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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 13 Cars, 429
Cattle; 72 Cars, 5,652 Hogs;
1 Car, 281 Sheep.

A LIGHT RUN OF CATTLE

Market Unchanged. Handy Weight
Steers Closing 10 to 15c High-
er, Heavies About Steady.

CHOICE BEEVES MADE \$5.75

Cows and Heifers Closing Unevenly
Higher—Calves Steady With Weak
Ago—Not Much Change in Stock
Cattle Trade This Week. Country
Demand Quiet—Hogs Opened
Steady to 5c Higher, Advance Lost
—Sheep Values Strong for Week,
Lambs 10c Lower.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.

The following table shows the receipts
from January 1, 1908, and receipts for
the corresponding time in 1907:

	1908	1907	Dec. Inc.
Cattle	98,505	105,852	12,387
Hogs	858,381	888,501	114,800
Sheep	134,588	164,676	80,040
Horses	3,945	6,715	2,770

LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.

The following shows the estimated
receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the
five principal western markets:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	300	10,000	8,000
Kansas City	300	5,000	5,000
St. Louis	300	7,500	100
St. Joseph	400	5,700	800
East St. Louis	300	4,500	—

RECEIPTS BY CARS.

The following shows the number of
cars of stock handled today by railroads
entering at the stock yards:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. & O. West	29	—	—
C. & O. East	24	—	—
C. R. I. & P.	15	—	—
Great Western	4	—	—
Missouri Pacific	4	—	—
St. Joseph & Grand Island	18	—	—
A. T. & S. F.	—	—	—
Total	98	—	—

CATTLE.

Small Saturday Run Mostly Direct—
Trade in Fair Tone.

There have not been cattle enough
at leading points during the past
two days to affect market conditions
and trade at the close stands about
the same as on Thursday. The little
run at this point was mostly direct to
stocker dealers and so far as beef
cattle were concerned the day's trade
was merely nominal. In a general
way the market conditions at all
close of the week are fairly favorable
to the selling interest and with no
material increase in supplies the market
should show an improving tone
next week.

The week's total of cattle at this
point will be about the same as for
the previous week, but, while Thurs-
day showed no material difference in
receipts at five points for the week
the small run of today and the defi-
ciency of 15,200 in total figures at
these points for this week compared
with last. There has been a good
active demand right along for steers
of attractive build and useful merit
weighing under 1,250 pounds. The
strength in these has, no doubt, been
stimulated by the fact that attractive
fat butcher cows and heifers are
scarce and selling at the highest
prices of the year. Prices for these
heavier weight steers, when carrying
attractive beef and useful merit and
15 cents higher for the week. In
heavier and higher priced styles the
market was quite drabby early in the
week, but with closing days of the
week there has been a little better
feeling shown and prices may be
quoted as fully steady.

The receipts for the week have not
been any too large, but it is hardly
time of year yet for a general and
reliable improvement in the market.
There have not been many really
choice cattle of strong weight here
during the week, although on Wednes-
day one load of prime 1,453 lb.
beaver arrived and sold quickly at
\$5.75, the highest price of the week
at any of the river markets. Aside
from these the best steers have been
selling at around \$5.40 to \$5.55—and it
takes good fat, medium to strong
weights to bring these prices. Bulk
of all steers have sold between \$4.75
and \$5.25 with common to fair light
killers at \$4.00 to \$4.50, although few
load lots have to sell low \$4.40.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Trading in cows and heifers today
was of too small volume to constitute
a market feature, but notably prices
were unchanged at recent quotations.
Activity, rather than any radical
advance in values, has been the con-
spicuous feature of the trade in cows
and heifers this week. Demand has
been of a very broad character and
the market for desirable grades of
the stuff ruled active from day to day
with a gradual hardening of values.

ODDS, HINDS AND WAGON HOGS

10...345	—4.45	3...310	—4.25
11...232	—4.40	4...195	—4.15
12...222	—4.40	5...140	—3.85
13...206	—4.35	6...120	—3.75
14...194	—4.30	7...120	—3.75
15...180	—4.35	8...120	—3.75
16...235	—4.30	9...120	—3.75
17...425	—4.25	10...120	—3.75

Packers' Hog Purchases.

Swift & Co.	2,741
Hammond Packing Co.	1,651
Nelson Morris & Co.	1,094
Total	5,486

Range of Prices.

	This Week	Last Week
Monday	\$3.95	\$4.30
Tuesday	4.35	4.42
Wednesday	4.00	4.40
Thursday	4.00	4.40
Friday	4.17	4.50
Saturday	4.25	4.55

Average Weights.

Feb. 29	220	225
Feb. 28	224	218
Feb. 27	225	217
Feb. 26	220	212

SHEEP.

Sheep Closing Strong With Week Ago,
But Lamb Values Are Off.

Live mutton arrivals at this point
today consisted of one car of fair
western lambs, which sold in good
season at \$6.25, a steady price.

The live mutton market, or at least
the lamb end of the deal, has kept
the trade quiescent this week. Values
slumped a quarter early in the week,
but finished on a stronger turn and
all but about 10c of the loss was re-
gained, closing quotations indicating
around a dime decline from the close
of last week. The run has not been
heavy, local supplies for the week
totaling 16,500, against 21,210 last
week, while receipts of 165,100 at
leading markets indicates a gain of
7,800 compared with the previous
week and falls short 31,000 compared
with same period of last week. Heavy
lambs are still under the ban and are
slow sellers at prices 25 to 35c under
top prices. The call has been for good
handy weight Mexicans at a fair
proportion of the offerings this week
have been of this class. Best grades
sold at \$6.60 to \$6.70, with bulk of the
desirable lambs selling at \$6.50 to \$6.60
and heavy kinds largely at \$6.25 to
\$6.40. Sheep have been scarce and in
good demand all week and prices are
closing fully 10c higher than a week
ago.

Yearlings sold up to \$6.25, wethers
\$5.85 and ewes \$5.25 this week.
Yearlings and ewes sold at the highest
point of the year. A good class of
Mexican ewes sold at \$4.90 to \$5.05
and took prime westerns to make \$5.25.

Outlook does not favor much im-
provement in the market for the near
future. Prospects favor a big move-
ment of Colorado lambs during the
coming month as feeders are be-
coming discouraged and are in-
hancing to cut loose their holdings.
Consumptive demand is still rather
feeble on account of cheap pork.

281 fed west lambs... 76.65

Packers' Purchases Yesterday.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Swift & Co.	113	2,900	762
Hammond	134	1,717	944
Morris	195	1,419	306
Total	442	6,036	2,012

HOGS.

Opening Steady to 5 Cents High-
er, Close Easier.

Packers closed in on advancing
prices for hogs today. An advance
of 25 to 35 cents over closing prices of
last week to the finish of business
yesterday was, to their thinking,
enough for one week and with only
a small Saturday run reported, only
about one-third as large as last Satur-
day, at the five points, there was a
protest from the start against further
material advance. On the opening
there was some trade at around 5
cents advance over the bulk prices of
Friday, but this did not last. Reports
from outside points indicated a
weaker finish and local buyers soon
got into line with bids only around
a steady basis compared with yester-
day. The day's market as a whole
was quotable as steady to 5 cents
higher, closing with the strength lost.
Hogs were fairly good in quality,
although carrying long light tops in
mixed droves and the discrimination
of buyers against light weights is
more marked than heretofore this
season.

Total receipts for the week at this
point were 41,900 against 49,213 last
week, 67,599 a month ago, 40,730 a
year ago, 41,300 two years ago, 37,093
three years ago and 27,252 four years
ago.

The aggregate at five markets was
405,100 against 403,200 last week,
472,400 a month ago, 349,000 a year
ago, 381,500 two years ago, 333,500
three years ago and 290,700 four years
ago.

Prices ranged from \$4.25 to \$4.65,
with the bulk selling at \$4.35 to \$4.50.
The bulk yesterday sold at \$4.30 to
\$4.45, a week ago at \$4.00 to \$4.10,
a month ago at \$4.25 to \$4.35, a year
ago at \$6.85 to \$6.90, two years ago
at \$6.07 to \$6.15, three years ago at
\$4.90 to \$4.95, four years ago at \$5.10
to \$5.25.

PIGS AND LIGHTS—100 LBS AND UNDER

No. Ave. Shk. Price	No. Ave. Shk. Price		
89...198	—4.40	87...191	—4.35
84...199	—4.40	74...156	—4.30
86...195	—4.37	107...129	—4.30
80...193	—4.37	94...170	—4.30
70...188	—4.35	85...154	—4.35
105...186	—4.35	120...150	—4.30
94...188	—4.35	1...80	—3.00
105...182	—4.35	13...97	—3.00

HEAVY AND MIXED—200 LBS. AND OVER

85...303	—4.55	74...232	—4.42
87...287	—4.65	79...218	—4.42
88...280	—4.65	84...230	—4.42
80...332	—4.60	100...226	—4.42
82...231	—4.60	71...251	—4.42
83...238	—4.60	73...230	—4.42
85...237	—4.65	84...230	—4.42
86...280	—4.60	80...212	—4.40
64...349	—4.60	110...201	—4.40
71...347	—4.60	67...222	—4.40
85...237	—4.65	84...230	—4.42
86...280	—4.60	80...212	—4.40
72...351	—4.47	82...205	—4.40
80...221	—4.47	75...248	—4.40
81...211	—4.45	84...230	—4.42
71...368	—4.45	69...227	—4.40
80...352	—4.45	85...205	—4.40
85...237	—4.45	84...230	—4.42
73...384	—4.45	72...210	—4.40
89...225	—4.45	67...210	—4.40
71...310	—4.45	66...225	—4.40
80...312	—4.45	68...225	—4.40
73...381	—4.45	68...208	—4.40
77...384	—4.45	68...210	—4.40
78...388	—4.45	76...205	—4.40
74...389	—4.45	77...210	—4.40
74...389	—4.45	77...210	—4.40

WHEAT, 4 CARS; CORN, 4 CARS; OATS, 0

	Wheat
No. 2 red	92 1/2 @ 1 04 1/2
No. 3 red	92 @ 1 04
No. 4 red	91 @ 1 00
No. 2 hard	99 @ 1 01
No. 3 hard	98 @ 1 00
No. 4 hard	94 @ 98
Rejected soft	85 @ 95
No grade	80 @ 85
Rejected hard	85 @ 93
No grade	80 @ 85

	Corn
No. 2 white	55 1/2 @ 56 1/2
No. 3 white	54 1/2 @ 55 1/2
No. 4 white	54 1/2 @ 55 1/2
No. 2 corn	56 1/2 @ 57 1/2
No. 3 corn	55 1/2 @ 56 1/2
No. 4 corn	54 1/2 @ 55 1/2

	Oats
No. 2 white	50 @ 50 1/2
No. 3 white	48 @ 48 1/2
No. 2 oats	48 1/2 @ 50
No. 3 oats	47 1/2 @ 48 1/2
No. 4 oats	45 @ 47
Bran	1.05 @ 1.07
Corn chops	1.07 @ 1.12
Shorts	1.06 @ 1.07

The above cash quotations are
actual sales in the market and are
furnished by T. P. Gordon, cash
dealer in grain, mill feed and hay.

WESTERN PACKING.

Special reports to the Cincinnati Price
Current show the number of hogs
packed since November 1, under men-
tioned places compared with last year:

November to Feb. 25	1,367,800	1,906,700
Chicago	4,325,000	2,350,000
Kansas City	1,295,000	1,110,000
South Omaha	680,000	670,000
St. Louis	640,000	645,000
St. Joseph	574,000	670,000
Indianapolis	715,000	580,000
Milwaukee	85,000	85,000
Cudahy	408,000	243,000
Cincinnati	285,000	222,000
Ottumwa	274,000	240,000
Cedar Rapids	301,000	220,000
Sioux City	385,000	380,000
St. Paul	385,000	355,000
Cleveland	296,000	285,000
Des Moines	250,000	250,000
Wichita, Kan.	160,000	120,000
Detroit, Mich.	122,000	110,000
Nebraska City, Neb.	72,000	103,000
For all other	40,000	9,850,000
Preceding week	680,000	645,000
Preceding week	735,000	640,000

The following table indicates the
round total of receipts of cattle, hogs
and sheep at five leading markets for
the week ended today, together with
aggregate totals and comparisons:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	25,300	21,500	75,000
Kansas City	25,300	17,500	75,000
Omaha	19,300	51,700	80,100
St. Joseph	9,600	41,900	16,000
St. Louis	12,400	45,500	4,500

Total this wk. 129,500 405,100 167,100
Total last wk. 146,100 460,200 189,100
Total mo. ago. 145,300 471,500 158,500
Year ago. 143,900 375,000 158,500
Two yrs. ago. 142,800 371,500 150,300

TOTAL LIVE STOCK MOVEMENT.

The following table indicates the
round total of receipts of cattle, hogs
and sheep at five leading markets for
the week ended today, together with
aggregate totals and comparisons:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	25,300	21,500	75,000
Kansas City	25,300	17,500	75,000
Omaha	19,300	51,700	80,100
St. Joseph	9,600	41,900	16,000
St. Louis	12,400	45,500	4,500

HIGHEST ON RIVER.

It won't do any harm to the fact
that the highest price paid for
fat cattle on the river markets this
week was paid for Missouri fed steers
on the market last Wednesday. On
that day a load of 1,472 lb. steers
arrived here at a late hour in the
afternoon. They were no sooner
offered than they sold at \$5.75 to go
to the eastern trade. This is the
second time within a few weeks that
St. Joseph top prices have been the
highest for the week at river points.
There may be a pointer in this.

WILL MEET AT ENID.

Oklahoma Stockmen's Convention Will
Be Held Dec. 8.

Enid, Okla., Feb. 29.—The conven-
tion of the Oklahoma Live Stock as-
sociation closed Thursday night. Enid
was chosen the place for the next
meeting, December 8, 1908. The
promise of a new convention hall and
all desirable facilities accompanied
the earnest request for another meet-
ing here. Shawnee indicated her pur-
pose of competing for the convention
in 1909. Enid is desirous of securing
the convention permanently, however,
but a change in the constitution would
be necessary in that event.

Old officers were re-elected. A res-
olution was adopted favoring strict
government control of the public
domain, and endorsing the Cullerton
car service bill.

H. E. Crowley of Ft. Worth, secre-
tary and general manager of the
Texas Cattle Raisers' association,
states that the exhibit of fine stock
would compare favorably with any
he had ever seen in this section, not-
withstanding the delays and consequ-
ent disadvantages caused by the
spell of bad weather on the opening
day. All concurred in expressions of
admiration at the excellent exhibits.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Special Committee of State Association
Looking Into Situation.

Denver, Col.—The last convention
of the Colorado Cattle & Horse Grow-
ers' Association authorized the Presi-
dent to appoint a committee of three
to look into the agricultural educa-
tion situation and see how the State
methods to make that institution of
more practical value to the agricul-
tural interests and to bring it in closer
touch with the organized agricultural
life of the state. President Husted
appointed Hon. E. M. Ammons, Sen-
ator T. Ehrhart and Col. W. E.
Skinner. This committee is already
at work. It called upon Governor
Buchtel and explained to him what
it was trying to accomplish. The
committee is in Fort Collins consult-
ing with the faculty and the members
of the state board of agriculture. It
is hoped that much good will come
out of its visit.

GOOD FRUIT PROSPECTS.

Wathena Growers Expect to Ship
75,000 Crates of Berries.

Wathena, Kan., Feb. 29.—The
Fruit Growers association has shipped
and distributed six carloads of
berry box material, making 40,000
crates, and will order another car
load of berry boxes. The crates are
presently appearing of the small
fruit prospects with the crates are
usually supplied by the other four
shipping firms of Wathena, prepara-
tions are under way for handling
something like 75,000 crates of small
fruit from Wathena and Blair this
season. At a low estimate, this would
mean more than \$100,000 worth of
small fruit, not including grapes. For
this season's output in the Wathena
fruit district. The outlook is highly
encouraging for a great berry busi-
ness this season.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

Today's cash values: Receipts

SKIPS AND CULLS.

Now up to Omaha.

Omaha gets the National Corn con-
vention next fall. This being now
definitely settled, it is up to Omaha
to see to it that cold wet weather,
poor seed, cut worms, green bugs,
hot winds, lazy farmers, shipshod
farming and early frosts next fall do
not put the crop of 1908 "on de bum."

JONES WON OUT.

"When I first escaped from college
with my sheepskin under my arm
and my gray matter saturated to
sogginess with how to farm by hook;
I smuggled down on my farm up here
at Parnell, Mo.," said Ed Jones, the
Tamworth man, a few days ago. "I
talked pure bred cattle, hogs, horses,
corn, etc., and the folks in the neigh-
borhood put me down as a pure bred
crank. But I went to Canada and
got some pure bred hogs and I got
corn that had a pedigree and went
to work. I don't want to say it
boastfully, but it is a fact that the
same folks who put me down as a
crank a few years ago now want to
get into my corn crib to pick out
seed."

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AT THE THEATRES TONIGHT. Crystal—Advanced Vaudeville. Lyric—Renfrow's Stock Co.

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon of Rushville, Mo., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Cook of Cedar Springs addition, Thursday.

Mrs. W. J. Adams and son, Ray, 402 East Missouri avenue, are in Severance, Kan., to attend the funeral of his uncle, Mart Hargis.

Mrs. Grace Post of Cooby, Mo., and Mrs. Florence Biggin of Savannah, Mo., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gardner, 301 East Missouri avenue.

Aaron Wright of South Dakota, was the guest of E. T. Davis, 113 East Missouri avenue, Thursday.

Dr. W. M. Houn, Judge Morfe H. Craig and Dr. E. G. Wary returned yesterday morning from St. Louis, Mo., where they attended the Republican state convention.

Loncheon Ends Entertainment of Scottish Rite.

An enthusiastic audience composed of members of the different Masonic bodies of the city, their wives and friends, attended the organ recital and entertainment given by the Scottish Rite Masons in the cathedral, Sixth and Robidoux streets, last night.

The evening's program included organ, quartet and solo music, a choral talk by Dr. Ed Carl, impromptu remarks and a group of children's songs by Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor.

Following the entertainment an excellent luncheon was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social way.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Lyric.

From an artistic standpoint, "Moths of Society," which closes its week's run at the Lyric Theatre tonight, has been the best play presented thus far by the Renfrow company.

A well-told story, in the hands of players, each cast in a part which demands careful and conscientious handling, it has been a complete success.

With tomorrow's matinee an idyll of the Adirondack Mountains, bearing the title of "Walded and Parted," will begin the new week.

This is a comedy drama, with touches of the pastoral, in presenting the home life of simple rural folk, the plot revolving about the lives of a young and beautiful daughter of nature who marries an aristocratic young artist.

Both suffer from the natural results of such an incongruous union, but after a separation which teaches each the lesson of forbearance, they are happily reunited.

New specialties have been proposed, the new illustrated song "Captain Bob Hunting" will be sung by Miss Adelaide Irving, and two new moving pictures, "Trybles of a Tramp," and a "Watchmaker's Secret," will be presented.

The performance on Tuesday night will be for the benefit of the Boston club, Uniform Rank, K. of P., who will appear in full uniform.

GIVE LEAP YEAR PARTY. J. H. Bass was given a surprise at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pickrell 810 Vassar street, Thursday evening.

It was a leap year party, and all of the arrangements were made by the young women, but it was up to the young men to gallantly escort them home.

PRESENT MEDALS.

Sons of Revolution Reward Work on Patriotic Essays.

Following their annual custom, the local branch of the Sons of the Revolution yesterday held exercises at the high school and awarded diplomas of honorable mention to Misses Elsie Hensel and Beulah Hanners for excellence in the state contest.

The main address of the exercises was made by Rev. S. P. Cresap of the Francis Street M. E. Church, who spoke on patriotic subjects and urged that more contestants enter next year.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the high school quartet, and the pupils joined in singing patriotic songs. The exercises were attended by a large number of visitors, including many members of the Daughters of the Revolution.

PLYMOUTH WON'T MOVE. Mayor Points to Recent Lease Renewal as Proof in Deaf.

Mrs. E. Mayer yesterday denied a published report that the Plymouth Clothing company intended to lease the corner of Sixth and Felix streets, now occupied by the Sampson Dry Goods company, on the expiration of the latter's lease.

"The story is not only untrue," said Mr. Mayer, when asked concerning the report last evening, "but it is absolutely improbable on its face, in view of the fact that we have but recently renewed our lease of our present corner for seven years longer.

"It is true that we have been approached concerning a lease of the Sampson corner, but we have not seriously considered it. We already have our present location tied down for seven years, and besides this, we believe it is the best clothing corner in town."

WEBSTER'S DOG WINS. Captures Five Prizes at Topoka Bench Show.

"Babe Sallor," a fox terrier owned by J. E. Webster of this city, put St. Joseph on the map at the dog show held in Topoka, Kan., yesterday, winning four first prizes and one special prize for the best terrier at the show.

Other St. Joseph exhibitors did not fare so well, no other blues being taken away. Mrs. E. J. Hayes of Chicago had a long string of blue ribbon winners at the Topoka show, and she will exhibit them at the local show, which opens here next Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. H. Stimmel of St. Joseph has entered "Elgin Beauty," a Scotch collie, in the local show. The dog comes from the kennels of Doctor McNab at Elgin, Ill.

BUY GLUCOSE PLANT. One Big Factory Will Be Converted Into Plant for Grocery Sundries.

Marshalltown, Ia., Feb. 28.—Negotiations that have been pending for some time were brought to a close recently when the Western Grocer company purchased from Louis Rosenbluth of Chicago eighteen acres of ground and six brick buildings, the property formerly occupied by the Glucose Sugar Refining company, which the grocer company will convert into an immense factory for the manufacture of grocery sundries.

The six buildings, which include one of five stories, are the last remnants of the former gigantic glucose plant. The older buildings have been wrecked, but those standing are all new. The consideration is not made public, but it is known that the property sold for \$50,000 as the wrecking companies have already got more than their investment of \$66,000 out of the salvage.

The coffee and peanut roasting plant of the Spencer-Letts Coffee company will remove immediately to the new plant, as soon as the buildings can be put in readiness. The mills will branch out into every variety of grocery sundries, and will furnish all the houses of the Western Grocer company with their entire output in these lines, as well as the trade in general. Oat meal manufacturing is one of the new industries the company has in view.

EDUCATORS ADJOURN. They Favor Teaching Agriculture in Rural and Manual Training in City Schools.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The seventh annual convention of the department of superintendence of the National Education association closed Thursday night with a reception to the delegates at the Corcoran art gallery.

Resolutions were adopted placing the department on record in favor of the study of agricultural subjects in the schools of the rural districts; granting federal aid to the state normal schools for the training of teachers in the subjects of agriculture, manual training and home economics; the maintenance in all large cities of schools for the special care of backward children; the opening of large ungraded rooms in large cities for the instruction of the children of immigrants unable to speak the English language; the maintenance of evening schools for the instruction of adult immigrants in the English language and the duties of citizenship; urging an increased appropriation for the national bureau of education and commending the action of the National Civic Federation; adoption of the plan for the sending of American teachers to Great Britain and the European continent for inspection of their schools.

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It was out in Pikeville, one of them western towns near the foothills, that we ran up against it good and hard. We were playing "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," and had been doing a rattling business for a spell. You see, most of those people out there are killed by a title, and "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" looked good to them. It seemed kind of sociable-like, with plenty of gambin' and shootin' irons, and chaps droppin' in to pass the time o' day, and a hot stove with the boys sittin' around it and swappin' lies over their liquor.

But when it got to be spread around the country that we were a strictly moral show—a kind of dramatic argument for temperance and signin' the pledge—why it's surprising the way receipts fell off. So when we got to Pikeville we were drawing about as good as a "chimbly filled full o' birds' nests."

The ghost hadn't walked for so long that I guess he'd forgot how, and to make things real interestin' and important, why what does our manager do but one night skip with all the receipts. We were dead up against it, out about a million miles from home, more or less, and nothing doing to annex the long green.

And to make matters still worse, we were snowed in. Yes, sir, it snowed like I never see it snow before. You wouldn't believe it, but for five days she never let up.

Well, sir, there we were—the bull 12 of us, including the company, and me and Tommy Bagby, who played the "heavy" and did the press agent stunts. We were stoppin' at the United States hotel, and for a time they treated us like white people, but it wasn't long after our manager skidded before they sized us up for a bunch of crooks. You see, it makes a lot of difference in the show business how you succeed.

Well, sir, there we were stranded on the foot hills, and not enough of the long green in the crowd to pay our hotel bill, to say nothing of transportation back to Times Square. We were up against it for fair—but say—do you know Tommy Bagby? No? Well, he's it. Tommy's all the mustard when it comes to the ways and means committee. He had been snowed in nearly a week, living on tick, and pretty poor tick at that, when Tommy decided that something must be done to raise the dough.

You see, the snow had come down so deep that you couldn't break through it with a keg of dynamite. It was piled up a mile high in the gutters and out in the middle of the street where the storekeepers had thrown it when they shoveled off the sidewalks. And it got so bad that finally a horse couldn't pull a sleigh through it—he just sank down to his shoulders and stuck.

Well, the town council gets a move on and advertises for bids immediate to remove the snow along Main street. And here's where Tommy butted in. It seems he had a hunch on what it would cost to get rid of that snow by the old-fashioned method of shoveling it in carts and hauling it away with teams. Tommy figured it would come to about a thousand dollars, so what does he do but put in a bid for eight hundred.

Well, sir, the council nearly threw a fit when they heard Tommy's bid. It seemed too good to be true, but Tommy just stood right up in meetin' and handed them out a beautiful spiel, and they agreed to let him have a whack at the snow cleaning proposition, provided they wasn't to pay until the snow was good and off.

Finally somebody asks him where he was going to hire his horses and carts, and whether he was going to employ union men or scabs, and Tommy just smiles real confident, and says, kind o' gentle and reprovin', that he didn't have in mind to employ any horses or carts, or for that matter, any men, either.

You ought to 'a' seen the eyes o' them councilmen hung out. At first they thought Tommy was dippy, but then they decided that maybe he had invented some new kind of a machine for removin' snow, so they kept him and let him go ahead with the job.

You see, it was this way. This town is situated, like I said, near the foot hills, and the streets are pretty steep. It starts way up at the foot of a ridge, and then comes down almost like a ladder, and slopes right through the business section of the town, which was the part the council wanted scraped off. What does Tommy do but put an advertisement in the local papers that run something like this:

"BOYS AND GIRLS—A CHANCE TO MAKE FIVE DOLLARS! A snowball rolling contest will take place next Saturday morning at ten o'clock, from the ridge at the head of Main street. To the boy or girl who succeeds in rolling the largest snowball down to the foot of Main street will be given a prize of five dollars. Just think of it—FIVE DOLLARS! for a little fun! Every school-boy and school-girl is entitled to a chance at this fine prize.—Thomas Bagby, Referee, United States Hotel."

Well, say, can you beat it? Do you know what a big, healthy snowball, made out o' sticky snow, can do when it gets a good start down a steep incline? Well, you listen. There was about 4,000,000 kids at the top o' that hill when it come time to start the race, and there was Tommy, big as life, lookin' serious and solemn as ever, directing the proceedings. He had the little boys and the girls go

first, because, as he told me afterwards, there might be some snow left after the first roll-off, and he thought the big boys could handle that best.

It didn't take the kids long to catch on. They begin with a little ball—you know, the kind you throw at a person—and rolled them along until they got about as big as a barrel, and then, when they reached a good place at the edge of the ridge, they give them a shove; and down they go, sailing along serene and tidy, gathering up momentum and snow, and clearing that sweet fine and elegant by the noble law of gravitation.

There was one thing, though, that Tommy forgot. He forgot to give the citizens of Pikeville due warning as to just what kind of obsequies were going to take place, and the result was that when those snowballs, some o' them as big as a small barn, come tearin' down along Main street, why there was some pretty nimble side-steppin' by people who happened to be doing chores around about that time. It just seemed like that street was alive with snowballs. They come pillin' and swishin' and roarin' down so fast you couldn't count 'em, and speedier than a Vanderbilt cup racer, and getting bigger and bigger every second, while the good citizens and citizenesses that happened to be hanging around began to get a move on like the very old Nick was after them, hustling into doorways and behind telegraph poles, and wherever there was a chance to escape that snowball cyclone.

And, sir, those balls kept on doing the street cleaning business better than a hundred Dagoes could 'a' done it until they strike the level just across the railroad tracks, and come to a halt right on the edge o' the river. Say, it was a sight to see them snowballs piled up along that bank. You would 'a' thought they were a pile of white elephants huddled together.

The only trouble was to decide who had won the prize, because each snowball looked bigger than the other, and, besides, nobody could tell which was which. But Tommy finally settled it all right. He picked out the littiest girl in all that crowd—you could 'a' packed a hundred like her away in the snowball that Tommy swore she'd rolled—and give her the money, but everybody seemed satisfied, for they most sure had more than five dollars' worth of sport.

Clean the streets up? Why, there ain't a street cleaning department in the country that could 'a' done the job any slicker. And, sir, you wouldn't believe it, maybe, but in some places those thundersin' big snowballs had even ripped up the cobble stones. It was a wonderful demonstration—that's the way Tommy put it—of the working of the laws of gravitation and capillary attraction, to say nothing of a mysterious Providence.

We needed that eight hundred bad—there being evidences at the United States hotel that we had about exhausted our supply of welcome. There was about \$600 left over, and Tommy, like the good boy he always is, divided up among the crowd. Some of the fellows—you know you have to excuse them—they hadn't seen money for so long—were 'tching to get their hands on some more coin, seein' this come so easy; but Tommy said he had neglected to take out a patent on his method, and that the city fathers were just mean enough to offer their own prize for big snowballs in the future; and, besides, all the streets didn't run down hill.

Anyhow, as I said, we cleaned up \$600, which was plenty to get us back to Broadway, where the electric lights are.

THEY WERE WILD ONES. Workman's Ingenious Theory as to Potatoes He Found.

Robert Ely of Agawam, Mass., is 100 years old, and on his last birthday he said: "My long life is due to my abstinence from drinking and smoking and worrying. Honesty, too, helps toward a long life. The dishonest worry and fret themselves into early graves."

"By honesty, mind, I mean old-fashioned honesty. The new kind doesn't count with me. I take no stock in the new-fangled twentieth-century honesty that is only stealing smothered in plausible talk."

"He was honest in the new way, a chap who worked back yonder on the cut-off last year. This chap brought to work every day a big pocketful of lovely new potatoes—small, pale fellows; round, firm and fine-favored. He'd boil them over one of the fires. There was a good deal of curiosity as to where he got them, but he never would tell."

"Finally a foreman said to him: 'Where do you get these splendid potatoes that you lurch on every day?'"

"The chap hesitated a bit. Then he stammered: 'They're—er—wild ones. I find 'em—er—in a field.'"

Squirrels Reared by a Cat. Among the interesting things shown at a recent meeting of the Zoological society were two young specimens of the English squirrel, which had almost entirely changed in color from the usual chestnut-brown to a light drab, the ears and feet only showing traces of the original color. It was stated that the animals had been taken from a nest when very young and put in charge of a cat, which acted as foster-mother, and successfully raised them. It was suggested that this fact might have caused the color change.—St. James' Gazette.

IS CHAMPION COMMUTER.

New York Business Veteran Travels 96 Miles Daily for 53 Years.

New York.—As the champion commuter Chicago has put forward John B. McNeil, a wholesale grocer. According to mathematicians of that city, Mr. McNeil has traveled 35 years between Elgin and Chicago, covering a total distance of 756,000 miles and expending \$4,200 in railroad fares. He has traveled 72 miles each day, occupying in the aggregate 2,625 days on trains.

But New York has Chicago beaten by many miles. J. H. Peffer, of Green Farms, Conn., has traveled between his home and New York, a distance of 48 miles each way, daily for 53 years. Mr. Peffer has traveled 1,526,400 miles, while he has been a commuter, and has paid the railroad \$6,519.

The time Mr. Peffer has taken to get to business here totals 2,650 days. This means he beats the Chicago champion's record in total mileage by more than 77,000 miles. His tickets also cost him \$2,000 more than the Chicagoan's. Mr. Peffer is known as "Santa Claus" by all the old employees of the New Haven road, on whose lines he has traveled all his life.

SAVE \$37,000 IN PENNIES. Scheme of Ohio School Children Has a Remarkable Result.

Columbus, O.—Thirty-seven thousand dollars is the sum which school children of Columbus have in savings accounts in their own names, as result of penny savings in the schools. Twenty-six thousand dollars of this is in the State Savings and Loan association, and \$11,000 is held by the Park Building, Savings & Loan company.

The \$37,000 is divided into more than 30,000 accounts, varying in size from 50 cents to \$150. In some cases the individual deposits have grown to as much as \$300, but these cases are very few.

The Park company reports savings this year to be coming in at just about the same rate as last year—\$85 to \$100 a week—while the state association reports a slight increase, collections being from \$200 to \$300 a week. November is one of the heavy months, while December, of course, is one of the light ones. The youngsters use the most of their money for buying Christmas presents.

The plan is one whereby the school teachers sell to the students stamps, valued at one penny each. These are pasted in folders until 50 are collected, when they may be taken to the loan association and either deposited or traded for cash. It takes more than a million stamps and from 25,000 to 30,000 folders annually to supply the schools.

Absorbing Another Railroad. San Diego, Cal., Feb. 28.—Suit to foreclose \$500,000 of the mortgage bonds of the San Diego Cuyamaca & Eastern railroad, was commenced Thursday afternoon in the superior court by M. Freeman. It is understood that Mr. Freeman is the representative of the Southern Pacific and that the short road eastward from here into the foot hills will ultimately fall into Southern Pacific possession through this action.

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A BOMB FOR SHAH

The Ruler of Persia Narrowly Escaped Assassination at the Hands of Anarchists.

HIS AUTOMOBILE WRECKED

Explosive Thrown From the Roof of a House and Killed Three Outriders—Has Been on Throne One Year.

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 29.—An attempt was made in this city Friday afternoon to assassinate the Shah of Persia by a bomb. His majesty was not hurt. Three of the outriders who were accompanying him at the time were killed.



MOHAMMED ALI MIRZA.

In his automobile. He had taken the precaution to send the motor car on ahead and ride himself in a carriage further in the rear of the procession.

As soon as the shah heard the explosions he alighted hurriedly from his carriage and entered a neighboring house. Here he remained quietly while his attendants sent word for a detachment of troops.

The present shah of Persia, Mohammed Ali Mirza, followed his father to the throne on January 9, 1907. He was the first monarch of Persia to begin his rule under a constitution.

Chicago Gamblers Raided. Chicago, Feb. 29.—A poolroom conducted by "Pat" O'Malley at the corner of Clark and Polk streets, was raided by the police Friday and 135 gamblers were arrested.

Japan Builds Battleships. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 29.—Advices received from Tokyo in Friday's mail state that despite the announcement made in the Japanese diet that no new warships would be built this year, two large battleships exceeding the Dreadnaught in displacement and armament, will shortly be laid down, one at Kure, the other at Yokosuka.

No Money for Militia Maneuvers. Washington, Feb. 29.—By the narrow margin of one vote the house Friday after an all-day discussion rejected by 59 to 60 an amendment by Mr. Foster, Illinois, to the army bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for joint maneuvers of the militia organizations and the regular troops.

BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA



Street scene at the birthplace of Jesus, looking west from the church of the Nativity.

PUMPKIN IS MONSTER

GROWS FROM SEED CAST AWAY IN GARBAGE.

Shell of Vegetable Colossus in Rhode Island Used by Hen as Brooding Place and Fourteen Chicks Are Hatched Out.

Providence, R. I.—Those good and exact people who may have doubted that Cinderella, after all, had a pumpkin as a chariot, are respectfully referred to a Prudence island production of the pumpkin line, which residents of that part of the state proudly claim was the largest and heaviest ever raised in New England.

After rats had cleaned the shell of the Prudence island colossus of its contents, a hen took possession and established her nest, with a lot of room to spare, and hatched out a brood of chickens.

The vine on which the monster grew came up of its own accord, on a spot where Joseph Wilson, steward of the island station of the Rhode Island Yacht club, threw a pan of garbage and vegetable parings, which undoubtedly contained the seed.

The pumpkin seemed destined to have a domestic career. Some three weeks ago Mr. Smith missed a choice Rhode Island red hen from his flock and soon found her in the pumpkin with 14 chickens. When discovered the chicks were busily consuming the floor and wall of their dwelling, and the bird was so thin in spots as to show that their mother had subsisted largely upon it during the period of incubation.

Thinking that the pumpkin may have been of some unusual variety, the friends had notified the secretary of the Portsmouth Grange Agricultural society, asking that a committee be sent to Prudence to make official measurement and record of its dimensions, but the unpleasantness of winter boating caused the examination to be postponed from time to time and the pumpkin is now in such a state of collapse as to make verification of existing measurements impossible. It is a matter of regret that none of the seeds was saved.

Big Fresh Water Pearl. Barlesville, I. T.—Thomas Cook and George Henry, who recently established a pearl fishing station a few miles south of this city, have found the largest pearl ever discovered in this country.

POWER PLANT INSIDE DAM.

Unique House Near Baltimore Constructed Under Water.

Baltimore, Md.—An absolutely unique power plant has recently been completed about 15 miles below this city on the Patuxent river. It is built within a dam and is entirely underwater. It is the first of its kind ever built, and cost much less than it would have if built in any other known way.

The dam is 250 feet long, 40 feet thick at the base and 25 feet high. The spillway is 168 feet long, but a present only 108 feet of this distance is used for housing the power plant. The dam is of reinforced concrete the shell being 18 inches thick at the bottom and tapering to ten inches at the top.

The apron extends only half way down from the crown, the remaining down stream portion being entirely open and provided with windows by means of which the interior is lighted. The shape of the apron is such that the water is thrown some little distance away from the windows.

The water is fed to the turbines through steel pipes passing through the upstream spillway shell, and discharged by draft tubes into the base of the dam, dropping into a well sunk some three feet below the river bed. The water passes thence by way of a channel constructed in the river bed out of the dam. The intake is five and one-half feet below the crest of the spillway, so that the trash racks are kept clear of driftwood, etc.

PITCHER SAVES LIFE OF GIRL.

Bullet Fired by Accident Warded Off by Receptacle Shod Carried.

Oakland, Cal.—A granite iron chocolate pot probably saved the life of Agnes Snow, a chocolate dipper employed at a candy factory. The utensil acted as a fell between her and a bullet accidentally fired from the office of an electrical company.

Miss Snow was at work in the factory when a steel-capped bullet suddenly thudded against the pot of chocolate which she was carrying in front of her. Immediately there was a sound of three other shots, a panic being created among the employees of the factory, many of whom are girls.

A telephone call was sent to Police headquarters. Detectives investigated the case and traced the course of the bullets from the electrical concern's place of business. Nobody there would shed any light on the subject. Then the detectives recovered one of the bullets, and a little investigation furnished the information that a revolver using such projectiles had been sold by the proprietor of the electrical concern. Then the detectives found that Houston had been examining the weapon, when an employe volunteered to show him how to work it, with the result that four shots were accidentally fired. No arrests were made.

Baby Its Own Uncle.

Bucyrus, O.—A son born to Mr. Charles Kuenhlo is his own uncle. The child's father is also its grandfather. When Kuenhlo's first wife—a widow with several daughters—died he married one of her daughters. He is his wife's stepfather as well as her husband. The new baby is a stepbrother to his mother's brothers and sisters, as well as to her. Kuenhlo is the brother-in-law of his stepsons and stepdaughters.

NOT AFFECTED BY PANIC

League of Building and Loan Associations in Session at New Orleans.

OFFICERS' REPORTS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

Have Increased \$55,000,000 in Assets During 1907—Strongest in the East and Northwest—Increase in Membership During Past Year Was 110,000—Stricter Auditing Methods.

New Orleans, Feb. 29.—The sixteenth annual meeting of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations opened here Friday. The sessions will close with the election of officers Saturday afternoon. Several hundred delegates, representing practically every state in the union, were present when Mayor Behrman made his address of welcome. The response was made by President W. G. Weeks, of the league.

President Weeks in his annual address said: "Born in 1893, the year of the great panic, the United States League of Local Building and Loan associations again convenes during panic conditions. In this second period of money stress, the building and loan associations have been practically undisturbed. Money has been loaned, withdrawals of shares and maturing of securities paid off without delay or discount; there have been no runs on homesteads and none have closed their doors on account of the panic conditions."

"Originating in New York and spreading to Chicago, the rent strikes of this winter were the subject of much notice by the press. The idea seemed novel in the history of strikes; yet every building association is an institution conducted for the purpose of inducing peaceable rent strikes, for it is the object of building associations to convert the rent money into homes and stop the payment of rent."

Speaking on the advisability of stricter auditing methods for building and loan associations Mr. Weeks said: "Thus far deficits and defalcations have been singularly few and small but to-day the temptation is greater and opportunities are increasing. The friendly checking up by a committee of stockholders is no longer adequate. It should be done by an expert accountant, preferably by one who understands association methods."

Following the address of President Weeks, the committee on credentials passed on the delegates and the convention then received the annual report of Secretary H. F. Cellarius of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Secretary H. F. Cellarius of Cincinnati, in his annual report said: "The building and loan associations of the United States have increased approximately \$55,000,000 in assets in 1907, so that they now care for \$728,000,000 of the peoples' savings. The members of these associations are largely wage earners. They have in the aggregate accumulated a vast sum which has been mainly loaned to members for the purpose of securing their own homes."

The secretary presented a table of statistics showing the association to be strongest in membership and assets in the east and the north, west of the Rocky mountains. He gave the total increase in membership during 1907 as over 110,000.

A Harriman Dividend.

New York, Feb. 29.—The extra dividend of \$75 per share on its preferred stock, calling for a disbursement of \$8,250,000 has been declared by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, it was learned Friday. Of the company's \$11,000,000 preferred stock, the Union Pacific Railroad company and its auxiliaries own \$10,993,990. The Union Pacific and its auxiliaries also own practically all of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's \$24,000,000 of common stock. The road is operated as part of the Union Pacific system.

A Grade Crossing Tragedy.

Greenview, Pa., Feb. 28.—Frank Pauley, aged 30, and his wife, two years younger, were instantly killed and Benjamin Eckenrode, a friend, was probably fatally injured Thursday night at Transfer, near here, when a carriage in which they were riding was struck by a train on a grade crossing of the Erie railroad during a blinding snow storm. The engineer of the train, Charles Stenger, was a school mate of both Mr. and Mrs. Pauley.

Cracksmen Rob a Bank.

St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 29.—The vault of the state bank of Clear Lake, 20 miles south of St. Cloud, on the Northern Pacific, was blown by cracksmen at 2:10 a. m. Friday. The burglars secured \$3,000 in currency. The safe and vault were wrecked and the damage to the building amounts to \$1,000. The bank carried ample burglar insurance. The cracksmen made their escape on a handcar. No one in the little town was aroused by the explosion.

American Car Leaves Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Escorted by the pilot car of the Chicago Automobile club the American car, the leader in the New York to Paris automobile race left here Friday morning at 10:30. The route mapped out is through Aurora and Dixon, Illinois. The other contestants in the race are still here, and it is uncertain when they will get away.

MADE FIRE ON FROZEN LAKE.

Phenomenon Not So Great When Explanation Was Made.

"Cold? Then we'll set fire to some ice and warm ourselves."

The speaker made, with the heel of his skate, a hole in the ice. He applied a match to the hole. The ice blazed up instantly with a hot, bright flame.

"Oh, how good it feels," said the young girl. She removed her gloves to warm her slim hands the better. "But isn't it rather odd," she said, "to warm one's hands at a fire of ice?"

"You are a stranger to Atchison," said the young Kansan, "or you wouldn't find it odd. We are used to it here. Always, when we skate on Lake Doniphan, we set the ice afire if we are cold."

She watched her own little fire. "What is the explanation of this miracle?" she said.

"A very simple one," said the young man. "This lake is full of natural gas. When it freezes over, gas in the form of bubbles impregnates the ice. You have only to burst open a bubble and put a match to it, and up shoots a magical flame."

"Wonderful!" said the young girl. "What a fine thing it would be if the ice of all skating ponds could be impregnated in this way with gas. Then skaters would never need be cold."

ARTICLE THAT HAD TWO USES.

Mourning Hatbands Not Always a Sign of Bereavement.

Thaddeus Stevens Houlgate, the western insurance expert, was relating in Chicago some oddities of insurance.

"And then," said Mr. Houlgate, "there was that case of the general store man in Duluth. This man's store burned down, and, because his stock was so heavy, the company dictated his claim."

"I remember one item in his stock list—17,500 mourning hatbands."

"When I came to this item," I thumped it with my pencil, and said to the storekeeper severely:

"Look here, this is unreasonable. Why should you have had 17,500 mourning hatbands in stock? What possibility was there that death would create in a single small shop like yours a demand for 17,500 mourning hatbands?"

"The storekeeper smiled at me in a condescending way and replied: 'I didn't keep those hatbands for the men who grieved for the death of relatives or friends, but for men who went into mourning for the grease on their hats.'"

Cost of Weather Bureau.

Uncle Sam's weather bureau is bigger than anyone else's, and it spends more money on it than do all the governments of Europe combined for their weather bureaus. It has a staff of many hundred skilled experts and observers who in all parts of the country are constantly on watch to see what the heavens will bring forth. Some insurance men are said to have computed that the people of the United States are spared from losses amounting to \$50,000,000 every year because of their weather service.

The sun holds the key to the weather. The weather bureau plans to search for this key and unlock the mysteries of cyclones, of droughts, of torrential floods and thus forestall years of plenty and of famine. Congress recently gave the weather bureau a sun of money to found a meteorological solar observatory. The site chosen was an unnamed peak in the Blue Ridge, 65 miles from Washington. The weather chief has christened the peak Mount Weather.

Dog Commits Suicide.

Rex, the big Newfoundland dog, whose presence in the pool rooms was always hailed as a harbinger of good luck by those playing the races, deliberately committed suicide recently by drowning himself.

For several weeks the dog had been ill and was under the care of Jack Barton, to whom the dog was much attached. Rex accompanied a number of men to the wharf, and while they stood by he jumped into the water and made no effort to keep above the surface. Barton, fearing for the dog's life, jumped in and began to haul him to safety, but Rex shook him off, and, swimming out of the man's reach, stuck his head under the water and soon sank. The body floated ashore a few days later.—San Francisco Call.

Real American Aristocracy.

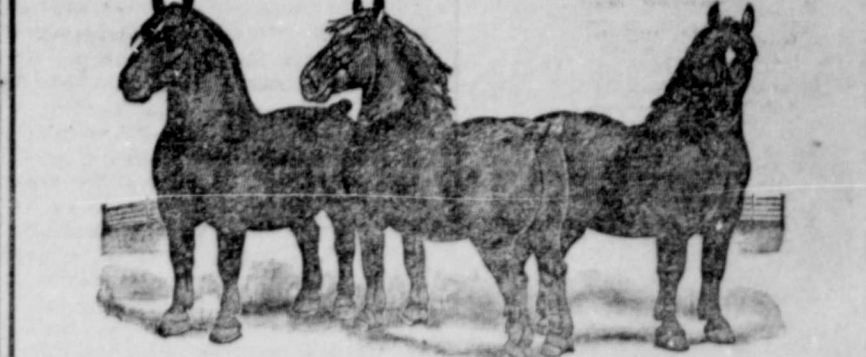
It was through the Declaration of Independence that we Americans acknowledged the eternal inequality of man. For, by it we abolished a cut-and-dried aristocracy. We had seen little men artificially held up in high places, and great men artificially held down in low places, and our own justice-loving hearts abhorred this violence to human nature. "Let the best man win." That is America's word. That is true democracy. And true democracy and true aristocracy are one and the same thing.—Owen Wister in "The Virginian."

Portrait of Archbishop Finished.

Alphonse Mucha, a New York artist, has just finished a life-size portrait of Archbishop Farley for the archbishop's house in Madison avenue. The archbishop is depicted seated in a Dagobert chair, which bears the symbols of the four evangelists, and wearing the ermine-trimmed and purple robes with the long train of the Cape Magna of cardinal's ecclesiastical.

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BRADLEY ELECTED

A Republican Senator Named in Kentucky After a Deadlock Lasting Six Weeks.

FOUR DEMOCRATIC VOTES

Beckham the Democrat Chosen at a Primary Could Not Carry the Strength of His Party in the Legislature.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 29.—Amid scenes of wildest excitement on the floor of the house of representatives, Former Governor William O'Connell Bradley, Republican candidate, was Friday elected to succeed James B. McCreary in the United States senate for a term of six years, beginning March 4, 1909. He received 64 votes, barely enough to win. He was enabled to gain victory through the assistance of four anti-Beckham Democrats.

Before the speaker could announce the result the Democrats obtained a recapitulation, and attempted to break the quorum by leaving the hall, but came back accompanied by Beckham, who authorized the withdrawal of his name and released the Democrats from the primary nomination pledge to him in hope that some other Democrat would be named who could defeat Bradley.

The four bolting Democrats were surrounded by life-long party friends and urged to withdraw their support from Bradley and elect James McCreary or any Democrat they might name, but they remained obdurate, declaring that the proposition came too late.

The Democratic leaders promised a caucus to select a candidate to which the name of Beckham would not be presented, but the recalcitrants refused all offers, and the result could not be changed. The ballot was completed after the Democrats finished changing their votes as follows:

Bradley 64, Beckham 16, James B. McCreary 10, Mayo 5, Allen 2, Smith 2, Peak 2, Newman 1, Hunt 1, Ellison 1, Stanley 1, Blackburn 1, Cantrill 1, Ellis 1, Cammack 1, Sullivan 1, McKroy 1.

There was great disorder in the chamber during recapitulation the Republicans demanding the speaker to announce the result, and the Democrats seeking to delay, hoping to induce one of the Democrats to leave Bradley.

In a speech accepting his election, Bradley thanked the speaker for his fair and impartial rulings. He promised to use every effort as senator to secure the repeal of the six-cent tax on tobacco.

Representative Lillard was the only one of the Democrats to explain his vote for Bradley. He said he thought the time to throw off the party shackles and to break up the machine and although he did support the Democratic ticket for 40 years he believed his vote for Bradley was the best Democratic vote he ever cast.

Cannot Build Navy Now.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—The project for the rebuilding of the Russian fleet has received a setback as a result of the attitude taken by the ministry of finance, which sees no possibility under the present circumstances, of the country raising the funds needed for the construction of a powerful navy. The naval project has reached the point where the estimates, amounting to \$1,000,000,000 for ten years construction, had been submitted by the admiralty to the financial committee of the duma. Minister of Finance Kovkovsky Friday authorized the state budget that neither this extended program nor the alternative minor program calling for an estimated expenditure of \$225,000,000 could be considered at the present time.

For Indians \$9,825,820.

Washington, Feb. 29.—The Indian appropriation bill was Friday passed by the senate. As passed by the house the bill carried an appropriation of \$8,215,697 to which the senate added \$1,610,123. In several instances the bill was amended in the senate to strike out or limit the authority of the secretary of the interior as provided in amendments reported by the committee on Indian affairs.

For Two Big Dry Decks.

Washington, Feb. 29.—The house committee on naval affairs Friday agreed to an authorization for the construction of two steel floating dry docks capable of holding a battleship of 20,000 tons, one to be located on the Atlantic and the other on the Pacific, and also the establishment of a naval station at Pearl Harbor.

Turkish Troops Still There.

Tills, Feb. 29.—The statements coming from Constantinople that the Turkish troops have evacuated the disputed Persian territory in the vicinity of Urumiah are not authoritatively denied. These troops continue holding their positions.

MINE CONFERENCE FAILED

After Months of Argument, Joint Committee Adjourned.

Coal Mining Will Cease After March 31 Unless a New Wage Agreement is Made.

Indianapolis, Feb. 29.—The joint committee of the coal operators and miners of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and western Pennsylvania comprising the central competitive field, adjourned Friday evening since they without reaching an agreement upon the proposition to call a joint convention to re-establish the interstate agreement and fix a wage scale to go into effect April 1, when the present scale expires. The final disagreement is the climax to months of argument which characterized joint meetings held in October, December and January. Unless concessions are made the union bituminous coal miners of the country will cease work March 31.

There were four important motions before the disagreement. President Chapman, of the Ohio operators, moved that the present wage scale be continued during April, that more time be given to reach an agreement. Secretary Wilson of the miners' organization opposed the action and it was defeated. He warned the operators that there would be no continuation of mining after March 31, unless a wage agreement was in process of being considered. President Traer of the Illinois operators moved that the joint committee adjourn until March 10. This was defeated by the Ohio and western Pennsylvania miners. A motion to adjourn until March 16 also met with defeat.

The last motion made at 6 p. m. by A. M. Ogle of the Indiana operators to adjourn sine die was carried after every effort to reach an agreement had failed.

Oklahoma Oil Men Meet.

Tulsa, Ok., Feb. 29.—The first general meeting of the Mid-Continent Oil Producers association which is made up of all oil men west of the Mississippi river with a membership of 4,000, will be held here Saturday. The object of the meeting is to take action on matters of importance to the oil industry, particularly with reference to possible legislation by the state legislature concerning the oil business. A banquet at night attended by 500 persons will be a feature of the meeting. The speakers will include Governor Haskell, President N. V. V. Franchet of the association and members of the legislature. The state officials will be guests.

Drill Brought Up Gold.

New Cumberland, W. Va., Feb. 29.—The eastern section of Hancock county near Arroya, adjoining the Pennsylvania state line, is in a state of excitement over an alleged rich gold find. The Sawmill Run Oil company is drilling an oil well on the Miss Virginia Brown farm at Arroya and when from a depth of 200 feet the baller was brought up it was found to contain a solid substance, in which the glint of gold was seen. The substance proved to be gold ore, and the small quantity brought up by the baller was declared to be worth \$750, or at the rate of \$7,000 per ton.

Visited the Battleships.

Lima, Feb. 29.—President Pardo visited Admiral Evans on board the battleship Connecticut Thursday night. As he passed down the pier to take a launch to the warship a large number of American sailors and marines formed in two lines and greeted him with enthusiastic cheering. President Pardo was received on board the Connecticut by Captain Osterhaus. Later he went to Admiral Evans' quarters and spoke to the commander-in-chief.

Miners Fail to Agree.

Indianapolis, Feb. 29.—The joint committee of coal miners and operators of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois adjourned Friday sine die, without reaching an agreement on the proposition to call a joint convention to re-establish the interstate agreement and fix a wage scale to go into effect April 1.

I TOLD YOU SO.



THE FOWLER BILL

The House Committee on Banking and Currency Recommends That It Be Passed.

SOME OF THE CHANGES MADE

Percentage of Guarantee Raised—Government Must Transact Business Through the Bank Like an Individual.

Washington, Feb. 29.—By a vote of 11 to 5, three members being present and not voting, the house committee on banking and currency Friday authorized its chairman, Representative Fowler of New Jersey, to report to the house the Fowler currency bill, with the recommendation that it be passed. The committee amended the bill in six of its salient features. The clause permitting national banks to do a trust savings bank business was amended by striking out the savings bank section. The clause making all of the national banks within each of the proposed reserve districts specifically liable for 10 per cent of the check and note liabilities of failed national banks with in that district was revised to read 25 per cent.

The bill as originally framed allowed each national bank to take out national credit notes to the extent of 100 per cent of its capital stock with the approval of the comptroller of the treasury and an unlimited additional amount with the approval of the board of managers of the reserve district to which the bank belonged. This provision was revised so that the total amount of credit notes issuable by any bank shall not exceed 200 per cent of its capital stock.

The bill originally provided that the deposit guaranty fund to be created by a tax of 2 per cent on the credit notes issued 20 per cent should be invested in United States 2 per cent bonds; and 20 per cent should be held in reserve. This is a gold fund. The bill as revised stipulates the investment of the entire fund in United States 2's and fixes their flat purchase at 104, which was the average price for the month of February last.

The revised bill in order to carry out the bond-currency retirement clause, provides that after the guaranty fund has reached the sum of \$25,000,000 the secretary of the treasury shall issue gold certificates to take the place of an equal amount of outstanding greenbacks. As the estimated annual tax on credit-notes would be \$14,000,000 about fourteen years would be required for the total retirement of the country's present bond-secured currency after the guaranty fund reached the amount of \$25,000,000.

One of the most interesting provisions of the bill as revised in committee, requires the government to collect its claims and pay its current expenses through the bank.

Ten days was granted by the committee to the Democratic members in which to agree upon a substitute measure for the Fowler bill and to submit a minority report.

For Failure to Stop Trains.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 29.—Forfeiture of more than \$30,000 is demanded of the Missouri Pacific railroad in a petition filed in the circuit court Friday by prosecuting attorney Compton. The suit is based on alleged failure of the railroad to stop trains at Jasper, in this county, as required by law, according to the allegations of the petition the Missouri Pacific has failed to stop two daily passenger trains at Jasper for an uninterrupted period extending from November 2, 1906. Forfeiture of \$25 a day is asked.

A New State Building for Winfield.

Topeka, Feb. 29.—The board of control let the contract Thursday for the new building at the school for the feeble minded in Winfield. The contract for the building was awarded to J. B. Betts of Topeka for \$45,751. This does not include the plumbing, heating or lighting. The legislature appropriated \$60,000 to build and furnish the structure.

I TOLD YOU SO.

COERCED THE OPERATORS

Santa Fe Officers Dictated Letters for the Men to Sign.

They Then Send Telegrams to Commerce Commission Stating They Did So Under Protest.

Washington, Feb. 29.—During the hearing Friday before the interstate commerce commission in which the railroads are attempting to have the enforcement of the nine-hour law affecting telegraph operators postponed, C. H. Gaunt in presenting the case of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, said he could lay before the commission autograph letters from 1,404 operators on that line stating that H. B. Perham was not authorized to represent them before the commission.

"I have a score of telegrams," interjected Chairman Knapp, "from operators on your line which state they signed such letters as you refer to under protest."

"I would like to know," suggested Mr. Gaunt, "who they are?"

"I cannot furnish you with that information," responded the chairman, laughing.

Thereupon Chairman Knapp read two or three of the telegrams which in effect stated that the signers had been threatened with discharge if they refused to sign letters which were written at the dictation and direction of officials of the Santa Fe road. Mr. Gaunt presented some of the letters which he had in hand and Chairman Knapp inquired if they had been prepared by officials of the company.

"They were not," replied Mr. Gaunt. The chairman then read a letter from an operator who said that he had been presented with a letter prepared for his signature by an official of the company.

Mr. Perham, president of the union of railway telegraphers, explained that he had in his possession letters from a thousand or more operators on the Santa Fe system authorizing him to represent them at this hearing. He alleged that the Santa Fe endeavored to intimidate its operators; that operators had been discharged for trivial causes, among the causes being membership in the Order of Railway Telegraphers. He produced a telegram informing him that three operators had declined to sign a letter to the interstate commerce commission presented to them by an official of the company.

Mr. Gaunt explained that the Santa Fe had difficulty with the telegraphers order because of the strike on that line several years ago and that owing to that trouble it was experiencing difficulty now in securing men to man its wires under the new law.

"Suppose you cannot get the men," inquired Chairman Knapp, "What will you do?"

"Close the offices which we cannot man," responded Mr. Gaunt, "and incur the additional hazard of operation. In the course of time we shall re-open these offices, but it may take us six months."

The Special Delivery Boy to Go.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Postmaster General Meyer is of the opinion that it is prejudicial to the welfare of "Young America" to employ him as a special delivery messenger in the postal service and has issued an order to the effect that whenever a vacancy occurs in the force of special delivery messengers the position shall not be filled and that substitute letter carriers and clerks shall be employed to effect special delivery. He states that these messenger boys are called upon frequently to visit low resorts and are often compelled to travel long distances late at night in lonely outlying sections of the great cities, falling to make deliveries at times through fair or weariness. The object of the order is to bring about the gradual discontinuance of the service of these juvenile messengers.

Allo Had Accomplices.

Denver, Col., Feb. 29.—Chief of Police Michael Delaney said Friday afternoon that a letter written by Giuseppe Allo to his son, which was found in the cell occupied by him while in jail at Colorado Springs, contained proof that men in six cities in the United States were connected with him in the killing of Father Leo. Almost at the moment he made this statement came news that six arrests had been made in eastern cities of men suspected of being accomplices of the murder.

Engineers Ask Mediation.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate commerce commission and Mr. Charles P. Nell, commissioner of labor, were Friday requested by the engineers of the Atlantic coast line to act as mediators in their controversy with the officials of that system in the matter of proposed reduction in their wages.

Wu Ting Fang Lands.

San Francisco, Feb. 29.—Wu Ting Fang, the new minister to Washington from China, arrived Friday morning from the Orient on the steamship Siberia. He was attended by several servants and a secretary. He will probably remain in San Francisco a few days before leaving for the east.

Lives Lost in Mexican Mine.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 29.—Information reaches this city through federal telegraph sources to the effect that the explosion in La Rosita mine at Sabinas, near Musquiz, Mexico, has resulted in a loss of forty to ninety lives.

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