## Hail Merrie Christmas

Just one more shopping day-lots of work to be crowded into PROPOSES TO HAVE AN ARTISTIC ISSUE so small a space of time-but the good, seasonable and sensible things we show will be a great help to you in your selections-the same courteous treatment, no matter how large the crowd.

CHRISTMAS DRESS GOODS

A bright new dress for a girl-

A tasty gown for sister,, wife or mother-noth-ing more pleasnothing more satisfying—
There's a helpfulness about
such a gift that
makes regret
impressible and nothing is Big prices not

bug prices not here—you can buy them at the lowest price. Cheviots at 25c, Noveltles at 25c, Two-toned Noveltles at 25c, Cheviots within at 25c, Cheviot suiting at 20c Cheviot novelties at 33 1-3c. Three-toned noveltles at 35c. All wool serge at 29c.

SPECIALS-46-inch Granite Cloth at 75c. 48-inch Pebbie cloth at 75c, 52-inch Storm Serge, Mohair finish, 75c, Novelty allks-for walsts, 35c. Novelty silk, two-toned, 39c, Novelties, silks Roman stripes, 75c,

Novelty silks, Roman stripe, \$1,00, Novelty in brocades, 75c, Novelty Duchesse Brocades, \$1,00, More and better black DRESS GOODS goods for gift time.

Black is a safe color always, All wool serge, 29c, New Pebble cloth, 60c New Jacquard novelty, 60c. New novelties, toc.

The newest pat-HANDKERCHIEFS terns in ladies all linen embroidered Handkerchiefs.

In plain hemstitched handkerchiefs for either lady of gent we have the popu-lar "Soft Bleach," warranted all linen and ready for use, Ledies at 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c each. Gent's at 15c, 25c and 35c or 3 for \$1,00, Ladles hand embroidered all lines hand-kerchiefs at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1,00, \$1,25 and

Il linen, hemstitched, hand-embroider-ed initial handkerchiefs for either lady or gent at 25c each. Better quality in gent's at 25c each, or 3 for \$1,00.

DOWN COMFORTER A gift that surely be appreciated.

In looking over our stock you will find the prices very reasonable for the quality you are getting. We have them at \$4,00, \$6,50, \$7,60 each, Fine silk covered interlined, very choice, \$15,00 and \$18,00 each,

aged somewhat by fire and to a greater ex-

tent by water. The Wilshire building is damaged to the extent of \$20,000. A large

at \$250,000, is damaged, but amply insured.

first estimated, and it is believed they will

are Johns & Co., lithographers; Power block

and Blackstone buildings, the latter of which

was occupied mainly by lawyers with costly libraries, will be very heavy. About 75

per cent of the losses are covered by in-

Lieutenant McFeeters of the fire depart

ulldings and was badly, though not fatally

The fire was got under control about

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were destroyed, besides other less valuable

windmill house this morning the

all night

ment fell through the floor in one of th

The lesses will be much heavier than at

of the stock of J. L. Hudson, valued

OSTRICH Examine our line of Os- | MEN'S trich Boas.

Bons in 20-in., 27-in., 35-in., 45-in, and 54-in, lengths and ranging in prices from \$2.50 to \$17.00 each. Plumage Boas 45-in. long-75c, \$1.00 and | Mufflers.

A lot of white wool FASCINATORS Hood Fascinators reduced to 50c each.

Just the thing for sleighing, skating and tobogganing,

SUPERB DAMASK SETS These are but hints of the rare beauty to be found here. ST. 429.45.70

taste in the home the linens of both dining room and bed room are more in evidence at this time than any oth-er, and so we mention damask sets—

\$3.75 a set—all white table cloth—size 65x68 inches, and a good liberal size napkin to match. \$5.00 a set-Fine double damask table set, 72x90 inches, and a 22 inch napkin

John S. Brown & Son's fine table cloths

and napkins to match in all sizes, rich fabric and beautiful patterns—from \$10.00 a set and on up to \$50.00 a set. NOTIONS And still we have many

pretty Christmas offerings. Sterling silver manicure sets-\$2.00 each

Sterling silver manieure seissors at \$1,25, Sterling silver cloth brushes, \$3,00 each, Sterling silver hat marks, 60c each, Alligator Cigar Cases, nickel trimmed, Ladies' fancy garters at 25c and up,

KID GLOVES

The latest novelties in embroidered Kid

jeweled hoak glove in white glace kid and embroidered on backs to match the jewels-price \$2.00 per pair, An elegant pique

street glove in two clasp-\$1.75 per pair. Fosterina Fancies in

red, green, purple, biscuit modes, tans and opera shades with fancy stitchings to harmonize-price \$2.00 per pair, Boy's and Misses' Kid Gloves at \$1,00 per pair,

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.

FURNIRH-

Men's Silk

slik mufflers-Plain white chi-na silk muf-flers, \$1,25. Plain black chi-na silk mur-flers—\$1,00 and \$1,50.

Colored silk mufflers \$1.0), \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 each.

Men's kid gloves, in brown's and tans \$1.00 and \$1.50 a pair—"Foster" Kid gloves for men—\$1.50 a pair.

Mocha gloves, plain or silk lined—\$1.50 a pair—Silk lined kid gloves \$2.00—Unlined kid gloves for small boys—\$1.00

med Rd gloves for small boys and a pair,

Men's lined kid gloves and mittens—\$1.00,
\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25 a pair,

Men's fancy silk suspenders with solid silver buckles—\$1.75 and \$2.75. Fancy plaid silk suspenders-\$1,25 and \$2,25 a pair. Plain black satin suspenders-\$1.50 and \$2.00 a pair,

\$2.00 a pair, Large assortment of cotton web sus penders, "Crown make" at 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 a pair, Fancy trimmed muslin night shirts—50c 75c and \$1.00 each, Plain white night shirts, collar and cuff edged with light colored silk cord— \$1.90 each. This shirt is full size and

extra long. "Stuttgarter" sanitary woolen night shirts-\$3.50 each, Men's fancy Tartan striped half hose-35c and 50c a pair, Men's lisie thread half hose in blue black and tans, slik clocked-50c a pair Ties in tecks, bows, four-in-hands and strings at 52c and 50c each.

Large line of silk teck ties \$1,00 each, APPROPRIATE In our CHRISTMAS Cloak Department. BARGAINS

LADIES' PLUSH CAPES—A handsome plush cape makes a useful Christmas gift—on Friday we will close out the balance of our plush capes at the fol-lowing low prices—

30-inch plush cape, fur trimmed, seam less, regular price \$12,00 Friday's price \$8,50 cach, Beautiful plush cape, heavy jet and braid trimmed, all silk lined, plaited

back, usual price \$13.00. Friday's price \$9,00 each,

BEAUTIFUL CLOTH CAPES, \$3.75—\$ inches long Beaver cloth cape, hand somely trimmed in Thibet fur and braid, platted back, usual price \$6.00—Friday's price \$3.75 each. SILK SMOKING JACKETS-Friday al the sllk Japanese smoking jackets, regularly sold at \$6,00—closing price \$4.0

LADIES' JACKETS-Excellent heavy cheviot coat, haif lined, storm collar-Friday's price \$5.00.

LADIES' HOUSE WRAPPERS—Excel-lent Callco Wrappers at \$1.00 each-fine outing flannel wrappers at \$1.50 and \$1.75 each.

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there had been irregularities and that a new

ollow:
For Chief Consul—A, C. Miller, Des Iotnes, 524; S. C. Quimby, Des Molnes, 76, For Vice Consul—J. A. Gallaher, Jefferson, 437; E. A. Johnson, Sigourney, 151, For Secretary-Treasurer—E. A. Sherman, Jedar Rapids, 251; Edwin F. Carter, Keomia 256

For Representatives at Large (four to be

elected)—Joe Beeson, Oskaloosa, 505; Ben F. Miller, Cedar Rapids, 422; W. K. Jones, Des Moines, 401; W. F. Koch, Des Moines, 225; B. C. Keeler, Mason City, 278; A. M. Am-born, Fort Madison, 196; Harry Hatten-hauer, Council Bluffs, 191.

Crabill Brothers Lose.

brothers and J. W. Den and Fred "Ray"

was shot out at the Council Bluffs ground

Crabill made the highest individual score, Ray outshot Jake Crabill, however, and won the match by a close margin, The individual scores were: J. Crabill, 76; F. Crabill, 92; total, 168; Den, 91; Ray, 85; total, 176

Race Outlook Discouraging.

oringing about an agreement between Cor-

of these two universities is creating a feel-ing here that after all there may be no race. Even the most conservative members of the council are becoming antagonistic to Yale. It is believed here that another con-ference should be held immediately so that the matter could be settled at once, or the negotiations may be nipped in the bud,

Perry Not Guilty of Manslaughter.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23,—The jury in the case of Samuel C. Perry, a local pugi-

list, charged with manslaughter in causing

Investigate the Six-Day Race.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23,-Albert Mott, chair-

nan of the League of American Wheelmen

racing board, has announced that a hearing

relating to matters connected with the six days' race at Madison Square garden will be held at the Grand Union notel in New York at 11 o'clock on the morning of December 25, The hearing will be private,

Will Play Billiards in Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Frank C. Ives, the ex-champion billiardist, is to go to Europe

game with Slosson since the recent tourna-ment, and his inability to bring about such a contest caused the determination to visit the other side of the Atlantic.

Accidentally Kills His Mother.

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 23.-Mrs. Mary Pounch, 65 years old, was accidentally shot

and killed by her son James, aged 27, at her

home in Bozrahville today. The young man was taking a shotgun down from a peg on the wall when it was accidentally dis-charged. The woman's ante-mortem state-ment exonerated her son.

give exhibitions in London and

Ives has been trying to arrange

ell and Yalo for a race between the crews

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 23.-The delay

yesterday afternoon and the event brough

The 100-live-bird race between the Grabili

### DESIGNS FOR THE STAMPS

Government Wants to Do the Eandsome Thing by Omaha.

Calls for Suggestions for the Stamp Which WIR Be Commemorative of the Great Western Empire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-Third Assistant Postmaster General Merritt, who will have charge of the selection of subjects for the series of Transmississippl Exposition stamps, which the postmaster general has officially affinounced will be issued to commemorate the exposition, has written a number of letters to leading artists of the country asking for suggestions relative to designs. Three divisions are suggested in the

letter: First-That they should contain portraits of distinguished people identified with the country.

Second-Appropriate historical events should be represented as illustrated by existing paintings or engravings.

Third-Unique pictures of national scenery or of other things associated with the progress of the transmississipi region. General Merritt said today that it would be his aim to give the exposition a series of stamps that would be artistic in character and would appeal to all classes of people, and especially typical of the greater west. Incidentally he suggested that possibly one of the stamps might contain the reproduction of the celebrated etching known as "Fremont Hoisting the Flag on the Rocky Mountains." The well known statue of Thomas H. Benton at St. Louis contains upon one side of the base a quotation from one of Mr. Benton's relebrated speeches, wherein he outlines th possibilities of the country beyond the Mis-sissippi, and it has been thought that the Benton statue would be an appropriate design for one of the stamps. The complex picture which haugs in the south corrilor of the capitol, known as "Westward-ho," em-blematical of the hardships attendant upon the ploneer, and suggested by Bishop Berk-loy's quotation, "Westward the course of

tioned by General Merritt.

There is a picture in the rotunda of the capitol-De Soto's discovery of the Mississippi river-which might also be used upon one of the denoininations. General Merritt said the department would endeavor to select subjects that had been painted or engraved and would not call upon artists to draw new scenes, which would necessitate a greaamount of time, but on the contrary, would endeavor to get photographs, reproductions of famous paintings and personages, so that the engraving of dyes might be quickly done The stamps will be somewhat of the same shape as the Columbian stamp, twice the size of the present postage stamp. will be sought after by collectors, and as there are nearly half a million of these peo ple in the world, the government, instead of being philanthropic, expects to realize handsomely upon the issue. Columbian stamps today are belling at prices many times higher than was once paid for them and they are growing more valuable each year. It is the same way with the Cen ennial stamp, and it will also be true of the Transmississippi stamp. Suggestions of scenes on stamps are invited by the Postoffice department, at it is General Merritt's desire to give the exposition the handsomest set of stamps ever issued, to commen

the empire takes its way," was also men-

orate an exposition, Architect Taylor said today that his office had determined to award the entire contract for construction of the govern-ment building at Omaha to George E. Moore & Sons. Bids will, however, be asked for the life-saving station, and just as soon as the officers in charge of the life service have determined upon the display to be made the architects' office will go ahead with the plans.

PROTECTING THE MONEY MARKET Secretary Game Wants as Little Dis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Assistant Secre tary Vanderlip, in speaking of the heav payments by the government in January, said: "Secretary Gage intends that there shall be as little disturbance es possible in the money market as the result of the payment of principal and interest of the Union election should be held. It was ordered and the results today confirm the former vic-tory for the administration, The results Pacific railroad bonds which mature in January. The amount of the principal of these oonds is \$29,902,600, and the interest du thereon \$897,000. Up to last night \$10, 195,120 of these bonds had been presente for payment, and treasury drafts amount of \$8,350,173 had been issued and sent out from the treasury. This represent the actual cash payments made up to date There were up to last night \$2,143,800 of the proceeds of redeemed bonds hel proceeds of redeemed bands held the treasury to secure circulation on national banks. Checks representing th actual cash payments already made and to be made between now and the 27th will 1 available on that date in the banks. It is probable that the amount of cash payments to that date will reach \$15,000,000. On the same day the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific railway will pay into the treasury the sum of \$8,538,401, and in order yesterday afternoon and the event brought out quite a crowd of sportsmen to see the man from Wild Horse canyon and his local side partner win the marbles. A stake of \$100 a side lent interest to the contest and Den and "Ray" won out by a total of 176 to 168. It was an excellent lot of birds and all four of the men did creditable work. Jim Den started out like a quarter herse, killing his first twenty-five without a miss, but he fell off a trifle toward the last and Crabill made the highest individual score. to guard further against any disturbance of the market Secretary Gage has arranged that \$4,000,000 of this amount shall be posited in the national books of New York upon bonds being turned over to the gov

enrment for security. The alsoce, \$4,538,401 will represent the actual amount withdrawn from the money market and paid into th ubtreasury at New York. "The whole amount of bonds falling due January 1 will of course not be presented by that time. The number depends mostly upon the condition of the money market. If the market is easy, holders of bonds prefer to let the money for safety remain with the government, and if the price of bonds is high, there is also a tendency to present them slowly for redemption. Such is the case at this time. Bonds to the amount of \$7,350,000 are now held as security for special deposits in national banks on account of the purchase of the Union Pacific railroad and to this extent there will be no actual money transaction. It will be seen therefore, that the measures taken by the secretary will, so far as the redemption of the bonds is concerned and the paymen to the government of the next installment of the purchase price of the Union Pacific Railway company, prevent any disturbance of the money market on these accounts.

"The last payment to be made to the government by the Utilon Pacific Railroad company on account will be January 16, 1898 and the amount wil lbe \$8,538,401.

the death of Edward J. Gibbons during a boxing bout last May, today rendered a verdlet of not guilty.

The bout was stopped by the referee, Gibbons went to his room and became ill. He died later in a hospital. The doctors decided that death was due to hemorrhages, UNION PACIFIC GETS MORE LAND. Entitled to Locations for Depots and

Side Trneks. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Bliss has rendered a decision holding that the Union Pacific tallway is entitled to ground shown to be necessary for station and sidetrack purposes in addition to the 200 feet right of way along its route granted by act of congress. Any other construction of the granting act, it is held, would leave without force the words "including all necessary ground for station building," etc. The case in question cross in connection with the ap-plication of the company for locations for station purposes at Medicine Bow, Green River and Rawline, Wyo., to addition to the 200 feet right of way.

Pertaining to Postoffices WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- (Special Telegram.)-Bids for the interior finish of the upper stories of the Omaha postoffice building were placed on the market today and will be opened January 25. Fourth class postmasters were appointed as follows today: Nebraska-Agnew, Lan-caster county, John C. Worrall, vice A. A.

Iowa-Cambria, Wayne county, E. O. Counterfeit Silver Certifiente.

plate number, 22; back plate number, 12; J. Fount Tillman, register; D. N. Morgan, treasurer; No. 2852687. It is printed on two thin sheets of paper with the silk fibers between. The silk, however, is too heavy. The most marked defect is in the numbering, which is much too small, while the green ink on

the back is too light in color. PENSION TO NONRESIDENT WIDOW Snug Little Fortune for a Norway

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23,-A pension has been granted to the widow of Knud Knudsen, a soldier in the late war, the back pay of which aggregates over \$4,000. The man was a native of Norway and was married to the woman who now gets the pension, in April, 1858. Knudsen emigrated to this country in 1861, enlisted January 27, 1862, in company H. Fifteenth regiment, Wisconsin volunteer infantry, and died in service October 16, 1863. the soldier's death, the widow, who has never left Norway, applied for a pension.

SECRETARY GAGE REDUCES WAGES. Makes an Important Saving in San Francisco Mint.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-By direction the secretary of the treasury the compensation of the employes of the United States mint at San Francisco has been reduced in the aggregate \$41,418 per annum. By this reduction the compensation to be paid will be practically the same as at the mint at Philadelphia. There are about 198 employes at San Francisco, and the pay of all but thirty-five will be cut.

Government Can Give No Relief. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Government officials say that the mission of David Lee, a calls say that the mission of David Lee, a settle the question without a commission for colored man from Mississippi, who is said to \$425,000. The award now made exceeds this be on his way to Washington to seek ald of the United States in securing redress for the be the expense of the arbitration and also murder of five members of his family by the possible establishment of some unfortuwhite caps, necessarily must be a failure. Up to this time he has not called on Registrar Bruce, as it was stated he intended to At the Department of Justice it is said States become a party to any proceedings of this character against Mississippi, and it is said to be doubtful whether the state itself could be sued for damages under the circumstances, and certainly not without its con-sent. The only remedy suggested was for Lee to proceed against the sureties of the officers where the offense was committed.

No Political Executions in Guatemala. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The statements recently published about the shooting of political prisoners in Guatemala are without foundation, according to reports received by the Guatemalan minister at Washington. They are, he said today, a repetition of the same stories manufactured by the agents of the rebels defeated last October. Instead of committing atrocities, the government, he said, has shown a great leniency and consideration for the rebels. Private dispatches say that amnesty will soon be accorded, view of the actual peaceful condition of the country. Mr. Antonio Batres, a distinguished lawyer and former envoy extraordinary and lenipotentiary of Guatemala to the United States, has been appointed minister for for

Interdict Foreign Joiner Work. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- United States Consul Taylor at Glasgow has furnished the State department with a copy of a circular orler issued by the Associated and Amalmamated Carpenters and Joiners of that city, pro-bibiting the handling of imported prepared work. The consul says as the society includes all the mechanics in that line of joined that tho isiness in Glasgow, the order must effecti ally stop importations of this prepared work the greater part of which comes from the United States in large quantities. The contention of the Scotch workmen is a novel one namely, that the foreigners who make th joined work are paid much less wages than

Paxson Believed to Be Slated. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It is believed that the president has decided to appoint Judge Paxson of Pennsylvania as a member cceed Colonel William R. Morrison, whose erm will expire in January Names Pension Examiners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)-The commissioner of pensions today appointed Drs. G. W. Bennett and C. M Paschal to positions on the board of examin ing surgeons at Bedford, Ia.; also Dr. W. H Britt at Clayton, Neb Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- Today's state ment of the condition of the treasury shows Available cash balance, \$237,150,230; gold reserve, \$159,770,735.

National Bank Authorized. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The Alma Na lonal bank of Alma, Kan., has been auhorized to begin business. Capital stock,

FORM A MONSTER COAL COMBINE J. Pierpont Morgan at the Head of the

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—It has developed that the big coal selling combination of the authracite railroads, whereby that product is to be doled out by a supreme head, is only part of a vast project for the control of the entire coal industry in the east. J. Pierpont Morgan's plan involves the

selection of a selling agency to cover each of the great bituminous coal outputs of Ohio ndiana, West Virginia and Illinois, and a niform working arrangement between then that shall put a stop to rate cutting and demoralization of the trade. The companies are to agree upon the proportion each is to mine and haul, and the buying company is to call upon them accordingly as fast as it needs coal for the market. The companies inerested are the Baltimore & Ohio, Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling, Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking, the Pennsylvania and the Wheeling & Lake Erie. As soon as trade is placed on a solid basis it is the intention to make an advance in wages. The rate per ton paid in the Ohio district at the present ime is 55 cents. The principle of distribution among the many interests is to practiced in the bituminous trade in the same manner as in the anthracite.

JAPANESE WILL NOT INTERFERE Cabinet Meeting Considers the Occu-pation of Kino Chau. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 .- The following

Oriental advices have just been received per

steamship China, from Yokohama Honolulu: At an extraordinary meeting of Japanese cabinet Baron Nishi, foreign minister, laid before the ministers all the re-ports he had received from the Japanese ministers in foreign countries relative to th

seizure of Kiao Chau by Germany, It was lecided after a prolonged discussion not to neddle with the affair at the present time but to await further developments, since nothing had so far transpired in Germany's action calculated to disturb the peace of th far east and justify the interference of a third power. According to the Chinese papers, Viceroy Chang Chit Kung has issued a proclamation

exhorting his people to be more friendly to foreigners and warning them that any and warning them that any manifested would be severely

WORLD'S LARGEST TOBACCO WORKS. National Company to Add to its Louisville Plant. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—An official of

the National Tobacco works said today that this city is soon to have the greatest plug tobacco factory in the whole world. The National will, as soon as the new year is fairly opened, begin work on an addition to the already large plant at Eighteenth and Broadway that will nearly double its already great capacity. Besides the factory, a great warshouse will be erected. The new addition

### SEALERS SECURE DAMAGES

Commission Fixes the Amount Due from United States.

SCALE CANADIAN CLAIMS SOMEWHAT

No Question on the Part of the United States as to Liability, the Only Contention Being Over the Amount.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-The fledings of

the British-American commission, chosen to

assess the damages for seizures of British

ships in Bering sea, have been received by the State department and the British embassy. The strictest reticence is maintained, however, on the general character of the find ing, though it is admitted that the total of the award against the United States is \$464,000, which includes principal and interest. A separate statement of the award dividend of principal and interest is refused at this time. In order to avoid misapprehension, it should be understood that the finding against tisis government is no surprise, that being a certainty under the finding of the Paris court of arbitration that the United States had no right to close Bering sea against foreign ships. The international commission's only duty was to assess the amount of the damages. The amount allowed is considered to some extent a vindication of the State department, which had sought to sum considerably, and besides this there will the possible establishment of some unfortu-nate precedents as to the option of the United States to pay estimated or prospective dam-

ages.

The controversy has occupied the attention that under no circumstances could the United of the authorities here and in London for the last eleven years. At the outset the tone of the controversy was very belligerent, suggesting a possible resort to arms. This was following the seizure by the United States steamer Corwin of the British sealers Carolina (77). lina and Thornton, on August 1, 1886. Th facts of the seizure were not known until sometime later, and in the meantime the Corwin had taken the Onward and Favourity The same policy of selzure and confiscation occurred during the next scaling season, de spite the protests of Great Britain, the United States ship Richard Russ taking the Wayward, Grace, Anna Peck, Dolphin, Alfred Adams, Triumph, Junia, Pathander while the United States cutter Bear took the Ada

The claims for the scizures took a wide range, beginning with the value of the ves-sels, and including not only the value of sealskins confiscated, but also the value of skins which might have been taken if the ships had not been seized. This last feature of prospective damage caused the main con tention. In the case of each British ship the largest item of the claim was for esti-mated future eatch. For instance, in the case of the Carolina, the claim for the was only \$4,000, while that for skins which might have been taken that year if it had no been seized was \$16,667. Each ship esmated a prospective catch of from 3,000 : 3,500, the value being from \$3.50 per skir in 1887 to \$12.25 in 1889. The total of the claims without interest amount to \$429,161 and with interest at 7 per cent, and other charges, the total reached \$786,166.

AWARD IS FINAL. The only official statement that could be cured here of the judgment reached by the ommissioners is contained in the following nnouncement given out at the State de partment this afternoon:

"The award of the Bering sea claims com-nission has been flied in the Department o State. The claims as presented by the British government to the commission on acount of Canadian vessels seized in Hering sea, aggregated, with Interest, \$1,500,000. These included, under the claims treaty, several cases not embraced in the settlement proposed by Secretary Gresham. The award now made amounts to \$294,181,91, to which of the Interstate Commerce commission to is to be added interest, which will increase the total about 50 per cent. The award is final and disposes of all cases before it Pay ment under the treaty must be made within

ix months." The departmental officials, it is assumed vill proceed at once to prepare a bill, or an dment to one of the regular-appropria tion bill, for submission to congress, covering the necessary appropriation to pay the judgments, for being bound by treaty not only o pay any judgments rendered, but to pay them promptly, the government is in honor bound to take the remaining steps toward a

settlement in short order.

There appears to be little doubt that the United States carried its point on the main question involved, viz., as to the right of rospective damages for sealskins night have been taken if the vessels had not been seized. The British claim included the estimated profits, which in the aggregate ran the claim up to a high figure. In view of the small amount of the actual award. without interest; these large damages evidently are scaled down to an insignificant amount or rejected entirely While the departement officials will make no definite announcement to this effect intima-tions are given that the smallness of the award precludes the possibility of any allow ance having been made on account of pros pective damages. The Alabama claims com mission established the precedent that re note damages could not be included in a claim, and the present award is evidently on the same line.

FOSTER GIVES AN OPINION. John W. Foster, who is now in general charge of Bering sea affairs, said today as to the award that he was not surprised at the tesuit. President Cleveland having officially declared that \$425,000 was a just and equitable sum in settlement and therefore having appointed as the American commission. sioner to adjudicate the claims, a close per sonal and political friend, it could hardly be expected that the latter would strenuously contend for an award of a less amount. Mr Foster was absent from the country in Japan when congress took action on President Cleveland's recommendation, but he regarded the commission as the proper metho of reaching a settlement, and the only one which would satisfy the country. Notwith standing the seizures which gave rise to the award were initiated under a democratic ad-ministration President McKinley will recnmend congress to provide for the pay-ent. He hoped and felt sure that congress would make the necessary appropriation discharge the treaty obligations, and as the Canadians receive interest up to date upor their deferred claims the result should be accepted on both sides in good spirit. TIMES IS SATISFIED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Times in an editorial this morning expressing satisfaction at the Bering sea settlement, which it anticipates congress will not object to, takes occasion to protest against the loose insinuations of bad faith on the part of the United States government which have been thought lessly and unjustifiably made in It points out that there could not be a ques

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riant Hair with Clean, Wholesome Scalp, produced by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purest and sweetest, for toilet, bath, and nursery. The only preventive of inflammation and clogging of the Ponus.

had been errived at as to the amount of compensation. Dealing with the general aspects of the sealing question the editorial concludes: "The American company must either make fair and businesslike proposals or the seal fishing must continue. They are not, after all, so utterly destructive of the fur seal as interested persons represent them

QUESTIONS CANADIAN FIGURES. Counsel for United States Says They

Are Erroncous.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 23.-Hon. Don M. Dickinson, senior counsel for the United States, commenting today on Canadian press reports concerning the amount of the Bering sea award, said: "There is no official announcement of the amount of the award, but whatever it may be the Canadian news papers are clearly in error. The compromise offer by the Cleveland administration in August, 1894 (here it is in senate executive documents No. 67) was \$425,000 of princi-If the commissioners have adopted that as a basis, as these papers assert (a legally impossible theory, however) their award must have been for that amount and interest as claimed, at 7 per cent from the date of the seizures. The total sum would be on that basis over \$700,000. If interest is given only from the date of the compromise on the busis of the compromise, the award would be between \$500,000 and \$600,000. So you see if the basis taken by the commissioners of principal and added interest is on stated by the Canadian papers, the result must be far in

"But after the defeat of the compromise the treaty was made under which this com-mission of arbitration has been proceeding. In that treaty were included large claims which were not before the governments on the compromise. As for instance, those designated as 'additional claims,' and the item of Great Britain's expenses in the courts show you here the original British printed schedule of them as presented to the

onfidently claimed on the proofs, and which under the treaty they were entitled to pre-sent is, to be accurate, \$1,608, 412.50, and if the award that has been rendered gives them this, Great Britain is entitled to congratulations and their coursel to kulghthoods ceruges, the same as the other counsel received after the Paris award. The British ounsel deserve them for their labors myway, for abler men there are none and no ica ever did better or more laborious service t any cause.

Mr. Dickinson declined to state the actual mount of the award, saying it must first be iven out officially by the Soute department

New Jersey Masonie Home. BURLINGTON, N. J., Dec. 23,-The Ma-onic grand lodge of New Jersey has purchased a magnificent property in this county for a state home, not only for Masons, but for Masons' wildows and orphans as well, The cost was \$22,000. The house is com-pletely furnished, and has its own gas and water plants. The bullding was erected by a Cincinnati millionaire and cost with its furnishings \$150,000.

Suicide Prompted by Love ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Stephen onl, 31 years old, an Italian, committed uicide in the Lehigh Valley yards here this sincide in the Lengh Valley yards here this afternoon by deliberately laying his neck over a rail and allowing a freight train to cut off his head. It is thought he was in-cane, but it is also said that an unfortunate love affair was the cause of his act,

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Pardoned After Four Veurs. BOSTON, Dec. 23,-Welcome H. Hathawill give employment to about 1.000 hands. The present plant employs nearly 2.900 hands, and with the new addition the Naway, the Fall River cotton broker, who was convicted in 1893 of making false entries and of other irregularities in his accounts, was released from the state prison today, Mr. Hathaway was sentenced to serve even years and has spent about four years WASHINGTON, Doc. 23 .- The secret sertional Tobacco works will employ more people and will have a larger factory and warehouse This ballot must be deposited within 3 days from date. Coupons may be mailed within two days to Carnival 1 -0'f. Be- Office. Omnha. vice division of the tressury gives notice of a new counterfeit \$5 silver certificate. It is than any similar concern in this or any other of the series of 1896; check letter C, face country.

#### Body Exhumed. MILAN, Mo., Dec. 23 .- (Special Telegram.) -The Body of Ray Fear, who was shot and instantly killed by Marian W. Glass last May, has been exhumed by Prosecuting Atof settling a controversy which will arise The defense will be a com plete denial of the crime, and in order to asten it on Glass the ball which killed Fear must be found to see if it was the size fired from the pistol taken from Glass. Young Fear, with others, had gone to Glass' hom Court Discharges a Receiver.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23,-Judge Showalter of the United States circuit court today sustained a motion of the defendant's attorneys in the case of Mary Leary against the supreme council Catholic Knights and Ladies of America to discharge the receiver recently appointed by Judge Dunne, holding that the bill did not show cause of action it was, therefore, dismissed for want of equity. An injunction restraining the transfer of certain funds by officers of the society was also dissolved.

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close to \$1,000,000. The principal losers \$225,090; J. L. Hudson, clothler, on stock by fire and water, \$100,000; J. B. Perkins, on block, \$100,000; J. B. Perkins, on their fitness to command or perform staff tone building, \$40,000; J. B. Perkins, duties. The paper asserts that the instances Blackstone building, \$40,000; J. B. Perkins, on Wilshire building, \$20,000; H. C. Rouse, on Century building, \$30 000. The loases of tenants, especially in the Power British troops and Sepoys forming the rear guard having again and again to fight des-

or three miles thousands of their comradea were doing absolutely nothing."

"The whole Pioneer says further: campaign shows carelessness and indifference for the safety of the rear guard, and bad disposition of the fighting strength. While the fortified enclosures and homesteads of the Afridis have been destroyed, the latter work on it, and will probably continue have had their revenge in the actual con-

TILDEN, Neb., Dec. 23,-(Special.)-As TIME TO ADOPT GOLD STANDARD. Lorenz Hansen was thawing out the pipes

Rengal Chamber of Commerce Me morializes the Government. flames could be brought under control the mill house, hog sheds and eighteen brood sows, corn crib and 4,000 bushels of corn CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.-The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has sent an address to the govennment, in which it says that the time has arrived to adopt the gold standard, pointing out that it is four years since the mints were closed, leaving India without a currency system, asserting that the suspense is harmful to trade and urging the governent to disclose and measures which it may

LONDON, Dec. 23 .- The medal recently presented to Lieutenant R, E. Peary by the

theater of this city. TWO CHILDREN EATEN BY HOGS.

Climbed into a Pen to Catch Dae of the Pigs. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.-A special to the Post Dispatch from Tiff City, Mo., says: Two little children of a farmer living near here climbed into a pigsty to catch one of the pigs. They were set upon by a number of

Could Not Make Charge Stick.

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The J. L. Hudson clothing house, and the SOLDIERS ARE POORLY HANDLED. OFFICERS OF 10WA DIVISION. DES MOINES, Dec. 23,-(Special Tele

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23 .- The Ploneer pubishes a scathing criticism of the recent gram.)-The second election of the Iowa difighting on the Indian frontier, and says men, for which the vote was counted today the operations have ruined more than one reputation. The Pioneer asserts that the first election results were announced the officers have disappointed expectations and anti-administration faction declared that calls upon the commanders-in-chief to weed out those who have signally failed to prove when the troops were well handled have been few, while serious blunders were numerous and happy-go-lucky arrangements were the rule, "resulting in a few hundred

sepately to save their skins, while within two

Edinburgh Geographical society, and which was subsequently lost, has been found in a

hogs, which killed and ate up both children. The children belonged to the family of George Coakley and had been left alone at

some while their mother went on an errand ST, LOUIS, Dec. 23.—The case of William P. Wernse, president of the Guaranty can and Mortgage company, who was re

## cently arrested on the charge of embez-cently arrested on the charge of embez-zling \$17,000 from the proceeds of the sale of stock of the Columbia Aluminum com-pany, was discharged by Judge Murphy today. The prosecution failed to introduce any evidence whatever showing the guilt of Mr. Wernse in his transactions with the Columbia Aluminum company.