THE MID-PACIFIC

ner Isle Has Been Added to Our Possessions.

LE STATION THE OBJECT

Commander of the Bennington Will Receive Orders to Hoist Old Glory Over Wake Island.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- This government has determined to hoist the flag over an island far out in the Pacific ocean, and orders were sent out late this afternoon to the commander of the Bennington, Captain Taussig, to proceed at once to take possession, in the name of the United States government, of Wake island, lying in latitutde 19 north, longitude 166 east. It is distant about 2,000 miles from Nihau, the westernmost of the Hawaiian islands. and 1.300 miles east of Guam. It is almost in a direct line between these possessions of the United States, and is admirably adapted for use as a station for a Pacific cable to connect the Philippines with Hawati and the United States. It is about three miles in length, and incloses a lagoon of salt water. The average height of the island is eight feet above high tide. It is scarcely capable, in itself, of sustaining life, but it is expected that a cable can be maintained without difficulty by the erection of a condenser to suply fresh water. Some station in that locality is deemed to be absolutely necessary to the maintenance of a cable, and for that reason the American peace commissioners at Paris endeavored to secure one of the Caroline islands. but without success.

Wake island is said to be by right already American territory, for in 1851 Admiral Wilkes surveyed the place and asserted title. It is not inhabited, so far as known, at the present time, though in the past some guano gatherars have temporarily lived on the island.

The Bennington is now at Honolulu. and the orders to her will go out by steamer. After hoisting the flag on Wake island, she will proceed to Guam and make a survey of the island, which was ordered some time ago. She has already completed a survey of Pearl harbor, seven miles from Honolulu, which will form the foundation of the government's plans for the enlargement of the harbor there and the straightening of the channel connecting the inner harbor with the ocean.

DISORDERLY INSURGENTS.

Filipinos in Suburbs of Manila Cause Americans Anxiety.

Manila, Dec. 26.-The United States aiser Boston and the gunboat Petrel have arrived from Chinese ports. The steamer Uinon, which has returned here from Iloilo with native and Spanish soldiers, has been refused a landing. The steamer St. Paul has arrived here with Christmas mail.

The first American flag was raised sent by the university of Pennsylvania.

OPEN DOOR TO ASIA. John W. Bookwalter Says It Is Through

Russia-Observations in Siberia. London, Dec. 24 .- John W. Book walter, of Ohio, who has just returned from a three months' journey through Russia, told the correspondent of the Associated Press, in an interview today, that he enjoyed unusual facilities for observing what is going on in that country. He traveled 17,000 miles to the terminus of the trans-Siberian railway, to the end of the line, reaching the frontier of Afghanistan, and to the end of the one penetrating China through Manchuria. All these are now

practically completed. Mr. Bookwalter was allowed to go everywhere, to see everything and to take hundreds of photographs, thanks plans for the muster-out of 50,000 volminister of the interior on the application of the United States ambassador derstood that work will be pretty well at St. Petersburg. During his journey he conversed with the governors of provinces and with military and civil officials of all ranks. "Everywhere I found," Mr. Book-

walter said, "the kindest and most friendly feeling toward America and Americans, and heard many expressions of satisfaction over America's success in our was with Spain. To this there was not a single exception.

"America's best open door to Central Asia and China is through Russia. Already all the locomotives and rolling stock on the railways are of America. manufacture. Central Asia will, in will be mustered out. the near future, be the greatest, market in the world for manufactures of all kinds, and our obtaining the virtual monopoly of this market only depends on our retaining the friendship Russia now has for us.

"America has very little to gain by an open door in China. That country is an industrial one, and whatever we may now be able to sell to them, the Chinese will soon be able to make for themselves. One day, and that day is near at hand, whatever China buys from the rest of the world will reach her through Russia and Central Asia. Russia in the last three years has done more to open the doors of China than England and all the rest of the world has done in 50 years.

"I traveled over 1,200 miles of railway which she has built from the Caspian sea to Tashkend, in Turkestan. over a branch of this line which runs to the northern frontier of India, over another branch which goes from Merv to the border of Afghanistan. Then and the Suez canal. there are also Russian lines all along the Persian frontier, and projecting into that country, either completed or rapidly approaching completion. All the work on these lines has been done by soldiers, who, in this way, are not in Russia, as elsewhere, non-producers.

"All this tremendous Asiatic railway system is owned and operated by the government. All the lines are admirably built, and splendidly equipped. Why, I saw a bridge across the Amudaria, in Central Asia, at a point where the river is three miles wide, that cost 20,000,000 roubles, and is the greatest piece of engineering work ever accomplished. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world.

"Wherever I went I saw cities and towns springing up, such as Askobad, officers of the competing semi-transover Malate school yesterday. It was in Turkomania, for example, which al- continental roads. An officer of one of ready has 25,000 inhabitants. New Bokhare, 12 miles from Old Bokhara, from the coast, and who takes a keen has 12.000 inhabitants. Where do the interest in railroad affairs out there. people come from to inhabit these savs: towns? Why, from European Russia. The government is turning her surplus European population into Central Asia continental situation further complijust as the United States turned her surplus population of her Atlantic states into her great Western territories. No human power can stay the onward march of the Slav through Russia. which will be the feature of the 20th century, just as the march of the Anglo-Saxon through America has been the feature of the 19th. "The United States will be committing a woeful mistake if she fails to retain the friendship of this great worldnower of the tuture."

Plans for Mustering Out Will Be Completed.

BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR

MANILA TROOPS WILL BE FIRST

Following Their Discharge, the Volunteers in the West Indies Will Be Sent Home-50,000 to be Discharged.

Washington, Dec. 24.-The war department has not yet made definite to special permits issued to him by the unteers, which was decided on at the cabinet meeting yesterday, but it is unmapped out by the first of the year. The completion of the muster-out will depend on whether the department adopts the plan of three months' furlough or immediate discharge, with two months' extra pay, as suggested by Cong-essman Hull. It has been practically decided to muster out all the volunteers in the Philippines as fast as they can be replaced with regulars, so as not to hamper the military administration of the island. Following the discharges of the regiments of the Philippine stations, it is understood the volunteer troops in the West Indies

San Francisco, Dec. 24 .- Major-General Merriam has ordered that the work of preparing the transport Scandia for another voyage to Manila be rushed to completion. By the first of next week he expects to telegraph the war department that he will be ready with-10 days to have the Twentieth in United States infantry come here from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to board the Scandia for the Philippines.

It is the belief at army headquarters here that the First California volunteers will be brought home on the return trip of the Scandia.

Two Regiments Go Via Suez.

Chicago, Dec. 24 .- Telegraphic in-

structions were received today from the secretary of war, ordering the Fourth infantry at Fort Sheridan, and the Seventeenth, at Columbus, to sail for the Philippines on or before January 15. The regiments will go via New York

MECCA FOR ALL RAILROADS.

Pacific Coast Becoming a Universal Objective Point.

Chicago, Dec. 24 .- The Chronicle says: There are strong indications that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific roads are figuring on extending their lines to the Pacific coast. The absorption of the Hawaiian and Philippine islands by this country, it is expected by the owners of these roads, will open up an immense transcontinental rail business, both east and west-bound. The recent deal by which the Santa Fe will have its own line into San Francisco in the spring has awakened the

RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT. DECISION ON PEACE TREATY the South.

Washington, Dec. 22 .- The presidays in the South, arrived at the Pennsylvania station over the Southern railway at 11:30 o'clock this morning, exactly on schedule time. With the exception of Mrs. McKinley, who was slightly indisposed at Atlanta, every member of the party has been in the best of health, and all pronounce the The Real Contest on the Question of trip most enjoyable and a splendid success in every way. Everywhere a stop was made the president was received with greetings and demonstrations of an enthusiastic character, and during the entire week there was not a disturb-

ance. The run from Columbia, S. C., was uneventful, and on its arrival here the special train of six Pullman cars, under the personal supervision of General Agent Brown, was run up the Sixth street siding, where all alighted.

The president and Mrs. McKinley Mr. Porter and Mr. Cortelyou, secretaries to the president, and their ladies were driven to their homes. The entire morning aboard the presi-

dential train was spent in farewell The president received his guests in his own car. He expressed his entire satisfaction over the trip. With this sentiment every member of the cabinet aboard heartily coincided, while Generals Wheeler and Shafter repeated the eulogistic expressions already made in their public speeches. The general impression prevailed that the trip had cemented, to a marvelous deg:ee, the good-fellowship between prominence the excellent condition and capabilities of the army. The original object of the visit, to

celebrate the peace with Spain, lost its many of these Democratic leaders take significance directly after the presi- the open position that the treaty dent's memorable utterances regarding the care of the Confederate dead.

MIGHT HAVE BOUGHT CUBA.

John Sherman Says Negotiations Were Once Under Way.

Chicago, Dec. 22 .- A special to Tribune from Washington says: Exthe war was frequently suspected, but never established. With considerable emotion, the ex-secretary said:

"I tried to prevent this foolish war with Spain. As a matter of fact, negotiations were already in progress to purchase Cuba from Spain when the war feeling suddenly rose and swept everything before it. And Spain would have accepted the terms.

"This is a matter of secret history. And now what have we got to show for all this expense? Some islands in the Philippines, for instance, which are worth about \$200,000 per annum income; increased indebtedness of \$200,-000,000 and a lot of islands inhabited mainly by man-eaters. And the most distressing feature of the affair is that we are now about to be called upon to could have taken without expending a dollar."

dential party, after an absence of seven No Doubt of Its Ratification Entertained.

Territorial Expansion Will Come Later-A Proposed Resolution.

New York, Dec. 23 .- Clark Howell, member of the Democratic national committee from Georgia, and editor of the Atlanta Constitution, after consulting with the leaders of both political parties at Washington, telegraphed as follows to his paper tonight:

"With the adjournment of congress for the holidays the final decision on the peace treaty is as clear as it will be were driven to the White House at after a vote has been taken in the senonce, and the members of the cabinet. ate. Two weeks ago the matter was in doubt-today it is as certain that the treaty will be ratified as it will be that it has been after the vote has been taken.

"Mr. Bryan has been in Washington visits by the different members of the for several days, and has conferred frequently with the Democratic leaders in both the senate and the house. He has advised ratification of the treaty. and he is outspoken in the opinion that aside from the geustion of national obligation, it is a matter of party policy for the Democrats to throw no obstacle in the way of ratification. There are leading Democrats of both the senate and the house who less than a week ago were in doubt as to whether or not North and South, and had brought into Democrats should assist in ratifying the treaty; more than that, some of them were outspoken in the opinion that it was perhaps better to reject it. Today, should be ratified, and that it will be, no one who has studied the situation from the inside can have any reasonable doubt.

"It must not be understood that the ratification of the treaty will carry with the it the assumption that all those who vote affirmatively are in favor of na-Secretary of States John Sherman, in tional expansion across the Pacific. Of an interview, tells an interesting cab- the senators who will vote in favor of inet secret, which in the days before the treaty there will be Republicans as well as Democrats who are opposed in principle, as well as in theory, to the trans-oceanic expansion of our national domain. They take, however, and very properly, the view that the question of expansion per se is not involved in the consideration of the peace treaty, and that after the treaty has been ratified with Spain and has been eliminated as a factor in the Philippine problem, it will be time enough to consider the policy to be pursued in dealing with the Philippines, and just here will come the real contest on the question of expansion."

Mr. Howell then says that after the treaty has been finally disposed of, a resolution will be introduced, making declaration of the proposed policy of this government in dealing with the pay \$20,000,000 for territory that we Philippines, and that this resolution will be framed very much on the basis of the Cuban resolution adopted coinci

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 59c; Valley, 61c; Bluestem, 62c per bushel.

Flour-Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 40@41c; choice

gray, 39@40c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$22@24; brew-ACCORDING TO CLARK HOWELL 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, 55@60e; seconds, 50@53c; dairy, 45@50c store, 80@85c.

Cheese-Oregon full cream, 11@13o; 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, \$4.50 @ 5 for young; ducks, \$4.00 @ 5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@ 12c per pound.

Potatoes-60@70c per sack; sweets, 2c per pound.

Vegetables-Beets, 90c; turnips, 750 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%c per pound.

Onions-Oregon, 75c@#1 per sack. Hops-15@18c; 1897 crop, 4@6c.

Wool-Valley, 10@120 per pound: Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 26c per pound.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and eves, 40; dressed mutton, 7%ct spring lambs, 71/2c 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. b@6%c per pound.

Veal-Large, 6@61/2c; small, 7@8c per pound.

Scattle 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 box. Pears, 75c@\$1.50 per box. Prunes, 50c per box. Butter-Creamery, 27c per pound; lairy and ranch, 18@20c per pound. Eggs, 85c. Cheese-Native, 12@1216c. Poultry-Old hens, 12c per pound; spring chickens, 12c; turkeys, 16c. Fresh meats-Choice dressed beef

steers, prime, 61/2 @7c; cows, prime, 6%c; mutton, 7%c; pork, 6@7c; veal, 6 @ 80.

Wheat-Feed wheat, \$22. Oats-Choice, per ton, \$24. Hay-Puget Sound mixed, \$9.500 10; choice Eastern Washington tim-

othy, \$12. Corn-Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$23,50.

Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, \$24@25; whole, \$22.

party.

Twentieth Goes on the Scandia.

The honor of raising the flag was accorded to Father McKinnon, of California, in recognition of his services in reopening the schools.

Native troops encamped in the suburbs are again causing anxiety. The attitude of the insurgent detachment at Panduchan bridge on Wednesday was such that the California, Idaho and Washington regiments were concentrated in light marching order at Paco. but trouble was averted.

Largest Volume of Business on Record. New York, Dec. 26.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review says:

It is a year beyond parallel, and goes to its close with the biggest volume of business ever seen. Enormous transactions at the stock exchange, makes some difference, but when all the transporting and speculative interests are eliminated, there is still much larger business than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country, but this year the three weeks reported show an increase of 25 per cent, against 9 per cent in imports, which would indicate much more than \$70,000,000 excess of exports this month.

Cancellation of Revenue Stamps.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- In view of the fact that fraud has been discovered in connection with the cancellation of documentary and adhesive internal revenue stamps, by which old stamps were re-used, the internal revenue bureau today issued a regulation which requires all such stamps to be canceled with the initials of the user, together with the month, day and year written or stamped thereon. Hitherto the month and day of cancellation has not been required.

Notorious Turk Killed.

Constantinople, Dec. 26.-Ghani Bey, the sultan's aide-de camp, was murdered vesterday by Hafuz Pacha in a quarrel. Ghani Bey became notorious owing to his lawless proceedings in Epiritus. He also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. Officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

Will Buy American Rails.

London, Dec. 26 .- The government of Victoria, according to a special dispatch from Melbourne, has accepted the tender of the Pennsylvania & Maryland Steel Company for 35,000 tons of steel rails at \$75,000 below the English tender.

France to Tax Foreign Securities.

Paris, Dec. 26 .- The chamber of deputies today adopted a bill imposing a stamp duty of one cent on foreign securities.

MASSACHUSETTS MISHAP.

Not Enough Water for a Battle-Ship of Her Size.

Washington, Dec. 24 .- The naval authorities have learned, to their dismay, that it is not possible for one of our big battle-ships, like the Oregon of a short route from Tacoma to New Or-Massachusetts, to get out of New York harbor during extra low water, such as prevailed when the latter battle-shir struck on Diamond reef a short time ago. To aid the court of inquiry now in session at New York, trying to ascertain the responsibility for the grounding, the navy department called upon the coast survey for special measurements of the water in the harbor near Diamond reef, and upon the rock itself.

The report of the superintendent of the survey has just been received. It shows, in the opinion of naval officers, the report that his company is figuring that it is not possible for a ship of the size of the Massachusetts and with her maneuvering qualities to get out of the harbor without touching the bottom when the tide is ebb and the wind strong.

Horses and Mules for Manila.

Tacoma, with 111 horses and mules, tonight. They suddenly appeared on besides a lot of material, sailed for Honolulu and the Philippines today. She will stop at Honolulu and take on the animals she left there on her last fired several shots, but faited to gain trip, and leave some of her present admission. The robbers then fled. cargo there instead.

Predicts Peace in Cuba.

London, Dec. 24 .- The Havana correspondent of the Times, in the course of a letter published this morning, brings news of the discovery of two savs: President McKinley will have an more rich gold-bearing creeks. unfettered hand here. A majority of new finds have been christened Moose the Cubans are prepared to accept unre- and Goose creeks. He had both hands servedly any regime treating them frozen and nearly lost his life on the justly, and insuring the tranquigity of way out. the island.

A blind bat avoids wires and obstructions as easily as if it could see per. dered at his celebrated turquoise mine, fectly.

the Western roads who has just come

"I would not be surprised to wake up some morning and find the transcated by the announcement that the Burlington was to be extended to the Pacific ocean. The Burlington is a good deal nearer the coast than most people imagine, and I understand that this road has been surveying through Idaho all summer-one line through Nez Perces pass and another through Lolo pass. I understand also that two or three independent lines that are now being built in Western Idaho and Northeastern Oregon are intended eventually to form part of the proposed Western extension of the Burlington.

"Another point of interest in his connection is the fact that the Burlington is a large holder of valuable terminal and dock property at Gray's harbor, which would be of great value to the company were it to enter the Oriental trade. Such an extension would form leans."

Denver, Colo., is now the Western terminus of the Rock Island, and Billings, Mont., is the end of the Burlington's tracks. It has been reported that the former company would soon purchase the Colorado Midland, which would place its terminus 400 miles further west. Billings, Mont., the end of the Burlington, is 1,020 miles from Tacoma, or a little further than Ogden is from San Francisco. While President Purdy, of the Rock Island, denies on absorbing the Midland, nothing definite can be learned regarding the Burlington's intentions.

Trainrobbers Failed.

Grenada, Miss., Dec. 22 .- An Illinois Central express train, southbound, was held up one-half mile south of San Francisco, Dec. 24 .- The bark Pope's station, by two men, at 10:30 the engine and compelled the engineer to stop, after which they attempted to tonight. break in the express car door. They No one was hurt.

Two New Discoveries Reported.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24. - Fred Smith, of Victoria, just out from Atlin, The

A. J. Demules, better known as the "Turquoise King of Jarillas," ws mur-50 miles north of El Paso, New Mexico.

SHAFTER EXPLAINS.

Santiago Commander Before the War Commission.

Washington, Dec. 22. - General Shafter appeared rather unexpectedly before the war investigating commission this afternoon, and told his story of the Santiago expedition. He was supported by his aid, Colonel Miley, who was with him in Cuba, and was flanked by a large portmanteau of papers, to which his aid occasionally applied for reference.

General Shafter's story of the operations around Santiago was tersely told, but at times was quite vivid in its recital and interesting in detail. Briefly summed up, his estimate of the Santiago expedition was that it had been a military success and cheap at the cost of 500 men-lost in the fight. He considered the expedition to have been as well fitted out as the time allowed would permit, and said that, in looking back, he had no criticism of his plans to make, and would not change them if the events had to be gone through again. He said he had no complaints of any sort to make, and would be loath to intrude them at this

time if he had. JUMPED FROM HIGH WINDOWS.

Deaths Result From a Fire in a New York Residence.

New York, Dec. 22 .-- Two women were killed and another woman, who afterward died, and a man severely injured today during a fire at the residence of C. H. Raymond, at West End avenue and Seventy-third street.

Raymond, leaped from a second-story window, her head striking the sidewalk and death was instantaneous.

Underwood out of the window, and was picked up unconscious. She died

After the flames were extinguished the body of Harriet Fee was found on the third floor of the house. She had

tapestries owned by Raymond was en-

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 22 .- A guerfrom a schooner from Baracoa to settle his affairs was recognized by the Cubans, set upon and shot. He is now in the hospital, and is likely to die. A Cuban has been arrested on suspicion of being the assailant, and if the crime is fixed upon him, General Wood in-

tends to make an example of him.

dent with the declaration of war, in which it was declared that the policy of this government would be to give the people of Cuba a free and independent government of their own. Mr. Howell further says:

"The vote on this proposed resolution will not be confined by any means to party lines, and the outcome is in doubt. A large majority of the Democrats will vote in favor of it, and a large majority of the Republicans will vote against it, but the size of either minority is sufficiently involved in doubt as to render exceedingly quostionable the final action that will be taken on the resolution."

INSTRUCTIONS TO OTIS

The President's Proclamation to the Filipinos.

Washington, Dec. 23 .- The cabinet teday discussed the instructions to be sent to General Otis, at Manila, which will be promulgated there as a proclamation by the president. The instructions are similar in import to those sent to our officers at Santiago upon the occupation of that city by the United States troops. They assure the Filipinos that the United States assumes military control of the Philippines in a spirit of peace and friendship, and that Queen Victoria was mentioned, when all civil rights and privileges that they one exclaimed, "Damn Victoria." hitherto have enjoyed will be continued, and that it is the purpose of this government to relieve, in all possible ways, the unjust burdens they have borne, and ask for the co-operation of all good citizens in maintaining order, to the end that peace and prosperity may be restored. So far as is practicable, all efficient civil officers will be retained in the official positions they now occupy, and fair and impartial justice will be administered to all.

It has been decided not to give out the text of the instructions to General Otis until about the time of their arrival in Manila, which will be a month hence.

The cabinet also decided that existing conditions justified a reduction of the military forces of the United States, and the secretary of war instructed to arrange for the immediate muster out of 50,000 volunteers.

Miners Burned to Death.

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 23 .- Mike Hennessy, a mine-owner who lives with his family at Lead, and John O'Connell, employed by Hennessy, were burned to death in their cabin, at Crown Hill, early this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 23 .- A telephone message received from Fort Worth tells of the collapse of one of the fire department stations there. Several men and horses were killed and injured.

Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.50: straights, \$3.25; California brends. \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.75; graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.

Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$14; shorts, per ton, \$16.

Feed-Chopped feed, \$19@21 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

San Francisco Market.

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 sall. Butter - Fancy creamery, SLc; do seconds, 20@24c; fancy dairy, 23. do seconds, 17@21c per pound.

Eggs - Store, 18@22c; fancy ranch, 85@87 %c.

Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencia, \$2 @2.50; Mexican limes, \$6 @ 6.50; California lemons, \$2.00@.800; do choice, \$3.50@4.50; per box.

A Gravy Bath for a Boor.

During the excitement of the recent South African elections, says the Westminster Gazette, two Dutchmen at a boarding house dinner table were eulogizing the superior virtues of their race as opposed to the English. Presently With that the Englishman who sat next to the offending Dutchman threw the whole contents of his plate on his head-meat, potatoes, cabbage and gravy. Every other boarder threw at him the article nearest at hand-half a loaf of bread, a hot potato or a jug of water-until the poor victim cried for mercy, which was granted him after withdrawing his words and making a suitable apology.

The Rage for Fur.

Fur is used on all sorts and conditions of gowns, and is applied in any way that may suit the wearer. Row after row made as narrow as possible is applied on the graded flounce of the new cloth gowns, a short nap fur being the easiest to apply and the best in effect. Buttons of fur are extensively used on a gown of this kind, while revers and collar, with cuffs to match, trim the waist.

Carpet Laying Without Tacks.

An Ohio inventor has patented a carpet fastening which does away with the use of tacks to hold the carpet in place, a metallic border being inserted under the edge of the baseboard and having clamps along its outer edge in which the carpet is fastened after being stretched.

The first day of January and the first day of October of any year fall on the same day of the week unless it be lash year.

been overcome by smoke. A superb collection of pictures and tirely destroyed. rilla who landed here this morning

Mrs. Underwood, sustained a fracture sult in death.

of the skull, which probably will re-Mrs. C. H. Raymond followed Mrs.

Mrs. Underwood, a sister of Mrs. William Doerr, in trying to rescue