A Welsh Knight On the Armenians.

The Return of the Royal Ladies' Choir. Great Budget of Select Notes and News.

ous week concentrated their attention upon the one burning topic of the bat-tie of the schools, the vernacular news, the Weekly News says that there has not been any special event calling for comment in connection with the question of education; he matter is now in very much the same state as it now in very much the same state as it was a month ago, but in a short time it is expected to see in the Welsh newspa-pers considerable space devoted to the conferences that have just been heid In Newtown and Chester, to discuss the way and manner of giving effective voice to the indignation aroused throughout North Wales by the greedy demands of the sectarian party for larger grants from the public purse It strikes one as singular that in this as in many other movements, the lead is taken by North Wales. So far, it has been left for North Wales to fight the battle; every pronouncement on the question hitherto Issued, outside . e press, has come from the northern countles. There was the letter from Lord Rendel, the spirited protest of A C. Humphreys Owen, the member from Montgomeryshire; the admirable statement of the case prepared by the Rev. John Williams, of Dolgelly, for the North Wales Calvinistic Methodist association, and last of an the conference of the North Wales Nonconformists at Chester. Public feeling on the question is not one wnit less intense in South Wales, and yet no attempt has so far been made to bring it to a focus The reason advanced on one occasion by a prominent South Wales, that in the North they have more time to debusy industrial and commercial centers of South Wales, is scarcely good enough for this matter of the schools is one that brooks no delay. The Gwylledydd (Wesleyan) declares: "It is beyond a doubt that we are on the eve of an intense and bitter struggle in connection with the denominational schools of the kingdom." It comments on Lord Salisbury's pronouncements, and states that his lordship "plainly showed by his at-titude towards, and his utterances before the Wesleyan deputation that he is as blindly partisan and as extreme as the most bigoted cleric in the country It is vain to expect fairness and justice at the hands of the Marquis of Salisbury and his followers. If we are to secure our rights we must fight for them. " " " We must demonstrate We must demonstrate in an unmistakable manner to Lord Salisbury, the Archbishop of Canter-bury, and the Catholic cardinals and their followers that they shall not ride over a free and Protestant needle in order to endow their sectarian schools and to proselytize the children of Non-conformists. * * * We are proud proud that the Wesleyans, although them-selves having some hundreds of de-nominational schools, have taken the ead in protesting against such discreditable proceedings." The Gwylledydd belies that the "call" from the Chester conference "will be at once strong and effective, so that Wales will rise as one

America Armenia. The sad East faints with blood and pain; Unchecked the accursed Turk Completes his flendish work; The avenging millions stand with fettered hands.

The avenging mations stand with fettered hands,
Shuddering, with noble aspirations vain,
Alone our England stands.
Still on the ravaged plats the cries
Of death with torture piecce the affrighted skies,
And we whose souls would fain discern.
With eyes and lips that burn.
The Union of our race, the rule of Peace,
Turn to that great England over-sea.
Waiting the swelling tide of sympathy,

Waiting the swelling tide of sympathy, The voice of a great people from afar Fired to a holy war For the weak folk they loved but might not save. Driven from their desolate homes,

Nay, but a silence reigns as of the grave No voice of answer comes!

No answer? Nay, an answer comes indeed, Not that of eloquent lips and kindling eyes Where Christian thousands meet, but accents cold,
The soulless utterance of the selfish State,
Rude menace, arrogant word,
Breathing not love, but hate.
And that fell arbitration of the sword
Now at this fateful crisis when
The hopes of armed despatring men
Turn to our lonely England for redress.
Ah! it is worse than wrong, 'tis darkest
wickedness.

And men can dare compute the loss and gain Of fratracide! There, towns made desolate By the avenging storm of shot and shell, All those fair coasts and seas a gate of hell; There, white-winged commerce wrecked,

There, white-winged commerce wrecked, a sister State
Invaded, dreams of closer brotherhood
Drowned in a sea of blood;
The blessed thought of Universal Peace
For centuries banished far;
All soaring aspirations doomed to cease,
Blighted by ruthless war.
Now at this moment when our England's srm Should save the Innocent from deadly

harm,
To crippie her, for some mean sordid aim,
Some lust for Gold or Place,
Sure 'twere the very irony of shame,
The depth of deep disgrace,
That he great home of Freedom in the

West By all our Race confest The cherished hope of free laborious me Should strike with impotence our Englar might Stay her strong arm uplifted for the Right, And crown, through Freedom's power And crown, through ignobly strong.
The Victory of Wrong.

Forbid it Heaven! 'Tis crime, and worse than crime, To dream this villainy. The despot's cloak Of base intrigue hides, not thy limbs su-

blime.
August Republic. Thou in shining mail
Stridest from sea ta sea, and dost prevail.
By bonds of Law and Righteousness made Keep thou the thought thy first forefath ers spoke Freedom and Peace be thine, not implous

war; Take thou thy fitting place, and let thy For Justice, not for Empery, be heard, And thou a radiant, solitary star! December, 1895. Lewis Morris.

National Eisteddfod.

The Arts Committee, in connection with the National Eisteddfod, has appiled for an allocation of three hundred dollars to cover the unpacking and exhibition of pictures, etc., sent in for plams explained that the object in view was to establish a loan exhibition be-

The Best Ever Made.

Having in their issues of the previ- / sides the competitive exhibition. would, of course, be idle to get up the exhibition besides the competitive exhibition, and all they asked from the eisteddfod committee in connection with the loan exhibition was permission to use their name in connection with it. They had got fifteen hundred do llars alread from Messrs, Agnew, of Manchester, and under such auspices it was too much to say that they could get together such an exhibition of pic-tures at Liandudno has had never been qualled since the Manchester Jubilet exhibition. Professor Herkimer had offered to hang the pictures in Conway. Dr. Williams said the scheme would cost six thousand dellars, and the exhibition would contain pictures gathered from all parts of the country to the value of thirty thousand dollars. The eisteddfod committee granted the arts com-mittee three hundred dollars for said purpose, and the committee will also provide a room for the exhibition of the paintings. The loan exhibition shall be called the National Eisteddfod Arts Loan Exhibition of 1826, and should be a deficit on the eisteddfod proper, the sum allocated to be refunded, one fee to cover admission to both the competitive and loan exhibitions during the four days of the eis teddfod. Professor Herkimer will not act as adjudicator this year, but will

The Royal Ladies Choir,

offer his services to the eisteddfod of

The Royal Ladies Choir.

["We are sailing for home on the 18th of December, by the St. Paul,"—Letter from Miss Annie Davies.]

Hearts of love will pray today

For maidens bound for home—

For singers on the deep, whose lay

Beneath the starry dome

Tonight will be, "God speed us all In our return on board St. Paul.

Ye wintry winds, come from the west, And very gently blow; Heip on the good ship o'er the breast Of ocean; for we know Joy will be fest in all our vales When these fair maids return to Wales.

They've travelled far and won renown, They we travelled far and won rem.
Their hearers come in throngs—
Great multitudes in every town—
To listen to their songs;
And gladly would they hear again Voices that charmed so many men.

God grant that they may safely come To Join us at our festive board— To share our cheer, get gifts from some Whose presents have been stored, And find themselves embraced once more By loved ones left on Cambria's shore.

Select News and Notes.

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The oid Welsh "Plygain," or religious musical service, to watch the dawn commemorative of the coraing of Christ and the daybreak of Christianity, is still kept up in some of the parish churches in the rarat districts; but this beautiful custom, which was so popular in Wales about half a century since, has lost its former characteristics. In a few of the Nonconformist chapels the early part of Christmas day is devoted to a service which may be termed a modern Plygain, but at the greater number of the chapels of "the four denominations," special preaching services are held on Christmas eve and Christmas day, at which some of the leading Welsh preachers officiate, and in several of the towns and villages eisteddfodau and Cyfarfoydd Llenyddol are held. Judging from the lists that have already been published of the competitors in the various departments of poetry, prose, music and art, and the announcements of the preaching meetings, last Christmas festivals in Wales were as popular as ever.

Wales must keep a watchful eye on Pedrog, for it is said that the chair bard of the Llanelly national eisteddfol, who has just returned from a prolonged tour in the United States, has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of a Weish Congregational church in New York city. The cordiality of the welcome home given to the reverend gentleman by his church at Liverpool seemed to indicate that it would be no easy matter to sever the conwould be no easy matter to sever the connection between that church and its pastor. The Weish Americans talk of sending
their ministerial students to Bala college,
and here at the same time they endeavor
to rob us of our best meh. The exchange
is not one to be enamored with. Gish! It
will be a mighty cold day when American
Welshmen will return to Wales for collegiate education. Education at country
schools in America is far superior to the
best collegiate course rendered in that
little country. We will say no more.

This is how Daronwy renders in the Saxon tongue the well-known hymn, "Bet sydd i mi yn y byd," now invariably sun at Welsh national eisteddfodau to Dr. Je

eph Parry's tune, "Aberystwyth: What is for me in this life What is for me in this life
Hut oppression vast and strife?
Foe succeeding bitter foe,
Night and day enhance my woe.
Great Physician, come, I pray,
Heal my wounds without delay;
Of Thy blood I'll sing and preach
Till the Heaveniy Land I reach,

Welsh Nonconformity is becoming qu aristocratic. The present high sheriff of Carnaryon is a grandson of the celebrated Methodist minister, "Jones Talsarn," Methodist minister, "Jones To whose memoir by the late Dr whose memoir by the late Dr. Owen Thomas, of Liverpool, is one of the most popular Welsh books published. The Lord Lieutenant of Anglesey is a Methodist deacon, and son-in-law of the late Rev. Henry Rees; and next year, in all probability, another Welsh deacon in the person of Mr. William Jones, of Tregaron and Birmingham, will be the high sheriff of Cardiganshire.

A Welsh adaptation of the national anthem, "God Save the Queen," by Ieuan Gwyllt, appeared in Y Cerodor Cymreig for April, 1888, which was then under his editorship. The third verse, specially written by Celrong, is as follows:

Ar weddw Prydain Fawr,

A Archested werend lawr.

O Arglwydd, gwenal lawr, Trwy niwl glyn Mae angau'n gwylio'r bedd, Yn ddu ei wisg a'i wedd, O gyr i wyllo 'i sedd, Dy angel gwyn.

It is to be feared that the age of chivalry is gone from Lianelly. The other day one of the lady members of a literary society in that town claimed that her sex were quite a match "for them men," and asked indignantly, "Who darns their socks?" The reply to this query came a few days later from an ungallam man member. He sang:
Full many a sock is left to go undarned,
The suffering fect of men, alas! do wear,
Full many a nole and meny a rent there

Stern monuments to woman's want of

Sir John Puleston, Mr. Charles J. Davis and the Rev. Thomas Roberts have been unanimously re-elected respectively cinir-man, treasurer and secretary of the great annual London Welsh festival. The comannual London Welsh festival. The com-mittees which includes many well-known persons of various shades of religious and

One of the great attractions of the Liandudno national elsteddfod will be the new crown, the characteristic headplate, and silk robe of the Archdruid, designed by Professor Herkimer, and presented to the Gorsedd of the Bards by him. A banner with bardic mottoes will be in use for the first time at Liandudno. Some of the Gorsedd bards are having silk robes made for themselves.

Principal Owen, of the University of Waies, still retains some affection for the Northern diocese, where he did such excellent work as dean. He has a stall at 8i. Asaph's cathedral, and spends some portion of the year pursuing his duties as canon. The intrepld little churchman has only just gone up north, and will tarry there for some time.

A plaintiff at Aberystwth county court A plannin at Aberystwin county court recently persistently asked the judge for a "reasonable" order, and told his honor to give the defendant no credit for her poor appearance, adding that his honor ought to see her and her daughter in their Sanday attire. The judge replied that he did not see the people on Sunday, and ad-hered to his order.

In "Y Gwron" for 1854 there appears

The Welsh land commission has presented a neat little bill to parliament for their labors. The first twelve months work cost about twelve thousand dollars, and since then the accounts has been mounting up by thousands. The bill is still in cloudiand, although it was estimated that it would be presented not later than June, 1895.

This is an epitaph which it is believed This is an epitaph which it is believed once appeared—but now indistinct—on a tomistone in the parish church burial ground of Llangyfelach:
The last remains of Mary Jones Lies buried underneath these stones, lies buried underneath these stones, lies tame was Brown; the name of Jones is used because it ray mes with stones.

One of the ministerial veterons of Wales One of the ministerial veterans of Water is the Fev. W. Evans, of Aberayron, who has just completed the sixtleth year of his ministry, all spent in the same place, Mr. Evans was once co-pustor with the late eminent Dr. Phillips, Neuaddlwyd, who was himself ordained to the same pastorate 199 years ago, in 1726.

it is frequently stated that there is no infidel or athelatic literature in the Welsh language. Possibly not, but Welshman import it from England and other countries. Indieed, at Aberayron, a gentleman who writes often to the papers signs himself "Bradlaugh Jones," after the great English infidel.

It was just as well that Mr. William Thomas, the leader of the Treoreky choir, forgot to take his baton to Windsor and ied his men with a cheap one, bought in a push. William has now a royal baton pre-sented him by the first lady in the world.

political belief connected with Wales, has arranged that the 1886 service be held thy the kind permission of the dean and chap-ter in St. Paul's cathedral on the eve of St. David's Day. It is estimated that 10,000 persons were present on the last decasion.

The late Rev. Edward Anwyl, of North Wales, was a prodigious walker. On one occasion he preached three times and walked forty miles on one Sunday. He walked from Llanddoes to Glamorgan-

Air, Gwenogfryn Evans, it is understood bore the entire cost of the "diplomatic" reproduction of the "Red Book of Herg-

THEATRICAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Augustin Daly's pictorial presentation of Shakepeare's fanciful com-edy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." is an event and triumph not only from an artistic standpoint but an instruc-tive one as well. The comedy has seldom been put upon the stage during the present century. Mr. Daly's pro-duction is entitled to a place of honor. It will be seen at the Academy of Music

"One of the Bravest" comes to the Academy of Music next Monday evening. The leading character, Harry Howard, is a member of the New York fire department, and as such he rescues the inmates of a burning house, in a in fact, one of the most realistic ever presented upon the stage. Other scenes of special mention are the explosion of the steamship in the first act and Chinese opium joint scene in last act. Here one sees Hop Wah's laundry in full operation, with the typi-cal characters, who frequent this den for the sole purpose of imbibing in the exhilerating and subduling drug. The scenes are kept brisk and lively by the introduction of songs and dances and specialties by members of the company.

For the first three days of next week Manager Davis has engaged "The Smugglers," a realistic scenic melo-drama. "The Smugglers" abounds in thrilling incidents and startling spec-tacular effects. Among them is a ship on fire at sea, an escape from prison and a view of the smugglers' cave. The villain sends the hero to prison. He is reached by the heroine, both making their escape in a small boat, which drifts out to sea. They are picked up by a passing steamer. Of course the villain happens to be on board. He accuses the hero, but is not believed. They it was a to conceal his own will. on fire at sea, an escape from prison Then, in order to conceal his own guilt, he sets fire to the ship. All the passengers are rescued, the hero and heroine united and the villain punished.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, "The Fatal Card" will be produced by a superb company under the direction of Julius Cahn, at the Frothingham, This drama was produced in this country last sea-son at Palmer's theater. New York, where it captured the critics and public in a most pronounced manner. It was acted for the first time on any stage at the Adelphia, London, in September, 1894, and did a phenomenal business at that house. It is said to be a play with strong dramatic situations and cli-maxes, and containing a number of strongly drawn types of character. The story starts in a mining camp at the foot of the Rockies, and in the second act the scene shifts to England. The play contains numerous bits of rich comedy, and will be staged here with all the special scenery and appointments and interpreted by a remarkable strong

Though strangers to the music lov-Though strangers to the music lov-ing public of Scranton the members of the Mackay Opera company that opens at the Academy for a three nights' en-gagement are spoken highly of by the press of other cities. Many of the prin-ciples have appeared with success in this city with the Baker, Bennett-Moulton and Abern opera companies Moulton and Aborn opera companies and include Louise Moore, Elsie Bar-ton, Josie Hart, Will Daniels, Jules Cluzetti, Frank Nelson and Frank Moulan, Each opera will be given an excellent rendition. The opening bill is "La rendition. The opening bill is "La Mascotte" up to date. Prices are 10, 20,

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES

"Rob Roy" will not close.

New York has more places of amusement than London or Paris.

Richard Golden has written a drama about Benedict Arnold.

Louise Moore is prima donna of the Mackay Opera company.

Ellen Terry's brother, Fred, is a member of John Hare's company.

Bobby Gaylor will open in London on April is for a long engagement.

Katherine Linyard and Della Stacey will appear in "The Lady Stavery."

Denman Thompson's forthcoming play is entitled "The Surange Adventures of Jack and the Beanstalk" is the work of R. A. Barnet, of "142" fame.

The man who invisted on wearing his hat in Hoyt's theater, New York, the other night, was given a box.

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Richard Mansued declares that he has already contracted for seventy nights next season at \$1,000 each.

Just think of James T. Powers being offere \$600 a week by F. F. Proctor to appear in the continuous vaudeville.

Delia Fox had the roller skatting fever ten years ago, and she frequently won first prize for her fanciful costumes.

The new comedy by Von Schoenthan, which that author wrote for Ada Rehan, will be called "The Countess Gucki."

Robert Graham will take the part now emacted by John T. Suilivan in "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown."

At Hoboken last week Annie Waltman,

At ifoboken last week Annie Waltman, of the Dizon Model company, was mar-ried on the stage. Tights constituted her Charles Coghlan and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree are in the cast of "A Woman's Rea-son," acted for the first time in London son." acted for the first time in London Friday night. Harry B. Smith has a younger brother, Robert B. Smith, who has written the book of a new comic opera, called "The Shah of Persia."

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Herbert Kelcey, Mansileld, Henry Miller and Faversham are Englishmen. In the entire Abbey and Grau company there is not an Englishman.

Charles Frohman says that receipts generally through the country on Christmas Day were about 5 per cent, less than last year. The matinees were bad all over. On the day of Dumas' funeral one thoughful hand gathered a few flowers from his grave and laid them upon the tomb of Marie Duplessis, the creator of La Dame sux Camelias.

Mrs. Kendal told an English audience that while in this country she made no speeches in front of the cartain, leaving all that to her husband, but over here she is remembered as a frequent and fluent orator.

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The pantomimic and musical "Salome." by Charles H. Melther, which was a discussed novelty in Paris, with Loie Fuller's epectacular dances as a feature, is to be brought to America with Loie's sister, Ida, in it.

Anna and Margaret Robinson, known separately in Feature 19

reparately in Frohman casts, and who look alike, though one's talents are serious and the other's lovial, are to join Mr. Crane to play twin society girls in "The Governor of Kentucky."

MATTERS MUSICAL.

The testimonial to have been given to John T. Watkins on Jan. 15 has been postponed to Feb. 21. The committee having the affair in charge deemed it necessary owing to the numerous attractions at our theaters for the bene-fit of home charity, to take this step so as not to conflict or hurt in any way the success of these benefits. Mr. Wat-kins' testimonial will positively take place upon Feb. 21. The Symphony String quartette, so renowned by their artistic work at chamber concerts, will take part in this testimonial, and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, whom we are always delighted to listen to, will be heard again with pleasure. The well known Anita Male quartette, of Wilkes-Barre, will take part, and Miss Tillie Lewis will appear in her favorite roles. Herr Kopff, the violin virtuoso, Haydn Evans, Miss Florence Richmond and others of note will take part. With this array of talent there is no question as to the success of the concert. An im-

The announcement of the date of the first symphony concert of the season in Scranton should be halled with pleas-ure by all lovers of music in this vicinphony orchestra under direction of Pro fessor Hemberger is so well known that the organization needs no introduction to real musicians hereabouts. Members of the Symphony orchestra from this attracted to the enterprise by a love of music. As a financial venture amounts to nothing, and even with most liberal patronage from the public it is doubtful if the receipts of concerts would pay expenses. The Symphony orchestra is an institution of which any city should feel proud, and it is to be hoped that the coming concerts will be accorded liberal patronage.

It is probable that Scrantonians will have the opportunity of hearing the great Paderewski before the winter is over. Manager Jones, of the Froth-ingham, has about completed arrangements for the appearance of the cel brated pianist, and it is likely that the date of his visit to Scranton will be announced in the near future. It is not likely that Paderewski will be heard in any other Pennsylvania cities save Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

The first meeting of the "Messiah" chorus, organized by Professor Haydn Evans, was held on Wednesday evening, and about seventy-five _nembers of the chorus were present. The full chorus will number 200 voices and will begin rehearsals next week upon the oratorio, "Messiah," which will be given for the benefit of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association on

John T. Watkins' solo at the morning service of the Penn Avenue Baptist church last Sunday was a beautiful selection and was given with characteristic breadth of tone and warmth of re-

We are glad to note the success Alfred Wooler's song. 'Sweet Little Mary," which is followed by a fine bal-lad, "Dear Adelina," just published by Oliver Ditson company, Boston and New York.

The Mackay Opera company, which opened a season of summer opera at the Frothingham two years ago, will be at the Academy of Music next week.

Alfred Wooler, Scranton's popular enor, will assist Valentine Abt, the tenor, will assist Valentine Abt, the mandolin virtuso, at Young Men's Chris-tian association hall March 16. The third of the series of chamber

concerts will be given at Young Men's Christian Association hall on Thursday evening next, Jan. 16.

The Lyric quartette sang at the Marshall P. Wilder entertainment last even-

In the Wonderland

Twenty-second Letter of Northwestern Travel-Onward to Olympia and Portland.

the Northern Pacific railroad. Between the Cascades and coast range of mountains is a deen, irregular basin bor-dered by the heavily timbered foot-hills of either range, extending from the northernmost shores of Puget sound, a distance of over two hundred and fifty miles, to the wide rolling Columbia river basin. This basin is but in fact the northerly continuation of the Willamette basin in Oregon and is covered to a great extent with a heavy growth of as choice timber as the continent affords, breaking here and there into stretches of most beautiful prairie, and drained by a number of small streams and rivers, leaving a deep, rich, black alluvial soil. Through this basin runs "Pacific Division" of this great road which, including the Olympia and other branches to Portland, covers a distance of over two hundred miles.

A Peculiarity of Washington Rivers. Chief among these rivers are Chehalis, the Willapa and the Corolltz, each hav-ing several miles of navigable waters, which enter the Pacific through the commodious ocean harbors of Willana and Gray's harbor, westward, and near Olympia, while the Corolitz, whose source is among the eternal snows of the Cascades, flows westward through Corolitz or Natches Pass, over a rich prairie-country, increasing volume until it unites with the mighty Columbia near Kalama. It is noticable that the rivers of Western Washington and Oregon flow through natural valleys to reach the sea, while all the streams east of the Cascade mountains have cut through deep can-The theory is that many centuries ago these eastern valleys were buried thousands of feet deep under volcanic scoria, and as the region went through its different volcanic epochs later, a channel was formed through this remarkable lava bed, thus affording the glacier streams an outlet to th

After leaving Tacoma our first stop is Lake View junction, eight miles south. Here is a branch line to Olympia. A seventeen miles further run brings us to Yelm Prairie and here we have a revelation of unsurpassed grandeur in the nearest railroad view of Mount Ta-coma, which is about forty miles distant though so distinct is its vast bulk, that it seems much nearer. Here our ever present companion "The Lundelius Camera." is brought into requisi-tion enabling us to secure a few negatives in the line of landscape graphy which we highly prize. At Tenino, thirty-nine miles from Tacoma, we branch off on the Olympia and Chehalis Valley railroad, a narrow gauge line, through countless fruit farms, alter fifteen miles long, passing through a dense forest touching at six small lumber camps to Olympia.

The Capital City, Olympia.

Olympia, which is 122 miles from Portland is the capital of Washington state and the oldest town in the country west of the Cascades. It has an estimated population of nearly 7,000. It is beau-tifully situated at the head of the crescent-shaped body of water. Puget Sound, as originally named by Van-couver, the English explorer. It has a magnificent land-locked harbor, easy of access; also 200 miles of shore line, within a radius of twenty-five miles. surrounded by extensive deposits of iron and coal and the greatest forests of the largest timber in the known world. We were reliably informed that the combined output of two of its saw mills last year was nearly 20,000,000 feet. and one shingle mill cut over 7,000,000 shingles (to be exact, 7,228,000). Its close proximity to the coal fields and the fact that it is only five miles dis-tant from the Black Hills, which contain iron ore in abundance, forecasts its future, and also the importance of

its future great industries of both iron Olympia is an attractive city, with broad and well shaded streets and an abundance of fruit trees and flowers. It has beautiful residences, elegant school and public buildings, with all the modern improvements, and a capitol building second to none in the north west, save Sacramento, Cal., being an exact counterpart of the state house of Hartford, Conn. Congress endowed the state with 122,000 acres of land for the erection of the capitol building, and this princely grant is worth over \$3,000,-000 and rapidly increasing in value. In addition the state appropriations during its constructions were large, the last one being \$1,000,000.

An Up to Date City.

The city contains six churches, a col-legiate institute under the auspices of the Methodists, St. Peter's hospital and also a Girls' academy maintained by the Catholic Sisters of Charity, several public schools, an opera house with a seating capacity of 750, two daily and two weekly newspapers, three banks, a complete electric light plant, water works and fire department. The climate of Olympia is so mild, even in sight of the snow-capped mountains, that flowers bloom till mid-winter and green fields and verdant lawns are seen every month in the year.

The city is fast becoming a railroad

and lumber center with a prospect of future greatness. In a word, no city in the Union is more proudly named or sit-uated than Olympia. "with the blue sea at its feet and the mountains its glistening crown."
Returning to Tenino, a run of twelve

miles brings us to the two thriving towns of Centralia ad Chehalis, located about four miles apart, with popula-tions, respectively, of 2,000 and 4,000 They form the center of a farming community of great wealth. Here are fruit gardens of every descriptions, which in abundance of yield and size, beaut; and exquisite flavor of its fruit, equal. if not surpass any on the coast—so un-like the California fruit and so like the New England. This entire region along the Corolltz valley, is settled by a thrifty class of Tennesseeans and western North Carolinans, who have found homes here since 1884. Both Centralia and Chehalis are largely engaged in the manufacture of lumber, shingles, sash, blinds, doors, etc. Centralla has lately developed coal mines which promise to be of great value.

Abundant Coul Deposits.

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I might say right here, coal crops out over the country everywhere, lignite in the west, bituminous in the middle east and anthracite in the remote mountains. The finger can hardly be placed anywhere upon a map of the country and not cover located veins.

We are now just half way between Seattle and Portland. Here we obtain our first view of Mt. Adams, away to our first view of Mt. Adams, away to the eastward across the wooded valley of Nisqually, on the further side of the or Nisquany, or A white mass in bold relief against the sky, with a mile of vertical height of solid perennial snow. which appeals with majestic eloquence to all lovers of nature; this we follow all the way to Portland, 100 miles. From Centralia, a branch railroad runs to Montesano and Gray's Harbor, on the Pacific. At Chehalis, (the mapl leaf city, so called), is another branch leading through a large area of forest and farming country in the Chehalis and Willapa valleys, to South Bend along the Chehalis river. The road along the Chehalls river. The road passes through an ocean of wild flow-ers and tall, waving ferns and forests of giant pines, firs and cedars, while not as large as the giant Redwood trees,

we see in California, it is true, many of them girth all the way from 12 to 20 feet in circumference and are apparently solid. "There," says the conductor, "grow the finest spars on the continent." Willapa Bay is one of the best and most capacious harbors on the Pacific coast, having a deep and safe entrance and land-locked waters, spactous enough for hundreds of vessels to lie at anchor. Salmon canning is an established business here, and oysters are taken from the flats on the bay and shipped to San Francisco, Portland and re see in California, it is true, many of shipped to San Francisco, Portland and

The Mejestic Columbia River. After a fifty miles ride through the Chehails valley and along the east bank of the Corolitz river, where our attention has benen largely occupied with the magnificent peaks of the Cascades, their dazzling whiteness piercing the very skies, we suddenly come to the mighty Columbia we last crossed at Kennewick east of the Cascades in the Vaking districts which after its long Yakima districts, which, after its long, eventful course of 1,300 miles from the little mountain lake in British Columbia, is here at its best. With added power and volume this deep-green flood from three to five miles wide sweeps with dignity and grandeur seaward to

the Pacific.
At Kalama, a small town of 300 popu lation on the Washington side, we cross the Columbia, which is here from three to four miles wide. Our train of fifteen cars, including locomotive, is run on to the huge steam ferry boat, or railway transfer boat Tacoma, which railway transfer boat Tacoma, which is capable of carrying thirty-one cars at one time. This boat is next in size to the Corona, at Port Costa, Cal., on which we crossed the Straits of Carquinez in 1892—the largest ferry boat in the world, with a carrying capacity of fifty-four loaded cars. After a fifteen or twenty minutes' ride so quietly that we could with difficulty believe that the transfer was being made, we debark from this monster float and enter the state of Oregon at Goble. Among the prominent travelers on our train was President C. J. Ives, of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern railway, whom we met in Yellowstone Park and whom we met in Yellowstone Park and who is traveling with his family in his private car across the Continent and who also takes passage with us on the steamer Queen for Alaska. In speaking of this railway transfer he said, in substance:
"So quickly and quietly is this trans

fer being made I am sure that a good part of the passengers on our train would never know that they were being carried across the Columbia river unless by chance they leave the car and are convinced of the fact by geographical

We are now forty miles from Portland and follow the south and west banks of the Columbia nearly all the way nating with pine forests, while from the train windows and observation car in the rear, we enjoy such superb views of Mount Hood and Mount St. Helen as we have never before had. St. Helens has a form, a rounded top, like a sugar loaf, and is 9.750 feet high, while Mt. Hood, more distant, has a sharp pyramidal peak and an elevation of 11,225 feet. These gigantic mountains are covered with snow during the en-tire year. The line of perpetual snow lies between 500 and 600 feet, varying

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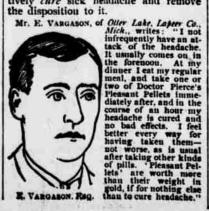
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