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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

Receipts of Cattle 1200, and Hogs 800.

MARKET STEADY, STRONG.

Usual Range of Prices Below Yesterday's.

TOTAL CATTLE SUPPLY

Steady Fair for Good Steers, Slack on Others.

THE MARKET TODAY.

Top	$7 45
Bulk	$7 20@7 35
Top, steers	3 85

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Today	1,200	800	.....
Last week	629	884	146

RECEIPTS FOR 1903 TO DATE

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
	19,157	9,841	499
	13,188	9,022	855
	1,207	278	26
	936	318	245
	748	517	25
	1,027	1,008	
	493	793	348
	404	238	
	964	797	
	471	471	
	441	561	
	581	186	31
	713	467	
	243	209	153
	1,306	782	226
	629	884	146
	564	578	18
	374	376	429
	185	171	
	324	184	
	900	1,039	

THE HOG MARKET

(Reported up to 3 p. m. daily.)

Receipts were fairly liberal, but fell a few head from a week ago. Cars were unloaded early, which left 795 head, against 884 for last Tuesday, and 673 for the corresponding day last month.

Buyers were in good time today, practically everything was in the pen buyers and sellers were able to do business.

Quality of hogs was poorer than Monday's, taking the run all the way through, and quite a large percentage of the offerings ran below the 200-pound notch, with a good many loads of mixed, and running down to a pig.

The market opened active and strong, packers went after the hogs like they had a lot of orders to fill, but prices in spots were thought by sellers to be lower than steady, but buyers said they were paying more for their hogs, considering quality, than was paid yesterday, but it was hard to keep a line on, as trading was uneven and quality so mixed. The general feeling was that it was a good steady market.

Of today's receipts were a good many hogs that came from Indian Territory points, where they have had rains which flooded the feeding fields, and as a result a great many unfinished hogs were dumped on the market today.

The extreme range today was from $7.45, with the bulk, including sales from $7 to $7, with the top price $7.45 for a few round hogs.

Good to choice heavy packers are quoted at $7.35 to $7.50, with the mixed packers $7 to $7.35, while light grades are selling mostly from $6 50 to $7, and rough hogs from $4.50 to $6.50.

The market closed steady with the hog business over by noon.

Representative sales:

HOGS.

Average.	Price.
340	4 00
376	7 00
190	7 00
167	7 10
233	7 15
193	7 17½
184	7 20
230	7 22½
191	7 25
184	7 30
197	7 30
196	7 35
188	7 35
192	7 35
190	7 40
203	7 40
211	7 45
222	7 45

PIGS AND LIGHTS

3	126	6 25
33	128	6 25
82	117	6 25
32	125	6 25
14	130	6 25
66	121	6 30
2	120	6 50

THE CATTLE MARKET

(Reported up to 3 p. m. daily.)

Receipts were larger today than was expected, and about 35 cars were unloaded early, figuring up 989 head, which with drive-ins, made receipts run about 1000 head, against 629 for last Tuesday and 909 for the same day last month.

There was nothing among receipts to cause any radical change in prices. The quality was poor and the demand so indifferent after the good run of Monday that it was not easy to make sales early. Tuesday is generally a day when a lot of poor stuff arrives, but today seemed to be worse than usual. Many are sending in their cattle scarcely more than half fat, which do not sell well because the demand calls for something smooth and well finished.

It did not take long today to exhaust the offerings of steers, as the supply was small, with very few that would come into the class with the good steers on yesterday's market.

Outside buyers filled up pretty well yesterday, but there is still a good demand for the right kind of stuff, especially good well finished steers and good fat cows and heifers.

There was no change of any consequence in the cow market today. The demand was of an indifferent nature, and while buyers were willing to pay steady prices, it was in a quiet way, and business was by no means brisk. There were not many cows of good quality on the market, and this no doubt caused some dullness in the trade. The bulk of the offerings were of a common grade, running down to the canner kind.

The demand for canners was very poor, and those who had the thin kinds found a very dull and unsatisfactory market with sales going mostly from $1.50 to $2.

The supply of calves was large, but mostly of a heavy kind, with a few of the best vealers selling around $4, and heavier calves going mostly from $2.50 to $3.50.

Market closed steady.

Representative sales:

STEERS

No.	Average	Price.
24	974	3 85
21	1023	3 85
23	1014	3 85
9	385	3 65
28	911	3 65
39	896	3 65
20 steers and cows	900	3 60
27	945	3 55
15 steers and cows	913	3 35
19	906	3 25
5	920	3 25
6	616	3 00
38	631	2 85
6	560	2 85

COWS.

2	1060	3 25
24 cows and heifers	762	3 00
6	805	3 00
5	732	3 00
1	720	2 75
23 cows and heifers	739	2 65
36 cows and heifers	675	2 65
2	750	2 60
20 cows and heifers	622	2 50
25 cows and heifers	601	2 50
4	700	2 25
30	656	2 10
1	630	2 00
1	820	2 00

HEIFERS.

1	450	2 50
1	470	2 25
1	440	2 25
2	675	3 25

BULLS.

4	1400	2 65
1	960	2 25

CALVES.

4	295	4 00
2	450	3 35
5	256	3 25
12	302	3 00
7	142	3 00
9	258	2 75
10	178	2 50

Sales After 3 p. m. Yesterday.

STEERS.

24	978	3 85
21	1023	3 85
23	1014	3 85

COWS

2	940	3 00

BULLS AND STAGS.

1 stag	1180	3 50
1 stag	1050	3 50
4 bulls	1400	2 50

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.

Steers—Choice fed	$4 00@4 60
Medium fed	3 25@4 00
Good grass	2 75@3 25
Light thin	2 25@2 75
Cows—Choice heavy fed	3 00@3 50
Medium butcher	2 50@3 00
Light thin	2 00@2 50
Canners	1 50@2 00
Bulls, stags and oxen	2 25@3 00
Veals and calves	2 50@4 00

HOGS.

Heavy sorted	7 25@7 50
Mixed packers	7 00@7 35
Light	6 50@7 00
Southwestern pigs	5 50@6 50
Stockers	4 50@5 00

SHEEP.

Lambs	$4 00@5 00
Wethers	4 00@4 50
Ewes	3 25@4 00
Bucks and culls	1 50@2 50

SHIPPERS IN TODAY.

CATTLE.

J. H. Miller, Krum, 67.
E. B. Smith, Purcell, 155.
S. & H., Meridian, 53.
R. Simmonds, Cleburne, 11.
Denton C. C. M. Co., Denton, 61.
J. H. Parrimore, Abilene, 88.
Mayfield & H., Abilene, 93.
T. Finley, Celina, 19.
G. W. Elliott, Hebron, 6.
W. J. Robbins, Plano, 18.
M. & M. Co., Commerce, 36.
J. H. Spikes, Wills Point, 32.
McA., Dallas, 32.
Geo. Hornbrick, Henderson, 70.
W. T. Herrick, Whitney, 31.
J. L. Jones & Co., Stamford, 217.

HOGS.

Wade Hampton, Paul's Valley, I.T. 87.
W. J. Long, Paul's Valley, I. T., 93.
R. Simmonds, Cleburne, 33.
J. M. Browder, Clarendon, 76.
W. J. Robbins, Plano, 43.
Scoff Bros., Commerce, 76.
Satchel & Co., Waxahachie, 79.
R. A. Riddels, Waupauncka, I. T., 95.
G. W. Elliott, Hebron, 59.
J. H. Winton, Colbert, I. T., 91.
C. F. Walker, East Lake, Texas, 53.
W. C. Herrick, Whitney, Texas. 10.

Driven In.

CATTLE—W. B. Floyd 5; T. J. Steen, 1; John Morris, 5; Boyd & Davis, 6; Dwiggins, 1.

HOGS—Mrs. Stewart, 3; R. M Clem, 3; F. McGinnis, 1; P. W. Morgan, 1; Jones, 6; J. C. Crow, 1; Palmer, 1; John Lute, 1; Wallace, 1; W. J. Beckham, 10; J. W. Corn, 13.

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

J. H. Stanford from Nevada marketed 71 hogs, averaging 186 pounds, which sold at $7.27½.

W. J. Robbins of Plano had in 12 sheep and lambs that averaged 101 pounds and sold for $5.

Reynolds Bros. of Cisco were on the market with 28 steers, averaging 892 pounds, which sold at $3.50.

D. C. Giddings of Brenham was on the market with 48 steers, averaging 1012, pounds, which sold at $3.80.

W. T. Beasley of Madill, I. T., was here Monday with a nice lot of pigs; 64, averaging 111 pounds, sold at $6 35

E. B. Smith of Davis, I. T., was on the market yesterday with 85 hogs, averaging 200 pounds, which sold at $7.30.

J. M. Browder from Clarendon was on the market with 43 head of hogs, averaging 191 pounds, which sold at $7.25.

Tom Finley, a regular shipper to this market, was here with 40 head of mixed cows and calves that sold at satisfactory prices.

Estes & Milling from Hobart, O. T., regular shippers to this market, were here with 80 hogs, averaging 209 pounds, which sold at $7.40.

D. R. Martin, a regular shipper to this market, had on the late market yesterday three loads of cattle, 68 head of steers, averaging 1005, which sold at $3.85.

Light Bros, regular shippers from Pilot Point, were again on the market with 93 head of cattle, among which were 46 head of steers, averaging 1216 pounds, which sold at $4 30.

Dr. A. Murchison from Meritt was on the market looking for feeders, but was unable to see what he wanted. He is going to stay here until he gets something that suits him. He says there is a big acreage of corn to be planted in his country and that people are getting interested in hog raising.

A. Kessling of Brenham was on the market with 201 head of cattle, 24 steers, averaging 1009, sold at $3 90. He also had 22 stags, averaging 1155 pounds, at $3.25, and 14 oxen averaging 1360 at $3.25.

A. H. Burns of Dallas was on the market yesterday with a mixed load of cattle and hogs. The hogs averaged 185 pounds, and sold at $7.20. A few steers in the load averaged 1080 and brought $4.10.

Mayfield & Hughes from Abilene were on the market with 3 cars of cattle of their own feeding. Sixty-seven steers, averaging 902 pounds, were sold to Swift and Co. at $3.65. These steers were fed about 75 days.

WILL GO TO RAISING HOGS.

Two Big Cattle Raisers See Money in Porkers.

Winfield Scott and A. T. Wooten are fencing in a 400 acre hog ranch out of their Bear Creek pastures. They are two large cattle operators, who have pastures in several localities in this state and the territories. It is understood that this is only a start in the hog business, and after this one is developed they will open others. The big money being made in hogs has put many of the cattlemen to thinking.

Big New Mexico Ranch Sale.

From Kansas City comes a report of the sale of the El Capitan ranch near Richardson, N. M. The price is put at $400,000. The sale includes ranch property, leases, equipment, a general store at Richardson, N. M., and a guarantee of 25,000 cattle. The contract provides a stated price for the cattle, 25,000, and a forfeit for each head falling below that number. The brand of the El Capitan company is known as three boxes on the side. The purchaser is a corporation headed by W. A. Johnson of Buckner, Mo.

Live Stock in Erath County.

A correspondent of the Stephenville Empire writes: "Jim Lee of the Rocky Point community was buying steers this week. The prices now being paid for cattle are rather low compared with the prices of former years. Grass is nearly here and very few cattle have died, so far. High prices that cattle have commanded for a few years have caused our people to neglect the hog to such an extent that there will be a scarcity of hogs for several years to come and the few here are mostly of inferior stock. It does not pay to raise scrub stock of any kind, but there is much less profit in raising scrub hogs than any other farm animal. Most of the people who tell of their experience with the hog are those who have good stock, and you never hear from the man with the scrub.

A Montana Experiment.

Chicago Live Stock World.

The Montana experiment station demonstrated on yesterday's sheep market that finished stock is the stuff to ship. A band of wethers fed on grain and alfalfa sold at $6 per hundred and a band of lambs fitted in similar manner at $7.25.

Presumption is that this stock was prepared for market after methods open to every sheep handler. The wethers reached a good market, but sold 15 cents higher than was paid for any band this season. The remarkable feature is that they brought around $1 more per hundred than any Montana bred wethers fed in the state previously.

The lambs brought the top price of the season on a slumpy market when good lambs went at prices 25 to 35 cents lower.

The Live Stock World has not been informed just how these lambs and sheep were fed, but the transaction is calculated to open the eyes of Montana people as to the possibilities of sheep fattening in the irrigated sections of that state where alfalfa and small grain can be cheaply and abundantly raised.

Texas Will Raise More Wheat.

President Paysor of the Texas Miller's association said in this city, that the increased wheat acreage in the state this year over last would be fully 15 per cent, and probably 20 per cent. He also said that the prospects were never better for a good crop. He stated that the green bugs were appearing in small quantities in some places, but the damage so far done by them amounts to very little.

HITCHCOCK INTERFERED.

Interior Department Killed the Oklahoma Quarantine Bill.

The Oklahoma quarantine bill did not become a law, reports to the contrary notwithstanding. It did not receive the signature of Governor Ferguson, as announced in the press dispatches, and died by limitation at midnight Thursday night. The Kansas City Drovers' Telegram says:

To Senator Culberson of Texas is due much of the credit for the defeat of the bill which was passed by both houses of the Oklahoma legislature, and which, there was reason to believe, Governor Ferguson was inclined to sign. After the passage of the bill Tom Coleman of San Antonio, Texas, a big lessee in Oklahoma, wired to Senator Culberson explaining the hardship which the bill would work on the cattlemen and other interests in the Territory if it became a law. Senator Culberson laid the matter before the secretary of the interior, and the latter wired to Governor Ferguson to protest against the bill. The ground on which the interior department interfered was that the bill, if it became a law, would render worthless a large number of leases on grazing lands in the Osage, Kaw and Ponca reservations, on which the money had been paid by the cattlemen, and which the interior department had approved. The bill as passed placed a wall around these reservations, figuratively speaking, prohibiting the bringing in of Southern cattle. This would have made the extensive pastures in these reservations from which the Indians derive a considerable revenue, practically valueless.

An average of 300,000 head of cattle are grazed on the Kaw, Osage and Ponca reservations. The leading lease holders are the following: Russell Bros., Menardville, Texas; M. L. Metz, Sol Mayer, Hazzard Bros, San Angelo; H. M. Stonebraker, Kansas City; Tom Coleman, W. H. Jennings, Fleming & Davidson and M. Halff, San Antonio; Geo. T. Hume, Austin.

Sale of 800 Yearlings.

A sale of 800 yearlings was recently made by Mr. Jas. B. Gray of this city, from his Moon ranch, to Baer Bros. of Leadville, Colo. The prices are reported "p. t.," but knowing ones say that $18 wouldn't miss it by a few cents.

Laying of a Corner Stone.

Station A, Fort Worth, March 23.—The laying of the corner stone of the new Methodist church will take place at Kennedale next Saturday, March 28, at 2:30 o'clock. The Masons will cooperate with the church in the ceremonies. All Masons especially invited. Everybody come. G. F. WINFIELD, Pastor.

Not Much of a Traveler.

Fort Worth Register.

Jesse Medley is a new comer to Fort Worth. There is nothing unusual in the announcement that Jesse has taken up his abode in Fort Worth, but it is interesting to note that until last Wednesday he had never seen Fort Worth, although he has lived within sixty miles of this city for the last thirty-two years. He is now 75 years of age, and came to Texas from Tennessee forty years ago.

To a Register reporter Mr. Medley said he located nine miles from St. Joe, when he first reached the state, and for ten years never saw that town.

"You've got a fine town here. I never had any idea there was such a big place in the state. You may think it strange, but it's a fact that I have never been in any large city in Texas during the many years I have lived in the state," said the old man.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Quotations at Fort Worth, Wholesale and Retail Prices.

The grain and hay market in Fort Worth is quoted as follows. Prices are for car lots. In smaller quantities, add 2 to 5 cents per bushel for grain and 5c per cwt. for bran and chops:

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 54c; No. 2 white, 55c.
WHEAT—75c.
OATS—45c.
BRAN—$1.05 per cwt.
CHOPS—$1.10 per cwt.
KAFFIR CORN—$1.15 per cwt.
CANE SEED—$1.25 per cwt.
MILLET SEED—$1.75.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $12 50 per ton.

Cotton Seed, Meal and Hulls.

COTTON SEED—Car lots $16 00 to $18.00 ton.
COTTON SEED MEAL—Car lots, $22.00 to $23.00.
COTTON SEED HULLS—By contract, $6.50; retail, $7.00.

Hides.

DRY FLINT—Heavy beef, 13c; heavy fallen, 12c; light, 10c. Dry salt, 10 to 11c, culls and bad damaged, 5 to 9c. Green salt, 5½ to 6½c.

Wool.

Light medium, 12-mos., 12 to 14c; 6-mos., 11 to 13c. Heavy, short and sandy, 10 to 12c.

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	3,000	13,000	6,000
Kansas City	8,000	9,000	5,000
St. Louis	3,000	3,000	1,500
St. Joseph	3,500	7,500	3,000
Total	17,500	32,500	16,500

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., March 24.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 3,000. Market steady to stronger. Best stripes offered at $6.05.

HOGS—Receipts 13,000. Market opened strong, closed weak. Top $7.87½; bulk $7.55@7.75.

SHEEP—Receipts 6000. Mostly 10c higher. Best lambs $7.65, the highest price in over ten years.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, March 24.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE—Receipts 8000. Market steady to 10c lower. Top $5.35 bid. Cows, stockers and Texas steady.

HOGS—Receipts 9,000. Market 5c lower. Top $7.55; bulk $7.25@7.45.

SHEEP—Receipts 5,000. Strong. Lambs steady to lower.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., March 24.—Receipts and quotations as furnished by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 3000, one-half Texas. Steers steady to strong; bulls slow; top $4.35. Natives slow; top $4.75.

HOGS—Receipts 3,000. Market steady. Top $7.75; bulk $7.40@7.60.

SHEEP—Receipts 1500. Steady. Mexican yearlings $7.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, March 24.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 3500. Market steady to strong. Top $4.90.

HOGS—Receipts 7500. Market steady to 10c lower. Top $7.65; bulk $7.30@7.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 3,000. Market steady to strong. Colorado ewes $5.70.

Manufacturers Record: More than 10,000 persons participated in the formal opening of the two packing houses at Fort Worth, Texas, at which Mr. M. J. Sanders of New Orleans, president of the Progressive Union, was the principal speaker.

Live Stock Commission Houses.

Following are the members of the Live Stock Exchange now doing business at the Fort Worth Stock Yards:

CAMPBELL & ROSSON L. S. COM. CO.
FORT WORTH LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
LONG HORN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NORTH TEXAS LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
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If you have anything to sell that these men want to buy, or if you want to buy anything they have to sell, or if you want to tell them anything you can do it through the columns of The Live Stock Reporter better and cheaper than through any other paper.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—85 Shorthorn Cattle, at public sale, Monday, March 30, 1903, at Dallas fair grounds, by Jno. Burruss, Columbia, Mo. Nearly all of this stock is Immune, balance Inoculated against Tick Fever. Cows with calves at foot, Heifers safe in calf, and Herd-Headers. In this sale will be offered the Imported Bull, Advance, 179251, three times inoculated for Tick Fever. This sale will, without question, offer some great bargains. Be sure and come. Sale commences at 10 a. m. For catalogue, write C. S. Mitchell, Jr., care American Nat'l Bank, Dallas, Texas.

FOR SALE—We have for sale at Estelline, Texas, on the Fort Worth & Denver R. R. 150 full blood Hereford bulls from 12 to 15 months old. Nothing better in the Panhandle. For prices and further information, address R. D. Green Estelline, Texas, or the Continental Land & Cattle Company, Continental Building, Denver, Colo. Bulls can be seen at any time; one-half mile from the station.

STOCK FARMS.—We have for sale Improved Stock Farms and Pastures of 480, 640, 1120 and up to 5000 acres, RIGHT ON RAILROAD, and with absolutely PERMANENT WATER, only six hours run to Fort Worth. Horses, Mules and Cattle for Sale. WEBB & RUSSELL, Baird, Callahan county, Texas.

FOR SALE—40 head Durham Bulls, 2 to 4 years old, all red and well bred. Also 15 good Jacks, ready for service. J. W. Shepard, Plano, Texas.

FOR SALE—Small ranches, well improved. 1100 acres in Burnett county, 1100 acres in Jack county, 2500 acres in Montague county. H. H. Cobb, Fort Worth, Texas.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1903.

SCARCITY OF SHEEP.

Sheep are undeniably scarce. If this were not the case present prices would fetch them in. The argument is advanced that shorn stock exists in feed lots more numerously than generally supposed and that growers are natural bulls on a rising market. This may be true, but the shortage cannot be disguised. Native stocks are exhausted and the trade is practically dependent on fed westerns.

A significant feature is the arrival of tail end lots from western feeding grounds. Several big feeders have already cleaned up, while others have only a few more to send in.

It is evident that the mutton producers of the country are not keeping pace with the necessities of the mutton consumers.—Chicago Live Stock World.

No country on earth is better adapted for sheep raising than Texas, yet our supply has been growing less for many years. The Fort Worth market is begging for 200 to 300 muttons a day and getting 0 to 150 a day, the "0" appearing on sheep receipts two days to any other showing one.

The mutton supply must be furnished by the farmer. No farmer cultivating fifty acres of ground should have less than 25 sheep.

Already more sheep have been received at this market in March than came here in the two months of January and February. These sheep were not what they should have been for muttons, but they make a beginning. As farmers see the money to be made in a little bunch of sheep, they will give more attention to this branch of the live stock industry. They may raise sheep now with the confidence of always finding a good market at Fort Worth.

We repeat, to the good wife and the children who reside within fifty miles of Fort Worth, that they can make more clear money out of their spare time on the farm by devoting it to poultry, eggs and milk, than in any other employment. The Fort Worth market is open for everything of this kind at the highest cash price, and they are wanted every day in the year.

Fort Worth is a market for the Indian Territory and Oklahoma hog raiser. Of the hogs that were at the yards yesterday, 942 came from these territories, and 227 from Texas. And they were the best of the day's offerings, too. That is not to the credit of our Texas farmers, but they can do better hereafter, if they will try.

Monday, March 2, brought a total of 278 hogs to this market. Monday, March 9, this total was 707; the next Monday it was 782, and yesterday 1039. Fort Worth is the growing market of the country for the hog shipper.

The hogs that sold at $7.60 yesterday weighed 294 pounds, and brought $22.34 a head. Some pretty good 3 year-old cows were sold the same day that brought no more.

January's best sale of hogs on this market was $6.40. February's top was $7. March has reached $7.60, and the market is still climbing.

Kansas City is keeping up with Fort Worth pretty well these days, as a hog market. Tops were the same at both places yesterday.

If the price of hogs keeps going up, some fellow will round up a lead of peccaries and send them to market.

NEW DANGER POINT.

It Is Three Miles South of Riverton, in Bolivar County, Mississippi.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 24.—A new danger point has appeared in the Mississippi levees rather serious reports coming from Riverton, three miles south of Rosedale, in Bolivar county. The main levee at that point is said to be sloughing and leaking badly. A special train with several hundred laborers was rushed to the danger point from Greenville. High northwesterly winds have prevailed Monday, adding another element of danger to the situation.

The break of a private levee near Duval's has not affected seriously the main embankment.

Scores of refugees, many of them in destitute circumstances, came Sunday and Monday, and the problem of what to do with them is becoming serious. It is estimated that fully six hundred head of livestock were brought in from the flooded section of Issaquena county.

President McClelland of the Fifth Louisiana district board reports that his entire line is intact.

STATIONARY MONDAY.

Danger at Memphis Is Now Thought to Be Practically Over.

Memphis, March 24.—The river remained stationary all Monday at 39.5 feet and at night it was falling. The danger from the flood in this territory is considered to be practically over and no further developments of moment are expected in the natural course of events. The center of interest is now the situation south of Memphis, along the levees of Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.

There has been considerable wind and this has caused uneasiness for those points along the southern levees that are but a foot or more above the flood. It was fair the greater part of Monday and the rain that fell in the morning was not heavy and was not considered cause for additional uneasiness.

FOOT HIGHER.

Large Force of Men Are Hard at Work and Care Exercised.

Natchez, Miss., March 24.—Sycamore levee, ten miles above Vidalia, over which there has been so much uneasiness is now a foot higher than in 1897. An immense amount of work was done on the levee, as many as 300 men being engaged at one time. Apprehension over this levee was not confined to the Louisiana parish, as Natchez fears that a break there would mean a new channel for the river, leaving this city high and dry and a half mile from the river besides flooding Vidalia. Water from the Bougere crevasse is backing up Black river, thrown up across a roadway embankment. The water is running with great force. Forty or fifty negro families living in lowlands at Kleinston, this county, had to hurriedly flee from their homes Monday afternoon, a small protection levee having given away. This levee was about sixty feet wide.

In Good Shape.

Lake Providence, La., March 24.—Levee Commissioner Hamley has inspected the levee from Lake Providence to Point, a distance of fifteen miles, and reports all the levees in first class condition. The low places on the Fulton have been raised with sacks and planks and revetted. They can easily stand one foot more of water. The Wilson Point levee is also a little lower, but work is being done on it. All the levees throughout the parish are in fine shape with the exception of the stretch from O'possum Point to Ashton, in which there are low places.

Much Pile Driving.

Baton Rouge, La., March 24.—The river here has returned to its daily rise of three inches, registering 28.25. Soon it will reach the stage of the 1897 flood. At Arlington over 400 feet of piling have been driven and it has been planked. Less than 300 feet remain unfinished. Filling in between the protection levee and the mud box has commenced. About 250 farm hands and 200 convicts have been at work there.

Complimented Highly.

Greenville, Miss., March 24.—Captain C. H. West, the chief engineer, arrived from the lower end of the district. He complimented very highly the officers in charge of the whole lower system and said if watchfulness, faithful service and daylight could prevent an overflow, the district would pass without it this year.

One Foot Higher.

Helena, Ark., March 24.—The Mississippi Monday morning registered half a foot more than has been predicted up within the past few days, the guage registering 50.5 at the early reading. Monday night a further size of fifteen hundreths was recorded. Atogether the outlook here is more cheerful than at any time within the past three weeks.

LARGE COAL DEAL.

Kansas Capitalists Acquire Controlling Interest in Territory Company.

South McAlester, I. T., March 24.—The largest coal deal in the history of the McAlester district has been concluded by which William Busby of Parsons, Kan., president and principal stockholder of the Great Western Coal and Coke company, acquires a controlling interest in the Osage Coal and Mining company, the oldest coal company in this section. Mr. Busby has bought two-thirds of the stock in the company formerly owned by the Goulds for $200,000. The remaining third is owned by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway.

Arrived at Guayaquil.

Guayaquil, March 24.—Guillermo Koppel, the Mexican pedestrian, who left Argentina about a year ago on his way to St. Louis, has arrived here.

FRILLS AND FASHIONS

THE LATEST DECREES OF THE MODERN TYRANT.

Late Season Hat of White Lace Over White Panne Velvet—Pretty Theater Bodice of Mousseline—Mittens That Are Jeweled.

Mittens That Are Jeweled.

Lace mittens with that part that comes on the back of the hand in diamonds are to be seen in Paris and a number of society women have a particular fancy for this combination of diamonds and lace. On one pair of fine Brussels lace, across the back is a latticework of diamonds, forming a V, that starts upward from the wrist, and opens out to the width of the knuckles. Another pair has the thumbs of similar diamond lace, strings of the same jewels catching round each finger, thus keeping in position the mittens of lace, which would otherwise be rather short on the hand. Still another variety is the mitten of beautiful lace, that does not meet up the center back of the hand and arm, necessitating a lacing of diamonds or pearls to make the connection.

Pretty Theater Bodice.

The theater bodice shown is of white mousseline, with straps of heliotrope velvet banding the shirrings that fit it about the neck, waist and wrists. The big butterfly appliqued on the front is of white lace picked out in gold. Tiny rhinestone buckles hold the velvet straps of the girdle in place.

Puffed Coiffure.

The modern girl is so charmed with the lovely gowns that are being designed for her, and so taken with their exquisite elaboration, that she has even gone so far as to say that it is the elaborate coiffure that she wants or nothing. Simplicity in hair dressing seems to be going out along with simplicity in gowns, says Marie Tours in the Chicago Times-Herald. It is the elaborate coiffure with its decidedly low dressing that is the vogue. Loose, graceful puffs are in favor, arranged one over the other, and the lower one falling well over the neck. The hair coiled in a big, loose knot also bears fashion's stamp of approval. The hair nets are coming in, too. The big coil to keep it looking its best needs to be confined within the meshes of a net. And then sometimes hair nets are jeweled, which makes them not only necessary, but a novelty to long for.

Molasses Candy.

Butter the inside of a deep saucepan and put in a quart of New Orleans molasses—the saucepan must be deep enough to prevent the molasses boiling over. Boil for half an hour, lifting the pan quickly from the fire for a minute if it comes to the top. At the end of half an hour add half a teaspoonful of baking soda; continue to boil until it is brittle and will snap between the teeth when tried in cold water. Add tablespoonful of vinegar or lemon juice and pour out in a thin layer into oiled tins. When cool enough to handle this may be pulled to a light yellow color if desired.

A Late Season Hat.

The hat illustrated is of white lace over white panne velvet. Through the loops of white liberty satin ribbon bunches of shaded violets, with clusters of loose stems are thrust.

To Wash Flannel Blouses.

Dainty flannel blouses are quite easy to wash at home. If you can get rain water, use it; but if not, add a teaspoonful of borax to a gallon of warm water in which you can comfortably bear your hand. This will soften it. Then dissolve in it a heaped tablespoonful of soap jelly. Wash the blouses first in this, and then in another suds prepared in the same way. Afterward rinse in two lots of water of the same temperature as the suds, to which a little borax, but no soap, has been added.

Colored blouses should never be allowed to soak, but be washed as quickly as possible. Never wash blouses of different colors in the same suds; and, after washing and rinsing, hang in a windy, but not sunny, place to dry, spreading them as much as possible.

BOUDOIR CHAT

Cameos are, once more, much used.

Many of the long evening gloves are inset with lace insertion.

A coarse net, embroidered in straw and appliqued with strawberries and leaves, is used for hat crowns.

Some of the new dotted silk mousseline veils have gaily embroidered borders, two or three inches deep, in the popular strawberry design.

Colored laces are having great vogue, not only the laces dyed to match gowns, but coarse filet darned in patterns in blues, reds or browns.

Handkerchiefs exactly matching the frock in color are a present fad and some women go to the length of having kerchiefs dyed to match each of their gowns.

For the woman who loves the weird there are the new snake girles and chains of white metal. These snakes are wonderfully and fearfully flexible and their jeweled eyes gleam effectively.

Toques of Modest Violets.

Violet toques are among the early hats that are being shown. With the first coming of spring this modest flower is ever a prime favorite in millinery, and this season the dainty little flower will be used to compose entire hats.

The color of the violet chosen for head decoration is that with a pinkish tinge, those flowers with a blue tendency being put aside for the warmer purple coloring. Not only toques, but medium sized hats as well are being made up of violets. Often among these, to intensify the coloring a single pink rose is added, or a bunch of white violets is put at one side, if a brilliant tone is not desired. A cluster of the gardenias, which are likely to be more popular as the season advances, or a few camellias, give a very artistic touch to these violet toques.

In some of these the brim is simply made of the flowers, while the crown is composed of maiden hair fern, the green and the violet being especially effective when combined in this way.

Worn at the Opera.

The opera gown shown is of striped black net over pale blue mousseline.

The girdle and corsage garniture and the full under sleeves are of blue mousseline. Bands of black lace run over the shoulders and band the upper sleeves above their frill-like termination. Crushed blue roses were worn in her coiffure.

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Gun Metal Sleeve Links.

Sleeve links of gun metal are much worn this season. The prettiest of them show tiny sparkles of brilliant jet or pale green jade inbedded in the metal. They are highly acceptable as Christmas gifts, their durability being especially adapted to the needs of the small boy.

Kimonas as Gifts.

A pretty gift for a woman friend is a kimona. The short ones are prettiest when made of flowered silk with plain bands, the long ones just the reverse. One can never have too many of these dainty little dressing sacks, as they soil quickly in the days of soft coal.

Black Coats of Silk.

Black coats of silk or poplin are still the modish thing for young children under 12, but the shoulders are well covered with a large cape collar of lace, or lace and embroidery combined. This is supplemented by a black hat, of course, and the effect is stunning.

Nerve of the Spanish Brigand.

Toribio, a famous Spanish brigand, appeared at mass in a church of a small Sierra Faladora town, the other Sunday, and while some of his men covered the doors with rifles, he went through the pockets of the congregation, beginning with the pastor and winding up with the organist, whom he pulled from a closet in the loft by his ears. Then the pastor was ordered to empty the holy vessels, which Toribio appropriated with many apologies to the saints. That done, he commanded the pastor to proceed with the service, and in particular offer thanks to the virgin, his patron "who had been exceedingly good to him (the brigand) that morning."

Informal Talks

Artificial camellias are once more fashionable.

Belts, new and smart, are made of plaid enamel.

Plaid is the fashionable lining for house jackets.

Dainty collars are embroidered with autumn leaves in the national colors.

Tucks in every size and direction are popular. Veils in which white predominates are most fashionable.

Pink chiffon, roses, strung on a band of green leaves, make dainty decorations for an evening frock.

All the most fashionable wraps are lavishly trimmed with straps, passementeries and furs.

Fur cravats are new and are so seldom seen that they have a great deal of distinction. They are straight and flat and are crossed under the chin.

It seems to be generally conceded that drooping effects will be popular on Spring hats. There will be long, drooping feathers and lace scarfs, and even fringe will be utilized.

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FREEDOM SOON TO BE

Mrs. Florence to Be Released From Her Long Confinement.

DUE TO ENGLISH AID

The Woman Convicted of Poisoning Her Husband and the Sentence of Death Commuted to Life Finally to Be Free.

London, March 24.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman who was convicted at Liverpool in 1889 on the charge of poisoning her husband, James Maybrick, by arsenic, and whose sentence of death was commuted to penal servitude for life, will be released in 1904. This announcement comes from the home office, which now authorizes Washington lawyers to say the fact of her release is for the reason of securing the postponement of the trial of law suits bearing on the prisoner's interest in land in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, until she is able personally to testify.

Those who are in a position to know say that Home Secretary Akers-Douglass has shown great courtesy in connection with suits now pending in America. The decision to release Mrs. Maybrick is entirely due to efforts on this side of the Atlantic, and Ambassador Herbert has never been called upon to act in the matter.

ROCK SLID.

The Train Rushed into Obstruction and a Tramp Lost His Life.

Atlanta, Ga., March 24.—Southwestern Railway passenger train No. 36, en route for Washington, was wrecked near Toccoa, Ga., eighty miles north of this city. A tramp was killed and Engineer Miller and Fireman Thompson seriously injured.

Advices received here state that the accident was unavoidable. The train was approaching a cut and a slide of rock occurred just as the engineer blew the signal for the road crossing. The watchman stationed at the cut started at once to flag the train, but only got 100 yards from the cut when the train crashed into the obstruction. The accident tied the road up for several hours. No passengers reported hurt.

RAN INTO SWITCH.

Locomotive Was Badly Torn Up and a Veteran Engineer Killed.

Des Moines, Ia., March 24.—A Des Moines-Albia passenger train on the Burlington road ran into an open switch at Knoxville and crashed into the rear of a freight train standing on the switch. The engine was badly demolished. Engineer Hyatt, a veteran of twenty-five years' service on this line, was instantly killed. The baggage car was badly wrecked but the coaches escaped with slight damage. Several passengers were bruised, but none seriously injured.

One Fireman Killed.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 24.—Two double-header freight trains collided at Roe Junction, three miles east of Morristown, Tenn. One fireman, T. E. Woods, was killed and three other trainmen injured. The injured: J. N. G. Wilkerson, engineer, shoulder dislocated; J. E. Trout, brakeman, slight internal injury; John Hager, colored brakeman, arm broken. The collision resulted from train "Second No. 88" failing to ascertain whether "Train No. 85," which had the right of way, had passed Roe Junction.

Hard at Work.

City of Mexico, March 24.—The members of the monetary commission are hard at work studying the data before them and discussing it in committees, but nothing is yet ready to be communicated to the public. The three visiting American experts are in frequent consultation with the members of the commission, especially with President Macedo and Vice President Creel.

Rising at Lacrosse.

Lacrosse, Wis., March 24.—The Mississippi river is risinug rapid'y again at this point, the stage being now over 8.5, a rise of thirteen inches since Saturday. This is a foot over last year's high water mark. Portions of Pettibone park, the city's principal summer resort are under water, and a rise of a foot or more will force many of the residents of the lower portion of the city to vacate their homes.

Thought to Have Received Increase.

San Francis, March 24.—A conference between the Southern Pacific officials and the representatives of the Trainmen's association has come to and end. It is believed that the same concessions have been granted the men as have been extended on other lines, namely increase in wages of 15 to 20 per cent.

Clean Up Was a Failure.

Crawfordsville, Ind., March 24.—Bert and Jesse Hills, section men on the Vandalia railroad, who live at Brown's Valley, made an effort to clean out the town Saturday night, but ended their crusade as prisoners after both had been wounded.

Second Summer School Session.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 24.—The announcement has been made by Dr. C. W. Dabney that the Summer School for the South will open its second annual session at the University of Tennessee, at this place, June 23, and continue until Aug. 1. An attendance of 3000 is expected.

WOMAN KILLED.

Another May Lose Her Reason as the Result of Undue Excitement.

New York, March 24.—One woman was killed at a small fire, caused by a lamp explosion, in West Sixty-fifth street, and one woman will probably lose her reason from excitement. When the fire was discovered Mrs. Erna Wallace frantically aroused three women boarders, one of whom was Miss Elanor Price, and then fainted. Miss Price went up on the roof to escape and fell down an air shaft. She was instantly killed. Mrs. Wallace became hysterical when revived and was taken to the Roosevelt hospital, where it is said her reason is in danger.

LEVEES HIGHER.

Commercial Front at New Orleans Able to Resist Maximum Rise.

New Orleans, March 24.—Gauge here registered 20.1, a rise of one-tenth in twenty-four house. Twenty-one feet may be reached. Temporary levees have been built along the business front more than high enough to stand this maximum. Encouraging information comes from the Fifth district, where the largest state levees on the line promise to hold. The effort of the break in from of the handsome colonial residence of Internal Revenue Collector Howell on Lafouche has greatly lowered the bayou. Southern Pacific railway does not expect its main line to be interrupted.

Slowly Falling at Memphis.

Memphis, March 24.—The river is slowly falling, the gauge reading 39.5 feet. The water continues to pour through two breaks north of here, and lowlands at Arkansas are feeling the full effect of the sweep of the flood. Railroads on the west side are still under water, and no work can be done on the roadbeds until the water recedes.

Did Not Break.

Memphis, March 24.—Refugees continue to reach Memphis from every direction and are being cared for.

Reports from Greenville say the statement that levees near there were broken is incorrect.

Men are watching every foot of levee south of here and every precaution is being taken to guard against a break.

Monday's Bulletin.

Washington, March 24.—The Mississippi continues to fall from Cairo to Memphis and rise below, as follows: Cairo, 18.7 feet, fall since Saturday morning of 1.1; Memphis, 39.2, fall of six-tenths; Vicksburg, 50.9, a rise of six-tenths; New Orleans, 20.1, rise of four-tenths.

No Further Enforcement.

Laredo, Tex., March 24.—In view of the fact that number of plague cases have greatly diminished of late the authorities have decided not to enforce the rigorous quarantine which has heretofore prevailed, and will hereafter permit people to leave and enter this port after forty-eight hours under observation and careful disinfection. Much satisfaction is expressed over the decrease in the number of plague cases and it is now hoped that within a short time the pest will have been entirely stamped out.

Studied Too Hard.

New York, March 24.—Rosa Crystalli, the normal school girl who was arrested last week charged with having stolen $1800 worth of jewelry from Mrs. Victoria Scheffler, has been released. Mrs. Scheffler had declined to prosecute, and the district attorney, when the case was referred to him, left it to the magistrate's discretion. Her father says over study made her irresponsible.

Deed of Discarded Suitor.

Chicago, March 24.—Extending in one hand a wedding gift, Benjamin Valerie, a discarded suitor, pointed a revolver and fired at the bride of Joseph Malone at the wedding feast which they were celebrating. In the struggle which followed, as the bride sank to the ground dangerously wounded, Valerie received fatal injuries, and Michael Malone, a brother of the groom, was so seriously hurt that he may not live.

Crum Reappointed.

Washington, March 24.—The president re-appointed Dr. W. D. Crum, colored, collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., and William Byrne, United States district attorney for Delaware. Both of these nominations failed of confirmation at the recent session of the senate.

American Fall Practically Dry.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 24.—The American fall is practically dry, and for the first time in fifty-five years people are able to walk about in the river bed. Thousands have clambered over the rocks hunting for relics and souvenirs.

Death of Dean Farrar.

London, March 24.—Very Rev. Frederick William Farrar, dean of Canterbury since 1895, died Sunday, aged seventy-two years. Dean Farrar had long been in delicate health and disabled by creeping paralysis.

Declined to Adopt.

London, March 24.—The home office has declined to adopt Whitaker Wright's suggestion that it withdraw extradition proceedings and allow him to return to London from New York of his own accord.

General Over Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., March 24.—The Des Moines valley had a three-inch snow storm which was general over Iowa.

Ten New Scarlet Fever Cases.

Chicago, March 24.—Scarlet fever is still raging in Lake Forest, a suburb. Ten new cases developed last week.

Peace Treaty Signed.

Montevideo, March 24.—Peace was signed between the Uruguayan government and the rebels.

WHY HE RESIGNED.

Official Report as to Why Castro Wishes to Retire from Office.

Paris, March 24.—An official report has ben secured from Caracas giving the causes which led up to President Castor's resignation. It shows this action was not a mere formality, as some of the dispatches designated, but was the outgrowth of serious conditions caused by recent international entanglements. The dispatch says the main cause of the president's resignation was the troubles with Germany, which, besides being difficult of solution, have caused widespread alarm.

SOCIAL SENSATION.

It Causes Much Interest in Army and Navy Circles at San Juan.

New York, March 24.—The sensation of the week in social circles and particularly among army and navy officials, says the Herald's San Juan, Porto Rico, correspondent, has been the departure of Mrs. Broome, wife of Captain Broome of Porto Rico regiment stationed at Cayey. Mrs. Broome took with her their little girl, and is said to have proceeded directly to her home in Washington after reaching New York. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Fuller, daughter of Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court. Mrs. Broome had been visiting friends for several weeks in the army barracks at Moro costle. She and her husband disagreed, it is said, over her refusal to return to Cayey. She declared she would go to the United States rather than accede to his request, and take their daughter with her. Captain Broome returned alone to Cayey. He heard of his wife's intended departure on the steamer Philadelphia and telegraphed San Juan and procured a warrant for her arrest on a charge of kidnaping their child. The judge who issued the warrant, with two policemen, started in pursuit, but the ship had raised its anchor when the men arrived, and as he was in quarantine the captain refused to stop for the officers to serve the papers.

Mother Died, Daughter Born.

New York, March 24.—A daughter was born to Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay at her home near Roslyn, L. I., shortly after Mrs. Mackay had returned there from the bedside of her mother, Mrs. William A. Duer, who died here Sunday.

Private Audience Resumed.

Rome, March 24.—The pope has resumed his private audiences.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Rush Springs, I. T., had ice on Sunday.

Plano, Tex., has a military company.

Davis, I. T., will have an oil mill and ice plant.

Grand jury of Bowie county, Texas, returned seventy-two indictments.

An aged man named Kennedy was found dead in a saloon at Houston.

Trades Assembly of South McAlester, I. T. has put out a straight labor ticket.

President Mitchell says decision of the anthracite commission is a victory for miners.

Enoch Wiley, an old soldier, shot himself fatally through the head at O'Keene, Okla.

Hon. A. J. Burke, and aged and prominent citizen of Houston, has departed this life.

Census reports of world show that China has more than one-fourth of the globe's population.

Interior department has prohibited Governor Ferguson of Oklahoma signing cattle quarantine bill.

The annual Oklahoma tax levy for the maintenance of seven educational institutions amounts to $127,000.

Citizens' National bank of Rockwall, Tex., capital stock $35,000, has been authorized to do business.

Joe Cavaness, on trial at Macon, Tex., charged with the murder of one Parker, was given thirty-five years.

Charles Wilson was shot and killed in a saloon at Orange, Tex. Fritz Cough, the bartender, was arrested.

Clothing of Manton Wilson caught in a cotton gin shafting at Kimp, Kaufman county, Texas, and he was killed.

Arich Anderson, colored, fourteen years old, was fatally struck by lightning at Alto, Cherokee county, Texas.

G. A. Freeman was convicted at Jacksboro, Tex., of killing Tom Salee and punishment placed at thirty-five years.

The 6000-acre Cox ranch in Kinney county, Texas, has been sold for $10,000 to Messrs. Quitman, Stratton and Clamp.

Steve Yardwood, a Mexican National engineer, was frightfully mangled at Laredo, Tex., while under his engine oiling it.

Suit of Dallas Building Trades Council against Buidres' Exchange has been dismissed at instance of plaintiffs.

A burglar entered the residence of A. P. Markham at Corsicana but was foiled by Miss Bradley, the plucky young lady firing at him.

W. P. Knox of Dallas has agreed for ten years to deliver all the wood that may be needed for the iron furnace at Rusk penitentiary. Mr. Knox will build a railroad to his land.

Conductor Abe Harrington of the Denver road was run over between Channing and Magenta, Tex. His body was run over by two or three trains before found and frightfully mangled.

Indian police are enforcing the collection of the tribal tax on cattle.

S. M. Drapier of Alabama was drowned in a creek near Mexia, Tex.

House passed bill prescribing qualifications of jurors with reference to poll tax.

Gus Wilke of Chicago, who built the Texas state capitol, was at Austin Thursday.

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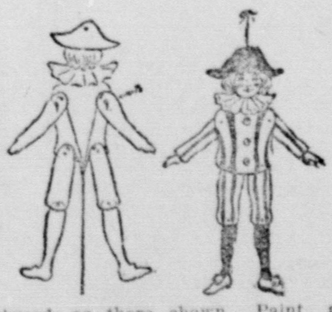
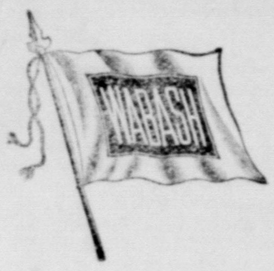


thread, as there shown. Paint as shown in the right hand figure. Pull the string and the doll will dance.

The Little Streets.

"I will by and by," says Seth;
"Not now—pretty soon," says Jennie;
"In a minute," says little Beth.
Oh, dear little people, remember
That true as the stars in the sky,
The little streets of To-morrow,
Pretty Soon, and By and By,
Lead, one and all,
As straight, they say,
As the King's Highway,
To the city of Not at All.

FOLLOW the FLAG!



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SAN DOMINGO IS HELD

Revolutionists in Complete Possession of That City.

GENERAL PENA SLAIN

The Government Forces of the Republic of Santo Domingo Seem to Have Sustained a Most Disastrous Defeat.

San Domingo, March 24.—The revolutionists have attacked and captured one of the forts defending this city.

The garrison of Fort San Carlos, about two miles from this city, has declared itself in favor of the revolutionists.

President Vasquez is absent in the interior of the republic.

General Peppin, at the head of a force of revolutionists, attacked the fort at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon and released the political prisoners.

Many persons have been killed or wounded in the streets. The stores are all closed and business is at a standstill. Serious consequences are expected to result from the fighting between the government forces and revolutionists.

The revolutionists are in full possession of this city. They have taken charge of the cable offices and of the government land lines. Foreign Minister Sanchez has sought refuge in the United States consulate. Fighting continues. Assistant Governor Echenique and also the government General Pena have been killed. It is expected that the government troops outside the city will attack the revolutionists who are in San Domingo. General Wos Gil has assumed command of the revolutionary forces. The number of men killed or wounded is not known, but it is reported many have been killed on both sides.

State Department Notified.

Washington, March 24.—Consul General Maxwell at San Domingo has cabled the state department that a revolution has broken out in that city and at hour he sent the cablegram heavy firing was in progress. No war vessel will be ordered to San Domingo for the present. The Atlanta is under orders to proceed from Pensacola to Monte Cristo, near Cape Hayti, and in the event of American interests being endangered at San Domingo she will go there.

SERIOUS AFFAIR.

Riot Occurred at Kingston, St. Vincent, and Several Killed.

Kingston, St. Vincent, March 24.—A serious riot was in progress at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon in Port of Spain, Trinidad, according to a dispatch received from that city. A mob attempted to burn the government buildings there and the police had to fire on the rioters, killed or wounded several of them. The British cruiser Pallas at the time the dispatch left, was landing blue jackets. The rioting was due to the refusal on the part of the government to withdraw an ordinance concerning the new waterworks, to protest against which several public meetings had been held. A demonstration was made during the day's meeting of the legislative council and finally the mob stoned the government building and set fire to it. The riot act was read and the police fired on the mob. The city is in a state of great excitement.

Occupied by Davila's Forces.

Panama, March 24.—Advices received from Honduras by way of San Salvador, say that the forces under General Davila, which are supporting General Bonilla, president-elect of Honduras, who is seeking to overthrow the power of General Sierra, the retiring president, have occupied the town of San Antonio, eighteen miles from Tegucigalpa, the capital.

Captured by Ladrones.

Manila, March 24.—The town of Surigao in the northeastern part of the island of Mindano was captured by Ladrones, who killed Constabulary Inspector Clarke and several others. A detachment of 30 men of the Tenth Infantry under the command of Lieut. Patterson and Lieut. Brown is hurrying from Ilogan to Surigao on the transport Reilly Woods to recapture that place.

Investigation to Be Made.

Guthrie, Okla., March 24.—Governor Ferguson forwarded a letter to the interior department asking an official investigation of the Oklahoma insane asylum and other matters affecting recent legislation in this territory. If considered of sufficient importance in the department a special agent will be sent to Oklahoma to make the investigation.

When She Will Be Liberated.

Washington, March 24.—Mrs. Maybrick's attorneys in this city received a cablegram from the American embassy in London confirming the news of her forthcoming release and adding that she would be liberated in July, 1904.

Secretary Shaw at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., March 24.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, accompanied by his wife and daughter, reached Atlanta Monday from New Orleans. An elaborate banquet was given at the Capitol City club, tendered by the Atlanta Clearing House association. Secretary Shaw responded to the toast, "Our Country."

Wilson to Visit Texas.

Washington, aMrch 24.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will visit Texas early in April.

ANTI-TRUST BILL.

It Passed and Amendments Asked by the Labor Union Voted Down.

Austin, March 24.—Senator Paulus secured the adoption by the senate of the free conference report on his bill providing notice by publication of sales under execution. Senate finally passed house bill prohibiting the selling of pools on horse races, etc.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt secured consideration of his bill providing that where a corporation fails to declare a dividend within three years after date of its charter, a receiver may be appointed therefor upon application of any stockholder. Passed.

Senator Wilson called up his bill, authorizing bond and guaranty companies organized under the laws of Texas to guarantee private contracts.

Senator Davidson of Galveston offered an amendment authorizing contracts between the state and private corporations. Adopted and bill passel finally.

Senator Savage secured final passage of house bill prohibiting the blacklisting or coercion of employes.

Senator Mills had finally passed bill providing that the assessment and collection of special school tax in independent school districts may be done by the county assessor and collector.

House passed Southern Pacific railway merger bill.

The anti trust bill was placed on third reading, with pending amendment by Mr. Cobbs striking out the words "skill or acts" in a definition of a trust, and the substitute for the amendment by Mr. Schluter defining a trust as "a combination of capital with skill or acts."

The Schluter substitute was lost by a vote of 48 to 45, and the Cobbs amendment defeated by a vote of 53 to 45.

Mr. Cobbs offered an amendment, providing that nothing in the bill should be construed as repealing or modifying the act passed by the Twenty-sixth legislature, entitled, "An act to protect workingmen in the right of organization and the purposes thereof." Lost—54 to 52.

Messrs. Mays, Napier and Robertson of Bell offered an amendment providing that when the charter of any corporation which had been forfeited for violation of the provisions of the act, no other corporation to which the defaulting corporation had transferred its assets should be incorporated under the laws of the state or granted a permit to do business. Bill finally passed.

Governor Lanham approved the anti-poolroom bill. He kept it long enough to read it and to affix his signature. The pen used was gold, and was presented by the friends of Captain William Weiss of Beaumont. After using the pen the governor presented it to Captain Weiss.

Homeseekers at Vernon.

Vernon, Tex., March 24.—The Frico immigration train, consisting of three chair cars and one dining car, arrived with 150 representatives from thirty-two states and territories. They were met at the depot by the citizens of Vernon and transferred from the depot to the square in wagons pulled by a traction engine. Then supper was served at the various hotels in the city.

Awarded to a Michigan Man.

Galveston, March 24.—Col. C. S. Riche, United States engineer, was advised by the war department that the contract for building the jetty at Aransas Pass had been awarded to H. C. Ripley of Ann Arbor, Mich., the lowest bidder at the recent letting when bids were invited in the open market.

Pleased With the Farm.

Terrell, Tex., March 24.—Dr. S. A. Knapp of the agricultural department at Washington inspected the Porter demonstration farm, which he established here some weeks ago. Dr. Knapp is well pleased with the work that has been done on the farm already.

Infant Murdered.

Greenville, Tex., March 24.—The remains of a newly born white child were found on the Cotton Belt track, four miles west of town. It was wrapped in white cloth which was smeared with blood that came from a wound on the head, showing that the infant had met a violent death.

Culberson's Secretary

Waco, Tex., March 24.—Chesley W. Jurney, for six years secretary of Congressman R. L. Henry, has been appointed secretary to Senator Charles A. Culberson and has assumed his new duties. Mr. Jurney is here on a visit to his parents.

Snow and Sleet at Paris.

Paris, Tex., March 24.—Snow and sleet fell here for a while Monday.

Six Cases of Smallpox.

McKinney, Tex., aMrch 24.—Six cases of smallpox, all negroes, have developed here.

Mrs. Burdick on Stand.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 24.—Mrs Alice Hull Burdick, widow of Edwin L. Burdick, underwent a searching examination by District Attorney Coatsworth Monday evening at the resumption of the inquest into the death of her husband, who was murdered on Feb. 26. She was deathly pale and answered questions in a faltering tone.

Denied at Kansas City.

Kansas City, March 24.—It was denied at the offices of the president and the superintendent of the Kansas City Southern Railway company that any strik among the telegraphers or trainmen was contemplated. At headquarters the striking machinists had no knowledge of any sympathetic strike on the part of the telegraphers.

Will Be No Strike.

Texarkana, Tex., March 24.—Information obtained is to the effect that there will be no strike among the telegraphers on the Kansas Sity Southern railroad.

The Old Piano.

With tarnished keys, once white as milk,
And candles that for light did duty,
In bravery of fluted silk,
Pathetic in its faded beauty.

Our gentle household god! It stands
Past any miracle of tuning;
Dumb to the cost persuasive hands,
Dead, with its dear and dead community.

And yet, when summer nights are long,
A hand seems searching through its treasure
Of peaceful Sabbath evensong
And stately chant, or warlike measure.

Those dear old tunes our mothers knew!
That fell so lightly from their fingers;
Sweet spirits! Far away they flew,
But still their music with us lingers.

Of song's incarnate mystery
The very home, with memories thronging;
Not passive wood and ivory,
But rife with human love and longing.

So lovingly we guard its fate,
Well may the sternest cynics falter!
By such sweet gifts unconsecrate—
No alien gods shall have its altar.

Iona's Spouting Cave.

Thousands of visitors are attracted to the little Scottish island of Iona every year to see the "crumbling work of workers mortal." Only a very small percentage of these find time to study the more enduring works of Nature as exhibited on that island. On the west coast of the island, where it is exposed to the full force of the Atlantic, there is rather a curious phenomenon. The action of the waves has bored a tunnel for a short distance into a projecting headland of rock. This tunnel at its upper end communicates with the outer air by a vent-like opening. At half tide when there is a big swell on the waves roll into the tunnel with great force, completely blocking it up. The air inside is compressed with a corresponding suddenness and force, and escapes through the vent carrying with it a magnificent column of water often reaching a height of 200 feet. The effect is very fine, and must be seen to be fully appreciated. On each side rise tremendous cliffs, in front stretches the heaving mass of the Atlantic, and with a noise as of thunder the mighty column of water rises almost from beneath one's feet. It breaks into spray, each drop acting as a prism in breaking up the sun light, and thus for a moment it hangs suspended in the air like a beautiful curtain of sparkling gems ere it dashes itself on the cliffs or is blown by the wind up the hillside. Man, viewed amidst such surroundings trying to make his voice heard above the roar and turmoil of the elements, seems a very poor, insignificant thing indeed, albeit he chooses to call himself lord of creation.

An Intelligent Chimpanzee.

Intelligent chimpanzees seem to be growing very common nowadays. No sooner has the Aquarium vanished as such, and with it the really wonderful chimpanzee "Consul," than "Esau" makes his appearance at the Pavilion. Captured by Capt. de Lancier, an American, in the West Congo in 1900, four years old and three feet high, "Esau" is decidedly an attractive being. He comes on to the stage in dress clothes, has been taught to shake hands with visitors, eats with a knife and fork, and pours out his own tea and drinks it. He also produces noises by striking the keys of a miniature piano, and toys with a typewriting machine. The intention of "Esau's" owner is to exhibit him for a short time in England, and then take him to Germany for "a slight

The Latest Educated Monkey.

operation by eminent German surgeons," to the end that he may be able to articulate. What the result may be it is impossible to forecast.

Fighting Plants.

Any one who has seen a thorn on a stalk knows that plants are armed against their enemies, which they have in common with all other living things. But plants are not content with defending themselves with spikes and thorns; they have other weapons of defence. Moreover, says Mr. John J. Ward in Harper's Magazine, many plants have weapons of attack.

Some plants, like the poison-oak or ivy, have poisonous acids, which are a warning to animals to keep their distance. Others, like some species of cactus, have disagreeable smells that punish the intruder for bruising them.

Not only do growing things shield their lives with suits of mail, but they form alliances and protect each other. The gorse, or furze, which is well armed, selects the most exposed situation it can find, open heaths and stony wastes, where it fearlessly holds up its yellow blossoms for the bees to fertilize. Straightway less protected plants seek its shelter, and so a mutually protective plant army arises.

Self-defence is abundantly exhibited in vegetable life. Sometimes, although less often, plants actually attack animals. A very pretty, simple example of attack is found in the English sundew. This insectivorous plant grows in bogs and on wet ground. The leaves are covered with glandular hairs, which secrete a sticky fluid to entray various small, flying insects, which, on alighting, get entangled in the gummy slime. The hairs then bend over and pour out still further quantities of this digestive liquid, which dissolves out all the nitrogenous matter from the insect to serve as food for the plant. Nitrogenous matter is hard to get in boggy places, and so the plant is equipped with this mechanical means of obtaining it.

Ancient Pipes.

The original clay pipe was not made in Ireland at all, at all. The ancient mounds of Western America yield up the ancestors of the homely modern clay, some plain and some carved, even as now, into weird shapes, called by courtesy animals or men. The soapstone prototype of the sacrosanct meerschaum is found side by side with its plebian contemporary in the same mound. It also is plain or

carved into queer shapes, like its descendant. The plowmen plodding heavily after their teams in the fields of Northern New York and Cayuga county, often turn up treasure trove of these ancient souvenirs. In those far-back days, who was their Sir Walter Raleigh? What King James uprose in counterblasted horror? In default of cricket, what game did the nonsmoker play against the smokers? And who won? And was it like that record match at Melbourne we remember? How much an ounce was the deadly narcotic? And did—oh! did their womenkind smoke?

A Great French Wonder.

Mr. E. A. Martel, the celebrated explorer of French caverns, has lately been explaining before the Academy of Sciences, the remarkable variations in the flow of the great natural fountain of Vaucluse. This fountain, which has been famous for ages, and is connected with the romance of Petrarch and Laura, excites the admiration of all travelers. Arthur Young visited it, during his travels in France on the eve of the great revolution, and gave a delightful sketch of it in his book. The fountain is so abundant with water that it gives rise to the Sorgue, a small river. Mr. Martel says, in fact, that the fountain is the debouchment of a river, which, in the upper part of its course, flows entirely under ground; and he explains the curious irregularities in the quantity and the temperature of the water by certain assumptions as to the shape and size of the subterranean cavities that give it passage.

Budapest's Hot Spring.

A good supply of naturally heated water has been obtained from a deep boring at Budapest, the capital of Hungary. The hole is 3,183 feet deep and from it issues a constant supply of water of the temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. It is estimated that the spring yields at least 300,000 gallons in twenty-four hours. There is an ample supply for a public bath in the city park and jets are provided at the corner of one of the main thoroughfares leading to it. "I have never passed those jets of hot water," says a traveler, "without seeing a large number of persons helping themselves by means of cans and pails. Occasionally one sees a water cart being filled from a larger tube. This spring is undoubtedly a great boon to the people of Budapest."

Plants Wear Overcoats.

Plants have developed almost as many dodges for perpetuating their existence as animals, only we don't so easily recognize them. Did it ever strike you that every seed, bulb or tuber is not merely a reservoir of material for the plant that is to grow out of it, but also a mass of fuel for supplying the heat necessary to the sprouting seedlet? More than this. If you look at the early spring buds and flowers, you will notice that those which are likely to be exposed to frost, such as catkins of willow and hazel, are well protected by a thick covering of soft material—a regular plant overcoat.

Women as Sailors.

Questions having recently been raised on the subject of the decision of the French maritime authorities to allow women to act as sailors in the Channel fishing smacks, the minister of marine has addressed a circular to all the French port officials, in which he says: "Women cannot navigate as captains, but according to the French law they cannot be prevented from embarking as members of the crews."

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When Dreams Come True.

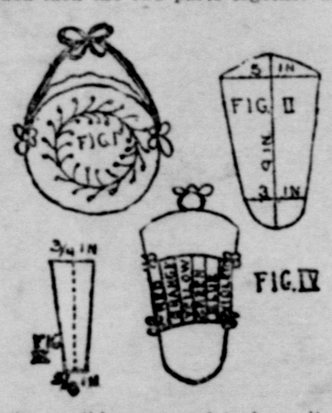
I shall see far plainer than I do
Here and now, when what I dream is come;
They that love me not, my slips shall rue.
Those I love not, deeming dull and dumb,
I shall wake to find right fellowsome,
When my dream comes true.

Lightest words that worked for me and you
Barriers that clomb to mountain hights;
Little deeds that into great wrongs grew,
All for lack of flashing heaven-lights,
Shall be smoothed and sharpened all to rights,
When my dream comes true.

It may even be the love I woo
Blindly now, my wisdom choked with tears,
Then shall understand me, know how true
Was the heart struck voiceless through its fears;
Ah! a moment shall make sweet the years,
When my dream comes true.
—Richard Burton in the Cornhill Booklet.

Two Broom Holders.

Cut four circles of cardboard and cover them and overhand two of them together, and then the other two. Featherstitch on one of them an inch in front the edge, taking up a white bead on each stitch. When this is finished tack the two parts together and



fasten a ribbon or cord to hang it up by. Figure 1 represents this idea.

For the other, cut two pieces of cardboard like figure 2 and cover and overhand them together. Then, out of velvet of contrasting colors, cut six pieces like figure 3, allowing for seams, and sew them together. The one pictured is in the colors of the rainbow. Then cut out a piece of cardboard which they will just cover and fasten them to it. Then put the pieces together like figure 4, fastening at the sides.

To Make Lily from a Candle.

Here is something that will be sure to please the girls. You will be surprised, perhaps, to hear that you may construct a spray of lilies of the valley out of a spermaceti candle and a few pieces of wire.

Get six or eight pieces of very fine wire and bend each of them into a curve at one end, terminating with a hook. Now hold a lighted spermaceti candle over a glass of water and let half a dozen drops of the wax fall into the water. Each drop, as soon as it touches the water, will be transformed into a little floating white cup.

These cups will have exactly the size and shape of the little bell flowers of the lily of the valley, and they may be made large or small, according to the distance at which you hold the candle from the water.

Now take one of the little wires and

Making Wax Flowers.

warm the straight end of it, and while it is warm run it through the center of one of the wax cups. This should be done while the cup is still in the water.

Then push the cup down to the hooked end of the wire, from which it will hang just like the bell flower of the lily. Having thus pierced six or

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