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THE CHRISTMAS SHEAF. BY PHOENIX CARY. Now, good wife, bring your precious hoard, The Norland farmer cried, And heap the hearth, and heap the board, For the blessed Christmas tide.

And bid the children fetch, he said, The last ripe sheaf of wheat, And set it on the roof overhead, That the birds may come and eat. And this we do for His dear sake, The Master kind and good, Who of the leaves He blest and brake Fed all the multitude.

Dear father, should we give the wheat To all the birds of the air? Shall we let the kite and the raven eat, Such choice and dainty fare? For if to-morrow from our store We drive them not away, The good little birds will get no more Than the evil birds of prey.

Even though it sinned and strayed from home? The father groaned in pain As she cried, Oh, let our Hansel come And live with us again! I know he did what was not right, Sadly he shook his head, If he knew I longed for him to-night, He would not come, he said.

And, father, what if it should be he, Come back to us again! He went from me in wrath and pride; God's shield him tenderly! For I hear the wild windery outside Like a soul in agony. Nay, it is a soul, oh, eagerly, The maiden answered then; And, father, what if it should be he, Come back to us again!

MODESTY.—Nothing is more contemptible than true modesty, which is false; the one which is false; the one which is true, the other betrays. True modesty is ashamed of anything that is repugnant to its reason; false modesty is ashamed to do anything that is opposite to the humor of those with whom the party converses. True modesty avoids everything that is original; false modesty everything that is unfashionable.

MOLLY AND I. Martha—Tell me plainly, sir, have you never met with any one? Has your heart never attached itself anywhere? GOTTHE'S FAULT. What! Bob! you don't mean to say that you have not felt the tender passion?

Well, matters went on so for some time, neither of us cared a snap for the "gals," and they cared as little for us. On an unlucky day, however, a singing school was started in Smithville, and forthwith singing was all the fashion. Among the pupils were Hen, Bill and myself.

One pleasant spring evening we were all three going to singing school together, when Hen proposed to give up that evening's lesson, and ramble the streets, as of old. In vain I represented to them the impossibility of finding any game—that everybody would be at the school. All would not do. At first I thought of joining them, but two beautiful blue eyes seemed to look at me out of the dusk, and so bidding them good luck for their evening's sport, I strode rapidly along.

Those blue eyes and the airy form fitted in my vision, and hark! the rustle of the wind among the poplar leaves was mightily like her voice. At last the truth suddenly dawned upon me—I was in love!

I believe I never felt so happy before or since, as I did that evening. When the concluding Old Hundred had been sung, I sidled along to the blue eyes, and asked for the pleasure of conducting her home. What a world of enjoyment I felt at that modest Yes! We walked till we reached her house; and then, as it was moonlight, we sauntered up and down the street; then, as it grew later, we walked on the piazza, till I heard a window open up above, and a voice cried out, interrupting one of my tenderest sentences—That ere you, Molly? Yes, ma, go to bed; I'll be in soon.

Down went the window, and down sat Molly on the doorstep. In a few moments we might have been taken for lovers of a year's standing, to judge by our affectionate manners. That pretty foot which I had watched so many times as it tripped over the hearth, was resting confidentially on my own! That darling head, with its golden wreath of ringlets, reposed tranquilly on my shoulder! A smile slept upon the coral lips! And those eyes—ah! those

blue eyes—how lovingly they gazed into mine! So well had I done my wooing! I was about to—Ha! ha! burst derisively from behind the great apple-tree near us—Ha! ha! By Jemuel, said I between my teeth, that's Bill's voice! The thought was enough for me. In another instant I was in the road, heading like mad for "home, sweet home." The next morning I met Bill and Henry.

The heroine of the following story must certainly be a French woman: A couple were arranging terms for a separation, to avoid the scandal of judicial divorce, and a friend had been employed by the husband to negotiate the matter. The last mission was in reference to a valuable ring given to the wife before marriage by the husband. For this he would make a certain much-desired concession. The friend made the demand. What! said the indignant wife, do you venture to charge yourself with such a mission to me? Can you believe that I could tear myself from a gift which alone recalls me to the days when my husband loved me? No! this ring is the only souvenir of happiness forever departed. 'Tis all (and here she wept) that I now possess of a once fond husband. The friend, however, insisted. The lady, complicated, grew obstinate, grew desperate, threatened to submit to a public divorce as a lesser evil than parting with the cherished ring, and at last confessed that she had sold it six months before.

Fashion Notes. Pointed hoods lined with fur are seen on the new circular cloaks. Slippers of low shoes, with colored kid or silk inserted, are used with colored stockings for the house. The Juive robe, which is to meet with great favor this season, is simply a short, second dress, slashed so as to show to advantage an underskirt of a different material.

Veils three-quarters of a yard wide are to be worn with bonnets, and are of black Chantilly lace without dots, having hems an inch wide. A row of jet beads is sometimes used for a heading. Something novel and also suitable for slight figures is a blouse waist or rather an imitation of one which serves the same purpose. A tight fitting waist is first made to which is added in front, pieces of the goods three-eighths of a yard wide gathered at the top and bottom. The lower part is concealed under a belt coming from the seams under the arms, and which is buckled in front. The neck has a standing collar in the back and a gathered ruffle in front.

An elaborate street toilet for a young lady is of dark myrtle green velvet combined with silk. The underskirt is trimmed with two scantily gathered bounces, the one of velvet the other of silk each a quarter of a yard deep. These are covered in front by a deep apron.

A Maine man has invented a faucet which will yield beer or cider, according as it is turned. By this operation a keg of lager beer can be safely concealed within a barrel of cider. Thus does prohibition quicken the faculties and advance the interests of mechanical science.

Woman Suffrage. The Laraine Sentinel, one of the earliest advocates of woman suffrage in Wyoming Territory, tells of the practical workings of the system in a recent issue. It says: To us the novelty has worn off, and we have had time to coolly estimate the results. There are those here who can remember the condition of things here six or seven years ago, and can compare them with the present, and though we might differ somewhat as to the causes which have produced this change for the better, yet we shall be able to agree upon a few facts. We never had a term of court held here in a decent and comfortable place, with its proceedings marked throughout by decency and decorum, and divested of everything pertaining to levity and blackguardism, till our ladies were summoned to attend and participate in it. We never had a grand jury here who boldly and unflinchingly took hold to investigate offenses against decency and morality, and hunt out and bring offenders to punishment, till we had a grand jury composed largely of ladies. We had had several terms of court, but had never been able to convict or punish a single criminal for any crime however heinous, through the medium of those courts, till we got juries composed largely of women. We did not have a single election here without drunkenness, rowdiness, quarreling, fighting and bloodshed, until our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters were permitted to accompany us to the polls. We well remember the time when many a man stayed away from the polls, losing his right of citizenship, rather than encounter the danger and rowdiness he must meet in order to exercise it. But all this is changed. Our elections go off as quietly as any other social gathering, no matter how heated a political campaign may be, or how important the issues at stake. And we all point with pride at the result, whether or not we agree as to the cause which has produced it.

Whistling. An old farmer once said that he would not have a hired man on his farm who did not habitually whistle. He always hired whistlers. Said he never knew a whistling laborer to find fault with his food, his bed, or complain of any little extra work he was asked to do. Such a man was generally kind to children and animals. He would whistle a chilled lamb into warmth and life, and would bring his hat full of eggs from the barn without breaking one. He found such a man was careful about closing gates, putting up bars, and seeing that the nuts on his plow were all properly tightened before he took it into the field. He never knew a whistling hired man to kick or beat a cow, or drive her on a run. He had noticed that the sheep he fed in the shed gathered around him as he whistled.

The Seamen's Temperance League held a meeting in San Francisco on the 6th inst., and was addressed by General Winn. The League have resolved to take steps for securing a Sailor's Home where Jack may be accommodated while in port, without being exposed to the tempting and wicked influences of dissipation. A large reading room will be fitted up, lectures, and other moral attractions will be given with a view to make them better sailors and more reliable managers of ships.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1875.

## CHRISTMAS.

Christmas, the most joyful of church festivals is here. In England and on the continent of Europe the church bells are rung at midnight.

"Hailing with sweet music Christ's nativity."

Also choirs of men and boys go from house to house on Christmas Eve singing carols, such as

"God rest ye, merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you afright,  
For Jesus Christ, the Saviour,  
Was born on Christmas night."

In Italy, on the day previous to Christmas, minstrels descend from the Apennines to Naples and Rome, saluting the shrine of the Virgin Mother with their strange music, under the poetical idea of praising her for the event, and thus fulfilling the prediction of Mary, "from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."

Christmas, Christ, and mass—the time of the peculiar service of Christ—is observed on the 25th day of December. It was first kept in Mary's house as the birthday of her marvelous son. After the ascension it was kept by the disciples with much reverence, but was instituted as a general festival in the year 138. The time for keeping the festival was not settled until the 4th century, when a council decided for the 25th day of December. From that time to the present Christmas has been uniformly kept by the churches on that day.

Many are the incidents and amusements in connection with this festive season, both in the past and present. Some of us remember when the mistletoe bough hung in the parlor, and the blooming girl in her teens had to pay the forfeit of a kiss to her swain for passing under it.

In England, the yule log or large block of wood was put on the fire Christmas Eve and, lit by a piece of last year's yule, burned and blazed and gave good cheer. It gave pleasure not only in the flame and heat it sent forth, but in the preparation of it. When the yule log was being brought from the woods it was gaily decorated with ribbons and drawn by oxen, though sometimes by the servants and retainers who did it with much good cheer.

In this country, as well as in the Protestant districts of Germany and Northern Europe, Christmas is peculiarly the children's festival. The Christmas tree is decorated with gifts from Sunday School teachers, parents and friends for the children.

Santa Claus, a corruption of St. Nicholas, is a mythical person supposed to have the welfare of all boys and girls at heart. In some of the villages of North Germany the parents engage a friend to personate Santa Claus, and the gifts for the children are given to him. On the evening of distribution this formidable person appears in awful pomp with a sword and calls for the children by name. He then enquires into their conduct during the past year and gives his presents according to merit. To some he has been known to give a rod with which they were to be amused during the coming year, whilst to others he gave valuable gifts. While we hope the latter will be the fate of all our town children, and our young readers everywhere, we wish all fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, children and friends—a "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

HERE is progress. A Mississippi paper is advocating the restoration of the whipping-post, stocks, branding, etc., on the ground that the State is too poor to stand the burden of prisons that are really in many cases houses of refuge.

## Alaska to be a County of our Territory

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, has introduced a bill in Congress to provide a civil government for Alaska by attaching it to Washington Territory as a county, and on the 16th inst. he made a powerful and effective argument before the Senate Committee on Territories. He argued that the military rule had proved oppressive; persons arrested for trial by the California and Oregon Courts had, for want of transportation, and other reasons, been kept in prison for months instead of five days as authorized by law; and the requirement of the treaty that all Russian-American citizens should enjoy all the rights of other citizens are still unfulfilled. He said there had been considerable immigration of late for mining purposes, and showed that his bill would afford civil government at a very small expense, and stated that it was recommended by Gen. Howard, commanding the Department. We also learn from another source that the Department of the Interior is very favorably disposed towards this change, as it will materially aid the peace policy toward the Indians of Alaska.

The report of Commissioner J. G. Swan, made to the Indian Bureau at Washington after his return from a cruise in the Oliver Wolcott, last summer, to Alaska, shows that the presence of soldiers among the coast tribes has produced no other than demoralizing effects. Soldiers are not wanted, as is most conclusively shown in British Columbia, where not a single British soldier is stationed; but the savages are kept in an effective state of quietude by the British gun-boats, which regularly visit the coast tribes, and are always ready on any outbreak of the Indians to promptly subdue them.

Alaska in a geographical point of view is similarly situated with British Columbia. The approaches are all by water, and the numerous and powerful Indian tribes are all canoe Indians, instead of horse Indians like those of the plains. A single revenue cutter stationed in the waters of Alaska, and the occasional visit of some of the armed vessels which are kept grounding on their beef bones at Mare Island would have more effect in keeping order among the savages than fifty regiments of soldiers.

At present, Alaska is under military rule; an iron-handed, partial rule; more oppressive to the settlers than the Turk to the Christian, or the Russian to the Pole. By such policy all white settlers are effectually excluded, and the whole country of Alaska is kept a howling wilderness, for the benefit of a powerful fur monopoly.

Senator Mitchell deserves the thanks of every man on the northwestern coast of North America for his attempt to place Alaska under a civil government, and, unless the influence of the Alaska Commercial Company is too powerful, his bill is soon to become a law, the military removed, and Alaska thrown open to settlers who will have inducements offered them to go to that region and develop its vast mineral wealth. The military thus far has been a deadly Upas on the improvement and settlement of Alaska. That policy has been now fully tried, and, weighed in the balance of eternal justice, has been found wanting in every particular. If British Columbia needs no soldiers, Alaska needs none. We trust either that the military may be removed, or else so shorn of power for mischief that they may be like the cat of the fable, in a very warm place with her claws cut off. We will keep our readers advised of the progress of Senator Mitchell's bill.

COMMEND us to Indian agents for ingenuity. A little ring in Kansas have been lining their pockets by administering upon the estates of absent Indians on the pretence that they were dead, and appropriating the proceeds.

## Editorial Notes.

THE Postmaster General has before him an official paper proposing that the present postage law remain precisely as it is, except to exclude from operation of the act of Congress, increasing rates on third-class matter; all transient newspapers and magazines, unsealed circulars and prospectuses, and expressly fix the rates of these as they were before the increase.

A LETTER has been going the rounds of the eastern papers from a mechanic in San Francisco, who it appears went to that city from an eastern State about a year ago. He found it extremely difficult to find employment and says that thousands there are unable to get work and are reduced to beggary. He advises mechanics and laborers in the East to stay where they are rather than come to California and fare worse. His advice is not without application elsewhere.

THE discovery that some corporations have souls is an agreeable surprise and worthy of note: "The Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation have decided not to reduce the wages of employes, and President Clifford has declared that sooner than consent to any reduction he would give up half his own salary." The Springfield Republican, speaking it, says of such is the kingdom of heaven; but we regret to add there is little danger the kingdom will be overcrowded.

A PROJECT is on foot in New Hampshire to purchase and remove to Philadelphia the House in which Horace Greeley was born. This house now stands on the old Greeley farm in Amherst, about five miles from Manchester. It is a very old-fashioned, oak-framed, story-and-a-half building, 30x40, with 7 1/2-foot stud, and contains four rooms. The old farm is of but little value, but of late years has proved a source of profit through the conversion of apple-trees into canes for relic hunters.

THE following resolution was offered in the lower House at Washington, on the 16th inst., and adopted by a vote of 232 yeas to 18 nays:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this house the precedent established by Washington and other Presidents of the United States, in retiring from the Presidential office after their second term, has become by universal concurrence, part of our Republican system of government, and that any departure from this time-honored custom would be unwise, unpatriotic, and fraught with peril to our free institutions.

THE Government being desirous of reducing the expenses at the Custom House in San Francisco, left it optional with Collector Shannon either to reduce the force or suffer a curtailment of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, whereupon he adopted the former, thus effecting an annual saving according to the Chronicle, of about \$65,000. Some \$9,000,000 in gold are said to be collected at that port annually. Mr. Shannon, referring to the change, says: "Since the reduction of our force I do not believe there is another office that can show so efficient a body of men as the employes of this office. We have no drones here; every man is required to work for his money."

THE prosecutions of the whisky ring have begun to bring forth fruit. Within a few weeks over forty persons many of them high in local political circles, have either been convicted or have confessed their dishonesty in Missouri, Wisconsin and Indiana. The Government has secured by forfeiture and fines actually collected about \$2,000,000; besides which from four to five millions may be secured from the suits now pending in St. Louis, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, and other Western cities. There can, therefore, be little doubt that the statement to the effect that Government has lost \$4,000,000 by whisky frauds within the past two years is true.

## LATEST NEWS

By Telegraph and Mail.

A dispatch from Toronto, of the 21st says: A minute of the council of the Dominion Government to the Government of British Columbia, proposing new terms of union is published. It proposes that British Columbians shall relieve the Government of the obligations to build the Canadian Pacific railway, accepting in lieu thereof, and as compensation for any delays that may take place in the construction of a Pacific railway, a cash bonus of \$750,000, to be applied either toward a local railway, or to other public works in Canada. Also surrendering any claims to lands which may have been reserved in Vancouver Island for railway purposes. If this proposal is accepted, the Government will be prepared to submit to parliament at its forthcoming session, measures necessary to give it effect.

A dispatch from Carson, Nev., of the 17th, says: About six this morning, as the grave digger of the cemetery was going to dig a grave he was horrified to see the body of a man hanging from the cross bar forming the archway to the entrance of the cemetery. It proved to be that of Tom Burt, supposed to have been the ring leader in the incendiaries here. On his breast was pinned a paper with the figures 60 on it. On Burt's testimony at the recent trial for arson, young Dettling was sentenced to five years in the State prison. Burt turning State's evidence. Great excitement prevails, and suspicious characters are making themselves scarce.

THE suit of Henry Bowen vs. the Brooklyn Eagle was begun on the 21st, in the same court room in which the Beecher-Tilton case was tried.

Thomas, the passenger, who was having the case of dynamite conveyed to the steamer Moselle, died at Bremen on the 16th, of the shot in the head inflicted by himself. Before he died he confessed that his true name was Wm. King Thompson, he was aged 35 and a native of Brooklyn, N. Y.; he also said he was for a long time captain of the Old Dominion, and changed his name to avoid being prosecuted for running the blockade during the war. He sought the explosive material in New York and had it forwarded to him. The clock works were made in Germany, and were set to explode the charge in eight days' time. He was married to a New Orleans lady and has four children. He was highly esteemed by the people of Germany. His wife has proved herself innocent of any complicity in the husband's terrible crime. Thomas has given the names of accomplices in New York who were to share the insurance with him. The number killed by the explosion already reaches 80. Forty victims were buried on the 18th, together with some chests filled with unidentified fragments of bodies. The total number of killed and wounded is estimated at two hundred.

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On the 17th inst., about 1,000 unemployed people, mostly French Canadians, assembled in front of the City Hall in Montreal, where they remained for some time in an excited state, but beyond relieving a bread wagon of a dozen loaves, no reprehensible acts were committed. The council promised to give them an answer in the afternoon in response to their demand for work or bread.

Nathan Rubenstein has been arrested on a charge of being the murderer of Sarah Alexander, the young Jewess, whose body was found in a field on the outskirts of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The jury in the case of Thomas W. Piper, on trial in Boston for the murder of little Mabel Young, in the church belfry, who were out a day and a half, came into court and reported they were unable to agree, and were discharged. They stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal.

Captain Wham, marine reporter says the number of disasters on the lakes during the present season amounted to 1,056. Of this number 526 occurred on Lake Michigan, 162 on Lake Huron, 159 on Lake Erie, and 26 on Lake Superior.

The London Times announces that the Board of Trade has ordered an official inquiry into the loss of the steamer Deutschland. Fourteen bodies were buried at Dover on the 17th. Shops at that place and Harwick were closed during the funeral and deep sympathy shown by all the inhabitants.

While a party of teamsters were at supper at Cottonwood, a station 60 miles from San Bernardino, Cal., a party on horseback rode up to their wagons, and were loaded with 19 bars of silver bullion and abstracted four of them valued at \$4,000 each. The President of the mine, John McFarlane, offers \$1,000 reward for the recovery of the bullion and apprehension of the robbers.

A great many Mexicans are gathered all along the border. It is thought that trouble is brewing, either for a raid across the line, or a political revolution in Lower California.

Troops have been forwarded to San Diego by Gen. Schofield to protect the settlers on the frontier from Mexican raids.

## NEWS FROM ALL PARTS.

The remains of J. Ross Brown were interred on the 10th inst., in Mountain View, Oakland, Co.

A Cuban woman commands a detachment of the rebel army. She leads the insurgents in person, is dressed in a riding habit and mounted on a fine horse, and is as brave as a lion.

The largest polished plate ever exhibited was the work of Thames Glass Works, measuring 19 feet 5 inches long, and 3 inches wide. This plate was exhibited at the Crystal Palace.

A lady went to bring her husband home, but she found her husband turned up his heels.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE Stockholders of Puget Sound Telegraph Company at the office of the Company, at Port Townsend, Jefferson County, WASH. Territory, on Monday, January 26, 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of receiving the annual report of the President and Secretary, and for the purpose of electing five (5) Trustees for the ensuing year.

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## Administrator's Notice

LOCAL NEWS.

The cutter Wolcott returned from Seattle on Wednesday last, bringing her new commande Capt. James M. Selden, who was warmly and cordially received by his many old friends in this town. Capt. Selden has been for many years well known on Puget Sound, where he was formerly stationed. For the past few years he has commanded cutters at New Bedford and Boston, and at the latter city has won for himself golden opinions for his heroic conduct during the past two severe winters in relieving distressed vessels in Massachusetts Bay. On the day Capt. Selden left Boston, he was tendered a collation at the Parker House, where some 150 merchants and others were present. The table was presided over by Col. Simmons, Collector of the port of Boston. Speeches were made by the Governor of Massachusetts, the Mayor of Boston, Collector Simmons, Gen. B. F. Butler and others, and at the close the Collector presented Capt. Selden with a casket containing several articles of jewelry as a token of the respect in which the merchants of Boston held his services. The cutter Wolcott on this station has always been sure of a host of friends.

FOR THE CENTENNIAL.—The steamer California brought on her last trip from Alaska several packages of Indian curiosities, among which is a carved column of cedar thirty feet long, made by an Indian at Karta Bay, on Prince of Wales archipelago, Alaska Territory, by order of Commissioner J. G. Swan. The figures on this column represent bears, beavers, otters, frogs, young Indians and eagles. They are the totems or family names of the occupants of the house of the chief who carved them, and are simply heraldic devices. Commissioner Swan has three of these columns in Victoria, and more expected from British Columbia. The Judge informs us that he has received instructions from Washington not to forward the large canoe, or any large packages, until after March, 1876, at which time the Government building will be ready to receive them. The Department of the Interior also informs the Commissioner that a further sum of seven thousand dollars has been placed at his disposal to make further and exhaustive purchases of articles illustrative of Indian life on the Northwest coast.

A. W. ARNOLD, of Island county, was a passenger on the steamer Salva-

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.—The Dominion Government of Canada has broken faith with the colony of British Columbia in the most barefaced and shameless manner, not only have they refused to furnish the money they agreed to pay each year while the road was in the course of construction, amounting to two millions of dollars per annum, but they have had the audacity to insult the people of British Columbia by offering as a substitute the paltry sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, instead of the ten or twelve million they agreed to pay as a part of the terms of confederation. The reason assigned is, that for the past five years the revenues of the Dominion have been decreasing, and in order to realize a sufficiency it is proposed by the Dominion Government to devote all their energies to widening and deepening the Welland canal, with a view of diverting all the enormous grain trade of the Western States to Montreal, instead of New York, as a shipping point, and to carry out this project they quietly throw over British Columbia, and do what amongst merchants would consign the perpetrator to the penitentiary. As a natural consequence the people of British Columbia are indignant, and vent their feelings against the perfidious Canadians in various ways. As an illustration we publish from the Victoria Standard the following:

THE TERMS. The Terms are broken, we now are free. No longer shall we suffer The insults, that for years were met, From each Canadian duffer. Through many dodges we've been brought To such a state of frenzy, That we detest the name of Blake And old A. Mackenzie. Confederation is all a sham, Mackenzie a vexation; We'll change our plan and try our luck In Yankee annexation. Tho' Uncle Sam is not a saint, At least he's not a noodle, So now we'll all expectorate And whistle "Yankee Doodle." "Yankee Doodle" make your bid— This Province lies so handy; Fork out your "tin" and take us in "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

THE Report of the Territorial School Superintendent, J. P. Judson, Esq., for 1875, has reached our table. It comprises an octavo pamphlet of fifty-one pages. From it we derive the following statistics: No. of school districts in the Territory, 267; schools taught, 219; number attending school, 6,699; persons of school age, 10,680 amount paid to teachers, \$54,720. These returns, compared with 1871, show an increase of 45 schools, 2,871 school children, and \$25,401 in the amount paid to teachers.

ICES from La Conner of the 15th Dec. that the body of John Newcomb, generally known as old Cap, resides in Fidalgo Island, and his boat in the bay. It is supplied with provisions, and violence on the part of the natives in the bay.

THE Coroner, Mr. Clinger, went out to Chimacum on Saturday and held an inquest on the body of Peter Reimus who committed suicide the day before by shooting himself.

THOSE desirous of acquiring a knowledge of the Spanish language will do well to note the contents of card published elsewhere in this issue.

FOR a nice, fat, tender, juicy roast just the thing to have with your turkey for a Christmas dinner, go to Jackman & Co's Market.

WE go to press too early to admit of notices of the Christmas trees in this issue. But everything goes to show that all in attendance will have a merry time.

THE steamer Gussie Telfair has been pumped out and towed to Astoria to undergo repairs.

THE bark Adelaide Cooper is loading at Port Ludlow.

THE bark Mary Glover, chartered by a San Francisco company, has gone to Xanaimo, where she will take on 738 tons of coal.

THE barkentine Eureka went to sea on Tuesday.

THE schooner Perry arrived on Monday.

THE bark Ranier passed up to Port Gaubler on Sunday.

THE brig Tanner arrived at Port Discovery on Sunday. She will load with lumber for San Pedro.

THE bark Brontes went to sea from Utsalady on Tuesday.

THE bark Onward is loading at Utsalady.

THE barkentine Discovery sailed from San Francisco for Port Discovery on the 17th instant.

Marine Intelligence.

Port Townsend, ENTERED.

- Dec. 16—Str California, Hayes, Victoria
17—Str N Pacific, Starr,
Str Salvador, Jones,
18—Sc Orcas, Martinous,
20—Bk Mary Glover, Mitchell, S.F
21—Str N Pacific, Starr, Victoria
23—Sc Mist, Hyde.

CLEARED.

- Dec. 16—Str Isabel, Brown, for Victoria
Sc American Girl, S Fran'o.
Str N. Pacific, Starr, Victoria
Str California, Hays, Portland
17—Sc Letitia, Adams, Nanaimo.
Bk Powhattan, Blackstone, cargo 277,000 ft lumber, 20,000 laths, 6,000 pickets, 100,000 shingles, 30 knees.
Brig Levi Stevens, Hall, for San Francisco, 760 tons of coal.
18—Sc Orcas, Martinous, Victo'a
Bk Camden, Robinson, Hilo, 300,000 ft lumber, 317,000 shingles.
20—Bk Mary Glover, Mitchell, Nanaimo.
Str N Pacific, Starr, Victoria.
Bk John Bunyas, Graves, Australia, 450,000 ft lumber, 90,000 laths, 9,000 pickets.

British Ship Green Jacket.

NEITHER CAPT. H. D. ROE, NOR THE undersigned Agents, will be responsible for any debts contracted by the officers or crew of said ship during her stay in the waters of Puget Sound. E. S. FOWLER & CO, Agents. Port Townsend, Dec. 1, 1875.

Russian Bark Pallas.

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Just Received A LARGE STOCK OF MILL AND WIP. C. C. T. Goods, Stoves, Stoves! Stoves! FOR SALE BY J. T. NORRIS. SUMMONS. In the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Washington, holding terms at Port Townsend, for the Counties of Jefferson, Clallam, Island, Whatcom and San Juan.

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