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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 103 Cars, 2336
Cattle; 92 Cars, 7,075 Hogs;
16 Cars, 4,032 Sheep.

STEER TRADE ABOUT STEADY

Fair Supply Ran Largely to One
Class—Big Strings
Sold at \$7.00.

COW TRADE OPEN QUJET

Became Active Later, Prices Holding
Steady—Calves Sold Steady, Top
\$5.75—Stock Cattle Trade Dull
Despite Small Fresh Arrivals—Hog
Market Fairly Active, Values Steady to
Strong—Live Mutton Trade
Opened Very Slow, Undertone Firm.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.

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The week's trade opened with an increased supply of cattle in sight, the total at five leading markets being 44,200 an increase of 8,000 over number at the same markets one week ago. The local supply was not above demands of the trade, although running very largely to one class far as steers were concerned. Buyers were out in good season and, while not showing any special urgency in their movements, they evidently had a place for all useful offerings so long as they could get them at around steady prices.

STOCKS AND FEEDERS.

Business was rather quiet in this department this morning. Fresh receipts were small and the light to medium weight predominated. The usual scarcity of strong weight feeders being noted. To offset the light receipts was the fact of a very slack demand. Over in the speculator division there was quite an assortment of stall staff, holdovers from last week's dull close. This generated an indifferent demand on the part of regular dealers and in the absence of any inquiry from the country, trading was on a dull steady to weak basis. The supply on hand in the stocker division embraces a good assortment of light to medium weight cattle and a fair showing of attractive weighty feeders. At the recent sharp reduction in prices these cattle should interest anyone looking for stockers and feeders.

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AT THE THEATRES TONIGHT. Crystal—Advanced Vaudeville. Peoples—High Class Vaudeville. Lyric—Rentrow's Stock Co.

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

Thomas Farrington, 209 East Colorado avenue, has been called to Stretator, Ill., on account of the illness of his sister.

Mrs. W. E. Graham, 6304 King Hill avenue, left Saturday for Kansas City, where she will visit her brother, Joseph Morrison, who is seriously ill.

Guy Thompson has returned from southern Idaho. He expects to move there the first of the month. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left yesterday for Bedford, Iowa.

Mrs. E. B. Eden of Sullivan, Ill., and Mrs. J. E. Eden of Stratford, Okla., are visiting their daughter and sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Sherman, 601 East Missouri avenue.

Jack Cook and grand-daughter, of Princeton, Mo., who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Har-64003 Pryor avenue, returned to their home Saturday.

W. S. Littlejohn, a druggist of Hyde Valley, has been presented with a coyote cub by a friend of his in the country. The cub is about two months old and has become a pet around the store.

The vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal mission met Friday night at the home of F. E. Vancei, 117 East Missouri avenue, and selected A. K. Pickel warden, D. F. Walmsley secretary and F. E. Vancei treasurer. Mell's hall, in which the services are held, was leased for another year.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Crystal. With a tale of the west, interestingly told in the moving pictures, a clever bill opened at the Crystal theatre yesterday afternoon. How a pretty school m'am is saved from a shame worse than death at the hands of stage robbers by a dashing young cowboy who later weds her, is pictured in a realistic style on the canvas.

The Minstrel Wingates, blackface artists, proved very entertaining in singing and dancing. A one-act playlet, "The Third Generation," was given by the Herbert Cheasey company. The old folk, as well as the young, hugely enjoyed Carlisle's dogs and ponies. "Tom," a pony, shown in this act, is said to be the best educated equine in the world. Verne and Verne, comedians, and Frank Gray, in an illustrated song, completed the bill.

At the Peoples. L. T. Johnson, a ventriloquist, was the headliner in a highly acceptable bill at the Peoples' yesterday, which opened for the coming week. Johnson's ability to apparently throw his voice even to the back part of the theatre marked him as one of the best of his kind. McGarvey in a one-act skit proved amusing, as did a sketch entitled "Hazing a Frenchman," by Eugene and Mr. Master Carl Fletcher is heard in a new illustrated song. Wright and Vall, singing comedians, have a good act, and the motion pictures are the best seen at the Peoples' this season.

CORPS GOES TO TRENTON.

Mrs. Francis Arnold, 1216 Frederick avenue, department president of the Missouri Women's Relief Corps, will leave today for Trenton, Mo., where the department convention will convene Wednesday morning. A flag presentation to the high school will take place in the afternoon. An essay contest for gold medals will be held by the boys and girls, the subject being "Patriotism." A reception will be tendered in the evening to the department president and staff, department commander and staff and the division commander and staff of the sons and veterans.

TO MEET IN ST. JOSEPH.

Mrs. W. H. Jones and Miss Etta Comer attended the district convention of the Rainbow Sisters at Hamilton, Mo., last Thursday, and succeeded in securing for St. Joseph the next convention, which meets in May, 1909. There were several other cities after the convention, but the delegates were practically unanimous in favor of St. Joseph as the next meeting place.

A man never goes wrong raising a coil good enough to bring \$150 at four years old.

WANT TO GO TO EUROPE.

Delegate to Join New York Party Abroad to Be Selected.

Several matters of importance will come up before the board of education at its regular meeting tonight. Among them will be the selection of a teacher to go to Europe this summer for a general visit of the schools of various countries. The matter is in the hands of what is known as the Civic Federation of New York City, which contemplates the sending during vacation period of 500 teachers from all over the United States on a tour of inspection to the European seats of learning.

It is believed that many new ideas along the line of education can be gleaned from the trip, and will prove beneficial if applied to schools in this country. It is understood that a number of local teachers have signified their desire to take the trip.

The board will also select the judges for the school bond election, which will be held May 22. A committee, of which L. O. Weakley is chairman, has been working for the past two weeks on a list of those who are willing to serve as judges, and the list will be presented to the board tonight.

The closing of school and the commencement at the high school will be discussed, and a date for these events probably will be set.

AVAILABLE PLANT FOOD.

Dovers Journal: Dr. Hopkins of Illinois says the farmer should adopt a system of farming that will make available the plant food in the soil so far as practicable, and if any element is actually deficient in the soil apply that element in cheap form and in positively larger quantities than will be removed in large crops, and then make it too available by his method of farming. This is wise doctrine—a much more profitable plan than the application of expensive commercial fertilizers containing available plant food, much of which may be lost the first rain after they are applied.

One of the principal values of good tillage is in changing the plant food locked up in the soil into an available form for use of the growing crops. It exists in the soil in insoluble compounds which are broken down into more soluble form by the action of air, sunshine and rain. When a soil is finely pulverized more air gets in and the oxygen in the air is essential to the plant-food forming process. Water, containing its various dilute acids, is also needed. The incorporation of humus into a soil and good tillage are very important in crop production, both where fertilizers are added and on lands where they are not. If farmers would bear in mind when they are preparing their lands for crops that the better condition the soil is in the more available plant food it will contain there would be fewer poorly prepared fields. Let the air and moisture into the soil, for they are the keys to unlock the otherwise unavailable plant food.

STATE AID FOR GOOD ROADS.

It is only a few years, comparatively, since state governments began helping the farmers of the United States to build better roads. Before that, road building was a local affair and farmers and county authorities spent as little as possible.

In the few years since the policy of state aid has been adopted the changes have been marvelous. Nearly all the eastern states and several in the middle west now pay one-half the cost of public highways out of general tax levies. This plan has beaten down opposition, as intelligent farmers realize that they gain far more than when local taxes alone built the roads.

Pennsylvania, which began with an appropriation of \$150,000 for the first year, is now spending \$1,000,000 a year on its roads. New York began with \$50,000 a year. In five years the people of New York voted a constitutional amendment authorizing a \$50,000,000 bond issue for state aid to highways. Ohio has recently fallen in line, and Kentucky is preparing a constitutional amendment to allow the passage of a state aid law.

It is evident that Illinois cannot remain long among the backward states in road building. The farmers of this state have no superiors in intelligence. The building of good roads with state aid, including convict labor, will pay, as in actual investment, greater returns than any other results of general taxation.

WANT FEWER BREEDING EWES.

That demand for breeding ewes will be lighter this summer than last is evident. Few orders have yet been filled, while a year ago everybody was clamoring for them. Certainly none will be wanted at last year's prices. Nearly everybody in sheep humor secured a few last summer and results are now wanted. A good lamb market will be requisite to revival of demand for breeding stock. Inquiry from the south, where so many western ewes were taken last year, is absolutely lacking and advice from that quarter are that both Tennessee and Kentucky will buy few. Missouri, a natural wool and mutton raising state, will probably be an extensive buyer.

In a tenement house fire in New York early Sunday Annie Bates, 19 years old, a domestic, was suffocated and three other persons, one a policeman, were injured.

The Wright brothers, who are experimenting with an aeroplane near Mantoo, N. C., have made three successful flights, the last one covering 30 miles with the machine in perfect control.

The steady inflow of money into New York increased the deposits there \$12,500,700 in the last week reaching the record figure of \$1,276,324,900 for the members of the clearing house and an aggregate for all banks and trust companies of \$2,187,183,600.

TALKS WITH TONGUE CUT OUT.

Fooled Doctors in Regaining Powers of Speech and Living.

New York.—Four years after his tongue was cut out to check the spread of cancer, Thomas Maguire, known to theatrical folk throughout the country as the one-time manager of the Fourteenth Street and Bijou theaters in this city, can talk and sing and eat solid food much like other people. His case attracted the attention of medical authorities here and elsewhere several years ago, following the operation upon him on March 12, 1904.

Maguire says he was given one year to live by the physicians when the operation was performed. He had smoked 20 cigars a day for 20 years before that. The doctors told him he could never talk again, once his tongue was cut out at the roots. Subsequently he told of his efforts to talk after the operation and how they were crowned with ultimate success.

It was about a month after the operation that Maguire first "tried" to talk. He said he was thinking how hard it would be never to talk again and as he thought he suddenly cried out loud: "I can't stand for that."

Then Maguire says he knew he could talk, and he soon surprised his doctor by doing so.

Maguire was regarded as a physiological wonder and his case aroused much interest.

VALUE OF OPEN AIR.

Gypsy Is Ninety-Three and His Wife Is a Hundred and One.

London.—Two remarkable old people—living examples of the value of the open air life—are to be found dwelling in their open caravan, for which they paid \$550, and cultivating a plot of land some three acres in area, between Great Marlow and Medmenham, in Buckinghamshire.

They are Gypsy Cooper, as he is called, who is 93 years of age, and his wife, who, it is claimed, has reached the remarkable age of 101 years. Both are hale, hearty and keen witted.

Mrs. Cooper, despite her advanced age, is not only a busy housewife, but also happy at outdoor work in winter or summer. Besides their dwelling van they own two other caravans, with which they attend fairs from time to time.

Gypsy Cooper saw long service in the Oxfordshire regiment, and has a fund of stories of other times and ways. He will readily demonstrate his physical vigor by dancing a hornpipe on a table.

These patriarchal specimens of the Zingaro race are great-grandparents, and can point to other remarkable instances of longevity among their kinsfolk.

FAITH HEALING BY MAIL.

Cheering Letters Containing Prayer Directions to Be Sent.

New York.—Cure of physical ills by faith and prayer is to be taken up by mail as well as by personal ministrations in the campaign of healing undertaken by Rev. Herbert N. Hopkins, pastor of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity, in the Bronx, according to the announcement by the pastor.

Rev. Mr. Hopkins announced that since he had begun his faith-and-prayer-cure meetings his mail had been flooded with requests from sufferers in all parts of the country for advice and suggestions as to treatment.

It was in the case of a woman who had been suffering from nervous prostration over the death of her husband that Mr. Hopkins declared his intention of trying mail treatment. He said he intended writing cheering letters and giving the patient advice as to how to pray.

LOVE'S LOTTERY A FAILURE.

Neither of Two Who Drew Decisive Straws is Satisfied.

Asheville, N. C.—A novel suit has been instituted in the superior court, alleging that the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brookshire, two well-known young people, be set aside on the grounds that it was a lottery.

The complaint alleges that at a dance given in Victoria it was proposed that some one should get married, and this was agreed to by all the young people, the proposition being made and also accepted to draw straws to see who it should be.

The complaint further alleges that the lot for marriage fell upon the plaintiff and defendant, that they were driven into Asheville, a marriage license procured and the ceremony performed. The complaint also says the two have never lived together.

The bride was Miss Kathleen Gen-try, a pretty 17-year-old girl.

Find Coffin of Duquesne Dog. Cincinnati.—Encased in a costly casket, with a silver plate inscription, the body of a canine pet of the duchess of Manchester during her girlhood was unearthed beneath an old apple tree on the grounds formerly occupied by Eugene Zimmerman in Mount Auburn. The discovery recalled that a lover of dogs, and when her pet died she provided handsome coffins and had the corpse interred beneath her favorite tree. The little coffin was found during the laying out of grounds for a church recently erected on the property. It was lined with expensive silks. It was learned that other coffins interred near the spot contain valuable jewelry.

SECRETS OF THE INNER CIRCLE

Scarcely a Family But What Has Some Tale of Sor-row Kept Silent.

Idea That Cause Suffers to Re-learn From Showing Plight—The Truth Proven in the Peerless Institute.

Why is it that so many people suffer from diseases which they religiously conceal? Sometimes they're the most common ailments of mankind, yet you find men and women who would not admit that they were ailing except in the privacy of a physician's office. Then, often, imbued with the idea that they cannot be cured, these same people sometimes let a trifling ailment grow into a serious case.

There are hundreds of cases in every physician's experience where members of a family had some ailment and didn't want the others to know because of the worry it would entail. Perhaps nowhere in the country is it so plain that chronic diseases have a terrible hold upon the people as at the Peerless Medical Institute, at 824 1/2 Frederick avenue. One man who came to the institute yesterday suffered four years from liver trouble. It appears that a fellow employe was once told to quit because he suffered from a chronic disease and this man informed the specialists that he was afraid to let it be known that he suffered because it might affect his position. All sorts of curious reasons are given.

But at the great institute the famous specialists are now bringing hope and renewed life to scores and hundreds of people. Of course, there are incurable cases. The specialists know this well enough not to attempt the impossible. They hold out no false hopes. It is this trait that has gained them so many warm friends during the past month. They do not take a man's money for nothing and it pays them well to follow that course. They cure the people they promise to cure; they relieve when they promise only relief. They are neither "know-it-all" nor "cure-its," but they have given years of study, work and thought to tracing up the causes of disease in the human body, and when they find out what a patient suffers from they know whether they can cure him. As to the truth of these statements, the famous specialists have hundreds of letters on file but only a few of which are for publication. Many, however, are willing to permit those who want to investigate this great institute to address them privately. One of the men who feels that the specialists have done something for him that ought to be told is Mr. Emerick. "Here is what he says in writing:

"My child was very bad; could not move his leg or arm a particle on the right side. I was told that it was complete paralysis on the right side. The boy's kidneys and stomach were in awful condition, and we thought we were going to have an invalid on our hands. I heard of the Peerless Medical Experts' treatments at 824 1/2 Frederick avenue, and I used their treatment for two weeks; now my child can use his leg and arm as good as any child in the city, and can consider my child well.

"I would like to have this published in the daily papers of St. Joseph, and if anybody doubts this they can call at my house any time and see the healthiest child in the block. All my neighbors have noticed the health of my child, and see how greatly it has improved.

"May 7, 1908.

"MRS. JOHN EMERICK, "Fifteenth and Frederick avenue."

The Peerless specialists, however, are being crowded harder day by day and in a short time they will do away with the free consultation offer and charge the regular fee of \$3.00. The office hours are from 9 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m., when everyone who desires is welcome to call and become acquainted with these skilled men, investigate their methods and be examined free of charge.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS NOTES.

The independence party is to hold its national convention at Chicago on July 27 and 28.

With a whirlwind of oratory the Socialist party delegates opened the national convention here Sunday.

The Kansas supreme court in deciding a case from Ness county holds that school land can not be sold in tracts of less than 40 acres.

Tributes to the memory of the late Representative Adolph Meyer of Louisiana were paid in the house of representatives Sunday.

Business failures in the United States for the week ended May 7 number 283, against 282 the week before and 154 in the like week of 1907.

Charles El Hamford, a graduate of West Point and who resigned from the army as a second lieutenant in September, 1906, shot and killed himself at his room at the Regent hotel in this city Sunday.

The two organizations known as the Veteran Army of the Philippines and the United Spanish War Veterans have been merged into one with a membership of 60,000.

The resolution of Senator Burkett declaring Sunday, May 10, to be "Mothers' Day," to be recognized by wearing a white flower, was defeated Saturday in the senate.

The first year in growing the coil is the making of the horse.

TUNNEL TRUE TO A FOOT.

Remarkable Engineering Feat Finished in Montana.

Helena, Mont.—A remarkable feat in mining engineering was finished when, after driving for two years, less ten days, the station at the 900-foot level of the Iron Mountain mine was tapped by a tunnel more than a mile long at the desired spot to a foot.

For years the property was a regular producer and paid a million in dividends. It had to be abandoned because of the expense in pumping the water to so great a height. Then the tunnel was decided upon, and now the mine is being unwatered by gravity.

Great fear was expressed by the state mine inspector that the heavy water pressure would cause a break and drown the workmen, but this was avoided by running a zigzag crosscut. The mine is owned by Helena, New York, Missouri and Philadelphia capitalists.

EXCHANGE DIRECTORY.

Following is a list of the commission merchants in the Live Stock Exchange at the St. Joseph stock yards: Blanchard, Rush & Co., rooms 326-328. Byers Bros. & Co., rooms 202-204. Clay, Robinson & Co., rooms 329-330-331-332-333. Cox, Jones Live Stock Commission Co., room 229. Crider Bros. & Co., rooms 302-304. Daily, C. M. & Co., rooms 317-319. Davis & Son, rooms 206-208-215-216-217. Johnson & Son, rooms 205-207. Kansas City Live Stock Commission Co., rooms 224-228. Knollin Sheep Co., rooms 219-221-223. Lee Live Stock Commission Co., rooms 209-210-211-213. Missouri Live Stock Commission Co., rooms 201-203. Nichols, Gilchrist & Co., rooms 321-323. Nye, Schneider, Fowler Co., rooms 306-308-315. National Live Stock Commission Co., rooms 324-329-340. Prey Bros. & Cooper, rooms 318-322. Russell Live Stock Commission Co., rooms 312-314. Stewart & Durrant, rooms 229-230-231. Sager & Young, rooms 232-234-236. St. Joseph Live Stock Commission Co., rooms 212-214. Tagg Bros., rooms 337-339. Thompson, Drinkard & Emmert, rooms 309-310-311-313.

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NEED PROTECTION

SPEAKERS AT CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS PLEAD FOR CHILDREN.

EVILS OF FACTORY WORK

Alarming Large Percentage of Illiteracy Shows Necessity for Compulsory Education Laws in the South.

Richmond, Va., May 11.—Dealing with the world-wide topic of children, their education, their training and the evil of driving them under steam pressure at the wheel when their frail limbs and bodies were too weak to stand the terrible punishment and strain, the general session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections at St. Paul's church Sunday night aroused the public to the importance of more adequate laws to protect them from the evils of the factory work.

Three speakers, natives and residents of the south, first championed the cause of compulsory education and then attacked the employment of children in the cotton mills where they helped to give leisure and comfort to lazy and worthless fathers.

Dr. A. J. McKelway of Atlanta, as assistant secretary of the National Child Labor committee, who discussed "Child Labor and Citizenship," declared that there was a time when a declaration of independence was necessary but that the day had come when a declaration of dependence by the children of America was needed.

Prof. W. H. Hand of the University of South Carolina, pointed out that the need for compulsory education laws in the south is evident from the fearfully large percentages of illiteracy among the white children and the whites of voting age, as well as the large number of white children not in school.

It is evident that the people have become more or less indifferent to their illiterate condition. Illiteracy perpetuates itself, and the state is deprived of the best service of many of its citizens. Compulsory attendance law must be enforced just as other laws are enforced. Of course no law will enforce itself, and the argument that we cannot enforce an attendance law is to contend that the majority of us are neither law abiding or able to become so.

A good many people argue that enforced attendance works hardship in the homes of the poor, but the fact is that the poor child is the one who stands in the greatest need of protection at the hands of the state. If the state has a duty to perform in maintaining the schools, and in seeing that the children get the benefit of them, it has yet another important function to perform—the maintenance of the right kind of schools. It is an important duty of the state to provide the right kind of schools and the right kind of education for its citizens.

A MOVE FOR PEACE.

A Cornerstone Laying At Washington of Interest to Western Hemisphere.

Washington, May 11.—Twenty-one American republics will unite Monday afternoon in laying the cornerstone of the building which is to constitute the monument typifying the predominant desire of the western world for peace and commercial prosperity. President Roosevelt will officiate. Besides his address there will be speeches by Secretary Root, Andrew Carnegie, who has contributed \$750,000 towards the building fund, and Ambassador Nabuco of Brazil.

Cabled words of sentiment and cheer will be read from the presidents of the Latin-American republics. The exercises will be witnessed by the diplomatic representatives of the world, besides the high officials and legislative representatives of this country. Seats for 3,000 people have been reserved and each seat has been eagerly sought.

The building for which the foundation is to be laid will be the home of the International Bureau of American Republics, presided over by John Barrett.

Ball Players Arrested.

Mobile, Ala., May 11.—All the members of the New Orleans and Mobile teams and the two umpires were arrested Sunday before the first ball was pitched in Sunday's game, the charge being playing Sunday baseball. Bonds were immediately made in the sum of \$100 each. The case will be called Monday morning when examination will be waived and the matter placed before the grand jury now in session.

Litley Hides His Sentiments.

Waterbury, Conn., May 11.—Congressman George L. Litley has replied to the request of the congressional committee on the submarine boat inquiry that he submit his private correspondence to the committee. He declines to tell the nature of his reply, but it is understood that he will not disclose the contents of his confidential letters to constituents.

FAIRBANKS' CAMPAIGN MANAGER



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Senator James A. Hemenway of Indiana has been selected by Vice-President Fairbanks to manage his campaign for the presidency. Hemenway was elected to congress in 1895 and was elevated to the senate in 1905 on the election of Senator Fairbanks to the vice presidency.

HUMAN ASHES TO SEA

SCATTER DUST IN MIDDLEAN LATEST FUNERAL FAD.

Manager of Cremation Company Tells of Strange Rites, and Shows Type of Tin Canister That is Used.

New York.—According to a London cable dispatch published here a woman passenger on the latest eastward bound trip of the Lucania scattered an urn full of human ashes in midocean and obtained a certificate from the captain to the effect that she had done so.

Though no names were mentioned in the story, the woman was quoted as having said the ashes were those of a prominent New York business man, who had directed that his remains be thus disposed of and had specified the Lucania because it had been his favorite vessel. It was represented that the time of the mid-Atlantic ceremony was observed most carefully, as relatives of the decedent were to attend a simultaneous memorial service in New York. The woman departed for this city on the Lucania's return trip.

When the cable dispatch was shown to the manager of the United States Cremation company he said:

"Without some clue to the name it would be quite impossible for us to identify the case referred to. Such midocean ceremonies are by no means so uncommon as they once were. It is not at all unusual now for some man or woman who has been a traveler to request that such a disposition be made of his or her mortal remains. The idea which appeals to them seems to be that at the will of ocean winds and currents, and on the billowy surface of the element they had loved best in life, they shall continue their travels after death.

"We have a sealed tin canister which we use for that purpose; it has considerable buoyancy and will remain afloat for some time."

The manager exhibited one of these receptacles. It was painted a dull black, and its sole decoration was a number stenciled upon it in white. Cylindrical in form, it was about eight inches deep by six in diameter.

"Not infrequently," the manager continued, "it has been the wish of the decedent that his ashes be permitted to sink to the bottom of the sea. In that case the canister is weighted. But, on the other hand, the desire sometimes is that the ashes be allowed to remain afloat at the will of the elements. Not long ago one of these black tin canisters containing human ashes was picked up by a pilot somewhere off Sandy Hook, and thinking it might be of value, he brought it to us, probably with some idea of earning a reward.

"When we identified the canister by means of its number, however, and communicated with the family of the decedent, they were inclined to be indignant because the pilot had presumed to interrupt its wanderings."

TRAVELS WITH HIS COFFIN.

Max Gibbs Always Instructs Pursers to See That He's Not Buried at Sea.

New York.—Max Gibbs, of Milwaukee, who frequently goes to Europe on business not unconnected with mortuary things, has got back with his coffin, which he always carries with him. He gives instructions to the pursers not to have him buried at sea. Otherwise he would not be able to squeeze himself into the coffin, which is 16 inches long. His puzzle question to those that get not heard it is how is he going to get himself into the coffin. If you give it up he will tell you that his body will be cremated first. The coffin is metallic and is lined with plush, on which there is a little American flag. Max, in condensed form, will be wrapped in this flag before they nail his coffin down and put him away in a Milwaukee cemetery.

CHARLEY WEIGHS 335 POUNDS.

Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Also Six Feet Four Inches Tall.

New York.—Charles Lane of Bensonhurst is 15 years old and figures that he has as much license to glide over the waxed floor in a waltz or a two-step as any man of his age. In fact, Charles knows he has more claims, if size counts for anything, to whirl about to the "Merry Widow Waltz" than other men, for he is six feet four inches high and weighs 335 pounds.

All week Charles has been getting away from the Bensonhurst high school, where he occupies three desks to waddle to his father's tailors, who have been working day and night with an extra force of New York clothes builders to rig the young giant up for his social debut at the Knights of Columbus charity ball, in Prospect Hall, Brooklyn. The task of molding a dress coat has been laborious. In its present condition it would enclose Secretary Taft and Timothy Woodruff and Senator Fairbanks could be squeezed into its folds as padding.

Charles is called "Tuffy" by his companions, but his friends declare the presidential possibility looks like a starved scare-crow beside Brooklyn's fattest boy, and that even there the resemblance is very remote. A firm of New York shirt makers are given the contract to construct linen garments for Charles. No report of the progress of the work has been made, and "Tuffy's" tailors are considerably alarmed.

ROUND-THE-WORLD CAR NEAR.

Expert Sees Possibility of Through Route Encircling Globe.

London.—Sir Clifton Robinson, who is known as the Yerkes of the English tramway world, has returned from a trip around the globe. He says that at the present rate of street car development it will be possible before many years to make a journey around the globe by street car. Sir Clifton acknowledges New York as his alma mater in street car education. It was there he says that he graduated as a "straphanger" and his observations rounded out an education which has won for him the distinction of being one of the greatest promoters of street car enterprises in the world.

Sir Clifton Robinson spent a week in New York. He was most impressed by the surging mass of humanity at the Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges during the rush hours. He described his impressions thus:

"The order and precision with which this dense volume of traffic adjusted itself to the local conditions was to me nothing short of marvelous. The people of New York are seeking to do away with the straphanging while the masses in London who are beginning to realize the value of time are trying to introduce it."

Elephant Has Stomachache.

Philadelphia.—An elephant with a stomachache kept the neighborhood of Race and Darien streets in an uproar for several hours the other morning by trumpeting a series of shrieks which could be heard for many blocks. Before the huge beast could be quieted the assistance of the Pennsylvania society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, a veterinary surgeon, and an experienced animal dealer had to be called upon.

Big Cost for Keeping Tab on Railways.

Washington.—It will cost the United States government \$750,000 a year for the supervision of railroad accounts under the present interstate commerce act, according to a communication from the commission transmitted to the house by Secretary Cortelyou. The document contains a letter from Commissioner Harlan in which he states that it will require a board of examiners, composed of 285 men especially trained in the methods of railway accounting.

WIDOW ASKS STAMPS

DEMANDS PREMIUM OF UNDERTAKER ON BUYING COFFIN.

Refuses Patronage When Trading Certificates Are Refused Her—Thriftily "Mortician" Offering Inducements for Business.

Chicago.—"Trading Stamps with Every Funeral" is the placard that one may expect to see soon in the windows of up-to-date Chicago undertakers.

That two or three funeral directors on the northwest side of the city have adopted the trading-stamp system to increase business was revealed the other day when a bereaved widow canceled an order at H. M. Rolston's because he would not give her some stamps.

Friends of hers, she said, who recently had deaths in their families, were given trading stamps by the undertaker, and she insisted on getting the coupons or she would go elsewhere.

The matter of trading stamps will be brought before the Chicago Undertakers' association at its next meeting. M. M. Goodale, president of the association, said that the trading-stamp business was a new one on him, but he supposed those engaged in it were "undertakers who carry on a death bed insurance."

"They vultures," said Mr. Goodale, "will do anything to get business. The old-fashioned name of undertaker is not good enough for those fellows and they call themselves 'morticians.' Now that the matter has been called to my attention I will bring it up at the next meeting of the association Trading stamps! What next?"

The woman who disclosed the trading-stamp scheme entered Rolston's undertaking establishment accompanied by her brother. She apparently was about 40 years old. John Morris, manager of the establishment, noticed that she did not have the grief-stricken appearance of widows who come there on a similar errand.

Throwing back the long veil that hid her face she brushed a tear away with a black bordered handkerchief. "I might as well tell you at the start," she said to Manager Morris, "that I haven't any money to throw away on funerals. What I want is a nice, plain casket, not expensive but at the same time one that will look all right. I don't want it to look cheap, for folks probably would talk about it. Something for about \$50, I think, would be the proper thing."

Mr. Morris showed the widow an heirloom several caskets at the price named, and they selected one which the man observed was "good enough for a king."

A brown robe was preferred to a black one, because the decedent was partial to the former color. Other details of the funeral were arranged after which Mr. Morris asked the widow and her brother to be seated in the office while he took down the name and address.

It was at this juncture that the woman asked about the trading stamps.

"You've made a mistake, madam," said the undertaker. "And you don't give trading stamps" she ejaculated. "Well, then I'll go where I can get them. I know two women who buried their husbands in the last year and the undertaker gave them trading stamps. They live on the northwest side. One lady got a beautiful parlor lamp for her stamps and the other an onyx top center table. "And you mean to say you don't give stamps?" Why, the very idea! She was still talking about stamps when she reached the sidewalk.

PROBE BIRDS' STOMACHS.

To Prove Woodpeckers Eat Bark Beetles Is Uncle Sam's Aim.

Deadwood, S. D.—One of the most remarkable orders ever received by the local forest service office has just come from Washington. Supervisor Hamilton has been requested to have his rangers kill and dress a couple of dozen woodpeckers, selected from different parts of the Black Hills national forest.

The stomachs of the birds are to be carefully preserved and after being detached and given temporary treatment with an embalming fluid, labeled and forwarded to Washington, where they will be analyzed and tested to find if any of the bark beetles that have proved so destructive in the hills are contained in the organs.

It is believed by the forestry department that the woodpeckers have been a persistent enemy of the bark beetle, and it is to prove or disprove this theory in the interests of science that the department has issued the order. Rangers are now carrying it into effect.

Estate Hangs on Tombstone.

South Bend, Ind.—If Martha Long acre will erect a tombstone over the grave of her sister, Elizabeth Longacre, Martha, according to Elizabeth's will, filed here, is to inherit several thousand dollars. Otherwise the executor will make distribution of the money.

Finds \$4,800 in Old House.

Bloomington, Ill.—While clearing away the debris in an old house in Mason county, Benjamin McFadden found a sack of gold which contained \$4,800. The building was formerly owned by Adolph Kroesum, who died a year ago. He is supposed to have hidden the money.

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AT GUNNESS FARM

MORE THAN 18,000 SIGHTSEERS VISITED THE PLACE OF DEATH SUNDAY.

WAS LIKE A COUNTRY FAIR

All Roads Led to Late Home of Notorious Widow Who Lured Victims With Matrimonial Advertisements.

LaPorte, Ind., May 11.—All roads in LaPorte county led to the Guinness farm Sunday, upwards of 18,000 sightseers visiting the place of death before the sun set. Practically every able-bodied resident of this city made the trip and the railroads and trolley lines brought about 4,000 more to the city.

Mayor Darrow found it necessary to issue stringent orders that the Sunday closing laws should be strictly enforced and the hotels and restaurants were overrun with patrons. Practically every conveyance in the town was pressed into service in an attempt to provide transportation for the crowds. In the afternoon these proved insufficient and late comers were forced to make their way to the place on foot.

Investigation of the case by the authorities halted, the sheriff and other officials who went to the farm being compelled to become mere spectators also. Several of the out-of-town visitors, however, were seeking information concerning missing friends or relatives and some further information regarding the possible identity of the unknown victims of the farm resulted from their inquiries.

The most definite information came from Olaf Lindboe of Chicago. He said that his brother Thomas worked for Mrs. Guinness three years ago and that the last letter which he had from him contained the information that Thomas intended to marry his employer. Olaf wrote to the woman a little later and she replied that Thomas Lindboe had gone to St. Louis and that she had had no word from him. Olaf Lindboe viewed the unidentified corpses, but was unable to find any likeness to his brother in the decayed bundles of bones and flesh.

The crowds began arriving in LaPorte when the first trains from the east arrived shortly after five o'clock in the morning. Nearly 100 passengers from Elkhart, Mishawaka, South Bend, New Carlisle, Rolling Prairie and other towns departed from the coaches and formed the advance guard of the army which invaded the Guinness property during the day. Another train from the same points brought in nearly 200 more spectators three hours later and at ten o'clock, at eleven o'clock and at half past one over a thousand more reached here from the same towns. It was reported that more than 500 tickets to LaPorte had been sold in Elkhart alone.

Another large crowd came from Indianapolis and the intervening cities, villages and hamlets on an excursion train over the Lake Erie & Western railroad. This train consisted of eight coaches and it is estimated that its passengers numbered over 500.

The strangers had no difficulty in finding their way to the death farm. The constant stream of carriages, cabs, omnibuses, automobiles, motor cycles, bicycles, farm wagons and carryalls, pointed unmistakably directions to those who were unable to obtain places in the conveyances and were compelled to walk. The macadam road which winds past Clear Lake and the Guinness farm to Pine Lake, was choked so that even the automobiles were compelled to move at a snail's pace. Many of the vehicles were unable to get within a quarter of a mile of the farm, their passengers joining the crowds which walked across the intervening fields.

At the farm only the speakers' stand with its customary pitcher of ice water was necessary to complete the impression that a big political rally had drawn the inhabitants of the countryside to the spot. There was nothing in the attitude of the crowd to indicate that they were visiting a place where the most gruesome tragedies of a decade had taken place. Joke and laughter comment on the antecedents of the farm were heard on every side and exclamations of joy from successful relic hunters were numerous. Family picnic parties grouped themselves on the sloping lawn under the fine pines and cedars which dot the dooryard, or found resting places beneath the flowering apple and plum trees of the orchard. Children were numerous and many of these groups had a baby cab as a nucleus.

Along the roadside in front of the farm were several lemonade stands and lunch wagons. At the gates were vendors of souvenir postal cards, those bearing a group picture of Mrs. Guinness and the three little ones who met death with her finding the readiest exit. A baseball park in the vicinity was represented by strong-voiced barkers who indicated to the jaded sightseers the place for fresh entertainment.

Conrad Opens Headquarters. Great Falls, Mont., May 11.—W. G. Conrad, multi-millionaire banker, mine owner and ranchman, who is an avowed candidate for the vice-presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket, has opened headquarters in this city. Warner G. Stensel of New York, has been engaged to manage his campaign.

GIRLS SWEEPED OVER A DAM

FOUR DROWNED IN NEOSHO RIVER AT HARTFORD, KAN.

A Gasoline Launch Became Unmanageable and Was Carried Away by the Swift Current.

Emporia, Kan., May 11.—Four girls, Elma Webster, aged 18 years, Edith Webster, aged 16, Grace Lytle, aged 16 and Bessie Lawrence, aged 20, were drowned in the Neosho river at Hartford, 12 miles southeast of Emporia at midnight Friday night. In company with Kate Griffith, Mary Griffith, Carroll Lytle, Emil Steinhouse and Howard Lyon, they were cruising in a gasoline launch. When the party was a short distance above the dam at the Hartford mill, the supply of gasoline gave out and the engine went dead. Steinhouse, who was acting as engineer, couldn't swim. Lyons got out of the boat and endeavored to turn it and run it ashore, but his strength gave out and the launch, with all its occupants, yielding to the swift current, swept over the dam. Lyons rescued Mary Griffith and Carroll Lytle, while Kate Griffith floated down the river some distance and was rescued by a passer-by attracted by her screams.

Bessie Lawrence and Grace Lytle were buried here Sunday afternoon. It was the intention to hold the services for all four girls Sunday, but Lillie and Herna Webster, sisters of Edith and Elma Webster, two of the drowned girls, were in Pallisade, Col., when the accident occurred and they did not arrive in time. The funeral of the Webster sisters will occur Monday at ten o'clock. People in every direction from Hartford gathered in the little town Sunday and it was the largest crowd that had been there for years.

A crowd of young men who were schoolmates of the dead girls, went to the river early Sunday morning and dynamited the launch in which the girls met death.

HE NEEDS THAT SPANKING.

The French Would Like to See Chastisement Administered to Castro.

Paris, May 11.—The recent expulsion of eight Frenchmen from Venezuela has served to increase the resentment of French public opinion against President Castro's arrogant treatment of foreigners. The Temps, reviewing the situation, expresses regret that France did not send ships to bombard Puerto Cabello, instead of simply breaking off diplomatic relations, when M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires was expelled from Venezuela two years ago. It declares that the time has come to act.

"The United States seems disposed to begin," says the Temps. "Senator Cullom declared that Castro deserved a good spanking. Never was there a more propitious occasion for President Roosevelt to use the big stick, and France is perfectly willing to see him enact the role of peacemaker. Venezuela must be taught a lesson and it is immaterial whether it comes from Washington or elsewhere, provided it comes quickly."

Back to Washington.

Washington, May 11.—President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and John Burroughs, who have been spending several days at Pine Knot, Mrs. Roosevelt's country place near Charlottesville, Va., returned to Washington Sunday night at 8:15 o'clock. A special train composed of two cars brought the party back, the trip being without incident.

Enrolled in Army at Age of One Year.

Madrid, May 11.—Prince Alfonso of the Asturias, the infant son of King Alfonso, who was born May 10, 1907, was enrolled in the Spanish army at the royal chapel Sunday. The little prince was attired in the uniform of a private of "the king's own regiment" and was carried by the queen to the altar where the military oath was administered.

FIRST OF ITS KIND

A GATHERING OF NOTABLE MEN WILL OCCUR IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK.

PRESIDENT WILL PRESIDE

The Conference on Natural Resources Promises to Be An Event of Unusual Importance to the Nation.

Washington, May 11.—This will be an eventful and historic week in Washington. The arrival has already begun of one of the most eminent groups of men that has ever gathered here. Included in the assemblage will be 44 governors of states and territories, their advisers to the number of 153 and 59 presidents of the leading national organizations of the United States—a total of 256 men notable for their positions and ability to grapple with a great public question.

The occasion is the conference on natural resources, which will be held at the White House this week and over which President Roosevelt will preside.

The theme of the conference is worthy of the men who will participate. Its importance was set forth by President Roosevelt in his letter of invitation to the governors in these words:

"It is the plain duty of us who, for the moment, are responsible, to take inventory of the natural resources which have been handed down to us, to forecast the needs of the future and so handle the great sources of our prosperity as not to destroy in advance all hope of the prosperity of our descendants. Facts which I cannot gainsay force me to believe that the conservation of our natural resources is the most weighty question now before the people of the United States. If this is so the proposed conference, which is the first of its kind will be among the most important gatherings in our history in its effect upon the welfare of all our people."

The conference represents the climax in the development of President Roosevelt's policy regarding natural resources. It is a natural outgrowth of the activities of the forest service, which has been the pioneer in conservation and through the work of which the public mind has been aroused to the close approach of a timber famine. It is an outgrowth, too, of the work of the reclamation service and of the more recently established technologic branch of the geological survey.

A Ban on Rats and Mice.

Washington, May 11.—The ban has been placed against rats and mice on the Panama canal zone in efforts to prevent bubonic plague from gaining a foothold there. It has been demonstrated that the plague is communicated by means of fleas. The fleas get it from rats and mice and communicate it to human beings. With the extermination of rats and mice it is stated there will be no danger from the bite of the flea so far as plague is concerned. Canal employees have been instructed to kill rats and mice.

Fire At the Glenn Pool.

Tulsa, Ok., May 11.—The Texas Oil company's pumping station and a string of tanks of oil on the company's property and the Franchot lease adjoining, in the Glenn pool, were destroyed by fire Sunday causing a loss of \$35,000. The tanks caught fire from burning trash and the flames soon spread to the pumping station. This is the third big fire that has occurred in the Glenn pool within the past six weeks.

Traveling Salesman Suicides.

Chillicothe, Mo., May 11.—C. M. Rucker of Springfield, Mo., a traveling salesman for the Humes Crockery company of Kansas City, committed suicide early Sunday morning by throwing himself from the window of his room in the third story of the Leeper hotel.

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Fairbanks Dedicates School.

Chicago, May 11.—Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks was the guest of honor Sunday at the dedication of the St. Stanislaus Polish Roman Catholic parochial school, the largest institution of its kind in the United States. The vice president in his address said that he would rather see the people spend their money in building up great schools and churches than to see them spend it in unduly expanding armies and navies. In the new parochial school 4,500 pupils will receive instruction from a staff of more than a hundred teachers.

Night Riders in Indiana.

Aurora, Ind., May 11.—Early Sunday morning a band of marauders, supposedly from Kentucky ruined the tobacco beds on the farm of Henry Kessler, five miles below here. They dug a grave, put in an old sword, a box of matches and a note warning Kessler that if he attempted to raise any more tobacco he would occupy the grave. The farmers are alert and expect more trouble.

Resting At San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 11.—After four days of indulgence in all the varied forms of hospitality provided by San Francisco, which has worn well nigh everyone to the point of physical exhaustion, the officers and men of the Pacific and Atlantic fleets spent a Sunday of recuperation and rest.

TAFT'S PANAMA MISSION

A SERIES OF SATISFACTORY CONFERENCES HELD.

Troublesome Diplomatic Questions Affecting the Canal Zone Practically Settled.

Panama, May 11.—Every since his arrival here Secretary Taft has been busy holding conferences with President Amador, Foreign Secretary Arias Senor Arango, the Panama minister to the United States, Mr. Squiers, the American minister to Panama, and William Nelson Cromwell, the legal advisor of the Panama Canal company. The conferences were concluded Sunday. They covered numerous topics relating to the treaty which it is desired to negotiate between Colombia, the United States and Panama.

While details are lacking it is stated that a tentative accord has been reached upon important points and that decision with reference to the others only awaits special inquiry now in progress. The result of the conferences, it is announced, is satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Columbia's recent seizure of the town of Jurado on the frontier, involved in the general boundary question between the two countries, has been fully considered. The Panama government has agreed to the suggestion made by Mr. Taft to withhold all action until the secretary of war has had an opportunity personally to confer with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Root.

One of the most important questions affecting the canal zone has been to determine the titles of individual occupants of lands in the zone and the value of lands appropriated for canal uses. Until now adjustment had been impossible, but a solution has been reached by which an arbitration tribunal will be constituted under the existing treaty. This tribunal will have the power to determine all questions as to valuations and legal titles. It will be composed of two citizens of the United States and two citizens of Panama with Gov. Magoon of Cuba as umpire.

Secretary Taft expects to conclude his business relative to the canal administration and inspection Monday and will sail for the United States on Tuesday morning.

RUSSELL LEAVES VENEZUELA.

No Farewells From Officials—Serious Conditions at La Guaira.

Williamstad, May 11.—W. W. Russell, the American minister to Venezuela, sailed from here Sunday on the steamship Caracas for the United States, where he will spend his vacation of two months. The American minister arrived here from Puerto Cabello, Vza., sailing from that port Saturday afternoon after a visit to the United States gunboat Paducah. His departure from Puerto Cabello was greeted with a salute of 15 guns.

That there is a tension in the diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela was shown by the fact that none of the Venezuelan officials was on hand to bid Mr. Russell goodbye.

Thomas P. Moffatt, American consul at La Guaira, is incommunicado in that city because of the plague. It is thought that the United States may send a gunboat there for the purpose of transferring the consul because at present there are no American interests requiring his presence. President Castro's decree shutting off La Guaira may be prolonged indefinitely or until a full week passes without new cases of the plague, making their appearance.

There is great distress among the unemployed of which the number is large. Merchants in LaGuaira are doing little business and are no longer able to support the poor. An appeal has been made to the chamber of commerce in Caracas for help. A second relief train was sent to the isolated city Saturday with provisions. The death list is growing and the whole town seems to be infected.

First Lessons in Sculpture.

Modeling presents an ideal form of amusement and instruction combined for the little ones, nor is any occupation more dear to the childish heart. Some doctors and nurses declare that the clay used by sculptors is unhygienic, nor is it very easy to obtain in small quantities. A substitute may be found in paper pulp. Tear a quantity of newspapers in small pieces and pour boiling water over them, allowing them to remain soaking several hours. Pick this pulp well to pieces and mix thoroughly with a little thin flour and water paste; a trial or two will enable one to determine the proper consistency. This may be molded like clay. Into birds, animals, figures, dishes, etc., which, when they are quite dry, may be colored with water color paints.

A Rock Through Car Roof.

Fairmont, W. Va., May 11.—While the Chicago and New York express on the Baltimore & Ohio was passing Hammond, seven miles east of Fairmont, early Sunday a large rock rolled down from the hillside and crashed through the roof of the smoking car, injuring three passengers.

Walk Across the Continent.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 11.—Albert Edwards, who is endeavoring to win a

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