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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

Run of Cattle, With Good Prices for Good Stock.

STEERS TODAY AT $3.85.

Slow, With Buyers and Sellers Standing Apart.

SALES UP TO 12 O'CLOCK.

Eastern Markets Go Down, Affecting the Local Market.

THE MARKET TODAY.

Top	$6 70
Top, steers	3 85
Top, Cows	3 10
Top, heifers	3 25

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
	1150	384	166
Day last week	595	150	——

THE HOG MARKET

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

Conditions such as usually rule at the pens were reversed today. Buyers were slow and backward, and the hogs were not snapped up as soon as offered. Northern quotations were lower, and last week's prices for markets were off 30@35c. For the first time this market yielded to outside conditions, and in sympathy with the decline there. In spite of the bad markets, we held out for the high prices of last week, and as the buyers were not able to meet them, not a sale had been made up to noon. A bid was made and for a fairly good bunch, which turned down. Later a sale was made at $6.70.

The market opened with 3 cars of 169 in the pens, and later 2 more cars came in, making the day's receipts 384, against 158 the same day last week, and two weeks ago. Quality of offerings was rougher than those on yesterday's market, with no smooth fat stock among them.

The market closed slow, about 5c off.

Representative sales:

HOGS.

Average.	Price.
185	6 60
[illegible]	6 6[illegible]
181	6 65
194	6 65
223	6 70

PIGS AND LIGHTS

115	5 75
110	5 85
120	6 00
131	6 15

THE CATTLE MARKET

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

Receipts this morning were the largest of the year. Twenty-seven cars were held and 12 more arrived later in the day, making 39 cars, or a total of 1150, against 295 head last Wednesday and 586 two weeks ago.

The large share of the receipts were Texas stock, with a good sprinkling of Indian cattle among the offerings. The offering of 9 cars, 211 steers, averaging 1052 pounds sold at $3.85, the highest price this year, but the quality was a shade better than was on the market yesterday.

There was no quotable advance in anything. Packers were around early buying the best of the supply at fully steady prices, making a good movement of the scales at an early hour.

The common cattle and light weight stock was as usual slow to move and there was no improvement over yesterday's prices. The light weight cattle are wanted at present, but anything carrying flesh on good enough for beef is selling freely.

The offerings in the steer line ranged from $2.75 to $3.85. Some good cows sold as high as $3.25, with the bulk of sales at from $2.25@3.00 and one lot of fancy heifers sold at $3.25. Canners and cutters are going at $1.50 and with the few bulls and stags to go at from $2.00 to $3.00, while the few veals and heavy calves offered this morning sold at $2.50@4.00.

Following were representative sales today:

STEERS.

24	1023	3 85
24	1057	3 85
23	1026	3 85
23	1072	3 85
23	1045	3 85
26	1013	3 85
23	1026	3 85
23	1098	3 85
22	1110	3 85
18	958	3 85
1	1110	3 50
24	1014	3 50
14	910	3 40
28 feeders	950	3 25
17	832	3 20
1 stag	950	3 10
18	823	3 00
2	875	2 60
34	810	2 60
1	860	2 40
3	1155	2 45
70 lights	654	2 45
9	583	2 00

COWS.

8	812	3 10
28	900	3 10
5	1054	3 00
3	916	2 85
28	830	2 85
8	911	2 75
41	735	2 45
7	871	2 45
6	853	2 40
14	699	2 35
35	781	2 35
28	824	2 35
30	796	2 35
31	746	2 35
26	769	2 35
39	639	2 30
7	691	2 10
5	790	2 10
25	822	2 00
19	675	2 00

HEIFERS.

24	814	3 25

CALVES.

2	150	4 00
2	165	3 50
3	350	2 25
1	180	3 00

BULLS.

1	1560	2 50
1	1100	2 40
1	1220	2 40
1	1020	2 25

Sales After 3 p. m., Yesterday.

STEERS.

10	1072	3 75
25	1036	3 75
25	1016	3 75
24	1031	3 75
25	990	3 75
14	950	3 65

COWS.

24	826	2 50
26	663	2 20

HEIFERS.

39	634	2 97½
37	620	2 97½

SHEEP SALES.

166	84	3 50

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.

Steers—Choice fed	$3 40@3 70
Medium fed	3 00@3 40
Good grass	2 75@3 00
Light thin	2 50@2 75
Cows—Choice heavy fed	2 60@3 25
Medium butcher	2 25@2 60
Light thin	1 60@2 25
Canners	1 75@2 25
Bulls, stags and oxen	2 00@3 00
Veals and calves	2 50@4 00

HOGS.

Choice, 200 lbs. and up	6 75@6 90
Fat smooth medium	6 25@6 75
Light	5 50@6 25
Southwestern pigs	4 50@5 00
Stockers	4 50@5 00

SHEEP.

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

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.

1150 CATTLE IN TODAY.

They Were of Good Quality, and Generally Sold Well.

This has been the banner day of the year at the cattle pens of the stockyards. Receipts were 1150 head. A sale of steers at $3.85 indicates the tone of the market. At this price 211 steers were sold. Cows went at $3.10, heifers $3.25, and calves at $4.

The market was not really better than it was yesterday. The highest prices were obtained because the quality of stock offered was better than on yesterday's market. These figures provide an object lesson for every stock raiser. They teach him that there is good money in good stock.

SALE OF STEERS AT $3.85.

Were Fed by D. Waggoner & Son, and Bought by Cudahy.

D. Waggoner & Son of Bowie, Texas, were here with 9 cars of 211 fine fat steers, averaging 1052, which sold to the Cudahy Packing Co. at $3.85, the highest price for the year. Mr. Waggoner fed these cattle only about 80 days. He is now looking around to buy 1000 more to feed.

SOLD SHEEP AT $4.

E. G. P. Kellum is Pleased With His Sales at Fort Worth.

E. G. P. Kellum of Valley Mills, Texas, who was on yesterday's market with sheep that brought $4.00, went home well pleased with this market.

Mr. Kellum has about 300 more ready to ship, and also between 400 and 500 fat lambs that are almost ready.

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

W. W. Clark of Durant, I. T., brought in a car of hogs.

J. C. Adams of Abilene was on the market with 2 cars of mixed cows.

W. E. King of Throckmorton had a load of good feeder steers on the market.

Swan & Lavender from Tyler had on the market 70 light steers, averaging 634, that sold at $2.45.

M. Whisenant of Allen was here yesterday with one car of hogs, of which 56, averaging 187, topped the market at $6 75.

A bunch of 52 hogs, average 223, sold today at $6.70. They were fair fat hogs, but rough. Had they been smooth the buyer would have stood a nickel more.

M. Starnes and P. G. Driskell of Tyler were here today with 39 cattle, averaging 639 pounds, which sold at $2.30, and 34 head averaging 810, which sold at $2.60.

Mr. J. R. Dendinger had on the market 166 sheep, averaging 84 pounds, that went at $3.50. These are some of the sheep that Mr. Dendinger has had on feed near the yards.

Col. Wade Hampton of Pauls Valley, I. T., had on yesterday's market a car of hogs, part of which topped the market at $6.75. Mr. Hampton has been experimenting with molasses, cotton seed meal and hulls, and says it will fatten stock quick and make firm flesh.

Messrs. R. A. Riddels and C. A. Hancock of Caddo, I. T., were at the yards. Mr. Riddels is a big shipper to Fort Worth and the Eastern markets. He is a regular reader of the Fort Worth Daily Live Stock Reporter, and says it is equal to the best anywhere.

SHIPPERS IN TODAY.

CATTLE.

M. Starnes, Tyler, 74.
Swan & L., Tyler, 70.
Jno. L. Tunsen, Mt. Vernon, 14
R. G. Cate, Grapevine, 21.
D. Waggoner & Son, Bowie, 211.
W. H. Meyers, Henrietta, 27.
W. E. King, Seymour, 30.
Sam Warren, Iowa Park, 55.
W. A. Sansom, Aalvrado, 88.
D. F. Sansom & Son, Grandview, 27.
Humes Bros., San Angelo, 101.
W. G. Remson, Prosper, 27.
Robinson & Scott, Brownwood, 150.
B. S. Scott, Sherman, 31.
F. M. Sansom, West, 48.
Ardmore Oil Mill, Ardmore, 56.
Scott & Robinson, Brownwood, 150.
W. B. Boyd, Wortham, 54.

HOGS.

Jno. L. Turner, Mt. Vernon, 56.
Kay Bros. & Co., Athens, 61.
L. C. True, Ryan, I. T., 79.
Cat ron, Bonham, 82.
Moore & Co., Durant, I. T., 106.

LOSSES IN THE TERRITORY.

Cattle on the Range Reported to have Suffered Severely.

The late norther and sleet was more severe in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma than in Texas. News from Ardmore is that the loss was very serious to cattlemen. One man who was pasturing 60 lost 52. Madill says the losses in that vicinity will be general. At Mill Creek it is reported to be 25 per cent. John Biard of Hugo says the deaths in his neighborhood are 30 per cent.

At Waxahachie, Texas, it is reported that the Trinity river bottoms in the eastern part of the county have been badly overflowed and considerable property destroyed. It is stated that not less than three hundred head of cattle have perished in the bottoms from drowning and freezing.

The Childress Index of Friday reports: The loss of cattle throughout this section is expected to be pretty heavy. Mrs. J. D. Hassell has lost ten head, P. S. Roberts thirteen, and others that we have heard from one to three head. Reports from the Mill Iron ranch is to the effect that the loss will be from 25 to 50 per cent. The range in this section is over stocked and the loss from now on to spring will be heavy unless the weather is very favorable.

STRING OF TEXAS LONGHORNS

A Curiosity on the Kansas City Market, When Shown.

Kansas City Drovers' Telegram.

C. T. Ferring, banker and stockman of Vernon, Texas, arrived at the yards this morning with a train load of stock, consisting of eleven cars of short fed three-year-old steers, and a car of hogs. The consignment was brought here from Butler county, Kas., where Mr. Ferring is feeding 2,000 steers which he brought in late last fall from his ranch in Clark county, Kas. "The shortage of range feed in Wilbarger county, Texas, where I handle cattle, compelled me to go to Kansas, and then when winter approached I made another move from the western portion of the state to Butler county, where feed is plentiful," he said.

The big string of steers brought in today are above the average in quality, but are not dehorned, and when they were yarded the large horns attracted some attention in contrast with sevral pens of dehorned steers alongside of them. "All cattle ought to be dehorned," remarked Mr. Ferring when discussing the matter with other stockmen, "and I'll never buy any more horned stock. This subject of dehorning cattle reminds me of trouble I got into a few years ago at Memphis, Tenn., where I had purchased a lot of horned cattle. Thinking I could do a humane act I set my men to work dehorning them, when the humane society arrested the whole outfit, and arraigned us in court. The night before the trial took place several head of cows in one pen were horned to death, and it was on that point that I escaped being fined, as it was clearly shown that had the herd been dehorned they would not have been killed."

Mr. Ferring will now bring in the balance of his 2,000 head being fed in Butler county in bunches of eight or ten car-lots until he disposes of them before spring opens up.

SOUTHERN CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

Receipts at St. Louis as Compared With Those of 1902.

St. Louis Live Stock Reporter.

From January 1st to date, up to and including Saturday, February 21, receipts of cattle in the quarantine division at this market amounted to 3095 cars. During the corresponding period last year, the number was 2991 cars. The greatest number came from Texas, whose total was 2296 cars. Arkansas stands second and Indian Territory third.

Following is a table showing from whence receipts originated during the two years under comparison.

	1903.	1902
Texas	2296	1921
Arkansas	300	585
Louisiana	148	178
Indian Territory	217	192
Mississippi	53	91
Tennessee	4	50
Alabama	5	3
Oklahoma	73	71
Total	3095	2991

Texas Pecan Crop Worth $450,000.

San Angelo, Tex., Feb. 23.—Notwithstanding the fact that the pecan crop was exceedingly short in this section last year, there were eight cars of pecans shipped from this place, amounting to 225,000 pounds, which, at an average price of 6½c per pound, amounts to nearly $15,000 revenue for this section from this one product.

Mr. Sigman of the firm of H. H. Sigman & Co. states that shipments of pecans from the entire state the past season amounted to 275 cars, which, at an average of 28,000 pounds to the car, would make 7,500,000 pounds, bringing over $450,000 to Texas from this source.

EIGHT CENT HOGS.

That is the Figure Looked For In Kansas.

"I look for 8c hogs before the first of June," remarked a commission man who returned from a trip which took in a large scope of country tributary to Kansas City, to the Drovers' Telegram of that city. "Hogs are very scarce in every locality I visited," he said, "and farmers are disposing of everything from small pigs to the brood sows while the price keeps up, and I don't see how the number can be increased under the present conditions."

Gilbert Barr, the successful young stockman of Kearney, Mo., was in today with a carload of hogs. "It requires considerable hustling around to get four carloads of hogs a week," he said, "and I think I live in the best hog country in Missouri. Each week seems to cut down the supply, and thin out the brood sows, which I think will have a tendency to prevent any increase in the crop for some time to come."

FORT WORTH THE MARKET.

Opinion of a Shipper Who Reads the Reporter.

Nocona, Texas, Feb. 23, 1903.—Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter: Fort Worth, Tex. Dear sir: I received your paper through the kindness of one of your commission firms. I think it is fully up to the Kansas City Telegram and St. Louis Live Stock Reporter, and I think Fort Worth the market for all us people here in this section.

Loss pretty heavy here during the late storm. TOM HOBEN.

Big Shipments from Brady.

A reporter was informed this week that cars had been ordered to ship 40,000 head of cattle from Brady by March 28, says the Brady Enterprise. The Frisco people will rush things to have their stock pens in shape by that date.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Quotations at Fort Worth, Wholesale and Retail Prices.

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

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 54c; No. 2 white, 55c.
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—$1.15.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $12 50 per ton.

Cotton Seed, Meal and Hulls.

COTTON SEED—Car lots $17.00 to $18.00 ton.
COTTON SEED MEAL—Car lots, $22.00 to $23.00.
COTTON SEED HULLS—By contract, $6.50; retail, $7.00.

Hides.

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

Wool.

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

Live Stock Commission Houses.

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

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NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NORTH TEXAS LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
GEO. W. SAUNDERS COM. CO.
SOUTHWESTERN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.

Present From Germany.

Prof. von Menzel, the famous German artist, has sent to J. P. Morgan an engraving showing Frederick the Great, which is dedicated to the American republic.

Australian Racial Feeling.

"Australia is more English than London," maintained Sir John Cockburn recently at the annual meeting of the Geographical Association.

Venezuela's Chief Product.

Coffee has been cultivated in Venezuela only since 1879, and yet it is now the much-talked-of country's chief commercial product.

British Trade Slightly Increased.

British trade returns for 1902, show an increase in exports of £3,517,604, and in imports of £6,870,086.

Expensive Oranges.

Oranges were sold at one shilling a pound in one of the London street markets the other day.

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	21,000	36,000	23,000
Kansas City	6,000	9,500	5,500
St. Louis	3,500	6,500	1,000
St. Joseph	2,200	4,200	3,400
Total	32,700	56,200	32,900

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 25.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 21,000. Market generally 10c lower than Monday.

HOGS—Receipts 36,000. Market averaging a shade lower. Top $7.35; bulk $6 80@7.05.

SHEEP—Receipts 23,000. Sheep strong to 10c higher; lambs unevenly lower.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Feb. 25.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE—Receipts 6,000. Market steady to 10c higher. Tops $5.10. Cows, stockers and Texas, steady.

HOGS—Receipts 9,500. Market 5c lower. Top $7.05; bulk $6.70@6.95.

SHEEP—Receipts 5,500. Best strong, others easy.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 25.—Receipts and quotations as furnished by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 3500; Texas 2000. Market steady. Top Texas $4.40. Natives, $5.00.

HOGS—Receipts 6500. Market 5 to 10c lower. Top $7.10; bulk $6 80@6.95.

SHEEP—Receipts 1000. Market steady.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Feb. 25.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 2200. Market opened strong to 10c higher, closing with the advance lost. Top $4.85.

HOGS—Receipts 4200. Market opened 5c lower, closing stronger. Top $7.0½; bulk $6 80@6.95.

SHEEP—Receipts 3400. Market 15@25c lower.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—REGISTERED BULLS.—I will have for sale at the Stock Yards, Fort Worth, during the Fat Stock Show, 10 registered Shorthorn Bulls; 40 full-blood bulls, 10 to 15 months old, and 50 heifers 12 months to 2 years old. All my own raising. Write for other particulars. J. T. Day, Rhome, Tex.

COTTON SEED CAKE FOR SALE.

Stockmen write Tyler Cotton Oil Co., for prices on cracked and screened Cotton Seed Cake in 100-lb sax, car load lots. The cheapest and best feed to rough cattle through the winter and to fatten on the grass. Tyler, Tex.

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FOR SALE—One blood Bay Stallion, black points, 16 hands 1 inch high, 6 years old in spring. Gentle to ride or drive. Price $150. See W. J. Tackabery, 312 Houston St., Fort Worth, Tex.

FOR SALE—About 2500 head of 3 and 4-year-old steers, ranging in Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties. Address, Dunn Com. Co., P. O. Box 422, Houston, Tex.

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—Farms, Ranches and City Property. List your lands with us for quick returns. Lewis & Powell, 602 Main street, Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE, MEAT MARKET—A first class retail Butcher Shop with all modern equipments. Will sell cheap. Apply to this office for particulars.

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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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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25, 1903.

BEETS FOR STOCK.

From Waxahachie comes the report that farmers and stock raisers are turning their attention to the growing of beets as feed for cattle and hogs, and will plant a large acreage in that crop. This is the result of an experiment made last year on a farm in Ellis county, where a few acres of beets produced enormously, in spite of the drouth. Cattle and hogs ate them voraciously, and their fattening qualities were seen to be superior to other higher-priced feeds.

Farmers who are willing to learn are finding out new things all the time. This is an illustration. Ellis is one of the richest counties in the state, and in the center of the corn belt. It is an old county, where for a generation or more farmers have raised corn and fed it to their stock. They have grown beets in their gardens all that time. Now a casual experiment proves that twice as much stock food can be be produced on an acre of land when it is put in beets, as when put in corn. If this is true, then for a generation the farmers of that county have given twice the labor to producing a given result in fattening their stock, and have got only half the results from their labors in raising corn, that would have been theirs if they had raised beets. And if this is true of one county, it is true in greater degree of the whole state.

Live and learn. It is the progressive farmer who takes advantage of the experience of others, following them in their successful experiments, and steering clear of their failures. Stock beets are a successful experiment.

A similar condition is noted in Kansas as was reported in Texas by this paper a few weeks ago, regarding the marketing of brood sows. A commission man who had gone out among the farmers returned with the intelligence that high prices were bringing all kinds of hogs to market. "Farmers are disposing of everything, from small pigs to brood sows," he says. Such conditions guarantee a continuance of high prices, for they prevent the increase of stocks to meet the demand. The farmers who resist the temptation to take present profits, and use their sow pigs to breed, will in the end make five dollars where their short-sighted neighbors make one.

Texas cattle are not going to Chicago with much of a rush. The Drovers Journal says: "Receipts this week of Texas cattle were the smallest in a long time; only 250 head were received in quarantine division, against 2,000 last week and 1,483 a year ago. There was nothing on the market for sale."

Tomb of Jeremy Bentham.

In University college, London, is a singular object that is preserved carefully in a remote gallery inside a glass case, which, again, is contained in a huge wooden cupboard, the doors of which are locked and the keys in safe custody. The relic which is thus so zealously guarded, is described in some notes on the history of the college as the "skeleton" of Jeremy Bentham, "clad in the garments in which he lived," while his head only is stated to have been 'mummified." It has always been understood that Bentham's body was embalmed, and in that case it cannot be his mere skeleton which is reposing there under lock and key.

DEMOCRATS REJECTED

In Caucus They Refused to Agree With Republicans.

DECLARED A SNARE.

They Say the People of Arizona Do Not Desire to Have That Territory Consolidated With New Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Democratic senatorial caucus rejected the two-state proposition for the admission of new states submitted by the Republicans.

After the adjournment of the caucus the Democratic members of the committtee met the Republican members of that committtee who have been friendly to statehood. They decided to ask the chairman of the two committees on the postoffice and agriculture to withdraw the statehood riders which the committees have placed on two appropriation bills. They also decided to continue the fight for the omnibus bill as it came from the house without amendment, but not to antagonize appropriation bills or legislative business with it.

The Republicans have decided to present their compromise bill to the senate.

The indications are very strong that the question will receive very little if any more consideration during the session and even the best friends of statehood generally admit that there is no chance for success at this time. During the caucus speeches were made by Senators Clay, Bacon, Dubois, Simmons, Foster of Louisiana, Bate, Morgan, Pettus and others. All the speakers took positive grounds against the compromise proposition. At the same time they favored placing the future course of the party with reference to the statehood bill as such, and also as a rider in the hands of the Democratic members of the committee on postoffices. A Democratic senator, a member of the committee on territories, wrote the following, which after submitting to several of his colleagues he gave out for publication:

"The Democratic caucus rejected the proposed compromise statehoood bill for the following reasons:

"When Arizona and New Mexico were made territories their areas were established for ultimate statehood purposes, and all the interests and expectations of the people of the two territories have been in anticipation of the two states.

"It would be gross injustice to the people of both to join them in one state. From east to west as railways must be built it will be 1500 miles across them. The proposed state would be as large as Texas and Texas is too large for convenient government.

"Many Democrats feel that the Republican fight for statehood has not been sincere, they having used the statehood bill as a buffer to prevent trust discussion and legislation. For Democrats now having stood almost a solid body for the admission of the three territories, to accept the proposed consolidation would be to have played into the hands of the Republican anti-trust cabal.

"The people of the Arizona are unanimously opposed to consolidation with New Mexico and the people of both the territories should be consulted.

"The provisions in the consolidation bill for ultimate separate statehood are a snare. The question of separation into two states must be submitted to the voters of the entire state and experience has taught that after the interests of one area have been consolidated as a single state a majority cannot be secured.

"The Democrats have stood for the statehood bill as it passes the house. They believe that each is entitled to statehood, and they have loyally stood by the Republican minority in their efforts to give them statehood; but they will not inflict the injustice that probably never can be repaired of forcing the people of the two territories into a state so large that it would forever continue a burden they should not bear.
bear."

PANAMA CANAL.

It Is Rumored That the Company May Withdraw Its Offer.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A report was in circulation Tuesday night that if the Panama canal treaty is not ratified by March 4 the Panama Canal company will withdraw its proposition. It is also said Republican leaders are willing to vote on statehood bill provided it does not become effective until after next year's presidential election.

Agreement Signed.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Roosevelt has signed the agreement drawn under the terms of the Platt amendment for the coaling stations at Guantanamo and Bahia Honda, Cuba. The document is not a treaty, but is rather an agreement, therefore it will not be necessary to submit it to the United States senate, all that remains being for the navy department to do. Minister Squieres, who brought the agreement here, will return to Havana Tuesday by way of New York.

Bold Bandit.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 25.—A robber entered the Woodward saloon, the most fashionable buffet in the city, and walking behind the counter took $300 from the cash drawer and escaped. Zeke Solomon, the proprietor, attempted to stop him, but was thrown several feet by the thief, who dashed into the passing crowd and disappeared. At the time of the robbery the saloon was well filled with customers.

CZAR SUGGESTED.

He May Be Asked to Name the Three Arbitrators.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Mr. Bowen, the Venezuelan plenipotentiary has proposed to the allies that the czar of Russia be asked to name the three arbitrators who are The Hague tribunal shall decide the question of preferential treatment. The suggestion has been approved by the state department.

In diplomatic circles the announcement of the proposed compliment to the czar in connection with the Venezuelan affair is a subject of comment. The allies have not yet signified their acceptance of the suggestion, but this is regarded as well night certain.

Conte Cassini, the Russian ambassador, will not be officially informed of the fact until all the powers have agreed to the suggestion, when he will be asked to present the invitation to his sovereign. The ambassador evidently was was placed on hearing of this renewed evidence of friendship for his country on the part of the United States.

"I can only say," the ambassador said to a representative of the Associated Press, "that his majesty will deeply appreciate the compliment which Mr. Bowen has proposed."

DRAFT SUBMITTED.

The Protocol Minister Bowen Wishes to Have Powers Sign.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Minister Bowen submitted the draft of the protocol which he hopes will be signed by the allied powers, specifying the conditions under which The Hague tribunal will be called upon to settle the question of preferential treatment in the payment of Venezuela's indemnities to Judge Penfield, the solicitor of the state department. After the latter had suggested a few changes Mr. Bowen submitted the document to the representatives of the allied powers. In its incomplete state the protocol, which will serve as a patttern for all three has not yet been made public, but it is understood that one interesting feature it probably will provide for is a conduct of proceedings at The Hague in the English language. Another feature of the protocol is that the arbitrators themselves, and not the signatories to the protocols shall select the facts upon which they shall base their decisions as to whether or not the preferential treatment shall be accorded.

PASSES HOUSE.

The Philippine Currency Measure Goes Through That Body.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The house passed the Philippine currency bill, accepting the senate bill so far as it relates to the islands. The committee amendment striking out the international monotary conference was agreed to. The contested election case of Wagoner vs. Butler was under consideration for a time and the Democrats began a filibuster which they threatened to continue if the case is pressed. The case was withdrawn with an agreement that it is not to come up until Thursday.

Indianola Postoffice Case.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Indianola, Miss., postoffice case occupied the major portion of the time of the senate Tuesday. Mr. Tillman spoke for three hours in contiuation of his remarks begun Monday on the race question and was allowed by Mr. Carmack of Tennessee.

During the morning hour several bills and resolutions were discussed and consideration was given the bill to further provide for the safe keeping of public money on deposit in national banks. The agricultural appropriation was also considered and the committee agreements agreed to except the statehood rider, which was passed.

Assistant Commissioner.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Francis A. Cark has been appointed assistant commissioner for China to the St. Louis exposition. He is an American originally from Memphis, Tenn., and one of the youngest commissioners of customs now stationed at Che Foo.

No Official Confirmation.

New York, Feb. 25.—The recent activity in St. Louis and San Francisco shares caused a general belief that control of the road had changed hands and the opinion in Wall street was that J. P. Morgan & Co. were the new owners. No official confirmation of these reports were obtainable Tuesday, however, at the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Result of Buggy Collision.

Austin, Feb. 25.—As the result of a collision of their buggies on a public road a few miles from Austin, and an interchange of shots, Emil Ammann and the proprietor of the Montopolis saloon, are dead, and the officers are searching for a negro. Mr. Ammann had been to Austin to get a physician for his sick wife.

Texas and Pacific Wreck

El Paso, Tex. Feb. 25.—A serious wreck occurred on the Texas and Pacific railroad ten miles east of Sierra Blanca Tuesday, resulting in probable fatal injuries to Engineer H. A. McFarland of this city and severe injuries to Fireman Johnson.

Large Cargo.

Galveston, Feb. 25.—The big steamship Irak, measuring 5323 tons net and 12,000 dead weight, passed out of the harbor and across the bar for Liverpool, with nearly a $1,000,000 cargo.

Child's Neck Broken.

Haskell, Tex., Feb. 25.—The two-year old daughter of a Mr. Denson fell into a dry well and broke her neck.

Legislators Back at Austin.

Austin, Feb. 25.—The legislators have returned from Galveston. They had an enjoyable time.

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	8¼
15 and over 10	6½	9
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35 " 30	8½	11½
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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 $72 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.

Charges for sheep are the same as for hogs.

FEEDING CHARGES.

The charges by the Stock Yards Company for yardage are fixed as follows:

Cattle, per head	25c
Hogs, per head	8c
Sheep, per head	5c

Prices charged for feed by the Stock Yards: Hay, 80c a bale; corn, $1 a bushel; oats, 80c a bushel; chops $1.50 cwt.; bran, $1.30 cwt.; straw, 40c bale.

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Officers and directors of the Live Stock Exchange are:

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R. H. McNatt, vice-president.
V. S. Wardlaw, treasurer.
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The pulpit which George Whitefield two hundred years ago carried with him as he moved about the country among the thousands who flocked to hear him preach, is said to be at present on exhibition in New York City.

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Rates for Fat Stock Show

The following rates on all railroads entering Fort Worth have been made on Show Cattle:

Full local tariff to Fort Worth, return free, within 30 days, provided the stock has not changed owners. This rate applies from all points within this state.

PASSENGER RATES

All roads entering Fort Worth make a rate of one and one-third fare from all points up to and including 100 miles of Fort Worth. Over 100 miles, one fare plus 10 per cent. Effective March 3 and 4; good to return March 8. Mineral Wells to Weatherford, $1.00 round trip. The Fort Worth and Denver, the H. & T. C. and the T. & P. will grant privilege of depositing ticket with local ticket agent here and extend it, should the owner desire to attend the El Paso convention. From Fort Worth to El Paso, $15.00 round trip.

For further information write

C. J. LARRIMER,
Chairman Transportation Committee Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth, Texas

Condemns Luxury in Dress.

The Roumanian Minister for Public Instruction, Spiru Haret, has addressed a note to all school inspectors in the country complaining of the luxury in dress among female teachers. He directs the inspectors strongly to recommend all teachers to adopt the national costume, the peasants' dress of their special village.

Milliners vs. Birds.

Following a raid on millinery stores in Toledo the milliners have held an indignation meeting and will make a test of the law prohibiting the use of the wings and bodies of birds for hat decorations. Fortunately, public sentiment is with the birds these days.

Somewhat Previous.

"The trouble with that injunction about loving our neighbors," remarked the observer of events and things, "seems to be that it was formulated before a fellow had a chance to know just what sort of truck his neighbors were going to be."

Took Part in Famous Building.

Robert Poole, who died lately near Baltimore, had charge of the erection of the great dome of the national capitol.

American Enterprise in Canada.

More than thirty great manufacturing companies of the United States are establishing factories in Canada.

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Precaution Against Burial Alive.

In some of the Parisian cemeteries there are open vaults connected by electrical appliances to prevent the burial of persons who may be in a trance.

Senator Hoar Finds Treasure.

Senator Hoar heard the other day that an old lady in reduced circumstances had a fine portrait of Webster. The senator, who owns the largest and finest collection of Websteriana in the country, hurried to the address given and shortly thereafter the painting, which is from the brush of Chester Harding, well known in art circles sixty years ago. He thinks it is one of the finest portraits of Webster in existence.

COMBINATION SALE

Sale will be in the new pens, FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS

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mixed.....a 6 00 am

TH & DENVER CITY RY. A
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LOUISIANA LYNCHING.

Frank Brown Taken in Charge by Citizens and Strung Up.

Shreveport, La., Feb. 25.—Word has been received here of the lynching of a negro named Frank Brown at McDade, a station on the Shreveport and Red River Valley railroad about twelve miles from Shreveport. Mr. McDade and the negro had a dispute about work and a young man named Harvey Connell interfered. Brown shot him twice. Infuriated citizens promptly lynched the negro. Connell was brought here for treatment. He is not badly wounded.

Negro Shot to Death.

Griffin, Ga., Feb. 25.—Wm. Fambro, a negro, was shot to death on the outskirts of this city by a mob of men who fired on his house. Fambro's wife, who was in the house, escaped injury. The negro some time previously had been arrested on a charge of insulting a white woman and her child.

OWNS UP.

"Black Heart" Is Pugilist Who Fought Bob Fitzsimmons.

Enid, Okla., Feb. 25.—"Black Heart" the negro who was almost lynched here Monday night for having killed Jim Jones, a Kansas negro, in a saloon quarrel, in a confession alleged that he is the pugilist who fought Fitzsimmons in 1891 and who fled in 1896 after having killed a man in California in a street fight. The prisoner is in abject fear of his life and stated in jail Tuesday that after committing the California crime he went to Cuba in 1896, but returned to this country in 1900. He was supposed to have died on the Pacific coast. Two weeks ago "Black Heart," who has been in the territory for some time, fought six rounds with a local man. All talk of lynching has subsided.

BRANCH HOUSES.

Three of Them Are Soon to Be Located at Muskogee.

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 25.—The chamber of commerce of Muskogee has closed contracts with representatives of the packinghouses of Armour, Cudahy, Swift and Nelson Morris, and each of the above firms will locate a branch house in this city this spring. They seemed to have reached an agreement to make Muskogee the central distributing point for Indian Territory and will build their warehouses here as soon as it is possible to do so.

Monster Eagle Slain.

Chickasha, I. T., Feb. 25.—Henry Ireton, a farmer, killed a monster golden eagle on Winter creek, eleven miles east of Chickasha. The bird was a magnificent specimen, standing three feet high, with wings which measured eight feet three inches from tip to tip.

Located at Fort Supply.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 25.—The bill locating the insane asylum at Fort Supply passed the senate by a vote of 8 to 1.

Much Stock Drowned.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 25.—The river fell seven-tenths of a foot Tuesday, but farmers in the bottoms will not be able to move into their homes for another week. A great deal of stock has been drowned. It is estimated that the loss to corn in crib and growing wheat between this city and Paducah is $100,000.

Ten Thousand Attended.

Denver, Feb. 25.—About 10,000 persons attended the first annual exhibition of the Denver Fat Stock and Feeder show at the stock yards Tuesday. There were about 1500 cattle on exhibition and the championship was awarded to a steer which was fed on sugar beets and alfalfa. The owner was D. R. G. Brown of Aspen.

Carnival a Grand Success.

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—The carnival closed in a blaze of glory. In point of attendance of strangers it has been the most successful ever held, while the pageants have been on a scale of great artistic splendor. The parade Tuesday night was by the Mystic Krewe of Comus. Its title was "A Leaf from the Mahabaharata," and it illustrated in twenty superb floats the great epic poem of the Hindus. The culminating society event of the season was the ball of Comus at the French opera-house.

Ex-Mayor Acquitted.

San Juan, P. R., Feb. 25.—The trial of former Mayor Egoscue, which began last Friday, on the charge of destroying the records of the city waterworks constituting, it is alleged the only evidence of extensive peculations and embezzlements, came to an end Tuesday when the jury, after an hour's deliberation, gave a verdict of acquittal.

Noted Alabama Surgeon Killed.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 25.—Dr. W. B. Davis, one of the most prominent physicians in the southern states, was run over by an Alabama Great Southern passenger train at the Twenty-fourth street crossing and instantly killed. He had a national reputation as a surgeon.

E. Ellery Anderson Dead.

New York, Feb. 25.—E. Ellery Anderson, lawyer and political leader, died suddenly of heart disease at his home, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. Anderson was an independent Democrat. He was one of the leaders of the "Anti-snap convention" movement in 1892, was receiver of the Union Pacific railway at one time, and held positions as director in other railroads.

Courthouse Burns.

Meridan, Miss., Feb. 25.—The courthouse of this, Lauderdale county, was totally destroyed by fire. It was a brick structure, erected in 1880 at an original cost of $25,000. Since that time there has been expended $15,000 in extensions. Many valuable records were lost. The building was partially covered by insurance.

WITH THE HUMORISTS

LATEST JOKES AND JINGLES OF REAL MERIT.

New Meaning Given Old-Time Legal Expression—Why Mrs. Snitcher Was Indignant at Her Husband's Heartlessness.

It's Never Given Away.

"Pa," said Johnny, who is a persistent knowledge seeker, "what is a lawgiver?"

"There isn't any such thing, Jimmy," replied the old gentleman, who had been involved in considerable litigation in his time.

"But this book says that somebody was a great lawgiver," persisted the youngster.

"Then it's a mistake," rejoined his father. "Law is never given. It's retailed in very small quantities at very high figures."—Stray Stories.

The Brute Carries His Point.

"Madame," he said, during a lull in their quarrel. "I propose to know, once and for all, if you are going to mind me—"

"Mind you, indeed!" cried his wife. "You are beneath my notice."

"Thanks. I was going to ask if you'd mind me smoking in the parlor, but since you won't mind, here goes."

Knew His Nephew.

Old Peterby is rich and stingy. In the event of his death his nephew is to inherit his property. A friend of the family said to the old gentleman:

"I hear your nephew is going to marry. On that occasion you ought to do something to make him happy."

"I will," said Mr. Peterby. "I'll pretend that I am dangerously ill."

Noble Effort Toward Atonement.

Jinks—Why do you suppose men lie so terribly in devising the epitaphs of their friends?

Winks—Don't know, I'm sure; but there's this to be said in extenuation of their conduct; they invariably do their utmost to set the matter straight by their conversation afterwards.—Town and Country.

As It Sometimes Happens.

Tom (who has been away)—Did you and that girl you were engaged to last summer get married?

Jack—Yes; but we are not living together.

Tom—Why? What's the trouble?

Jack—Oh, no trouble at all. She married another man and I married another girl.

Made It Clear.

The patient rushed up the dentist's steps with a bill in his hand.

"Look here!" he said. "You're asking me to pay for two more sittings than I had."

"Those were engagements you failed to keep," explained the dentist. "We always charge for absent treatment."

The Real Need.

"I'd like to have some good, old-fashioned home cooking," said the man with a permanent sour expression.

"What you mean," said the physician, "is that you would like to have the digestion that you had when you were a boy."

Foreign to His Belief.

"I begin to suspect," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that your husband is a good deal of an altruist."

"Oh, no," her hostess replied, "Josiah ain't one of them at all. He thinks things just happen according to the way they are at the time."

His Soul.

"Do you know," said the Sunday-school teacher, addressing a new pupil in the infant class, "that you have a soul?"

"Course I do," replied the little fellow, placing his hand over his heart. "I can feel it tick."

A Clear Case.

Jaggles—I see the scientists have determined that only the male parrots learn to talk.

Waggles—That's probably so, to judge from the language they use.—New York Times.

"The Widow's Third."
A legal expression.

Information Wanted.

Brown—What do you know about Blank?

Green—Why, he's as honest as the day is long.

Brown—Yes; but what's his record at night?

Very Similar.

"Gracious! Mr. Halton, you have eaten all the birdseed."

"You don't say? I thought it was a new breakfast food."

Fiendish Revenge.

The burglar softly opened the door of the suburbanite's sleeping apartment, slipped inside and searched the room thoroughly, but found nothing worth stealing.

"Darn him!" he soliloquized. "I'll get some satisfaction out of him, anyway!"

Thereupon he set the alarm clock on the bureau for the hour of 3 and softly departed.

Extremes.

"Don't you think this country is likely to make wealth a consideration of too much importance?" asked the apprehensive patriot.

"What do you want it to do?" inquired the man who takes things as they come; "set up poverty as an ideal?"

Saw Her Mistake.

Mr. Plain—You are sure to admire him. He is a strikingly handsome man.

Miss Rosebud—I'm glad he is. I simply detest homely men. (Suddenly starting and blushing)—Oh, I beg your pardon! I didn't mean to say that!

The Villain!

Mrs. Snitcher—Oh, you scoundrel! Wasn't it bad enough that my poor dear mother should be adjudged insane without your testifying that in your opinion she was just as sane as she ever was!

Effective.

Bjenks—"Do you believe in the possibility of the cure of disease by suggestion?"

Bjinks—"Why, certainly. I was feeling pretty sick last week, and my wife suggested that I go to a doctor and it cured me right away."

Merely a Suggestion.

"I suppose," said the scoffer, "you can call up any spirit I want to talk to?"

"Perhaps," replied the businesslike medium, pocketing the proffered coin, "but wouldn't you rather call some spirit down, young man?"

Not So Sure About That.

"They say that death loves a shining mark."

"Does he? Well, it seems to me I've noticed that the fellows who wore the most gold lace had no trouble in dodging danger when any real fighting was going on."

Last Link.

"How is this?" exclaimed the convicted murderer. "I thought you promised to get me scot free!"

"I did," replied his attorney, as he looked over the last evidence of the state; "but circumstances, my dear sir, halter cases."

Seemed Exaggerated.

"You brute! When you married me you said you would gratify my slightest desire, and now you refuse to buy that cloak for me!"

"Yes, dear; but I don't regard a hankering for a sealskin cloak as a slight desire."

No Doubts About It.

"How dou you know it is rheumatism?" asked his friend. "You haven't seen a doctor."

"I know what it is, all right," replied the victim. "Rheumatism is one of those things that doesn't need an introduction."

Inference Was Natural.

Caller—Is the editor in?

Office Boy—No; he's ill.

Caller—I wonder if—er, he got the poem I sent him?

Office Boy—I told you he was ill, didn't I?—Stray Stories.

Special.

Patron—"How it is these programs begin with the second act?"

Manager—"Oh, they are intended for the boxes. You know, the ultra theater-goers never arrive before the second act."

Unnecessary.

"Have you given Mr. Staleight any encouragement?" asked the impatient mother.

"No, mamma," replied the confident daughter; "so far I haven't found it necessary."

The Thing to Be Found.

Mistress—"Julia, where's my diamond comb? I left it in my hair."

Julia—"Yes, ma'am; but I don't know where your hair is."

Not Always Practical.

Knicker—Lord Charles Beresford says battleships are cheaper than war.

Henpekt—I know, but how is a man to afford a battleship?

Severed His Connection.

"Were you discharged from your last place?"

"No; they didn't want me any longer, and so I left."

Chinaman Wins Honors.

William Ah Ket, a Chinaman, qualified as a barrister and solicitor at the recent law examinations in Melbourne and was awarded the Supreme Court prize.

Austrian Poets Honored.

Dvorak, composer; Vrchlicky, Czech poet, and Ferdinand von Saar, Austrian poet, have been made members of the Austrian house of peers.

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Berlin, Feb. 25.—The German foreign office attaches no importance to the request made to Mr. Bowen by Herr Baltazzi, former German charge d'affaires at Caracas, for immediate payment of $27,500, forming the first installment of the sum to be paid to Germany by Venezuela, but which is not due until March 15. Foreign Secretary von Richthofen sent no such instructions to Ambassador Sternberg, and it is assumed there has been a misunderstanding in the matter. The foreign office does not doubt that Venezuela will strictly carry out the terms of the protocol.

EDUCATORS MEET.

One Thousand Present at the Opening Session in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Feb. 25.—Superintendent department of the National Educational association met here with representatives from all states and cities. In addition to superintendents of instructions in cities, Dr. W. C. Harris, United States commissioner of education, and many state school commissioners are present, while very many college presidents and professors are here.

Over one thousand were present at the opening session.

Among those who participated were Lloyd E. Wolf of San Antonio, Tex.; Jaques Pedway, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Lewis H. Jones, Ysilanti, Mich., and John W. Carr of Anderson.

MISS CODY WEDS.

She and Lieutenant Scott United in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony.

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 25.—The marriage of Miss Irma Cody, daughter of Col. Wm. F. Cody, and Lieutenant Clarence Armstrong Scott, of the Twelfth cavalry, stationed at Fort Clark, Tex., was solemnized here. In the absence of Colonel Cody, the bride was given away by Dr. E. Frank Powell of Milwaukee, an intimate friend of the bride's father. The ceremony was an imposing one and there were present persons of prominence from all parts of the country. Colonel Cody, who is in England, sent a cablegram of congratulations and his blessing. Lieutenant and Mrs. Stott will make their home at Fort Clark, Tex.

Silver Service Given the Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 25.—Exercises in connection with the presentation of the silver service given by the people of Alabama to the United States battleship Alabama were held in the theater. The orator of the occasion was Hon. E. M. Robeson. The service was accepted on behalf of the officers of the Alabama by Captain H. C. Davis, commander of the vessel. The silver service consists of seven pieces and cost in the neighborhood of $3500.

Rejected by Democrats.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Democratic senatorial caucus has rejected the two state proposition for admission of new states submitted by the Republicans. Matter of further negotiations was left with the Democratic members of the committee on postoffices, which has charge of the appropriation bill with a statehood rider. The object is to ascertain whether there is a majority of the senate willing to vote a rider upon the bill. Unless this is assurred the Democratis will not vote for the rider. Democrats will not accept anything on the basis of two states.

New Court at Texarkana.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The senate passed bill creating a new division of the Eastern district of Texas, with sessions of court at Texarkana. Philippine currency bill came up.

All the Girls Escaped.

Meridian, Miss., Feb. 25.—Fire totally destroyed the main building and laundry of the Mississippi Female college, the residence of Mrs. B. F. Ormond and two negro dwelling houses. There were about 200 girls in the building, all of whom escuped. Many lost all but their night clothing. The college will continue its sessions in temporary quarters. The loss will approximate $50,000, partially covered by insurance.

Growing More Serious.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 25.—The revolutionary movement in south China is growing more serious, according to advices received by the steamer Kagu Maru. The Kwang Si rebels have defeated the battalions sent to the Uran frontier and crossed into the province. Here they were joined in pillaging the frontier towns by numbers of Kalao Huis.

Appropriation Increased.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 25.—The state senate has passed a bill, prepared at the suggestion of the attorney general and the governor, providing for an increase of the appropriation to defend the suits brought by negroes to test the validity of the constitution. The bill amends the bill passed last December and increases the amount from $5000 to $10,000.

To Relieve Suffering.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—In order to give the suffering Finns work the czar has ordered the immediate construction of the Idensalm-Kanana railroad.

EXCITING SCENE.

Woman Identifies a Man as the Murderer of Her Sister.

Toledo, O., Feb. 25.—"That's the man who split my sister's head open. That's the man who killed my sister! That man there—there!" cried aged Johanna Sullivan in court, when Al Wade was brought into the courtroom to be tried on the charge of murdering Kate Sullivan. The Sullivan murder has been the most profound mystery the Toledo police have had to deal with in years. The crime was committed two years ago. The victims were spinster sisters. They were attacked in their home just outside the city limits and robbed after Kate Sullivan had been brutally murdered. Johanna Sullivan escaped and crawled a mile for assistance, bleeding profusely. The arrest of Wade created a genuire sensation here, and the courtroom is too small by far to accommodate the crowds which have flocked here at the opening trial. The alleged identification created no little excitement in the court.

WAS SUPERB.

The Parade of Rex at New Orleans One of Great Brilliancy.

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—Rex appeared riding in a superb chariot at the head of a fine pageant. The subject presented was "Fetes and Feasts" on twenty-two surpassingly beautiful floats. Mythology, Biblical lore and ancient literature furnished material for designs. The costumes were rich and artistic and a quarter of a million people paid homage to the merry monarch.

Miss Roosevelt, Admiral Schley and General Wheeler witnessed the parade from points of vantage and were objects of much attention. Miss Roosevelt and Miss Root will on Thursday go for a brief stay at Avery's island.

Great Crowds at Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 25.—The Mardi Gras festivities were attended by crowds far exceeding any previous carnival. Several societies paraded on an elaborate scale.

CANEVIN CONSECRATED.

He Became Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Feb. 25.—With all the splendor and solemnity of the Roman Catholic church Rev. F. Regis Canevin was consecrated as coadjutor bishop of the Pittsburg diocese. The ceremony was held in the cathedral, which had been elaborately decorated for the occasion. Archbishop P. J. Ryan of Philadelphia officiated as consecrator and celebrant at pontifical mass, assisted by Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati and Bishop Phelan of Pittsburg. Rt. Rev. Donahue, bishop of Wheeling, preached the sermon. As an evidence of the high esteem in which Bishop Canevin is held he was presented with a purse of $10,000, of which $5000 was from the congregation of St. Paul's cathedral and $5000 from the clergy of the diocese. All vestments were the gifts either of friends or societies.

IN AUGUST.

Grand Army of the Republic Encampment Meet That Month.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—General Thomas J. Stewart, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, members of national council of administration, who are accompanying him on his tour and the local committee in charge of preparations for the coming national encampment, have decided to hold the encampment during the week of Aug. 17.

Tickets will be put on sale by railroads Aug. 1, and they will be good for stop overs both coming and going. The time limit will probably be sixty days. The executive committee will be empowered to invite President Roosevelt to attend the encampment.

WORKS BURN.

A Plant of the American Bridge Company Totally Destroyed by Fire.

Pittsburg, Feb. 25.—The entire works of the Schultze plant of the American Bridge company, a part of the United States Steel company, at McKee's Rocks, near here, were totally destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $200,000. About 200 men are thrown out of employment. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

St. Louis' Great Fire.

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—Car sheds and sixty-seven street cars of the St. Louis and Suburban Railway company at DeHodiament were destroyed by fire. Loss nearly $200,000. For a time four divisions of the street car system were disabled by several wires and shortage of cars.

Only One Death.

Mazatlan, Mex., Feb. 25.—There was onely one death Monday and that at the observation station. There are forty-five patients at the lazaretto, with the condition of eight patients grave or doubtful. Two hundred persons are now isolated.

Ohio Fifteen Miles Wide.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 25.—Floods from tributary streams have converted the Ohio river into a sea. In some places between here and Paducah the river is fifteen miles wide, and one cannot see from shore to shore. Thousands of acres of wheat are under water and the crops will be destroyed.

Severe Gales.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—Severe gales swept over Germany Sunday and Saturday a number of disastrous fires spread by the wind occurred. In the village of Heurtgen near Deuren ninety-two houses were burned, and at Kleinenburg, Prussia, forty-four buildings were destroyed. Smaller fires were reported elsewhere with some casualties. At Dolina, across the frontier in Galacia, upwards of a hundred houses were destroyed.

INDIANA OPERATORS.

Their Trial Is up in a Court at the City of Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The trial of the Indiana coal operators began before Judge Chetlain yesterday.

Much difficulty is anticipated in securing a jury. There being eight individual and nine corporation defendants, 250 peremptory challenges are allowed attorneys in addition to challenges for cause. Individual defendants are Walter S. Boble, J. J. Higgins, J. Smith, Talley, Joseph Martin, Edward Shirkie, H. R. McCleland and John Shirkie. Corporations to be tried are: Bruillets Creek Coal company, Oakhill Coal and Mining company, Coal Bluff Mining company, Park County Coal and Mining company, Glenn Oak Goal and Mining company, Nevine Coal company, Indiana Fuel company, McClellan Sons & Co., Crescent Coal and Mining company. State's Attorney Charles S. Deneen will take active charge of prosecution when a jury has been secured.

BR ODERICK CENSURED.

Organization of the Army Not Suited to the Needs of the Empire.

London, Feb. 25.—The criticism of the British war office culminated Monday in a vote of censure on War Secretary Broederick in the house of commons.

The censure was in the shape of an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, stating the fact that the organization of the army was not suited to the needs of the empire and that no proportionate gain in strength of efficiency had resulted from the recent increase of military expenditure. The motion was identical with an amendment moved by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, when Mr. Broderick introduced his army reform scheme in 1902. This time, however, the vote of censure was proposed by Mr. Beckett, an influential Conservative, who was supported by a considerable section of the revolting Unionists. In introducing the motion Mr. Beckett declared that Mr. Broderick had deplorably neglected the greatest opportunity ever given to a minister and had produced a scheme which was not only unsound in principle, but was ruinous in practice and enormously costly.

Major Seeley, Conservative, Sir Charles Dilke, Advanced Radical, and others having spoken in denunciation of the war office, declaring the country was "tired of its policy of mess and muddle."

Mr. Broderick replied. He said he welcomed a direct attack, and defended heatedly, if not very convincingly, the scheme for which he was responsible.

Torn Down Their Shacks.

Indiana, Pa., Feb. 25.—Ten days ago Sterling Aiken, a negro, shot and wounded Welton Thomas, a bookkeeper of Webrum. Aiken escaped, but the residents ordered all negroes in town—about twenty—to leave the neighborhood. Failing to comply, after repeated requests, the white residents attacked the negro shacks with ropes and pulled them down. The negroes then left.

Result of Children's Quarrel.

Springer, N. M., Feb. 25.—E. Y. Shook of Cimaroon was shot and killed by B. S. Payne as the result of a quarrel between the children of the two men. The fathers took up the quarrel. Both have large families and highly respected.

Senate Confirmations.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Confirmations by the senate: Wm. R. Day, Ohio, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; John K. Richards, Ohio, circuit judge for the Sixth judicial circuit; Henry M. Hoyt, Pennsylvania, solicitor general.

Sultan Agrees to Accept.

Constantinople, Feb. 25.—Tewilk Pasha, the minister of foreign affairs, notified the Austro-Hungarian and Russian ambassadors that the sultan had agreed to adopt the sceheme for reforms in Macedonia.

Editor Fatally Stabbed.

Walthena, Kan., Feb. 25.—Paul Grinstead, editor of the Times, was fatally stabbed by a drunken negro named Frank Warner.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Sallie Jones, a negro lunatic, died in jail at Houston.

A reform school will be established at Norman, Okla.

Joe Soderstrom was drowned in Bird creek, Osage nation.

Grandma Davis, 105 years old, died at Bynum, Hill county, Texas.

Monday being Arbor day, all state departments at Austin were closed.

A canning plant is to be established at DeLeon, Comanche county, Texas.

J. A. Taylor sold a large lot of cotton at Wynnewood, I. T., at 9 cents per pound.

Marion Sansom is to be president of the new national bank to be established at North Fort Worth.

Forms of deeds for transferring Creek Indian lands to outside people have been received at Muskogee.

Engineer Hinckley, who has had charge of the surveying of all Indian Territory town sites, has resigned.

Junius Taylor and Oscar Brown, colored, became involved in a row near Wharton, Tex. Taylor received a serious wound on the head from an ax.

It is intimated that the fruit crop, particularly Elberta peaches, is damaged 50 per cent in the region around Tyler, Tex.

Major W. H. Crank, a leading member of the Houston bar, died in that city. He was a Confederate soldier and a Virginian by birth. He leaves four sons, one of whom, Lieutenant Kyle Crank, was with Hobson at the sinking of the Merrimac. Another son is Hon. W. C. Whitney's private secretary.

A Talking Club.

A public forum in which anybody may talk for five minutes or for ten, if the mapority of the audience approves, has been opened in Boston. It is proposed to spread this means of relief through New England and the rest of the country. A sounding name, the Federated Fellowship of Forums, has been adopted; and now Rome will be made to howl in good earnest.

Successful Business Woman.

Mrs. A. Lloyd Smith, formerly of San Francisco, is the president of the Pacific Blue Point Oyster Co., organized with a capital stock of $100,000, to propogate Eastern oysters in Willapa Harbour, Wash. Mrs. Smith has interests in Mexican rubber plantations and mines. Her operations in oil fields of southern California have also been profitable.

Justice in France.

The presiding judge at the Seine (France) Assizes the other day performed the somewhat remarkable feat of inflicting 160 years' penal servitude and 70 years' imprisonment in just five minutes by the clock. The sentences passed were on defaulters, of whom there were fourteen, with the average of fifteen years a minute.

Must Be Pet of Providence.

It is told as a true story that John Chapman of Galena, Kan., fell down a twenty-foot tramway at the Blind Tiger mine and dislocated his shoulder. He went home and stumbled down the cellar steps and in falling his shoulder was thrown back into place. He took a drink and returned to work.

Protect Home Industry.

There is very little doubt now that a bill will shortly be introduced to prevent the influx of undesirable aliens into England. Such a measure has become absolutely necessary, as it is declared that our own criminal classes are now finding it difficult to earn a living.—London Punch.

Sons and Fathers.

Prof. Sparks complains that boys to-day meet their fathers as equals instead of looking up to them as they did in the days of John Quincy Adams. If the professor will just go around a little more he will discover that the father is lucky whose boys do not look down on him.

Gen. Saussier Resigns Post.

Gen. Saussier, ex-military governor of Paris, has resigned his position as a member of the higher council of war on account of ill health. The General is in his seventy-fifth year. He took part in twenty-four campaigns and has the grand cross of the Legion of Honor.

Just Like a Girl.

When a man and his wife have denied themselves that their daughter may enjoy an extended visit in some other town, she often rewards them by spending her first evening after she returns relating how she hated to come back.—Atchison Globe.

Doesn't Want Girl Messengers.

Superintendent Whitehead of the Milwaukee Board of Charities, threatens to appeal to the legislature for a restraining act unless the telegraph companies and other corporations abandon the practice of employing girls as messengers.

Diverting Emigration.

With the object of diverting the stream of emigrants that now travels to America via Germany, the Hungarian government proposes to establish a line of steamers running between Flume and the United States.

Insanity Increase Causes Alarm.

The increase in the number of insane in England, as shown by the statistics of 1902, is so great that the Westminster Review recommends an international conference to discuss means to check insanity.

Gifts Cause Embarrassment.

The members of the foreign legations in Pekin are again embarrassed by lavish gifts of game, plants and trinkets from the dowager Empress on the occasion of the Chinese New Year.

Explanation of Mystery.

It is suggested by Prof. Pickering that the streaks which radiates from lunar craters—one from Tycho is 1,700 miles long—are caused by pumice thrown out by the volcano.

Oyster Scare Affects Trade.

The oyster scare in England has obtained a firm hold in London. The sales of oysters at Billingsgate have fallen off to the extent of many thousands of pounds.

Women Employes Looked After.

Women clerks employed in the German state railway offices are not allowed to work later than 10 p. m. or begin earlier than 6 a. m.

To Work Night and Day.

The Santa Fe Railway in building its cut-off through Abo Pass canyon will work 600 men at night under electric lights.

Snow Causes Heavy Expense.

On the railroads in Canada it is necessary to keep over 600 snow plows in operation every winter.

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University Loses Much Money.

John B. Stetson, a wealthy manufacturer of Philadelphia, has cut from his will all provisions for the university at Deland, Fla., which bears his name. This step followed the action of the board of trustees in exonerating the president of the institution, Dr. John F. Forbes, whose conduct had been under investigation. "I certainly shall not aid the university longer under its present management," Mr. Stetson is quoted as saying. "I changed my will hurriedly as soon as the action of the trustees was taken for fear that I might die before the clauses providing for the John B. Stetson university were cut out."

Her Declaration Indorsed.

Quoting poetry, the strong-minded lady who was endeavoring to show that man was not a necessary factor in the progress of civilization and the uplifting of the human race—quoting poetry, she cried out: "I shall pass this way but once." "Amen!" said a hen-pecked little man in the rear of the hall, whereupon forty-seven perfect ladies arose and demanded that he be "put out."

Almost Like the Trusts.

The proposition of the Queen Dowager of China to seize the telegraph system and recompense the shareholders by granting them decorations and orders is a new wrinkle in high finance. James the First of England created the title of baronet in order to raise money, but the distinction was sold for cash to willing buyers, which is an important difference.

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