THE RESOLUTION GOES OVER

Pension Matters Were Considered in Both Houses-Beginning of a Lengthy Debate.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- The senate did a consideralbe amount of business today, although no very important matter was considered or passed. There was very little debate. Senator Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, called attention to the increasing demand for private pension legislation and requested senators in the future to be careful to see that their bills for private pensions were meritorious before they were introduced. An attempt was made by McBride to secure an appropriation for the relief of the Klondike miners, but the net result was a resolution calling on the secretary of war for all information he had on that subject.

An hour was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills and 45 were passed.

The resolution of the Pacific railroad committee asking information regarding the sale of the Kansas Pacific was passed which gave Gear and Thurston opportunity to make short speeches congratulating the country upon the settlement of the Pacific railroad ques-

Some work was laid out for next week. Carter securing the right of way Monday and Tuesday for his census bill, and Lodge had the immigration bill made the unfinished business during the week.

In the House.

The house today entered upon the consideration of the pension appropriation bill and stirred up a debate that promises to continue for several days. Several Southern Democrats offered criticisms of various classes of pensioners, and Private John Allen, of Mississippi, who led the assault in a speech replete with his characteristic humor, presented a series of amendments designed, as he said, to correct some of the glaring evils. They prohibit the granting of pensions to widows whose applications were not filed during their widowhood, and the granting of pensions to widows whose applications were based on marriages contracted after the passage of this act, and to permanently insane or idotic minors who had reached their majority. The Northern Democrats, however, vied with the Republicans in their professions of friendship for the soldiers, and one of them-Norton of Ohio-declared that the Republicans could not make the bill too large for him. It was admitted on both sides of the house during the discussion that the \$140,000,000 carried by the bill for pensions would not cover the expenditures, but as congress would be in session. Cannon said it would be easy to make good any deficiency that might of the year. General Parrados has

THE HOUSE PROGRAMNE

Financial Legislation Will Not Be Undertaken Immediately.

Washington, Dec. 11.-Although no formal action has been taken, a pretty general understanding has been reached by leaders in the house as to the course of action in the near future. It includes the disposal of appropriation bills as fast as they are ready.

The bankruptcy bill will be reported

before the holiday recess, but will not be taken up by the house until after

It is understood that for the present there will be no effort to take up financial legislation on the floor of the house. This is due mainly to the impression that the committee on bank- meet a like fate. ing and currency will not be able to reconcile many conflicting interests inside the committee. When it becomes evident the committee on banking and currency is at standstill, then the ways and means committee will frame a bill on broad lines, calculated to meet the present financial requirements. The disposition of house leaders will be to keep radical legislation to the rear.

The Aided Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- In the house duced a bill authorizing an investigation of the books, accounts and methods from the United States. It provides that, in the president's judgment the secretary of the treasury shall redeem or otherwise clear off the paramount many of them have actually died from lien, mortgage or other encumbrance starvation, and that the majority have of government-aided railroads by pay- preferred to live quietly in misery ing the sum lawfully due out of the rather than let their desperate wants treasury, or may bid and purchase for the United States the property, subject | them, but who have in the past known to such encumbrance, at any sale or them to be people of wealth, influence sales made under any order of the court and refinement. or any judgment or decree of foreclosure of such encumbrance, or of anylien or mortgage or interest of the United States.

Indian Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- The house committee on Indian affairs today began its investigation of the problems in Indian territory. It was a long session, and the result was a call for the Dawes commission and all others interested to appear before it next Tuesday.

St. Louis. Dec. 9.-The dead body of Loo Fook Guey, known as the king of the highbinders, who several days ago tried to rob another Chinese, was found tonight in a room in Chinatown. At the time of the attempted robbery both men fired at each other, and a been wounded.

RIVERA A FREE MAN.

banas Fortress.

Havana, Dec. 13.-General Rivera, the insurgent leader, who was captured Spanish troops under General Hernando de Velasco, and who was recently pardoned by royal decree, has been released from Cabanas fortress, where he has been imprisoned for several months. for Cadiz, his home.

800 sick, wounded and otherwise incapacitated soldier .

In the skirmishes of the last ten days 1,000 prisoners. Eight chiefs and offi- liles live near. cers and 53 armed privates have surrendered to the Spanish. The Spanish five officers and 22 soldiers killed, with 11 officers and 110 soldiers wounded. Juan Cossio, who was in charge of

the insurgent dynamite corps in the province of Puerto Principe, is dead at the insurgent camp. He was a cousin of Evangelina Cossio. The insurgents fired a cannon shot

into the machinery of the plantation of Mr. Rigby, an American, in the Manzanillo district, destroying the maden grinding in that neighborhood, gled to escape the brute. under threat of burning the fields.

The Fight in Pinar del Rio.

the late fight in Pinar del Rio province was carried back to the scene of his show the Spanish loss was more than crime, where he was fully identified by claimed. The dead or wounded include the little girl. one colonel, one major, seven captains, 11 subordinate officers and 74 privates. Most of the wounded will die. The testimony implicating two other nerebel loss was 14. The rebels used ex- groes, Will Powell and Andy Smith, plosive bullets.

Want De Lome Recalled.

New York, Dec. 13.-The Spanish colony in this city has been divided by a petition sent to Madrid at the time of the assassination of Premier Canovas, asking for the appointment of a strong successor to Senor de Lome. According to the World the petition was drawn so as to attack Senor de Lome without mentioning his name, and among the 40 prominent Spaniards who signed it were several friends of the minister who did not see any attack upon him in the apparently harmless recommendation. The result is a bitterness among the factions almost as strong as their hatred of the Cubans. The petition says:

"For Spain to succeed in her relations with the United States she must have in Washington a representative of ability and firmness, whose heart will beat with the pulsations of our mother country, and with a head balanced to The First Measure Disposed of by the base all his diplomatic relations on an indisputable right, and not allow the right to be curtailed in the least by unfounded demands or unjust pretensions from the opposing party.'

Insurgents Near Hayana.

New York, Dec. 13 .- A dispatch to the World from Havana says: An important battle is expected hourly. The insurgents have planned the most formidable demonstration against Havana started from this city with a strong column of troops to meet the insurgents. Senor Caneljas, the confidential agent of the Spanish government, went with him to ascertain the real conditions in Havana province.

General Rodriguez, with the combined Cuban forces under Juan .Delgado Ladarez and Rafael Zeckardinas, is encamped about 20 miles south of here. He has fully 1,000 men, who are well armed and is said to have a

Hotchkiss rapid-fire cannon. Emio Consalo has hanged Antonio Rivera and a negro named Osman. They went to Consalo from Blanco with money and a proposition that he lay down his arms and accept autonomy. A note was pinned on the breasts of the hanged men announcing that any one coming on a similar mission would

Starving Cubans in New York.

New York, Dec. 13.-The Journal and Advertiser says: Weyler's policy of extermination, which he called reconcentration, has resulted in an enormons influx of Cubans into New York Hundreds if not thousands of them are dving of hunger here. The number of these refugees is variously estimated from 12,000 to 20,000. Perhaps the great majority are absolutely without means. There are men and women today, Mr. Fleming, of Georgia, intro- among them who were worth thousands of dollars before the war began, but are now penniless. Some of these of railroads which have received aid are working as waiters, porters or

seamstresses. Emilio Agremonte, president of the Marti Charity Association, says that be known to those who could help

Spain Accuses Cubans of Cruelty. New York, Dec. 13 .- A Herald dispatch from Madrid says: A storm of indignation has been provoked here by news of tortures inflicted by the Cuban rebels upon inhabitants of Guisa, where women and children are alleged to have been bound and burnt alive. The details are given by the Imparcial. a paper by no means favorable to the present government's policy, and the news is now officially confirmed. One of the ministers says that as far as unfortunate creatures appear to have a squall. been guilty of is that they favored the acceptance of autonomy.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 13 .- A wreck occurred on the N. C. & O. railway about trail of blood left by Loo Fook, while five miles north of this city this mornmaking his escape, showed that he had | ing. Two or three passengers are reported to have been injured.

DEATH AT THE STAKE.

Wesson, Miss., Dec. 13.-Full parin March last in Pinar del Rio by the crimes ever recorded have just come to earnestly on the business that is exhand. Almost the entire family of Brown Smith, a respectable white killed with a club in the hands of and sailed today by the steamer Colon was working at a gin a few miles from or only to the ports on the coast, and The Colon also carries back to Spain miles from Pearl river, on the east bank in Lawrence county, a wild country. The house is off the main road, the insurgents have lost 113 killed and miles of it, though several negro fam-

Wednesday, some time between noon sheet at all. column, in the same period, has lost and dark, crept up to Smith's house and most brutally assaulted Mrs. nental Association, the Canadian Pa-Smith, then brained her, and to hide cific was allowed a differential of \$5 on his crime, he tried to kill the children, its Pacific coast business, and it claims only sparing a babe, which he left un- the same now, but the roads of the old done as well as he thought, for one of Passenger Association, after the prothe children, a girl five years old, re- mulgation of the supreme court decigained consciousness, and when her sion regarding the formation of pools father returned, told him the name of and associations, absolved them from the brute. The mother and four child- all further obligations to allow the chinery. The insurgents have forbid- condition showing how they had strug- The latter road has never seen the mat-

taken to Monticello, the county seat coast ports. Havana, Dec. 13.-Latest reports of of Lawrence county, and at 7 o'clock

The accused negro is being tried before Justice Holmes. He has given who are in custody. It is said the negroes will not be lynched tonight, but that the recent lynching at Monroe will be imitated, making it public, and that every negro will be made to carry pine knots to burn the others. The trial is being conducted in a lawful manner, and the company have charge of the prisoners, and will not permit them to be sent to jail. During the

trial, Lewis broke down and confessed: "It's mighty hard for me to suffer for what some one else has done." Upon being allowed to talk further,

"Get Will Powell and Andrew Lewis is a mulatto about 23 years of

age and married. It is believed that a general clean-up will be made in this section, and a number of negroes will

PENSION BILL PASSED.

Lower House.

Washington, Dec. 13 .- The house today passed the pension appropriation bill without amendment. The amendments offered by Democrats to correct alleged existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order that they were new legislation. As passed, the bill carries \$141,263,880.

range. It touched not only the ques- mary manner of his two appeals. tion of our pension policy, but that of plus of \$10,000,000 next year.

The civil service law was savagely ceed according to law. attacked by several members, notably Carolina, and was warmly defended by Johnson of Indiana.

consent for the passage of the bill to ably be done tomorrow. prohibit pelagic sealing by American considered Tuesday.

REGISTERED MAIL ROBBERY.

Amount Involved Is in the Neighborhood of \$100,000.

New York, Dec. 13.-It was learned today that one of the biggest robberies in the history of the New York postnow divulged by the postal authorities. ger was imminent.

Indians for Logging Camps.

Ashland, Wis., Dec. 13.-The gov.

A Drowning at Victoria.

was drowned off Beacon Hill this

The Alaska Relief Bills.

presented in the senate by Senator Mcpolicy ever written is said to have been
for \$100,000 (\$500,000)

THE ALASKA RUSH.

The Cuban Patriot Raleased From Ca. Terrible Fate Awaiting Three Negro Western Roads Preparing to Ignore the Canadian Pacific.

> Chicago, Dec. 13. - The Western ticulars of one of the most atrocious roads have for some time been figuring pected to set in in the late winter and the early spring toward Alaska. They farmer, 35 years of age, were brutally have been doubtful whether the purchasers of transportation would wish Charles Lewis, a black fiend. Smith to buy tickets through to Dawson City, his home, which is situated about 21/2 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 and no white family lives within two will ignore entirely the claims of the Canadian Pacific for the differential on the business. The rates of the Cana-It was one of these negroes who, on dian Pacific will not be shown on the

> In the days of the old Transcontitouched. The fiend's work was not association, and those of the Western ren were found dead in the yard, their differentials of the Canadian Pacific. ter in that light and it will make a A posse was organized, and late yes. fight that is very likely to demoralize terday the negro was captured and the rates to Alaska, and North Pacific

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 tew 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 o'ficers, 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 34,744 bushels. 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 Min-The debate today covered a wide nie Williams, by disposing in a sum-

In a written opinion, from the pen of the Dingley law. On the latter ques- leagues, the court affirms the judgment tion Dingley made an important state- of Judge Bahrs, in remanding the prisment, in which he expressed the opin- oner to San Quentin until the time set ion that the receipts would equal the for his execution, but reverses that senexpenditures before the close of the tencing Durrant to be hanged on Novempresent fiscal year, and predicted a sur- ber 11, and remands the case to the superior court, with instructions to pro-

As the remittur was ordered issued by Brown of Ohio and Linney of North forthwith and the court holds that execution can only be stayed now by the issuance of a certificate of probable Just before the close of the session cause, it only remains to resentence the Hitt attempted to secure unanimous condemned murderer, which will prob-

Justice Garoutte alone dissented from citizens, but objection was made. It this opinion, maintaining that Durwill, under agreement, however, be rant's appeals should have been dismissed, as the time required by law for their perfection had been allowed to

BRAVE PORTLAND GIRL.

Rescued a Woman From a Burning Victoria Lodging House.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.-Through office occurred on November 9. The the courage and promptitude of Lily amount involved is said to be in the Baldwin, a Portland girl, a life was neighborhood of \$100,000, and was saved here under sensational circumtaken from registered letters in the stances, yesterday evening. There had railway mail service on that section of been an explosion of gasoline in the oil the Central railroad, of New Jersey, tent factory of Tryon & Co., and the known as the New York, Somerville & entire premises were soon blazing. On Eastern branch. On November 9, it is the upper floor was the American lodgstated, two packages containing \$30,- ing-house, whose proprietress, Mrs. 000 were taken. How long the defal- Fox, was ill in bed. In the confusion cations had gone on before has not she was forgotten until the Portland been ascertained. Major Charles F. girl, a lodger, remembered her. She Lewis, of the Philadelphia branch of ran upstairs and carried down the the government secret service, was in landlady, who by that time was unconthis city today investigating the rob- scious from suffocation. Both escaped bery, which has been kept secret until with slight burns, although their dan-

Rich Strike in Montana.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 13. - Reports ernment is about to make the experi- from the Lowland mining district are ment of making loggers out of its In. that a rich strike of gold and silver dian wards on reservations in Northern quartz has been made in the Ruby Minnesota. The plan, which is ap- mine, and that over a million dollars' proved by Land Commissoner Her- worth of ore is in sight. The owners that contracts for cutting are taking out over \$2,000 a day. The dead and fallen timber on the White property was purchased last summer Earth and Winnebago reservations will from Adolph Moudehauer, of San Franbe let to the Indians themselves and to cisco, for \$90,000, the principal owner being M. E. Graves, a New York man.

Victoria, Dec. 13.—W. J. Hendrin New York, Dec. 13.

Victoria, Dec. 13.—W. J. Hendrin Insurance policy ever issued has been policy for \$1,000. morning. He and a friend were out in written in this city, calling for \$1,000,known at present the only crime the a flat-bottomed boat, which capsized in 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 Washington, Dec. 13.-Representa- a year. After Mr. Vanderbilt has paid tive Ellis has introduced in the house that sum yearly for 20 years the paythe bills for transportation of relief ments cease and the principal becomes supplies to Alaska, which have been due at his death. The next largest for £100,000 (\$500,000),

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

[Office of Downing, Hopkins & Co., Chicago Board of Trade Brokers, 711-714 Chamber of Com-merce Building, Portland, Oregon.]

factor in the wheat market last week. November. Its force was felt more keenly than at any time since prices left 64 cents five ping sturgeon overland via Drain to 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 Coquille valley this seasoh, and there 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 a distance of 800 feet. 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 41/2 cents to 17 cents premium over May. The position of the bulls and their intention are as driven to Harrisburg. The average 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

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; brew-

ing, \$20 per ton. Millstiffs-Bran, \$17 per ton; mid-

dlings, \$21; shorts, \$17. Hay-Timothy, \$12.50@13; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10; do civil service reform and the receipts Chief Justice Beatty, which is con-and expenditures of the treasury under curred in by all but one of his col-ton.

Eggs-18 1/2 @25c per dozen. Butter-Fancy creamery, 50@55c; fair to good, 40@45e; dairy, 30@40c

Cheese - Oregon, 111/2c; Young America, 121/c; California, 9@10c

per pound. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$1.75@ 2.50 per doezn; 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; yel-

low, 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, 5½c 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@5½c per

pound. Veal-Large, 41/2@5c; small, 51/2@ 6c per pound.

Seattle Market. Butter — Fancy native creamery, brick, 28c; ranch, 16@18c. Cheese-Native Washington, 121/6c;

California, 9 1/4 c. Eggs-Fresh ranch, 30@32c. Poultry-Chickens, live, per pound,

hens, 10c; spring chickens, \$2.50@ 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, 51/2c; mutton sheep, 7c: pork, 7c: veal, small, 7.

Fresh Fish-Halibut, 4@5c; salmon, 8@4c; salmon trout, 7@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4; ling cod, 4@5; rock cod,

5c: smelt, 216@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@20; duck, 20@25c per

Cheese-Fancy mild, new, 121/c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound..

OREGON STATE NEWS.

Brief Review of the Week Throughout the State.

Thirty-four marriage licenses were Light speculation was the dominating issued by the Marion county clerk in

Fishermen on the Umpqua are ship-

Four panthers were killed near Marshfield last week. One measured 71/2

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 are several carloads yet to be forwarded.

The owners of the Oregon Bonanza

mine contemplate running a blind tun-

nel, to begin on the Powell creek side of the mountain and extend westward Another shipment of Wallowa county beef cattle was made from Elgin the latter part of last week by a Chicago

dealer. He paid 316 cents for the steers weighed at Joseph. A lot of cattle were recently bought on Smith river, in Lane county, and 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, \$10,928.60.

It was blowing a gale when the Chil-

kat 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 Utter 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 has shipped from Brownsville, to outside markets, 1,150 turkeys, 650 chickens, 71 geese and 95 ducks, making a total of about 15,000 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. 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 Alabny 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 interesection 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