

NO MORE SEALSKINS.

Important Clause in the Bill That Has Just Passed Congress.

Washington, Dec. 21.—It has been developed that the bill relating to pelagic sealing which has just passed both branches of congress, and is before the president, contains a provision of far-reaching character which has thus far escaped attention. This is an absolute prohibition of the bringing of seal-skins into the United States. As the United States is the largest market in the world for seal-skins this complete stoppage of the trade in this country will be a severe measure against the British and Canadian industries which take and cure the skins and then dispose of them largely in the United States.

When the bill was proposed it was generally supposed that its only purpose was to prohibit American citizens from carrying on pelagic sealing. This feature was the only one to attract attention during the discussions. At the adoption of the bill, however, a section was discovered which was not restricted to Americans, but applies to seal-skins in general, "taken in the waters mentioned in this act," which include the whole Pacific ocean. The provisions is as follows:

Section 9. That the importation into the United States by any person whatsoever of fur seal-skins, taken in waters mentioned in this act, whether raw, dressed, dyed or manufactured, is hereby prohibited, and all such articles imported after this act shall take effect shall not be permitted to be exported, but shall be seized and destroyed by the proper officers of the United States."

Those who are thoroughly familiar with the bill say this provision is of far more importance in its effect than the prohibition against pelagic sealing by Americans.

RELIEF BILL SIGNED.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars to Aid Starving Yukoners.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Both houses of congress today passed the joint resolution for the relief of miners in the Yukon valley, Alaska, and in a short time it had received the signature of the president.

The bill appropriates \$200,000, to be expended under direction of the secretary of war in the purchase of supplies for the relief of the people in the Yukon country or other mining regions of Alaska, and for the transportation and distribution of such supplies, provided that, if the consent of the Canadian government be obtained, the secretary of war may extend the relief into Canadian territory. The resolution further provides that the supplies may be sold in that region at such prices as may be fixed by the secretary of war, or donated to those unable to pay for them. The secretary of war is authorized to use the United States army in carrying into effect the provisions of the act, to import reindeer and drivers for the transportation of supplies, and to adopt such other provisions as are practicable. The secretary is directed, when the work shall have been completed, to sell the reindeer or turn them over to the secretary of the interior, in his discretion, and to make a detailed report to congress at the beginning of the next session of such disbursements made and results accomplished under the act.

A Northwestern Wreck.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 21.—The overland limited on the Chicago & Northwestern, which left Chicago last night, ran into an open switch near here at 6 o'clock this morning. The mail-car, it seems, flew out of the mail car, which was next to the engine. The catch struck the switch lever, broke it off and opened the switch. The train was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour. The engine and mail car remained on the track, but the buffet car, two sleepers and two coaches were completely overturned on the prairie. Everybody on board was knocked about considerably, and many were scratched and bruised, but no person was killed or apparently seriously injured. A wrecking train was sent to the wreck, and within a short time the passengers were on their way to Omaha.

Report Blames Indians.

Denver, Dec. 21.—D. C. Beaman, Josiah Walbridge and Charles E. Noble, the commission appointed by Governor Adams to investigate the recent Indian troubles in the vicinity of Lily Park, filed their report with the governor this afternoon. The report is an almost complete vindication of the game wardens, and shows that the Indians were alone responsible for the bloody conflict in Routt county last month, in which several of their number were killed.

A Boston Rumor.

Boston, Dec. 21.—A prominent German-American merchant of this city has received a private cipher cable from German capitalists advising him to sell out all his holdings in Boston immediately. It is rumored that the cable disclosed a startling coup planned by Germany, and exposed the secret destination of the mysterious German fleet. Accordingly to the dispatch, the fleet is really being sent to threaten the United States, and secure absolute supremacy of the Pacific by seizure of Hawaii and Samoa.

Earthquake in Italy.

Rome, Dec. 21.—Strong earthquake shocks lasting twelve seconds were felt this morning. In central Italy the walls of houses split, many chimneys fell, bells rang and a panic prevailed among the inhabitants.

New York, Dec. 21.—While Mrs. Margaret Spencer was cooking on an oil stove tonight, her pet dog upset the stove. An explosion followed, and the woman was so badly burned that she died.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

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

The Chicago wheat market is in unusual condition. During last week December wheat sold at premium of from 3 to 12c, over cash wheat at New York, Baltimore, St. Louis, Toledo, Duluth and other points. At one time the premium at Duluth was 15c. With such premiums it is a wonder that men like Armour and Wears should take the risk of selling December and buying the cash wheat in the Northwest when the cost of getting it here from Minneapolis by rail is not over 7c to 8c. They not only get the profit in the difference, but also run the risk of the bulls changing their minds and leaving the wheat here, or at least a good part of the 5,000,000 bushels that will be here by the end of the month. They know that there is a good prospect of a large milling demand before another crop is harvested. This will give them a chance to secure fancy premiums for all the good milling wheat they may have on hand the same as last spring. In addition they get the storage. They believe in merchandising wheat the same as any other article, and when a profit presents itself they are not slow to get into the territory tributary to other markets and take the wheat away from them. There never has been such a chance in years, and they have taken advantage of it, and run the risk of the wheat grading. Not only has the bulge brought in free offerings from the Northwest, where over 1,000,000 bushels have been bought within a week, but it has stimulated holders in the winter wheat country to send their wheat here. The howling about the grading made them timid about risking December sales, and last week brought out offers of more wheat than was supposed to be in the country.

This will place a larger quantity in the visible supply and give the bulls a chance to see what there actually is and enable them to make better plans for the future.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 74¢75¢; Valley and Bluestem, 77¢78¢ per bushel. Four—Best grades, \$4.25; Graham, \$2.40; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 35¢36¢; choice gray, 33¢34¢ per barrel. Barley—New, 19¢20¢; brewing, 22¢ per barrel. Millet—Gray, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$18. Hay—Timothy, \$22.50@23; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton. Eggs—18¢25¢ per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 55¢60¢; fair to good, 45¢50¢; dairy, 40¢50¢ per roll. Cheese—Oregon, 11¢; Young America, 12¢; California, 9¢10¢ per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$1.75@2.25 per dozen; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; geese, \$5.50@6.50; ducks, \$4.00@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10¢11¢ per pound. Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35¢45¢ per sack; sweets, \$1.40 per cental. Onions—Oregon, new, red, 90¢; yellow, 80¢ per cental. Hops—5¢14¢ per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4¢6¢. Wool—Valley, 14¢16¢ per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7¢12¢; mohair, 20¢22¢ per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, \$3.50; dressed mutton, 5¢; spring lambs, 5¢ 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¢ per pound. Veal—Large, 4¢5¢; small, 5¢6¢ per pound.

Seattle Market.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 28¢; ranch, 16¢18¢. Cheese—Native Washington, 12¢; California, 9¢. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 28¢. Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, 10¢; spring chickens, \$2.50@3.00; ducks, \$3.50@3.75. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$23 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, 6¢; cows, 5¢; mutton sheep, 7¢; pork, 7¢; veal, small, 7¢. Fresh Fish—Halibut, 5¢6¢; salmon, 3¢; salmon trout, 7¢10¢; rockcod and sole, 3¢4¢; ling cod, 4¢5¢; flounder, 5¢; smelt, 2¢4¢. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 50¢@1.25 per box; peaches, 75¢80¢; prunes, 55¢40¢; pears, 75¢@1 per box.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada 11¢13¢; Oregon, 12¢14¢; Northern 7¢8¢ per pound. Hops—10¢14¢ per pound. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$20@23; California bran, \$17.00@18.00 per ton. Onions—New red, 70¢80¢; do new silverskin, \$1.90@2.00 per cental. Eggs—Store, 22¢23¢; ranch, 27¢30¢; Eastern, 14¢19¢; duck, 20¢25¢ per dozen. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$1.50@3.00; Mexican limes, \$2.00@3.00; California lemons, choice, \$1.75@2.25; do common, 50¢@1 per box. Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 12¢; fair to good, 7¢8¢ per pound. Hay—Wheat, 12¢14¢; wheat and oat, \$11@14; oat, \$10@12; river barley, \$7@8; best barley, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$8.50@10; clover, \$8.50@10. Fresh Fruit—Apples, 25¢@1.25 per large box; grapes, 25¢50¢; Isabella, 60¢75¢; peaches, 50¢@1; pears, 75¢\$1 per box; plums, 20¢35¢. Butter—Fancy creamery, 30¢; do seconds, 24¢25¢; fancy dairy, 28¢27¢; good to choice, 22¢24¢ per pound. Potatoes—New, in boxes, 35¢55¢.

INDIANS IN OREGON.

Reports From Klamath, Siletz and Grand Ronde Agents.

Joseph Emery, United States Indian agent at Klamath agency, in his annual report to the commissioner of Indian affairs, speaks of the great improvement that has been made in the matter of agriculture. There was also a good crop of rye and oats, and more land had been fenced and more buildings erected than in any former year. There have been also other improvements and more would have been made if there had been a sufficient supply of lumber. The Indians on the reservation show a disposition to live in better houses than heretofore. More attention is being given to stockraising than usual, and a marked increase has been observed in the herds. Some purchases of thoroughbred cattle have been made, and the Indians show a disposition to take care of them.

The agent also reports the gratifying results of the two schools of that agency. One hundred and fifty-two children were in attendance at the Klamath school, and 103 at the Yainax school.

The Klamath Indians are thrown upon their resources, as all allowances ceased 12 years ago. Three-fourths of them are industrious and law-abiding, and are making their way very well. They are engaged in hauling freight and other work, besides agriculture. The total number of Indians on the reservation is 1,020, an increase of 59 over last year. A better system of waterworks and heating apparatus is recommended for the Klamath school.

Bailey Gaither, agent at Siletz, reports that the population at that agency is 486, a decrease of 12. He also reports that the Indians have been working, and were employed in picking hops and packing fish at the cannery which has been constructed near the mouth of the Siletz river. The Indians received during the year \$15,553 from various sources, including \$5,853 annuity from the government.

He reports a great deal of confusion among the Indians who claim to own land of dead allottees, as 116 have died since the allotment was completed, making about 9,000 acres of land for the Indians to quarrel over. In some cases there is no question as to who are the legal heirs; but in the majority there are a number of claimants, and it is very difficult to determine the relationship of any of the claimants. The agent says it is a means of considerable annoyance, and will grow more so unless some simpler and less expensive method of adjustment is devised. At present, application is made to the state courts to determine who are the heirs, and it is usually so expensive that it excludes the Indian from any means of determining his rights.

Mr. Gaither reports gratifying work from the schools, and says that there is not sufficient room in the buildings at the present time.

Andrew Kershaw, the superintendent in charge of the Grande Ronde agency, says there has been steady progress in the school work there, and he also speaks very highly of the industrial work of the pupils. He shows that there has been a decrease in the population during the year, but the reservation is in general good order.

Oregon Notes.

During November, 312 earload lots of freight were shipped over the Elgin branch of the O. R. & N.

The stockyards at the Linnton cannery have become a great resort for seagulls and crows. Hundreds of these birds haunt the yards in search of food.

The authorities of Lakeview, in Lake county, are improving the streets of that town with gravel. It is estimated that the cost of the improvements will be \$600.

The Lane county rock crusher is at work near Goshen, where rock is being crushed to repair the road near Camas swale. About 800 feet of new road will be built.

An Ashland man is over among the Klamath Indians, endeavoring to gather 100 dogs to be sent to Alaska in the spring. The dogs of the Indians being accustomed to hardships and food of dried fish are thought to be hardy enough for the northern climate.

Residents of Walla walla county report a run of salmon which began within the past week. A run of salmon this late in the season is very unusual in that county. The fish are large and have deep red sides, and have other unusual characteristics. They are headed for Walla walla lake and are very plentiful.

The Santiam News gives the following account of the courageous efforts of Mrs. Mack, who resides near that place, in trying to save her little son, Frank, from drowning. The lad was dragging a plank on a footlog, crossing a deep but narrow stream, between their house and the residence of Mr. A. Biggs, who lives near, and in some way fell in the stream. The youngest boy, Wallace, screamed for his mother, who came running to their assistance, and jumped into the stream to save the now drowning boy. She missed him as he floated past, got in deep water herself, and but for the timely assistance of Mr. Biggs would have drowned. She was rescued with difficulty, just as she was sinking the last time. The boy floated down stream till in coming in contact with some overhanging willows, he managed to pull himself ashore.

There was not exactly a tidal wave at Seaside, Clatsop county, Thursday, but during the high tide the wind blew the waves high upon the beach, and one unusually large one broke over the knoll near the bathhouses and sent tons of water into the camping grove. The water ran back as far as the Estes, Allen and Kopp cottages. A number of people were watching the surf at the time, and many of them received a ducking, but none were injured, and the damage to property was comparatively slight.

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 luck.

Long Distance Signaling.

The Greenwitch observatory has been put into telegraph communication with that of the McGill college, Montreal, and the signals can be flashed between the two places, a distance of 3,800 miles, in three-quarters of a second.

THE LAST MAN ON EARTH

To reflectively experiment upon himself with hope of relief is the dyspeptic. Yet the nostrums for this malady are as the sands of the sea, and, presumably, about as efficacious. In fact, that obstinate malady, even if of long perpetuity, is eventually overcome with Rossett's Stomach Bitters, an appetizing tonic and alterative, which cures constipation, fever and ague, bilious remittent, rheumatism, kidney complaint and febrileties.

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Germany and China.

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The Germans still occupy Kiao Chau, a place of great strategic and commercial importance, and show no disposition to abandon it, but, on the contrary, appear to have seized upon the murder of the missionaries as a pretext for obtaining a permanent position upon the Chinese coast, and so clear is this determination that China has appealed to Russia to interfere in her behalf against Germany. Germany reinforced her squadron in the Chinese waters on the heels of this seizure of Kiao Chau bay, and it is reported that as long ago as 1895 one of our warships on the Chinese coast was applied to by a German vessel for charts of these waters, and particularly requested detailed charts of the harbor of Kiao Chau." The Germans verified these charts, and made more extended surveys of the place, and when the German naval officers at that time discussed the probability of their occupying that port, the murder of German missionaries was not mentioned.



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