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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

Market Still Keeps Its Upward Tendency.

TOP SALES TODAY $6.55

Advance Noted, in Spite of Lower Northern Markets.

GOOD CATTLE WANTED

Market Opened Slow, Ruled Strong, Closing Steady.

THE MARKET TODAY.

Hogs—Top	$6 55
Bulk	$6 25@6 45
Cattle—Top, Steers	$3 55
Top, Cows	3 15
Top, Heifers	3 05

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Today	642	613	—
One day last week	534	315	—

THE HOG MARKET

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

The market opened steady to strong, with 6 cars in the pens, three of packers and three of stockers, 600 head all told, and a demand for 1700.

Market ruled strong in face of the northern markets, which come in 10 to 15c lower. The fancy price of $6.55 was paid for two shipments, one from Decatur, and one from Wynnewood, I. T. The batch weighed 246, the other 249. They were sorted hogs, smooth and good, fairly ranking as tops. These hogs were fed six weeks and two months. A batch of 102 pigs from Ardmore, I. T., shipped by E. M. Crim, weighed 146 pounds and brought $6 35. A glance at the sales column will show the day's sales were high, though quotations remain unchanged.

Following were representative sales today:

HOGS.

No.	Average.	Price.
27	154	6 00
32	162	6 05
73	162	6 45
3	200	6 50
70	214	6 55
14	247	6 55
78 Southw.	94	4 75
68 Southw.	124	5 30
PIGS.		
37	99	5 75
16	88	5 75
7	99	5 75
4	142	5 75
2	110	5 80
22	120	6 00
6	128	6 00

THE CATTLE MARKET

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

Eighteen cars, 536 head, of cattle were on hand at the opening this morning, and all grades from the thin canner to some good half-fat cows and steers were represented. Demand for killers strong.

The market ruled steady, after a slow start, and closed steady, strong on good fat cows and steers. Some very good cows about half fat brought $2.55, and 35 head of 1088-pound steers bought at private feed pens and shipped to California brought $3.70. The market closed with demand for both fat cows and steers, and a few fat calves, unsupplied.

Representative sales:

STEERS.

36	969	$3 55
21	950	3 00
1	770	2 50
36	590	2 35
26	1023	p. t.
26	1022	p. t.
25	1059	p. t.
30	1000	—
2	650	—
YEARLINGS.		
27	560	2 40
COWS.		
1	790	3 00
1	670	2 75
1	890	2 70
1	710	2 65
2	1015	2 60
1	800	2 60
1	900	2 60
3	670	2 60
20	795	2 55
20	814	2 55
20	812	2 55
20	813	2 55
8	900	2 50
3	900	2 50
2	800	2 50
30	831	2 25
25	870	2 25
8	691	2 25
3	486	2 25
30	724	2 15
2	1015	2 15
18	652	2 00
1	550	2 00
11	820	2 00
12	771	2 00
2	800	1 90
1	870	1 40
HEIFERS.		
37	624	3 05
CALVES.		
1	220	3 50
2	155	3 00
2	500	2 60
1	300	2 60
7	268	2 50
1	120	2 00
BULLS.		
20	1067	2 40
1	580	2 25
2	525	2 25
1	550	2 25
2 yearlings	570	2 25
1	1510	2 10
1	900	2 00
3	750	1 90

RECEIPTS TODAY.

CATTLE.

Kay Bros., Malakoff, 91.
W. T Clark, Carrollton, Mo., 55.
Smith Bros., Crockett, 32.
M. Sansom & Co., West, 77.
J. H. Bray, Valley View, 33.
Cisco Oil Mills Co., Cisco, 69.
Bank of Wynnewood, 4
C. W. Lusk, Comanche, 31.
E. W. Scott, Dublin, 114.

HOGS.

Burnett & Robinson, Gonzales, 197.
Kay Bros. & Co., Malokoff, 121.
M. F. Henderson, Easterly, 145.
J. H. Bray, Valley View, 4
E. M. Crimm, Ardmore, I. T. 102.
First National Bank of Wynnewood, Davis, I. T. 42.
Driven in, 2.

CATTLE PURCHASES TODAY.

Swift and Co. 246.
S. Rosen 64.
J. Deacon 18.
Fort Worth Packing Co. 105.

RECEIPTS AT OTHER MARKETS.

CATTLE.	
Chicago	30,000
Kansas City	6,000
St. Louis	4,000
St. Joseph	1,500
HOGS.	
Chicago	40,000
Kansas City	4,000
St. Louis	6,000
St. Joseph	3,200
SHEEP.	
Chicago	25,000
Kansas City	3,000
St. Louis	800
St. Joseph	4,200

STOCK YARDS NOTES.

C. W. Lusk was in from Sidney with a car of mixed cattle

M. Sansom, Jr., of West, was at the yards with three cars of steers.

Smith Bros. were in from Crockett, with 36 head steers which averaged 590 pounds and brought $2 35.

Fuller & Temple sold 26 head of cows from their feed pen, which averaged 870 pounds, and brought $2.25.

Logan Bros. of Rhome sold 20 head of bulls on the market which averaged 1067 pounds and sold for $4 40.

Indian Territory was represented on the hog market with two loads, one from Ardmore and one from Davis.

A. M. Miller add W. L. Aulay of Ballinger, and W. T. Malone of Odessa, were seeing the yards together today.

Some badly mixed Southern stock hogs sold at $4.75@5.30 today. This was an extra good sale, considering quality.

C. W. Lusk of Comanche had in a load of mixed stuff Monday. He reports stock in his vicinity as scarce and in thin flesh.

Sam Rosen sold 27 head of extra fine yearling steers Monday. They were driven in stuff, weighed 560 pounds and brought $2.40.

Ireland Hampton will attend the cattlemen's convention at Oklahoma City and get acquainted with the shippers of that territory.

The Cisco Oil Mill Co. had in 37 heifers which were fed on cotton seed for a short time. They averaged 624 pounds and sold for $3.05.

J. H. Ramsey is back from El Paso, where he had taken several cars of cattle for the Cudahy Packing Co., en route to California.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the Stock Yards Exchange building, and it is expected to have it it in shape to be used during the Fat Stock show.

Harry Morris, a former resident of Fort Worth, but recently living at San Antonio, has returned to this place, and will engage in the cattle business.

F. W. Axtell, who lives in the country near Fort Worth, topped the market on 26 head of driven-in steers. They averaged 969 pounds and brought $3 55.

The Cisco Oil Meal Co. had in 29 head of cows, which sold for $2.50 and averaged 869 pounds; 36 head of heifers from the same firm averaged 633 pounds and sold for $3.10.

A. M. Miller and W. L. McCauley, prominent stockmen of Southwest Texas, are looking over the market. They have large herds of cattle and will ship some to this market soon.

E. M. Crimm of Ardmore, I. T., had in a bunch of 102 head of hogs, which averaged 146 pounds and sold at $6.35. Mr. Crimm will be back with more hogs and probably cattle in a few days.

M. Sansom & Co. shipped 77 head of three year old steers to the market. They were sold to the San Bernardino Packing Co., and wieghed 1037 pounds The sale was a private one and no price was obtainable.

Secretary Matthews of the stock yards company will go to Oklahoma City to attend the Cattlemen's convention, and will deliver an address before the meeting. His subject will be "Below the Quarantine Line."

E. W. Scott of Dublin had 147 head of cows on the market Monday. They were in good shape, having been on feed 70 days. They averaged 811 pounds and brought $2.55. Mr. Scott is a regular shipper to this market.

Moore & Co. of Durant had one car of hogs on the market Saturday, which were sold early. Twenty-five head of pigs brought $5.80 and averaged 117 pounds, and 68 head of hogs weighed 183 pounds and brought $6 40.

Will T. Clark of Midland was at the yards Sunday with 55 head of full blooded Galloway cows and bulls. He purchased them at Carrollton, Mo., and will put them on his ranch near Midland for breeding purposes. They were an extra fine bunch of cattle.

The Swift and Armour companies are bringing hundreds of people to Fort Worth. They are unable to get living quarters near the plants, and most of them patronize the car line morning and evening. Several extra cars have been put on and still there are not enough in the evening.

Shippers that have been going to the northern markets for years are coming to Fort Worth and invariably return home well pleased, and decide to ship all their stuff here. By actual experience they find they make more money than by making the long run to the north.

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.

Beeville Bee: As evidence of the way vegetables are moving, the following shipments are given: On Tuesday, by express, 37 barrels, 5 crates and 50 sacks; on Wednesday, 22 barrels, 13 crates and 70 sacks. Most of the shipments go to Texas points, but many of them as far north as Colorado and Nebraska. The new classification of weights promulgated by the railroad commission, at the solicitation of the truck growers' association, effects quite a saving to the gardeners, amounting to about eighty cents on the barrel for points within 200 miles.

Fencing at Home.

The top floors of two handsome houses now nearing completion in the upper residence portion of New York city are said to be reserved as fencing quarters, especially for the use of the feminine portions of the household.

MORE INTEREST IN HOGS.

FARMERS MAKING INQUIRIES OF FORT WORTH CONCERNS.

They Will Go Into the Business Extensively—Suggestions From Armour & Company's Manager.

That the farmers and stock raisers of Texas are turning their attention to the raising of hogs, is evidenced by letters written to Armour & Company, making inquiries upon points concerning which the writers seek information. We print two of these letters, with the replies to them.

Blooming Grove, Tex., Jan. 28, '03.

Armour & Company, Fort Worth, Tex.—Dear Sirs: I contemplate turning my farm into a stock farm. Have 585 acres, 200 upland and 385 in bottom. I calculate to run hogs principally. If I succeed I will be a constant customer of your firm. Now what I want to know is this, can I get light hogs in Fort Worth to feed out? If we make an immense corn crop (and present prospects indicate it) it will be too late to raise the hogs; but if I had them to put on feed, I could utilize the corn crop. I know one thing: the boll weevil has given the farmers such a scare, they are loath to plant much cotton, and it will necessitate a large corn crop; and it seems to me that now is the time for the packers to beging shoving hogs and corn to the front. I would be glad to hear from you on these points. Yours,

J. H JACK,
GREEN & JACK

Fort Worth, February 3, 1903.

Mr. T. H. Jack, Blooming Grove, Texas.—Dear Sir: Your letter of the 28th ult. received. We are very glad to note your determination to go into the stock business and believe that you will never regret it.

Regarding light hogs, will say that there are a good many stock hogs coming to this market, and if you will state about how many you want think that some of the commission men will be able to fill your order.

We inclose a pamphlet giving some ideas on hog raising, some of which may be of benefit to you. One thing is certain, and that is, good hogs can be raised without much corn if they are fed milo maize, kaffir corn, etc. These products will grow even in a dry season and will produce good crops, and they have proved very satisfactory in fattening hogs. We consider that the making of this country in the way of hog raising lies in educating the farmers to depend upon something besides Indian corn for hog feed. When this is done we expect to be able to procure all the hogs we can use in this section.

Any other information we can give you we shall be very glad to supply.

Yours truly,

ARMOUR & COMPANY.

Another Query.

La Grange, Texas, Jan. 29, 1903.

Armour & Company, Fort Worth, Texas. Gentlemen: We contemplate the breeding and fattening of hogs on an extensive scale. Would it be asking too much of you to advise us fully as to which breed are the most marketable?

We would be glad to receive any information which you may care to give us relative to the raising of hogs.

Very truly,

TAYLOR & WALTERS.

Fort Worth, February 3, 1903.

Messrs. Taylor & Walters, La Grange, Texas. Gentlemen: Your favor of the 29th ulto. received. We are pleased to note your inquiry for information regarding the raising of hogs, and we enclose herewith a little pamphlet which may give you some ideas on the subject that will be of benefit to you.

Regarding the breed, beg to say that it makes very little difference whether Berkshire or Poland China, so long as you get a class of hogs that are well-bred and get away from the razor-back variety, which are certainly very undesirable for packing house purposes. One thing is certain, we do not expect that Texas farmers will be able to supply the demand for hogs until they learn to raise other crops than corn to feed them. We know from experience that very good hogs can be raised and fattened on pasture, together with kaffir corn, milo maize and such products that can be raised during a dry season. It has already been thoroughly proven that Texas is not adapted to raising Indian corn every year, whether it rains or not, and the sooner the farmers learn to raise and feed these crops just that much sooner will we be able to secure the number of hogs that we require here.

In case we can be of any further service to you at any time we should be pleased to hear from you and will give you any information we can.

Yours truly,

ARMOUR & COMPANY.

HOGS AND ALFALFA.

Interesting Talk by Prof. Connell Before Farmers.

At the Lamar County Farmers' Institute, held at Paris recently, Prof. McConnell made an address. That part of his talk that is most interesting we reprint:

"Farmers do not yet know all there is to know about farming. Many of what appear to be the simplest processes of nature are not understood. It requires long and patient study and close observation to make a truly practical farmer. One of my experiments with feeding hogs was made at the Agricultural and Mechanical college. Nine good shoats were put into a board floor pen and fed for nine weeks upon corn and water alone. Nine other shoats of same age and size were put in a similar pen and fed upon corn, bran and milk the same length of time. At the end of nine weeks both pens of shoats were equally fat apparently. The shoats that got the bran and milk, however, were heavier, as the scales showed, than those that got only corn and water. When turned out of the pens the milk and bran-fed shoats were frolicsome and lively, while the others were sluggish. The heaviest of the corn-fed shoats broke down in the loins when he stepped down the six-inch elevation from the pen to the ground. In a few days another one of the same lot broke down in the loins, proving conclusively that, while the corn diet had put on fat, it had starved the bone. The pigs that got the varied rations of corn, bran and skim milk were strong and vigorous, having plenty of bone as well as muscle and fat."

Prof. Connell dwelt at length upon the value of alfalfa as a forage crop for hogs, and also as a hay crop. He said that the patches in many black land farms, commonly called "alkali spots," do not contain alkali at all. He explained that the white frost-like coating often seen upon such spots after a wet spell was a vegetable fungus and deadly poison to alfalfa, cotton, sweet potatoes and other crops. He recommended that theses poisonous spots be treated to a two-inch covering of good manure, as this manure, in process of decay, sets up a fermentation that kills the fungus which causes root rot

As alfalfa is worth from $14 to $16 per ton, and as four tons can generally be grown upon an acre in a season, Prof. Connell thinks it is a good money crop.

At the close of his address, Prof. Connell invited any and all farmers present to ask him any questions relative to alfalfa and other forage crops they might see fit, whereupon quite a number made inquiries which elicited the following points of information:

From twenty to twenty-five pounds of alfalfa seed should be planted to the acre.

Fall planting is preferable, but it can be successfully raised from seed planted from Feb. 15th to 25th.

The land should be well broken and harrowed two or three weeks before planting.

Alfalfa is a very deep-rooted plant, instances being given from Collin and Grayson counties in which alfalfa roots have been "right up against" the white rock twenty-five feet below the surface. Its roots being perennial, their growth is not all accomplished in one year, but it continues its growth from year to year. Consequently one seeding only is necessary for many years.

For the first three or four months of its life the alfalfa plant is quite tender, and if the ground has not been well prepared it is apt to die. After it is a year old it is usually very hardy and robust. Some alfalfa fields are known to have been sown one hundred years ago and are still growing profitable crops.

The fungus known as ozonium attacks the root of the alfalfa just as it attacks cotton roots and causes it to rot and die. The remedy for ozonium is a good application of manure on the spots of ground affected.

The insect enemies of alfalfa are the blister beetle, web worm and grasshopper. The blister beetle can be killed by spraying with arsenate of lead, but care must be taken not to feed the sprayed plants to stock. They should be cut and put into a compact heap or placed where they will rot and not be eaten by stock. The web-worm and grasshopper are easily circumvented by a spray of whale oil soap where they appear.

In river bottoms the love vine is often a serious menace to alfalfa, and it is necessary to mow both the alfalfa and the love vine even with the ground.

Standing water will drown alfalfa much quicker than running water will. On some Texas rivers a muddy overflow containing alkali will quickly kill alfalfa. The plant will survive an overflow of twenty-four hours' duration in running water.

On land that overflows one year in four, it is estimated that alfalfa will prove highly profitable, as from $50 to $60 per acre can be derived from such land three years in four.

AT OTHER MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 9.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 30,000. Market dull, generally 10c lower.

HOGS — Receipts 40,000. Market opened 5c lower, declined, but regained the loss. A dozen loads went at $7.

SHEEP—Receipts 25,000. Market active and strong; best lambs, $6.40.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Feb. 9.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 6000. Market dull; 10 to 15c lower. Texas 10c lower. Cows steady; stockers higher.

HOGS—Receipts 4000. Market steady to 5c lower. Top $6.92½; bulk $6 75@6.85.

SHEEP—Receipts steady to 5c lower.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 9.—Receipts and quotations of the market, as reported by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 4000; Texas 3000; market opened slow; top $4.35. Natives slow; none good.

HOGS — Receipts 6000. Market 5 to 10c lower. Top $6.95; bulk $6.75@6 90.

SHEEP—Receipts 800. Strong.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Feb. 9.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts, 1500. Market mostly 10c lower. Natives $3.25@4.75; Texas and Westerns, $3.15@4.75; cows and heifers, $1.50@4.25; stockers and feeders, $2.35@4.60.

HOGS—Receipts 3200. Market steady to 5c lower. Top $6.92½; bulk $6.70@6.85.

SHEEP — Receipts, 4200. Market steady to 10c lower. Colorado lambs, $6.15; Mexican ewes, $4 20.

Hogs in South Texas.

Gonzales Inquirer: In conversation with J. B. Wells of the Willow Springs farm, the Inquirer learns that the late shipment of 100 head of hogs from the farm brought $5.60 delivered in Houston, or neary $16 net, they having averaged nearly 170 pounds. This firm's experience with hogs this year has been a very successful one. About three months since they shipped in 375 head of ordinary porkers from the west, and placed them on mast feed. They fattened rapidly and the first shipment was made about one month ago, and netted a profit sufficient to cover the expense of buying and fattening the remaining 205 head. This may sound like a pipe-dream, but the figures are available. They still have about 100 head on the ranch, some of which will be killed for home consumption, while the remainder will go to market at a later day.

WANTED, OR FOR SALE.

Under this head advertisements will be printed at the rate of 5 cents per line for the first insertion, and 2 cents for each subsequent insertion. Six words make a line.

The Daily Live Stock Reporter is sent every day to 2500 stockmen in Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

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 — 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.

FOR SALE—BULLS—500 to 600 choice fat fed bulls, ready for shipment. Apply to C. Eckhardt & Sons, Yorktown, Tex.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BIDS FOR RESTAURANT PRIVILEGES—Bids will be received by the Fort Worth Stock Yards Co. for restaurant privileges in new Exchange building at Fort Worth Stock Yards. Building will be ready for occupancy approximately between March 1 and April 1. Kitchen will be furnished complete, and tables, chairs, sideboard for dining room. Dining room is 81 feet 6 inches by 32 feed 9 inches. Kitchen, 23 feet 7 inches by 28 feet. Large pantry and serving rooms. Electric light will be furnished throughout and heat for dining room. Financial responsibility, moral character and ability of applicants to conduct a first-class restaurant will be considered. The company reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for one-twelfth amount of bid, and if rejected check will be returned immediately. All bids must be addressed to O. W. Matthews, secretary and treasurer, Fort Worth Stock Yards Company, Fort Worth, Tex. Premises can be seen upon application to Mr. F. Blair, superintendent of construction, office at Exchange building. Bids will be received up to night of 13th inst. Fort Worth Stock Yards Company.

NOTICE TO CATTLE FEEDERS—We are completing several desirable feed lots on property adjoining the Fort Worth Stock Yards, to which all railroads have access, and which is also adjacent to the Fort Worth Cotton Oil company. These lots are clean and well drained, have natural shelter, new substantial feed troughs and plenty of pure artesian water. For particulars, call on or address Glen Walker & Co., Fort Worth, Tex.

W. M. MASSIE—General land agent. Panhandle and western lands only. The Central Plains a specialty. More than 12 years as surveyor and land agent at Floydada, Floyd county, has acquainted me well with the beautiful Plains and northwest Texas in general. Home office, Floydada, Texas; branch office, Room 507 Hoxie building, Fort Worth Texas.

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The public is notified to pay no money to any person representing himself as agent for The Citizen or Live Stock Reporter, except such as named in this notice

C. H. BEARD is authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions.

MONDAY, FEB. 9, 1903.

GOVERNMENT WANTS CATTLE.

The Department of the Interior is advertising in the Live Stock Reporter for bulls and heifers for the Indian agencies. Forty bulls and 1000 heifers are wanted for the Tongue River agency in Montana, and 50 bulls and 2050 heifers for the Crow Creek agency in South Dakota. Bids will be received up to 2 p. m. Tuesday, March 10, next. From the general specifications issued by the Department we take some notes, that will be important for cattle raisers to read.

Heifers to be well-bred American stock, bred north of the south line of Kansas, free from blemishes; to be two and three years old; to average not less than 700 pounds in weight, and none to weigh less than 650 pounds. Bids will also be received for two and 3 year-old Southern heifers, free from blemishes; to average not less than 675 pounds; none to weigh less than 600 pounds; to come from Texas north of the quarantine line—Arizona, New Mexico, or the Indian Territory—and to be well-graded Hereford or Shorthorn. Bulls to be two years old, free from blemishes, to weigh not less than 900 pounds, and to be full-blood Hereford or Shorthorn. Animals to be delivered at the agencies not later than June 20.

By the term "American stock" is understood cattle free from any Arkansas, Texas, or Mexican blood.

In all cases bidders must state where the animals offered were born and bred.

All animals furnished under contracts which are entered into under this advertisement will be subject to rigid inspection and must be delivered at the places named in the schedule within the periods specified above, and bidders are notified that they must not expect any extension of time. If, however, any time extension is granted, 1 per cent reduction on the contract price to be paid will be made for each day's extension.

Blanks, with full instructions for the guidance of bidders, have been sent to this paper, and may be had by any person wishing to use them, upon calling at the office of the Daily Live Stock Reporter.

Last week marked the highest price for hogs paid at the Fort Worth market since September. The range was high for all hog stock, and at no time was the demand half satisfied. The demand is growing, and will continue to grow. Soon the great Armour and Swift plants will be going at their full capacity, calling for several thousand hogs a day, and butchers and purchasers of stockers and brood sows will look to Fort Worth as their supply ground. With this promise of a steady and growing demand, no Texas farmer can doubt that he can find a stable and satisfactory market for all the hogs he can send to Fort Worth.

Many German Toys Sold.

Great Britain buys over 11,000 tons of German toys annually, while the United States ranks next, with an importation of about 6,000 tons.

A Mean Question.

"I am told that Mr. Perkasie has proposed to Miss Tenspot," said Miss Frocks. "Election bet?" asked Miss Bunting.—Harper's Bazar.

The Cost of Warfare.

Since 1850 the world has expended £300,000,000 in waging war, and four times that sum in holding standing armies in readiness.

REPORT IS CONFIRMED

Sultan of Turkey Mobilizing Troops in a Rapid Manner.

FORESTALL THE NOTE

Governments of Russia and Austria Intend Serving Notice on Him and France Will Likewise Be a Party.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Official advices have been received here confirming the report that the sultan of Turkey ordered the immediate mobilization of 240,000 troops for a military demonstration in Macedonia. The step taken is regarded with apprehension by the French officials as being likely to involve complications between Turkey and Russia and Austria. It is said the Russian and Austrian governments have agreed on a firm note to the sultan, which is to be presented within the next few days, insisting on administration and official reforms in Macedonia. Although France is not to be party to the note, she will approve it. It is considered that the sultan's mobilization of such an army is clearly an effort to forestall the presentation of this note. Mobilization of so many troops is regarded here as unwise and dangerous, especially as the soldiers who are to be brought into Macedonia from Asiactic Turkey are semi-barbarous and hostile to Christians, which would tend to inaugurate another series of massacres.

It is understood the powers are exchanging views as to the course to be pursued toward mobilization of Turkish troops.

REFUSED TO RATIFY.

Street Car Strikers Would Not Take the Advice of Leaders.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—The employes of the Montreal Street Railway company at a meeting refused to ratify the terms agreed upon by their committee and President Forget of the railway company for a settlement of the strike, which began Thursday night. President Forget announced that the company was ready to grant the men an advance of 10 per cent, to recognize the union, and reinstate men recently discharged, unless their dismissal had been for just cause. Conservative leaders urged the strikers to accept the concessions, but they were cried down, and when the vote was taken the proposed basis for settlement was defeated. The company asked for police protection and the Duke of Connaught hussars and Victoria rifles were unofficially informed to be in readiness to mobilize at a moment's notice.

News Confirmed

Madrid, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from from Tangier to the Imperial confirms the news that the pretender, Bu Hamada is a prisoner of the Riata branch of the Kabyle tribe, which is ready to deliver him to the sultan for a ransom.

Emphatically Denied.

Rome, Feb. 9.—The Vatican emphatically denies all the rumors of Cardinal Rampollas dissatisfaction regording governor Tafts attitude in the Philippine questions.

Nonconcurred In.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house did not concur on army appropriation bill. Hull, Capron and Hay are conferees.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Austria is preparing for trouble.

General Uribe-Uribe is reported to have suicided.

H. S. Monroe, one of Chicago's oldest settlers, is dead.

Ex-President Cleveland has gone on a Florida fishing trip.

The little child of Mr. Dunkleaf of Davilla, Tex., was fatally burned.

Miss Mote Stegall was shot and killed at Morehead, Ky., by Ren Martin.

An unknown man was fatally injured by a Sunset limited train near Welsh, La.

The three-year-old child of William Zimmerman of near Lampasas, Tex., was fatally burned.

Six more machines will be added to the broom factory at Round Rock and the building enlarged.

Charles Thuesen, a sailor, fell overboard from the steamship Brinkburn at Galveston and was drowned.

Miles P. Jordan of near Olive, Tex., claims to have a turnip that weighs thirteen and three-fourth pounds.

Mrs. Carrie Nation endeavored to enter a saloon at Juarez, Mex., but was prevented by the barkeeper.

Gas has been struck one mile north of Tulsa in the Osage nation. The volume will be about 1,000,000 feet a day.

J. S. Campbell of near Mount Peak, Ellis county, Texas, caught a foot on his buggy step and was dragged to death.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt have sent beautiful handkerchiefs to the Dallas free kindergarten to be sold.

A Houston and Texas Central freight train was ditched near Elgin. The caboose and three cars turned over, scattering goods for several hundred yards.

A fierce battle took place near Blue Jacket, I. T., between deputy marshal and a band of horse thieves. Two of the latter were killed and a third captured.

While walking along a street at Paris, Tex., G. W. Matthews, a farmer, sixty years old, stabbed his nineteen-year-old wife and gashed his own throat.

COMING REUNION.

Committees Are Pushing Preparations Rapidly at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Feb. 7.—The Confederate reunion committee has decided to offer a prize of $25 for a design for an emblem to be placed on badges, which design shall be appropriate for the reunion in this city.

All committees reported at a meeting Friday evening, and arrangements were found to be proceeding rapidly. One committee will have charge of feeding and lodging Confederate veterans who come without provision for their stay.

The plans for the big parade on the last day of the reunion are being made by Captain J. C. Dinkins and his committee, and the parade will be one of the largest ever seen.

Adjutant General Mickle announced that General Gordon is much better and would start at once on a lecturing tour in the north.

GREAT SATISFACTION.

News of Venezuelan Protocol Being Prepared Is Pleasing to British.

London, Feb. 9.—The announcement from Washington that the Venezuela protocols are in course of preparation, confirming the hopeful views of the situation expressed here, have created great satisfaction.

During the past few days official circles here evinced a quiet confidence in spite of alarming reports of settlement in sight.

There have been private expressions of intense irritation at Minister Bowen's alleged breach of etiquette, but these have never been allowed to interfere with the determination voiced by both British and German diplomats to secure the termination of the difficulty through any feasible channel. Ambassador Herbert's strictures found sympathetic support in Downing street and apparently formed the subject of exchanges of messages between Berlin, London and Rome, where representatives of those powers at Washington were instructed to present a united front and prevent a recurrence of publication of a news nature of which he complained.

The refusal of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the question as whether the powers receive preferential treatment in settlement of their claims against Venezuela is regretted, but it was anticipated here to be strong disinclination of the British foreign office to have recourse to The Hague court of arbitration is founded chiefly on the fear between now and rendering of the court's decision new complications may arise, and the decision to refer the matter to The Hague was only arrived at as a last resort when negotiations threatened to drag on indefinitely. Officials here are confident The Hague court will give allies at least in some measure different treatment in the settlement of claims to be accorded to other nations who did not take aggressive steps to secure alleged rights. Beyond some comparatively slight deliberations over wording of protocol no further trouble is expected here, where the raising of the blockade will be regarded with almost as much relief as it will to Venezuela.

FINLAND FAMINE.

Relief of the People Seems to Be Carefully Attended To.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—A correspondent of the Associated Press returned Friday from Helingsfer. He found measures for the relief of distress in Finland apparently well organized. The distribution of funds is carefully supervised. The Finnish national relief committee has received up to the present $16,000 from American relief organizations. General surprise and gratitude is expressed at the large contributions which the committee has received.

Other foreign countries have contributed $3000, and in Russia $23,000 has been collected, including $14,000 from the Russian Red Cross society, of which the dowager czarina is protectress; $2000 from the czar and $1000 from the czarowich.

Possessed Great Wealth.

City of Mexico, Feb. 9.—Francisco Iturri, who died in France, was one of the greatest landlords here, being known as "the Astor of the City of Mexico." He resided in France nearly a quarter of a century. He leaves an estate valued at something like $15,000,000 and had city property, hotels, mines, haciendas, etc.

To Become a Member.

Kansas City, Feb. 9.—The Journal says: "From a source believed to be trustworthy, it is learned that Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow of Kansas City is shortly to retire from his position in the postoffice department and be made a member of the Dawes commission."

Mont Pelee at Work Again.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The governor of the island of Martinique in a dispatch to the colonial office announces that Mont Pelee volcano continues active, that its summit is constantly changing shape and that masses of incandescent matter are thrown out.

Two Girls Burned to Death.

Passaic, N. J., Feb. 9.—Two little girls were burned to death at Wollington. They had been at work. They were the children of Frank Zalolusky, who worked in a dye house. His wife is employed by the Botany mill.

Agreed To.

Rio Janerio, Feb. 9.—The Bolivian government has replied to the Brazilian occupation and administration of the Acre territory pending the settlement of the dispute, and offering to send a minister plenipotentiary to Brazil invested with full power to negotiate a settlement.

TARA HALL SOLD.

The Historic Irish Structure Disposed of at Public Auction.

Dubling Feb. 7.—The historic hall of Tara was sold at auction and realized $18,500. The purchaser is a lady whose name is not announced. Until the Sixth century Tara hall was headquarters of the Irish kings, and a pillar six feet high is still pointed to as the coronation stone. It was also the Druids' headquarters and the site of King Cormack's splendid court. The last important gathering on the hill of Tara was in 1843, when a gigantic meeting was hel there under the auspices of Daniel O'Connell, who urged repeal of the union.

RUBINO ON TRIAL.

Anarchist Who Attempted to Kill King Leopold Arraigned.

Brussels, Feb. 7.—The trial of Gennaro Rubino, the Italian anarchist, on a charge of attempting to assassinate King Leopold, November 15, by firing three shots at him while he was returning from the cathedral here after attending the Te Deum in memory of the late Queen Henrietta, opened in the assize court.

Rubino replied volubly to all interrogations, and whenever he uttered the word "anarchy" he raised his voice as though exulting in his connection therewith. The prisoner bitterly assailed modern society as the cause of all evil, declaring he only attempted to take the life of the king because the latter was the highest representative of society.

Rubino added that he intended going to Italy to make an attempt on the life of the Italian monarch, but did not have sufficient funds.

ANOTHER ROAD.

It Will Run Through Northern Nevada, Utah and California.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—There are indications that San Francisco is to have another transcontinental railroad. The new road which the San Francisca Terminal Railroad and Ferry company proposes to build will run from Oakland to Groville. From that point it will follow branches of Feather river over to Purdy on the state line, and then cross northern Nevada and Utah to connect with one of the four large eastern lines. The incompany is incorporated for $6,000,000.

TORRES RESIGNS.

New Minister of War Asked to Relinquish His Command.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Advices from Hermosillo, Mexico, state that General Luis Torres has resigned his command of the First military zone by request. He is succeeded by Brigadier General Lorezo Torres. The reason assigned by the minister of war is that Torres is not active enough against the Yaqui Indians.

Mme. Patti to Sing in America.

London, Feb. 7.—Adelina Patti finally signed a contract for sixty concerts in America, commenceing November 3 next.

Farmers Rejoicing.

Topeka, Kan. Feb. 7.—Farmers in Decatur county rejoice over a snowfall of a foot.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Box office of the theatre at Mobile, Ala., was robbed of $500.

Criss Cross killed W. Y. Hamner at a saw mill near Malvern, Ark.

Ten cars were piled up in a Texas and Pacific freight wreck near Old Ireland.

Jack Smith, a well digger, fell into a deep hole near Devine, Tex., and was killed.

Employers of Cotton Belt and Frisco roads are voting on a wage proposition from those roads.

Attorney General McClung of Mississippi has resigned. William Williams succeeds him.

Four firemen were suffocated to death by nitric acid fumes during a fire at Milwaukee, Wis.

The three-year-old daughter of Nathan Shotwell of Grove Creek, Hill county, Texas, burned to death.

Masonic temple building at Houston was sold for $100,000. It will be converted into a theater.

Salvation Army General Booth expects to establish a colony in the rice belt of Louisiana, near Lake Charles.

Twenty-five negro laborers employed on a pipe line between Sour Lake and Beaumont, Tex., have quit work, fearing violence.

A large kitchen fork was jabbed into the head of a colored girl at Olive, Tex. It penetrated the brain. A negro boy was arrested.

Joe Harris, a negro boy, had his head caught between a root and the body of a large tree near Gonzales, Tex., and his neck broken.

Blondie Morrison, a former Southern Pacific switchman, was fired at four times in Houston, being hit once. Officer Riley was placed in jail.

Messrs. Crawford and Ware had a lively tilt in the lower house of the Texas legislature over the quarantine cattle bill of Representative Bryan.

Committees representing trainmen and conductors of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad rejected at St. Louis an increase of 11 per cent. They demand 20 per cent.

Briscoe Frederickson, an aged negro, charged with criminal assault on a simple-minded white girl, was tried at Henderson and given life imprisonment. He had been in the Rusk penitentiary since July for fear of mob violence.

Mrs. J. B. Brady of San Antonio, who had $3000 worth of jewelry stolen from her while in a sleeping car two years ago near Rogus, Ark., has recovered the valuables at Kansas City. An arrest was made, but she refuses to prosecute. There was a reward of $1500.

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DISTANCE—Miles.	RATES. No. 1	RATES. 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	18
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.

CHARGES FOR SELLING.

Rates Fixed by Live Stock Exchange for Handling Stock.

The commission charges for selling and handling stock consigned to the Fort Worth market are fixed by the Live Stock Exchange and are as follows:

Cattle, 50 cents per head, but not more than $12 for a carload; calves, 25 cents per head, $12 for single deck and $18 for double deck cars.

Hogs, 10 cents per head; $6 for single deck car and $10 for double deck.

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Hay, 80c a bale; corn, $1 a bushel; oats, 8 bushel; chops $1.50 cwt.; bran, $1.30 cwt.; str 40c bale.

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GRAIN AND HAY.

Quotations at Fort Worth, Wholesal and Retail Prices.

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

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 54c; No. 2 white, 56c.
WHEAT—75c.
OATS—50c.
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 $17.00 to $18.00 ac
COTTON SEED MEAL—Car lots, $22.00 to $23.00.
COTTON SEED HULLS—By contract, $6.00; retail, $7.00.

Hides.

DRY FLINT—Heavy beef, 13c; heavy fallen, 12c; light, 10c. Dry salt, 10 to 11c, culls and bu damaged, 5 to 8c. Green salt, 5½ to 6½c.

Wool.

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

Denver Women Are Ambitious.

The Jane Jefferson (women's) Democratic Club of Denver has taken out a thirty-years' charter. It is hoped by the originators that the club, which was named in honor of the mother of Thomas Jefferson, will ultimately become a national organization of Democratic women.

RAISE BLOCKADE

Done After Protocol Has Been Signed.

IN A FEW DAYS

Continues to Be Laid Upon Notion That the Allies Separate, Not Preferential Treatment.

Feb. 7.—It is officially stat- the allies' offer to sub- hod of treatment of their arbitration is a concession facilitate rather than de- settlement of the Vene- The allies will raise the soon as the protocol em- arbitration agreement is not await the decision of court of arbitration or that Roosevelt.

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ELT REFUSES.

Arbitrate the Preferential Question.

Feb. 7.—President Roos- the invitation of the arbitrate the question they shall receive pre- ent in the settlement of inst Venezuela over the nations. He reached cision shortly before 4 afternoon and instruct- y to dispatch a note mbassy at once advis- mbassador to that of- er, therefore, will be Hague tribunal. This immediate raising of The administration, it official qquarter, was ove the effort of the nt to eliminate Min- the negotiations and sident could not have ation of the allies so disposed without the other negotiator And this the allies request in their note president.

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May Not.

Feb. 7.—Governor legislative act day in Septem- public holiday to day.

VICTORY FOR BOWEN,

Reference of All Venezuelan Questions to The Hague So Regarded.

Washington, Feb. 7.—In Venezuelan administration and diplomatic circles the reference of the questions to The Hague is regarded as a victory for Minister Bowen as Venezuela thereby is enabled to recover from the distressing effect of the blockade before starting upon the payment of her debts. The cumbersome machinery of The Hague, it is expected, will delay matters considerably and the payment of creditor nations cannot begin until the important question of priority payment for the allies is decided. The finding of The Hague tribunal may not be handed down for several months. The tribunal also will decide the vital question to South American states as to whether blockades and bombardments entitle powers to preferential treatment at the hands of their debtor. Coming from The Hague, it will establish a precedent while a decision on the point from President Roosevelt would have carried no such weight as decisive of a point of international law.

Considered Closed.

London, Feb. 7—At the foreign office it was said that the officials regarded the Herbert-Bowen incident as closed and that they did not consider it to be the slightest bar to a satisfactory settlement of the Venezuelan dispute. It was added that the ambassador has the complete co-operation of his colleagues.

OPEN DISCUSSION

For a While it Looked Like There Would Be No Executive Session.

Washington, Feb. 7.—For a time in the senate it looked as though the question of the construction of an isthmian canal would be discussed openly. Mr. Morgan spoke on his resolution, introduced Thursday, calling on the secretary of the navy for correspondence regarding the military occupation of bay of Panama and Colon. He explained the object of the resolution, and said if adopted, it would prove or disprove all allegations made in the press that the time of the settlement of the insurrection the government of Colombia had proposed it should pay the insurrectors $3,000,000 for peace, the money to be taken from that obtained from the United States for the isthmian canal concessions. He declared that no organized government existed in Colombia but that it was under a dictator. He read from the correspondence leading up to the negotiation of a canal treaty and said that in the opinion of the president a satisfactory bill could be given by Colombia and an agreement had been reached fixing a price of $7,000,000 and $250,000 per annum. Senate finally went into executive session.

SEVERAL SPOKE.

Anti-Trust Measure Caused a Number of Speeches to Be Made.

Washington, Feb. 7.—General debate on the anti-trust bill closed in the house shortly before 6 o'clock Friday evening. The debate had proceeded since 10 o'clock that morning. More interest was aroused as it proceeded and the closing speech by Mr. Dearmon (Dem. Mo.) and Mr. Littlefield (Rep. Me.) were delivered to crowded galleries and a full attendance on the floor.

The closing, however, was devoid of all clashes. The other speakers were Messrs. Lawrence (Rep., Mass.); Park (Rep., N. J.); Terrell (Rep., Mass.); Jenkins (Rep., Wis.); Douglass (Rep., N. Y.); Henry (Dem., Tex.); Fleming (Dem., Ga.); McClellan (Dem., N. Y.); Williams (Dem., Miss.), and Kleberg (Dem., Tex.).

Hobson's Resignation Accepted.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson's resignation has been accepted by Secretary Moody who has written Mr. Hobson as follows: "The department acknowledges receipt of your resignation tendered Jan. 29, 1903; also your telegram Feb. 5, 1903, declining to reconsider the same. Your resignation from the United States navy is accepted to take effect from this date, Feb. 6, 1903."

WILL SHARE CONTROL.

Rock Island to Have Equal Rights Over Possession of Central.

New York, Feb. 7.—The principals in the Rock Island, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific deal have not yet issued an official statement and it is not likely they will do so until the agreement has been ratified by their respective boards. It may be stated on the best authority that an extension of the community of interest principal has been entered into and that Rock Island will share control of the Houston and Texas Central road. "The terms include giving Rock Island stock in part or whole payment for the Houston and Texas Central stock bought and this presumably means that the Southern Pacific, which is controlled by Union Pacific, will take an amount of Rock Island stock into its treasury. How much of the stock is to be so taken has not been stated.

Great Gold Strike.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 7.—Edward M. Sturgis, a prospector from Mexico, near Douglas, Ariz., reported a tremendous gold strike in the Terres mountains about forty miles from the Cos terminus of the Nacarozi railroad. Sturgis said he minded $150,000 in gold in six weeks with a crude outfit. Samples of ore are said to run as high as 3600 ounces of gold to the ton.

Brakeman Hurt.

Brownwood, Tex., Feb. 7.—In a wreck on the Frisco extension, ten miles south of here, the engine and four cars went off the track. One brakeman had his knee badly hurt. The damage to the engine and cars was trifling.

TERM DRAWING.

Texas Senate Spent All of Friday Investigating Complaints.

Austin, Feb. 7.—The senate spent nearly all of Friday in investigating the matter of complaints concerning the drawing for the long and short terms of senators, which took place on Jan. 28. There have been rumors concerning dissatisfaction ever since that date, and a typewritten document in the form of a resolution expressing this dissatisfaction in detail was presented to several of the four-year senators. No letter accompanied it.

It developed during the debate a resolution would be introduced. It was also disclosed during the session that the senators received such notice held a caucus Friday morning at which it was determined that if the senators signing the document in question did not offer it Friday they (the four-year senators) would offer a resolution providing for an investigation, to be held at once. The programme was carried out and the investigation was brought on.

Senator Hicks, a four-year senator, offered a resolution reciting the rumors above mentioned and providing for an immediate investigation of the senate sitting as a committee of the whole. Carried.

After examining witnesses and hearing senators, Senator Stafford moved that the committee of the whole rise and that they had found nothing of fraud or irregularity in the action of the officers or employes of the senate in the drawing for senatorial terms. Each of the twenty-one senators present voted aye.

Mr. Bridges introduced a resolution in the house to instruct the sergeant-at-arms to purchase 133 copies of Axtell's Annotated Constitution of Texas, at a price not to exceed $2 per copy, the books to become the property of the state and to be returned to the sergeant-at-arms at the close of the session and preserved for future legislatures. Adopted.

A resolution by Mr. Standifer to permit the Farmers' congress of Texas to meet in the hall of representatives from noon until midnight on February 12, and from noon until midnight on February 13, was adopted.

A concurrent resolution was introduced by Mr. York providing for the appointment of a committee of three, two from the house and one from the senate, to visit the Beeville experimental station and report thereon, was adopted.

LADY SLAIN.

Wife Killed Near Beaumont and Husband Under Arrest.

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 7.—Mrs. R. W. Wilkerson was shot and killed at the family residence on the oil field. Her husband was placed under arrest, charged with the killing. Wilkerson has been employed on the oil field for some time and worked for the Sun Oil company. Wilkerson and his deceased wife had both been married once before, and the children born to each of them as a result of their former alliances were residing with them.

Two daughters of the deceased woman by her former husband were in the room when Wilkerson went in the room. The girls managed to make their exit before the tragedy occurred.

USED BUCKSHOT.

Placed the Muzzle of the Gun Against His Left Breast.

Bryan, Tex., Feb. 7.—Otto Boehme, forty-five years old, and a leading German-American citizen of Bryan for the last fifteen years, killed himself in the rear of the salesrooms of his bakery Friday morning. He was alone in the room and the surroundings showed that while sitting on a cot placed the muzzle of a shotgun against his left breast and fired the gun with a long-handled stove poker. The charge was of buckshot, several of which passed entirely through his body.

Methodist Missions.

San Antonio, Feb. 7.—The twelfth annual conference of the Mexican border missions was held in this city, Bishop W. A. Candler of Atlanta, Ga., presiding. The jurisdiction of the conference is from Austin to Saltilla, Mex., north and south, and from Corpus Christi to Del Rio, east and west, and contains twenty-five churches.

Expired Sitting in a Chair.

Frost, Tex., Feb. 7.—Rev. J. W. Jennings, who had been pastor of the Baptist church here for the past five years, and who had accepted a call to Blossom, and while his wife was helping to pack their household goods, after a little exertion sat down in a chair and expired suddenly with heart-failure.

Was Mrs. West Beaumont of Hillsboro.

Ennis, Tex., Feb. 7.—It was Mrs. West Beaumont of Hillsboro, and not Mrs. Henry Beaumont of Waco, who shot herself here. The lady is gradually sinking.

Whisky Spilled.

Ardmore, I. T., Feb. 7.—A deputy marshal visited the express office and spilled several gallons of whisky. Two men were arrested and placed in jail on a charge of introducing. One of the accused had several quarts in a sack, taking it home, when arrested.

With No Opposition.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 7.—There will be no fight on the additional appropriation of $30,000 for Oklahoma at the World's fair at St. Louis. The passage of this measure, introduced by Senator Winkler, was recommended without a dissenting vote.

Steamers Collide.

New York, Feb. 7.—The steamer El Cid, which sailed Friday for Galveston, when off Liberty island collided with the British steamer Himeria at anchor. The Himeria was badly damaged, but the El Cid was apparently uninjured and proceeded on her voyage.

STRIKERS TURBULENT

Throw Stones at Street Car, Badly Wrecking the Same.

MOTORMAN MAY DIE.

A Large Majority of the Men Are French Canadians and They Have the Sympathy of That Portion of Community.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Rioting by striking employes of the Montreal street railway and their sympathizers began early yesterday.

A car was wrecked in less than two hours after a mass meeting held after midnight, at which the action of the union in ordering a general strike was endorsed.

More than 1000 street railway employes attended the meeting, and an equal number of their friends waited outside the hall to hear the result of their deliberations. The news that a general strike had been declared was received with three cheers, and the strikers, accompanied by their friends, marched toward the different car barns shouting and singing. A large crowd assembled at the head of the barn in Cote street. The word was passed around that a car was running on one of the principal streets. The crowd of strikers and friends went to meet it. When the car reached Comer street it was met with a volley of stones. The motorman was roughly handled and forced to leave the car. The mob hurled stones and bricks at the car, completely wrecking it.

A hurry call was sent for the police. A patrol wagon was loaded with officers and dispatched to the scene of the riot, but before they arrived the crowd dispersed and there was no further trouble at that point.

Later, a motorman who attempted to run a car out of the barn was assaulted and so badly injured that in all probability he will die.

The majority of the strikers are French Canadians, and have the sympathy of that portion of the community. It is said between 1000 and 1500 men are out.

NO STRIKE.

Allen Says Katy's Differences With Her Men Have Been Settled.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—Vice President and General Manager Allan of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas is considering the request of the 1000 conductors and trainmen of the road for an increase of wages of 15 per cent.

Just before General Manager Harding of the Missouri Pacific went home the Missouri Pacific grievance committee waited on Mr. Harding demanding 15 per cent.

Grand Master Morrissey of the trainmen and Assistant Chief Garrettson of the conductors have issued a statement to the public. They say the men voted for an increase of pay to 20 per cent, and with that authority the concession was made, the greatest ever made by men similarly situated. The concession was reduced to 15 per cent, the Missouri Pacific made an offer of 11 2-3 per cent increase and the Missouri Kansas and Texas of 11 1-2. The address says:

"We are not altogether ignorant of the fact a refusal will cause a shrinking of values in railway securities in one day that more than equals the amount necessary to meet the increased cost of operating involved for a period of years and that if it should embrace any great extent of mileage, Wall street will be the proper place to consult the financial barometer and an obstinate refusal may serve as the best corrective that has yet been so popular of late and for which a legal remedy has been vainly sought. From first to last we have given full consideration to the rights of others and if the public cannot accept the finding, that all the obligation lies on us to conserve the interest of both, we propose that others shall bear their share of the white man's burden."

General Manager Allen of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad stated that the differences between his company and the trainmen had been settled and that there would be no strike.

GENERAL NEWS.

King Edward is recovering.

Mrs. Dr. Cochran was badly burned at Royse City, Tex.

A concession has been granted for a vanilla factory i nthe state of Vera Cruz, Mex.

By a new ordinance adopted by the Waco city council experienced men will be required to run street cars.

In a speech at New York before the Union League club Secretary of War Root declared negro suffrage a failure.

Yoakum, Tex., has strawberries.

G. W. Stinson got judgment at Greenville, Tex., against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad for alleged personal damages while in the company's employ for $15,000.

During the month of January the Texas land office made 657 sales, aggregating 387,881 acres, which is the largest number of sales, also the greatest acreage, for any month since February, 1901.

A little negro boy named Jones was accidentally stabbed in the heart at Big Sandy, Tex., by a companion.

The Rock Island railway agent at Marlow, I. T., was held up and $300 taken from the safe.

A lively debate was precipitated in the Oklahoma legislature over the cattle quarantine measure.

Work of constructing $100,000 Santa Fe railway passenger depot at Oklahoma City begins the 16th.

HERBERT TO BLAME.

It Is British Ambassador's Fault Negotiations Were Broken Off.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Confirmation of the London dispatch Thursday to the effect that Mr. Bowen and the British ambassador at an interview Monday had a somewhat heated argument obtained here. Indeed, it is stated that should the character of the cablegrams that the British ambassador has been sending to his government regarding the attitude of Minister Bowen became public the country would be furnished with sensational diplomatic incidents.

It is the opinion of Venezuelan negotiators other than the British ambassador that the latter is directly responsible for the abrupt breaking off of negotiations with Mr. Bowen.

It is the opinion in official circles here that Minister Bowen has an absolute right in acting for Venezuela to object to President Roosevelt's acting as arbitrator. To do so would cause pain to Bowen, whose admiration for Roosevelt is well known, but he feels obliged to keep well in mind the fact that he is here not as an American, but as the representative of Venezuela.

The British ambassador's conduct has resulted in several impertinent details of the momentous conference laking out, and these now substntiated by other negotiators present. It seems that when the British ambassador, who took the lead at this conference, had finished reading the cablegram of Lord Lansdowne containing his last proposition for 20 and 10 per cent division of custom receipts of Porto Cabello and Laguayra between the allies and other claimant nations respectively, Mr. Bowen at once remarked in emphatic tones that the proposition was but another scheme to trick Venezuela into abetting an alliance against her for six years and probably longer. He added that he would not consent to any scheme for continuing the triple alliance one day longer than he was forced to.

The diplomat stated afterwards: "It was Mr. Bowen who exploded the bombsnell the moment the prposition was made."

Herbert is said to have cabled London that he would no longer deal with Bowen.

Italian and German ministers say Bowen treated all courteously.

"Mr. Bowen must stand up for Venezuela," said the Italian and German ambassadors. "If he did not he would forfeit our respect."

Herbert received, it is stated, the past few hours, a tart cablegram from Lansdowne. It informed him he was at Washington to obey orders.

ANTI-TRUST BILL.

Congressman Henry of Texas Addresses the House on the Matter.

Washington, Feb. 7.—In accordance with special order under which the house is operating, that body continued the debate upon the anti-trust bill.

Mr. Henry (Tex.) said he was not an extremist. He did not desire to wage war on legitimate corporations, but he did believe that monopolies and trusts could be and should be outlawed.

Day Duly Observed.

Monterey, Feb. 7.—Business was suspended in Monterey and generally throughout the republic Thursday being the forty-sixth anniversary of the promulgation of the constitution of Mexico. The day was observed by the raising of the national flag over the public buildings at sunrise accompanied by the playing of the national hymn and salutes by the military companies and the reading of the constitution on the plazas.

Steamers Wanted.

Constantinople, Feb. 7.—The Turkish government notified Idari Massousieh Steamship company to send in the return number of steamers available for use as transports with a view to the possible dispatch of considerable bodies of troops from Anatolia, Asiactic Turkey, to European provinces of Turkey in connection with the Macedonian revolutionary movement.

Opposed by Cattlemen.

Clarendon, Tex., Feb. 7.—Much interest is manifested here in the Bryan quarantine bill now before the legislature. Local cattlemen are united in condemning the bill and say it means the reduction in price of $5 on every head of cattle above the line if the measure carries.

Goes Over Until Monday.

Dover, Del., Feb. 7.—Regular Republicans in the Delaware legislature, through their committee, asked the Addicks caucus, which had been called to consider the withdrawal of Addicks from the race for United States senator, for an extension of time until Monday. The latter reluctantly yielded.

Having Difficulty.

Havana, Feb. 7.—The joint committee on the bill providing for the issue of a loan to pay soldiers is encountering great difficulty in drafting the revenue feature so as to satisfy buyers of bonds without materially affecting producers here.

Another Rock Island Deal.

Washington, Feb. 7.—In connection with the new relations between the Rock Island and the Southern Pacific is developed that the Harriman interests opened the Denver and Cheyenne gateway to the Rock Island freight traffic two months ago.

Struck on a Shoal.

Vineyard, Feb. 7.—The seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson, coal laden, from Newport News for Boston, struck on the Middle Ground shoal in Vineyard sound.

Adjourned Until June.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 7.—The supreme court adjourned until June.

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 30 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 North		Arr. from 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 North		Arr. from 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 6 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

A—T. & P. Passenger Station, Front St., foot of Main.

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

a—Daily.

*Leaves and arrives at Rio Grande Jct

"But where to find that happiest spot below;
Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —Goldsmith.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good Crop Raiser. Not only Cattle, but Wheat, Cotton, Corn, Feed-Stuffs, Cantaloupes, Garden Truck and Good Health flourish here—in a district where Malaria is impossible and very little doing for Jails and Hospitals.

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Passenger Department, Fort Worth, Texas.

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We sell a Home-Seeker's ticket, good thirty days, at one and a third fare the round trip, allowing stopovers at Vernon and points beyond, both ways.

One Day to Birmingham and Atlanta.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway inaugurated in September a new train to run between Dallas and Shreveport. The service was so popular that connections have placed in service additional trains, whereby passengers can use the new "Katy" train, and make sure connections for Meridian, Birmingham and intermediate points.

By this means passengers will be able to start from Dallas, Texas at 9 p. m., Greenville 11 p. m., arrive at Shreveport 6 a. m., Meridian at 6:10 p. m., Birmingham 11:15 p. m., arriving at Atlanta at 6:30 a. m.

Corresponding close connections can be made returning. Pullman sleepers and chair cars Dallas to Shreveport and Birmingham to Atlanta.

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ONE THOUSAND LOST

Nearly That Number Drowned and Killed in Society Group.

TIDAL WAVE CAUSE.

Death and Devastation Were Terrible and on Some of the Islands Not a Human Being Survived the Mass of Water.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—More than 1000 persons were killed and eighty islands of the Society group in the Southern sea were devastated on Jan. 15 by a huge tidal wave that swept the island dotted sea. News of the disaster was brought Sunday on the steamer Mariposa direct from Tahiti.

The storm raged for several days, being most severe from Jan. 14 to 16. On Jan. 15 a tidal wave accompanied by a terrific hurricane, attacked the Society islands and the Puamotu group with fearful force, carrying death and devastation for miles before its towering front.

As the news received at Tahiti up to the time of the sailing of the Mariposa was meagre, it is thought that full returns may swell the death list. It is possible that hundreds of bodies were washed out to sea so that they may never be accounted for.

The islanders who survived are destitute of food, shelter and clothing. Crops have been destroyed and death threatens the survivors.

The first news of the disaster arrived at Papiete, Tahiti, on Jan. 26, by the schooner Elmeo.

The captain of the schooner placed the fatalities at 500 persons. The steamer Excelsior arrived at Papiete the following day with 400 destitute survivors. The captain of the Excelsior estimated total loss of life at 800 persons. Those figures comprised only the deaths on the three islands of Hao, Hikuera and Makakau, whose total population is only 1800. On Hikueora island, where 1000 inhabitants were engaged in pearl diving, nearly one-half were drowned. On an adjacent island 100 more were washed out to sea.

Conservative estimates at Tahiti place the number of islands visited by the tidal wave and hurricane at 80. All of them are under the control of the French governor at Tahiti.

The French governor, upon receipt of news of the disaster, took prompt measures to relieve the starving survivors. The government dispatched two warships, the Duranee and Zeelee, with fresh water and provisions. The Italian man of war, Calabria, accompanied the two French vessels on their errand of mercy. As the supply of fresh water and provisions was exhausted by the storm it is feared that many lives will be lost before the relief ships arrive. As far as is known eight white people were among the drowned. Included in these were Alexander Brander, H. P. Plunkett of Oakland, Cal.; T. D. Donnelly, formerly a fireman on the steamship Australia, and the local agent of C. Coppenrath, a merchant of Papieto. Added to this number was a woman, who committed suicide from fright.

One of the many acts of heroism reported is that of a woman, who climbed one of the tall coacoanut trees and lashed her baby to the branches with strips of her clothing. The mother clung to the body of the tree beneath the little one as best she could. There they remained for ten hours suffering great torture from wet, cold and hunger, until finally rescued by other natives, who swam with them to the ship.

SCALE SIGNED.

It Directly and Indirectly Affects Three Hundred Thousand Miners.

Indianapolis, Feb. 9.—The United Mine Workers' signed scale directly and indirectly affects the wages of nearly 300,000 miners. These directly affected 11,000 and the miners in the states of the central competitive districts, composed of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and the Pittsburg district of Pennsylvania. Those whose wages are indirectly affected are the 30,000 miners of Central Pennsylvania, 3000 of Michigan, 14,000 Iowa, 5000 Kentucky, 15,000 of Alabama, 15,000 of Tennessee and about 20,000 of Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory. All of the latter base their wage demands on the scale adopted in the central district.

What Is Provided.

Washington, Feb. 9—The Venuezuela protocol provides for the reference of the contention of the alllies for preferential treatment to The Hague for settlement, for the payment by Venezuela to Great Britain of 5,500 pounds sterling cash and for the raising of the blockade. The matter of the adjudication of the claims and the collection of the 30 per cent out of which they are to be paid has been left for the second protocol.

Venezuelan blockade will be raised as soon as the protocals are signed.

Steamship Stranded.

Cape Henry, Va., Feb. 9.—The British steamship Garland, bound from New London for Wilmington is stranded one and a half miles north of Big Kinnakel, N. C. She is inside the bar, far from deep water but is in good condition. Her crew of thirteen were rescued in the breeches' buoy.

Many Boers to Locate.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 9.—Before leaving for Washington Sunday morning Dr. Reitz, ex-president of the Orange Free State, said he expected the Texas-Boer colony would number between 2000 and 5000 families.

FOOT CAUGHT.

Strange Mishap That Happened to an Old Man in a Spring Bed.

New York, Feb. 9.—John Chase, eighty-five years old, at one time a prosperous manufacturer of Manhattan, but who lost his money, lived alone at Hempstead, L. I. Not having been seen for several days, friends went to look for him, and found him unconscious in his room. His foot had been caught in a spring bed and in endeavoring to extricate it the old man had partly fallen out of bed and struck his head, which rendered him unconscious. For three days, half frozen, Mr. Chase had vainly endeavored to extricate his foot. Had he not been found by his friends he would have died from starvation. He was removed to the alms house.

LOCAL BILL DAY.

Texas House of Representatives Passed a Number Saturday.

Austin, Feb. 9.—Several measures known as local bills were passed by the house.

Bill creating new judicial district in Harris county, known as the Sixty-first, passed.

Concurrent resolution asking congress to appropriate $250,000 for improvement of Aransas Pass bar and one extending time for paying taxes in Milam county were engrossed.

It is rumored that senate sergeant-at-arms and secretary may bring suit against certain senators in connection with late matter of term drawing.

LESS ALARMING.

Acre Question Negotiations Progressing Most Satisfactorily.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Acre question is becoming less alarming, says a Rio Janeiro dispatch. Baron Rio Branco, minister of foreign affairs, declared to a newspaper man that negotiations were progressing satisfactorily. He hopes for a pacific solution and laments the attacks of the Brazilian press on the Bolivian minister, Senor Pinilla.

The commander of the American cruiser Detroit maintains the most cordial relations with the authorities at Para.

HALL HANGED.

He Mortally Wounded a Georgia Sheriff and Mob Lynched Him.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 9.—Advices received here from Dublin, Ga., state that Leo Hall, colored, who shot and mortally wounded Sheriff D. A. Crawford of Johnson county last Wednesday night, was taken from the county jail at Wrightsville and lynched. Hall was captured Friday and taken to Wrightsville and jailed. Threats were made, but early Saturday morning, however, a mob forced the jail officials to deliver Hall, when they carried him a few miles from Wrightsville and lynched him.

REBUKED THEM.

Extreme Party of Boers Present an Address Regarded as Insulting.

Bloemfontein, Feb. 9.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain had a two hours' conference with a deputation of forty Boers of the Extreme party, including Christian Dewet. The deputation presented an address, which, it is understood, Mr. Chamberlain rejected, at the same time rebuking the delegates for presenting an address which he regarded as insulting, inasmuch as it impugned the good faith of himself and the government.

Feuds between Boer parties have become so strong, particularly between the brothers, Christian and Piet Dewet, that Mr. Chamberlain may well be in doubt as to who really represents the people of the Orange River colony.

Meteor Flies Over New York.

New York, Feb. 9.—Many persons in different parts of the city whose view is unobstructed by high buildings, were startled Friday night by a meteor which burst into flames immediately over their heads and sped swiftly toward the south. From a point directly over the center of the city it fled south with marvelous speed, its first white light dimming away to a fine point of flame.

Former Coal President Dead.

New, York, Feb. 9.—Thomas H. Heald, sixty-four years old, formerly president of the Black Diamond Coal company of Knoxville, Tenn., is dead in this city. Mr. Heald was born in Massachusetts. He was a volunteer in the Civil War and was wounded in one engagement.

Large Tobacco Plant Absorbed.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 9.—The Courier-Journal says the plant of W. S. Mathews & Sons of this city, the largest rehandling tobacco establishment in the world, has been absorbed by the British-American Tobacco company.

Thought Others Will Follow.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—It is reported the Missouri Pacific officials will grant same increase to conductors and trainmen that Katy did, and that Frisco and Cotton Belt will follow suit.

Go Soon to Honduras.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Active preparations are being made for the early departure of the flagship New York and cruisers Boston, Marblehead and Ranger for the coast of Honduras.

Cigar Box Factory Burns.

Cincinnati, Feb. 9.—The Frank Unnewehr Cigar Box factory was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is $75,000.

President Has a Cold.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The president is suffering with a cold.

Adjourned Until June.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 9.—The supreme court adjourned until June.

ANTI-TRUST BILL.

It Is Passed in Lower House of Congress by a Unanimous Vote.

Washington, Feb. 9.—By a unanimous vote—150 to 0—the house Saturday passed the anti-trust law.

The bill as passed requires corporations hereafter organized to file returns covering its articles of incorporation, financial composition, condition, etc., with the interstate commerce commission on penalty of being restrained from engaging in interstate commerce, and perscribes penalties for false returns, etc. The commission is given authority in its discretion to call for similar returns from existing corporations doing an interstate business. The commission is given power to compel the answer to question, and a fine of not to exceed $5000 is imposed for failure to obey the commission in this respect. Rebate by carriers is made punishable with a fine of not less than $1000, and corporations violating the provisions of this section are forbidden the use of the instrumentalities of interstate commerce. Carriers are prohibited from knowingly transporting articles produced, manufactured or sold in violation of the Sherman act. In cases of prosecutions no person is to be excused from testifying on the ground that such testimony would tend to incriminate him, but for such testimony the witness is not to be prosecuted. The circuit courts are given jurisdiction in cases of violation, and it is made the duty of the district attorneys to institute proceedings to prevent violations.

POLYGAMY SAFEGUARDS.

Opponents of Statehood Measure Say it Is Not Sufficiently Covered.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The statehood bill again Saturday claimed the greater share of the senate's attention. Senator Kean continued, but did not conclude his speech on that subject, and toward the close of the day there was a general debate on the allegation of the opposition to the bill that it does not contain sufficient safeguards against polygamy. In the course of his remarks Mr Kean read from a book of travel by a German authority to show that polygamy now exists in the Mormon church in the republic of Mexico, and the fact was commented upon by Messrs. Beveridge, Spooner and Depew as going to show that the contention that polygamy had been abolished is not well founded.

WILL NOT ATTEND.

Colonel Bryan Says He Does Not Desire to Meet Mr. Cleveland.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Colonel W. J. Bryan says he will attend no banquet to which ex-President Cleveland is invited. This remark was brought about by the fact that the Iroquois club of this city will give a banquet March 16, at which Mr. Cleveland is expected to be first speaker and Mr. Bryan second.

"What need is there of inviting anyone to a banquet at which Grover Clever Cleveland is to be present?" he asked, and requested a friend to have his name stricken off the list.

MAZATLAN'S MISFORTUNE.

Hotels and Boarding Houses Closed and Buildings Burned.

Mazatlan, Mex., Feb. 9.—There were two deaths from the plague Saturday.

Very satisfactory results are being attained by the use of the Yersin serum. Most of the patients to whom it is given begin to immediately recover.

Nearly all of the hotels and boarding houses are closed, the owners fearing in case the plague breaks out in them the buildings will be burned.

Life insurance agents are taking no policies.

Former Texas Doctor Murdered.

Ardmore, I. T., Feb. 9.—Dr. T. J. Fisher, a prominent physician at Reagan, has been murdered presumably by robbers. Dr. Fisher, who was forty-five years of age, formerly resided at Stephensville, Texas. By marrying a wealthy Indian woman he became possessed of valuable land near Reagan. A. Parent called at Fisher's house and found him dead, shot through the head. The other members of the family were absent from home on a visit.

Great Gas Flow.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 9.—The Colonial Oil company, operating in the Bartlesville, I. T., field, is casting off a tremendous gas pressure, encountered at 950 feet in the Oswego line district. It is conservatively estimated that the flow of gas from the well is fully 10,000,000 feet daily. The well will be sunk deeper prospecting for oil.

Fight at a Festival.

Waycross, Ga., Feb. 9.—Meager details of a riot which occured between two white men and a crowd of negroes at Beache's Still reached this city. Two negroes are said to have been killed and nine others wounded, one of them mortally. Three of the wounded were women, but their injuries are not serious. The shooting was done while a negro festival was in progress.

Woman's Awful Confession.

Monticello, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Mrs. LaFayette Taylor of Centerville, Sullivan county, Sunday confessed to having killed her husband and burned the body on Jan. 25, to escape detection. Taylor disappeared on the night of Jan. 25, and was supposed to have deserted his family. On Feb. 6 Mrs. Taylor attempted to sell a horse to a Centerville man, who would not buy for fear Taylor might come back and claim it. Mrs. Taylor told him to rest easy on that point, for she had killed him and burned his body. The fourteen-year-old daughter of the Taylors confirmed her mother's story. Mrs. Taylor was arrested.

EULOGIES FOR DEAD.

They Are Pronounced by the House on Sewell and Salmon.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house of representatives Sunday held a memorial session to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator Wm. J. Sewell and the late Representative Joshua Salmon of New Jersey. Mr. Parker of New Jersey presided. The eulogists of the two departed statesmen were Messrs. Gardner, Republican, New Jersey; McClellan, Democrat, New York; Hull, Republican, Iowa; Steel, Republican, Indiana; Stewart, Republican, New Jersey; Fowler, Republican, New Jersey; Parker, Republican, New Jersey; Flanagan, Democrat, New Jersey; Foster, Republican, Vermont, Graff, Republican, Illinois; Williams, Democrat, Mississippi; Randell, Democrat, Texas; Lloyd, Democrat, Missouri, and Ball, Democrat, Texas.

Chairman Hepburn of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce land before the house the report of the conferees on the department of commerce and labor bill and it was ordered to be printed. At 2:40 p. m., the house adjourned.

OFFICER SHOOTS ANOTHER

One Is Alleged to Have Refused to Assist the Other.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Policeman Gratwalk of Bristol, Va., shot and instantly kill- Policeman Houston Childress of the Bristol, Tenn., force Sunday morning at the corner of State and Fourth streets. Officers Porch and Childress were together when Gratwalk came up. Gratwalk invited Childress to go with him to assist in doing some police duty. Childress refused on the ground that he had been insulted by Gratwalk a few days previous. Unpleasant words followed when Grantwalk pulled his pistol and fired twice at Childress, the second shot entering the brain. Officer Porch allowed Gratwalk to escape without any effort to stop him. Gratwalk was traced to his room where he exchanged his uniform for citizen's clothes. The two towns of Bristol lie in states of Tennessee and Virginia, the main street of the town dividing them.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

Two of Them Distinctly Felt at St. Louis and Other Points.

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—Two distinct earthquaks were felt in St. Louis and vicinity beteen 6:20 and 6:25 o'clock Sunday night. The first shock was of almost twenty seconds duration and while it was not so distinctly felt immediately in St. Louis in the western suburban towns in Illinois, it was sufficiently forceful to rattle dishes and swing doors. The second shock followed within two minutes and was slight and anad of short duration. Both shocks were from northeast to southwest.

Flues Shaken Down.

Marion, Ill., Feb. 9.—An earthquake shock was felt here Sunday evening. Preceding the shock a roaring noise was heard. Many persons ran into the street. At the west side hotel flues were shaken down.

Shook Pictures.

Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 9.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt here at 6:45 Sunday night. Pictures were shaken from walls and tables in the second stories of many houses.

Slight Earthquake Shocks.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 9.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at about 6:45 o'clock Sunday night. The vibrations caused windows to rattle but no damage was done.

Felt in France.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Slight earthquake shocks were felt on Saturday at midnight at Brest, St. Breux, and on the island of Molene.

Captured Burglars and Tools.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 9.—A man was arrested here while in the act of dynamiting the safe of the Oxford saloon in broad daylight Sunday morning. A full set of burglar tools were also captured with the prisoner.

White Brakemen.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 9.—A change has been made on the Choctaw lines through Oklahoma and Indian Territory. White men are taking the places of the colored brakemen who have been employed on all passenger trains.

Eighteen Carloads.

Blossom, Tex., Feb. 9.—Eighteen cars of cattle were shipped from the oil mill pens to the St. Louis market. A few more cars remain for shipment.

Was Mrs. Jennings.

Frost, Tex., Feb. 9.—It was the wife of Rev. J. W. Jennings who died here and not that gentleman.

Mrs. West Dead.

Ennis, Tex., Feb. 9.—Mrs. West Beaumont, who shot herself, died Saturday.

High Water in Georgia.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 9.—Heavy rains in up river sections have raised the Ocumlugee at this point to the danger line. The rise is over 21 feet below low water market. All trains on the Southern out of, and through Macon, have been annulled. Tracks above and below Macon are under water, but no washouts are reported.

Must Have Passports.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 9.—Information was received here Sunday from Honduras to the effect that because of revolutionary troubles all persons coming into that country must have passports. Three passengers on the steamer Hispania, leaving here Sunday morning for Puerto Cortez, were required to secure passports for the shrdlupu u secure passports before the vessel sailed.

Work of Woman Poet.

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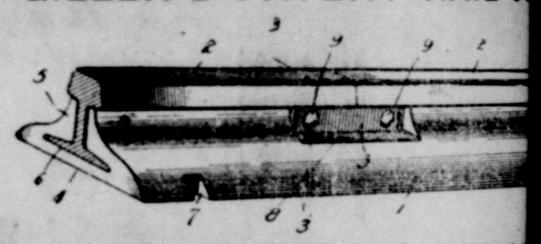

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