeleton was unearthed. A few feet further on they unearthed portions of another skeleton. From the shape of the skull found, the remains are undoubtedly those of Indians, buried long before the whites settled there, says the Elgin Recorder.

There has been received at Astoria a fish from the life-saving crew at Fort Canby that no one seems to recognize. Some pronounced it a devil fish, and others are certain it is an octopus. It is about three feet long and of dark brown color. Its girth is probably 10 or 12 inches and from the tail to the gills varies but little in size. The head is attached to the body with a sort of swivel, and the mouth is hid beneath a clump of tentacles about a foot long.

A Lake county man who left last June to assist in driving 8,000 head of sheep to Amadee, Cal., has returned. He says that the sheep were bought before shearing or lambing for \$1.78 to \$2 a head, and that Flanagan & Dunn, the purchasers, have made a little fortune on the speculation, as the culls of the band are worth \$3 a head at Amadee. He thinks their profit will be nearer 200 per cent than 100. They had a successful drive and spent the summer in the Sycan country, in Lake county.

To Still the Ocean's Waves.

A scheme to increase the efficiency of oil to still the waves of the ocean in a storm has been thought out by William Guthrie, of Chicago. His notion is based on the argument that if oil has a pacifying effect when distributed on the water in the immediate neighborhood of the ship in trouble, its effect would be magnified if the oil could be applied at a distance all about the ship, thus creating a calm circle, in which the ship could ride in safety until the storm had spent its fury. His proposition is to shoot saturated sponges or cotton from a pneumatic gun, that being preferable to a powder gun, as there would be no danger of igniting the oil-soaked sponge. Some people interested in shipping have been impressed with the idea and application is to be made to congress for an appropriation to test its efficiency.

In the publication of the Berlin Academy of Sciences, Professor Roentgen has an article in which he confirms the observation of Dr. Brandes that it is possible to make the X-rays visible to the eye.

KNOCKED OUT.

It knocks out all calculations of attending to business in the right way for a day when we wake up in the morning sore and stiff. The disappointment lies in going to bed all right and waking up all wrong. There is a short and sure way out of it. Go to bed after a good rub with St. Jacobs Oil and you wake up all right; soreness and stiffness all gone. So sure is this, that men much exposed in changeable weather keep a bottle of it on the mantel for use at night to make sure of going to work in good nix.

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YOUNG WOMANHOOD.

Sweet young girls! How often they develop into worn, listless, and hopeless women because mother has not impressed upon them the importance of attending to physical development.

No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodical pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be guided physically as well as morally. If you know of any young lady who is sick and needs motherly advice, ask her to address Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and tell every detail of her symptoms, surroundings and occupation.

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