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STUFFED DATES, per bottle 1.00
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TWENTY-ONE
PIANOS
SOLD LAST WEEK
Including eleven of our Beautiful New High Grade
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AVERAGE CATCH IS LARGER

Catch of Fleet of Eight Schooners Totalled 4,440 Seal-skins and 35 Otters

INDIVIDUAL CATCH BIGGER

Will Be About 15,000 Pelts Offered at the Sales Next Month

With the homecoming of the schooner 'Dorcas'... The smallest of the fleet... Eight vessels took 4,440 seal skins, an average of 555 to the schooner.

The catch of the fleet from Victoria in detail was: Markland, 81 seal skins; Thomas F. Bayard, 81 seal skins; Dora Seward, 569 skins; Jessie, 471 seal skins and 7 otter skins; Uprina, 450 skins; Alle I. Alger, 445 skins and Pescawha, 148 skins.

Last year although the fleet sent out was much larger the total catch was 5275 seal skins... The schooner Carlotta G. Cox was considered the sea otter brought in for sealing in the North Pacific among some Japanese vessels which were not kept in the bay and were not counted.

BROAD QUESTION FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Complaint Against Laundry May Lead to Interesting Results

After the city sanitary inspector has endeavored for the past two months to come to some arrangement with the owner of the premises at the corner of Fort street and Quadra street, at present occupied as a Chinese laundry, the council has decided to hold an inquiry as to the merits of the complaint made by Mr. Neal.

Does Not Conform With Bylaw

The sanitary inspector has reported that so far as the question of the sanitary condition of the premises is concerned no particular fault can be found but that the building does not conform with the Washhouse bylaw is a certain fact.

WILLING TO PAY ONE THIRD OF ENTIRE COST

Streets Committee Will Make Proposition to Government Street Owners

NO HOPE FOR MINERS

Three Hundred and Sixty Men Caught in Westphalian Colliery Area Given Up as Dead

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 13.—Rescue operations to reach the men entombed in the Radob mine, where an explosion of fire damp occurred yesterday morning and resulted in great loss of life have not yet been renewed.

TOMMY BURNS WILL ENTER VAUDEVILLE

Champion Heavyweight Has Signed With Pantages for an American Tour

In a letter to a friend in Vancouver Tommy Burns, the world's heavyweight champion, has some interesting things to say of his coming bout with Johnson.

CITY OF PUEBLA WAS IN COLLISION

Backed Into the Revenue Cutter Rush When Leaving Her Wharf at Seattle

The steamer City of Puebla, which sailed from the outer wharf yesterday afternoon after being delayed by thick fog at Vancouver, where she almost collided with the steamer Venture when leaving the Narrows collided with the United States revenue cutter Rush when leaving the dock at Seattle.

WEIRD DEVOTION OF JAPANESE MAID

Suicided With Belief That the Sacrifice Would Save Marquis' Life

Sacrificing herself in the belief that by giving up her young life she would save the life of the Marquis Inouye, lying ill at Okitama, a seventeen-year-old girl of Osaka, stabbed herself to death, according to advice brought by the steamer Iyo Maru which arrived yesterday morning from Yokohama.

TREATY WITH FRANCE

It is Still Unconsidered by French Senate—Old Tupper Treaty to Be Abrogated by Canada

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—The senate of the French republic which assembled in October has not yet discussed the Franco-Canadian treaty of commerce which was negotiated by Hon. Messrs. Fleiding and Brodeur in Paris last year.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Table with columns for various goods and their prices. Includes items like Royal Household, Lake of the Woods, Royal Standard, Calgary, Hungarian, etc.

POLITICS IN SOUTH SAANICH WARMING UP

Majority of the Present Council Will Again Be in the Field

The approach of the municipal elections in the municipality of South Saanich is now being heralded by considerable activity on the part of the residents of the municipality with aspirations to serve on next year's council.

NO HOPE FOR MINERS

Secretary Metcalf Retires
Washington, Nov. 13.—Secretary of the United States navy, Victor Metcalf, today tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt to take effect Dec. 1st, on account of ill-health.

Logger Killed in North

Vancouver, Nov. 13.—The steamer Cowichan, which arrived last night from the north, bringing the body of James Lathuy, a young logger, who was killed at Buller's camp, Cardero channel, on Wednesday, Lathuy was struck by a tree while he was cutting a huge stump on a hillside, and the mass began to roll down the hill.

THE NEW DIRECTORY

Stated That Projected Work Will Be Up-to-Date in Every Particular

The new city directory, in course of preparation, has advanced materially, and by the publication of the work upon the residential districts will have been completed.

HOLDS ENQUIRY REGARDING ACCIDENT

Capt. Gaudin, Agent of Marine, Hears Statements of Princess Royal's Officers Regarding Collision

The preliminary enquiry concerning the collision between the steamers Princess Royal and Eukul Maru at Vancouver was begun at the office of the local agency of marine before Capt. Gaudin yesterday morning.

SCHOONER DORA SIEWERD OFF NOOKA YESTERDAY

On Her Way From Bering Sea to Victoria With 560 Sealskins on Board

The sealing schooner Dora Siewerd left the fleet from this port that went to Bering Sea was reported yesterday from the west coast. The Umbriana was spoken off Ucluelet with 450 skins on board two days on her way to Victoria and the Dora Siewerd, Capt. Heater, was reported off Nooka, where she lay becalmed yesterday morning.

Age of the Kaiser

With the marriage of Prince August Wilhelm, the third of the Kaiser's sons to take a wife, the fact is being forcefully impressed upon the consciousness of the German public that Kaiser Wilhelm is no longer exactly a young man.

For Future Railroad Ties

One of the greatest railroads on the Pacific coast is perfecting plans for a forest of eucalyptus trees in San Diego county, California, from which to obtain a steady supply of cross-ties.

Scotland's Fish Catch

Scotland's fish catch in 1902 was 9,078,069 hundredweight, worth \$18,425,525. The industry employed 94,773 men on 10,385 vessels of 141,235 aggregate tonnage, worth \$28,640,561.

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