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FLETCHER



AVERAGE CATCH

Catch of Fleet of Eight Schooners Totalled 4,440 Sealskins and 35 Otters

INDIVIDUAL CATCH BIGGER

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

the seal rookeries with firearms while they are forced to remain sixty miles distant and use spears upon such animals as have run the hazard from the preserve maintained for the Japanese alone by the strange workings of the international regulations, have turned to other industries, chiefly steamboating, and the schooner masters find it difficult to secure satisfactory crews in consequence. crews in consequence.

The catch of the fleet from Vic

The catch of the fleet from Vic-toria in detail was: Markland, 965 skins; Thomas F. Bayard, 813 seal-skins and 28 otter skins; Libbie, 648 skins; Dora Siewerd, 560 skins; Jessie, 471 seal skins and 7 otter skins; Um-brina, 450 skins; Allle I. Alger, 445 skins and Pescawha, 148 skins. A to-tal of 4,440 sealskins and 35 sea otter skins. The catches have been shipped to the markets in London in expectation of the annual sales next month. About 10,000 seal skins taken by the Japanese sealers have also been shipped to the English market.

Last year although the fleet sent

Last year although the fleet sent Last year although the fleet sent out was much larger the total catch made was 5,235 skins, taken by 14 schooners. The average was 374 skins which was 181 less for each vessel I have grown since leaving America. than was taken this season without considering the sea otter skins. Last

year 38 were taken, 20 by the schooner Casco and 18 by the Vers. The schooner Carlotta G. Cox was sejzed by the revenue cutter Rush for sealing in the North Pacific among seal skins, the average of 527 skins falling not far below that of this year although the Bering Sea catch was lower. In 1905 the 17 schooners took 10,169 skins, and 21 vessels took 13,750 pelts in 1904, and in 1903 26 vessels took 11,714 skins during the season

BROAD QUESTION FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Complaint Against Laundry
May Lead to Interesting

les interested will attend and give evidence under oath. Owing to the somewhat drastic provisions of the Washhouse bylaw the city has hitherto deemed it wise to merely insist that certain improvements should be made in the existing washhouses to make them sanitary. But to insist that the bylaw should be complied with in every particular would have meant that practically every laundry and washhouse, with but one or two possible exceptions, would have had to cease business. Should the present enquiry show that the premises complained of by Mr. Neal are not a nuisance and not a menace to the public health or a detriment to surrounding values, reliance will accordingly have to be placed upon the fact that the Washhouse bylaw has not been complied with and to adopt this stand will mean that a broad question will have to be dealt with by the council.

A Modern Pasel Farm

With the homecoming of the schooners. Umbrina and Dora Siewerd both reported from the coast the fleet sent from Victoria to Bering Sea will be in port. The sealing fleet, although the smallest on record since the schooners began to go to the northern sea, took a larger average catch this season than for the past decade, although fewer skins were brought to port. Eight vessels took 4.440 sea skins, an average of 555 to the schooner. Above this, 35 sea otter pelts most valuable of the furs taken at sea, were obtained. There has been some difficulty of late in getting labor to man the sealing schooners. Many hunters, dispirited by the manner in which the Japanese sealers have been allowed to hunt within three miles of the seal rookeries with firearms while they are forced to remain sixty miles distant and use spears upon such animals as have run the hazard from the preserve maintained for the Japanese to the strange workings of the international regulations, have turned to other industries, shallow the scale of the schooners alone by the strange workings of the international regulations, have turned to other industries, shallow the labor of a thousand persons, including the expropriation of the land required to the widening of the street. Various the propositions have been amended by the manner in which were obtained. There has been some difficulty of late in getting labor to man the sealing schooners. Many hunters, dispirited by the manner in which they are forced to remain sixty miles distant and use spears upon such animals as have run the hazard from the preserve maintained for the Japanese alone by the strange workings of the industry.

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TOMMY BURNS WILL

"It may surprise you to know that I have grown since leaving America. I am now scaling at about 210, and expect to climb through the ropes at about 196 pounds. You will see the black man won't have much on me. Johnson has never had a man who could go up to him, and I am sure when he finds some one forcing him he is going to back up. I believe I have the strength and the speed to keep pace with Johnson and to outgame and outfinish him at the end. Win or lose I shall make a couple of good fights in America and an extended theatrical appearance. Then will come retirement. vill come retirement.

will come retirement.

"In my training I am taking a special electrical treatment in order to help me take off fat. I am getting stout, and plainly see the limit of my usefulness in the ring is only a few years. This is a tough thing to say, but I can say it without taking a long breath, inasmuch as I have had mine in plenty, and feel well able to weather the future storms of life.

"I intend to open my American theatrical tour in the northwest, possibly in Vancouver, as I will go direct to Vancouver from here. It's probably best that I didn't take that match

Streets Committee Will Make Proposition to Government

After negotiations extending over several months between the streets committee of the city council and the property owners on Government street between Niagars street and Toronto street relative to the widening of that thoroughfare and the improvement of the street by grading, macadamizing and laying of permanent sidewalks the In the guif of Lower California is in a proposition to the owners to the operation the largest pearl farm in effect that the city will pay one-third the world, where the cultivation of of the entire cost of the improvements including the price to be paid for the expropriation of the land required for the widening of the street. Various

ers waited upon the committee and asked that the street be graded and macadamized and permanent side-walks be laid as well as a bridge built ENTER VAUDEVILLE whole cost. This proposition will be submitted to the owners for consid-

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 It was decided to grade and macessary curb and gutter

CITY OF PUEBLA WAS IN COLLISION

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

The steamer City of Puebla, which sailed from the outer wharf yesterday morning after being delayed by thick for at Vancouver where she almost collided with the steamer Venture when leaving the Narrows collided with the United States with the United States revenue cutter. Rush when leaving the dock at Seattle. The steamer was backing out a few minutes before midnight when she struck the revenue cutter, smashing a lifeboat and some of the cutter's rail, inflicting damage to the extent of

Gold Supply and Prices, The Mexican Herald takes up that paramount issue of 1896, the charge that Bryan's election would mean cutting the dollar in two, and picturesquely expounds how time has dealt with that Issue as follows: "The silver knight was thrown down and the wheels of Mark Hanna's chariot rolled over his prostrate form and relies." over his prostrate form, and yellow

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in our behalf with France by Sir Charles Tupper fifteen years ago.

The objection to the Tupper treaty is that it prevented Canada from negotiating for improved trade relations with other countries, because under its terms whatever concessions Canada extended to Germany, Italy, Mexica or other countries with whom she held negotiations she would have to extend to France without any return from the latter.

NO HOPE FOR MINERS

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

Hamm, Westphalia. Germany, Nov. 13.—Rescue operations to reach the men entombed in the Radbod mine, where an explosion of fire damp oc-curred yesterday morning and resulted renewed. The authorities estimate that there are still 360 miners below the ground but no hope is entertained that they can be saved. Twenty-seven of the miners who were taken out severely injured are lying in hospitals. The shafts pit-head and galleries of the mine are being walled in in an

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 engaged with three others in getting out a huge stump on a hillside, and the mass began to roll down the hill. Before he could get clear, the stump knocked him over, killing him instantaneously, his back being broken. Mr. Buller, who was assisting his men, threw himself face down in a small hollow in the ground, and thus escaphed death, although he was so badly injured that it was impossible to move him. The stump rolled right over him, bruising him severely and crushing his ed death, atthough he was so bady injured that it was impossible to move him. The stump rolled right over him, bruising him severely and crushing his face into the ground, and it is feared he will not live. The dead man was rowed across to Camp O, Nedal's channel, Thurlow island, in charge of J. Adams, who brought the remains to

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Royal Household, a bag
Lake of the Woods, a bag
Royal Standard, a bag
Wild Rose, a bag
Calgary, a bag
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Snowflake, a bag
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Hay, Prairie, per ton ...

Hay, Alfalfa, per ton ...

Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs. ...

Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs. ...

POLITICS IN SOUTH SAANICH WARMING UP

Majority of the Present Council Will Again Be in the

The approach of the municipal elec-tions in the municipality of South Saanich is now being heralded by considerable activity on the part of those residents of the municipality with aspirations to serve on next year's con cil. Already in the various wards likely candidates are being canvassed by the ratepayers and while it is nearly two months until polling day a considerable amount of quiet work is be-

of the present council, the work of which during the past year has commended itself to the majority of the ratepayers, several will again offer themselves for re-election. Reevo Quick is again in the field and while there is plenty of time yet in which other candidates for the reeveship can present appears to be that there is no one who can defeat the present incumbent of the office. Reeve Quick has proved himself to today tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt, to take effect Dec. 1st, on account of ill-health. Assistant secretary of the navy, Trueman H. N. Barry, will be nominated as his successor. Should he be opposed at the next elec-tion the campaign will prove a strenu-Vancouver, Nov. 13.—The steamer ous one as there are but very few resi-cowichan, which arrived last night dents of the municipality who could

> four and five Councillors Du four and five Councillors Dunn and Mannix are practically certain to run. Councillor Joseph Nicholson, in ward one, is undecided whether he will again run for councillor. He, too, has been urged by his friends to do so, but so far has given no definite answer. Likewise Councillor Scott, in ward three is being pressed to consent to three, is being pressed to consent to enter the coming campaign and stand for re-election, but he states that it is yet too early to make any definite an

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 ein of the week the butside work upon the compilation of the names in the residential districts will have been completed. ave been completed.

G. Turner, the publisher, states that

there has been a great increase in the population of the city as compared with former directories, as well as con-

siderable changes and advances.

The extent of the increase in the population of Victoria and the district, Mr. Turner is not as yet prepared to estimate, but he believes that when the announcement is made, that even the most sanguine of the residents of the

most sanguine of the residents of the city will be surprised.

With the end of the work in sight, Mr. Turner states that he is certain that Victorians generally will be instant in their appreciation of the new work, which he characterizes as such as would do credit to any city on the centilent.

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