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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 100 Cows, 2472 Cattle; 91 Cars, 6,512 Hogs; 3 Cars, 767 Sheep.

DULL TURN IN CATTLE TRADE

Quality of Steers Not as Good as Few Days Ago, Prices Mostly Lower Today.

NOTHING FANCY OFFERED

Best Fat Cows and Heifers Steady But Bulk on Easter Turn—Prime Veals Steady, Others Lower—Big Lot of Feeding Cattle Come in Consigned Direct, Good Kinds Steady—Hogs Rule Sharply Lower, Trade Late in Steaming—Sheep Slow.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.

The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1908, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1907:

LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.

The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets:

Table with 3 columns: Location (Chicago, Kansas City, South Omaha, East St. Louis), Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

RECEIPTS BY CARS.

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CATTLE.

Trade Feels Effect of Increased Marketing—Most Prices Easier.

That the cattle trade will not stand largely increased receipts is evidenced by the market tone developing this week with receipts running slightly in excess of last week. Today's market at the local point as well as reports from outside points indicated the truth of this.

Receipts at this market for the expired half week are about 1,100 larger than for the first half of last week, while at five points a run of 117,000 for three days is 21,000 larger than for the same period last week.

Not as many really good finished heaves are coming at present as were noted in receipts a few days ago. In fact there was a very noticeable falling off in these kinds today. The trade tone lacked life from the start and bids on all classes of steers were on a lower level, the market finally settling down to a steady to 10 cent lower basis, making prices now current 15 to 25 cents lower than at high time of last week.

The best steers here today were some weighty, dehorned westerns that sold at \$6.75, while the bulk of dressed beef and shipping steers were on the light to medium weight order that, as one declines, sold within a range of \$5.00 to \$5.50, while common to fair, light killers went largely at \$5.25 to \$5.75, with inferior odds and ends going under the \$5.00 mark.

One of the features to be watched by owners and prospective shippers from now on will be a widening tendency in the range of prices, as it is not only approaching a time of year for this factor to develop, but the high prices for finished steers will cause closer discrimination against steers that lack finish.

DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS

Table with 4 columns: No., Av. Price, Na., Av. Price.

\$3.00 it was a "catch as catch can" market, prices ruling commonly lower. Trashed killing heifers, also very strictly sellers at unevenly lower prices.

There was no quotable change in the market for bulls, prices ruling generally steady.

Best veal calves were steady, but weakness was noted in the market for medium and common grades.

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going toward the scales. Prices for bulk of business were 20 cents lower than yesterday and at time of going to press there were not enough hogs weighed to make a representative showing in the paper.

Total receipts for expired part of the week at this point show an increase of 6,500 over corresponding time last week, while at five points the aggregate total of 174,000 is 15,000 ahead of number at same points for the like period last week and 36,000 more than a year ago.

Prices ranged from \$5.65 to \$6.00, with the bulk selling at \$5.75 to \$5.95. The bulk yesterday sold at \$5.95 to \$6.05, a week ago at \$5.00 to \$5.15, a month ago at \$4.25 to \$4.35, a year ago at \$4.52 to \$4.57, 150 years ago at \$4.22 to \$4.30, three years ago at \$5.30 to \$5.40, four years ago at \$5.05 to \$5.12 1/2.

PIGS AND LIGHTS—19 PIGS, AND UNDER

Table with 3 columns: No., Av. Price, Na., Av. Price, Description.

HEAVY AND MEDIUM-WEIGHTS AND UPWARD

Table with 3 columns: No., Price, Description.

Packers' Hog Purchases.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Price, Quantity.

Range of Prices.

Table with 3 columns: This Week, Last Week, Description.

Average Weight.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Weight, Description.

BALED AND STAGS.

Table with 3 columns: No., Price, Description.

WRA-CALVES.

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YEARLING AND CALVES.

Table with 3 columns: No., Price, Description.

WEANING COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 1.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 7,000. Market weak to 15c lower; top, \$7.00; cows and heifers steady to easy; stockers slow to 10c lower; calves steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market 15 to 25c lower; top, \$6.20; bulk, \$5.75 to \$6.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,600. Market dull and lower.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., April 1.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Journal—Stockman reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 4,500. Market slow to 10 to 15c lower. Market 10 to 15c lower; top, \$5.95; bulk, \$5.65 to \$5.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,800. Market 10 to 15c lower.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., April 1.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 3,000, including 300 Texas. Market quiet and steady.

No. 2 hard, 92 @ 96 1/2
No. 3 hard, 91 @ 95 1/2
No. 4 hard, 88 @ 93
Rejected soft, 85 @ 88
No grade, 70 @ 75
Rejected hard, 25 @ 33
No grade, 76 @ 75

Corn.
No. 2 white, 61 @ 61 1/2
No. 3 white, 60 1/2 @ 60 3/4
No. 4 white, 59 @ 60
No. 2 corn, 60 1/2 @ 61
No. 3 corn, 60 1/2 @ 60 3/4
No. 4 corn, 60 @ 60 1/2

Oats.
No. 2 white, 51 1/2 @ 52 1/2
No. 3 white, 50 @ 51 1/2
No. 4 white, 47 @ 49
No. 2 oats, 48 1/2 @ 49 1/2
No. 3 oats, 47 1/2 @ 48 1/2
No. 4 oats, 45 @ 47
Bran, 13 @ 15
Corn chops, 11 1/2 @ 11 1/2
Shorts, 11 1/2 @ 12

The above cash quotations are based on quotations at Chicago, and are furnished by T. F. Gordon, cash dealer in grain, mill feed and hay.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, Board of Trade Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

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WHEAT.

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COGNAC.

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OATS.

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PORK.

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LARD.

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BEEF.

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SUMMER INSTITUTE.

Colorado Pushing Plans to Benefit Her Farmer Population.

Fort Collins, Colo.—The Colorado Agricultural College plans to hold one hundred and fifty Farmers' Institutes during the summer of 1908, chiefly in June, July and August. The object of holding a Farmers' Institute in a community is to introduce improved methods, which will result in every farmer-making more money.

The College will send three or more speakers to teach institute, pay their expenses, and furnish free 300 large posters to advertise the meeting. The Institutes will be one day meetings, with forenoon and afternoon sessions, and where practicable, a popular evening lecture.

The topics discussed are those of greatest interest to the community where the institute is held, and the lectures will be practical helps to money-making.

Among the subjects to be considered are, the handling of the soil to maintain and increase its fertility; preparation of seed bed; seed selection and breeding; raising, harvesting, marketing and feeding of live stock; growing and marketing of small and large fruits; gardening, forestry, insects, and diseases of plants and their control; the kitchen, food selection, cooking and serving, planning, building, care, and sanitation of the home; clothing, sleeping, and amusement of the family.

The people where an institute is to be held are requested to furnish free a place for holding the meeting and to get out a good audience. They should thoroughly advertise the institute through the papers and with the posters furnished, by the college, and should see that everyone in the community has a personal invitation to attend. They should furnish at least six pieces of good music.

The popular way of holding these summer institutes is to hold them in a good hall and have a picnic dinner to which everyone in the neighborhood is invited.

SHIPMENTS WILL BE HEAVY.

Montana Has Many Cattle to Let Go This Spring.

St. Paul, Minn.—On account of the large number of cattle which have been held over for the spring markets in Montana the shipments from that section promise to be much heavier than usual. It is reported that from 12,000 to 15,000 head of cattle have been penned for shipment in the Big Hole country. Normally the heaviest shipments of cattle take place in the fall and begin about the middle of August, extending through several weeks. This year, on account of the exceptional mildness of the winter, the big shipments will commence in July, and will be much heavier than ordinary.

The total shipments from Montana last year was 214,842 of cattle, of which 203,827 were sent to eastern markets, 10,815 to western markets, and about 50,000 were retained for home consumption. The shipments of horses were 25,000 head, a decrease of 3,000 on the previous year.

I. M. Strawn, one of the leading stockmen of Bern, Kan., arrived at the yards this morning with a car of cattle. Be careful, best some of those hog-ribble germs that the scientists are telling about these days get you.

SKIPS AND CULLS.

A RED LETTER DAY.

Ten years ago today was a red letter day for St. Joseph. On that day the Swift packing plant started its machinery and a new era dawned upon this city. It meant increased growth of the city and increased prosperity of the surrounding country.

WEATHER MAN FOOLED 'EM.

It remained for the weather man to get action on a trick that fooled everybody. From soft, balmy weather last night he worked in a change that would make a brass statue shiver—and this is 'all Fools' day.

JOB LOT OF COLD BLASTS.

Evidently the arch villain of Medicine Hat still has a job lot of cold blasts that he intends working off before he will let things settle down to real garden-making weather. Well, if he will give us the whole bunch of blasts at once and then be good, all will be forgotten when the home grown strawberry shortcake gets ripe.

GOEPPER WAS HERE.

That long-legged, long-headed student extraordinary of market dope, Charles Goepfer, of the National Packing company, was here yesterday. He got here in time to witness the hog quotations at the yards. "No, I've got nothing to say," remarked Goepfer, as he swept the star-spangled heavens with a field glass. "Guess you fellows down here don't need any hot air from me."

SELL ON GOOD MARKETS.

Shippers, feeders, salesmen et alia should not forget that no baloon ever went up without coming down. Breaks in prices are sure to come, especially when values are as high as at present. The thing to do on a good market is to sell when your stock is right and expend your feed and energies in stock that has a chance to pay for its feed.

MARCH LIVE STOCK VALUES.

Blustery old March was a pretty good month for the producing end of the live stock business. Hog prices on the local market advanced \$1.69 per cwt; fat cattle went up \$1.40; 1.50 and sheep and lambs gained \$1.25 to \$1.50. That's traveling at a pretty rapid gait.

THE MODEL DAIRY COW.

According to an authority on such matter, a good dairy cow should give at least 6,000 pounds of milk a year; make 600 worth of butter; furnish one calf worth \$5.00 or more; \$10 worth of sweet skim milk and manure enough to pay for her feed. Yet how many cows in Uncle Sam's domain have such a record?

WINS REMARKABLE WAGER.

A man in Germany has just won a remarkable wager, according to a story vouched for by the German Salzburger Volksblatt. While on a visit to the United States the German had a discussion with an "American sportsman" and accepted a wager for \$10,000 that he could not ride on a train for one year. The line chosen by the German was from Vienna to Innsbruck, via Linz and Salzburg, by express train. He took all his meals on the train and slept every night on board. Twice every day he alighted to change cars. Occasionally he would be met at one of these points by his wife, with whom he would exchange a few words, and then be off again. The monotony of it all threatened his reason, and he finally gave up the year he had a severe attack of influenza. This was overcome and the last trip in the year was successfully made. Except for a slight nervousness from which he will recover, the winner of the bet is perfectly well after his one-year trip. In commenting on the story another German paper says: "From Salzburg—must be taken with salt."

YOUNG MISSOURI GIANT.

William Wallis of Smithville believes he has the largest boy in Platte county, Missouri, age considered. His son, Paulina, is 13 years and 10 months tall, 5 feet 11 inches in the stockings and weighs 185 pounds. He is sound and hearty in every way, a type of Platte county boy, country fed and country grown.

RANGE LOSSES LIGHT.

Reports from the western ranges so far this season have all been highly favorable. Cattle and sheep have come through with the minimum of loss and are now in fine shape to stand the late spring storms. It looks very much like another year of prosperity for the west.

RUSSIA'S WHEAT TRADE.

Features of the wheat trade of Russia are described in Bulletin 65 of the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Agriculture, prepared by Dr. I. M. Rubinov, formerly of the Division of Foreign Markets. According to the bulletin in Russia the export trade is of much greater importance to the producers of grain than the like trade in the United States is to the farmers of this country. In 1904 the railways and inland waterways of Russia carried 14,414,000 short tons of grain, and the exports were equivalent to 75 per cent of this amount, or 10,316,000 tons; and in 1902 also 72 per cent of the grain carried on Russian railways and inland waterways was exported. In the United States the exports of grain amounted to only 19 1/2 per cent of the railway tonnage of grain in the fiscal year 1903 and 16 1/2 per cent in 1904.

BUTER FAT.

The Blue Valley Creamery Co., St. Joseph, Mo., quotes buter fat today at 27c for No. 1.

PRESERVE FOREST

Encourage the Young People to Take to Tree Planting and Culture.

Trees Adapted to Locality Should Be Closely Considered—Many Bulletins Available Giving Valuable Instruction as to What Kind of Trees Are Best—In First Place One Should Buy Young Trees From Reliable Sources—Then Plant Intelligently.

TREES INFLUENCE THE LIVES

Increasing Tendency Among All Classes in Cities and Towns For Larger Grounds.

CLIMATE SHOULD BE STUDIED

Fort Collins, Colo.—"Preserve the forests and plant trees." This is the motto of the State Forestry Association, and its fitness becomes more apparent with each passing year. The need of preserving the forests must be apparent to all, so that portion of the motto need not be dwelt upon. In this article we would call special attention to the planting of trees for the purpose of shade and adornment on the home grounds. The influence of trees upon the life of the growing boy or girl is known to be great, so we should make haste to supply them, particularly in Colorado, where nature has failed us in this respect.

There is an increasing tendency among all classes in our towns toward larger grounds for the home, where not only greater freedom may be found, but where certain advantages of the residents of the rural districts may be enjoyed. Chief among these advantages that the city resident views with envious eyes are spacious grounds, with an abundance of beautiful trees.

In the early days the cottonwood and the boxelder were supreme, and there were many good reasons why this was true. However, no one ever heard of a country or a city becoming famous for these trees; but all have heard of the elms of New Haven, or the lindens of Berlin. We now know that there are many kinds of substantial and beautiful trees, not native to the state, which may be grown to a fair degree of perfection. This knowledge has been gained at the expense of much time and money on the part of commercial citizens who have had faith in the country.

A rather complete discussion of the kinds of trees which have been found to do well in this climate is given in Bulletin No. 96, of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station, copies of which may be had free by writing to the Director at Fort Collins.

Lack of space forbids much in detail on this important subject, but now that the planting season is close at hand, let all who have any available ground plant at least a few trees, and if possible, let the boys and the girls of the neighborhood see that they may plant trees of their own.

Give the youngest some property interests and some definite work that they may enjoy and the problem of keeping them off the streets will soon be solved.

Buy trees from reliable sources, and be sure all those of medium size. A tree from five to ten feet in height, if well grown and vigorous, will usually outstrip larger ones in a short time in this climate. Remove a portion of the top, cut off all bruised roots, and shorten the very long ones, and then expose the roots to the drying action of sun and air. Keep them moist and well protected at all times.

Plant in good soil and make the hole for the tree deeper and wider than is necessary to accommodate the roots. Fill in the bottom of the hole with loose top soil and plant the tree only a little deeper than it stood in the nursery row. Do not pack the soil too firmly about the roots, but so that there are no air spaces left among them. It is always better to settle the soil with water if that is practical. After these trees are planted, see that the soil is kept moist but not wet.

Among the kinds of trees suitable for planting in the region of Denver and the more favored localities may be mentioned the following: Elm, green ash, black walnut, Norway maple, linden or basswood, sycamore, and white birch. The black and honey locusts and the hardy Catalpa seem to be the best kinds for planting for growing posts and poles.

People living in the higher altitudes, and those who contend with the cottonwoods and the boxelders, but even in some of these localities the ash and the locusts may succeed.

W. PADDUCK, Professor of Botany and Horticulture, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Wm. Hindel, Baker, Kan., brought in a car of hogs today.

J. Seiber, Upland, Neb., had a car of mixed stock on sale today.

W. O. Gaines, of Jamison, Mo., was here today with a mixed load.

S. H. Smith, Crete, Neb., was in this morning with a car of hogs.

E. S. Anderson, Hildreth, Neb., was a patron of the hog market today.

W. H. Branagar, of Carleton, Neb., had in a shipment of cattle today.

A. S. Snyder, a banker at Graham, Mo., was a visitor at the yards today.

D. R. Martin, Stewartville, Mo., disposed of a car of hogs here today.

Wm. Speker, Holton, Kan., patronized the market today with a car of hogs.

Oswell Brown, Rockport, Mo., was on today's market with two cars of cattle.

S. L. Naylor, Morrowville, Kansas, contributed a car of hogs for today's market.

J. R. Headrick, Duxkin, Neb., swelled the hog receipts here today with one load.

P. Shoenhauser, Wood Springs, Ida., had a consignment of sheep on today's market.

Swedeburg & Fink, Holdrege, Neb., marketed two cars of hogs here this morning.

James Biagg, Maryville, Mo., a regular shipper, was here with a mixed car today.

John Bath, Jr., Auburn, Neb., a feeder and farmer, had a load of steers on today's market.

H. Powers, Gentry, and Brassfield & Guffy, Unionville, were Missourians who had hogs here today.

Lester Falsa, New Market, Mo., disposed of a load of heifers and one of hogs here this morning.

L. M. Carter, of Burlington Junction, Mo., cattle feeder, was here today looking over the market.

Joe Fagan, of Sherlock & Fagan, regular shippers from Maryville, Mo., had a mixed car on sale today.

John C. Brown, a prominent stockman of Plymouth, Neb., was at market today with two loads of hogs.

Virginia, Neb., was represented today by Geo. Darwin with a car of hogs and R. Ramey with a car of cattle.

H. W. Hart, of Hawatha, one of the well known Kansas patrons of this market, disposed of two cars of steers yesterday and was well pleased with the sales.

Among the Iowa patrons here today were: F. Walker,

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AT THE THEATRES TONIGHT. Crystal-Advanced Vaudeville. Lyric-Renfrow's Stock Co.

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

Franklin E. Bostwick, 32 years old died at 12 o'clock yesterday at his home in Pettipiece's addition, of heart trouble.

The women of the King Hill church will hold an all day session today in the church parlors, King Hill and Ohio avenues.

H. E. Baker has left for Topeka, Kan., for a few days' visit with his relatives.

Ed Jones of Kansas City is the guest of his brother, Ed Jones, 604 Pryor avenue.

Duck hunters are numerous in the suburb. Yesterday W. M. Tycart, George Cliborne and William Bamboer went to Ixta, Mo., for a hunt.

Mrs. Howsley of DeKalb, Mo., is the guest of Mrs. Harper, 303 Pryor avenue.

H. E. Perry, after an absence of several months spent at his home in London, England, has returned.

OLD FASHIONED PARTY.

Women Gather Up Husbands and Take Them to a Frolic. An old fashioned leap year party was given last night at the handsome country home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dittmore, south of the city.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Combs, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Klepper, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Dittmore, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Leuney, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graves, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Miller and the host and hostess.

WILL TALK ROADS.

The date of the meeting of county highway engineers, county surveyors and county judges has been set for April 17. Word to this effect was relayed by County Highway Engineer Stillard yesterday morning in a letter from State Highway Engineer Curtis Hill.

HEWITT TO ST. LOUIS.

C. F. Hewitt, general superintendent of the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power company, has been secured by the East St. Louis & Suburban Railway company as general superintendent. While the appointment is effective today, Mr. Hewitt will not make a permanent change in his residence until some one has been appointed to succeed him in St. Joseph.

SOCIAL THIS EVENING.

All of the local councils of the Knights and Ladies of Security will hold a joint social in English hall, King Hill and Colorado avenues, this evening. The social is given for the purpose of raising funds with which to send a drill team to Philadelphia this summer in an endeavor to land the \$1,000 prize offered for the best drilled team.

WILL HOLD CHAUTAUQUA.

Parishioners Arrange For Another Meeting in June. It has been decided by the St. James Roman Catholic parishioners to hold another chautauqua this summer.

It was decided last year to make the chautauqua an annual affair. The meetings are held in a large tent on the vacant property east of the church. It is the intention this year to secure St. Joseph talent for some of the lectures.

There will, however, be an exceptionally strong list of lecturers from other towns. Returned Miner Tells of High Prices in the Klondike. "High prices continue to prevail in Dawson," said T. F. Ryan, of Portland, Ore., "which is probably the most expensive town in the world."

COSTS MONEY TO LIVE THERE.

It is a thriving place, with a population of over 8,000, with warehouses, churches, banks, electric lights, wholesale and retail stores and two up-to-date newspapers. The newspapers themselves are worthy of consideration in the light of expense, for they cost 25 cents a copy.

At this time of the year three eggs ordered in a restaurant cost \$1.50, while a caribou steak costs \$1. Beer is worth \$1 per bottle and champagne \$10.50 a quart. It costs 50 cents to get shaved and \$1 for a haircut. A glass of beer sells for 25 cents, and the glass is small.

Oranges sell for 50 cents each, while creamery butter, made in the United States, brings \$1 per pound. Boots bring \$25 per pair, and shoes sell for \$5 each. Good socks cost 80 cents a pair, while collars go for 35 cents each.

KEPT FROM DECEIT BY VANITY.

Chinese Women Balk at Wrongfully Adding to Age. A Frenchman just back from China, says that the impartial edict against opium is a great blow to the thousands who were slaves to the habit, and all sorts of subterfuges are resorted to by people who think they cannot exist without it.

The law provides that people over 60 years old are exempt from the new regulations, and consequently the number of patriachs has increased wonderfully. Sturdy men of 40 and 50 have declared themselves "old," and where nature has made the deceit too evident, paint, cosmetics, and other artificial means have been employed to cheat the eye.

VASTNESS HARD TO CONCEIVE.

Camille Flammarion's Illustration of the Depths of Space. Taking the earth as a starting point, we will go in a straight line to any point of the heavens. We start. At the end of the first second, traveling as we are with the velocity of light, we have already gone 186,000 miles.

At the end of the second, 372,000 miles. We continue. Ten seconds—a minute—ten minutes have elapsed—111,600,000 miles have been passed. Carried on without stopping by this same rapidity of 186,000 miles each second, let us penetrate the expanse in a straight line for whole years, 50 years, even a century.

Where are we? For a long time we have gone beyond the last starry regions which are seen from the earth. No mind is capable of following the road passed over; thousands of millions joined to thousands of millions express nothing... but we have not advanced a single step in space.

HAD TO MAKE ARGUMENT GOOD.

Woman's Statement That Cut the Ground Under Professor. A very charming woman was relating to a group of interested listeners the rather pathetic story of a young girl who had contracted yellow fever from a box of lace purchased for her bridal clothes and mailed to her from New Orleans.

A physician present at once declared that the disease could not have been carried in this manner. "But, doctor," the lady urged, "I was in the town at the time. Sadie was my best friend, and I knew all the circumstances."

"Impossible," he persisted. "Experiments made a few years ago in Cuba demonstrated fully that the disease can be conveyed only by a mosquito, the stygomyia fasciata."

The lady hesitated for a moment, divided between politeness and conviction, and then appended both. "But, you see, doctor," she replied smoothly, "the incident which I was relating happened ten years ago, before the stygomyia was discovered!"

Arguing for a Deduction.

In Mrs. Lapham's family circle her powers of reasoning were accounted most remarkable and convincing. Outside the family her ability to convince was not so marked. "See here," she said, without releasing the ten-cent piece for which the conductor of the trolley car had gone to her side, "I've only brought Willie with me. He's eight, so I've got to pay his fare. I've left Myra, that's four, and Neddly, that's two, at home. Now you wouldn't have charged me for them, would you?"

"No, madam," said the conductor. "You fare, please." "Well, they've taken one seat," persisted Mrs. Lapham, still retaining her hold on the ten-cent piece. "I couldn't have held 'em both. I thought of bringing them, only 'twas too far. Now, why can't you take off something from Willie, under the circumstances?"

Australias' New Stamps.

Australia is going to astonish the world with its new issue of stamps. They are to be of such a superlatively artistic character that, according to the departmental board that has been considering the subject, it is estimated that \$400,000 worth will be sold to philatelists alone during the first year, and after that the sale to the entusiasts will average \$200,000 per annum.

Live Stock Receipts.

The following shows the receipts of live stock by months at the South St. Joseph Stock Yards for the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907.

CATTLE table with columns for Months (1902-1907), 1908, Inc. over 1907, Dec. from 1907. Rows include Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Total.

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HORSES AND MULES table with columns for Months (1902-1907), 1908, Inc. over 1907, Dec. from 1907. Rows include Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Total.

VASTNESS HARD TO CONCEIVE.

Camille Flammarion's Illustration of the Depths of Space. Taking the earth as a starting point, we will go in a straight line to any point of the heavens. We start. At the end of the first second, traveling as we are with the velocity of light, we have already gone 186,000 miles.

At the end of the second, 372,000 miles. We continue. Ten seconds—a minute—ten minutes have elapsed—111,600,000 miles have been passed. Carried on without stopping by this same rapidity of 186,000 miles each second, let us penetrate the expanse in a straight line for whole years, 50 years, even a century.

Where are we? For a long time we have gone beyond the last starry regions which are seen from the earth. No mind is capable of following the road passed over; thousands of millions joined to thousands of millions express nothing... but we have not advanced a single step in space.

HAD TO MAKE ARGUMENT GOOD.

Woman's Statement That Cut the Ground Under Professor. A very charming woman was relating to a group of interested listeners the rather pathetic story of a young girl who had contracted yellow fever from a box of lace purchased for her bridal clothes and mailed to her from New Orleans.

A physician present at once declared that the disease could not have been carried in this manner. "But, doctor," the lady urged, "I was in the town at the time. Sadie was my best friend, and I knew all the circumstances."

"Impossible," he persisted. "Experiments made a few years ago in Cuba demonstrated fully that the disease can be conveyed only by a mosquito, the stygomyia fasciata."

The lady hesitated for a moment, divided between politeness and conviction, and then appended both. "But, you see, doctor," she replied smoothly, "the incident which I was relating happened ten years ago, before the stygomyia was discovered!"

Arguing for a Deduction.

In Mrs. Lapham's family circle her powers of reasoning were accounted most remarkable and convincing. Outside the family her ability to convince was not so marked. "See here," she said, without releasing the ten-cent piece for which the conductor of the trolley car had gone to her side, "I've only brought Willie with me. He's eight, so I've got to pay his fare. I've left Myra, that's four, and Neddly, that's two, at home. Now you wouldn't have charged me for them, would you?"

"No, madam," said the conductor. "You fare, please." "Well, they've taken one seat," persisted Mrs. Lapham, still retaining her hold on the ten-cent piece. "I couldn't have held 'em both. I thought of bringing them, only 'twas too far. Now, why can't you take off something from Willie, under the circumstances?"

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MISSIVES OF WOE.

PRESIDENT'S MAIL FULL OF APPEALS FOR HELP. All Pass Under the Watchful Eye of Secretary Loeb, and Only Most Important Are Seen by Chief Executive.

In President Cleveland's second administration letters that did not relate to official business usually were left unanswered and even unacknowledged. It was Mr. McKinley who established the rule that a typewritten form of acknowledgment should be sent in reply to every letter addressed to the White House, no matter how humble the writer or how insignificant his communication.

This custom frequently was misunderstood as implying that, in referring letters, he had recommended favorable action upon them. There was then, and is now, a firmly established rule that neither the president nor any other executive officer shall exert his personal influence in behalf of any private matter.

Only the letters of the president's personal friends and those of prominent officials relating to confidential matters are reserved by Secretary Loeb for the perusal of his chief. The bulk and scope of the president's daily mail renders any other course impracticable.

In every administration the White House is the target for every form of suggestion or appeal that presents itself to either the well ordered or the disordered mind. However, the greater number of the president's would-be advisers—at least of the gentler sex—are neither erratic nor insane. They are the good, patient, self-sacrificing women of the country, and by no means all are of the solid and desirable class referred to by Abraham Lincoln when he said that "the Lord must have loved the plain people or he would not have made so many of them."

The letters written by women to the president, almost without exception, are extremely touching. No small number bear evidence of hours of careful and even prayerful effort in preparation. In others defective spelling, false syntax and crippled logic combine to present appeals which the writers firmly believe to be just.

Many are profuse in their apologies for encroaching on the time of the busiest chief executive this country ever has had, but all are convinced that it is in his power to aid them.

The rapid advance in the intelligence of the women of the United States has failed to disabuse the mind of the average woman of the idea that the president, if he would, could right every wrong that besets the country. This idea, while entertained mainly by the uneducated, is not unpopolized by that class. Hundreds of young women who could pass almost without an error an examination in the civil government of the United States in matters that concern them personally are prone to attribute to the president imperial power, and impulsively request him to exercise it.

During the administration of President McKinley appeals for money were the most numerous of the letters sent to the White House. Many petitions of this character are received by President and Mrs. Roosevelt, even though their numerous "olive branches" furnish an abundant explanation as to the manner in which the highest of official salaries may be made to disappear. Parents of large families, especially those including twins or triplets, have a fancy for making known to the chief executive that they are taking due precaution against race suicide. A very modest gift sent to each of these interesting families would cover Sagamore Hill with mortgages in less than a year.

Precious Stones on Hats. People seem to be sewing their rings and their brooches into their headgear. Hats of some of the diplomatic women at the capital glitter like pawnbrokers' windows with a 40-carat power. Even before the fashion was prevalent, one prominent old lady here of the old school that wears caps always sewed several pair of solitaire earrings into the frills of her caps when en grande toilette.

The jeweled hat of Miss Kean, sister of the multimillionaire senator from New Jersey, has for some time been a sartorial celebrity. Miss Kean, who bears a remarkable physical resemblance to Mrs. Roosevelt, is a pioneer here in jewel-plated chapeaux. At least a dozen diamond and emerald and sapphire rings gleam from a pretty lace confection that Miss Kean often wears on her head. The gemmed hat makes a brave showing on duty in a box at the theater. Miss Kean, contrary to the custom of most women of fashion, wears very low common-sense heels on her walking boots. Little higher than the spring heels of children.

What family jewels you have left after you've trimmed up your hats you sew on your shoes. Miss Katherine Elkins, the handsome and thoroughly indulged young daughter of the senator from West Virginia, has goneruby rubies set as gauds for her pretty slippers.

THE SPIRIT OF SELFISHNESS.

Declared to Be Responsible for Many Present-Day Evils. Rev. William R. Huntington of New York said recently that it was more dangerous to be a railway brakeman than to be a murderer, and proved his assertion with statistics, showing that

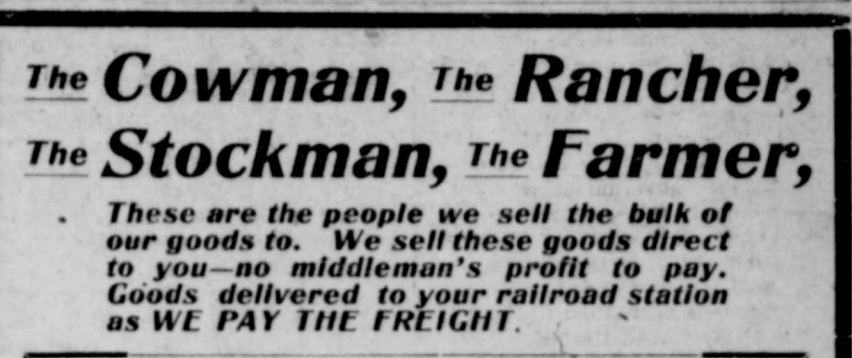
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SUPPORTS CHINA

AMERICAN CONSUL AT HARBIN PROTESTS AGAINST RUSSIAN JURISDICTION IN MANCHURIA.

PRESERVING THE OPEN DOOR

Russia and Japan Attempt to Exercise Complete Control Over Railroad Zone to Detriment of All Other Nations.

St. Petersburg, Apr. 1.—The Russian government is disturbed by the attitude assumed by Fred D. Fisher, the American consul at Harbin, in the matter of recognizing the jurisdiction of Russia in Manchuria.

Under the treaty of 1896 Russia claims exclusive control over the railroad zone in Manchuria, as well as the right to organize independent self-governing municipalities.

Washington, Apr. 1.—It is admitted at the state department that the status of the American consul at Harbin has been made the subject of representations to Washington by the Russian government.

Therefore a quite definite policy has been adopted by the state department, the very foundation of which was the application of American consulars in that province for Chinese exequaturs.

Admiral Evans Coming. San Diego, Cal., Apr. 1.—Definite information that Rear Admiral Evans, en route to the Hot Springs at San Luis Obispo, Cal., will arrive in San Diego late Wednesday afternoon to board his flagship, the Connecticut.

Low Rates to Chicago. Chicago, Apr. 1.—Vice-President McCullough of the Chicago & Northwestern railway announced Tuesday that low excursion rates would be granted from all points on that line to Chicago for the Republican national convention to be held here in June.

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THE VICTIM OF HIS OWN LAZINESS

Predicament of George P. McCabe Should Please Beef Packers.

George P. McCabe, solicitor of the department of agriculture, had an experience a few weeks ago which probably will gratify the beef packers.

During a hot spell some time ago he asked a number of men to dine with him on the Sabbath and told his wife that as the ice box was low it would be wise to replenish the meat supply.

Mrs. McCabe telephoned to her husband; he tried to turn the wheels of government, but failed—it was Saturday and work ceased at one o'clock.

SKATE ON CAPITAL STREETS.

Clerks Use Roller Skates to Go to Their Occupations.

Roller skating, which in other cities is practically an amusement, is used in a practical way by government employes in Washington.

It is expected that the organization of this concerted movement in the direction of practical roller skating will place the sport upon a basis similar to that once enjoyed by the bicycle.

Work for Senator's Secretary.

Every new congress brings to Washington the meekest man in Christendom. A western senator arranged last summer for the construction of a barn.

"I want the work done as economically as possible," he told the carpenter. "It will save money, won't it, to drive one nail instead of two into each board?"

Again Solvent.

Pittsburg, Pa., Apr. 1.—The receivership for the Westinghouse Machine company, created last October, at the beginning of the financial depression, was vacated late Tuesday by Judge James S. Young, of the United States circuit court, on petition of the company and the receivers.

Here are four pounds of nails. I want you to drive an extra nail in every plank in that barn.

As the government pays the salaries of senators' secretaries it is readily apparent that the western economist saved something in having him instead of the carpenter drive the requisite number of nails into the barn.

Economical Senator Clark.

Rich as is ex-Senator William A. Clark of Montana, he indulged in various economies while in Washington which attracted considerable attention.

"A steam yacht to navigate the streets," remarked another.

"I would do exactly what Clark has done," said a third. "A cab would cost 50 cents. My trousers could be pressed in the morning for a quarter. A street car ticket costs 4 1/3 cents. There is a clear profit of 20 2/3 cents, and that to a millionaire means something. Just multiply that sum by 355 and you would appreciate the yearly saving. Little economies make little millionaires."

THE MINERS GO OUT

PRACTICALLY ALL THE COAL MINES CEASE OPERATIONS FOR A SHORT TIME.

WORKING ONLY IN TEXAS

Until a New Wage Scale is Signed 250,000 Men Will Remain Idle—Have Been Storing Coal.

Indianapolis, Ind., Apr. 1.—Two hundred and fifty thousand picks dropped from the hands of as many bituminous coal miners of the United States Tuesday evening not to be used again until a wage settlement has been reached.

The situation, however, does not indicate a prolonged strike. An open winter and industrial depression have left a large stock of coal on hand and the differences between miners and operators are very slight.

Pittsburg, Pa., Apr. 1.—Committees representing operators and miners having failed to agree at a joint wage conference here Tuesday, the bituminous coal mines of western Pennsylvania closed down Tuesday night for an indefinite period—until a working agreement can be reached.

ARE ARMED WITH FLINTLOCKS.

Putnam Phalanx Has Muskets Used by Continental Soldiers.

One of the most interesting features of that most noted military organization, the Putnam Phalanx of Hartford, Conn., which visited Washington recently, was related by Col. M. A. Winter, commander of the Minute Men of Washington.

Des Moines, Ia., Apr. 1.—Every mine in the state of Iowa closed Tuesday night. Not one of thirty or thirty-five mines in the state will be at work Wednesday.

The shut-down pending the settlement between the operators and miners will last at least for 30 days. Nearly 7,000 men in the neighborhood of Des Moines are affected by the shut-down.

Fort Worth, Tex., Apr. 1.—There will be no strike of the miners and no suspension of coal mine operations in Texas for at least ten days. Men representing the miners and operators agreed at a meeting Tuesday that work should continue until April 11 pending a conference here which both sides hope will result in an amicable settlement.

Music to Attract Buyers.

There is an auctioneer down Louisiana avenue, in Washington, who has an eye to business, and who as a consequence can sell pianos of almost any vintage as fast as the village cook can sell hot cakes to a circus crowd.

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FEAR COMING OF PROHIBITION.

Bibulous Washingtonians Said to Be Alarm—'Outlook.

A large part of Washington actually is worried over the fear that the prohibition wave from the south, increased in strength and in volume by the smaller prohibition wave from the west, may engulf the District of Columbia.

Washington on Sunday as far as the places of business are concerned resembles the city of the day before the influx of Europeans brought their Sunday ideas to this country and changed the whole nature of things.

There are clubs in Washington whose sole business it is to sell drinks. Membership in them costs a dollar or two a year.

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TRIBUTE TO "LIVING POEM."

Effective Costuming That Won Admiration of Writer.

I met a "living poem" the other day. The "poem" was a slender woman of about medium height, possibly 60—certainly over 50—years of age.

I just longed to try the effect of a long stemmed, fluffy headed yellow chrysanthemum on the front of the coat.

Revolvers Made Into a Stove. A big batch of firearms, mostly revolvers of cheap make, are not to be sold at auction or given into the hands of reckless persons by Municipal Judge Cameron.

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USED STRONG WORDS

FAMOUS CALHOUN REPORT ON VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS SENT TO THE SENATE.

URGES VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF CLAIMS

The Solicitor of the State Department Declares That the Time Has Arrived for Language Stronger Than That Employed in a Request—No Justice in Venezuelan Courts.

Washington, Apr. 1.—The president Tuesday sent to the senate the Venezuelan correspondence called for by the Lodge resolution. This correspondence covers the history of the five American claims which this government has so far in vain sought to have President Castro agree to arbitrate. They are the Jaurell claim, the Orinoco Corporation claim, the Orinoco Steamship company claim, the United States & Venezuelan company (commonly known as the Critchfield) claim, and the New York & Bermuda Asphalt company claim. In explanation of the latter, the famous "Calhoun" report is for the first time made public. This does not absolve the asphalt company from blame in inciting the Matos rebellion against President Castro. Strong language is used by the solicitor of the state department in urging a vigorous prosecution of all these claims and he holds that "the time has come for language stronger than that employed in a request."

And if the demand be met with procrastination or refusal, the dignity of this government would seem to require prompt and vigorous action."

He also quotes Secretary Fish as saying: "It is useless to attempt to exhaust justice in a country where there is no justice to exhaust."

The solicitor's presentation abounds in other vigorous expressions of this sort.

No suggestion or recommendation is made by either President Roosevelt or Secretary Root in transmitting the correspondence to the senate. Secretary Root's letter enumerates the documents which are transmitted and the president's letter is simply a formal statement that the resolution of Senator Lodge has been complied with.

No Strike in Kentucky.

Louisville, Apr. 1.—There will be no strike at present in the soft coal fields of Kentucky. The operators and miners of Western Kentucky adjourned Tuesday until April 7 with the present scale in effect. It is considered probable that an agreement will be reached at that time. In the eastern district of Kentucky a wage scale is in force which will continue until September 1.

Held on Peonage Charge.

Montgomery, Ala. Apr. 1.—W. C. Reynolds, a farmer near here, is held by the federal authorities on a peonage charge. It is alleged in affidavits filed that in order to collect a debt owed him by Pinkie Harris, an old negro woman, he is holding the woman and her three sons in involuntary servitude and has been for several months.

A Pittsburg Strike Averted.

Pittsburg, Apr. 1.—A threatened strike of street car employes in this city has been averted temporarily by an agreement reached Tuesday between the men and the Pittsburg Railway company by which the present wage scale will be continued during negotiations for an adjustment of the dispute.

He's An International Crook.

London, Apr. 1.—Eddie Guerrin, the notorious American crook, who was at one time sent to Devil's Island for a bank robbery in France, has again fallen foul of the police. He was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of being connected with a recent bank robbery in the province. After examination he was released.

Fog Causes Trolley Collision.

Omaha, Neb., Apr. 1.—In a dense fog Tuesday morning, two street cars on the Hanscom Park line collided and five passengers were injured, none fatally. At the point of collision, the line is a single track. The fog prevented the motormen from seeing each other until the cars were almost together.

Big Cincinnati Blaze.

Cincinnati, Apr. 1.—The plant of the Western Paper Goods company, manufacturers of folding paper boxes, envelopes and paper bags at 942-946 West Sixth street, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday. The building was five stories in height and the loss will reach between \$150,000 and \$175,000.

Indiana Miners Not to Strike.

Terre Haute, Ind., Apr. 1.—It was agreed Tuesday by the joint conference of Indiana miners and operators that present wages shall continue after Tuesday pending a settlement of a scale. This means there will be no suspension in this state Wednesday.

Three Children Burned.

Scranton, Pa., Apr. 1.—Locked in their home at Hughestown near here Tuesday while their mother, Mrs. Dominick Jimlito, went to the butcher shop, the house caught fire and three little children, Mary, John and Joseph were burned to death.

MAY INVESTIGATE A TRUST

SENATORS WOULD KNOW ABOUT UNITED FRUIT COMPANY.

If the Resolution is Adopted an International Question May be Involved.

Washington, Apr. 1.—The question whether an American corporation exercising the functions of a trust can be permitted to use a foreign government to assist it in maintaining a monopoly will be investigated if a resolution offered in the senate Tuesday by Senator Johnston, (Aia.) is adopted.

The resolution provides for an investigation by the department of commerce and labor into the character of the United Fruit company which is engaged in handling tropical fruits and a determination as to whether its operations are in restraint of trade.

Mr. Johnston said that an Alabama corporation attempted to develop a banana plantation in Central America and when the first crop was ready for shipment the United Fruit company procured from Costa Rica a right to seize the fruit of the company and to prevent the exportation of a single banana. Suit against the United Fruit company was brought in New York and the court declared that although the seizure might have been unlawful, the government of Costa Rica had taken possession of the fruit and no court of the United States could render a decision against a sovereign power.

"The question is," said Mr. Johnston, "whether a trust can shield itself behind the shadow of some little republic and defy this government, and the purpose of this resolution is to have the committee on interstate commerce see whether a trust in this country can use the agency of a foreign government to protect itself in its nefarious operations."

The resolution was referred to the committee on interstate commerce.

Berkman Again Held.

New York, Apr. 1.—Further evidence has been unearthed by the police in connection with the Union square bomb-throwing tragedy which is of such important nature that when Alexander Berkman, treasurer of the Anarchists Federated union, was arraigned in court Tuesday on an affidavit charging him with advising the Union square meeting, Detective Lieutenant Warzansky told Magistrate Droegge that he would not divulge the evidence to the court at the present time. The magistrate held Berkman in \$500 bail for examination on Friday afternoon. Bail was furnished. Berkman, before his arraignment, denied that anarchists had anything to do with the bomb-throwing.

Favorable Report on LaFollette Bill.

Washington, Apr. 1.—The senate committee on education and labor Tuesday authorized a favorable report on Senator LaFollette's employers liability bill. A number of provisions of the bill, as originally introduced were eliminated by the committee, but the main purpose, which is that of holding railroads engaged in interstate commerce liable for injuries to their employes, was retained. The bill is intended to remedy the defects of the existing law which were pointed out in a recent decision by the supreme court of the United States.

A Sea Serpent From Kansas.

Chicago, Apr. 1.—The University of Chicago Monday added to its collection the bones of a sea serpent. It was found in the bed of the Smoky Hill river, near the western boundary of Kansas. Scientists say it is the finest and most complete specimen of its kind in existence. It measured 19 feet long.

Royalty in Financial Difficulties.

Lisbon, Apr. 1.—King Manuel Tuesday conferred at length with the minister of finance on the financial situation of the royal household. It was decided to sell a number of horses of the royal stable.

LANE AN OPTIMIST

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSIONER CRITICISES ATTITUDE OF RAILROAD MAGNATES.

ESPECIALLY JAMES J. HILL

Records of Earnings Give No Cause for Wearing Sack-cloth and Ashes—Predicts Car Shortage in October.

Washington, Apr. 1.—Franklin K. Lane, interstate commerce commissioner, said Tuesday respecting the railroad situation in the country as pictured by James J. Hill, in his New York interview of Monday.

"A year ago Mr. Hill said that the railroads had failed to meet the traffic necessities of the country, that there had been a steady increase in business which the railroads had not met; and that it would be necessary to invest \$5,500,000,000 in providing equipment, double tracks and terminals to handle the business for the country properly. And now because for two or three months the railroads have been able to handle more business than was offered them, we are met on all hands with the cry that the country is going to the bowwows. What is the necessity for painting the picture blacker than it is? Does it arise out of the fact that congress is in session or that there is a presidential election impending?"

"I tell you frankly I do not understand the reason why at the time when railroad credit should be upheld, those who ought to be most interested in supporting that credit are lending their influence to breaking it down. The average monthly receipts from freight and passenger traffic for each mile of the 235,000 miles of railroad in the United States reporting to this commission for the first seven months of this fiscal year was \$980 which is \$180 per mile per month more this year than the average for the fiscal year ending in 1905, the year of the last presidential year, which was certainly not regarded as a poor year in the railroad or industrial world. The net revenue from traffic in the fiscal year ending in 1908 is \$57 per mile per month greater than in 1904-5. The net monthly revenue for this fiscal year is thus far \$7 less per mile than for the year 1906-7, which may be taken as highwater mark thus far in the railroad history of the United States.

"While we will this year doubtless fall behind the revenue of last year, there is no reason for wearing sack-cloth and ashes and certainly no public reason for adding to the evils consequent upon the New York panic by placing emphasis upon the unfortunate condition of certain roads or the general falling off in traffic as compared with the high standards of other years, which in the very nature of things cannot uniformly persist. There has been no industrial panic, and there is no likelihood of there being one, unless the morbid microbes that seem to have laid hold of our Wall street friends gets into the blood of the people at large. The railroad manager who resists the attempt to restore confidence can be likened only to the officer of a bank who during a run in floor depositors that he has doubts of the solvency of his own institution.

"As for myself, I stand upon the prediction that there will be a car shortage next October."

A Frenzied Financier Missing.

Wichita, Kan., Apr. 1.—It is the general impression here that Scott E. Winne, president of the Winne Mortgage company, which failed last week, has fled the country. Mr. Winne left personal notes for \$23,461 all of which are worthless. No efforts have been made by the officers as yet to trace him.

A Kansas Bandit Arrested.

Wichita, Kan., Apr. 1.—Wm. T. Carr who was identified as the bandit who killed Express Messenger Bailey last Sunday morning on a Santa Fe train was arrested at Newton Tuesday night.

Parsons Defeated Odell.

New York, Apr. 1.—Herbert Parsons, chairman of the Republican committee, won a decided victory in the Republican primaries held here Tuesday, candidates favorable to his leadership winning in every district where there was a contest, except two. Former Gov. Benjamin B. Odell said after learning the result: "I shall continue to pursue my policy of silence, except to say that the figures speak for themselves. I wish to thank all who stood by me."

Reduced Oklahoma Oil Rates.

Guthrie, Ok., Apr. 1.—The corporation commission Tuesday afternoon signed the final order for a reduction of freight rates on crude petroleum and fuel oil, which means a reduction of 50 per cent on crude and 40 per cent on refined oil. It also rules that the railroads must furnish tank cars on or before October 1, 1908. If cars are furnished by shippers the railroads must pay three-quarters of a cent per mile each way for their use. The order is effective April 24.

Chinese Cannot Forget.

Hong-kong, Apr. 1.—The boycott against Japanese goods instituted as a result of the Tatsu Maru incident is spreading. Forty firms in Hong-kong announce that they will not sell Japanese goods. All along the West river the boycott is being organized and meetings are being convened to discuss the matter.

PRESIDENT NOMINATES HILL

NAMED AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN.

The Diplomat's Reputation is Held Not to Have Suffered from Recent Episode.

Washington, Apr. 1.—President Roosevelt sent to the senate Tuesday the nomination of Dr. David Jayne Hill to be American ambassador at Berlin, Germany. The resignation of Charlemagne Tower, now at the post, has been accepted to take effect June 1. At that time Dr. Hill will assume his new duties. This statement, made at the White House Tuesday is said to be taken as a happy ending of the Hill incident.

The attitude of the American administration is that Mr. Hill's eminence as a statesman, scholar and diplomat has not suffered the slightest impairment in view of the disclaimer of the German emperor of any adverse expression regarding him and of the hearty recognition of Mr. Hill's personality and standing contained in the statement of President Roosevelt issued from the White House Monday night.

At the German embassy it was stated Tuesday that nothing more is to be said regarding the Hill matter from that quarter.

Paris, Apr. 1.—The friends of David Jayne Hill, in Paris, while greatly deploring what has occurred, express the utmost satisfaction over the Washington dispatches, indicating that the incident is closed so far as Dr. Hill is concerned.

While Dr. Hill himself still declines to talk on the subject, there is no reason to believe that he intends to harbor personal umbrage and decline to go to Berlin. If the administration wishes him to take the ambassadorship. On the contrary, there seems to be no doubt that he will abide by the decision of the administration, as throughout the incident, he has with absolute confidence in the justice of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root, looked to them to determine what course should be pursued.

Between Sixty and Seventy Entertained at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Apr. 1.—Between sixty and seventy Democratic editors of Nebraska were the guests Tuesday night at an informal dinner tendered by William J. Bryan at the Lindell hotel. The editors mainly were old friends and acquaintances of Mr. Bryan and the function was in the nature of a family affair. Mr. Bryan arrived from Kansas City Tuesday evening and went directly to the hotel, where the Democratic State Editorial association had been holding its annual meeting during the day. He was the center of an enthusiastic group of admirers and political friends from that time until the dinner began. Mr. Bryan let it be known that his talk following the dinner was in no sense a set political speech, but more to take counsel with the men who had stood by him in the past and were his present supporters.

Mr. Bryan then made the request that reporters and such persons as were not Democratic and Populist editors depart, as his further talk was not of public interest, and was intended alone for the guild.

Will Report Both Bills Adversely.

Washington, Apr. 1.—The five Democratic members of the senate committee on military affairs Tuesday succeeded in defeating both the Warner and Foraker bills for the restoration to duty of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry who were discharged without honor because of the affray at Brownsville, Texas. The success of the minority was accomplished by voting as a unit against the divided majority. The effort will be to cause both bills to be reported adversely. A majority vote of the senate would enact one of the bills, however, and Senator Warner is hopeful that his measure will yet become law.

Beauty and the Beast.



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