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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

Hogs Opened Strong, With Large Receipts for Friday.

QUOTATIONS UP 5 TO 10 CENTS

About all the Early Week's Loss Regained.

LIGHT CATTLE RECEIPTS.

Market Steady and no Good Stuff on Hand.

THE MARKET TODAY.

Hogs—Top	$6 85
Bulk	$6 65@6 80
Cattle—Top, steers	2 90

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Today	152	369	—
Same day last week	667	339	—

THE HOG MARKET

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

Receipts were good today for Friday, and there were 5 loads unloaded this morning, making a total of about 369 head, which was one m[illegible] car than was received last Friday, and 2 cars more than two weeks ago.

At Northern markets receipts were light, but prices were lower. In spite of this, the market opened here strong to 5c higher. Buyers and sellers were on hand early to do business. The first sales were strong to 5c higher, and after the first round the market continued to show strength, and the hogs arriving later in the day were quoted a good nickel higher.

The quality of hogs was good today, averaging a little better than yesterday. With about the same number of good hogs on the market, the top price reached $6.85 for a load of 205 pound hogs, and this shows a gain of almost all of the drop early in the week.

The bulk of the hogs sold at $6.65 to $6.80, with the mixed packers selling largely around $6.50, light grades at $6.00 to $6.40, and pigs at $5.50 to $6.00.

Representative sales:

HOGS.

No.	Average.	Price.
110	132	6 50
27	152	6 65
35	194	6 75
75	180	6 80
34	205	6 85

PIGS AND LIGHTS

No.	Average.	Price.
1	90	5 50
64	99	5 50
8	116	5 80
12	106	5 80

THE CATTLE MARKET

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

Receipts were light, running close to [illegible] head less than last Friday and about [illegible] head less than two weeks ago.

There were only 3 cars of cattle in the yards early, about 88 head, with few more in sight that would be able to get in today. The larger share of the receipts was common stuff and mostly all cows. The market opened steady and in a short time the small run had been bought up and the pens cleared.

The market has shown an active and strong tone so far this week, but no noticeable advance in prices from a week ago. The demand has been good both from outside and local buyers, who evidently had plenty of orders to fill.

There were no good well finished steers here today, and the only thing to be had in that line was a bunch of 30 feeders averaging 776 pounds which sold at $2.90.

Good cows were scarce and the best [illegible] had only brought $2.75 with a few sales around $2.50@2 50. The rest of the offerings, which were made up of [illegible] and light cows with very little flesh, sold within a range of $1.50@2 50. Bulls and stags sold at steady prices from $2@3.00 and calves at from $2.50 [illegible] $4.00. Best calves today sold at $3.75. Following were representative sales today:

STEERS.

30 feeders	776	2 90
[illegible] heifers	68[illegible]	2 60
25 feeders	70[illegible]	2 60
23	680	2 50
8	545	2 50
2 stags	1100	2 10

COWS.

6	840	2 75
5	780	2 60
3	636	2 35
1	910	2 25
2	600	2 00
16	706	1 85
1	790	1 85
1	730	1 85
14	708	1 85

CALVES.

1	180	3 75
25	305	2 65
5	360	2 25
1	160	2 00

Sales After 3 p. m., Yesterday.

STEERS.

30	785	3 00
27	625	2 75
10	653	2 60
2	560	2 50
3	690	2 50

COWS.

4	947	2 50
3	703	2 00
2 canners	790	1 90
2 canners	675	1 80

CALVES.

1	160	3 50
1	320	2 50
5	152	2 00
10	400	1 95

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.

Heavy sorted	6 85@7 00
Mixed packers	6 25@6 80
Light	5 50@6 25
Southwestern pigs	4 50@5 00
Stockers	4 50@5 00

SHEEP.

Lambs	$4 00@5 00
Wethers	3 50@4 50
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@16¼ 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.

SHIPPERS IN TODAY.

CATTLE.

Hodges & H, Dodds, 16.
W. Allen & Son McKinney, 2.
T. Finley, Celina, 70.
J. W. T., Dallas, 14.
Grand Saline, 26
L. H. Hunter, Joshua, 24.

HOGS.

W. Allen, McKinney, 110.
J. H. Baldwin, Winsom, 79.
A. T. Finley, Celina, 28.
Hodges & H., Dodds, 52.
E. M. Crum, Ardmore, I. T., 100.

St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal: The Wight sheep ranch in Union county, New Mexico, is generally credited with being a model ranch. The watered claims, comprising 3,000 acres, are so located as to give grazing privileges over the whole country. There are 15,000 sheep, which range over a strip ten miles wide and 30 miles long. The entire flock right through requires one man to each 1000 sheep, beside a foreman and a helper at the ranch. During the greater part of the year the ewes are run in bands of from 2,500 to 3,000, the wethers and yearling ewes in slightly larger bands. The lambing herd is usually less than 2,000, and the rams are of course run in a back herd. It requires about five men to the thousand sheep during lambing and ordinarily the results are from 80 to 90 per cent. Lambing generally commences May 5, and the greater part of the lambs drop in the succeeding 20 days.

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

J. M. Edwards was on the market and bought 105 of little 649-pound steers to go on feed.

J. C. Adams of Abilene marketed one load of eight steers, averaging 698 pounds, at $2.75.

E. B. Smith of Davis, I. T., was on the market with 70 hogs, averaging 191, which sold at $6.75.

A. W. Matthews, secretary and treasurer of the stockyards, is on a short business trip in the territory.

Greer, Mills & Co. had on yesterday's market from their feeding lot at Itaska, two cars of cows, averaging about 1000 pounds, which sold at $2.60.

Tom Finley of Celina, a regular shipper to this market, was here with one car of calves and a car of cows and hogs. The hogs sold for $6.65, and the cattle at $1.85.

A monster bull was on the yards yesterday, that pulled down 1900 pounds when driven on the scales. He was a durham, and was shipped in by F. M. Sansom & Bros. from West. He sold at $2.50, his 1900 pounds bringing at that price $47.50.

TERRITORY CATTLE DYING.

Mysterious Disease that is Causing Heavy Losses to Stock.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 26. (Dispatch to Dallas News.)—E. L. Overman, a dairyman of Lehigh, I. T., is in the city and says hundreds of cattle are dying in and about Lehigh from a mysterious disease. Tom Barnes, a stockman and farmer, who has a herd of 400 steers, is losing an average of three a day. William Minton, the local Lehigh butcher, has 1,500 head of cattle, and he, too, reports heavy losses. The parties above named say they feed their stock well, on cotton seed hulls and plenty of hay, and are unable to account for the sudden death of so many.

TO TEST TICK THEORY

A Doubter is Willing to Back Himself With $1000.

Mr. Lee L. Shield of Santa Anna has accepted the challenge of Mr. Morrison, as shown by the following letter to the Dallas News:

"I will take fifty steer cattle, 3 years old, to Rome Shields' pasture, at Stiles, in West Texas, Tom Green county; will place these cattle, with fifty head of cattle raised above the quarantine line, in a section pasture. We will let them remain there thirty days, and if the latter die, or a sufficient number of them within that time to show without doubt that they died by disease, I will pay for the cattle that die and will give you, Tom Morrison, $1000. And if they do not die, as stated, I am to have your $2000.

"Now, Mr. Morrison, place $2000 in Brook Smith & Co.'s bank at Brownwood. My $1000 is there.

"Allow me to make you a better proposition. I will go above the quarantine line and buy twenty-five 3 year-old steers that have been raised above the line. I will put these steers in the Day pasture in Coleman county, together with 400 steers that I have in that pasture. If ten of the twenty-five die in thirty days I will give you the $1000, and if they don't die to that extent, allow me to appropriate your $2000 to the liquidation of my liabilities."

MULES AND HORSES BURNED

Carload Destroyed by Fire in the Car They Occupied.

A lot of straw in a car of horses and mules caught fire while the car was on a siding at Mineola, and 29 of the animals were so badly burned that they died or had to be killed. The shipment belonged to Jerry Dishman of Abilene, and he was sending them from his farm to Memphis, Tenn. He estimates his loss at $3,000.

Do Spiders Eat Boll Weevils?

The publication of the statement that expert entomologists employed by the Mexican government have discovered that a black spider which is to be found in that country is a deadly enemy of the cotton boll weevil and its eggs and that it is to be colonized in the cotton districts with a view of exterminating the pest, recalls to the minds of some of the cotton planters who are serving as members of the present legislature that they have witnessed spiders attack the boll weevil in their fields. "I have noticed that there are no boll weevils in the places in the cotton fields where these spiders are found, "Hon. J. R. Wooten said, "and it is reasonable to suppose that the remedy is practical."

THE EL PASO CONVENTION

Program Arranged for Entertainment of the Cattlemen.

Following is the program of the convention of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association at El Paso which begins on the 10th of March:

First day—Band concert in Plaza, 9 a. m.; convention of the Cattlemen's association at Myar opera house, 10 a. m.; grand roping contest at Washington park, 10 a. m.; band concert, 10 a. m., at the corner of El Paso and Overland streets; El Paso cattle exhibit, 9 a. m. to 10 a. m., admission free; band concert in the Plaza, 2 p. m.; races at Washington park, 2 p. m.; band concert in Plaza, 7:30 p. m; Myar opera house and "Hearts of Maryland," 8:15 p. m.

Second day—Band concert in Plaza, 9:30 a. m.; convention of Cattle Raisers' association at Myar opera house, 10 a. m., admission free; grand roping contests at Washington park, 10 a.m. Band concert, 10 a. m.; band concert in Plaza, 2 p. m.; races at Washington park, 2 p. m.; grand bull fight on Mexican soil, Juarez, 4 p. m.

Third day—Band concert in Plaza, 9 a. m.; El Paso cattle exhibit, 9:30 a. m. to 10 p. m.; grand roping contest at Washington park 10 a. m.; band concert, El Paso and Overland streets, 10 a. m.; cattle exhibit matinee, 3 p. m.; band concert in Plaza, 5 p m.; grand ball to visitors and members of Cattle Raisers' association at Hotel Sheldon, 9 p. m.

Fourth day—Band concert in Plaza, 9 a. m.; cattle exhibit, 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 p. m.; grand roping contest at Washington park, 10 a. m.; band concert in Plaza, 2 p m.; races at Washington park, 2 p. m; bull fights in Juarez, 4 p. m.; band concert, Overland and El Paso streets, at 5 p. m.; band concert in Plaza, 7:30 p. m.

The El Paso people have raised the sum of $5000 to be expended in properly entertaining the association. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Wilson's Union band of El Paso.

STORIES WERE EXAGGERATED.

Stockmen in Colorado Find They Can't Get Bank Loans.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 25.—Stockmen of all parts of Colorado are complaining to the state board of animal protection that the stories of cattle starving to death have been greatly exaggerated and are working great hardships upon them. It is admitted that there is much suffering experienced by live stock in various parts of the state, but the matter has been distorted by some of the newspapers. Stockmen and farmers say they are unable to raise any money in the east on account of the exaggerated statements.

Special Agent Kerr said that a ranchman in Routt county told him that he was refused a lone of $30,000 in Omaha a few days ago because of the wild tales that gained circulation.

EFFECT OF LATE SNOW.

Some Reports Say Cattle Will Suffer, Others Say Not.

Varying reports come from the Panhandle as to the effect upon stock of the late snow and norther. From some points come reports of losses of cattle, and predictions of further losses if the cold spell holds on, while other reports are to the effect that stock are not in danger.

A dispatch from Pecos, Tex., says: The third snow of 1903 fell here last night. This breaks the record for snow in the Pecos Valley and puts the ground in shape for early grass, which will enable the cowmen to market their steers six weeks earlier than usual.

Provision for Canneries.

Texas farmers and truckers need a home market, such as home canneries will make. That something is doing in this line is evidenced by this report in the Dallas News:

Hon. James G. Darden of Chicago, who has been in Dallas for several weeks considering the best location for one or more canning factories, an account of which recently appeared in the News, said yesterday that he had decided on three different sites for factories and that work would be begun without delay. The plan includes the erection of a plant at Houston, one at Tyler and one at Athens, each with a daily capacity of 15,000 cans.

Cattle and Hog Prices.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The best grade of cattle is now selling about 2c a pound lower than the best grade of hogs, and the low grade of cattle is selling about 3c a pound under the low grade of hogs. The hog and the steer are different propositions, and cured hog product and fresh beef are very different. But that the steer should be so low priced and the cattle market so demoralized, while the hog price is so unusually high, is a novel coincidence. Last year at this time the best cattle were ½@1½c a pound above the best hogs; in 1901 the cattle were ¼@½c over hogs, and in 1900 the cattle were almost 1c a pound above hogs.

Tussle With a Steer on the Ice.

The following story we clip from the Kansas City Drovers' Telegram:

A half-dozen yard men had a lively tussle early Saturday morning with a 1000-pound steer on the ice just below the Rock Island bridge on the Kaw river at Kansas City. How the steer got there is a mystery, but to get him off also puzzled the men, as the spot where the steer stood was cut off on both sides below the pier by open water. They made a rope halter which they got on him after considerable sliding around on the ice, when they forced him off into the water. Men on the shore pulled him to the edge of the ice, which extended out a considerable distance. Then to get him up onto the ice was another task which required hard pulling and a good deal of struggling on the part of the steer, but he was landed, and is now in a pen south of the Exchange building awaiting identification, and considerably bruised up by coming in contact with the ice.

The steer was on the ice all night, but where he came from or how he got there cannot be explained. Some of the men think he may have escaped from a car and jumped over the bridge railing, while others are of the opinion that he got away from some herd over in the packing house district and swam out onto the ice. But no one lays claim to him, and the yardmen who succeeded in pulling him ashore are holding him in for a ransom for their hazardous work.

Dishwater Profit.

Arlington Journal: The hog market at Fort Worth continues to improve. Last Thursday a gentlemen from Oklahoma sold 56 280-pounders at 7c and pocketed $568 40 as the result. And think! A frugal housewife ought nearly to feed that number on dishwater.

Correspondence West Texas Stockman: There is a strong probability that the central plains country will be cut by one or two railroads during the next two years, and many cattlemen think that nearly all cattle will be fattened before shipping to market then. Some of them are already shaping their affairs to go into the business of feeding for market.

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:

CAMPBELL & ROSSON L. S. COM. CO.
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SOUTHWESTERN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.

Influenza Among Diplomatists.

Influenza, now epidemic in Paris, claims M. Delcasse, the minister of foreign affairs; Prince Von Radolin, the German ambassador; the Marquis Del Muni, the Spanish ambassador, and Count Von Wolkenstein-Trotsburg of the German embassy. It has been humorously suggested that Mr. Delcasse inoculated the entire diplomatic corps.

Fighting Grasshopper Pest.

Tubes of gelatine containing germs of a disease warranted to kill locusts and grasshoppers are to be distributed to American farmers. Several insects will be inoculated and then released in order to spread the disease.

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	2,500	23,000	6,000
Kansas City	1,500	4,000	1,800
St. Louis	1,000	4,500	500
St. Joseph	1,000	7,200	100
Total	6,000	38,700	8,400

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 27.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 2500. Market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 23,000. Market 5 to 10c lower. Top $7.42½; bulk $6.90@7.20.

SHEEP—Receipts 6000. Steady to strong.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Feb. 27.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE—Receipts 1,500. Market steady to 10c higher. Tops $4.90. Cows, stockers and Texas steady.

HOGS—Receipts 4,000. Steady to a shade lower.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,800. Steady.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 27.—Receipts and quotations as furnished by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 1000; Texas 400. Market steady. Natives strong.

HOGS—Receipts 4500. Market 10c lower. Top $7.25; bulk $6.90@7.05.

SHEEP—Receipts 500. Market steady.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Feb. 27.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 1000. Market steady to strong. Top $4.75.

HOGS—Receipts 7200. Market 5c lower. Top $7.15; bulk $6.90@7.10.

SHEEP—Receipts 100. Market firm.

WANTED, OR FOR SALE.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—300 head of high-grade heifers, 3 years old. These heifers were topped out of 400 head, by J. E. Greer & Co., but as they have sold; their ranch, the stock are for sale, and are now located at the J. W. Burgess & Co. pasture 14 miles north of Fort Worth. These heifers are in calf by registered bulls, bought in Illinois two years ago, which can be seen at any time. This stock will be at the Fort Worth Stock Yards for sale during the Fat Stock Show, March 5th to 7th. The following are the pedigrees: Ellerslie Abbotsburn, No. 128039; Garibaldi, No. 148575, and Gipsy Knight, No. 150478. I also have 600 head of stock cattle for sale—known as the Jules Gunter stock. For further information, write or apply to Geo. Beggs, manager Greer, Mills & Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

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 18 months to 2 years old. All my own raising. Write for other particulars. J. T. Day, Rhome, Tex.

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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.

DAIRY AND STOCK FARM—500 acres two miles south of Stephenville. Wells, tanks, 100 acres in cultivation, under fence. $12 50 per acre—one-third cash, balance time. Also meat twelve-stall livery stable, popular corner city; grain and hay storage; neat office, $2000. McD. Reil, Stephenville, Texas.

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, 612 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.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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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FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 1903.

NOT SO POOR, AFTER ALL.

The hard-times stories from Colorado have been overdone. About this time of the year it is the practice to send out reports of fearful suffering and great loss of cattle in the Northwestern states, and it is always added, or hinted, that the cattlemen have been so badly crippled by these losses that they cannot buy Texas stock unless concessions are made in prices. This winter, the authors of these death-and-disaster stories have exceeded themselves, and their reports of direful conditions have frightened bankers so badly that loans are refused. The bankers reason that an industry that is so badly ruined as the cattle business in the Northwest is said to be, is a little too risky for them to hold up with their money. Now the cattle feeders are hedging, and news from Colorado and Montana is more re assuring.

"Boss, does yo' want to buy a dawg?" asked an old darky.

"Is he fat?" inquired the prospective purchaser.

"Jes' as fat as buttah!"

"I don't want him then. Fat dogs are no good."

"Now, boss, since I come to think erbout hit, dat dawg aint so blame fat, after all."

That's the way it is up in the Northwest. Since the feeders up there have come to think about it, they aint so blamed poor, after all.

Receipts of hogs at Chicago on Monday were 48 292. "The supply was far in excess of the demand," says the Drovers' Journal, which then adds, "prices ruled very weak, averaging 10 cents lower." Fort Worth could have taken a thousand or two without complaining of an over-supply.

Texas farmers and feeders who are importing corn and paying 60 cents a bushel for it could have saved their money if they had grown alfalfa, beets, milo maize or kaffir corn. It is too late to save what they have lost, but it is not too late to profit by the lesson taught by these losses.

A sale of young sheep, hardly more than lambs, at $5.00, is a pointer to lead stock raisers and farmers to the Fort Worth market. Almost any farmer can raise a little flock of ten or twenty lambs, without expense and almost without attention, and the money they bring will be mighty welcome between times. Fort Worth wants two or three carloads a day, and can handle more as they are offered.

Taxation in Switzerland.

For some years past taxes in Switzerland have steadily increased. Basel imposes 55 francs ($10.60) a year on each inhabitant as income tax. This is the highest assessment; the canton of Argovie has the lowest—2½ francs (48 cents). There are many other taxes.

Queer Name for Street.

A remarkable specimen of street naming in Toledo, the ancient capital of Spain, is cited by a correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette. It is "Calle Del Diablo Pertence al Ayuntamiento," or, in English, "The Devil-Belongs-to-the-Municipal-Council Street."

Where Hats Are Unknown.

Although hats were first manufactured in England by Spaniards as far back as 1510, there are parts of Spain where the hat is unknown, except in pictures. The men, when they need a covering, tie up their heads, and the women use flowers.

KNAPP THE MURDERER

He Confesses to Having Committed Some Other Deeds.

CAREER OF CRIMINAL

The Man Stated That He Had Repeatedly Criminally Assaulted Women, Saying He Could Not Resist Desire.

Hamilton, O., Feb. 27.—After confessing that he had killed five women Albert A. Knapp admitted he had repeatedly assaulted women criminally and killed some of them. He said he met the Littleman child in the lumber yard and assaulted her and choked her to death when she made an outcry.

He said: "I went to the room with the Eckert girl, sat down with her and assaulted her. She cried and I strangled her with a towel and hurried from the house.

"I was mad at my wife, Jennie Connons Knapp, when I killed her. We were walking along Liberty street. I got her down under the bridge on a pretext and choked her to death. I deny that I poisoned her. I never told anyone I did. After she was dead I threw the body into the canal.

"Ida Gebhart I killed, but my memory is not clear as to what I did.

"I cannot tell what made me kill these people. I could not help it. Some kind of a desire to kill took hold of me and I could not resist the temptation to kill. I am sorry for my crimes but now I hope they will be easy with me."

After the confessions a formal charge of murder in the first degree was filed.

Knapp talks much of the Pearl Bryan murder and is afraid of being lynched. He does not want to be taken from the county jail.

Until prevented by his attorneys it is expected that Knapp will make further confessions. He is now suspected of strangling three women at Evansville, Ind., and to have assaulted and killed women elsewhere. He was in the Cincinnati house of refuge when seventeen years of age and new records are being discovered almost hourly.

Says He Is Insane.

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—The parents of Knapp said Albert was insane and his confession should not be believed. They believed he would be better dead. Mrs. Sadie Wenzel, his sister, said her brother, when five years of age, was kicked by a colt at Twenty Mile Prairie, Ills., and later struck by lightning at Terre Haute and but for her parents she would have had him adjudged insane.

DEEDS OF DEMONS.

Shameful Treatment Awarded a Family Near Toledo, O.

Toledo, O., Feb. 27.—Ten masked robbers went to the home of Christian Joeblin, two miles from the city limits, battered down the doors with clubs and entered the residence, leaving two men outside as guards. In the house were Mr. and Mrs. Christian Joehlin, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Joehlin, John Anderson, Joseph Joehlin and a 3-year-old boy and an 18-months-old girl. All, including even the baby boy and girl, were clubbed into insensibility, bound and gagged. When the Joehlins recovered consciousness, the robbers demanded $20,000 which they said they knew was secreted in the house. When told that no such amount was there, the bandits applied burning torches to the face and feet of all, blistering even the infant's little feet. Christian Joehlin, an aged paralytic, was beaten so severely that there is not a spot on his head that is not bruised and raw. The marauders before leaving securely tied their victims and searched every corner of the house. They secured $300 in cash and several aticles of jewelry. They drank several gallons of wine which they found in the cellar, prepared a hearty meal which they cooly devoured. They were in the house five hours, leaving at 4 o'clock Thursday morning and notifying the family that they would return for the $20,000.

Rain Record Broken.

Texarkana, Feb. 27.—The wet, rainy, snowy, sleety weather for the past month has about broken all records in this section of country. Not more than two clear days at a time have been experienced during that period, and these only on rare occasions. Thursday night a continuous rain fell, with some sleet, and it continued to rain until noon Thursday.

Experiment Farm.

Terrell, Tex., Feb. 27.—The farm of Captain J. B. Porter, three miles from here, has been secured by citizens as a government experiment farm. Professor Knapp of the national agricultural department assisted in selecting the farm and will send a man to take charge.

Accidental Killing.

Blum, Tex., Feb. 27.—While crossing a wire fence during a hunt a gun catried by a companion of James Sarter was discharged. Mr. Sarter was shot in the head and killed.

Higher Than in Years.

San Antonio, Feb. 27.—As a result of unprecedented rains this city was flooded Thursday, the San Antonio river being higher than since 1877.

Snow at Amarillo.

Amarillo, Feb. 27.—The heaviest snow ever known in this country has fallen. Cattle interests will suffer heavy losses.

BUTLER UNSEATED.

Democrats Overridden and a Republican Was Sworn In.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Amid scenes which recalled the memorable and exciting days of the Fifty-first congress, when party feeling ran fierce and the hall of representatives resounded with denunciations of the alleged "high-handed methods" of the majority, James J. Butler of Missouri was unseated Thursday by the house and George C. Wagoner was seated in his place. The Democrats had decided at their caucus in the morning that if this case was called up they would prosecute a filibuster from now until March 4, regardless of conseqq ces to legislation, and they began the fight as soon as the gavel fell at nonn.

Roll call followed roll call and it took over three hours to approve the journal of Wednesday's proceedings. Then when the decks were cleared the case was called. A spirited debate of two hours followed, and finally, after repeated roll calls, the case was brought to a vote. The Democrats then atttempted to block proceedings by leaving the hall, but enough absentees finally were brought in to make up the necessary quorum. The closing chapter was dramatic. Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania, who was in the chair, refused to recognize a demand far a division and Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, stood in his place and denounced his course in unmeasured terms amid the jeers of the Republican side. The handful of Democrats present were overridden rough shod and Mr. Wagoner was seated.

MEASURE PASSED.

The Sundry Civil Bill as Amended Goes Through the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The advisibility and legality of the appointment by the president of senators and members on commissions formed the subject of considerable discussion in the senate Thursday. The sundry civil bill was under consideration and Mr. Hale having in mind the amendment which was adopted authorizing the appointment of an international monetary commission started the debate by calling attention to the fact that the senate had reprobated the policy of senators on commissions and on one occasion had refused to confirm two senators' nominations for such service. During the discussion it was made clear that no reflection was intended on Mr. Lodge anad Mr. Turner, who had been selected as members of the Alaskan boundary commission. The bill was passed after a number of amendments had been added to it.

At 1 o'clock the statehood bill, the unfinished businesss was laid before the senate and Mr. Quay asked that a vote be taken on it either that day or Friday. Mr. Beveridge objected.

SCHEME PREPARED.

French, Spanish and Belgian Governments Have Other Plans.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Through advices received here from Caracas it has come to light that the representatives there of the French, Spanish and Belgian governments have approached President Castro regarding the claims of their countries and have proposed a scheme of settlement independent of that which is now under consideration by Mr. Bowen and the Washington envoys of these nations. In consequence President Castro has suggested to Mr. Bowen that it would be advisable to refrain from signing the French, Spanish and Belgian protocols until these governments signify whether their representatives in Caracas or in Washington are to carry on negotiations. Br. Bowen informed the Belgian minister and also will make similar representations to the French ambassador and to the Spanish minister here, that if they do not intend to sign the protocol which he has submitted all negotiations looking to a settlement of their claims must be transferred to Caracas.

ACTION OF CAUCUS.

The Democrats Pledged Themselves That They Would Stand Together.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The house Democratic caucus Thursday adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we shall resist by all honorable means at our command the unseating of contestee Butler and the seating of contestor Wagner, being convinced that the Republican managers in the house have determined to disregard the large majority of 630 votes by which contestee Butler was returned and dispose of the contest arbitrarily, in blind partisanship, without reference to its merits and without effort or desire to learn what they are, and that by way of emphasizing our condemnation of persistent partisan disregard of the rights of the minority and this wanton outrage, lacking even the excuse of pretended partisan necessity and to prevent the passage of vicious measures which there is every reason for believing the majority have planned to rush through the house in the confusion incident to the ending of the final session of an expiring congress, we pledge ourselves to stand together in support of demands for the presence of a quorum at all times, for the transaction of business and a recorded yea and nay vote upon which the house shall act up to the moment of final adjournment.

Postmasters Confirmed.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The senate confirmed following postmasters:

Louisiana—Amy C. Reily, Clinton; H. C. Edwards, Marksville; B. Isaacs Gueydan; K. T. Labit, Abbeville; H. C. Ray, Monroe; R. J. Blenvenu, St. Martinsville.

Texas—J. A. Myers, Bryan.

TEXAS RATES ON LIVE STOCK.

FIGURES OF INTEREST TO SHIPPERS TO THIS MARKET.

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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	18½
175	"	150	16½	20
200	"	175	17½	21½
250	"	200	18½	22½
300	"	250	20	23½
350	"	300	21½	25
400	"	350	22½	26
450	"	400	23½	27
500	"	450	25	28
550	"	500	26½	29
600	"	570	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.

Charges for sheep are the same as for hogs.

FEEDING CHARGES.

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

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Hogs, per head..... 8c
Sheep, per head..... 5c

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To Rid Ships of Rats.

Prof. Koch has discovered a successful method for the destruction of rats which frequent the holds of ships. An experiment has been conducted on board the Bulgaria at Hamburg. The rats were placed in cages in the hold. An apparatus was then used to fill the hold of the ship with a gaseous substance. When this was concluded the cages were brought on deck and all rats were found to be dead. A new system will in future be used in the German navy and also in the big German steamship lines.

North Carolina's New Senator.

Lee S. Overman, the new senator from North Carolina, is 49 years old. He is a lawyer of ability, a native of Salisbury, and in 1874 graduated from Trinity college, North Carolina. He was private secretary to Gov. Vance and has been a member of the state house of representatives five times, having been speaker once. In 1895 he was the Democratic candidate to succeed Senator Vance. In 1900 he was the state Democratic presidential elector. He is of winning personality, of commanding presence and a skilled parliamentarian.

Maine's Lobster Catch.

Over 8,000,000 lobsters were caught in Maine waters during the past year. The total catch sold for $1,226,561. A lobster hatchery will be established at Boothbay harbor this year.

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APRIL FIRST.

This Is the Day the House Sets as Adjournment Date.

Austin, Feb. 27.—The house voted to adjourn sine die April 1.

Bill creating a state text book board and providing uniform text books for schools came up. Mr. Glenn offered an amendment placing the county school superintendents on the text book board in place of superintendents of the city schools. Adopted.

Two other amendments offered by Mr. Glenn, providing that the board shall advertise for sealed proposals not later than June 1, and providing that text books at present in use in the public schools of all cities having a population of over 10,000 shall be accepted in part payment for new books, was adopted.

Other amendments by Mr. Glenn, making the provisions of the bill apply to all cities having a population in excess of 10,000 in so far as exchange of books is concerned, provided such cities remain under the provisions of the bill, or come under it, were adopted.

Mr. Schlick offered an amendment providing that in the selection of text books their merit should be the main point to be considered. The amendment was adopted.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Worshap providing that no member of the board should be interested in any company submitting bids or in any book considered in competition. Adopted.

Mr. Moran offered an amendment to the amendment, providing that any vacancy on the board should be filled by appointment by the governor. Adopted.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Terrell of Travis providing that text books in use should be adopted if equal in merit to others of a higher price, but that merit should rule, unless the price of the books should be exorbitant.

Mr. Ponton introduced a bill in the house that is of particular interest to the newspapers of the state. It provides that all laws of a general nature which are passed by the legislature shall be published one time in one newspaper of each county of the state. It is asserted that the general public knows very little of what the statutes contain, and that the publication of the laws should be an educational feature which the state can well afford to give to the people.

TEXAS FLOODS.

Streams Out of Their Banks in a Number of Localities

Waco, Feb. 27.—The Bosque system, consisting of the main Bosque and several forks, began to rise rapidly at sun-up Thursday morning and in a short time the main Bosque and the Seventh Fork got out of their banks. The Aquilla and the Steele creeks joined in the rampage, and by 10 o'clock the Brazos began to deepen in the channel rapidly. For a while it rose at the rate of two fet en hour, and at 9 o'clock at night soundings showed twenty-seven feet in the channel.

Telegrams received here from points in the northwestern counties show that excessive rains fell on Double Mountain Fork, Paint creek and California creek. Therefore a big red rise may be expected down.

Terrible rains fell throughout the Belton section. Several hundred feet of track of the Santa Fe was washed out eight miles west of there. The trains were delayed several hours.

Attacked by a Lioness.

Dallas, Feb. 27.—Julia, a huge Nubian lioness, attempted the life of Colonel P. J. Mundy out at the state fair grounds, where the Caskill-Mundy collection of animals is now in winter quarters. Mr. Mundy owes his life to his lion trainer, Captain Dyer. The animal attacked the colonel and badly wounded him. Dyer drove her back with an iron bar and dragged Mundy out of the cage.

ROOSEVELT SPOKE.

Delivered Chief Address at Meeting in Honor of John Wesley.

New York, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt was the chief speaker at a

"to do honor to the character and labors of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, scholar, missionary, philanthropist, preacher, gentleman."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the New York thank-offering commission which has had charge of the local work of the Twentieth century thank-offering fund of $20,000,000 that has been raised by the Methodists to celebrate the advent of the Twentieth century. Samuel Bowne presided with President Roosevelt, at his right

The hall was crowded. President Roosevelt reached the hall at 8:30. As he alighted from his carriage he was hailed by a young man who was struggling in the crowd and whom the police were trying to force back.

"I'm Mike Cronin, Mr. President, and I want to hear you speak," he shouted. President Roosevelt instantly recognized him as the driver who drove him on the last stage of his journey to North Creek to take the train for Buffalo, after being notified of the death of President McKinley.

"Delighted to see you," replied the president, and addressing the police said: "Let that man pass."

Chairman Bowne announced the hymn "Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow," by Chas. Wesley. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss of Philadelphia then led the meeting in prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer, in which a might volume of voices joined.

Mr. Bowne introduced President Roosevelt, the audience rising to greet him. President Roosevelt eulogized Wesley.

HOME AND FASHIONS

FEW TOPICS OF DISTINCTLY FEMININE INTEREST.

Reception Toilet of Pale Grey Crepe de Chine—Dressy Hat of Dark Brown Plush—Pretty Coat for a Child.

Passing of Black Velvet.

Black velvet gowns are not considered so smart this year as last, yet they are among the most attractive gowns worn. They are now trimmed with sable and ermine and white lace, and are especially a fad with the sable. An exceedingly smart and popular velvet model is almost exaggeratedly plain, says Harper's Bazar. The only trimmings are the rhinestone buttons, but with this costume is worn a pelerine of sable with big muff and turban to match and the beauty of the furs is shown to the greatest possible advantage by the very plainness of the design of the gown. Indeed, the whole costume is a great relief after the overdone and overtrimmed gowns that are so popular.

Child's Coat of Faille Silk.



Finishing Touches.

It is the little touches in waists and gowns that give them their distinguish tone after the fashionable lines have been cut by the modiste. A black satin bow tied at the back of the waist, with a cameo or a jeweled buckle; a dainty vest beneath a bolero of lace; a strap of black velvet over the shoulder; a bow of black velvet ribbon at the top (on the right or left) of the decolletage; a bunch of violets at the belt, or a long ostrich plume nestling along one shoulder and falling down on the bust, or a wreath of morning glories running down one side of the corsage and ending in a spray on the skirt, gives an artistic effect that is as charming as it is picturesque.



Sleeves in general are tending to smaller proportions at the wrist and increase the size of the top.

Turnover collarettes of pleated chiffon having long front pieces of fan shaped pleated chiffon are among the pretty novelties.

Stylish dimity shirtwaists, fresh from the hands of the maker, designed for spring and summer wear, are to be had for prices ranging from $1 to $2.

The popularity of the bright red dancing slipper as an appropriate footgear to wear with a white chiffon dress is more and more apparent among the debutantes of the season.

The unique ribbon rose, made entirely of satin ribbon coiled deftly to represent the flower, is being used in place of a buckle on many of the light suede shoes for evening wear.

Champagne etamine is one of the delicate colors in a delicate fabric that promises to be very popular for tea and dinner gowns for the post-London season.

Reseda green, generally popular for early spring gowns and hats, is as usual among the leading color tones for everything from a pair of gloves to a copious evening wrap.

A Dressy Hat.

A dark brown plush hat with plumes and loops of cream color.

The Granny Muff.

A great furrier having declared that this should be a season of large muffs, the granny muff immediately became the fashion. Some fortunate woman promptly visited their attics and unearthed the muffs carried by their grannies many years ago. Dame Fashion, who will always pause in her rapid flight long enough to pick up a forgotten style, saw that the granny muff was worth cultivating and the result is that every woman has one genuine or otherwise. Some of the handsomest muffs are of sable, 30 inches round and half a yard wide. Others are melon-shaped and again another style is heart-shaped. There are some lovely combinations of velvet and fur. Nothing is prettier than a muff of the same material as the gown worn, say a sapphire blue velvet is trimmed with sable and has the hat and muff to match.



Before bread is cut for thin sandwiches it should be buttered.

All fatty tissues covering the shoulder or leg of mutton should be removed before roasting to prevent the strong odor and flavor.

If the bread knife is heated new bread can be cut as easily as old, but the knife will eventually be ruined with the heating.

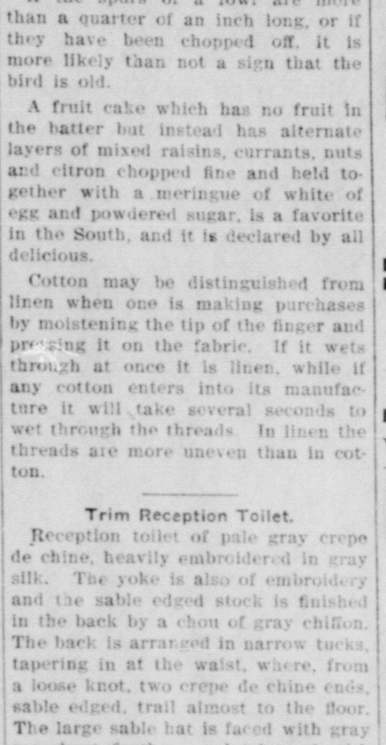
If the spurs of a fowl are more than a quarter of an inch long, or if they have been chopped off, it is more likely than not a sign that the bird is old.

A fruit cake which has no fruit in the batter but instead has alternate layers of mixed raisins, currants, nuts and citron chopped fine and held together with a meringue of white of egg and powdered sugar, is a favorite in the South, and it is declared by all delicious.

Cotton may be distinguished from linen when one is making purchases by moistening the tip of the finger and pressing it on the fabric. If it wets through at once it is linen, while if any cotton enters into its manufacture it will take several seconds to wet through the threads. In linen the threads are more uneven than in cotton.

Trim Reception Toilet.

Reception toilet of pale gray crepe de chine, heavily embroidered in gray silk. The yoke is also of embroidery and the sable edged stock is finished in the back by a chou of gray chiffon. The back is arranged in narrow tucks, tapering in at the waist, where, from a loose knot, two crepe de chine ends, sable edged, trail almost to the floor. The large sable hat is faced with gray marabout feathers and trimmed with gray ostrich plumes, the crossing



knots—the one bit of vivid color—is of pale lemon, shading into orange and off into brown. A scarf of this shaded velvet goes around the crown.

Buttons in Profusion.

A form of trimming which will be used in profusion this season is fancy buttons. These are employed in all sizes, from an inch and a half in diameter to the tiny button of gold, silver, steel or jewel, which is no larger than a dot. Half a dozen large buttons may be placed on the front of a coat, and in dressy garments many other places are found for these beautiful articles, which nowadays are works of art.

Large buttons in enamel designs, in openwork or in art nouveau effects, will be used on coats, while the vests will show rows or clusters of small buttons.

Black Velvet-Tied Bouquets.

The smart girl ties her bouquet with black ribbon velvet streamers. The black brings out the soft tints of the blossoms to perfection. A bunch of sweet peas and asparagus fern or a cluster of daisies and maidenhair would be especially lovely when tied in black.

Cluny Lace.

An expensive lace with which many of the new and stylish gowns are trimmed is a heavy Cluny, in old conventional wheel designs and wide insertions. Sometimes the material beneath is cut away, while many prefer it left uncut.

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Another Play by Ibsen.

An Ibsen play, which has hitherto been almost unknown outside of Scandinavia is to be produced by Miss Ellen Terry in London, under the title "The Vikings." This play, the proper title of which is "The Warriors in Helgeland," was rejected in Copenhagen and Christiania, and later, in 1861, was produced in the latter city.

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The Magnificent Opera House in the Block, Together With the Vast Quantity of Scenery, Went to a Fiery Fate.

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—This city has been visited with the most destructive fire in its history. Abaout 1:30 o'clock yesterday flames were discovered in the cellar of George Joffee's grocery in Pike building, on Fourth street, between Vine and Walnut.

Soon after the fire department played on the building it was thought the flames were under control. But an hour later, however, there was an explosion, supposed to come from liquors in storage, and the flames soon afterwards shot up through the roof of the six story stone front building, and from that time on for several hours the fire was beyond control. The Pike building was totally destroyed, including the offices of the United States Express company, Adams Express company, White's restaurant, owned by Maynard & Kerr; George Joffee's grocery, John B. Martin's restaurant, Empson's confectionery, Henry Strauss' cigar store and the offices of Pike Theater company on the first floor, Pike's theater, auditorium and the green rooms and other offices on the second floor and all offices on the third, fourth and fifth floors. The Seasongood building, adjoining the Pike building on the west, at the corner of Vine and Fourth, was badly damaged. The building adjoining the Pike building on the east, owned by the L. B. Harrison estate and occupied by the Robert Clarke company, publishers, and Duhme Bros., jewelers, on the first floor, and others in the upper stories, were totally destroyed. The Fosdick building on the east, the Robert Clarke company and Duhme Bros. and Norfolk and Western railroad offices and others were badly ramaged, while the Carlisle building, occupied by the Southern Pacific railway, H. Smith & Sons, Cincinnati Trust company on the first floor and very many offices on the other five floors were slightly damaged.

The fire swept across the alley known as Baker street and burned the large publishing house of the American Book company at the corner of Baker street and other property along Baker street, including the large box factory of Zumbiel & Co., the carpenter shop of Henry Behrens, and did great damage to the Bell Telephone company, so that all telephones in the city were cut off for some time. The fire was in the center of the city and caused great alarm.

All the guests in the Burnet House on Vine street, just across the street from the telephone building, were called out of their rooms, also those at Gibson, Emory and Stag hotels, which were in close proximity to the fire. The Kankakee building, which is diagonally across the street from the Seasongood building and the Pike opera house, and occupied by the Western Union Associated Press, Big Four railroad and other offices, were threatened, and all wires of the Western Union for hours were in danger, but this location was spared by a narrow escape. There was scarcely any wind blowing, and this prevented the fire from spreading in any direction except southward to Baker street.

Not only the entire fire department, but also the police and other departments were on hand, expecting a general catastrophe. Mayor Fleischman was on scene. About twenty people had sleeping apartments in Pike building, and there were reports at first that several lives had been lost, but none of these reports have been confirmed. There were many narrow escapes.

Night Watchman John Agin and Mat Garretson and Harry Richardson doorkeepers, saved six lives by entering the building and forcing their way through smoke. Agin, Richardson and Garretson proceeded through the building giving the alarm to all until they had to be helped out of the structure themselves. Captain J. C. Grannan, head of a detective bureau, who was asleep in his office on the third floor, was awakened and escaped in his night clothes. He lost all records of the office, and everything he had. Nothing was saved from the upper floors, even from the rooms of the theatre company. As there are over 400 different losers it is impossible at this writing to estimate the total loss. The fire was still burning at 9 a. m., with little prospect of control in the territory bounded by Vine, Walnut, Fourth and Baker streets, and the loss is estimated at over three millions. John Keenan, night watchman of American Book company, was caught by falling walls and fatally injured.

The Pike theatre building was totally destroyed by fire in 1866 and it narrowly escaped total destruction on March 30, 1902, when there was a Sunday matinee in progress, but no lives were lost in any fires. After fire last year the interior of the Pike theatre were remodeled and the theatre redecorated and refurnished at an expense of several thousand dollars, over $1500 worth of gold leaf alone being used in the decorations. The scenery and costumes used by Pike Stock company during the season which closed last Saturday night, were valued at about $10,000, and stored in the operahouse. Included in this was a good portion of the costumes used in the presentation of "Cinderella" during Christmas week. The loss of Henrietta Crosman company, which has been at Pike's this week, is over double that of the Pike Stock Company. Miss Crosman was called up with other guests at the Burnet House and witnessed the burning of her company's effects. She went into the crowd on the street and offered her assistance.

The Pike building belonged to Pike estate and Powell Crossley is general lessee, subletting it to over 200 tenants.

FIREMEN INJURED.

An Eight Story Structure in New York Victim of the Flames.

New York, Feb. 27.—Several firemen were hurt, one perhaps fatally, at a fire in an eight story building at Broadway and Thirteenth streets. The property loss is estimated at $250,000. Captain John Andreise of an engine company, while at work at the fire fell through an open shaft, striking on his head. He is thought to be fatally injured, his head being crushed; he was taken to a hospital. A dozen firemen were at work on the sixth floor when part of the ceiling fell in. Battalion Chief Gooderson was knocked unconscious by a piece of tile, and Fireman Daniel Foley's right leg broken and he was sent to the hospital. Fireman Joseph Minsch and Thomas Mix fell from a ladder and broke their legs, and a piece of cornice crushed Fireman Kemmel's foot. The three men were taken to the hospital.

Captain Andreise died shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Heavily Fined.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—A fine of $10,000 was imposed by Judge Hancey on the Weshington Fire and Marine Insurance company, and the Minneapolis Fire and Marine Insurance company, for alleged non-compliance with the state insurance laws. The judge furthermore directed that both companies be outsed from exercising corporate privileges in this state.

General Gordon Ill.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 27.—A special to the Constitution from Jackson, Miss., says: General John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, was taken violently ill while on board a Queen and Crescent train, en route to this city from Clinton, Miss., Thursday night. It was necessary to remove him from the train on a stretcher and he suffered violent spells of nausea while being carried to the Lawrence hotel.

Transfer Soon to Occur.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—James Campbell, capitalist of this city and a heavy stockholder in the St. Louis and San Francisco, is en route from New York, where he and President Yoakum have been for some time for the past week arranging the details of the sale to the Rock Island. The stockholders of the Frisco received telegrams from Mr. Campbell stating that no transfer of the road will take place until after his arrival here.

Fought Twenty Rounds.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—After twenty rounds of fast fighting, Referee Graney declared the bout between "Young Corbett" of Denver and Eddie Hanlon of San Francisco a draw. Corbett clearly demonstrated to the immense crowd that the high opinion in which he has been held was justified. The contest, from a spectacular standpoint was good both men putting up a clean, hard scientific contest.

Created a Panic.

Colima, Mex., Feb. 27.—The continued eruptions of the volcano up to Wednesday afternoon created an immense quantity of lava and was plainly the center of a tremendous disturbance. A column of black smoke rose above the crater and ashes fell in dense showers, especially at the town of Tonila, which its inhabitants abandoned.

Fair at Muskogee.

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 27.—At a meeting held here at the chamber of commerce it was announced plans had been completed to have a fair at this city. The first exhibition is to be given this spring.

To Tax Premiums.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 27.—A bill has been introduced in the house taxing insurance companies 2 per cent of their premiums.

Gone to Avery's Island.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—Miss Alice Roosevelt and Miss Root and a party of New Orleans society people, including Miss Myrtle Stanaffer, who was queen of the Comus ball, left on a special train for Avery's island, where they will be until Monday. Misses Roosevelt and Root start for Washington Tuesday.

Mrs. Fairbanks Again President.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Cornelia Cole Fairbanks of Indiana was unanimously re-elected president general of the Daughters of American Revolution.

Texas Goes to Pensacola.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—The battleship Texas, which participated in the carnival, sailed for Pensacola.

Corrigan Declared Out.

New York, Feb. 27.—Corrigan has been declared out of the suburban handicap.

Signed Mexican Protocol.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Minister Bowen signed the protocol for the settlement of the claims of Mexico against Venezuela.

San Angelo Incorporates.

San Angelo, Tex., Feb. 27.—By a majority of thirty-four San Angelo voted to incorporate.

FIVE MURDERS.

Alfred Knapp Confesses to Have Taken That Many Lives.

Hamilton, O., Feb. 27.—Alfred Knapp, the Indianapolis man arrested Wednesday, who confessed to the murder of his third wife, has made a full confession of five murders. Among them is that of Ida Gebhardt, the West Indianapolis girl, who was found murdered and outraged in a stable July 3, 1885.

Knapp's confession, which was sworn to before Mayor Bosch, is as follows: "On January 21, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumberyard in Gest street, Cincinnati; on Aug. 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite the Y. M. C. A., in Cincinnati; on August 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jennie Connors Knapp, under the canal bridge in Liberty street, Cincinnati, and threw her into the canal.

"In Indianapolis, July, 1895, I killed Ida Gebhardt; On Dec. 22, 1902, I killed my wife, Annie Knapp, at 339 South Fourth street, in Hamilton, and threw her body into the river out by Lindenwald. This is the truth.

"ALBERT KNAPP.

"I make this statement by my own free will and not by request of any officer or any one else.

"ALBERT KNAPP."

Sworn to before me this the 26th day of Feb., 1903.

C. F. BOSCH, Mayor.

EASILY HANDLED.

New Orleans Demonstrates She Can Take Care of Many People.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—The manner in which the largest carnival crowd ever came to this city was handled shows the Confederate veterans that they will have an easy time as far as accommodations are concerned. The city was literally packed with people, and not a murmur was heard about either rooms or meals. The same information bureau which was used to assist in getting visitors located at the carnival will be used for the reunion. Arrangements are being hurried. Reports indicate everything is in good shaps. Adjutant General Mickle says reports from 1600 camps show attendance will be very large and veterans are exceedingly enthusiastic about visiting New Orleans.

Continues Alarming.

City of Mexico, Feb. 27.—News from the region surrounding the volcano of Colima continues alarming. The people, terrified by the belching flames and pouring lava, are seeking refuge in distant towns and villages.

The city of Tuxpan, in the state of Jalisco, continues under a heavy cloud of smoke. The volcano is alight with flames. An American who slept near the volcano on the night of the eruption was awakened by a tremendous explosion and saw the mountain ejecting flames to an enormous height. He awaited till morning enjoying the magnificent spectacle and then deemed it prudent to leave the vicinity.

Considering Rough Draft.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Great Britain, Germany and Italy are still considering the rough draft of The Hague protocol, submitted to their representatives here Tuesday by Mr. Bowen, in which it is provided that the Czar of Rusia shall select the personnel of the court to pass upon the preferential contention of the allies. Meanwhile Mr. Bowen is carrying on negotiations with the other claimant nations and is to finish up the French protocol this week.

Russell Represents Germany.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Baron von Sternberg, the German minister, called on Secretary Hay to request that Mr. Russell, the United States charge at Caracas, be authorized to care for German interests at that capital, pending the arrival of Herr Peldram, the newly appointed minister to Venezuela. Secretary Hay assented.

Protest Against Smoot.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, presented to the senate a protest signed by Rev. J. L. Leitich, representing the Ministers' association of Salt Lake City, against the seating of Reed Smoot. The statement, which is sworn to, declares Smoot is a polygamist, and now has plural wives.

Castellane Coming.

New York, Feb. 27.—Count Boni Castellane has started for this city from Paris. He comes to get his wife and children and visit friends. He favors an alliance between United States and France, and says the American navy will soon be the strongest in the world. He also hopes the "lesson of Venezuela will not be lost on the United States."

Collier Towed In.

New York, Feb. 27.—Marine advices received here from Bermuda say the collier Alexander was towed there by the Dutch steamer Betea.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Amarillo had on Wednesday a severe snow storm.

Coldest weather of the winter prevailed at Albuquerque, N. M., on the 25th.

Fire did $100,000 damage to the J. I. Case company's plant at Racine, Wis.

J. A. Montgomery of Memphis, Tex., shipped a car of fine hogs to Fort Worth.

In the Hugo section of the Indian Territory cattle losses are estimated at 30 per cent.

Brother Domain Litz, one of the faculty of St. Louis college, died at San Antonio.

El Grady, colored, was found dead near Bastrop, Tex., with a pistol beside his body.

Chickasha, I. T., has accepted the proposition of Andrew Carnegie to give $10,000 for a public library.

Clarendon and Hereford, Tex., report snow storms on Wednesday. At Clarendon it was nearly a foot deep and eighteen inches at Hereford.

Will Accelerate Fire-Fighting.

A telescope ladder capable of being extended to a length of 85 feet and worked by means of compressed air was tested recently in Pittsburg. The ladder can be directed at a particular window in a burning building; a fireman lashed to the end of the ladder is shot up with it, and rescued persons need not clamber down, but the ladder can be quickly lowered with them on it.

A Nugget of Philosophy.

It seems to be one of de easiest things on earth to mortgage a piece of land and spend de money in gwine to de circus an' eatin' fried chickens, an' I reckon dis world would come powerful near bein' heaven if de interest on dat mortgage didn't suddenly fall due an' bump a man all over to once an' make him realize dat dis am a vale of tears.

A Mixed-Up Engineer.

A Missouri Pacific engineer of Sedalia reports that the record of his birth is lost, and he is in doubt about his age. Then, too, he has "made up" so much time on his trips between St. Louis and Kansas City that he is probably a year or two ahead of Father Time anyway, and he's all mixed up about it.—Kansas City Star.

Prelate's Witty Remark.

Many anecdotes are going the rounds about the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Davidson. Once, as a party of clergy were streaming in to dinner one of the company piously exclaimed, "Now, put a bridle upon our appetites." Dr. Davidson replied with swift retort, "Now, to put a bit between my teeth."

Southerners Invite Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt has been invited to attend the unveiling of the monument to be erected at Orchard Knob, on the Chickamauga battlefield, in commemoration of the services of Maryland's soldiers, union and confederate, in the civil war. The unveiling will take place on July 22.

Plants Under the Ban.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives has before it a bill providing that the war of extermination already waged against the Canada thistle shall be extended to include golden rod, ox-eyed daisies, milkweed, wild carrots and sorrel, all of which are considered pestiferous plants.

Tin Soldiers and Others.

Kruger's grandson screamed with rage and threw his box of tin soldiers into the street when he discovered that they were English, whereas his grandfather had a fit when he found out that the English soldiers were not tin.—Toronto (Ontario) Mail and Empire.

How to Kill Weeds.

A number of tests made by the Vermont experiment station found that arsenite of soda and the arsenic-salsoda mixtures are very satisfactory for killing weeds along walks and drives. These can be kept perfectly free of weeds by the use of these mixtures.

Public-Spirited Ohio Citizen.

Benjamin Waddell, a wealthy and public-spirited farmer of Marion county, Ohio, who some time since gave a $50,000 home for children to the town of Marion, is about to expend at least $60,000 in building a home for old ladies in the same time.

Marion Crawford Writes a Play.

F. Marion Crawford has turned aside from novel writing temporarily to write a play, which will be produced next season in London by the English actor, Martin Harvey. The subject of the play is modern.

Helping Out Nature.

A valuable owl in the Central Park menagerie, New York, has for some unknown reason lost all its feathers. It will be supplied with "trousers" and coverings for the claws to protect it from the cold.

Quorum in House of Lords.

There can be no quorum of the House of Lords without the presence of an archbishop, two peers and a prelate being needed to constitute a House of Lords for the transaction of business.

South Carolina's Tobacco Industry.

The growth of the tobacco industry in South Carolina has been phenomenal. The Darlington market alone reports sales of more than 7,000,000 pounds of the 1902 crop.

Encouraging Warders.

To encourage warders in taking anthropometrical measurements of convicts the British home office authorities are now granting them an extra allowance.

America's Venice.

When the mud thins out a little Pittsburg's streets will be nearly as navigable as the recent rains have made her rivers.—Pittsburg Gazette.

To Exhibit Work of Artists.

Emperor William has cordially invited American and French artists to contribute to the art exhibition to be held in Berlin in March.

As to Shape.

Here is a woman soliloquy: "There is a divinity that shapes our ends, but the corset-lace shapes our middle."

Floors of Rubber on Trial.

Floors of rubber, claimed to be as durable as asphalt and cheaper, are being tried in Germany.

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Cider Sold by the Hour.

In many towns and villages in German Switzerland says a Geneva dispatch to the London Chronicle, cider is so plentiful and cheap this year that the cafe and innkeepers are actually selling the beverage by the hour. A customer pays a certain sum, which varies in the different districts, for the first hour, and the cider is supplied ad libitum. The price is reduced for each succeeding hour.

Woman Sanitary Inspector.

Miss Genevieve Wilson has been appointed sanitary inspector at Orange, N. J. Miss Wilson is the niece of Bishop Abiel Leonard, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Utah and Nevada, who has been a leader in the philanthropic and reform movements not only in Salt Lake City, but throughout the West. She is a trained nurse and is expected to make a record.

Better Luck Next Time.

Last fall quite a bunch of people had the assurance to tell what a nice mild winter this would be. When the wind blows a gale, the air is like ice, and the mercury drops out of sight, we wonder if a bushel of snow in the neck would remind the weather prophets that they have another guess coming.—Worcester (N. Y.) Times.

Honored by German Emperor.

Theodore Gier of Oakland, Cal., has received from the German emperor word of his election as a member of the Order of the Crown. The decoration is in recognition of Gier's services to the officers of German warships in San Francisco bay at the time of the "boxer" troubles in China.

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