HOGS SOLD LOWER

Market Declined 2 1-2 to 5 Cents Yesterday.

TOP PRICE WAS $4.65

Quality Was a Little Better Than Tuesday.

The hog market was weak and 2½ to 5 cents lower yesterday. The market opened fairly steady for, advices of lower and weaker markets at other points forced the prices down and the close yesterday was rather weak. Compared with the market of the previous day yesterday was considerably lower and much weaker.

The top of the market yesterday was $4.65, while the bulk was $4.60@4.65. Both the bulk and the top showed a decline of about 2½ cents. In some cases, however, sales were made at fully a nickel off the prices of the day before. The market was taken in all not such a bad one for a day when it was known lower values would certainly be paid.

The quality yesterday was fair. There were no top-y hogs in and the top on the market was not what it would have been had choice loads of hogs been offered. The general run yesterday could be classed as fair to good. There were no common hogs on the market to amount to anything. A few straggling loads came in early in the day and practically comprised the run.

The receipts yesterday were fairly good for a Wednesday. The total receipts of the day aggregated 1,600, compared with 2,100 of the previous day. The car-lots arrived fairly early, although a few came in late and several did not arrive until after the market had closed for the day.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Light packing hogs, 150 to 200 lbs.	$4 60@4 65
Medium weight packers, 200 to 250 lbs.	4 60@4 65
Heavy packing hogs, 250 to 325 lbs.	4 60@4 65

HEAVY HOGS.

No.	Dock.	Av. Wt.	Price.
62	80	261	$4 65
67	40	271	4 65
79	...	261	4 62½
77	200	272	4 60
10	...	265	4 62½
50	240	299	4 50
5	...	284	4 50
2	...	235	4 45
2	40	150	4 40
5	...	276	4 35

MEDIUM WEIGHTS.

71	40	232	4 65
83	...	223	4 62½
72	40	231	4 67½
67	...	223	4 62½
72	...	259	4 60
59	...	236	4 40
58	...	225	4 57½
66	80	217	4 67½
75	...	242	4 57½
69	120	214	4 57½
7	...	243	4 50
8	...	210	4 47½
2	...	225	4 45
4	80	240	4 45
6	...	223	4 40
5	...	229	4 40
3	...	263	4 40
3	...	240	4 40

LIGHTS, CULLS AND PIGS.

73	...	194	4 65
7	...	197	4 45
7	...	146	4 40
6	...	196	4 40
1	...	300	4 25
1	...	440	4 25
1	...	290	4 25
1	...	220	4 25
1	...	640	4 00

CATTLE.

There was not much doing in cattle yesterday. A few bunches were weighed up. This market is developing into quite a market for feeders and stockers and deals of considerable importance are made quite often.

Light butcher steers	$4 00@4 25
Butcher cows and heifers	3 00@3 75
Stock steers and feeders	3 75@4 50
Stock heifers and yearlings	3 25@3 50
Calves and yearlings	4 00@4 25
Bulls and stags	2 25@3 50

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Av. Wt.	Price.
25 feeders	848	$4 50
1 cow	1290	2 40
1 cow	1040	2 40
2 canners	840	2 40

PROVISION MARKET.

The provision market yesterday was rather weak. While there was no decided decline, yet all products evidenced weakness, especially pork futures. Ribs and lard sold generally steady, but with a weaker feeling.

Cash—	Open.	Close.
Pork	$10 99	$10 92
Lard	5 85	5 82
Ribs	6 02	6 00-2
May—		
Pork	11 00	11 00
Lard	6 02	6 02
Ribs	6 00	6 00-2
July—		
Pork	10 95	10 97
Lard	6 10-12	6 10
Ribs	6 02	6 02

SHIPPERS AND NOTES.

Seymour Clark, the well-known shipper of Benton, had in two loads yesterday, which brought the bulk price. Mr. Clark was well pleased with his transaction, and said that he received all, if not more, than he expected.

J. M. Pirtle was in from El Dorado with a car of heavy hogs which sold for the bulk price.

L. M. McCrocklin of Derby was represented on the market by a load of heavy hogs which sold for the bulk sum. Mr. R. L. Trickey accompanied the car.

T. W. Bay was up from Corwin with a load of medium weight packers, which sold on the early market.

Fritz & Bunch, the heavy shippers of Ponca City, were on the market again yesterday for the second time this week. Their hogs sold for the high price.

W. F. Ridge of Pond Creek was one of the late arrivals on the market. His hogs realized a good sum. They were medium weight packers.

J. M. Marlatt of Benton, an old shipper to this market, who comes here regularly, received the bulk sum for a car of medium weight swine.

A. Garland of Kiowa disposed of a car of hogs early yesterday morning. His load arrived the previous day.

Moss & Smith of Medford were represented on the market yesterday by one load of hogs. They arrived late and were yarded over until today. Mr. V. A. Clift of Medford accompanied the load.

J. B. Kell of Clearwater was in for the second time this week yesterday with a car of heavy swine, which sold for a stiff price.

W. S. Thomas of Ponca City sold a car of hogs on the late market yesterday for the high price of the day.

W. P. Pack, a new shipper from Mound Ridge, arrived late last night with a car of hogs, which were yarded over.

Hagen & Jones, well-known shippers of Perry, had in a fine load of lights yesterday, which sold for the top price of the day. Mr. C. A. Hagen accompanied the load.

Martin & Johnson of Enid sold a car of medium weight packers on the late market for the bulk sum.

Steiner & Blair of Lyons arrived late last night with a car of good hogs, which were yarded over until today.

Rippey & Bucher, shippers from the short-grass town of Stafford, arrived late last night with a mixed load of hogs and cattle. Both were yarded over until today.

The railroads did a fair business at the yards yesterday. The Santa Fe brought in 6 cars, the Missouri Pacific 5, the Rock Island 3 and the Frisco 3.

The Dold Packing company did a very satisfactory shipping business yesterday. Every day shows a decided increase and the forces on the docks and in the jobbing and express departments have all they can do to handle the rush of orders. Dold quality has created an unprecedented demand for Dold products.

STOCK YARDS AT HAVANA.

(From the National Provisioner.)

Mr. Henry F. Embry, of the firm of Tatum, Embry & Co., live stock commission merchants of Louisville, Ky., and president of the Conrad Provision company of the same city, returned last week from Havana, Cuba, where he was superintending the construction of a stock yards at that point. The stock yards company is known as the Union Stock Yards company, of Havana, and capitalized at $100,000. The yards, which have just been completed, are of a most modern style, with all the latest improved facilities for handling stock. Tatum, Embry & Co., Cincinnati, O.; Perry & Lesler, Nashville, Tenn., and B. Duran, of Havana, Cuba, are the principal stockholders of the new company, of which Mr. B. Duran is president and H. F. Embry secretary. Mr. Embry speaks in glowing terms of the future business prospects of the island and especially of the stock yards business, which he says is bound to be a successful enterprise, as there is no other stock yards located there, nor any facilities for handling the vast number of cattle and hogs that are being received there every month. Cattle are selling on the island at 5½ to 6¼c, and hogs 7¼ to 8¼c, live weight, in Spanish gold, which is at 8 per cent discount.

THE MEAT INSPECTION BILL.

The Prussian minister of agriculture, Baron Von Hammerstein, when interviewed by the correspondent of the Associated Press regarding the fate of the meat inspection bill, declined to say more than that he hoped the question would finally be settled satisfactorily to both sides. It is understood the bundesrath will not touch the bill until Emperor William returns to Berlin. The semi-official Munich Allegemeine Zeitung declares that Prince Von Hohenlohe told both the emperor and the cabinet that he would not sign the bill in its present Agrarian shape and that rather than do it he would resign. The Agrarian press hence contains some articles against the imperial chancellor.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Chicago, March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 22,000; generally 10 to 15c lower; natives, good to prime steers, 10c lower, $4.90@5.80; poor to medium, 10 to 20c lower, $4.40@4.60; selected feeders slow, $4.10@4.80; mixed stockers about steady, $3.30@3.90; cows 10c lower, $3.00@4.20; heifers, $3.00@4.40; canners, $2.25@2.90; bulls, $3.00@4.15; calves 25c lower, $4.50@7.00. Texans, receipts 2,500; Texas fed steers active, 5 to 10c lower, $3.85@4.80; Texas bulls a shade lower, $3.20@3.70.

Hogs—Receipts, today, 29,000; tomorrow, 27,000, estimated; left over, 5,000. Fairly active, averaging a shade lower; top, $5.05; mixed and butchers, $4.80@5.02½; good to choice heavy, $4.85@5.05; rough heavy, $4.80@4.90; light, $4.75@4.85; bulk of sales, $4.90@5.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; sheep and yearlings about steady; lambs weak to 15c lower; good to choice wethers, $5.50@5.90; fair to choice mixed, $4.75@5.35; western sheep, $5.40@6.80; yearlings, $5.80@8.40; native lambs, $5.50@7.25; western lambs, $6.00@7.35.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; market 10@15c lower; native steers, $3.25@5.35; Texas steers, $3.75@4.55; Texas cows, $2.80@3.50; native cows and heifers, $1.85@4.65; stockers and feeders, $3.65@5.25; bulls, $2.10@4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; market weak; bulk of sales, $4.45@4.87½; heavy, $4.80@4.95; packers, $4.75@4.92½; mixed, $4.70@4.85; light, $4.30@4.77½; yorkers, $4.70@4.77½; pigs, $4.35@4.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; market steady; lambs, $5.00@6.90; muttons, $4.00@6.00.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; market lower for natives, steady for Texans; native shipping and beef steers, $3.60@5.85; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.60; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.45; Texas and Indian steers, $3.50@4.70; cows and heifers, $2.50@3.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,500; market a shade lower; pigs and lights, $4.80@4.90; packers, $4.85@4.95; butchers, $4.90@5.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,800; market firm; native muttons, $5.00@5.85; lambs, $6.00@6.25; culls and bucks, $4.00@5.00.

COTTON.

New Orleans, La., March 14.—Cotton—Firm; sales, 9,000; middling, 6 5-16c.

Liverpool, March 14.—Cotton—Moderate spot demand; prices higher; American middling, 5 9-16d.

New York, March 14.—Spot cotton closed 1½c higher; middling uplands, 6¾; middling gulf, 6¾c; sales, 1,085 bales. Futures closed steady; March, 6.33; April, 6.45; May, 6.27; June, 6.34; July, 6.24; August, 6.33; September, 6.27; October, 6.02; November, 6.76; December, 6.80; January, 6.56; February, 6.50.

Steamer Wolcott a Total Loss.

San Francisco, Cal., March 14.—Advices to the Merchants Exchange from Seattle say the steamer Excelsior has arrived there from Alaska with news of the loss of the steamer Wolcott. Her crew, passengers and most of her cargo were saved by the Excelsior. On January 31 the Wolcott struck a rock ten miles from Kodiak. She is a total loss.

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GOOD CASH BUSINESS

And Shorts Covering Puts the Wheat Market Up.

MAY 7-8 CENTS BETTER

All the Other Markets Close at Advances.

Chicago, March 14.—In a rush of good cash business and covering by shorts the wheat market closed strong today, May ⅞ cents over yesterday. May corn closed ⅛@¼c up, and May oats a shade upwards. Provisions at the close were a trifle better.

It was rather a quiet day on the whole. May opened ½c over yesterday, at 66c, helped by the cash business done at Duluth and also here yesterday. The market touched 66⅞c early on profit-taking, but steadied. Near the end shorts caused a sharp rally which carried May to 66¾c. The close was strong, May ⅞c over yesterday, at 66⅞c. New York reported five loads taken for export. The export business here for the day was put at 125,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 700,000 bushels, compared with 475,000 last year. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 307,500 bushels. Local receipts were 25 cars, none of contract grade. Colder weather was predicted.

The corn market opened firm, but shortly afterwards declined on liquidation. The decline was recovered near the end, partly in flurries by the bulge in wheat. The cash demand was fair and on the rally shorts covered. Business was rather quiet the greater part of the session. Local receipts were 435 cars. Country offerings were light. May closed firm, ⅛@¼c over yesterday, at 37⅝@37¾c.

The trade in oats was exceedingly quiet, influenced largely by the lessened excitement in corn. Local receipts were 289 cars. May closed a shade upwards, at 23⅞c.

Covering of May pork was the feature of an otherwise colorless provisions market. This influence caused a bulge early, but as soon as the demand was satisfied the market receded to opening figures. The close was steady. May pork closed 2½c over yesterday, at $11.02½; May lard unchanged, at $6.02½, and May ribs 2½c up, at $6.00@6.02½.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 28 cars; corn, 400; oats, 250; hogs, 34,000 head.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 14.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	66	66⅞	65⅞	66⅝
July	66⅝@⅞	67½@⅝	66¾	67½
Corn—				
March	...	...	...	36¼
May	37¼@⅜	37⅝	37¼@⅜	37⅝@⅞
July	37⅝@⅞	37⅞	37½	37⅞
Sept	38¼@¼	38¼@⅜	38	38¼@⅜
Oats—				
May	23⅞	23⅞	23¾	23⅞
July	22⅝	23⅞	22⅝	22⅞
Pork—				
May	10 95	11 15	10 95	11 02½
July	10 90	11 10	10 90	10 97½
Lard—				
May	6 02½	6 07½	6 02½	6 02½
July	6 10	6 15	6 10	6 10
Ribs—				
May	6 02½	6 05	6 00	6 02½
July	6 02½	6 07½	6 02½	6 02½

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 61@66c; No. 2 red, 65½@66c.

Corn—No. 2, 33½@34c; No. 2 yellow, 36⅝.

Oats—No. 2, 23½@23¾c; No. 2 white, 26¼@28c; No. 3 white, 25¾@26½c.

Rye—No. 2, 55½@56½c.

Barley—No. 2, 37½@38c.

Flax seed—No. 1, $1.60.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2.40.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $5.85@5.97½.

Short rib sides (loose), $5.85@6.10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 6¼@6½; short clear sides (boxed), $6.20@6.35.

Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.24½.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	66,000	68,000
Wheat, bu	69,000	126,000
Corn, bu.	11,000	10,000
Oats, bu.	54,000	.....

On the Produce Exchange, today, the market closed as follows:

Butter—Creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 16@22c.

Cheese—Firm; 12@13c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 14@14½c.

Dressed poultry—Steady; turkeys, 8½@11c; chickens, 9½c.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., March 14.—Wheat—May, 63⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 64c; No. 3, 60@63c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3, 65@68c.

Corn—May, 36⅝c. Cash, No. 2 mixed, 35c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3, 35c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 25@25½c.

Rye—No. 2, 55c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $10.00@10.50; prairie, $7.50@7.50.

Butter—Creamery, 20@22c; dairy, 19c.

Eggs—Fresh, 10½c.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—Receipts—Flour, 5,000; wheat, 6,000; corn, 32,000; oats 14,000.

Shipments—Flour, 5,000; wheat, 26,000; corn, 101,000; oats, 11,000.

Wheat—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 71⅝c; track, 72@72½c; March, 71½c; May, 70⅝c; July, 69⅝@69¾c; No. 3 hard, 66@67c.

Corn—Higher; No. 2 cash, 36c; track, 37c; March, 36c; May, 36¼@36⅜c; July, 36½c.

Oats—Higher; No. 2 cash, 25c; track, 25c; March, 25c; May, 24¾c; No. 2 white, 26½@27c.

Rye—Firm; 56c.

Flax seed—Steady; $1.57.

Pork—Steady; jobbing, $10.50, old; $11.25, new.

Lard—Steady; prime steam, $5.70; choice $5.75.

Lead—Steady; $3.47½@3.60.

Spelter—Steady; $4.45.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 14.—Butter—Receipts, 5,923 packages; firm; western creamery, 20@23c; factory, 17@20c.

Cheese—Receipts 3,023 packages; strong; fancy large white, 12c; fancy large colored, 12@12¼c; fancy small white, 12@12c; fancy small colored, 12¼@12½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 7,829 packages; barely steady; western, at mark 16@16½c; southern, at mark, 16½@17½c.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, March 14.—Wheat—Quiet, closing ¼@¾d lower; March, 5s 9¼d; May, 5s 9½d; July, 5s 8¾d.

Corn—Quiet, closing unchanged; May, 3s 10¼d; July, 3s 10¼d.

METAL MARKET.

New York, March 14.—Price changes and activity were the features of the metal market today. Although the cables from London reported decline in both tin and copper, after prolonged dullness of over three months, here, advanced 12½ points, said to be on account of export sales, closing firm at $16.37½; pig iron was very dull. Tin ruled firm, closing at $33.60, an advance of 25 to 75 points over yesterday's decline, the price then being $32.25@32.75. Lead was dull and unchanged at $4.70 bid, and $4.75 asked. Spelter was quoted at $4.65@4.67½, closing easy at that. The brokers' price for lead is $4.45.

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WAITING ON THE NEW LAW

Is for the Most Part the Attitude of the Speculative.

New York, March 14.—Today's stock market was largely in professional hands and trading was congested in the specialties again. The professional contingent who have bought stocks to discount the enactment of the currency law sold today to realize. Pressure from this source was not heavy, but the demand for stocks was so light that the dribbling offerings made steady inroads upon prices, carrying a few of the standard railroad stocks off a point during the course of the late trading. The movement of prices in the specialties was wider, due to special causes. Sugar was sold from Boston, where offers were made of the next dividend below the ½ per cent rate last September on large amounts of stock. Brooklyn Transit suffered from the refusal of the state railroad commission to defer the quarterly report. The Rubber stocks felt the unfavorable influence of the pleasant weather, accompanied with stories of large stocks to be carried over till next season. People's Gas was sold afresh on Chicago orders. The most conspicuous movement of the day was in Third Avenue, which sold down to 56 in the morning, but shot up to 66 later in the day after the publication of the receiver's report, driving the bears to cover with a scramble. The stock reacted 3½ and fluctuated feverishly, closing with a net gain of 5 points.

For the most part the speculative attitude is now one of continued waiting for the results of the new financial law to manifest themselves. A feeling of doubt increases that, however prompt may be the results, they will not avail to offset the continued drain during the week on bank reserves in time to effect the Saturday bank statement. This being the case, that statement is likely to show surplus reserves practically wiped out. Tomorrow is the date set for the disbursement of quite a large amount of dividends, including that of $20 per share on the stock of the Standard Oil company. The dividend alone will amount in the aggregate to $20,000,000. Several million dollars additional will be disbursed as dividends on various stocks. This may reasonably be expected to have some effect on tomorrow's money market.

Today's rates for money were firmly held, but bankers were eager to place loans for the longer periods, while borrowers were unwilling to bid for any but short time loans, clearly reflecting the expectation of easier conditions near at hand. February's record of exports of merchandise attracted attention as going far to explain the recent heaviness in sterling in face of large demands upon the market and as promising to make the current fiscal year a record one in the country's trade. Closing prices of stocks were as follows:

Louis. & Nash.	81½	Am. Sm. & Re.	39
Manhattan L.	97½	do pfd	91½
Met. St. Ry.	164¾	Am. Spirits	2
Mex. Central	23	do pfd	17
Minn. & St. L.	61	Am. Steel H.	35½
do pfd	92	do pfd	80
Mo. Pacific	47	Am. Steel & W.	33¾
Mobile & Ohio	44	do pfd	91⅝
Mo., K. & T.	19	Am. Tin Plate	32
do pfd	39½	do pfd	97¾
N. J. Central	115½	Am. Tobacco	103¾
N. Y. Central	134¾	do pfd	135
Norf. & W.	22¾	Am. Wm. Co.	4⅞
do pfd	75	Brook. R. Tran.	57¾
North. Pacific	42¾	Colo. F. & I.	43¾
do pfd	73½	Cont'l Tobacco	29
Ont. & West.	23⅝	do pfd	81½
Or. Ry. & Nav.	42	Fed. Steel	47¾
do pfd	76	do pfd	72¾
Pennsylvania	134½	Gen. Electric	132
Reading	17½	Glucose Sugar	50¾
do 1st pfd	58	do pfd	94
do 2d pfd	34¼	Int'l Paper	15½
Ills. C. West	53½	do pfd	64
St. L. & S. F.	10½	Laclede Gas	74½
do 1st pfd	68	Nat'l Biscuit	36½
do 2d pfd	51¼	do pfd	95½
St. L. Southw.	10¾	Nat'l Lead	24
do pfd	32	do pfd	104
St. Paul	131	Nat'l Steel	44¾
do pfd	173¾	do pfd	80½
St. P. & O.	169	N. Y. A. Brake	137
South. Pacific	39½	North Amer.	16½
South. Ry.	12¾	Pac. Coast	80
do pfd	69	do 1st pfd	82
Texas & Pacific	14½	do 2d pfd	60
Union Pacific	49	Pac. Mail	31¼
do pfd	74½	People's Gas	97½
Wabash	4½	Press. Steel Car	34½
do pfd	20	do pfd	94½
Wheel. & L. E.	10	Pull. Pal. Car	181
do 2d pfd	26¾	Stan. R. & T.	6½
Wis. Central	17	Sugar	124¼
Adams Ex	158	do pfd	118
Am. Ex	245	Tenn. C. & I.	32½
U. S. Ex	45	U. S. Leather	12
Wells Fargo	122	do pfd	72½
Am. Cot. Oil	38¼	U. S. Rubber	27
do pfd	93½	do pfd	32
Am. Malting	5	West. Union	82½
Am. Malt. pfd	28¾		

Buying of bonds continued on a large scale at advancing prices. Total sales, par value, $3,034,000. United States fours declined ¾ and the 5's ¾ in the bid price.

New York Money Market.

New York, March 14.—(Noon).—Money on call firm at 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5@6½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾ for demand and at $4.82 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87½ and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.84¼. Silver certificates, 64¾@65¼c; silver bars, 59½c. Mexican dollars, 47¾. Government bonds strong.

Pledge to Cuba Reaffirmed

Havana, March 14.—Elihu Root, the United States secretary of war, in addressing the members of the Planters' association yesterday, said he understood that distrust of the Cubans prevented the carrying out of the joint resolution of the United States congress. He declared, however, that the American government intended to fulfill every obligation and that the Cubans should believe and act accordingly.

GET ROYAL WELCOME

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Sooner or later they will jump at it and tear it to pieces and divide it among them. When that time comes I hope America will be there. (Great applause.) The Lord has sent us to the Philippines to be on the way and some day it will be taken for Christ. The way was opened for America through the Spanish war. Two months before that war no one dreamed of the situation. It came about like the great measures that God has wrought before and today Old Glory waves in the Philippines as a symbol of liberty and enlightenment to the benighted peoples there. The two great battles of that war were fought and won on Sunday. There is something significant in this. I tell you, I believe God had a hand in it, and we should take advantage of the new situation. Our Spanish war has opened up to us ten millions of people for evangelistic influences."

Dr. Leonard then took up a collection for the famine sufferers in India where American missionaries are operating. The audience had been so wrought up by his splendid address that the silver jingled lively in the hats as they were passed through the audience. He said that $1 would feed one person in India twenty days.

EXPANSION ARMY.

Dr. Leonard inaugurated a novel movement in behalf of missions last night after his address. It is known as the "Expansion Army," and is organized similar to the regular United States army. The army is made up of companies and regiments, a company being organized in each conference. The person joining the army agrees to pay $1 a year for ten years to help carry on the missionary work in the Philippines. A company was raised at Chanute last week, but last night the proposition had to be put twice before the audience took sufficient interest in the movement. Then over 100 arose and signified their intention of joining the army. There will be no call issued until there are 25,000 enlisted.

FORSOOK PREACHING FOR FAITH HEALING.

In the reading of reports yesterday afternoon it was discovered that Methodism had lost one of its preachers out in the short grass country. The Rev. S. D. Osborn, who was pastor of the church at Spearville, became a faith healer, deserted his charge and removed to Chicago where he learned the faith healer's art, secured a diploma and is now practicing. The Rev. Martindale, presiding elder of the Dodge City district, stated that the Rev. Osborn had written him to the effect that he could no longer conscientiously carry on his work at Spearville, when the rules of his church prohibited the practice of faith healing.

Bishop Vincent said in reply to this: "Well, one sign that he had good sense is that he believes he is no longer eligible among us."

EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY.

The reports of pastors yesterday furnished fine evidence of the prosperity over southwest Kansas during the past year. As each pastor's name was called it was gratifying to the bishop and presiding elders to hear so many of them respond with the words: "Collections all taken; all full." This meant that every cent which the conference commanded them to raise for the different branches of the work was collected in full. Bishop Vincent stopped to remark that the reports were better in this conference than any other he had attended.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Miss Chamberlain, of 251 North Topeka avenue, is the official conference stenographer.

The statistical session was held yesterday in the Plymouth Congregational church.

The cabinet sessions are held at the residence of Dr. Dorsey, just north of the church. The bishop and the presiding elders meet each afternoon following the business sessions of the conference.

The Book Concern is doing a rushing business. Many of the ministers are replenishing their libraries.

The wives of the local Methodist pastors will receive the wives of the visiting pastors in the basement of the church this afternoon and Friday afternoon.

The lecture by the Rev. Harry F. Ward of Chicago at 4 o'clock was among the splendid things yesterday. He deals with sociology of the church, and his lectures are based upon conditions which are threatening in the great cities. He will deliver three other lectures during the week.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Southwest Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church began its eighteenth session in the First M. E. church, Wichita, Kan., March 14, 1900, at 8:30 a. m., Bishop John H. Vincent presiding. The bishop conducted the devotional service and administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the presiding elders.

The conference secretary called the roll. Ninety-nine members and seventeen probationers responded.

The following conference officers were elected:

Secretary—E. C. Beach, Newton.

Assistant Secretaries—E. A. Hoyt, A. O. Ebright, J. W. Anderson.

Statistical Secretary—W. V. Burns, Wichita.

Assistant Statistical Secretaries—R. A. Davidson, D. E. Votaw, E. S. MacCartney, W. M. Runyan, W. T. Wood, W. E. Woodward.

Treasurer—W. J. Barrow, Belle Plain.

Assistant Treasurers—F. F. Bernstorf, W. B. Barton, C. H. Woodward, E. E. Robbins.

The following fixed committees, nominated by the presiding elders, were confirmed:

Missions—The presiding elders.

Publishing Minutes—The secretaries.

Public Worship—The presiding elder and pastor at the seat of the conference.

Standing Committees:

Auditing and Examination of Records—E. E. Robbins, H. W. Giddens, D. F. Irwin, J. A. Holmes, N. E. Harmon.

Conference Relations—J. C. Hall, J. T. Hanna, E. A. Hoyt, C. E. Williams, Frank C. Fay.

Education—J. A. Davis, D. D. Akin, A. H. Parker, D. W. Phillips, Wm. Reace.

Young People's Work—J. W. Pruen, Dougald McCormick, L. F. Abernathy, W. R. Weaver, C. H. Woodward.

Memoirs—G. W. Howes, F. C. Fay, B. C. Swartz, W. V. Burns, J. W. Anderson, N. E. Harmon.

Woman's Work—H. J. Dueker, Frank McCormick, A. J. Bixler, R. A. Davidson, J. N. Stamper.

General Conference Benevolences—W. B. Sluts, F. C. Fay, C. D. Hestwood, J. W. Anderson, I. B. Case, W. I. Miller, T. W. Jeffrey, R. B. Engle, A. W. Cummings.

To Nominate Officers of Conference Societies—L. M. Riley, J. A. Hyden, H. C. Wharton, H. W. Cummings, A. A. Parker.

Publishing Interests—C. C. Woods, J. N. Roberts, A. B. Hestwood, C. E. Mann, Wm. Reace.

Reforms—P. C. Dilts, W. A. VanGundy, W. B. Barton, E. S. MacCartney.

Ministerial Support—G. W. Irwin, G. W. Dalby, D. G. Watson, W. J. Barron.

Special Charities—O. C. Baird, B. T. Jones, P. D. Lahr, E. C. Pollard, J. H. Smith.

Resolutions—J. W. Kirkpatrick, J. H. Prachl, F. C. Fay, J. F. Irwin, W. V. Burns.

J. A. Davis was elected conference postmaster.

The conference bar, before which will be tried all offenders of church rules and other arguments presented, was fixed on a line with the middle windows and second pillars from the front of the church.

The conference hours for assembling and adjourning were fixed at 8:40 a. m. and 12 m.

Addresses of welcome were made by Rev. Henry E. Thayer, pastor of the Congregational church and Hon. W. E. Stanley. Bishop Vincent responded in behalf of the conference.

The characters of each preacher was examined. The character of all presiding elders and of all effective elders was passed.

Rev. W. J. Martindale, presiding elder of the Dodge City district, and Rev. T. S. Hodgson, presiding elder of the McPherson district, read their reports.

Rev. J. T. Hanna, in behalf of the pastors of McPherson district, presented a sum of money to Dr. T. S. Hodgson, who now closes his term of six years as presiding elder of that district. Dr. Hodgson responded in words of appreciation of the gift.

The following persons were introduced and addressed the conference: Dr. A. B. Leonard, secretary of the Missionary society; Dr. Lewis Curts of the Book Concern; Dr. Heard, editor of the Conference Examiner; the Rev. Gamble of the South Kansas conference; Dr. H. D. Fisher and Rev. Edwin Locke of the Kansas conference, Rev. Allen Buckner of the Kansas conference.

A draft for $51 from the Book Concern and one of $12 from the chartered fund were ordered drawn and placed in the hands of the board of stewards.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we refer to the committee on conference relations candidates for admission on trial for full connection, for change of relations and supernumeraries wishing continuance in that relation.

Resolved, That we concur in the action of the Kansas conference looking toward the removal of the depository and Central Christian Advocate from St. Louis to Kansas City, and that we will join the patronizing conferences in a memorial to the book committee and to the general conference regarding said removal.

W. J. MARTINDALE,
H. WAITT,
GEO. W. HOWES,
W. B. SLUTZ.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

UNDER THE RED ROBE.

The production of "Under the Red Robe" at the Crawford theatre last night recalled the amusing situation of the company who presented the same play last year under certain difficulties. The company's costumes, it will be remembered, failed to arrive, and the hastily improvised costumes was the cause of immense merriment to the audience and of considerable embarrassment to the actors. The company last night, however, had their costumes with them and presented this interesting play in a satisfactory manner. The costuming was appropriate and the stage accessories and details adequate. The play, with the exception of the very beginning, held the interest of the auditor closely. The only criticism on the play itself is that it takes a little too long to get his story introduced, and the scene in the inn becomes slightly draggy before the action really begins. Mr. Paul Cazenouve in Gil De Berault pleased. Compared with Mr. Morris, he is lacking in figure and voice. He is a better swordsman, however, and makes much more of the sword play which very properly represents the character of Gil. He is graceful and forceful, but his voice is weak. Miss Amelia Gardner is also new to Wichita theatre-goers. She appeared as Renee de Cocheforet in which role she appears to excellent advantage. With a charming stage presence and commanding figure Miss Gardner makes much out of the part with her talented interpretation of this delightful role. Mr. Edward B. Tilton as the lieutenant is very good. He makes a character role out of the part that adds greatly to the interest of several interesting and exciting scenes. The balance of the cast gave very fair support, and taken in every way, the performance pleased.

Next attraction, "The Pirates of Penzance."

WICHITA LYCEUM.

A decided novelty, which met with great success, was the performance by the Park sisters, who were gracefully and charmingly gowned. Hitherto I have found it trying to listen to one cornet in a room, but with the delicate restraint and faultless intonation that marks the playing of these sisters, the experience is quite the reverse of trying—it is extremely agreeable.—Morning Post, London.

The talented sisters possess a fine personal appearance and a true artistic spirit. Their selections on the cornets, mandolin and zither showed careful training and systematic work. The program was filled with gems, and the encores were well selected and made up largely of familiar melodies.—Chicago Herald.

The famous Park sisters, cornetists, who have been heard at the International Endeavor conventions for several years, and whose playing was a wonder and the music inspiring, appeared before a crowded house in Dayton, O., Y. M. C. A. on Thursday night. Their exquisite playing, both as to technique and execution, was of the highest order. Their selections were well chosen, and from the introduction to the finale the program was pleasing and instructive, and greatly enjoyed by the hearers, as the vigorous applause evidenced.—The Christian World.

Regular attraction, March 17.

MR. ERNEST GAMBLE, BASSO.

After a summer spent in Paris and London Mr. Gamble arrives in America November 1 with a repertoire augmented by the newest and latest compositions and musical novelties. The marvelous success that Mr. Gamble's recitals have met with during the past seasons has created a great demand for his services in all of the large musical centers. He has appeared under such noted conductors as the late Anton Seidl Orchestra, Damrosch Regiment, Royal Opera, Covent Garden, London; H. R. Palmer, dean of music, Chautauqua; Henry J. Wood, Queen's Hall Symphony Orchestra, London; W. R. Chapman, conductor of the Mohonk festival, and Apollo and Rubinstein clubs, New York.

Mr. Gamble has been soloist two seasons at Chautauqua, N. Y., and was selected as solo bass at Trinity Church, New York. He has sung in the leading Astoria musicales and Metropolit