

one result from the treatment accorded us. We said, 'Seattle is the place,' and proceeded to buy our supplies and outfit. We have about completed our purchases and have not had an obstacle thrown in our way.

'To show you that we think the merchants with whom we deal are all right, I will say that we have a great many friends in California who contemplate going to Alaska. When we announced that we were going to Seattle to outfit they asked us to write and let them know how that Seattle is the only place to outfit and have given them the names of the houses that sold us our outfit. There are hundreds of Californians who are going north this spring and I am certain that Seattle will get most of them. Why, I have even written to my wife setting up the advantages of Seattle and telling her to advise some of our friends who have the fever to come to this place for their outfit.'

Seattle has it. 'I am satisfied,' said Mr. Durvay, who had listened to Mr. Mier's statement, 'that Seattle has the Alaska trade right where she wants it, and after learning for myself how you handle the people up here, I am willing that she should have it. I know that hundreds of Easterners will come here to outfit. I have carried on extensive correspondence with many of them, and they have outlined to me something of their plans. They say that Seattle will get their money. If this city does not get more than 50 per cent. of the Alaska trade from now on I am very much mistaken. San Francisco is out of it, and that is the only city, I guess, that ever thought it was in it with Seattle.'

The California boats will leave this city January 1 on the Alaska coast, of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, for Copper River. It will be one of the best outfit expeditions to depart from the states for the country of the far north.

THEY SEND ADVANCE MEN. Outfitting Houses Called Upon to Figure on Supplying Parties Formed in the East.

The wholesalers and large retail merchants of this city have become very familiar since the beginning of the Klondike excitement with a class of men styling themselves advance agents of companies either forming or formed in the East. These men enter a store and inquire for the manager. They ask for prices for a certain number of outfits and after getting the very lowest figures possible leave, promising that their party when it arrives will be around to transact business. Some of these advance agents are looking merely for the best interests of those whom they represent, but the majority arrange for a snug draw down in case they steer any business in the way of the merchants.

Figuring on prospective parties has become a recognized duty of clerks in the larger houses, and to such an extent has it been carried that certain firms have had lists published, and from these they will not deviate no matter how large or how small the party. Prices on all lines of goods are set down so low that it is impossible to offer any inducements to the purchaser on the score of quantity.

'We have put our goods at the lowest figure at which a margin of profit can be squeezed out, and we will sell our goods as cheaply as to a dozen.' The business from now on will be all we can attend to, and more, too. We do not need to figure with Eastern parties. When they come here they can come to our store and get what they wish whether they have been corresponding with us two or three months previously or not.

It seems now that almost every stranger on the streets is an Eastern man representing a party which will come here in the spring to outfit for Alaska. The plans under which these parties are organized, their objective point in the North and their personnel, are of considerable interest to the people of this city, who naturally desire a slight acquaintance with the strangers within their gates.

A number of outfitting houses have been figuring with Henry E. F. King, of Connecticut, who claims to precede a party of thirty. The expedition is bona fide, as a deposit has been put up with one firm. The men will be here late in February or early in March and will go to the Copper River in a specially chartered schooner. They will be thoroughly outfitted for two years' prospecting trip. The expedition is known as the Connecticut-Alaska Mining & Trading Association.

TRYING TO SWING THE TRADE. San Francisco Alaska Committee Begins Missionary Work.

DENVER, Dec. 22.—A delegation of prominent men sent out by the Alaska trade committee of San Francisco has arrived here. The party consists of Gov. William A. Richards, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; ex-Gov. James S. Shields, of Alaska; D. M. Carman, secretary of the Alaska trading committee, and his son, W. O. Willis, manager of a transportation company; Z. T. Sheakley, son and private secretary of Gov. Sheakley; H. H. Sherman, C. A. Jenkins, C. H. Holbrook, E. D. Cotter, J. A. Sydam,

P. H. Bates, H. S. Force and O. Horr. The object of the trip is to disseminate information regarding the task of reaching the Alaskan gold fields, and the outfit and stores required.

Gov. Richards joined the party at Cheyenne, coming to Denver for the purpose of introducing the San Francisco people to Gov. Adams at the reception which will be held on the car. After leaving Denver the car will go to Leadville, Pueblo and Cripple Creek.

AIDED BY RUSH TO KLONDIKE. Sir Charles Tupper Expects Increased Population for Canada.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Sir Charles Tupper, former prime minister of Canada, was a passenger on the White Star Line steamer Majestic, which arrived here today. The Klondike and British Columbia gold fields, he thought, would draw a great deal of British and other capital into Canada, which would receive a like increase of population.

Pacific Coast Capitalists Buy Another Steamer for the Gold Fields. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The steamer Pacific Coast has been sold, to go into the Alaska trade. The purchasers are said to be Pacific Coast capitalists, and the price paid is \$180,000. The Curacao and Maracabo were built by the Cramps, Boulton, Bliss & Dallet recently sold the Valencia for service in Alaskan waters. On account of her light draft and large cargo capacity, the Curacao is a valuable addition to the fleet of vessels now plying between San Francisco, Seattle, St. Michael and other points along the coast of Alaska. She has some 1,000 tons of cargo capacity, and is being fitted out to prepare and outfit for the long voyage around Cape Horn.

SCHOONER FOR THE YUKON TRADE. The Frank A. Ratcliffe Leaves Boston for Seattle.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The schooner Frank A. Ratcliffe left today for Seattle carrying a party of twenty, who will operate in the Yukon region.

Sixteen-Knot Boats for Lake Teslin. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—James C. O'Neil, of Tacoma, has closed a contract for three twin-screw steamers for use on Lake Teslin in connection with the Stickeen river trade. The boats are expected to make sixteen knots an hour.

TWENTY PERSONS INJURED. Crowded Stage Struck by a Locomotive in New Jersey—Three Victims May Die.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad between Passaic and Delaware, N. J., tonight. They were in a stage, which was struck by a train. That any of them escaped is regarded as a miracle.

The most seriously hurt are: William Crane, driver; Armand Snyder, injured internally, probably fatally; William Moran, head and body badly cut, skull believed to be fractured; Charles Swenkie, skull fractured, face cut and injured internally; Nellie Washdyck, arm broken, head cut.

All the victims are employed in Woburn & Aldrich's mill at Delaware, about two miles from Passaic. They rode to and from their work in a big covered stage. There were thirty-six persons crowded into the stage tonight. The party relieved the monotony of the trip by singing, and it was not until the horses were on the track that the engine was seen by the driver. The driver struck the horses sharply with the whip and they leaped forward, then stopped abruptly as the gate closed on the other side of the track. The locomotive struck the stage almost in the middle, hurrying it several feet ahead, then struck it again, throwing it from the track. With the second blow of the locomotive, the occupants of the stage were scattered in all directions.

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TIME RIFE FOR AN EXHIBIT.

EXTENSIVE DISPLAY PLANNED FOR THE PARIS FAIR.

Each County of Washington Will Be Asked to Contribute—Resources in Mineral and Timber to Be Featured—Preparations to Begin Soon

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—The first meeting of the Washington Paris exposition commission, named by Gov. Rogers, was held here today for the purpose of perfecting organization and discussing plans, to the end that the state may be properly and adequately represented at the Paris exposition. Col. C. P. Ferry, of Tacoma, was elected president of the commission; Paul Heintz, of Seattle, vice president, and Thomas Sammons, of Tacoma, secretary. The first step of the commission was to discuss plans for getting the exhibits from the various sections of the state, and after a long talk it was agreed that each county in the state should name representatives to collect the exhibit to be sent from such county. It was likewise agreed that the expense of transporting the county exhibits to a central point will in all probability be assumed by the transportation lines carrying them. The commission spent a busy afternoon, but took up the matter only in a general manner, and with a view to coming to a full understanding among themselves before attempting to begin operations. A communication was read from the Lumbermen's Association, suggesting that the largest piece of timber ever turned out from a mill be sent to the fair as the exhibit of the state exhibit. The mining exhibit claims much attention, it being the object of the commission to make this one of the leading features. They intend to have an extensive world-wide exhibition on account of the Alaskan discoveries the time will be ripe to draw attention to the mines of Washington. They intend to have an extensive section to the mining display, and hope to secure assistance from every mineral district in the state.

The question of a model Western city being made a prominent part of Washington's display met with decided favor in the commission, and it is understood one of the progressive and rapidly growing cities of the state will be represented as a model, all points of interest, its growth and the growth of its business, etc., to in this way be made plain. The commission announces it will exert every effort to make the state exhibit at Paris better and more interesting than that at the Chicago World's fair. An address to the officials of the exposition at the state explaining what is wanted and how to set about to do the work, will be issued by the commission without delay.

MUST GIVE BETTER SERVICE. An Ordinance to Regulate Street Car Systems.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—It was expected that a new street car system, managed, fathered and at the mayor's suggestion would come before the streets committee of the council today for definite recommendation, but by reason of the full committee not being present the matter was allowed to go over one week.

The mayor's ordinance provides for a ten-minute service, and two men on a car. The present street car systems in the city. As the city's authority in the matter is also at issue, and a hot fight is expected when the ordinance shall be reported back to the council.

WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS. Bicycle Riders of Tacoma Will Attempt to Control Local Politics.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—Local wheelmen will in all probability cut a wider swath at the coming municipal election than those not well informed seem to count upon, and it is believed that the quick service of the acknowledged, the wheelmen of this part of the country, and every member of the local organization is jealous of his rights and the advantages the city furnishes to the wheelmen.

A few days ago the local association held its annual meeting, at which officers for the ensuing year were selected, and on the same evening a private meeting was called, at which the leading spirits of the organization discussed the outlook as to new roads and other improvements in which the administration must necessarily be materially concerned. The meeting was held behind closed doors and those present talked without reserve, going into the probable result to the wheeling interests should the election result this way or that, and generally exchanging views relative to politics as connected with the association and the advisability of openly espousing the cause of candidates favorable to their plans.

As the gathering was a secret one all that was said and done was not made public, but there seems to be no great hesitancy on the part of the leaders among the riders to have it become known that they will make their influence felt in favor of such candidates for the council as are known to be friendly to the plans of the wheelmen's association, and who will act with their influence when matters of importance are at issue. The majority proposition is viewed by them in the same way, and should their ideas be carried out there is little reason to deny that they will cut quite a material figure in the April election. They have not viewed the question from a strictly political standpoint, from what is to be learned, but simply declare that candidates who hope to get their support must be favorable to the wheelmen and their plans. They talk as if they will not draw the line as to political parties and will act regardless of the tickets in the field, working for the man who will best forward their interests and from whom they are certain they may look for assistance.

The ordinance providing for bicycle licensing and the expenditure of this money in wheelmen and parking markets is necessary, that good results may follow for the administration and the wheelmen to be on a friendly footing, as the city has control of these improvements, the wheelmen appreciate the importance of a council and council in touch with them, and thus far have had no reason to find fault with the treatment they have received. It is to insure further satisfactory conditions that the wheelmen think they should use their influence in the election to come.

There are more than 2,700 licensed wheelmen in the city, and it is estimated that 1,500 to 1,800 of these are owned by voters. Could but one-third of these latter be brought to cast their votes one way their influence on the election may be easily understood, and from what has already been said and done, it is plain that prospective candidates grasp the situation.

INCREASING THE POLICE FORCE. Tacoma City Council Allows Chief to Hire Four New Men.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—The health and police committee of the council, either to escape the wrath of complaining citizens or to give Chief of Police Hoge one more chance, or perhaps for both reasons, have decided to allow him to hire four more policemen. At a meeting held this afternoon the petition for

eight new men was cut in two, as to number, and a recommendation to that effect will go to the council. Not long since the chief asked for six new men and was allowed but two, and the four agreed upon today will give the chief what he originally wanted. According to his ideas, the lack of efficiency in the department will become a thing of the past and the prevalent crime in the city will be checked by this increase of his force.

In order to further facilitate the operation of the department the committee has decided to at once overhaul and refit the alarm system, which is at present in such a condition that it is practically useless. The cost of overhauling the system and putting it in good repair will be \$25.

WILL AFFECT WHEAT SHIPMENTS. Suit of the Tacoma Grain Co. Against the O. R. & N.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—Judge Hanford appeared on the bench in the Federal court this afternoon to hear the case in the suit of the Tacoma Grain Company against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. The case came up on a demurrer for the Tacoma side of the complaint. Attorney W. W. Cotton, of Portland, was heard for the road and Attorney C. O. Bates for the plaintiffs.

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STABBING AFFRAY AT WILKESON. A Miner Cut in the Back During a Saloon Row.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. WILKESON, Dec. 22.—Sheriff Mills returned from Wilkeson today having arrested a man who was the cause of a serious stabbing affray, in which John Gabea was seriously injured. The affray occurred in a saloon where some fifty miners had congregated, and where a general fight took place after the miners had become crazed with drink. Gabea was cut in the back of the neck, a gasp three inches long showing, where the knife struck him. Seven of his teeth were likewise knocked out, and the man was otherwise badly bruised and beaten. He could not tell who cut him, and was lying at his home in a precarious condition when the sheriff left there today. No arrests have yet been attempted.

Will Send Delegates to Florida. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—The expected meeting of the Florida delegation, did not result in much being done. The action from out of town was very small. The names of two or three voluntary delegates to the Florida congress will be submitted to the governor for appointment as representatives for Washington.

To Recover on an Indemnity Bond. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—The case of the city against the old Tacoma Light and Water Company, to recover on an indemnity bond, was begun before Judge Williamson in the superior court today. The time was occupied by the reading of the two bonds at issue in the suit, and with the pleadings.

Preparing to Welcome Detweiler. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, Dec. 22.—Grand Exalted Ruler Detweiler, of the Elks, is expected to arrive here next Wednesday, and the local lodge is preparing to extend a welcome to the illustrious visitor. Neighboring lodges will be invited to participate in the greeting.

CALIFORNIA IN THE LEAD. Has the Most Miles of Railway Track to Her Credit for 1897.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Railway Age makes the following statement of new railway lines built in the year 1897: While 1897 has shown larger railway earnings and better business conditions than its immediate predecessors, the marked improvement in the financial outlook did not begin early enough in the year for the completion of many new railway undertakings and so it now appears that, although much construction work is under way, the mileage of track actually laid is but little greater than that for the preceding year.

The lowest point in twenty years, in respect to the construction of new railway lines, was reached in 1896.

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spect to railway building, was reached in 1884, when only 1,800 miles of track were added, and 1897 has done a little better, the total reached in the United States being 1,864 miles.

California stands first with 210 miles laid on different roads and no track was laid in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Indian Territory, Arizona, Wyoming and Nevada. Five other states barely escaped this category by getting credit for from half a mile to a mile and a quarter each. At the commencement of 1896 the United States will have 184,464 miles of completed railway.

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