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ONE CENT.

WILL PROBE THE STANDARD OIL CO.

United States Government to Investigate Its Affairs.

QUESTION OF REBATES.

Although Great Secrecy is at Present Observed "The O. O. U." is to Come into the Search Light of Rigorous Enquiry.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Washington despatch to the Sun says:— It is intimated that the administration is about to extend its anti-trust campaign and the report is current that the Standard Oil Company is one of the corporations that will figure in developments soon to appear.

James H. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, will soon complete his inquiry into the operations of Standard Oil, and it is said that immediately following the publication of his report in January the administration will make clear what it intends to do with reference to justice affecting this great concern.

Officials of the department of justice are rather backward in discussing the plans of Attorney-General Moody, in fact they profess absolute ignorance of any contemplated proceedings against the Standard Oil Company.

In prosecuting his inquiry into the operations of the Standard Oil Company in Kansas and elsewhere the commissioner has proceeded with great secrecy. Only the President, the Attorney-General, Assistant Attorney-General Purdy and the special agents engaged in the work are fully advised as to just what has been done. There is an impression in Washington that the Garfield inquiry has developed some important facts relative to the payment of rebates to the Standard Oil Co. and its subsidiary companies since the Elkins Act has been in force.

Attention is called to recent discriminations in favor of companies affiliated with the Standard, which have been disclosed by the committee on the Standard Oil Company, and reports as soon as possible. He has before him already an immense amount of information bearing upon the oil industry and he is anxious to submit his report to President Roosevelt at the earliest possible date. From present indications Mr. Garfield will not be ready to hand his report to the President until the middle of January.

What's the Use? (Boston Herald.)

When, as the use in being worth a billion dollars if you are afraid to go on the seas stand and tell where and how you "got it?" J. D. Rockefeller has gone south to evade the subpoena errors.

WERE BADLY BURNED

Accident to Men Engaged in Loading Steamer Athos, at Sydney.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—There was intense excitement for a brief period this morning on board the steamer Athos, now loading pitch from the Dominion Tar and Chemical Company, at the Steel Company's pier. The fire was taken fire and while in the act of extinguishing it, half a dozen men, whose names could not be ascertained, were severely burned by the burning pitch. The fire was caused by a lump of pitch falling on a lantern and was extinguished in about ten minutes.

COMMERCIAL

(Montreal Star.) Montreal traders have watched Ancondo go soaring in Wall Street with little surprise. It transpires, however, that the price has made a big rise. A report from Butte says—W. H. Orem, manager of mining stocks, has had an examination of the new strike on the 2,500 foot level. Ancondo is the richest copper strike ever made in the Butte district. It is all of 30 feet wide and running in place as the 40 per cent. copper. The general average being about 10 per cent. This will mean an average of 20 pounds copper to the ton of ore.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT

Reserves on all deposits increased \$18,222,000 over those of the 15th. S. increased 2,117,000. Loans increased 1,642,000. Deposits increased 1,250,000. Legal tenders decreased 1,120,000. Currency increased 1,120,000. Bank statement about as expected. W. H. G. Co. Dec. 23rd, 1905.

CHRISTMAS ATTRACTIONS

Walt Comedy Co. at the Opera House, afternoon and evening. Wrestling at the York Theatre. Opening of Queen's and Victoria skating rinks. Skating on Carleton Rink.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The long-looked-for Christmas day is at hand and expressions of good will and kindly feeling are noted on every hand. Many business houses and corporations are remembering their employees in a substantial manner by the presentation of gifts. Among those so remembered were the employees of the St. John Railway Co., the Times and Telegraph, Canadian Drug Co., Campbell Bros. and a large number of others.

DIED IN FLORIDA

A letter to Louis Munroe of this city was received last night from Pensacola stating that Capt. N. V. Munroe of the Windsor ship, Canada, died at that place the day before yesterday. His remains will be taken to Bridgetown for interment.

BEARING THE CROSS DOES NOT EXEMPT ONE FROM BEARING A SHARE OF THE WORLD'S TROUBLES.

There is a certain kind of charity (?) which is only a wall and is active when the lime-light is turned on.

USING MACHINE GUNS IN THE STREETS OF MOSCOW

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A despatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says that barricades have been erected on Traverska street, the chief thoroughfare of Moscow; that the revolutionists are holding them bravely and that they are making repeated attacks on the police. Cossacks and dragoons whenever the latter attempt to occupy prisoners to jail. The troops are accompanied by machine guns, which are unhesitatingly used against the revolutionists.

WILL TAKE HIM TO THE WOODS

Members of Guides' Association Want Surveyor-General Sweeney to Take a Trip—Fredericton News.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—There was a big Christmas market here this morning and despite the threatened soft weather poultry and other farm produce brought good prices. Turkeys were plentiful at 18 and 20 cents, geese brought one dollar each, duck one dollar per pair and chickens 16 cents per pound. The city is crowded with country visitors and the merchants are doing a thriving trade.

JOHN C. McCALL BACK FROM PARIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—John C. McCall, Attorney-General of the New York Life Insurance Co., and son of President John A. McCall, returned from Europe in St. John, N. B., yesterday. Mr. McCall went to Paris to see Andrew Hamilton, to whom the New York Life Insurance Company advanced hundreds of thousands of dollars.

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR MONCTON HOTELS

MONCTON, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Eight hotel and saloon keepers received Christmas boxes yesterday in the shape of a summons to attend the police court next week to answer the charge of violation of the Scott Act. The parties served are the Hotel Minto, American, and Rives, W. McDonald, S. Lege, Daniel Bourgeois, and Thad. Richard. The inspector expects to close the year with a new record for Scott act collections.

WANT CANADIAN MARKET

Big American Concern May Build a Factory in Ottawa.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 23.—It is reported that the widely-known firm of Sargent & Co. of New Haven will become stockholders in a concern to be established in Ottawa for the manufacture of hardware specialties.

THANKS, EVERYBODY.

Early this morning gifts began to arrive for the Times new reporter, and the staff in the business office were kept pretty busy piling them up. Most of them were remembrances from lady friends. There were nine pairs of slippers of different sizes, fourteen shaving brushes, six mousethe cups, eleven neckties, twenty photographs, one scripture text, ten cigar holders, nineteen cakes of soap and twelve bottles of perfume. Still alarm, 5 p. m., steamer Lillis, Thompson, North End; slight damage.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Binks and the little Binkses, and Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and the little Joneses, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hornbeam.

KEEPING IT DARK.

The fact that Louis Miller of Boston, who broke up the steamer Lake Superior, has been in town for several days was not given out at City Hall. Even when tackled by the Times new reporter yesterday, Mr. Miller was not disposed to talk. He said he was down to get Christmas presents from his friends, and that he had some business in another direction, and so on.

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down this morning and remarked that (unless we're still as high as he had expected). Still, when he left the market and went into a "boy shop his 'swag' made the eyes of clerks bright out. When he left that shop the proprietor ordered more cases of goods opened.

FUNERALS

The funeral of the late Col. Charles R. Ray, formerly mayor of this city, took place at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. Canon Richardson conducted services in Trinity church, and interment was in Fernhill. The city council attended the funeral in a body.

MUCH MONEY TO BE SPENT NEXT YEAR

SEASON WILL MAKE RECORD

Winter Port Business This Year Promises to be Heaviest in History of Port.

The Times some time ago stated that the winter port business here this season would probably be a record breaker, especially in the amount of export freight here brought to this city for shipment on the big steamers. This has been proved to be the case. The amount of local freight which has also been sent away. Last year the amount of cargo received up to the same time was 1,567 less than this year. It is estimated that the amount of 1905-1906 promises to eclipse all previous records.

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Up to the present time about 1,600,000 bushels of grain have been sent in the elevator on the West side, and by the middle of January another million bushels will have been received. Already 1,000,000 bushels have been sent away, and it is estimated that at present there are about 600,000 bushels in the elevator. It is striking and is being shipped away every day, and the employees of the building are kept busy all the time.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Busy Crowds Thronged Aisles All Morning—Prices Reasonable for Seasonable Viands.

Business in the country market this morning was very brisk, and after nine o'clock up till noon, the building was thronged with citizens out to purchase their Christmas dinner. Nearly every stall in the market is decorated with greenery, and with the large stock of poultry, vegetable and meats, the market presents the appearance of real Christmas.

A North End Case

London case reported to the Times is that of a family residing in the North End who are really deserving of assistance, and whose hard lot could be made much easier.

Aided by Neighbors

Every home in this city where destitution has crossed the threshold is not visited and made happy during this festive season by the charitable institutions. At least there is one home on Winter street, which but for the charity of a

THE STRANGERS' CHRISTMAS DAY

As usual on Christmas Day the city hotels were an extra attractive scene for the festive season. The hotels were crowded with guests, and the festive season was being celebrated in a most enjoyable manner. The festive season was being celebrated in a most enjoyable manner.

LATE LOCALS

On account of the illness of Officer Collins the chain gang has not been at work for two days.

THE WEATHER

The forecast of Wm. H. Kennedy, has been adhered to take place at 2:30 to 3:00 tomorrow. The hour of service has been changed to 3:30.

MARCH

March 13—Box 312, 10:20 p. m., Thomas Kane's house, Rockland road; chimney on fire.

APRIL

April 1—Box 15, 4:10 p. m., McWilliam house, Brussels street; spark on roof.

MAY

May 1—Box 23, 3:25 p. m., Frederick Jones' house, German street; bed on fire.

JUNE

June 1—Box 27, 8:20 a. m., Macaulay Bros' store; damage \$233.80.

JULY

July 1—Box 125, 10 p. m., false alarm.

AUGUST

August 1—Box 125, 10 p. m., false alarm.

SEPTEMBER

September 1—Box 125, 10 p. m., false alarm.

OCTOBER

October 1—Box 125, 10 p. m., false alarm.

NOVEMBER

November 1—Box 125, 10 p. m., false alarm.

DECEMBER

December 1—Box 125, 10 p. m., false alarm.

FRANK J. LOGAN

Frank J. Logan who is studying medicine at Harvard returned home on the noon train to spend the Christmas vacation.

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Morris Peterson, who is attending the Harvard dental school returned home on the Boston express.

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George Murphy, who is studying dentistry at Tufts College, Boston, returned home today.