SHIPPING OF A YEAR.

Report of the Master of Seattle Harbor for 1891.

THE INSPECTION OF VESSELS.

Steamer Oregon Safe at Portland-Rough Trip of the State of California-The Water Front.

The report of Captain N. L. Rogers, harbor master at the port of Seattle, for the year just closed, shows the following facts:

Number American ocean steamers entered, 11. Total registered net tonnage, 254,353 tons, fumber American deep water sailing vessels ntered, 56. Total registered net tonnage, 85. entered, 95. Total registered net tonnago, 88, 154 tons, and total carrying capacity, 132,231 tons, Number of foreign sailing vessels entered, 21. Total registered net tonnage, 81,554 tons, and carrying capacity, 67,331 tons. Merchandise received from outside American ports, 61,988 tons. Merchandise received from foreign outside ports, 9,437 tons. Merchandise shipped to outside foreign ports, 34,890 tons. Lumber shipped to outside ports, 937,500 test. Preight handled over city ellps, 3,362,900 bricks, 3,259 tons of merchandise, 490 tons of oost, 28 tons of stone, 291 cords of wood, 30 piles, and 237,000 feet of lumber. Total wharfage received from city slips,

257,500 feet of lumber.
Total whariage received from city slips,
743,65; of which \$649.70 was earned by the Washington street slip, \$7.25 by the Madison street
slip, \$20.50 by the Vine street slip, \$11.40 by the
Wall street slip, and \$79.80 by the city wharf at
the foot of Spring street.

Vessels and cargoes surveyed, 4; for which
\$50 was received.

During the month of December 14 ocean steamers entered, the registered net tonnage of which

was 17,064 fons.

Nine deep-water sailing vessels entered with a total registered net tonnage of 8,885 tons. Merchandise received from outside ports, 2,800 tons. Merchandise shipped to outside ports, 2,888 tons. Lumber shipped to outside ports, 1,400,000 feet. Total amount of wharfage received from city slips, \$25.45, of which \$15.45 was from the Washington street slip and \$10 from the city wharf.

The report of the local government inspectors of hulls and bollers shows that during the year 210 steamers were inspected in the sub-district of Seattle and 920 officers licensed. Thirty-four new steamers went into commission and ten went out. Those going out were either lost or condemned. In addition to the number in-spected there are quite a few boats undergoing

repairs which have not yet been inspected. The total number of steamboats in the district does not fall much short of 250.

The Pacific coast west of the mountains is known as the first district, and is divided into three sub-districts—San Francisco sub-district, Willamette sub-district and Santile sub-district. Willamette sub-district and Seattle sub-district This sub-district includes all the territory north of Gray's harbor to the Canadian line and Alaska as well. The Willamette sub-dis-trict includes the Columbia river and its tributaries and quite a stretch of coast south of Gray's harbor, and the San Francisco sub-district covers everything south of that to Mexico. Captain Bullene yesterday in speaking of the amount of work done in this sub-district during the year, said:

Of course we have not had as much to do as the inspectors in the San Francisco sub-district, but have done a great deal more than those in the Willamette sub-district. The growth in the number of small boats in this sub-dastrict has been remarkable, having more than doubled in three years.

THE COLUMBIA BLOCKADE. Captain Pegram Says the Situation Has Been Exaggerated.

Captain B. R. Pegram, superintendent of the Union Pacific Company's water lines, came over from Portland yesterday to look after the company's interests on the Sound for a few days. Relative to the blockade of vessels in the Columbia river, Captain Pegram said:

Columbia river, Captain Pegram said:

This talk about the Union Pacific Company having a menopoly of the towing on the Columbia is all nonsense. The vessels that are inside do not want to go out on account of the rough weather. There are no vessels outside wanting to come. Our tugs are all idle waiting for the weather to moderate. I told the captains of the vessels that if they wanted to go to see and could get tugs to tow them out this weather, I would give them 50 per cent. more than we had charged them for doing the work. We have already received our money, but I offered to pay back 50 per cent, additional if they wanted to go and found tugs to take them out. Why it is evident the captains ditional if they wanted to go and found tugs to take them out. Why it is evident the explains of sailing vessels do not want to go to sea when the steamships Oregon and Zambesi were compelled to lie at Astoria six days before venturing out. It is not the captains of the vessels who are making all the fuss, but outsiders who do not know what they are talking about. The Chamber of Commerce went off helf cocked. The masters of vessels know better than to venture out and be blown back on the beach again and probably have their vessels wrecked. They could make no progress this weather at best. Of course I would not offer 50 per cent, more than we have received to another tug for towing out on a fine day, for we are ready to tow out with our own tugs when the weather modifies, but I make the offer to any one who wants to go out during the kind of weather we have been having down there. There are eighteen vessels lying at Astoria waiting to be towed out and if the down there. There are eighteen vessels lying at Astoria waiting to be towed out, and if the weather were fine it would not take very long to get them out. The statement made by Captain Libby, as published in this morning's POST-INTELLIGENCER, is not true. Any tugboat is at liberty to go to work on the Columbia river and enjoy as many advantages as our tugs

CABLE TO ROCHE HARBOR To Enable Officials at Victoria to Send News of Smugglers' Movements.

Washington City, Dec. 31.—{Special.}—Representative Wilson is looking into the advisability and has consulted Assistant Secretary ling relative to the laying of a cable fro Roche Harbor to Vancouver island, in order that the sub-port of entry may be in communication with the American consul stationed at Victoria. It is thought that if this line could be secured it would be more valuable to the United States government in the prevention of smug-gling than all the force that could possibly be put on guard duty among the islands. The American consul at Victoria is said to favor this strongly, and Secretary Spaulding is re-

ported as favorable to such an enterprise.

The chief difficulty in the way, of course, is to secure an appropriation. The first thing to secure is a full and thorough investigation, and if it shall prove what its friends claim for it, it should receive the strong and hearty support of

TO CLEAR FROM SEATTLE. Vessels Can Get Their Papers From the

Collector Here.

Secretary J. W. Dodge, of the Chamber of Commerce, received from Washington City yesterday an answer to the recent petition of the chamber asking that the deputy customs col-lector at Scattle be allowed to give clearance pa-pers from here, and also act as surveyor and give ships their papers as from the port of Seattle.

The answer from O. L. Spaulding, assistant secretary of the treasury, was that the deputy

collector could act as shipping commissioner and give clearances so that an outgoing vessel need not touch at Port Townsend, but it is not

The State of California's Rough Trip. SAN F MANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The steamer State of California arrived this morning fiteen hours behind time. The trip was a very exciting one owing to the weather. A heavy wave came on board which drove one of the boats half way through the deckhouse. The boat was broken in pieces and the deckhouse is a wreck. The social hall was full of water for twelve hours.

The supplementary steering gear was carried away, the staterooms flooded and several men hurt. One of the pantrymen, named Ed John-son, was nearly killed. The wave tore the door of the pantry from its hinges and threw it across his back. The force of the blow knocked him senseless and the water rolled over him. One of the quartermasters prevented him from ing washed overboard. The chief engineer was washed out of his room and rolled the whole length of the ship. He was badly bruis When off Yaquina the wind increased to a h ricane, and the passengers were all locked ;

their staterooms, which were flooded.

J. C. Flanders, Alired F. Sears, jr., and C. H. Sholes, three Portland lawyers, are at the Northern hotel. They have been to Everett to take testimony in the case of the libel of the steamer Zambesi against the whaleback Wetmore, and now they are on their way he ders said last night that he did not expec

the case would be compromised. The Steamer Premier Crippled. WHATCOM, Dec. 81 .- The Premier arrived here at 10 a.m. and this evening went on the beach for repairs. She had a rough experience on her down trip, losing one blade of her propeller at

new screw will be put in and she will depart if possible at 1 o'clock in the morning. Last week one of the blades was lost, and on Sunday at the dry dock in Tacoma another was taken out to make the blades even and two in number.

The Steamer Oregon at Portland. PORTLAND, Dec. 81.—The steamship Oregon, about which some anxiety has been felt, arrived at her dock in this city at 11 o'clock to-

night. Captain Pohlman said:

The trip was without incident until Tillamook rock was reached, when a heavy wind sprang up, accompanied by a driving hall and rain storm. We reached the Columbia river bar this morning about 9:30. A very heavy sea was running, and we attempted to heave to, but were unable to do so on account of the sea running so high. About 11:30 the bar became quiet and we passed in. For about two hours the sea was as heavy as I ever sew on the Coast. night. Captain Pohlman said:

The Steamer Whitesboro Floated. BAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—A dispatch received t the Merchants' Exchange states that the teamer Whitesboro, previously reported ashore at Little River, Mendocino county, has been f railroad ties, which is considered a total loss. How badly the vessel is damaged can only be

The Steamer Michigan Not Heard Prom.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Some anxiety is felt for the steamship Michigan, which left Seattle for Portland on the 29th, with coal. She was due Marshal Spriggs and H. F. Heuss.

The three girls were all young and comparatively well dressed, and two of them were not devoid of good looks. Ithaki is an undersized

letermined by an investigation

Ban Francisco, Dec. 31.—Arrived—Str State of California, from Portland. Departed—Brit str Grandholm, for Vancouver: str City of Puebla, for Victoria. Cleared—Str Scotia, for Aberdeen; str Columbia, for Astoria; whale bk Alseks, whaling cruise.

PASSENGER LISTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 .- The steamer City of Puebla sailed today with the following passen-

Sestile—W. Rollins, Mrs. P. White and daughter, Mrs. Hamburg and boy, Forbes Brown, E. Stark, Thornton Goldsby, R. K. Knappand wife. Tasoma-George Knapp, Misa E. Bartun, J. Redman, Charles Debney.

WATER FRONT NOTES.

Steam collier Willsmette sailed for San Francisco yesterday with 2,300 tons of coal. Weather forecast till 8 p. m. Friday: For Oreon and Washington-Rain or snow; warmer in eastern portion.

Steamer San Juan is out again on her regular run to Sidney. She took out a big cargo of reight vesterday. Tug Wasp went to Union City with a lot of

household goods for some families who are moving out there. Steamer Wasco was placed on the west side each resterday to have her wheel fixed, there eing something wrong with it. She will probably be out today.

Steamship Umatilla sails for San Francisco at o'clock this evening. The Al-Ki will be due om Alaska tomorrow and the City of Puebla from San Francisco Sunday. Steamer Mabel came in from Snohomish with

Stons of freight and left with 42 tons; the Wasco had 20 tons of potatoes and other produce n and takes out 10 tons on the Whatcom route. Steamer State of Washington has changed her ime schedule so that she now arrives from verett at 6 o'clock in the evening and leaves or Tacoma at 6:30, instead of arriving at 8

clock and leaving for Tacoma at 8:30. Steamer Mabel has reduced the fare to Port iardner to 50 cents. This may have the effect of bringing on a rate war between herself and the state of Washington and Greyhound. Those interested in the two latter boats, however, say hat the Mabel will not carry enough passengers even at the reduced rate to cut any figure with them.

IMPROVEMENTS IN HOTELS.

eattle's Accommodations Much Better Than a Year Ago.

The advance which Seattle has made during he year is in no way more strikingly shown hau in the improvement in hotel accommodaions. Generally speaking the Seattle hotels are one hundred per cent, better than they were twelve month ago. Then there was but one establishment run on the American plan, but now there are three or four, prominent among which is the Arlington.

This notel, though the largest in the city and admirably located on Front street, used to be nothing more than a huge lodging-house, not particularly well furnished. Some three months go Hamm & Schmitz, who had made a great success of the snoqualmie, took hold of the Arlington, and in their improvements and management they have shown how to conduct a hotel on business principles. The alterations and returnishing have cost \$31,000, and the changes have been so great that the old interior s not recognizable.

as not recognizable.

All the stores in the building have been taken out and the space devoted to hotel purposes. By this means the lobby has been doubled in size and a large bar and billiard room added. The lobby a large part and The lobby, a large and well-lighted apartment on the ground floor, beautifully papered and handsomefully furnished, contains ample desk accommodations for reading and writing, and is one of the finest rooms of the kind on the Pacific coast. Opening directly off is the cloak oom where garments and baggage are checked and down stairs are the barber shop and water closets. The latter are provided with the best lumbing that sanitary engineers can devise. On the ground floor are two neatly frescoed ining rooms—one for the general public and one for private families—and the artists are now putting the finishing touches on a banquet hall 50x160 feet, the best of its kind in town. The meals served are as good as can be found in the Northwest.

The large front stairway remains as it was,

ut a lot of the interior rooms have been torn ut to make room for another broad staircase inning from top to bottom in the opposite cor-er of the building. Windows have been put what was formerly a dead wall on the south de, and fron shutters have been placed on all he exposed windows. These and other changes ced the insurance on the building

rom \$2.55 to \$1.50 on \$100. The halls have been recarpeted, new draperies have been put at the windows and the rooms are refurnished so that they are now as fine as any in the city. Three daintily furnished parlors have been opened on the second floor, and n one of them is a Steinway plano.

In its mechanical appliances the Arlington is nsurpassed. The machinery for a new Kleck-

hefer elevator is now in place, and an ideal en-gine of fifty horse-power has been ordered to run the laundry and the electrical dynamos. ne latter are made by Edison, and will supply undant light for the whole building, through rant combination fixtures. A complete set roy laundry machinery forms part of the ipment, and new boilers give both hot and i water on every floor. Each floor has had brooms added, so that the facilities are exent. The proprietors also run their own

In the management of their model establishment they are assisted by James E. Brown, the sopular day cierk; W. S. Secott, the courteous light cierk; Mrs. M. Gott, the housekeeper, a woman of long experience in the best hotels of the East, and Fred Hanf, the chief cook, who for eight years held a similar position at the famous Belvidere house in New York. That patronage is abundant for the support of

ch a first-class hotel has already been proved Many of the best families in the city have taken up permanent quarters there, and the better class of transient guests stop at the Arlington. the American are from \$2 to \$3 a day, and from \$1 up on the European for transients.

Ando's Presents.

G. H. Ando, of the Epier block, 813 Second street, begs to thank his numerous customers for their liberal patronage during the past year, and wishes them a happy and prosperous 189. He has endeavored to meet their future require nents by importing fresh povelties from Japan. which are expected to be in Seattle this week.

If the public will kindly look in his regular display advertisement in this paper fire will hear
of something to their advantage.

For Three Days Only.

From now and until stock taking, the first of the year, we will sell any article in our store at actual cost. We carry a full and complete line of watches, diamonds, jewelry, silverware, clocks, etc. Frisch Bros, jeweiers, Gottstein block, 720 Front street, Seattle.

THE GRAND HOTEL FOR SALE. At a stockholders' meeting of the Grand Hotel Company the board of directors were authorized to sell the furniture and fixtures of the Grand hotel, together with the good will and option of lease, to the best advantage, and same is now offered for sale. Everything is new and first-class hotel.

Anseortes and another off Chuckanut bay. A Extra mince pies for New Year's, at Piper's.

SLAVE OWNER FREE.

Japanese Women Fail to Confirm Their First Story.

UNDUE INFLUENCE IS ALLEGED.

Witnesses Deny That Ithaki Is Their Boss, and He Is Discharged-Facts of the Slave Trade.

The charge against Ithaki, the Japanese, of importing Japanese women into the United States for immoral purposes, was distnissed by Commissioner Keifer vesterday afternoon, the testimony of the three girls who were made the subeet of the charge failing to substantiate it. Ithaki was arrested on two charges—one of importing women for the purpose of prostitu-tion, and the other of holding them in service under a contract for the purpose of prostitution. The maximum penalty for such offcuses is \$5,000 and five years' imprisonment. W. H. White defended the prisoner and Henry C. Schaefer represented the complaining witnesses, Deputy

devoid of good looks. Ithaki is an undersized man of viliainous appearance and of a seemingly low order of intelligence. None of the parties could talk English, and George 8. Oano acted as interpreter.

All the girls told a very different story from

that which they told to Mr. Hense and Mr. Spriggs, and which was made the basis of the charges. The witnesses were called in one by one, but all told substantially the same story when the questions touched the material points of the charge.

The first, Massa, was 18 years old, and said

she had lived on Jackson street for six months, having come from Japan with the intention of going into domestic service, but when she arrived, she failed to find employment and had no friends and no money. She never saw I:haki in Japan, and came alone, never thinking then of entering her present business. Since she had been here Ithaki had cooked in her house, three women paying him \$10 a month each. He did nothing besides cooking, and did not go out and bring men in to her. She landed from Japan at Vancouver, stayed there three days and then came on here by boat. Nobody told her to come to this country, and her mother did not wish her to come, but gave her money to pay for the trip. She did not see Ithaki in Vancouver. She paid money to no other man. She paid \$5 a week rent to a fat woman who owned the house, and bought coal

and other things herself.

The second girl, Kuyo, aged 19 years, testified that she came from Japan to San Francisco s year ago last January with some more women and a man other than Ithaki. He did not pay for her trip, but her brother in Japan did. She came intending to engage in domestic service or farming, and after she arrived had no money to go back. She came from San Francisco last January, went back after about two months, and came here again last week to see some friends. She came up from San Francisco with some friends, was not hired to come and no man came along. She thought she had not seen Ithaki before she came over, but afterwards found him cooking in her friends' house and paid him \$10 a month. The man who came over with her had left here and she did not know where he had gone. She did not know his right name. She had no man who was boss over her.

In answer to the question:

"As a matter of fact, are not you working for that man instead of that man for you?" she answered "No." She denied that anybody but the jailer had

talked with her in jail, and said nobody had told her what to say. The third woman, Nakka, said she was 26 years d, and came from Japan last June, intending o go into domestic service, and her parents paid her fare. She came alone, but met other women on the steamer, landed at Portland, and, after staying a week there, came to Seattle. She knew Ithaki in Yokohama, and had met him on the treet here. He cooked for her for \$10 a month and did nothing else. Asked "Is he not your master?" she answered "No," with a laugh. When she met him on the street he had nothing to do, and she engaged him as cook. She did not know when he came from Japan: he went

f any Japanese who were bosses of women in this city.

Deputy Marshal Spriggs testified that he first saw Ithaki about 7 o'clock on the previous ever ing. Ithaki told him he had three girls in Whitechapel at rooms 22 and 23, and that he was their boss. He said they came from Japan and it cost him \$90 each to bring them over. He

iid not say what bargain he had made with The commissioner then dismissed the case, as there was no evidence to hold the prisoner on, but stated that in his personal opinion Ithaki

was guilty. Messrs, Spriggs and Heuss were both greatly disappointed at the outcome of the hearing and expressed the opinion that the girls had been coached while in jail by some of their country-men or women, who could easily talk to them hrough the window. Mr. Heuss said that when he offered to procure their liberation from Ithaki's power, they expressed great joy and told im their whole story; how they were all sisters and had no idea of coming to such a life when hey left Japan, one of them saying with tears that her mother had little idea that they were leading such a life. Both the prosecutors de-clare that they will continue the fight and take precautions against any tampering with their

witnesses.

C. E. Munn, inspector of the treasury department to secure the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act, said to a Post-Intelligence re-

I know that Ithaki is guilty. He brought a lot of girls over to Vancouver a year ago last spring, and brought ninety over last spring. We watched him at every step, and he finally left the girls and came over here alone. There is no doubt that this traffic is going on, but it is almost impossible to progress explanate introducer to come most impossible to procure evidence to con-

George S. Oano, the interpreter, said in an inderview with a Post-INTELLIGENCER reporter:

It is not true that there is a Japanese secret society in this city to which laborers pay tribute. No male Japanese laborers are in such slavery in this country. With the women it is different, though no society controls them. The bosses induce many women who are prostitutes in Japan to come over here by teiling them they can make more money. Others are induce it oeme under the pretense that they can get work as domestics, but when they arrive here they are forcet into an evil life. They give haf their cannings to their bosses and are afraid to break their bondage, because, I suppose, the bosses sometimes white them. The Japanese are mostly Buddhists, of terview with a Post-Intelligencer reporter cause, I suppose, the bosses sometimes while them. The Japanese are mostly Buddhists, of which religion there are probably as many sects as there are among Christ ans, but these women have no belief in spells or anything of that kind. They are simply afraid of being beaten by their bosses.

THREE PER CENT. DISCOUNT TODAY County Treasurer's Office Cannot Ob-serve Legal Holiday.

The county treasurer's office will be open to-day for the payment of taxes, but all the other unty offices will be closed. County Treasurer fron Pheips, when asked yesterday why he ould keep the office open on a legal holiday, id. "I will keep the office open in pursuance of

the requirements of section 97 of the Revised Statutes, which reads as follows: "There shall be an allowance of rebate to all ayers of taxes who shall pay the same within a year for which they are assessed, as follows: here per cent. if paid on or before the first day f January next ensuing: "There is a conflict in the wording of the sec

on, but I will not pay any attention to it.

'ayments made on New Year's are not made
within the year for which they are assessed,' and the idea of the framers of the section seems o have been that the 3 per cent should be paid r before December 31 of the year for which the assessment was made.

"As we did not get the rolls this year in time, I have thought that it would be better to give the extra day anyway, so that every possible opportunity would be given to taxpayers to

take advantage of the 3 per cent. discount. THE Y. M. C. A. NEW YEAR'S.

Open House by Young Ladies and a Reception at Night.
The great social event of the year at the Y. M. A. is the annual New Year's reception. The programme for today will be one of the best ever presented by the local organization. From 1 p. m. to 6 p. m. the young ladies' committee
will keep open house and entertain with refreshments to members of the association and
all young men who will drop in and give them
a call. A special invitation is extended to the Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



ABSOLUTELY PURE

young man who is a stranger in the city. Following is a complete programme for the day: Ip. m.—Opening selection by the First regi-ment orchestra. Refreshments by young ladies' committee.

2 p. m.—New Year's address, Rev. C. Davis.
Refreshments. Orchestra.

3 p. m.—Gymnasium exhibition. Refreshments. Orchestra. 4:30 p. m.—Address, "Bettles Past and Pres-ent," Rev. S. A. Bright. Refreshments. Or-

Intermission from 6 to 7:30 p. m. PART I Miss B. Cheal Miss Lida Frankland ...Mrs. J. L. Johnson Recitation...

Paul Holbrook Recitation. PART II. Miss Fannie Ferguson
Miss Johnson
Professor W. H. Thompson
Miss Ethel Kahle
Professor C. E. Bowman A very pleasant time is anticipated and a hearty welcome assured to all.

FESTIVAL OF CIRCUMCISION. Today's Service at St. Mark's-Question of Eternal Punishment.

Today is the festival of the circumcision in the calendar of the church. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Mark's church at 11 a.m.

Last winter Rev. D. C. Garrett, rector of St.

Mark's, gave a series of lecture sermons on subjects propounded by members of the congrega-tion. So successful was this course that the same plan has been instituted again, commenc-

ing next Sunday evening.

The first subject proposed is the question of "Eternal Punishment." The following letter, written by a communicant of St. Mark's, will be discussed Sunday night:

What is the attitude of the Episcopal church on the doctrine of eternal punishment? Can a God of infinite goodness and mercy inflict endless punishment on the finite teings he has created?

An earthly parent, had he the power to do so, would find himself incareable of ents, line parents. would find himself incapable of enta ling never-ending suffering on his child for faults commit-ted. Will God do what man will shrink from doing in horror?

If the doctrine of eternal punishment is true,

If the doctrine of eternal punishment is true, why was not the revelation of God's word made so clear and plain that there could be no room for the many creefs and religious of the world? If stch were the case, then to violate God's law would be to incur a known penalty. As it is, may not a person honestly believe other religious and creeds? If, therefore, Go i has kept the way open for such doubts will He inflict eternal punishment on man for exercising his honest beliefs?

SAW THE OLD YEAR OUT. Several Churches Held Social and Watch

Meetings. The new year was watched in by a number of nectings in the churches. At the First Methdist Episcopal church, Third and Marion streets, a large number of persons were present and an interesting programme preceded the watch night service. At the Battery street dethodist Episcopal church another watch night meeting was held.

A special prayer-meeting was held at the second Methodist Protestant church in North eattle. The Welsh Presbyterian church literary solety gave an old fashioned tea party, followed by an entertainment and social, which lasted up to the new year.

The members of the First German Methodist

church, and a large number of the German people of the city were present. RECEPTIONS AND PARTIES. Festivities of the New Year Last Night

and Today. The Ladies' Musical Club gave an informal reeption last night under the auspices of the ex-ecutive committee. A fine programme was Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Ward held a watch party last night at their residence in Queen Anne

town. The guests parted with the old and greeted the new year. The second annual ball of the Seattle Letter Carriers' Association was given last night at the armory. A large crowd was in attendance and he affair was a complete success.

Mrs. L. H. Griffith will entertain friends this

fternoon at her home, 1,425 Fifth street, from 3 6 o'clock. Miss Alice House, of 1,525 Seventh street, will receive this afternoon, assisted by Mrs. Henry schroeder, Miss Boardman, Miss Bagley and

Mrs. Marie S. Story will receive callers at her residence, No. 416 Marion street. Social Session of "The Elks."

Seattle Lodge, No. 92, will start the new year under the most favorable auspices. A number of candidates have been admitted lately. Applications are coming in at every meeting. Invitations are out for a "Social Session" to be held on January 3. Large delegations will be here from the lodges in Tacoma, Olympia, Fair-haven and Portland. It is a noted fact that the Elks are great entertainers, and no doubt they will make it pleasant for their friends and visitors on this occasion.

The New Year's "Merchants' Review." The holiday number of the Puget Sound Mer-chants' Review will appear today, and is a production highly creditable to its publisher, J. Carlton Bomm. It is full of articles and statis-tics of interest and value to commission men, merchauts and business men generally, and makes a good showing of the business of the past year, and shows a hopeful outlook for the year beginning today.

Epworth League Installation.

THE FIRST NEW YEAR

Seattle's Pioneers Had No Time for Celebrations.

BRIG LEONESA'S BELL RANG.

Hard Work at Clearing and Building the Order of the Day-Going for Provisions.

The New Year of 1892 recalls the first New Year of Seattle, celebrated in 1852-just forty years ago. The day was not really celebrated, for there were no festivities, and the hardy settlers scarcely did more than wish each other happiness, and then turn with renewed zeal to

At that time not a house was standing upon the present site of Scattle; but there was the little settlement at Al-Ki point, and one about five miles up the Duwamish river. The latter had been made September 15, 1851, by Henry Van Asselt, Jacob Maple, Samuel Maple, L. M. Collins and August Hograve. About two months later, November 13, a party of twenty-four, half of them children, had come to Al-ki point. They were the people who the summer following moved over to this side of Elliott bay, and among them were A. A. Denny, D. T. Denny, John N. Low, C. D. Boren, William N. Bell and Charles C. Terry. They started at once to make a home in the wilderness, and during the winter they erected four log cabins on the point. While these houses were under process of construction the pioncers lived in tents. "We had no time for pioners lived in tents. "We had no time for play nor for holidays," said Arthur A. D. uny yesterday, "for we were living in the wood, surrounded by Indians, and every minute that we could get was devoted to building and clear-

ing. "I remember that when the New Year of 1852 came in the brig Leonesa was lying at anchor near us, for she had come to Puget sound for a cargo of piles, and we had the contract for furnishing them. At midnight we were awakened by the ringing of the Leonesa s bell, which announced that the o d year had gone, but I remember no other observance of the occasio "We were too busy to stor for feasting or

"The first New Year in Seattle proper was that of 1853, and I do not recall anything special done then. Henr Van Asselt, who is the only survivor of the Duwamish settlement, said yesterday: "I

did not spend the New Year day of 1852 at my new home, but up the Sound. August Hograve. John Holt and I started in an Indian canoe before Christmas to go to Olympia for flour and other supplies; and we did not return until the 8th or 10th of January. "The weather was very bad-not unlike that of this year, for we had heavy rains and strong

winds. We went to Nesqually for our wheat, and then took it to Tumwater to be ground. It seems to me that on New Year's day we mus have been camping on the beach at Olympia.

"You can see that we did not have muc money, for when we started back with our ie supplies we did not have 50 cents among us. "The getting back was hard, for the Sound was so rough that we were forced to stop over and the First German Evangelical chuiches united in a watch night meeting at the latter two days at McNeil's island and two a Vashon. When the rain fell the boat would have to be bailed constantly, for it would fil in a very short time. At last we came to the hausted that we could not go a bit further, and

I was considered a good man in a canoe, too. "After spending the night, we made our way two and a half miles further the next day. But the water was high, the current swift, and we were utterly worn out. So I started to walk shead lor aid. When I reached the settlement they said, 'What, are you alive?' for the Indians had re-ported that we had been drowned in the Narrows, near where I scoma is now."

Card of Thanks.

The Sisters of Charity of Providence hospital tender their sincere thanks to the many gen erous friends and benefactors of the institution who by the numerous and valuable gifts they bestowed helped to render the Christmas ies-tivities an enjoyable affair for its inmates. The recipients offer their New Year's greetings to the kind donors, wish them health, happiness and prosperity, the blessings of God on all their undertaking, and with rejuctance acced-to the request of their benefactors, who have asked that their names should remain buried in silence.

A Youthful Runaway.

Frank Gilford, about 12 years of age, was arrested as a runaway last night and brought into lice headquarters. His elder brother appeared against him and said that the young culprit was constantly leaving home, 208 Broadway, and that his parents wanted the boy sent to the re-form school. Frank promised to behave in the form school. Frank promised to bear of his future and was sent home in care of his brother.

Many Claimants for Stolen Property. John Burns and William Davis were arrested last night with a pair of stolen shoes, valued at \$2.50, in their possession. The loss of property of a similar description was reported by the proprietor of the Palace clothing house, but two other firms in the same locality appeared at headquarters and identified the shoes as be-

Bright Pupils of District No. 2. Miss Sarah B. Foley and Miss Carrie Davis, teachers of school district No. 2, near the race Epworth League Installation.

The Epwo th League of the First Methodist Episcopal church held its installation exercises this week for the officers whose election was announced a lew days ago. Rev. D. Levi Gilbert Hope Cifford Manks Control Davis, Miss nounced a lew days ago. Rev. Dr. Levi Gilbert Hope, Clifford Maple, Georgie Robinson, Wil

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