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ort Worth Live Stock Market.

eady and Stronger on Hogs, and 5 Cents Higher.

ECEIPTS 223 HEAD.

ttle Closed Steady, After a Day of Sluggish Trading.

EERS SOLD AT $3.60

tter Quality on Market Makes Good Prices.

TODAY'S RECEIPTS

le	683
	223
on hogs	$6.40
of hogs	$6.22½@6.35
on steers..	$3.60

ceipts of hogs fell off greatly today. market was strong and 5c higher, .40 lot being toppers. Cattle were tter quality, and the market was dy. Sellers and buyers were not to get together in some cases, and ng was slow.

THE HOG MARKET

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

e opening was 5 cents higher than rday. Only 3 cars, with 215 head, ted the early buyers. Demand was g, with an insufficient supply to it.

e receipts were away down today, being only 223 head on the market. s were strong to 5c higher at the , with demand for 1200 good hogs tisfied.

e attention of Oklahoma and In- Territory sellers is invited to daily pts and prices at this market, and a parison of it with all the northern kets.

ollowing were representative sales y:

	Average.	Price.
	178	6 05
	156	6 22½
	245	6 25
	208	6 35
	255	6 40
W. pigs...	110	4 25

THE CATTLE MARKET

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

ith 19 cars, containing 389 head, at beginning of business at the yards y, the cattle market started off dy. The quality of offerings was better than that of the day before, at the best it was poor enough. s were good for the stuff sold, and sults were better than the shippers d have realized at Northern mar-

e market closed steady, after a day uggishness. The stuff that in was r than for days and prices offered fair but sellers were slow to turn , there being only a few sales be- noon. Both cows and steers were etter condition than any run this , some being almost eligible to the lass, and they were smoother and finished than the offerings the two days.

presentative sales:

STEERS.

	958	3 60
	954	3 60
	952	3 50
	849	2 75
	660	2 20
	756	2 00

COWS.

	861	2 75
	856	2 75
	1005	2 75
	844	2 75
	843	2 60
	700	2 40
	840	2 35
	805	2 25
	770	2 25
	850	2 25
	540	2 25
	915	2 20
	740	2 10
	795	2 00
	910	2 00
	900	1 75
canners	675	1 90

HEIFERS.

	970	2 75

YEARLINGS.

10	515	2 35
2	460	2 35
1	210	2 25
8	475	1 75

CALVES.

62 per head	6 50

BULLS.

1	1460	2 30
2	1180	2 10
2	1205	2 10
1	1200	2 00

Sales After 3 p. m. Yesterday.

STEERS.

28	890	3 10
23	809	2 65
1	1380	3 25

COWS.

18	912	2 75
29	746	2 15
5	820	2 25
21	695	2 25
1	940	2 00
1	780	2 00
2	1075	3 00
1	750	1 50
1	750	1 50
6	770	2 35
1	550	1 25

CALVES.

1	370	2 00

BULLS.

1	1100	2 25
4	925	1 75
20	1250	1 90
2 canners	680	1 25

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.	
Steers—Choice fed	$3 50@3 75
Medium fed	3 00@3 40
Good grass	2 75@3 25
Light thin	2 25@2 75
Cows—Choice heavy fed	2 60@3 25
Medium butcher	2 25@2 60
Light thin	1 60@2 25
Canners	1 40@2 10
Bulls, stags and oxen	2 00@3 25
Veals and calves	2 00@3 50
HOGS.	
Choice, 200 lbs. and up	6 40@6 50
Fat smooth medium	6 20@6 35
Light	5 75@6 00
Southwestern pigs	4 50@5 00
Stockers	4 50@5 00
SHEEP.	
Lambs and yearlings	3 50@4 00
Muttons and mixed	3 25@3 75
Bucks and culls	1 50@2 50

RECEIPTS AT OTHER MARKETS.

CATTLE.	
Chicago	4,000
Kansas City	2,000
St. Louis	1,500
HOGS.	
Chicago	23,000
Kansas City	4,000
St. Louis	4,000
SHEEP.	
Chicago	6,000
Kansas City	2,500
St. Louis	1,500

HORSE AND MULE MARKET.

Today's quotations are as follows for sound, serviceable mules, 4 to 8 years old, in good hair and flesh and well broken:

13½@14 hands, fat	$ 45@ 50
14@14½ hands, fat	60@ 75
14½@15 hands, fat	85@105
15@15½ hands, fat	110@120
15½@16 hands, fat, with quality	125@140
16@16½ hands, ex., 1,250@1,500	145@160

These quotations are based on sales out of first hands Sorted and selected loads are quoted some higher by speculators.

ON THE MARKET.

Shippers and the Stock They Brought In Today.

CATTLE.

B. A. Rush, Annona, 60.
J. J. Smith, Rock Island, 24.
C. Bird, Eskota, 22.
J. J. Smith, Rock Island, 25.
J. H. Miller, Krum, 30.
Denton Oil Mill Co., Denton, 30.
A. D. Hotchkiss, San Antonio, 57.
J. H. Smith, Cleburne, 23.
A. J. Evans, Brownwood 90.
J. E. Vanes & Co., Brownwood, 89.
T. H. Gillespie, Coleman, 95.
A. D. King, Coleman, 84.
W. T. Thompson, Coleman, 67.

S. A. Hickok of Karnes county, a stockman who lately turned farmer, has 2000 acres with fine river front, and is putting in a large farm, and during this year will put in a big irrigation plant. He is feeding one hundred and fifty head good steers on the farm this winter, and so far they are doing nicely, and his friends predict they will be the best lot of cattle ever shipped from that county.

STOCK YARDS NOTES.

J. H. Smith of Cleburne came in with a car of cows.

Franklin Bros. of Bryan had a car of hogs on the market.

R. D. Kinney of Coleman had 8 loads of fed steers on the market.

General Manager King of the stock yards is back from a trip East.

Chas. Bird of Eskota had 14 cows that averaged 842 pounds and brought $2.60.

J. W. Skiles, a cattleman of Denton, is on the market looking for feeders for his yards.

C. S. McCarver sold one driven-in cow on the market, which weighed 850 pounds, at $2.25.

Lattimer & Park, Parksville, had a load of hogs, which averaged 210 pounds and sold at $6.35.

Sam Rosen had seven head of driven-in cows on the market, which averaged 770 pounds and sold at $2.30.

Mr. Marion Sansom of the stock yards district has been named by Gov. Lanham as one of the board of directors of the State A. & M. College.

J. F. Smith, Cleburne, had in 20 head of cows which averaged 750 pounds and sold at $1.90 and $2, and 3 yearlings which averaged 475 and sold at $1.75.

A novelty at the yards today was a car of old-time Texas steers. They were from San Antonio and a relic of that class of cattle rarely seen now-a-days.

J. E. Vanes & Co. of Brownwood had 61 head of calves of very good quality on the market. They were sold to Deacon & Co, in a bunch, at $6.50 per head.

The Denton Oil Mills had 20 head of cows on the market that weighed 1005 pounds, and brought $2.75, and 10 head that averaged 805 pounds, and brought $2.25.

Kay Bros. shipped cows, bulls and steers to St. Louis and Kansas City markets this week. They are always at the markets buying stuff for their feed lots and for shipping purposes.

Coleman was represented on the yards with eight car loads of cattle, sent in by local shippers. They are all high in their praise of the Fort Worth market and the good prices received here.

W. M. Parks of Clarksville, Texas, was on the market with a load of good hogs. The load averaged 200 pounds and sold at $6.25. Mr. Parks reports hogs as quite scarce in his locality.

A. H. Turner of Denton was on the market with 30 cows which sold well. Mr. Turner is the biggest cattleman in Texas—in weight, at least. He reports stock in very good shape in his locality, and quite a lot of it.

T. H. Gillespie of Coleman had 125 head of cows on the market, which he sold at $2.75 He shipped ten cows and 43 calves to the St. Louis market by way of Oklahoma City. His cows averaged 842. The whole bunch were good ones.

R. D. Kenney of Coleman topped the market today with 76 smooth steers that went readily at $3.60 for 51 and $3.50 for 25. Mr. Kenney is the kind of a cattle shipper that Fort Worth likes to see.

Burke Burnett, the cattle king of this country, was looking over the stock yards and is greatly pleased with the prospect of the yards.

Marion Edwards had four head of driven-ins. They were two-year-old heifers, averaging 970, and sold for $2.75.

J. Rosen had two head of driven-in yearling steers on the market, which averaged 460 and sold at $2.85.

Two cars of steers owned by A. D. Hotchkiss of San Antonio were forwarded to Chicago from this market.

Sam Rosen sold 10 head of driven-in yearlings on the market Thursday, which weighed 515 and sold at $2.35.

Colorado City Spokesman: Grass is said to be exceeding fine and cattle have gone through the winter so far, with plenty of tallow on them, and from the fact that there is no scarcity of feed in the country this year, it insures no loss whatever between now and new grass

Channing Courier: Ed. Necker, cook out at the L E, narrowly escaped death from the tusks of an infuriated boar a few days since He had just slain the companion of the big male when the latter rushed for him, fastening his mighty tusk in the man's lower thigh, and with an upward stroke ripped his leg frightfully. He is getting along finely at this time.

QUERY FROM A HOG RAISER.

WANTS TO KNOW HOW HOGS ARE BOUGHT.

The Packing Company Tells Him, and Assures Him that the Best Prices will be Paid.

The following correspondence explains itself. The inquiry of Mr. Barron is a natural one, and as there are other farmers who want the same information he is after, the Packing company makes use of the Live Stock Reporter to answer his question, in order that all farmers and stock raisers may have the benefit of the explanation given.

Ivan, Stephens Co., Tex., Jan. 26.

To the Packing House Co., Fort Worth:

Listen to a smart man talk a moment. First, let me tell you that I am a little farmer of about 100-acre capacity. Have been watching your procedure, down there, and I want to know how you intend to get your hogs from the farmer. Do you intend buying them by the contract system, or will you have salaried men through the country to do your buying for you?

Boys, to do anything, you must have hogs. To get hogs you must let the feeder, not the contractor, know that he is sure to get packing house prices for the hogs that he can spare, and he will plant more hogs every year for your house. On the other hand, if the man that raises hogs can't keep in touch with you and your prices, he will not strive to raise hogs, possibly to lose on. He will not put his shoulder to the wheel like he would if he knew he would get straight prices for his hogs.

Now, boys, I don't want a job, either buying or as contractor. I may raise hogs to sell to you. Can't say yet.

M. C. Barron.

THE PACKING HOUSE TELLS HOW.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 29, 1903.

Mr. M. C. Barron, Ivan, Stephens Co., Texas—Dear Sir: Your esteemed favor of the 26th duly received, and we forwarded to you yesterday some literature relative to the packing houses and stock yards located at Fort Worth, from which we trust you will gain an idea of how the livestock interest is handled at a packing center.

The packing houses do not deal direct with the farmers, as they maintain buyers at the stock yards to purchase their livestock. The shippers from the country ship their stock to some of the commission firms who are doing business at the yards. It is the business of the commission men to see that the hogs are properly cared for by the stock yards company, fed and watered before being weighed. It is also their duty to sell the livestock to the very best advantage and to obtain for it the highest price possible. There are usually a number of buyers on the market, and the stock is sold to the one who bids most for it. This competition is what establishes a live stock market. The commission men attend to the weighing, collect the money from the buyer, and remit to the shipper the net proceeds after paying the freight and stock yards company and his own commission for transacting the business.

As stated in the various pieces of literature sent you, a demand is now established for all the good hogs that can be raised and shipped to this market. There is no doubt but what the farmers will receive as much for stock shipped to this market as they would if shipped to Kansas City or some other market that is much further away.

Thanking you for your inquiry, and trusting that the information we have given you will be sufficient to post you as to the conditions, we remain,

Yours truly,
Fort Worth Packing and Provision Co.,
Per H. A. Judd,
General Manager.

Hog Raising in South Texas.

W. T. Mathis of Hockley, Texas, who for many years has been a successful farmer in Illinois, and who for the past ten years has followed stock farming with success in his section, tells the San Antonio Stockman that his experience with hog raising has conclusively demonstrated to him that the industry can be carried on fully as successfully in his section as any place he knows of. Corn, it is true, is an essential factor in hog raising, but people are mistaken in their belief that it is the only feed that makes hog raising a possibility. He believes that in some sections of the state, especially in the rice belt, the time may come when corn will be dispensed with almost entirely in hog raising, in fact he is doing so now. He raises root crops, turnips and beets, which he feeds to his pigs from the time they are about six weeks old. Late in the spring and early summer they get the run of the pasture and sorghum field in addition to slop, green corn in the summer, and are fattened on rice polish mixed with corn in the proportion of three gallons of polish to two-thirds of a bushel of corn and fed in the form of slop. He says it is a very cheap way of feeding, and he has no trouble in getting his hogs to weigh from 250 to 275 pounds when one year old, but he attaches great importance to the quality of the hog.

STEER ON THE RAMPAGE.

A Longhorn Chases the Boys to the Tops of Dock-Posts.

Yardmaster Williams had a novel experience in handling stock this morning. It was about 1:30 when the switch engine brought a carload of longhorn steers up to the unloading dock, and the walk-way and chute were quickly placed, car doors thrown open, and the genuine article of the Texas longhorn steer began to shoot out, with high heads and glaring eyes. The fourth one out was mad—he didn't like a train, he didn't like to ride on a train, and he didn't like to be cooped up. As he came out he mistook Yardmaster Williams' lantern for a red flag, and the prod pole for a spear, and having a little room to handle his horns and stretch his legs, he forthwith declared war and cleared for action. In less than three seconds Yardmaster Williams was on the top end of the highest fence, and the other boys were ornamenting post tops, box cars, or anything else that was high.

Having cleared the premises and getting no satisfaction, His Steership turned his attention to the big dock post, and for 10 minutes fought it as if it were a living thing; and finally having satisfaction, seemingly, he broke away and trotted off down the chute, which was the signal for "down gates." He was promptly penned, and the others unloaded.

Mr. Williams says he is convinced that the dock-posts will do to anchor a man of war to, and that a longhorn Texas steer's horn can't be broken.

Statesmen Must be Consistent.

Austin, Tex., Jan 28.—The summary manner in which the house committee on state affairs killed the anti-free pass bill last evening is the subject of no little comment in legislative circles. The argument which brought about the defeat of the bill was made by Mr. Griggs of Houston, who asserted that members of the committee could not afford to incriminate themselves and show their inconsistency by reporting the bill favorably when they had their own pockets filled with annual passes and had been using them ever since the legislature opened, and perhaps long before that time. He said he himself had passes in his pocket.

Quarantine Against Western Horses.

Washington, Jan. 28.—A malignant infectious disease peculiar to horses, known as maladie du coit, has made its appearance in certain sections of Nebraska and South Dakota, and under the lax regulations which have been existing has been spread with too much rapidity to suit the authorities of the animal bureau. As the disease if of a very serious nature, it has been determined to establish a most rigid quarantine of the section where it exists by not only forbidding individuals to move animals from out of the infected area, but notice has also been served on the railroads and other carriers and channels through which it was possible for diseased animals to be handled, to desist from attempts to move any horses or equine stock of any kind out of the section under the ban simultaneously proclaimed.

Stock Farming for West Texas.

The Colorado City Stockman expresses its view of the future of West Texas:

The salvation of West Texas depends wholly upon the development of the stock farming idea, and the coming of the big packing houses to Fort Worth is going to give the stock farming industry a wonderful impetus within the next two years, which will almost amount to a revolution in methods so far as this immediate section of the state is concerned. Feed crops will be made the staple crops of the country, our cattle will be fed and finished for market right here where they are produced, with a ready and waiting market right at our doors for all that can be produced. And when these things are worked out West Texas will continue the fairest and most prosperous portion of the state. The big man with the methods of 10 years ago will give place to the man of smaller holdings, and West Texas will blossom and grow opulent under the beneficent influence of Nature's nod of approval. Stock farming is the hope of the West.

AT OTHER MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 30.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 4,000. Market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 23,000. Market opened 10c higher, closed lower.

SHEEP—Receipts 6000. Market 10c higher.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Jan. 30.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 2000. Market slow, steady. Tops $5.15. Cows lower. Texas steady. Feeders steady.

HOGS—Receipts 4000. Market opened 10c higher, but the advance was lost. Tops $6 97; bulk $6.75@ $6.90.

SHEEP—Receipts 2500. Market strong

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Jan 30.—Receipts and quotations of the market, as reported by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE — Receipts 1500; Texas 800. Steady. Natives steady. Tops $4.60.

HOGS — Receipts 4000. Market 5 to 10 cts higher. Tops $7; bulk $6.70@$6.85.

SHEEP — Receipts 1500. Market steady.

A Texas Stockman's Liberality.

We find this story in an exchange. It probably isn't true, but it is interesting:

A story is being told of a Texas stockman who gave away one hundred acres of land and one hundred head of stock during a pleasant dinner party with some chorus girls belonging to a prominent opera company. The story goes that the opera company was making a tour of the Lone Star state and a wealthy cattleman, who occupied the first row the opening night, was much delighted at the performance of Mr. Hitchcock, in the title role. He secured admittance behind the scenes and made the acquaintance of the gentleman taking the "funny" part, and as two of the chorus girls were near, he, of course, met them. The party was invited to supper. There was plenty to eat and so the cattleman became good natured, the comedian funny, the girls charming and everything went along well. The cattleman so pleased with the wit announced that he was ready to give one hundred acres and one hundred head of cattle to stock a ranch to Mr. Hitchcock, whereupon the commedienne announced that he was afraid of the venture and said he would transfer any interest that the cattleman would give him to the two chorus girls. True to his word, as is the case of the cattleman, the girls became the joint owners of the ranch and cattle and a deed has been filed with the registrar at San Antonio whereby the two chorus girls become joint owners of the ranch property. It hasn't been learned yet whether or not the girls are going to leave the stage and devote their attentions to the cultivation of the Texas longhorns.

San Angelo Standard: F. M. Fink of El Paso, who is buying steers for shipment to California, submitted to Sol Mayer, through Felix Mann, a bid of $28 per head on a cut of 2600 from a bunch of 6000 of Mayer & Childress steers. Mr. Mayer, however, turned the proposition down, holding the cattle at $30.

San Antonio Stockman: There have been a number of shipments of cows from DeWitt and Karnes counties to Fort Worth during the past two weeks, which, with few exceptions, have given satisfactory results. These were mostly cows which used to be sold to territory buyers, and some of them were partially fattened as an experiment, which in some cases proved more profitable than if sold off the grass. It is now generally conceded by stockmen that the territory will soon cease entirely as an outlet for old cows, and the only way to dispose of them will be to take the calves away and fatten the cows at home for the markets.

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.
GEO. W. SAUNDERS COM. CO.
SOUTHWESTERN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—[illegible] head of 3, 4 and 5-year-old native raised Llano county Steers. 800 of them are being full wintered in Osage country, Indian Territory, and [illegible] are on the best pasture in Llano county. Cattle will be fed and pastured until 10th to 15th of April next. Address R. E. Caperton, Lock Box [illegible], Austin, Tex.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 30, 1903.

SHIPPING POOR CATTLE.

It is not the purpose of the Live Stock Reporter to give advice to shippers. This paper reports things as they are. We think it proper, however, to call attention of shippers to the fact that they are paying freight on a mighty poor lot of cattle that they are sending to the Fort Worth market, and to suggest that if such cattle had been held a while longer, now that grass is soon to come, they would have reached the market in better condition, and have sold at prices that would more than have paid for their keeping 60 days longer.

As the market reporter for this paper said, yesterday's run of cattle was the sorriest at the yards for many a day. The best sale was of a little bunch of steers at $2.75. Some sales of cows were made at $1.65. These cows weighed from 525 to 725 pounds. A 525 pound cow at $1.65 means $8.75 gross. After paying freight and commission charges what has the shipper to show for the sale?

Buyers at this market want good stuff, and they will pay good prices for what they want, but they will not pay good prices for cattle that they do not want and cannot use. Yesterday's quotations were $3.50 to $3.75 for good fed steers, and such stock, if any had been on the market, would have gone off quicker at that price than the cows we have described went at $1.65.

Send your best cattle to the Fort Worth market, and compare returns with others sent to Northern markets. Don't think it is to your advantage to ship your best to St. Louis or Chicago and the tailings to Fort Worth. We know what good beef is. The only thing to be said in favor of sending tailings to Fort Worth instead of St. Louis is that they will sell for enough to pay charges here, and they might not do so well there, because the freight is so much higher.

PREPARING FOR CHANGE.

New conditions in the raising of cattle are foreseen by intelligent stockmen, who are getting ready for the change. We find in the West Texas Stockman of Colorado City this item: "Col. Marion Zellner was in the city yesterday and reports his cattle doing finely this winter. He says he is working on the theory that a man to be successful must own his pasture, raise high-grade cattle and finish them at home on feed grown at home for the purpose. His head is very level, and he is well on the road that must ultimately be traveled by all successful West Texas cattlemen. Smaller pastures, few cattle but better cattle and forage crops is what will do the work."

A survey of the Fort Worth market will give emphasis to what Col. Zellner says, and in this the Fort Worth market is a reflection of others. The market is overrun with stock that is not wanted because it is not good beef-making material. Half as many head, well graded and fattened, would have made the owners more money.

Thursday a longhorn cow sold for $1.65 per hundred pounds, and a shorthorn calf sold for $2.50 per hundred pounds at the stock yards. The cow weighed 633 pounds and was 5 years old, the calf weighed 450 pounds and was 1 year old. The cow was a scrub, the calf graded. Any farmer who can count 120 ears of corn to the bushel, can figure from this illustration that he can't afford to raise scrub cattle. But it seems the majority can't count a bushel of corn, if it's to be judged by the kind of cattle they bring to market.

To the farmer that has a milch-cow: Take a day off before you commence planting and spend it at the Fort Worth stock yards. Notice the difference in the price paid for a scrub cow and that paid for a good graded one, and the difference between the price of a Berkshire hog and a "razorback." The time in raising them is the same. The common breed eat more that the improved. Observe the conditions closely and go home and act accordingly.

Next to that old sow and litter of pigs is that old hen and brood of chickens, to the man who says he's a farmer. Eggs have been 25 to 40 cents a dozen all the fall and winter in Fort Worth, and the knottiest chicken that came in was good for 30 cents.

Plant a little patch of sorghum, a little patch of milo maize, and a little patch of kaffir corn this year, and if one misses another will hit, and you will have enough left to fatten the hogs next fall and make some money.

The Texas girl who expects to marry this year, will make a mistake if she marries a cotton raiser. Make him promise to put his time and work in raising pigs, or ship him.

TEXAS RATES ON LIVE STOCK.

FIGURES OF INTEREST TO SHIPPERS TO THIS MARKET.

They Can Estimate the Cost, and Compare It With of Cost Reaching Northern Markets.

A Texas market for Texas stock raisers means a great deal in the way of freight charges. We speak for Indian Territory and Oklahoma stockmen as well, for the latter, though not strictly shipping under the Texas commission rates, get the benefit of a short haul when sending to the Fort Worth market.

The following tables give the rates on beef cattle, oxen, cows, calves, goats, hogs and sheep; also on cattle three years old and over, for distances from 10 miles to 750.

DISTANCE—Miles.		RATES. No 1	No. 2
10 and less		6	8½
15 and over	10	6½	9
20 "	15	7	9½
25 "	20	7½	10
30 "	25	8	10½
35 "	30	8½	11½
40 "	35	9	12
45 "	40	9½	12½
50 "	45	10	13
60 "	50	10½	13½
70 "	60	11	14½
80 "	70	11½	15
90 "	80	12	15½
100 "	90	12½	16½
125 "	100	13½	17½
150 "	125	15	18½
175 "	150	16½	20
200 "	175	17½	21½
250 "	200	18½	22½
300 "	250	20	23½
350 "	300	21½	25
400 "	350	22½	26
450 "	400	23½	27
500 "	450	25	28
550 "	500	26½	29
600 "	550	27½	30
650 "	600	28½	31
700 "	650	30	32
750 "	700	31½	33
Over 750		32½	34

Column No. 1 is for shipment over a single line of road, or over two or more lines under one management. Column No. 2 is for shipments over two or more lines under different managements.

Iowa Banking Law.

Iowa authorities have decided that any one can open a savings bank in that state so long as he does not use the words "savings bank" or "savings institution" in describing the business of the concern.

Artist s Work in Demand.

There is a lady artist residing in Paris who receives $2,5[illegible] a year from one firm of Christmas-card publishers, merely for the privilege of having first choice of all her designs.

Water Power on Pacific Slope.

The water power available on the Pacific slope for producing electric energy is equivalent to the combustion of 300,000,000 tons of coal a year.

United States Newspapers.

The number of copies of daily newspapers circulated last year in the United States was 2,865,466,000, and of weeklies, 1,208,190,000.

England's Target Pond.

Frensham Great Pond, in Surrey, covers over 100 acres, and is the largest artificial pond in England.

Eyes of Beasts of Prey.

Cats and other beasts of prey reflect fifty times as much light from their eyes as human beings.

A True Observation.

Samuel W. Pennypacker, governor of Pennsylvania, has a valuable library, in some respects the most curious in the world. Among its treasures is Jefferson Davis' copy of the constitution of the United States, with the confederate leader's autograph on the fly leaf: "Jeffn. Davis." Underneath Judge Pennypacker has written: "His book. And little good did it do him."

Where Dead Chinamen Go.

The foundering off New Zealand of the British vessel Ventnor, with a cargo including 50 dead Chinese in coffins, directs attention to a branch of trade of which not much is heard. Few vessels sailing to Chinese ports are without this grewsome freight. The ruling ambition of every Chinaman, wherever he may be, is to be buried in his native country.

Confirmed Globe Trotter.

Miss Celeste J. Miller of Chicago has just started on her fifth trip around the world. She has visited every country in the world except Siberia, which she is now on her way to visit. She always travels alone, and has never missed a train or boat connection, never met with an accident, and has refused 300 proposals of marriage.

Old-Time Merchants' Exchange.

As early at 1670 ther was a Merchants' Exchange in New York. It was founded by Col. Richard Nicolls, who was governor of the province of New York at the time. The shopkeepers met at the ringing of the Statt Huys bell on Friday evening for the purpose of exchange and barter. At these meetings the mayor presided.

Senator Foraker a Grandfather.

Joseph Benson Foraker, United States senator from Ohio, is a grandfather, his daughter, Mrs. Randolph Matthews of Cincinnati, having given birth to a fine boy the other morning. The father of the newcomer, a lawyer in the city named, has decided to name his son and heir Joseph Benson Matthews.

Strange Freak of Nature.

A chicken recently hatched in Wadsworth London, was well provided for in the way of different members of the body, notwithstanding, or perhaps because of which it soon died. It had two beaks, three eyes, five claws on the left foot and four on the right, and three sets of brains.

Sweden's New Railway Lines.

Concessions have just been granted to construct and run twenty-seven branch lines of the Swedish railways. The new lines will cover a distance of 250 miles in all, and it means that Sweden will again have occasion to purchase a large quantity of rolling stock.

Original Meaning of "Bug."

Bug originally meant a goblin. The Welsh word bug means a ghost. The Hebrew word, which in Psalms xc, 5, is represented by "terror," was in the early translations rendered bug, the verse being, "Thou shalt not need to be afraid of any bugs by night."

Not Yet Ready to Retire.

Dr. Samuel Willard, a venerable school teacher in Chicago, though now in his eighty-first year, is about to start on a trip to the Mediterranean, expecting to "do" Greece especially in a very thorough and satisfactory manner.

Future of South Africa.

Frederick P. Hale, the mining engineer, who has recently returned from South Africa, declared in New York that no section of the globe would develop so rapidly relatively in the next five years as South Africa.

Indians as Cotton Pickers.

Choctaw Indians are being imported to pick cotton in Mississippi. They are quick and active, nimble of finger, and after a few weeks' practice can pick as much cotton per day as the best negro pickers.

Population and Indebtedness.

Since 1850 the population of the world has doubled; its indebtedness, chiefly for war purposes, has quadrupled. It was eight billions fifty years ago; it is thirty-two billions today.

Monster Vegetables.

Two monster vegetables—a turnip weighing twenty-three pounds and a cabbage weighing [illegible]en pounds—have been grown at Foulmere, Cambridgeshire, England.

World's Supply of Cork.

All the cork used in the world in a year weighs just over 1,000 tons. It comes from France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and North Africa.

Must Have Been Wrought Up.

A book of ninety-three pages on the custom of tipping has been written by a German named Ihering.

Varieties of Humming Birds.

There are 400 sorts of humming birds known to naturalists. They are found only in America.

Tunnel Far Below River.

The Severn tunnel in England lies forty-five feet to 100 feet below the bed of the river.

First Woman Telegrapher.

The first woman telegraph operator was Sarah C. Bagley of Lowell, Mass., 1846.

Natural Gas in England.

The first town in England to be lighted by natural gas is Heathfield, Sussex. At a public meeting of ratepayers it has been resolved to accept an offer from the Natural Gas Fields of England to have the streets illuminated by this means at the rate of £2 15s. per lamp for eight months in the year. Heathfield is the locality in which large sources of natural gas abound.

Keeping Up War's Memories.

Ladysmith is preparing to make herself another such center for the historic scenes around her as Brussels is for Waterloo. A regular coach service, it seems, is to be organized to Spion Kop, and when the passengers have walked over the fatal summit they will find refreshment and lodging at a "Spion Kop Hotel" which is to be built forthwith on Three-Tree Hill.

Fish at 23,000 Feet.

The statistician has been at work again. On the arrival of the United States Fish Commission steamship Albatross, which recently explored the ocean to a depth of 23,000 feet, the man of figures has calculated that the pressure of water is so great at that depth that a fish ten feet in length must support a weight equal to a large building.

Skilled Woodmen.

In the South Sea islands tree-felling contests are of such importance that specially made axes are imported for the work from America. So skilled are these woodmen of the South seas in felling timber that a dozen blows on the trunk of a tree will show but the one gash, as though done by a single blow of mighty power.

Newspaper for Nervous People.

There is talk in Austria of establishing a newspaper especially for nervous persons in which accounts of catastrophes will be treated in a soothing style. This will give a new color name to journalism. If it is "yellow" to jar sensitive nerves it may be considered "gray" to leave them undisturbed.

Japan's Coal Production.

The value of the coal mined in Japan is almost equal to that of all other minerals combined. It varies from the hardest anthracite to peat, but the quality is usually inferior to that of American coal. Modern machinery and methods have been introduced in the operation of many mines.

Result of Australian Drought.

The drought in Queensland, Australia, was responsible for a curious accident recently. The leaders of a great flock of sheep scented water and instantly the whole flock stampeded for the water hole, with the result that in the narrow gulley hundreds were trampled to death.

Sensible Charitable Movement.

Mrs. Rufus P. Williams has started in Cambridge, Mass., a movement to furnish the consumptive poor with free diet—fresh milk, fresh eggs and soup—with free nursing and with free courses of instruction in healthful living and in pulmonary gymnastics.

Rich Phosphate Beds Found.

It is possible that Florida phosphate will meet a serious competitor in the recently discovered deposits on Ocean island, northeast of the Solomon islands, which seem to be superior in quality to either Florida or Christmas island phosphate.

Preparing Book of War Songs.

Rev. H. M. Wharton, D. D., of Virginia, is preparing a book of war songs and poems and requests anyone who has a poem or a song written during the years of the civil war to kindly send same to him at Germantown, Pa.

First Ten-Wheel Engine.

The ten-wheel engine which was tenaciously adhered to for freight service for the last half of the nineteenth century made its appearance in 1846, having been brought out by Septimus Norris and John Branch.

Settling Western States.

Railroad men say that 70,000 homeseekers, with their families, have settled this year in Idaho, Washinngton and Oregon. The Canadian Pacific has carried over 100,000 people to Manitoba.

Somewhat Inconsistent.

Although the author of a book on the finances of Turkey has been decorated by the Sultan for his work, the Turkish press censor has prohibited the sale of the volume in Turkey.

First to Win Distinction.

Sir John Elley, who was Wellington's adviser at Waterloo, was the first British private to become a full general and a knight.

Check on Automobiles.

In Italy automobiles are not allowed to go faster than fifteen miles in the daytime and eight at night.

Machine Lays and Mortars Bricks.

An Englishman has invented a brick-laying machine which lays and mortars the bricks.

A Query?

Are executed murders entitled to be called martyrs because they have died for their convictions?

Law Against Vivisection.

Massachusetts has the first law in the world prohibiting vivisection in the schools.

Fort Worth Fat Stock Show

Fort Worth, Tex , Jan. 26, 1903.

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Parties preparing steers for the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, will remember that the Union Stock Yards and Transit company of Chicago will pay a special premium of $50.00 for the best or Grand Champion car load, and $50 00 for the Grand Champion steer of the show. Yours truly,

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Useful Thanksgiving Presents.

Instead of giving the fifty employes on her estate at Tarrytown Thanksgiving presents of turkeys this year Miss Helen Gould, on account of the high price of coal, presented each with a barrel of kerosene, a large kerosene stove, a barrel of potatoes, 100 pounds of bacon and a barrel of flour.

Youth's Sweet Memories.

Among the other sweet memories of youth that Lucky Baldwin might put in his front yard is the school teacher who used to whip him. The ordinary boy would be satisfied with great riches could he chain the stern pedagogue to the front fence and gloat over him in his declining days.

Minaret from Mahdi's Tomb.

On his return from the Soudan the Marquis of Tullibardine brought home a minaret from the tomb of the Mahdi. It has been placed on one of the towers of Blair castle. The minaret, which is made of copper plates riveted together, bears marks of bullets fired at Omdurman.

Says Germany Covets Denmark.

Prof. Freeman, United States consul at Copenhagen, has just arrived at his home in Madison, Wis. He says he believes that Germany will ultimately absorb Denmark, as the Kaiser covets that country.

Methodism Gains in Ireland.

In the past decade the Methodists in Ireland have increased 11.27 per cent, their number now being 62,000. The Roman Catholics have declined 6.7 per cent and the Church of Ireland 3.2 per cent.

Mexican Government Buys Road.

The Mexican government has purchased the major part of the recent issue of inter-oceanic railroad company's bonds, thus obtaining the controlling interest in the road.

Would Have to Hurry.

An amateur photographer, say Youth's Companion, stopped morning at a Kansas farmhouse inquired for the farmer. "I wa trespass on your premises," he "long enough to take a picture of cornfield. It's the most magni one I ever saw." "That's all r responded the farmer. "But have to take it instaneous—it's ing so fast."

Prize Well Awarded.

The Awdiffred prize of $30,0 been awarded to Mme. Meyrier, of the French consul at Diar Turkey, for her heroism during Armenian massacres in 1895. consulate building more than 7 menian refugees were fed and tered by Mme. Meyrier, and M. rier and his staff again and agai pulsed the Turkish assailants.

It Didn't Work.

Johnny—Say, ma, our teacher us to-day that "through nature's p dence" a cat always lands on its when it is dropped, so it won't hurt.

Mother—Well!

Johnny—Well, I went's up on roof and dropped our cat off. guess she'll have to be picked up a piece of blotting paper.

The Longest-Lived Men.

In Italy priests and monks longer than any other class of Fifty-seven per cent exceed the of the Psalmist."

Want Irish Harp Revived.

A new effort is being made in lin to revive the old Irish harp it is meeting with considerable port.

How the Trusts Grow.

Within three and one-half y trusts have been formed, havi aggregate capital of $4,318,000,00

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A GOLD MINE.

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…een the Sunset Limited,
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…Southern Pacific railway
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…t Firing Bill.

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…is with the operators
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…es to Natchez.

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…r received a telegram
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…that the United States
…a will be sent to Nat-
…esent the navy at the
…Mardi Gras celebration
…The Atlanta will come
…ompliment of 19 officers

…e's Private Secretary.

…C., Jan. 30.—Lee S. Over-
…inated for United States
…e Democratic senatorial
…e sixty-first ballot. The
…: Overman, 73; Watson,
… The nomination is
…an election. Mr. Over-
…everal years private sec-
…ate Senator S. B. Vance.
…mber of legislature five

…Granted Husband.

…n. 30.—Henry Norman,
…uthor and traveler, has
…a divorce from his wife.
…the traveler and author,
…s of the latter's alleged
…eutenant Edward Arthur
…the dragoon guards was
…respondent.

…ght Large Sum.

…Jan. 30.—At the Fasig
…sale Idolite, the noted
…cino, was sold to J. J.
…er fire commissioner of
…r $11,100.

…ted on Suspicion.

…Jan. 30.—The British
…swick landed five sur-
…British bark Veronica,
…Dec. 20. Four men have
…on suspicion of having
…tain and seven of the
…ed the vessel.

…Critically Ill.

…n. 30.—Former Governor
…lies critically ill at St.
…spital. Tonight three
…at his bedside, his wife
…are close at hand and
…been summoned.

…Factional Fight.

…l, Jan. 30.—Serious fac-
…tween Kaffirs has oc-
…Umzinto district, 37
…e. It is reported that
…natives were killed.

…s of Normandy" Dead.

…30.—Robert Planquette
…of The Ihimes of Nor-
…n operas, is dead.

ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS.

A Measure Providing the Same Is Passed by the Senate.

Austin, Jan. 30.—The senate on Thursday considered bill by Savage appropriating $40,000 for establishing a home for white idiots and imbeciles in connection with the state insane asylum in this city, with committee amendments making the home eligible for negroes and striking out the location, leaving it to a board to be appointed by the governor, consisting of five members, one from each of the supreme judicial districts, and providing that it shall be located as an adjunct to either of the insane asylums at San Antonio, Austin, Terrell or Abilene. The committee amendments were adopted and the bill passed finally under a suspension of the rules. Before its passage Senator Harper secured the adoption of an amendment directing the insane asylums to care for imbeciles until the home is erected.

Senator Faulk secured the consideration of his bill relating to the fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property, so as to punish tenants who dispose of mortgaged property.

Senator Hicks secured the adoption of house concurrent resolution petitioning the Texas members in congress to aid in securing an appropriation for establishment of a camp of military instruction in connection with Fort Sam Houston.

Senate bill No. 29 by Mr. Savage relating to public printing, facilitating the printing of legislative bills on linotype machines, shortening the line one-half inch, was taken up in the house.

Mr. Napier asked that the amendment to the bill made in the committee be considered. This amendment provides that the bill shall not affect the present contract as to the cost to the state. Adopted, and bill as amended passed.

Committee Reported Adversely.

Austin, Jan. 30.—The committee on constitutional amendments reported adversely in the joint resolution by Messrs. Griggs and Browne of Karnes, providing for a convention to revise the constitution of the state of Texas. A minority report will be submitted, signed by Messrs. Browne of Karnes, Griggs, Cottrell, Knight, Hodges and Callan, and it was agreed in committee that the minority report should be printed.

McKinney Gets University.

McKinney, Tex., Jan. 30.—This city has secured the Texas Presbyterian university, and for that purpose succeeded in raising $80,000 and donated 250 acres of land. The board of trustees expects to set aside 150 acres of land for the campus, and out of the remainder to realize $50,000 to add to the building fund.

Conductors Asked to Resign.

Houston, Jan. 30.—It is reported that some nine or ten conductors on the Southern Pacific railway have been requested to resign. The check system is alleged to figure in the matter.

Temporary Release.

Tyler, Tex., Jan. 30.—During the progress of the Tyler bank cases the defendants have by Judge Swayne been ordered released from the custody of Marshal Houston.

ACTION CENSURED.

Booker T. Washington Will Not Be Allowed to Make an Address.

Gainesville, Fla., Jan. 30.—Recently W. N. Sheats, state superintendent of public instruction, invited Booker T. Washington to deliver an address before the joint convention of county superintendents of public instruction and the general educational board, to meet here Feb. 4. Mr. Sheats is severely censured in this, his home town, and W. M. Halloway, county superintendent of public instruction, has telegraphed the Gainesville Sun that Washington will not be permitted to speak in the Auditorium on the occasion.

Formally Charged With Murder.

Liverpool, Jan. 30.—The cook of the Veronica, a colored man who was among those who were rescued by the Brunswick, made a statement to Captain Brown, which caused him to cable to Scotland yard. The cook, however, aserts that the men led by the boatswain, a German, mutinied and murdered the captain, chief office and others and threatened to kill him if he betrayed them.

After an investigation, the four seamen of the Veronica were formally charged with murdering seven of their shipmates.

Thomas' Terrible Tale.

Liverpool, Jan. 30.—According to the account of the mutiny given by the Veronica's negro cook, whose name is Moses Thomas, the murders were planned so that the victims had no chance to defend themselves. Each was stunned or murdered separately by these mutineers, who lay in wait for them in the dark part, armed with belaying pins. The bodies were then thrown overboard. Thomas says he barricaded himself and begged hard for mercy or he would have suffered the same fate.

General Booth Spoke.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 30.—General William Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, addressed a large and representative audience at the First Methodist church. Before the general arrived every seat in the edifice was taken. The speaker's lecture was followed closely by his hearers and he received many congratulations when he finished. He left for Dallas, Texas.

Provisional Acceptance.

Washington, Jan. 30.—John T. McDonough, former secretary of state of New York, has accepted previously the appointment of justice of the supreme court of the Philippines. The conditions which he accepts are said to be of such a nature that his appointment undoubtedly will be made.

…OOD UP FOR QUAY.

Senat… Foraker Said He Had a Right to Pursue Course Taken.

Was…gton, Jan. 30.—The senate proceed…s Thursday were unmarked by any …ely debates such as occurred Wednesd… When the Rawlins resolution callin… the secretary of war for the eviden… in certain courts martial cases in the …hilippines was laid before the senate. …r. McLaurin of Mississippi urged i… adoption.

He detailed …ertain acts of cruelty on the part o… the American soldiers toward Filipin… men and women, and said the senate …hould have the evidence in such ca…s.

He remarked t…t it was easy to say there was a …ndicate of slander and defamation in …he senate toward the army, but when …e army was slandered, the American …ficers were slandered by showing th… to have been guilty of outrages, an… he argued that they should be weeded… out of the service.

The statehood bill was …en taken up, but Mr. Quay yielded t… permit Mr. Proctor to report the arm… appropriation bill, which he said h… would call up at the earliest possible moment.

A message from the pr…ident was read in which he asked for the necessary power to co-operate w…h Mexico and China regarding the res…ration of the parity of silver and go… It was referred to the committee on …inance.

Mr. Lodge then concluded his remarks in opposition to the omnibus statehood bill, and Mr. Bard of California also spoke in opposition to it.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bard's remarks and just before the senate adjourned Mr. Foraker, havi… the statehood bill in charge in the temporary absence of Mr. Quay, said from statements he had received the ac…on of Mr. Quay Wednesday in intro…cing the statehood bill as proposed amendments to the agricultural and sundry civil bills was regarded as an unheard of proceeding. It was not unheard of at all, he said. It was simply a question whether a majority of the senate could do a thing it wanted to.

WENT THROUGH.

Indian Appropriation Bill Was Passed by the House.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The house Thursday passed the Indian appropriation bill and began consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill.

Mr. Burton (Rep.) of Ohio continued his criticism of the extravagance of items on the Indian bill to the end, but his three days' attack on the bill was not productive of many reductions.

Mr. Patetrson (Dem.) of Tennessee took advantage of the latitude allowed in general debate on the postoffice bill to make a set speech for an hour and a half on the trust question.

Mr. Reid (Dem.) of Arkansas, spoke on good roads.

The following conferences of the department of commerce bills were named just as the house adjourned at 5:05 p. m. Thursday afternoon. Messrs. Hepburn of Iowa; Mann, of Illinois and Richardson of Alabama.

When the house met it was agreed that at Friday's session, bills from the committe on claims should be considered and that recognitions should be accorded to members alternately on each side of the political aisle to call up bills on the calendar.

SMITH SUICIDES.

Member of City Council of Lawton Ends His Existence.

Lawton, Okla., Jan. 30.—Charles Smith, a member of the city council since Lawton became a town, and a well-known businessman, shot himself through the heart in the police court room here Thursday in the presence of Judge Blandigan and several other persons. A mome[illegible] before he shot himself, Smith ann[illegible]d his intention of committing sui[illegible] and fired his revolver before those [illegible]ear him could interfere. Smith is be[illegible]ved to have been brooding over charges of boodling that have been brought in connection with the coming city campaign.

In Memory of McKinley.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 30.—McKinley day was appropriately observed throughout Oklahoma Thursday in the schools and churches, while in the business circles and on the streets the red carnation was worn by every one in memory of the late martyred president. The day was very befittingly observed by the Oklahoma legislature in joint session, the entire afternoon being devoted to the rendition of a programme especially arranged in McKinley's memory.

Feb. 1 Date of Transfer.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 30.—The property of the Blackvel, Enid and Southwestern railway, from O'Keene, Okla., to Vernon, Tex., will be formally turned over to the Frisco system Feb. 1.

Crushed to a Pulp.

New Iberia, La., Jan. 30.—While at work in the sash department of the New Iberia Cypress company Homer Bayard fell against a belt. He was hit by a wheel and his skull crushed to a pulp.

Five More Deaths.

Mazatlan, Mex., Jan. 30.—There were five deaths from the plague Thursday. The first case of plague at the barracks of the Eleventh battalion occurred Thursday. Governor Canedo's conduct in remaining in the city and inspiring the leading citizens with courage to fight the plague wins the heartiest praise. The burning of infected houses continues.

Robbed of Large Amount.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 30.—At Bald Knob the postoffice safe was blown open and robbed of funds amounting to $1000. A reward of $250 for the apprehension and conviction of the robbers has been offered.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL ILL.

Foreign Minister Prinetti Seized With an Attack of Paralysis.

Rome, Jan. 30.—Foreign Minister Prinetti had an attack of paralysis in his right side while being received in audience by King Victor Emanuel. He was removed to his home in a serious condition. The ministers were holding their usual semi-weekly conference with the king at the Quirinal when Signor Prinetti, who was addressing his majesty, suddenly threw up his arms, staggered and would have fallen but for the fact that he was caught by his colleagues. The incident caused great excitement. The king rang for assistance, and Minister of Commerce Bacelli, who is a physician, was able to do what was immediately necessary. The king, who is specially attached to Minister Prinetti, is much affected. His majesty decided that the minister should be put to bed in the Quirinal, but Dr. Bacelli decided that it would be necessary to convey him to his own home, which was done.

One of the ministers went ahead to break the news to Signorita Prinetti.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Four Men Were Killed and a Number Sustained Injuries.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 30.—Four men were killed, one fatally and three others seriously injured and half a score of others more or less severely hurt by an explosion which wrecked a large section of Eckart Packing company's plant at 7 o'clock yesterday.

The dead: John Foltz, Fort Wayne; Red Matthews, Plymouth, Ind.; Henry Piepenbrink, Fort Wayne; Conrad Miller, Fort Wayne.

Seriously injured: John Yorst, fatally; Wm. Kintz, John Kolbach, Clem Keller.

The explosion occurred half an hour after the operations had begun for the day, and it is believed to have been due to accumulation of natural gas in the cellar beneath the section of the factory destroyed.

There were a score of men at work in the several departments at that section of the plant, and scarcely one escaped injury of some sort. The force of the explosion was terrific, completely wrecking the section, a building 50x100 and two stories in height. The dead and injured were buried in the ruins, and the peril of those yet living was increased by flames following the explosion and escape of large quantities of ammonia stored in the basement. The fire was soon extinguished and the work of rescue began. Foltz, Matthews, Miller and Piepenbrink were dead when taken out. Property was valued at $15,000.

Feeding Horses on Molasses.

New York, Jan. 30.—Between 4000 and 5000 horses in Brooklyn are being fed on molasses because it is cheaper and better than oats. This statement is made by a veterinary surgeon, who adds that horses in harness from twelve to fourteen hours a day do not take time to masticate and properly prepare dry oats and other dry fodder. The result is that the animals receive little nutritive value from their food.

Gompers' Son Dead.

Denver, Jan. 30.—Abraham B. Gompers, son of Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, died of pneumonia at the home of Max Morris here. He was twenty-eight years of age and came to this city about eighteen months ago in search of health. The body is to be shipped to the home of his parents at Washington.

Remarkable Fog at Boston.

Boston, Jan. 29.—For several hours Wednesday evening Boston was in the grip of the most remarkable fog ever seen here. Trains were stalled and trolley cars proceeded with great difficulty. Harbor navigation was dangerous and pedestrians were forced to grope their way along the streets.

Engineer Davis Dead.

Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 30.—Engineer James H. Davis of the Plainfield and Reading express train, which ran into the Eastern express near Graceland, is dead. Those in the hospital are doing fairly well, but the recovery of some is doubtful.

Revolution Imminent.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Wm. Davidson, a mining man, who arrived from the lower coast, reports a revolution was expected to break out in Honduras at the time he left Tegucigalpa, a few days ago, as the result of a disagreement over the returns of the late presidential election. There were three candidates, and congress has not been able to decide which one was elected.

No Longer Amenable.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The attorney general rules that Captain Brownell, whose name was mentioned in connection with the killing of Father Augustine in the Philippines, is no longer amenable for his actions while on the islands.

Spooner Remains a Senator.

Madison, Wis, Jan. 30.—The election of John C. Spooner to succeed himself as United States senator was reaffirmed in joint session of the legislature. He received the full Republican vote.

Long Elected.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 30.—In joint session Chester I. Long was elected senator.

Major Glenn Acquitted.

Manila, Jan. 30.—Major Edwin F. Glenn of the Fifth infantry, who was tried by courtmartial on the charge of unlawfully killing prisoners of war, has been acquitted.

Third Torpedo Boat Passes.

Constantinople, Jan. 30.—The third Russian torpedo destroyer passed through the Dardenelles bound for Sebastopol.

An Aged Negro Dead.

Houston, Jan. 29.—Dabney Lewis, colored, aged 115 years, died here.

TREATY SIGNING.

People of Colombia Appear to Be Pleased With This Action.

New York, Jan. 30.—No comments on the signing of the canal treaty were made by local newspapers, but the people here are generally satisfied, cables a Herald correspondent in Panama. They are enthusiastic over the prospect that the canal will finally be built by the United States, in which country the people have confidence, without intervention of European powers, which is now looked upon with disfavor.

The treaty is considered fair and mutually advantageous, although some Colombians think the annual rental might have been put at a more equivalent rate, considering the loss of isthmian rents and future practical benefits obtained by the United States.

BILLS PASSED

Senate and House Put Through Several of Them Thursday.

Austin, Jan. 29.—The house discussed the proposed rule to exclude visitors from the floor. Mr. Seabury said he was not afraid of the lobby, and would like it to discuss matters. Recommitted to committee on rules.

Bill requiring state printer to set legislative bills thirty-two ems pica wide, passed.

In the senate bill providing for consolidation of Inter-national and Great Northern and Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans railways passed.

Bill providing for establishing a branch asylum for care of idiots and imbeciles passed finally.

House joint resolution providing establishment permanent military camp of instruction at Fort Sam Houston was adopted.

Bill preventing fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property passed.

Bill granting Marshall a new charter passed.

WHO ANKENY IS.

Native of Missouri and President of Six National Banks.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 30.—Levi Ankeny, who succeeds Senator Turner in the United States senate, was born near St. Joseph, Mo., in 1844 and came west with his parents in 1850. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Ankeny established the First National bank of Wallawalla and is now president of six national banks in this state and Oregon. He is also largely interested in agricultural and grazing lands in the northwest. He has never before held political office. He resides at Wallawalla.

JOINT COUNCIL.

Operators and Miners Confer in Regard to Wage Matters.

Indianapolis, Jan. 30.—The joint wage conference between miners and operators of the central competitive bituminous coal district, composed of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, began here. President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers called the conference into session and was selected temporary chairman. The selection of different committeemen by different states by both operators and miners was immediately taken up. About 250 operators and 490 miners were present at the opening session.

Denied Bail to Milner.

Kosciusko, Miss., Jan. 30.—Judge Stevens denied bail to Robert Milner, indicted with eleven others for the alleged lynching of two negroes last July. The twelve men asked for bail under habeas corpus proceedings, and the petitions were to stand or fall according to the court's decision in the case of Milner. The trials will now proceed under the indictment.

Transport Dix Arrives.

Washington, Jan. 30.—General Ludington has received a cablegram from Quartermaster Barker at Nagasaki, saying that the transport Dix, which had been reported lost, arrived there from Seattle. She had a fair and uneventful passage.

Refuses to Accept.

London, Jan. 30.—Great Britain, Germany and Italy sent a joint reply to Minister Bowen refusing to accept the proposal that all countries having claims against Venezuela should be placed on an equality with the three co-operating powers.

Ex-Senator Dies Suddenly.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 29.—John Beard Allen, former United States senator from Washington, died suddenly Wednesday night of angina pectoris.

Pretender Repulsed.

Madrid, Jan. 30.—A dispatch to the Imparcial from Tangier announces that Bu Hammarra, the pretender to the throne of Morocco, has been repulsed and is retreating rapidly.

Desperate Bandit Captured.

Havana, Jan. 30.—Cajizote, the most dangerous bandit in Cuba, has been captured, after a desperate fight, in a suburb of this city.

Again President of Reichstag.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—The reichstag has re-elected Count von Ballestrem president.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

General Grant has returned to Fort Sam Houston.

Mrs. Mollie Vann was burned to death at Stillwell, I. T.

Mrs. O. A. Shears, was probably fatally burned near Vinita, I. T.

Mrs. Oscar Harvy, one of the first settlers of Wagoner, I. T., is dead.

A boy named George Ward was killed by a train near Morgan, Tex.

Federal grand jury at South McAlester has returned 205 indictments.

Burglars have been operating at Beaumont.

F. H. Boyd was shot and killed at Mart, Tex. J. W. Huddleston was put under $3000 bonds.

FT. WORTH RAILWAY SCHEDULE

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & TEXAS RY. A

"Rock Island Route."

Depart		Arrive
a 8 30 am	Omaha and Mo. River	a 7 30 pm
a 8 10 pm	Kan. City, Chicago, Denver, Colo. Springs and Pueblo, Fast Express	a 7 10 am

Frisco System.

RED RIVER, TEXAS & SOUTHERN RY.

Depart north		Arr. from north
a 11 05 am	K.C & St L Mail and Ex	a 2 55 pm

FORT WORTH & RIO GRANDE RY. A

Depart south		Arrive from south
a 3 15 pm	Mail and Express	a 10 55 am
*a 9 30 pm	mixed	a 6 00 am

FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. A

Depart		Arrive
a 9 45 am	Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo Mail and Ex	a 5 10 pm
a11 10 pm	Colorado Express	a 6 00 am
a 6 00 pm	Accommodation	a 9 55 am

***GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE C**

Depart		Arr. from
North		North
a 7 05 am	Kan.C.& Chicago Ex & Mail	a 9 00 pm
a 8 20 pm	Kan. C. & Chicago Fast Ex.	a 7 45 am
Depart South		Arr. from South
a 7 55 am	Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex	a 8 20 pm
a 9 10 pm	Houston & San Antonio & Galveston Mail & Express	a 7 05 am

HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL. C

Depart		Arrive
a 9 20 am	Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex.	a 8 20 pm
a 6 50 pm	Houston & Gal Mail & Ex.	a 9 30 am
a1 30 pm	Corsicana Mixed	a12 15 pm

***MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS. A**

Depart		Arr. from
North		North
a 8 30 am	"Katy Flyer"	a 7 45 pm
a11 45 pm	Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago Mail & Ex	a 7 10 am
a11 20 pm	Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago, Fast Express	a 5 10 pm
Depart South		Arr. from South
a 8 15 pm	Houston and Gal. and San Antonio, "Katy Flyer"	a 8 10 am
a 7 30 am	Houston Mail & Ex	a10 55 am
a 5 00 pm	Houston Mail & Ex	a10 50 pm

COTTON BELT ROUTE. A

Depart		Arrive
a 8 20 am	Memp. & St. L. Mail & Ex.	a 6 25 am
a10 15 pm	Memp. & St. L. Mail & Ex.	a 6 25 pm

TEXAS AND PACIFIC A

Depart East	Main Line via Marshall.	Arr. from East
a 7 45 am	St. Louis Cannon Ball	a 7 55 pm
a 8 10 am	St. Louis Mail & Ex.	a 6 30 pm
a 5 30 pm	St.Louis & Memp. Fast Ex.	a 7 45 am
	Dallas News Train	a 5 20 am
a10 30 am	Dallas & Weath'ford Local	a 2 55 pm
a12 55 pm	Dallas Local	
a 3 10 pm	Dallas & Wills Point Local	a11 30 am
a 7 55 pm	Dallas Local	a 5 10 pm
Depart West	Main Line West.	Arr. from West
a 8 40 am	Abilene Mail & Express	a 4 15 pm
a 3 00 pm	Weatherford Local	a10 15 am
a 9 20 pm	El Paso & California Mail & Express	a 6 30 am

Transcontinental Division via Sherman.

Depart		Arrive
a 8 35 am	Texarkana & St. Louis Mail & Express	a 6 10 pm

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C—Fort Worth Union] Station, Cor. 15th and Jones streets.

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MESSAGE IS SENT IN

President Transmits a Document to Houses of Congress.

FINANCIAL MEASURE.

The Consideration of the Subject Is Expected to Bring Up Payment of Chinese Indemnity in the White Metal.

Washington, Jan. 30.—President Roosevelt sent the following message to congress:

"I transmit herewith a report from the secretary of state with accompanying notes from the Mexican ambassador and the Chinese charge d'affairs ad interim, which ask co-operation of the United States in such measures as will tend to restore and maintain a fixed relationship between the moneys of the gold standard countries and the silver using countries. I recommend that the executive be given sufficient powers to lend the support of the United States in such manner and to such degree as he may deem expedient to the purposes of the two governments.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The message was referred to the committee on finance.

In his communication, Secretary Hays says:

"It is not asked that the United States modify its monetary system and it is distinctly disavowed that any movement is contemplated for the restoration of international bi-metallism.

The opinion is expressed by the representatives of both governments that consultation between the United States and the European powers having dependencies in the Orient and the independent countries where silver money is in general use, may result in the adoption of a monetary system which will prevent the great fluctuations in exchange which now occur in trade with the silver-using countries. If such a result can be achieved, and it is pointed out that at least a partial solution has been proposed in the United States in a bill now pending in the senate in regard to the Philippine islands, great benefits wil follow to the trade of the world by making easier the access of the products of manufacturing nations to the markets of China and the other silver-using countries.

"The consideration of this subject may have an important bearing also on the payment of the indemnity due by China to certain European powers and to the United States by enabling the Chinese empire to put her monetary system upon a basis which will make it possible for her to meet these payments in a manner satisfactory to all the powers. This result, if it could be accomplished, would be of the first importance, not only to the United States and to the other powers having a share in the indemnity payments, but to China herself and her future development."

NEARLY A BREACH.

There Is a Decided Pause in the Venezuelan Negotiations.

Washington, Jan. 30.—There was a pause in the Venezuela negotiations that approached perilously near a breach, and the end is not yet in sight. It all grows out of the attitude of the allies in insisting upon preferential treatment for themselves in the settlement of their claims. As foreshadowed in the London dispatches, Mr. Bowen has been informed of the decision of the allies to insist in his work for the moment. Possibly fresh and enlarged powers will be necessary to enable him to meet the demands of the allies.

Two courses are open now to Mr. Bowen, and it probably will be for President Castro to elect which he shall follow He may in his response to the other claimant nations, than the allies, take the opportunity to inform the world that Venezuela yields to overpowering force and that if she cannot meet their claims they must reckon with the allies themselves.

The other course is for him to declare that his mission has failed, that he cannot come to a reasonable understanding with the allies because of their uncompromising attitude and therefore the case must go to the Hague tribunal for adjustment.

NO BLUFFING.

The Honor and Dignity of This Country Will Be Maintained.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Venezuelan situation, especially the attitude of Germany, was discussed by the senate committee on military affairs, and the situation influenced the committee on some matters pertaining to the army appropriation bill, among which was the decision to accept the house provision relating to transports; that they be retained in the service.

The discussion was general and earnest and the conclusion reached, as stated by a member of the committee, was that the United States make it plain that the honor and dignity of the country would be maintained and that Germany should not be allowed to "bluff" the government by any attitude she might assume.

To Exclude Negroes.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 30.—A resolution was introduced in the Kansas legislature to amend the state election law so as to exclude all negroes from voting and to require all foreign born persons to become fully naturalized before voting.

Twenty Rounds to a Draw.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—Eddie Hanlon and Abe Ateel fought twenty rounds to a draw.

State Railroads Unprofitable.

Norway's government railways are not a success financially. Out of 11 roads three pay no dividend at all and for the remaining eight railroads the dividend for the last financial year ranged from .7 to 2.7 per cent. The roads paying no dividend whatever are the Bergen-Vos, the Stavanger-Egersund and the Grundseth-Aamodt railways, which also failed to pay any dividend for the previous year.

Rats Fall From the Skies.

News comes from Algiers of an extraordinary phenomenon which recently took place in the suburbs of Bougie. Soon after a cyclone passed through the town, thousands of huge rats fell in a shower to the ground, to the horror of the Kabyles, who at sight of them fled in all directions, since they were convinced that the animals had come down from heaven.

Rich Unlettered Woman.

Maria Schemmer, a St. Louis woman, unable to read or write, died the other day, leaving an estate valued at $200,000. Her principal heirs are William H. Ulrich, living near Racine, Wis., and Edward W. Meyer of St. Louis. Miss Schemmer signed her will with an "X," but it is duly attested and has been admitted to probate without question.

Memorial to Thomas Huxley.

An artistic memorial tablet to Thomas Henry Huxley was unveiled in the public library at Ealing, his birthplace, a few days ago. The tablet contains only his name, dates of birth and death, and one of his best epigrams: "Try to learn something about everything and everything about something."

Weather Bureau for Argentina.

The establishing recently of a weather bureau by the department of agriculture of Argentina is an important addition to the study of meteorology. The bureau is in charge of Walter G. Davis, an American, and he has begun the publication of daily weather maps, covering both Argentina and Patagonia.

Testing Vitality of Bacilli.

A bacteriologic test of specimens of earth taken from the site of Camp Thomas, at Chickamauga, is being made to determine if the typhoid bacilli responsible for the recent outbreak of typhoid fever had retained their vitality since the epidemic during the Spanish-American war.

Japanese Christians Quarrel.

Japan Christians belonging to the Greek church have seceded and established a church and holy synod of their own. They did not like being under the orders of the Russian holy synod or the local Greek bishop, Nicolai, whom they have been urging in vain to resign.

Imperial Lumbago.

Lumbago on a throne is of more poignant significance than elsewhere. Emperor Francis Joseph's current attack may send its thrill through his loose jointed empire, in which such momentous consequences are bound up with his life and wellbeing.

Price of European Armaments.

A million dollar bills packed solidly like leaves in a book made a pile 275 feet high. One thousand million dollars, the price which Europe annually pays for armaments in time of peace, equal a pile of dollar bills over fifty-two miles high.

"Operator," Not "Chauffeur."

Objection to the use of the French word "chauffeur" in the ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles in Kansas City has led to the substitution of the word "operator" to designate the man controlling the machine.

His Mild Revenge.

This is the season when the member of the family who does the chores, everlastingly loves to give those around the fire a taste of the cold by leaving the door open as he goes in and out.—Atchison Globe.

Home of Revolutionary Hero.

Allen Farm, once the home of Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga, will soon be transformed by its present owner, W. J. Van Patton, into a public park and presented to the city of Burlington, Vt.

Krupp's Guns.

Turkey has bought sixteen batteries of the late Herr Krupp's cannon, and their booming will doubtless be heard in operations against the Macedonians. Though dead, he yet speaketh.

Improved Horse Troughs.

London is introducing water troughs for thirsty horses, at which the water can be run off by touching a pushbutton and fresh water run in.

Production of Orange Tree.

An orange tree in full bearing has been known to produce 15,000 oranges, a lemon tree 6,000 fruit.

Immense Leaves of Tree.

The Taliput palm of Ceylon has leaves which are sometimes 20 feet long and 18 feet wide.

A Philadelphia Pun.

A rope often gets tight because that is the way it is taut.—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Velocity of Earthquake Shocks.

Earthquake shocks travel, as a rule, at a pace of about 16,000 feet per second.

CUPOLA SKETCHES
By BYRON WILLIAMS

Stars studded the canopy of hazy eventide, and the moon, shedding a soft and subtle silver, sent shafts of light to glint upon the bosom of the Cedar. The waning day hovered about the skirts of night and pleaded for another interim of life ere yet it died.

And two young lovers, Algernon Edward Knotington and Constance Clementine Atherton, mindful also of the hastening shadows, wandered near the village upon the river shore. They paused beneath the grandeur of the stars to be enraptured by the reflection of a great handiwork upon the waters.

Then in a voice impassioned, yet low and gentle in its earnestness, the lover-youth spoke his affection. The maiden, trembling, listened to the burning words that filled her heart with yearning, but her tongue spoke not. She was stilled by a strange fear that mocked her happiness.

"What! Are you afraid, frightened like a timid child?" the lover cried, wrapping his extra length arm around her automobile coat.

"No! No!" she cried in startled tones. "Not that! Not that! but to-morrow we separate, our lives diverge, our paths lie wide apart for months—and who shall say—"

With kisses he smothered the words that fell and murmured softly, "Fear not, Constance—dear, dear Constance! The world is wide, but I shall ne'er forget thee, the ripple of that voice, the liquid purity of those great, brown eyes, the nectar of those lips, the raven black of this dark hair or the thousand perfumes of thy presence."

The telltale flush leaped to the girl's cheek, and she buried her face in his ulster as he continued:

"No, Constance: our hearts are beating in rhythmic alchemy of love which neither time nor absence can efface. Here, Constance, is the ribbon we found yesterday. See, I have cut the silk in twain and on the ends have scratched words our hearts can understand. You keep that end and I will cherish this, and when we meet again it will be to join the two forever."

"And if either learns to love another, then he or she is to send the ribbon to the one who yet loves, that each may know," said the girl sadly.

"Why speak of impossibilities, darling. Not yet shall the flowers fade in autumn, the winter come and go and the apple blossoms hang beautiful like this," pointing in the moonlight, "than I, my sweet, my own, shall come to wed my flower, my nightingale, my love," clasping her in his arms and pressing her warm face to his.

"You will be far away and eyes more beautiful, lips more voluptuous, faces more fair will teach you to forget me. I shall not hope too much, my dear one," cried the girl-woman weeping.

Stooping, he tenderly turned her wet face to his, and gazing eagerly into her sad eyes, into the face that spoke of constancy and love, he cried passionately:

"Constance, loved one, I bid thee hope! Hope ever! Believe! Believe ever! for I shall not forget thee!"

Looking trustingly into his eyes through her tears, she whispered, "I will hope—and believe."

Long they stood thus, wrapped in their affection, while the stars glistened on the water, the zephyrs blew softly and the wild apple blooms shed perfume and petals at their feet.

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A year had passed and a woman stood alone upon the bank. The moon hid his face and the waters lay a dark and pulseless mass before her. Her white face she turned upward in agony and clasped her thin hands in prayer.

The breezes soughed through the apple trees, and the blossoms fell unheeded at her feet. With a loud moan of anguish her body swayed, then limply down she sank into the fallen petals sobbing:

"What shall I do? What shall I do? Algernon Edward Knotington returns to-morrow to knot the ribbons, and—and—I cannot stop—him—even for Harry's sake!" (sob, sob, sob)—"be—be—cause that pesky dog of mine—has eaten my end of the ribbon! Oh! Oh! Oh! ! !"

Life is not all sunshine and apple blossoms.

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Dr. George F. Hall of Chicago, deprecates gum chewing. He says if he had the gum money of the city of Chicago for one year, he could build and dedicate free, a magnificent auditorium with a seating capacity of 10,000.

This reminds us:

If we had the "mazuma" spent annually in Chicago for face powder, we could buy fireworks for all the newsboys next Fourth of July and have money enough left to endow a foundling society.

If we had the "tin" spent annually in Chicago for playing cards, we could take all the worn out women and children in the city on a vacation once a month and show them how to be happy, though living!

If we had the "long green" spent annually in Chicago for to cco we could build a new court use and beat the one now in proc of slow decay to a standstill.

If we had the filthy ucre spent annually in Chicago for url papers and the damage they do the roseate light districts, we cov double the size of the loop and ke it possible to get down town ing the forenoon in time for lu eon.

And further:

If we had all the oin of the realm spent annually Chicago for "booze" that was wallowed by men who didn't want who tried to get away from it an who inwardly kicked themselves fo being a social ignoramus, as it s led down them, we could build an underground railway and keep the ud out of streets for days at a tim

Listen!

If we had ll the cash equivalents spent annu y in Chicago for gum, face powde playing cards, vice and liquor, we ould keep Chicago CLEAN enough sc a fellow could wear one collar a whole day without totally blackenin it—and we would, too, by guinea! we had to quit writing and look aft it personally.

Retusing to Dr. Hall and his figures, w side with the doctor and believe e speaks the truth. What a sad commentary in the words:

> "Man's inhumanity to man
> Makes countless thousands mourn."

A denial of the harmful things of life would make those "countless thousands" happier and better. We are yet some leagues from being perfect!

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The paragraphers are having fun at the expense of the young man who forgot to take his bride on their wedding journey—just as if the absent-minded groom had not trouble enough without being ridiculed. There may be some, reading this, who will say at once that the young man above mentioned is the limit, but any married woman will maintain with spirit that the example cited is by no means the most aggravated. There is not a husband in the land but has, figuratively speaking, climbed into the barber chair, pinned the evening paper about his neck and read the towel. Why not? To be absent-minded denotes greatness. When you forget to mail your wife's letters, do not be cast down: your abstraction is only proof of your allegiance to business. You are on the right way to fame and riches.

Lord Clare and the Duke of Northumberland had houses next to each other. The buildings were quite alike. Returning one morning from a walk, Goldsmith, absent of mind, mistook the duke's house for that of the lord, whither he was going. He entered the diningroom as the duke and duchess were about to sit down to breakfast. Thinking they were guests also, he accosted them as friends and threw himself on the sofa in the manner of a man perfectly at home. Explanations followed.

Sir Walter Scott at school desired to get above a thorough rival but was unable to do so. His attention was at last attracted to an absent habit of the fellow student he desired to out-do. When about to answer a difficult question the young man's hand sought the top button of his waistcoat. Scott slyly cut away the button and when a difficult question was asked the rival a few minutes later, the hand did not find the button, the student became confused and Scott won by strategy that which he could not by mere scholarship.

Sir Isaac Newton seems to have been a prize forgetter. On an occasion he left his friends at dinner to get a bottle of wine in the cellar. On the way to the cellar he fell into reflection and forgetting his friends, went to his chamber, donned his surplice and proceeded to the chapel. On another occasion he dismounted and was leading his horse. The animal slipped its head from the bridle and galloped away. Newton did not learn his loss until some minutes later, he reached a toll gate and turned to remount. On getting out of bed in the morning he would sit for hours undressed, absorbed in deep thought.

Thus the action of great minds recall "Don Quixote" and that passage which is:

"But my thoughts ran a wool-gathering; and I did like the countryman, who looked for his ass while he was mounted on his back."

Cut this out, paste it in your hat and when your wife complains at your greatness, show her this. We think it will hold her for awhile.

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In Paris cats are being educated. In the United States a cat continues his acrobatic feats on the back-yard fence with as much uncultured emotion as ever. It seems to us that what we need in this country is not more of man's humanity to man, but education for our cats. Many a night have we thought of this, and arrived at the same conclusion as Thomas Scatt and Pussy Woos punctuated the gloaming in our alley with hieroglyphics. It is a consummation devoutly to be wished that our felines learn to practice their vocal stunts during that period when God does not give "His beloved sleep!" If colleges will accomplish this, then let us have cat schools on every hill top—and no bootjacks in the valley! If all the people who throw things at cats would desist and transport the articles they itch to throw to a rummage sale for the benefit of the church, there would soon be a sufficient fund in hand to build a cat seminary. Let us not be outdone by the French! Save our cats!—and, incidentally, our bric-a-brac!

Changed Typewriters.

Church—You know French, who keeps the restaurant?

Gotham—Oh, yes.

"Well, he wants a new typewriter."

"What's the matter with that good-looking one he had?"

"Oh, the other day he told her to write and get the price of frogs' legs, and she addressed the letter to the Hop Growers' Association."

Explained.

Goodman Gonrong (with scrap of newspaper in his hand)—"This paper says the reason why the moon rises about the same time these evenin's is that the angle of its orbit, or somethin', is different f'm what it giner'ly is. They call it the harvest moon."

Tuffold Knutt—"I reck'n that's w'y I've been gittin' so blamed tired lookin' at it."

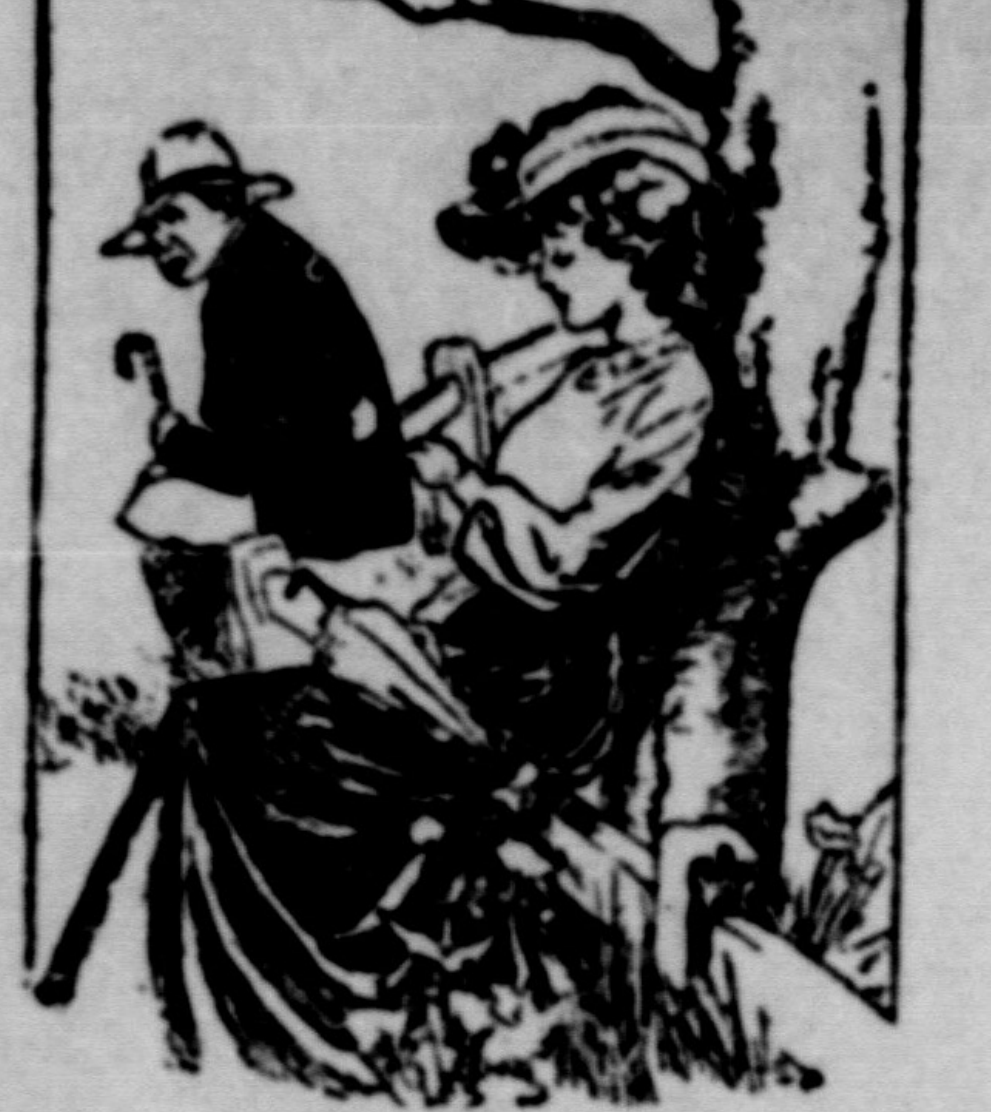
The Cycle of the Fashions.

Friend—What a perfectly lovely dress you wore last evening—the very latest Parisian style, too, only received two days ago. Your dressmakers must be wonderfully quick. Where did you get it made?

Miss Bangupp—My grandmother found it in my great-grandmother's old trunk.—New York Weekly.

Just Engaged, Too!

(Why do girls do this sort o' thing?)



He (savagely)—Pah! It's no use arguing with a fool.

She (sweetly)—But I wasn't arguing with you, dear?

His Rights.

"Say, you!" yelled old Hunks to the boy next door. "Take your beastly kite away! You're flying it over my house."

"Do you own the atmosphere above your house?" demanded the boy.

"No, you young hrascal!" snorted old Hunks. "I don't own any of the atmosphere, but I owns the space above my house, all the way up."

Her Chance.

After they had been silent for a long time he spoke:

"Napoleon said, 'It is but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous.'"

She sighed, looked at the empty place on the settee beside her, and answered:

"Still, it is quite a jump from here across the room to where you are."

Something Doing.

Stern Father—So you want to marry my daughter, eh?

Young Man—You have said it.

Stern Father—What's your salary?

Young Man—Oh, I'm not particular. Just give me a trial for three months, and if I fail to give satisfaction as a son-in-law you needn't pay me any salary. See?

His Style of Peaches.

"Hello!" said Ascum to Littleton, whom he meets in the market. "After something nice?" "Eh?" stammered Littleton, blushing guiltily. "I just saw you looking at those peaches." "Say, they were peaches, weren't they? Did you notice the one with the big brown eyes?"—Philadelphia Press.

The Conceited Man.

Phyllis—Harry is the most conceited man I ever met.

Maud—What makes you think so?

Phyllis—Why, he first asserts that I am the most adorable woman in the world, the most beautiful, intellectual, and in every respect a paragon, and then he wants me to marry him!

The Original Man.

Miss Wayning—To me there is nothing like originality; nothing would give me greater pleasure than to meet an original man.

Mr. Hartless—If you had been born a little sooner, Miss Wayning, you would have experienced that pleasure in the society of Adam.

Her Unreasonableness Rebuked.

Mrs. Wibbling—I'm surprised, Charles, at your eating so much dinner, when you know you are sure to suffer from indigestion all night.

Mr. Wibbling—I should think I might be permitted to eat my meal in peace. It is the only time that I enjoy my food.

Not in His Line.

Manager (of intelligence office)—What kind of a place would you like?

Young Lady—Oh, a place where I can have everything I want, with nothing to do and no one to boss me.

Manager—Excuse me, but this is the employment office, not a matrimonial agency.

The Father Noted a Change.

Father of the Pastor (after the sermon)—How Horace has changed since he was a babe.

The Mother—What an idea! Of course he has changed.

Father—What I mean is that when he was a baby he used to keep me awake.

The Lucky Mo
"No use o' ta
tus Pinkley; "
mighty lucky
money."
"But you mus
much more
He isn't at all
"Dat's jes' de
in bein' born

A Pro
Stuper—Here's
man to receive
wrote it calls
Teeple—What's
Stuper—That's
find out; but
Teeple—Don't
writing?
knows you.

Not Entir
"They tell me
gerly at a favorab
gout, hasn't he?"
"Yes, in both
sound as far as
cerned. He
per weight, an
umes of Macauley
escape."

A Ha

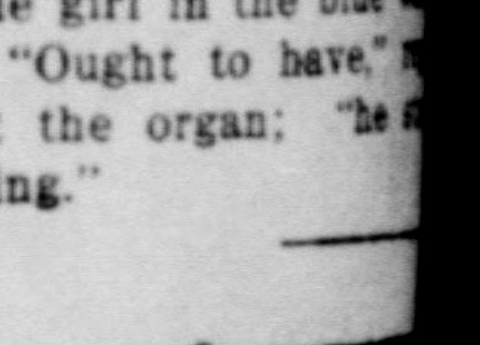
Reggy—No; I
watah. A bathing
lew look so ridic
think?
Miss Pert—Oh, I
are not the only

An Unreasona
"I really shall have
tel," said the weary
prietor. "There is a
room to mine, and
'I don't see why
plain," said the
er and mother have
room with them, and
a word."

His Cause for
Judge—Your only
this woman is that
at her husband?
yes. Judge—Then
that of yours:
you. Complainant—I
had she might have
and I wouldn't have

In the Natur
Mr. Polk—My gr
midnight. I suppose
tation of being a ve
Miss Patience—Oh
callers.
Mr. Polk—No? I
Miss Patience—N
ers who bore me.

Ought to Be
The tenor of the
was warbling at the
for the benefit of the
"Magnificent voice
the girl in the blue
"Ought to have,"
at the organ; "he
Sing."



Jim—I do not belie
true friend in the w
have been trying to
too, have you?

"She's always
dressed." "Yes; but
it's quite due so
taste as to a lack of

Mr. Fussy—I don't
wear those ridiculous
when you have nothing
Mrs. Fussy—Do you

Jack—How are you
masked ball to-night?
I'd keep sober, and
disguise enough;
you.

The Bride—Kiss
The Groom—But,
nothing but kiss you
hours! The Brid
tears)—Traitor!

Tonguewed (exci
my house as quick as
My wife has tumbled
Doctor—Was it
Tonguewed—Much of
man, she was knocked

Wife—Really, dear, I
you that servants are
difficult to keep.
yourself when you
cook just now as
to me. Do be more

"Here, I asked for a
ing stone," said the
"Young man," replied
er severely,
were born."
the fellow; "this