RIORDAN'S DEFI.

He Challenges Any Player in America.

USING ONLY HIS LEFT HAND.

Champion Jones Will Play Him for Any Amount.

HANDBALLERS ARE EXCITED.

Unusual Activity in the Courts Yesterday — Presentation of the Champion Medals.

There was a display of unusual activity yesterday at the handball courts, which were crowded with spectators. A number of keenly contested games were played, which aroused the greatest interest and enthusiasm.

The event of the day at the San Francisco Court was a four-handed game between the well-known amateurs, George Hutchinson and A. Pennoyer on the one side and J. Harlow and J. Hausman on the other side. Harlow and Hausman won after an exciting struggle.

J. C. Nealon and T. F. Bonnet, who have played so often together against Champion Jones, played a match at the Occidental Court against each other for the first time. It was one of the smartest games played in the court and excited the wildest enthusiasm. Each won two games in splendid style and the fifth was watched with the keenest interest. Bonnet succeeded in defeating the veteran by good tossing.

The Cyclone is coming out of his shell again and along with Ben Clements scored a decided victory over their opponents, T. Clements and M. Dolan.

At the Union Court Frank Rourke and Jerry McManus met James H. Hunter of Berkeley and Charles D. O'Donnell of the Potrero. The strangers showed that they were not novices at the game and kept Jerry and his partner hustling to avert defeat.

Yesterday John Riordan, champion of the coast, issued a challenge to play any man in the United States a series of games, the left hand only to be used, with a preference for Champion Jones of Australia. He backed up his challenge by offering to play for so much a side. Champion Jones was apprised informally last night of the challenge and at once expressed his willingness to accept it, but on the distinct consideration that the amount would be worth playing for. Two or three of Jones' friends, who were present at the time, said they were prepared to back him from $10 to $1000.

The match will, therefore come off, and the games will be played at the Occidental and San Francisco courts. During the week the stake money will be fixed and arrangements made for the dates on which the games will take place. It will be one of the most unique and interesting matches ever seen on this continent. Both champions can use the left hand with as great facility as the right and although Riordan is not in the same class with Jones when using both hands, he and his friends think he is his equal with the left. That remains to be seen.

The gold medals won in the recent tournament at the Occidental Court have not been completed as soon as was expected, but they will be ready Thursday next and the Occidental Club has arranged to present them to the winners, Patrick T. Donnelley, first class; John Purcell, second class and A. Collins, third class, the following night. The occasion will be made a memorable one.

On Wednesday night at the Occidental there will be a splendid game between F. F. Bonnet and John Purcell of the Occidental and J. C. Nealon and Charles Sullivan of the Olympic Club, besides several games among the leading amateurs.

The tournament of the Olympic Club will commence on February 11, and in all probability it will be held in the Occidental court, owing to the inconvenience which would be entailed by holding it in their own courts.

Following were the games played at the San Francisco Court yesterday:

Dan McDonald and W. Manning against M. McNeil and G. McDonald. Each side won a rub. Score: 21 to 15, 21 to 17; second rub, 21 to 18, 21 to 20.

Phil Ryan and J. Vogelsang against J. J. Flynn, champion of Nevada, and Dan O'Brien, the cyclone. The game and rub were won by the latter team. Score: 21 to 18, 21 to 20.

M. Dillon and G. Hutchinson defeated R. Linehan and J. Dillon. Score: 21 to 10, 21 to 14, 21 to 16, 21 to 18, 21 to 20.

C. Butterfield and G. Ward against I. Brown and W. Darius. The game and rub were won by the former team. Score: 21 to 15, 21 to 19.

R. Shay and J. Sharkey against P. Heffernan and P. Barrett. The game and rub were won by the former team. Score: 21 to 14, 21 to 19.

J. McEvelyna and H. Moffitt against P. Barrett and T. Barry. The game and rub were won by the former team. Score: 21 to 13, 21 to 17.

The event of the day was a rattling four-hander between G. Hutchinson and A. Pennoyer and J. Harlow and J. Hausman. The first game was won by the former team, 21 to 12; the second game by the latter team, 21 to 7; third game, same team, 21 to 15; fourth game, same team, 21 to 11; fifth and final game, same team, 21 to 4.

On Christmas day a grand international walking match, between John O'Connor, champion of New Zealand, and John Riordon, one mile, will take place in the court, Riordon to receive 150 yards start, to commence at 2:30 P. M.

There was a good attendance at the Occidental court yesterday afternoon to witness some very interesting games.

G. Sterling and E. J. Holden were very evenly matched. Each side won a game and they decided to play the final game next Sunday for a dinner. Score: Sterling 21—18, Holden 21—19.

J. Shaw and W. Jacobs defeated F. Cornyn and L. Kenny. Score: 21—16, 19—21, 21—11.

M. Condon and J. Cunningham defeated J. Shaw and M. Mullaney. Score: 21—10, 17—21, 21—18.

J. Hurley and M. Dolan defeated T. Clements and Ben Clements. Score: 21—14, 19—21, 21—16.

Ben Clemens and The Cyclone defeated T. Clements and M. Dolan. Score: 21—16, 19—21, 21—14.

J. St. Clair and B. Osborne defeated M. Mullins and J. Walsh. Score: 21—16, 10—21, 21—17.

Then came the final game of the day, between T. F. Bonnet and J. C. Nealon. There was some very pretty all-round play on both sides. Each man won two games, when Bonnet won the final. Following is the score:

Bonnet	21	21	17	14	21
Nealon	18	11	21	21	10

Next Wednesday will be ladies' night, when there will be a good programme on the board among the amateurs. The final game will be between T. F. Bonnet and J. Purcell against J. C. Nealon and Charles Sullivan, both of the Olympic Club. The game will be the best three out of five.

The following games were played at the Union Court yesterday:

Matt. Coughlin and W. Tobin against William Duane and Professor Lynch, the latter winning. Score: 21—18, 21—15.

C. Johnson and Professor Lynch against J. Williams and James O'Leary, the former winning. Score: 21—10, 21—19.

Charles Long and William White against Dan. Dougherty and Peter McGlade, the latter winning. Score: 21—18, 21—10.

Frank Rourke and Terry McManus against James H. Hunter of Berkeley and Charles L. Donnell of the Potrero. This was the most interesting game of the day. The tossing of Rourke was terrific. The former team won three straight games. Score: 21—19, 21—16, 21—20.

James Nelson and Austin Hendy defeated E. Williams and Charles Johnson. Score: 21—15, 15—10, 21—18.

The Veteran Was Not Poisoned.

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Alex Owens, a veteran, and an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, was placed on the cars in this city by two unknown women, and became so ill before he reached his destination that the ambulance was called. He died before he could get to the hospital. It was supposed to be a case of poisoning, but an autopsy by the Coroner revealed the fact that the death was from heart disease.

KILLED HIS WIFE.

Jealousy the Cause of the Awful Crime.

MADERA, Dec. 23.—Last night at Belleview, a mountain town, James Lawson shot and killed his wife while at a dance. Jealousy was the cause of the crime.

While the dance was in progress Lawson finding his wife in company with another man decoyed her outside and shot her three times and then fled. A posse is in pursuit. Lawson a short time since was tried for the murder of his stepdaughter, but was acquitted.

A COLORED SCANDAL.

Arrest of a Negro Preacher on a Serious Charge.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—Rev. J. J. Totton, the pastor of the most fashionable colored church in Memphis was arrested to-day and taken to Byhalia, Miss., where he is charged with seduction. Totton was formerly pastor of a church at Byhalia and while there he seduced Nina Bell, a member of his congregation, under promise of marriage.

Escape of a Forger.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Robert Smith, alias James O'Connor, a notorious forger, escaped from the County Jail last night. The discovery was not made until this morning. O'Connor was well known to officers in large cities as a clever all-round thief, and had done service at Joliet and Waupun. No clew to the prisoner has been obtained.

Killed During a Quarrel.

IRVING, Ky., Dec. 23.—Charles Witt shot and killed Tom Puckett in a drunken row a few miles west of here last night. The murder was the result of an old feud. Puckett's body had four bullets in it, one piercing his heart and one going through his bowels. He died almost instantly.

Robbers Confess a Murder.

CARBONDALE, Ill., Dec. 23.—Dug Henderson and Frank Jeffrey were arrested last night at Cartersville, charged with the murder of James Towle. They both confessed to having committed the crime, and are now lodged in jail at Murphreysboro. Robbery was the motive.

Perkins Will Not Resign.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Dec. 23. — The Hawkeye announces that the report from Cincinnati that President Perkins of the Burlington Railroad is about to resign is only a repetition of a rumor current in Western papers for several weeks past, and is wholly without foundation.

Lumber-Yards on Fire.

TONAWANDA, N. Y., Dec. 23. — Fire broke out shortly after 3 o'clock this morning in the lumber-yards of Watson & Son and destroyed 8,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at over $150,000. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss is covered by insurance.

Fought Over a Card Game.

CATTLESBURG, Ky., Dec. 23.—Charles Frederick (white) fatally shot Clark Cornell (colored) during a dispute about a dollar in a card game last night. James Lovejoy (white) also took a hand in the melee and stabbed Cornell twice in the back. Frederick and Lovejoy escaped.

All Went With Boots On.

DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23. — Micajah Rowsey, the desperado, was killed at Junction City last night by Town Marshal Ellis, whom he resisted. Rowsey was the last of a father and seven sons, all of whom died with their boots on.

Shotgun Accident.

SUSANVILLE, Dec. 23.—Yesterday Juan F. Laufman while hunting rested his shotgun on a box, the muzzle under his arm. The gun slipped off the box, the hammers striking the box and the charges entered the left arm at the shoulder, making amputation necessary.

Has Dreyfus Ended His Life?

PARIS, Dec. 23.—An unverified report is current that Captain Dreyfus, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life for revealing French military secrets to foreign powers, had committed suicide in prison.

Death of Colonel Watkins.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Colonel R. L. Watkins, one of Chattanooga's oldest citizens and a veteran of the Civil War, died to-night in his fifty-ninth year.

Mrs. Astor's Remains.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The body of Mrs. William Waldorf Astor, who died yesterday at Clievden, will be taken to New York for burial.

Safe in Port.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—The British ship Red Rock arrived in to-day, fourteen days from San Francisco. She experienced no damage from the recent hurricane.

Won by the Reds.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Exhibition game. Cincinnati Reds 9, New Orleans 8.

HAVE NO PRIVATE RIGHTS.

When Men Ask Public Recognition They Surrender Their Portraits.

In the United States Circuit Court, Boston, Judge Colt presiding, a suit was brought by the widow and children of George H. Corliss, the inventor and builder of the Corliss engine, to enjoin the defendants from publishing and selling a biographical sketch of Mr. Corliss and from printing and selling his picture in connection therewith. The bill did not allege that the publication contained anything scandalous, libelous or false, or that it affected any right of property, but the relief prayed for was put on the novel ground that the publication is an injury to the feelings of the plaintiffs and against their express prohibition.

Judge Colt decided that the plaintiffs had no right to an injunction preventing the publication of the biographical sketch, and the present decision is on the photograph alone. The court now says in part:

"While the right of a private individual to prohibit the reproduction of his picture or photograph should be recognized and enforced, this right may be surrendered or dedicated to the public by the act of the individual, just the same as a private manuscript, book or painting becomes (when not protected by copyright) public property by the act of publication. The distinction in the case of a picture or photograph lies, it seems to me, between public and private characters. A private individual should be protected against the publication of any portraiture of himself; but where an individual becomes a public character the case is different.

"A statesman, author, artist or inventor who asks for and desires public recognition may be said to have surrendered this right to the public. When any one obtains a picture or photograph of such a person, and there is no breach of contract or violation of confidence in the method by which it was obtained, he has a right to produce it, whether in a newspaper, magazine or book. It would be extending this right of protection too far to say that the general public can be prohibited from knowing the personal appearance of great public characters. Such characters may be said of their own volition to have dedicated to the public the right of any fair portraiture of themselves. In this sense I cannot but regard Mr. Corliss as a public man."—Exchange.

The cause of malaria is held to be a vegetable micro-organism inhabiting the blood of man and some of the lower animals.

NO HORSES REQUIRED

The Operation of an Electric Carriage.

An Invention Fulfilling Mother Shipton's Prophecy Badly Frightens Superstitious Negroes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—A horseless carriage went skimming along the smooth asphalt of Fourteenth street, in the vicinity of Cherry street, to-day, fulfilling Mother Shipton's prophecy that "carriages without horses shall run," and terrifying two negroes, who saw sparks and apparently sulphurous flames issuing from under it. The vehicle was an electric carriage of Kansas City invention and manufacture and is the only one in the United States, although similar ones are used in the Old World. The invention is Dr. H. C. Baker's and was patented by himself and J. H. Elberg, in whose carriage-shop, in this city, the carriage was made.

F. S. Patton had charge of the electricity on the trial trip last night and the machine worked perfectly. A speed of eleven miles an hour was obtained.

The carriage is about the size of an ordinary one. One seat, holding three persons, faces the front, and another one that will accomodate a similar number faces to the rear. A storage battery composed of five series of five cells each furnishes a current of 67½ ohms, and the cells are arranged in three tiers beneath the seats. The wheels are of wood, with india-rubber cushions on the tires. The rear wheels, which are 3 feet 2 inches in diameter, have on their inner sides a cast-iron flange 26 inches in diameter and 5 inches wide. Motion from the dynamo, which is over the hind wheels' axle, is communicated to the flange by a rawhide friction pulley, revolving from 600 to 1000 times a minute, and is capable of being elevated or depressed at will by the driver, by means of pedals, on which he places his feet. The steering is done by a toothed segment and pinion attached to the axle of the fore wheels and handled by a steering-post, manipulated by the driver with his hands. The carriage can make quick, short turns. The storage batteries will run the machine about seven or eight hours. The Kansas City invention weighs about 2000 pounds, and is quicker and lighter than the European coaches.

USED A SOLDERING-IRON.

An Arrested Man Almost Crushes a Police Officer's Head.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 23.—Police Officer Douglas had a narrow escape from being killed to-night by a prisoner named William Goldspring, who had been arrested for disorderly conduct. The man was in charge of Officer Fisher, who was waiting for the patrol wagon, when Douglas came along. He spoke kindly to the prisoner, and said he had hoped when the latter got out of his last scrape he would be more careful.

Goldspring, who is an itinerant tinker, had by this time slipped a long soldering-iron from beneath his coat and dealt Douglas a blow on the head with it before either he or Fisher what was coming. All that saved Douglass from having his skull crushed was his stiff hat, but he was badly cut.

Goldspring continued to fight, and losing his weapon he drew another and similar one from the waistband of his trousers and tried to fight off the officers. Fisher and Douglas finally clubbed him into submission, however. Four months ago he was tried for throwing acid on a man in a dive, but escaped conviction. He will probably reach the penitentiary this time.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED

And Two Men Seriously Injured in a Collision.

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—A collision occurred last night at a crossing of the Great Northern and Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern tracks at Interbay, a suburb of this city, and twelve freightcars and an engine were wrecked. Two men were injured in the wreck, both internally, and one or both may die. A switching crew on the latter road was at work switching when an engine of the Great Northern, running backward to reach the roundhouse, ran into the freight train, striking near the center.

ANOTHER MAGNATE WANTED.

But the Chances Are They Won't Get Him.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 23.—Governor Mitchell received to-day at Tallahassee a requisition from Governor Hogg of Texas for Henry M. Flagler of St. Augustine, the railway, hotel and Standard Oil magnate, who, with other Standard Oil magnates, has been indicted in the Texas courts for violating the anti-trust laws of that State. Governor Mitchell has not indicated his probable course.

A TRACKWALKER ROBBED.

At Least He Says He Was Relieved of Twenty Dollars.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 23.—William Morrow, a trackwalker at Guadalupe station, came to town and told a sensational story of being bound, gagged and robbed early Saturday evening by two men, who took $20 in silver from him and left him in a field. He worked at his fetters for an hour before he freed himself. He gave the police a good description of the men, who were both about 25 years of age.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

All in Readiness for the Event at Santa Cruz.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 23.—Extensive preparations are being made for the entertainment of the State Teachers' Association, which meets here next Wednesday. Among the lecturers will be Professor Joseph Le Conte of the State University, Professor Jordan of Stanford and Irving M. Scott. About 600 teachers are expected to be in attendance.

DAYLIGHT BURGLAR.

But He Didn't Get Far With His Booty.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 23.—The house of C. A. Bryant at South Riverside was burglarized to-day during the absence of the family at church. Bryant and his neighbors found the burglar about a mile from town and recovered stolen property of considerable value. The burglar gave the name of Charles Johnson, and it is believed he is the man who has committed several burglaries in this city recently.

Cholera in Argentine.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 23.—Several cases of cholera are reported in Rosario. Great precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

By Order of the Czar.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—It is reported from Warsaw that the Czar has ordered the immediate release of prisoners connected with the disturbance due to the populace opposing the closing of the church at Kroce, which led to excesses on the part of the Cossacks.

JUSTICE DEMMON DEAD.

He Passes Away After a Short Illness.

VALLEJO, Dec. 23.—Justice of the Peace George C. Demmon died at his residence after a short illness of inflammation in the bowels and stomach. Every attention and all that medical skill could do was bestowed on him in vain, and his last hours were ministered to by kind and loving hands. Judge Demmon, as he was generally called, was known to nearly all the people of our city. For eight years he filled faithfully and well the office of Justice of the Peace of this township, and at the recent election was rechosen to a four-year term. As a Judge he was conscientious and just, and as a citizen he was upright and honest. The deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, aged 49 years. A widow and four children are left to mourn his loss, and they in their sorrow have the heartfelt sympathy of all. Mr. Demmon was a member in good standing of the Masons and Red Men, and agent for a number of insurance companies. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon under the auspices of Solano Lodge No. 229, F. and A. M.

Destroying Infected Fruit.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 23.—Horticultural Commissioner Williams has been in the Escondido region the past week looking after orchards. Some fruit in the market there, which had been imported from Santa Ana, was destroyed. There has been considerable complaint all the fall about infected fruit being brought in here from the country north and the traffic will be suppressed even if prosecution is necessary to stop it.

Dead on the Beach.

CAYUCOS, Dec. 23.—The dead body of a Swiss named Lepoldi Cerini was washed ashore here this morning. When found the eyes were bandaged. On Sunday evening, December 16, Cerini disappeared after a drunken brawl, in which he was bitten on the left wrist by another Swiss named Placido Tomasini. Nothing more was seen of him until the tide left the body exposed to-day.

Cattle-Thief Captured.

CHEYENNE, Dec. 23.—Kinch McKinney, the escaped convict from the Wyoming Penitentiary, who for some time has eluded the eyes of the authorities, has been captured at Hyannis, Nebr., and recognized by Mr. Marshall, the son of the lessee of the penitentiary, as the veritable renowned cattle-thief. He left for Cheyenne on an early train on his way home to the Wyoming Penitentiary.

Churchill Returning to London.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 23.—Lord Randolph Churchill has become worse since his arrival here. Symptoms of locomotor ataxia have appeared. Nevertheless he was determined to proceed to London, and, accompanied by his physician, he started for Paris to-night.

Killing in Indian Territory.

MUSKOGEE, Ind. T., Dec. 23.—To-night at about 11 o'clock Will Rider was shot and killed at the home of a woman named Chapman. The circumstances of the killing are not known.

Drowned While Skating.

WINDOM, Minn., Dec. 23.—Paul Peterson and Andrew Foss while skating on the lake to-day broke through the ice and were drowned.

SPEEDY ONES TO RUN.

List of Entries for the New Orleans Christmas Handicap.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The Christmas handicap with $1000 to the winner guaranteed, 60 per cent of entrance and starting money to second, and 40 per cent to third, one and one-eighth miles, opened to-day, closed with fifty nominations. The following are the weights and entries: Eva 110, Cass 105, Warwickshire 100, Bob Campbell 100, B. F. Fly Jr. 100, Rhett Goode 108, Mollie B 113, Henry Owsley 100, Nacho B 110, Pectonia 102, Tippecanoe 100, Tuscorora 101, Billy McKenzie 103, Marcel 104, Senator Morrell 112, Eagle Bird 114, Say On 105, Theodore 102, Imp. Woolsey 102, Clementine 122, Rasper 89, Fulcher C 101, Eva L 85, Prince Imperial 110, Clara Bauer 107, J P B 110, Service 118, Yemen 115, Miss Alice 84, Abuses 100, Rapid Transit 84, Corallina 82, Montre 90, Ta Ta 87, Amelia May 108, Dave Pulsifer 105, Marshall 118, Charter 102, Young Arion 112, Pittsburg 107, Chimes 105, Francis Pope 104, Bonnie B 100, Jennie W 100, Ludwig 87, Wedgefield 100, Bluestones 101, Melody 108, Terrapin 101, Chauncey 110.

SECURITIES IN LONDON.

Currency Tinkering Affects the Market in England.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The usual demand at the end of the year had the effect of slightly hardening money and discount rates. It is expected, however, there will be a relapse with the coming of the new year and the release of dividends. Prices at the Stock Exchange were fairly well maintained. The dealings, however, were chiefly centered in the mining. South African shares advancing. The feature of this market the buying from Paris. Consols were strong. Colonial securities were rather dull. Foreign securities were firm. There was little change in British railway securities. American railway securities were irregular. The currency question militates against a revival. Erie seconds were 3½ lower. Atchison mortgage, Milwaukee, Denver preferred, Norfolk preferred and Reading firsts were down from 1 to 1½, while all the others showed smaller declines. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific were virtually unchanged. Argentine and Brazilian securities were somewhat lower.

MANY LOOMS ARE IDLE.

The Manchester Market Is Not Very Active.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 23.—The market last week was very quiet. The proposed Indian duties on cotton and yarns temporarily averted business for India. The inquiry, however, was large, but the limits were made below the market. Business to a fair extent was done for China, but it was spotty. Moderate miscellaneous sales were made for the minor market. Prices were easy, though not quotably changed. In yarns the business was confined to daily needs and prices were mostly slightly lower. Stocks are increasing. The number of idle looms is still increasing.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

F J Mercer, Texas
G O Halpenny, Modesto
E J Darling, U S N
W H Murphy, U S N
E P McCabe, U S N
E Nugent, U S N
J N Block, U S N
C A Andrews, Menlo Pk
H Stanley, San Mateo
M Doolittle, Los Gatos
E I Gleason, U S N
R Myers, U S N
M McMasters, Honolulu
J Shields & w, Mendo
W McLean, San Rafael
J Buchanan, Chicago
M Danilovich, Chicago
G W Smith, Texas
W H McFadden, Seattle
Mrs A Barnum&d, Suisun
J McNab, Santa Rosa
J C Green & f, Indiana
J Gill, Vallejo
E Burke, Mare Island
F Powell, Portland
F Hughes & w, Los Gatos
J H Farley, Bakersfield
C W Stahler, Fresno
J C Jacobson, Merced
A Miller, Vallejo
G W Lee, Fort Bragg
A G Anderson & s, Sacto
M Sargentich, B Cattaro

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

R Mylar, N Y
F Locke, Halifax
J Wesley, Victoria
E Openshaw, Chicago
M More, Alameda
J L Burton, Watsonville
A Nicholson, Brentwood
W Walker, Bakersfield
E Erickson, N Y
J Clayton, Tacoma
H Saunders, Puyallup
W Higginson, Horseshoe Bend
G Jones, Benicia
F Petterson, Oakland
E Crow, Providence
G Gamble, San Rafael
T James, Bakersfield
F Steers, N Y
H Murphy, Butte City
S Brooks, Mexico
M Hoff, Stockton

PALACE HOTEL.

M W Bremen, N Y
E K Hinckley, Fruitvale
A L Reed, Chicago
A E Phillips, N Y
E Bouquet, St Paul
E T Meni, Japan
C N Brady, Washington
Mrs Conrad, Great Falls
H Armond, Mexico
D Clopton, Alameda
T Little, Ogden
P W Losse, Bodie
J M Kline, Philadelphia
W T Smith, Elko
J Stephens, Cincinnati
W A Conrad, Montana
Mrs de Malay, Grt Falls
Miss M Barker, Kans Cy

OCEAN STEAMERS.

Dates of Departure From San Francisco.

STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	SAILS.	PIER.
Yaquina	Newport	Dec 24, 8AM	Bdw'y 2
Gaelic	China & Japan	Dec 24, 3PM	P M S S
Columbia	Portland	Dec 25, 10AM	Spear
St Paul	Mexico	Dec 25, 10AM	Bdw'y 2
Pomona	San Diego	Dec 26, 11AM	Bdw'y 2
City Puebla	Vic & PgtSnd.	Dec 26, 9AM	Bdw'y 1
William Val.	Humbldt Bay	Dec 26, 9AM	Bdw'y 1
Homer	Yaquina Bay	Dec 27, 2PM	Miss'n 1
San Jose	Panama	Dec 28, 12M	P M S S
Eureka	Newport	Dec 29, 8AM	Bdw'y 2
Humboldt	Humboldt	Dec 29, 9AM	Wash'n
State of Cal.	Portland	Dec 30, 10AM	Spear
Santa Rosa	San Diego	Dec 31, 11AM	Bdw'y 2
Walla Walla	Vic & Pgt Snd.	Dec 31, 9AM	Bdw'y 1
City Sydney	Panama	Dec 31, 12 M	P M S S

SUN AND TIDE TABLE.

Dec.	HIGH WATER Small.	HIGH WATER Large.	LOW WATER Small.	LOW WATER Large.	SUN. Rises	SUN. Sets	MOON. Rises.
24.	11.46P	9.11A	2.48A	4.32P	7.23	4.56	5.32A
25.	0.00A	9.47A	3.37A	5.16P	7.23	4.57	6.33A

WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO, December 23, 5 P. M. The pressure is highest over Oregon and Idaho and lowest to the east of the Rocky Mountains. It has risen in all sections during the past twelve and twenty-four hours, except a slight fall during the past twelve hours in Nevada and along the southern border of California and Arizona. Fair weather prevails in all sections except light snow in Nevada, and the conditions are favorable for its continuance for a considerable period. The temperature is somewhat lower throughout the Western States, the greatest changes having occurred in Southern Idaho and Utah, where it is from 10 to 20 degrees colder than last evening. With fair weather in California to-night the conditions are favorable for severe frosts.

The Sacramento River is falling from Colusa northward. At Colusa the river is stationary at 25 feet, which is the danger point. The crest was reached last evening of 25.1 feet at that point. At Sacramento the river continues to rise slowly and is now 18.8 feet. Since the river at Colusa has become stationary no anxiety need be felt.

Forecast made at San Francisco for the thirty hours ending midnight, December 24:

For Northern California—Fair; nearly stationary temperature; severe frosts to-night; light northerly winds.

For Southern California—Fair, somewhat cooler in the eastern portion; frosts in the northern portion to-night and probably Monday night; light generally northerly winds.

For Nevada—Local snow to-night, followed by fair, nearly stationary temperature.

For Utah—Local snow to-night or Monday; somewhat cooler in the northern portion.

For Arizona—Fair; colder.

For San Francisco and vicinity—Fair; nearly stationary temperature; fresh northerly winds.

W. H. HAMMON, Forecast Official.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrived.

SUNDAY, December 23.

U S stmr Richard Rush, from a cruise.
Stmr Noyo, Levinson, 16 hours from Fort Bragg; pass and mdse, to J S Kimball.
Stmr Excelsior, Higgins, 26 hours from Eureka; lumber, for southern ports. Put in to land pass.
Stmr Albion, Lundquist, 78 hours from Crescent City; 220 M ft lumber, to J S Kimball.
Stmr Jeanie, Mason, 6½ days from Tacoma; produce, to Goodall, Perkins & Co.
Stmr Bonita, Doran, 05 hours from San Diego and way ports; produce, etc, to Goodall, Perkins & Co.
Stmr Scotia, Johnson, 16 hours from Fort Bragg; pass and mdse, to J S Kimball.
Stmr Willamette Valley, Hannan, 24 hours from Eureka; pass and mdse, to Goodall, Perkins & Co.
Stmr Pomona, Hall, 56 hours from San Diego and way ports; pass and mdse, to Goodall, Perkins & Co.
Stmr Cleone, Miller, 11 hours from Eureka; 90 cds stave bolts, 18 M shingles, 35 M shakes, to J R Hanify.
Stmr South Coast, Drisko, 89 hours from Yaquina Bay, via Eureka 33 hours; produce, to C J Hendry Son & Co.
Stmr Al-Ki, Smith, 110 hours from Tacoma; produce, to Goodall, Perkins & Co.
Stmr Arago, Reed, 53 hours from Coos Bay; pass and mdse, to O R & N Co.
Stmr Gipsy, Leland, 12 hours from Santa Cruz, etc; produce, to Goodall, Perkins & Co.
Stmr Lakme, Benifield, 14 days from Grays Harbor; lumber, to Wood, Slade & Thayer Lumber Co.
Bktn Tropic Bird, Burns, 41 days from Tahiti; pass and mdse, to J Pinet.
Schr Eva Kiltgaard, 15½ days from Kahului; 5267 bags sugar, to Hawaiian Com & Sugar Co.
Schr Czar, Hutman, 23 days from Altata; 140 tons limewood, to C D Bunker & Co.

Sailed.

SUNDAY, December 23.

Stmr Excelsior, Higgins.
Br ship Cape Wrath, Hart, Queenstown.
Ship Jabez Howes, Clapp, Nanaimo.
Bark Ferris S Thompson, Wagner, Santa Rosalia.
Bark Nonantum, Thompson, Seattle.
Schr Robert Lewers, Goodman, Honolulu.
Schr India, Merriman, Nanaimo.
Schr J Eppinger, White, hunting and fishing.
Schr George Peabody, Burtis, hunting and fishing.
Schr Reliance, Jensen, Russian Landing.

Telegraphic.

POINT LOBOS—December 23—10 P M—Weather cloudy; wind calm.

Disaster

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec 23—Bark Southern Chief, bound from Tacoma for Adelaide, was abandoned at sea in a waterlogged condition 60 miles south of Cape Flattery on Friday, Dec 21. The wreck is now drifting northward. Crew safe.

Domestic Ports.

MENDOCINO—Sailed Dec 23—Schr Corinthian, for San Francisco.

Arrived Dec 23—Stmr Point Arena, hnc Dec 22.

TAHOUSH—Passed in Dec 23—Stmr Umatilla, hence Dec 21 for Victoria.

SAN PEDRO—Sailed Dec 23—Schr W F Witzemann.

GREENWOOD—Sailed Dec 23—Stmr Greenwood, for San Francisco.

ASTORIA—Arrived Dec 23—Br ship Samaritan, from Valparaiso; Br ship Red Rock, hence Dec 8; schr Annie Gee, hence Dec 18.

Outside Dec 23—Br ship Moel Tryvan, from San Diego; unknown bark.

COOS BAY—Arrived Dec 23—Schr Western Home, hence Dec 19; schr Gatama, hence Dec 14.

Sailed Dec 23—Schr C B Merchant, for San Francisco.

Movements of Trans-Atlantic Steamers.

LONDON—Arrived Dec 23—Stmr Europe, from New York.

Importations.

SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS—1 sk walnuts, 2 bxs shells, 1 bx raisins.

WHITESBORO—Per Scotia—40 bxs apples, 1 bbl fish, 5 sks potatoes.

Point Arena—8 cs mdse, 2 bxs butter, 1 sk seed, 1 cs eggs, 4 abalones.

Fort Bragg—171 M ft lumber.

EUREKA—Per Willamette Valley—16 bxs fish, 33 bxs butter, 15 rolls leather, 63 sks peas, 3 bbls mineral water, 400 M shingles, 2 bxs apples, 1 cp turkeys, 1 horse, 31 pkgs express.

Fields Landing—236 bxs apples, 7 bxs pears.

FORT BRAGG—Per Noyo—50 bxs apples, 1 bx turkeys, 1 pail fruit, 6 sks potatoes, 1 dressed hog, 1 bx fish, 234 M ft lumber.

SAN DIEGO—Per Pomona—1 bx dried fruit, 2 cs honey, 204 bxs lemons and oranges, 5 pails 9½ bbls 15 kits pickled fish, 117 green hides, 18 bdls calfskins, 10 bbls dried fish, 1 bx limes, 5 bxs raisins.

Newport—367 bxs oranges, 63 bxs lemons, 162 sks peanuts, 7 sks walnuts, 6 sks mustard seed.

Redondo—47 bxs oranges, 45 bxs lemons, 3 bxs limes, 1 sk walnuts, 25 bbls cranberries, 1 bx beeswax, 1 bx candles, 1 bx mdse.

Port Los Angeles—50 chts tea, 52 bdls dry pelts, 44 bxs horseshoe nails, 40 bxs oranges, 1½ bbls wine, 167 sks corn, 30 bxs lemons.

Santa Barbara—158 bxs lemons, 2 sks peas, 2 bxs canned fruit, 8 sks crawfish, 3 bbls mineral water.

Port Hartford—16 cs eggs, 27 bxs butter, 1 bag corn, 8 sks seed, 1 cp turkeys, 24 sks dried fruit, 172 bxs apples, 1 cs wine, 7 dressed calves, 2 sks game, 2 coops chickens.

Arroyo Grande—407 sks beans.

TACOMA—Per Al-Ki—14,817 sks wheat, 3061 sks oats, 2264 sks feed, 1693 sks barley.

COOS BAY—Per Arago—7 coops chickens, 572 bxs apples, 128 sks potatoes, 3 bxs cheese, 20½ bbls salmon, 60 M ft lumber, 1 bdl dry hides, 400 bdls laths, 11 bdls green hides, 2 bags coin, 600 tons coal.

SANTA CRUZ—Per Gipsy—4 bxs butter, 3 bbls glue, 21 bxs cheese, 48 bxs apples.

Soquel—44 bxs apples, 9 bxs pears, 200 rolls 350 rms paper.

Watsonville—2313 bags sugar.

Pigeon Point—6 bxs butter.

TACOMA—Per Jeanie—19,651 sks wheat.

YAQUINA BAY—Per South Coast—8½ cds wood, 1957 sks oats, 329 sks potatoes, 24½ tons stone, 1 bx hides 2 coops chickens, 10 bdls green calfskins, 4 bxs dried salmon.

Consignees.

Per Bonita—Santa Cruz Island Co.

Per Scotia—Wilson & Baechtel; Enos & Co; C Timoner; Smith's Cash Store; W P Fuller & Co; Ross & Hewlett; Norton, Teller & Co; G Hulburt; E J Bowen & Co; W S Bishop.

Per Willamette Valley—G Camilloni & Co; Fabris & Rivala; American Union Fish Co; B Calto; A Paladini; Dairymen's Union; Standard Oil Co; Dodge, Sweeney & Co; F B Haight; Hills Bros; J R Beckman & Co; Marshall, Teggart & Brorsen; C M Armstrong & Co; Wheaton, Breon & Co; Sanborn, Vail & Co; Wells, Fargo & Co; Trapani & Co; D E Allison & Co; Whittier, Fuller & Co; Simonds Saw Co; Brown & Adams; G E Monroe; McDonough & Rucker; J F Dyxby; J F English & Co; Sachs Bros; W Stram; R A Campbell.

Per Noyo—Smith's Cash Store; F S Enos & Co; W C Knox & Co; Union Lumber Co; J Peterson & Co; J W Bowden; J S Kimball; Sutro Railway Co; Wilson Bros; Central Mill Co.

Per Pomona—Standard Oil Co; Mattin & Ingalls; C E Whitney & Co; P Steinhagen & Co; Trumbull & Beebe; H N Tilden & Co; Witzel & Baker; C W Harrison; Bissinger & Co; Smith's Cash Store; L Williams; Getz Bros & Co; D Tiedeman & Co; D Murphy & Co; Norton, Teller & Co; H W Nelson & Co; Dodge, Sweeney & Co; J K Armsby & Co; S Levy & Co; H Ubaldi; J W Gale & Co; J Hoffman & Co; Ed Blanchfield; Cal and Nev Creamery Co; Hills Bros; Holbrook, Merrill & Stetson; R A Cox; Wetmore Bros; W B Sumner & Co; F T Hull; E S Dennison; Baker & Hamilton; Lewis Packing Co; J D Spreckels & Bros Co; A Galli Fruit Co; Klinger Bros; Cunningham, Curtiss & Welch; M Mellet; L Scatena & Co; Cahn, Nickelsburg & Co; M F Cabral; Everett & Nash; P Steinhagen &