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WOMAN SUFFRAGE CIRCULAR.

Annual Convention of the Association Next Month.

The annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association will be held in Washington, D. C., from February 8 to 13, inclusive. It is the intention of the members of the association to make the occasion a special one, to share the progress which has been made by women in the political subjects. The association have accordingly issued a circular in which their intentions are set forth as follows:

"The way up the height of woman's advancement during the century has been long and steep, but it has not been dreary. The consciousness of giving the world a forward movement along the path of liberty is its reward. Great ideas have ever been safed to human effort. The creative men of the century have walked with us, poets have sung for us, prophets have inspired us with visions of success. Statesmen have made course and forums ring with eloquence on our behalf, science have changed into roses, words has become applause, timidity, opposition and indifference have changed into a grateful chorus of approval for women's equality before the law.

"Let us then close the Nineteenth Century with a jubilee which shall be a jubilee for our successes and a preparation for the Twentieth Century, which is to be neither man's nor woman's, but humanity's."

The officers of the association at present are: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, honorary president; Susan B. Anthony, president; Anna Howard Shaw, vice president.

New York Limited, 1 p. m. daily, via Vandalia-Pennsylvania Lines. Through Elegantly dining-car service.

FOUR SEEK BROTHERS.

Chief of Police Requested to Locate Missing Relatives.

Chief of Police Campbell received four letters yesterday from persons in various parts of the country, each requesting information as to the whereabouts of a brother, who is supposed to be lost in St. Louis.

John H. Madison of Dresden, Ontario, wants the Chief to locate his brother, Charles Madison, and inform him of his mother's death.

Mrs. Ruth M. Hixson of Morgan, Wyo., writes to learn the whereabouts of her brother, James W. Murray, from whom she has not heard for three years. When word came from him last he was living at No. 4314 St. Ferdinand avenue.

Miss Kate Wood of No. 1117 Cedar street, Nashville, Tenn., requests information of her brother, Frank Dowd, who left home four months ago. A year ago he lost an arm and all the fingers of the other hand in a collision on the Iron Mountain. Myrtle Loomis of No. 214 Hawthorne street, Hot Springs, Ark., desires information concerning her brother, Wesley Loomis, who was last heard of in St. Louis about three months ago.

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Breach of Contract Alleged.

The Laclede Construction Company filed suit yesterday against the Tudor Iron Works for $62,50 damages for alleged breach of contract to furnish spikes, bolts and nuts used in rails for use in railroad building. The Laclede Construction Company also filed suit yesterday against the T. J. Moss Tie Company for $170.00 damages for the alleged failure of the defendant to furnish ties. It is alleged that the defendant entered into a contract with the St. Louis, Peoria and Northwestern Railway Company to furnish 10,000 ties, and that the contract was transferred to the plaintiff.

To get rid of rheumatism try a bottle of Elmer & Amend's Prescription, No. 2.83. Star Drug Co., Broadway & Market, agents.

Disfigured for Life.

John Jame of No. 259 North Taylor avenue was seriously injured yesterday afternoon while plastering the residence building at Maple and Goodfellow avenues. He was working on a scaffold about fifteen feet from the ground. Suddenly the plank on which he was standing gave way, and Jame fell to the ground. His head struck against a pile of bricks and the entire scalp on the left side of his head was scraped off. Doctor Yost of Goodfellow and Maple avenues bandaged the injured man's head and forwarded him to the City Hospital. He will be disfigured for life if he recovers.

Indianapolis Sleeper, via Vandalia Line, leaves St. Louis Union Station 2:40 a. m. daily; it is open for occupancy after 10 p. m.

"Good Fellow" Loses His Money.

Alexander Redmond of Webb City, Mo., was knocked down and robbed of $18.50 in the rear of Mrs. Muir's saloon at No. 119 South Seventh street on Wednesday night. He treated a crowd of loungers in the saloon until about midnight, when he started to depart. Some of the loungers followed him out, felled him with a club and took all of his money. Henry Madden was arrested yesterday morning, but as Redmond was not positive in his identification a warrant was issued, charging Madden with carrying concealed weapons.

Try Train No. 20, leaving St. Louis via Vandalia-Pennsylvania Lines 8:00 a. m. daily; through sleepers to Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, New York. Excellent dining-car service.

Warrant Charges Robbery.

A warrant charging robbery in the first degree was issued yesterday against Harry Brandt and Harry Kottman, who were arrested on a charge of breaking into Winkler's jewelry store at No. 259 St. Louis avenue on Tuesday evening and carrying away $250 worth of jewelry. Henry Spellman, a clerk, was in the store, and they kept him under cover. He positively identified the two prisoners.

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10 cents and 25 cents, at all drug stores.

THE NUDE IN ART AS IT IS REGARDED.

Mrs. Martha Davis Griffith's Lecture and a Chicago Artist's Views on the Subject.

PANTALETTE AGE IS PAST.

Affected Modesty of Former Days Gives Way to More Rational Ideas—A Beautiful Body the Acme of Art.

Mrs. Martha Davis Griffith gave a lecture on "The Nude in Art" at Hotel Beers yesterday afternoon before a class of ladies, who have been studying art and history with Mrs. Griffith during the winter, and a number of invited guests from the hotel. The audience was entirely feminine, as gentlemen were not expected.

Mrs. Griffith traced the course of art—nude art—from the beginning, with Adam and Eve as the first exponents, and averred that the reproving question in the Garden of Eden was not nudity, but disobedience.

She cited the difference between Greek and Roman nude art, the last having a divinity in it, and therefore the purer, while the second was completely despoiled of its divine aspect, and therefore the baser.

A beautiful body, according to the lecturer, is the acme of art, and he who does not reverently gaze is not a true worshiper of the highest form of truth. She quoted many celebrated painters who are ardent advocates of the purity of women models, and added that Kenyon Cox is the authority for saying that "if nude art be banished everything except decoration and landscape would die in the art world."

The French galleries sometimes produce paintings too startling for household use, according to Mrs. Griffith, but she had much to say that was commendatory of the well-known "Greek Slave" by Powers; the many works of Bouguereau, Perry's "Phoebe", Gray's "Judgment of Paris", and gave a careful explanation of the much-maligned "Bacchante" of MacMonnies, which was refinished by the Boston Library and afterwards accepted and placed in a post of honor in the Metropolitan Museum in New York. This, according to Mrs. Griffith, does not imply a tipsy dancing woman with her locks on her arm; but, going back to the Greek divinity point again, represents a priestess of Dionysius who was the ancient god of the vine, but of the fermented liquor, the priestess holding up an infant, which is typifies the wine itself.

Various pictures of the nude were exhibited before the class, including a Rubens group of graces, which one of Mrs. Griffith's auditors declared to be "lumpy," and a number of Venuses.

A Chicago Artist's Observations.

Mrs. Griffith read a dissertation of the nude written by a Chicago artist, who said, in substance:

"In the days of pantalettes, with a ruffle at the feeler, ostensibly to convey the idea that a woman had no legs, but only arms, and a thing as calling a leg a leg was the acme of indecorum. We have 'growed up' as Topsy says, and have some sensible ideas of true modesty. Then, since a woman's other appendages to-day can be called by their right name, without correction from public society.

"Plain legs, bow legs, knock-kneed legs, misshapen, splotched-shanks and beautifully formed, straight and shapely legs, can now be described without fear. We see them on the roll links, on the boulevards with flying wheel, and whisking by in the short walking costume of the period. The woman of the pantalette period has ceased to exist. The exigencies of good taste and fashion's irreducible decree now permit us to declare without raising a blush that woman is as God made her.

"During this mock-modesty era of contradictory dress, women could and did expose their arms, neck, throat, with bare arms and shoulders, and yet rank among the modest and virtuous, but if in excess of movement the ruffle on one pantalette dared raise a crushed wrinkle and expose the infinitesimal fraction of a leg, right there, if madame of the ruffle did not flop in dismay and shame, she was spotted as one of the elect, while only too ready to show that time tempers the wind to the shorn woman.

"Modesty is innate. You cannot teach it, or replace it, if lost, no more than you can refill the bloom of the roughly handled fruit, or readjust the ruffled down upon the bruised wing of a captured butterfly. The sensitive feelings are part and parcel of the life, the soul and the images of different people that establishes diverse points of view, or a clearer sense of vision.

"In many places throughout Europe, Germany especially, nothing is thought of bare-legged girls or women, with skirts just touching the knees, or even considerably shorter, and the same bare-legged or white-stockinged girls will flutter with alarm and shocked modesty if the slightest glimpse of their shoulders or bosom is obtained. Suppose the dame of the pantalette with bare shoulders and exposed bust, should meet the German girl of the scanty skirt and disclosed bosom? You can imagine their opinion of each other. Yet both are pure and modest in the light and custom of their world. One holds one part of the body sacred and screened from vulgar gaze, and the other holds an opposite view.

As the Savage Sees It.

"The human form, as nature made it, has no special significance for the antipodean savage. The frank nudity of himself and his people excites no more sense of strangeness or improper thought than we well-clothed ones of the enlightened world are interested by the movement of our fellow-beings.

"To the lose and prurient mind, for whom nothing is sacred, or the bigot of warped prejudice, anything unusual is wrong, every new idea is sacrilege. The nude in art is immorality.

"I once saw a panorama, the facsimile representation of celebrated, high-class, modern and antique paintings. The figures, nude and draped, all depicted by living models, with background accessories of show-textured landscape. A large and cultured audience sat spellbound, as one by one the familiar replica of figures they had before seemingly worshiped in art moved in stately grandeur across the scene. The story of these paintings was told again as the genius of the artist saw it when he painted the original. Nature lived once more, the soul of the great masters of the brush was inspiring, they were en rapport with each other. Not the slightest movement in the hush of the passing was in evidence that a single individual there was shocked or modesty-stricken by the classic poses and living expression of the great masters.

"Yet, five minutes after the curtain descended, while, with a fluttering, regretful sigh manifest throughout the entire auditorium, we drifted back from that artistic, ideal atmosphere to earthly substance, a girl in Quaker costume came on the stage who's solitary nude immodesty was her face, and who sang a lewd song with such lascivious, suggestive gestures that half of the audience left in shame and disgust. The music in art did not shock, the grovelling, impure mind did.

"There is no immodesty in nudity. It is we of the groveling mind, impure soul and foul suggestion who are immodest. Yet, shrieks the foul-minded old tabby cat, whom no one ever saw nude, or wanted to, shall we believe in the purity of nudity and think that it is right and proper, the whole world should go naked? Most assuredly not, for conservator of morals. Art is chaste, you are not. You would put a mother-hubbard on the Venus de Medici, trousers on the Appollo Belvedere and lately you barred out from the temple of learning the statue of Biucharts, the purest and one of the most divinely beautiful creations of human form any artist has produced since the day of Praxiteles. Denizens of the home of culture, Boston, are shocked, and will not entertain, for purity's sake, the nude figure of a young mother and laughing child. Perhaps God will forgive you, but can the world of real culture pardon this?

In Life Classes.

"I have been in many life classes, both small and large, where models, male and female, posed for the 'altogether,' and have yet to see or hear anything beyond or outside of strictly business talk, keen criticism of points, pose, light, shade and effect. Yet art students are a conglomerate aggregation of good, bad and indifferent characters, with few pretenses toward the immaculate in attitude or behavior. Chaff, side remarks, jests and the badinage of bohemia prevail. But in a life class the slightest lewd suggestion, the remotest whisper or vulgar word in connection with a nude model is strictly tabooed; no laws or rules of observance in this regard are necessary, because it so rarely is prompted by the thought. Your first idea is a gem you have dreamed of and studied out in the color visions of your brain that would make a picture or beautiful statue, and when you get the living model in front of you in the right pose and the right light, the humanity, the flesh and the blood reality of your model disappear the moment you begin to catch the outlines, you do not see the model as a human being, you see your painting or your room, your mind's eye or your mind has already created it, you decide to make it. The lines of living flesh become you are simply lines of beauty, which you must hasten to transfer to canvas or mould into the little clay to embody your thought. When you work to catch the spirit of form nature a Peerless should effect on the atmosphere of the studio, that when made future to the theme, you have almost the same sensation of reverentialism of the model.

"The nude artist is eagerly prone to animate for the exaltation and transfusion of the glorious form pictures that pose in beautiful kaleidoscopic transitions before the world's vision, and naturally seeks for the highest type of form to embody into the human form. The one type that gives the full opportunity with any added accessories of tone for the gratuitous exposition of the incomparable tints of color he sees within his inner consciousness. A true artist rises in color. No palette ever perfected can develop the picture on its lovely fairness. The tints, the hues, are too fine, too delicate, too shadow to handiness, too light, too airy, too fleeting and too fine and lovely, as combinations multiplied and intricately interwoven as to a perfect human form, sent to us by the Great Artist, who painted all nature, tinted the flowers, and set to adjusted this his highest conceptional thought.

All in the Point of View.

"Art is pure, nature is pure, nudity is pure, and the minded one who suggests evil, the perverted mind, who associates nudity, the artist who sees and types of beauty to order to grovelling taste and sensual, is of the devil, who made Mother Eve know that nudity was shameful, if of the unseen spirits that cities assume to be the misleading conscience of a naked child. He is student's library also, there say a book, a pen, a sword, on top of all was perched a Satan's face. Mr. Wheeler, who is the child was a Teloh mind, shows, on the forehead the student wrote, 'Where's the sin?'

"So say I, where's the use of attempting to empty some a question of purity? They call me nothing in inappropriate, proud pictures of 'The Bathers' or the 'Nymphs and Satyrs' of the leaders, Gerome or the 'Harem' bathing but naked women, composedly 'Jean' and 'Jeanne' Dore' made are so applied and admiring by the vile and lecherous Bacchanalians of their grovelling, crime that it is my belief, although some of them all thoroughness earlier than that when they are presented for eternal judgment in their impure nudity they will be forever ashamed by the great Maker of the Universe and Artist of the universe as the cultured world dismiss them now."

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BURGLARS AT BALLWIN.

Robbed a Store and Then Tried to Set Fire to It.

The town of Ballwin, in St. Louis County, is astute with excitement over an attempt that was made by burglars night before last to burn the machine and hardware store of Cooper Woerther & Son, after they had robbed it of as much plunder as they could carry away.

That the burglars did not succeed in their laudable attempt was due entirely to an automatic money drawer in Mr. Woerther's cash desk. Mr. Woerther thinks that when they opened the drawer and discovered they had robbed the drawer and discovered they had robbed the drawer, they became enraged and set fire to the paper contained therein. The blaze up, but when the burglars turned the drawer or closed automatically and the flames were extinguished by the time Mr. Woerther in his report to Sheriff Peter Keith at Clayton.

Before departing the burglars secured two breech-loading shot guns (two revolvers, cartridges, ten pounds of tobacco, a box of shears and several minor articles. The burglars entered by breaking the glass in the east front window.

Mr. Woerther reported the matter to Sheriff Keith yesterday afternoon, Collector Kaiserdunz, to whom he wrote giving a detailed account of the robbery and of the articles stolen. In his letter he says that the burglars dropped several papers which he thinks will assist in identifying them.

There are about 200 persons living in the town of Ballwin, which, for many years, employed a night watchman and had lights in the streets. Recently the retrenchment element of the citizens concluded that the expense could be dispensed with, and stopped both watchman and lights. Both of them will be restored immediately.

TWO MORE HEAVY FINES.

Judge Clark Punishes Defendants in Poolroom Cases.

Judge Clark of the Court of Criminal Correction disposed of two more poolroom cases yesterday by imposing a fine of $100 in each case.

Richard Williams, James Thompson, E. J. Beardsley and Sam Stephens were jointly charged with, and Thompson was the only defendant to appear. Bond forfeitures were ordered in the cases of the three co-defendants and Thompson was tried alone.

John Flynn, Harry Winters, Harry Levi and Frank Harlan were jointly charged in another case. The cases against Winters and Harlan were nolle prossed, Flynn was fined $100 and a bond forfeiture was ordered in the case of Levi.

January Birth Month Rings

Make a highly prized birthday gift. For January the garnet is the stone, signifying "constancy." Rings, $2.50 to $90, at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust st.

MAY BE INFANTICIDE.

Child's Body, Showing Evidence of Violence, Found in a Sewer.

The dead body of an infant about 1 month old was found in the Garrison avenue sewer near Laclede avenue yesterday afternoon by Christian Perry of No. 1723 Morgan street. Apparently the infant's head had been beaten to with some blunt instrument until life was extinct, and the body then thrown into the sewer. The body was slightly decomposed, and Assistant Superintendent of the Morgue Jackson was of the opinion that the body had been in the sewer for several days.

The police have several theories concerning the affair, and a thorough investigation has been ordered.

The Iron Mountain Shortens Its Time to Texas!

Commencing Sunday, January 21, Train No. 2, leaving St. Louis 2:21 p. m. daily, will shorten its time by several hours from St. Louis to Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Galveston. Through Pullman Buffet Sleeping Car will be operated on this train from St. Louis to San Antonio, and reclining chair car service to Dallas and Fort Worth. A delightful feature of this train is the daylight ride along the Mississippi and through the beautiful Arcadia Valley. The time of other trains will remain the same.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY NOTES.

—The damage suit of Miss Octavia Wetmore against J. N. Crouch was yesterday decided in favor of the plaintiff, the jury giving her a verdict for $6,000, which is the amount of the principal she asked for and its interest since 1888 at 6 per cent.

—The third annual masquerade ball of the Rosedale Social Club will be held to-night at Roth's Hall. Two prizes will be awarded for the most handsome and comic costumes.

—The Farmers' Institute of School District No. 2 has recently been organized in St. Louis County. The officers are: Charles Geisler, president, Allen Young, first vice president, William Bielman, second vice president; Charles P. Deliner, recording secretary; A. A. Deschamps, corresponding secretary; E. C. Graeser, treasurer; William Baier, librarian; William Klasing, E. Neff and H. Kaiser, trustees. Thirty members were enrolled in membership. Meetings of the institute will be held every Monday evening.

TEST CASE AGAINST AN "AUTO" OWNER.

Accident to Mrs. Anselm Results in Indictment and Arrest of Attorney Higdon.

DEALERS ARE INTERESTED.

They Write Letters to the Defendant for Facts in the Affair—Think the Decision Will Be a Precedent.

John C. Higdon, a St. Louis patent attorney, living at No. 2nd Von Versen avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Albert Ammerth of St. Louis County on an indictment that had been returned by the January Grand Jury last Wednesday afternoon, charging him with feloniously wounding Mrs. Katherine

JOHN C. HIGDON.

Anselm and daughter, Mrs. Katherine Farell, on the Olive street rock road on September 23, last, by the use of an automobile.

Mr. Higdon was taken into custody while in his office in the Union Trust Building. His attorney, Judge G. A. Windeman, had informed him of the progress of the investigation, and he was accordingly expecting the deputy sheriff when he arrived. He was accompanied to Clayton by Lee B. Walker and Boyd Pender, the famous bag puncher, who he gave bond in the sum of $500 to insure his appearance before Judge Hirzel on March 15, when the case will be tried in the Circuit Court. Fred Essen, Recorder of Deeds of St. Louis County, qualified as his surety.

Mr. Higdon hurried away from Clayton immediately after he had been released from custody to escape service on three damage suits aggregating $7,500, that are now pending against him in the Clayton Circuit Court on account of his alleged culpability in the accident. Had it not been for these suits Mr. Higdon would have entered a voluntary appearance. He is particularly in the law, service in damage suits must be presented on the defendant within the county where it is held, and for that reason Mr. Higdon did not care about going to St. Louis County except in the custody of the sheriff, which accounted him from being served at the time.

Considered a Test Case.

The indictment against Mr. Higdon charges that on September 23, last, Mrs. Anselm and Mrs. Farell were driving west on the Olive street road, when they met Mr. Higdon in a vehicle which, to use the language of the bill, was propelled by steam, made a great noise and emitted large quantities of smoke and steam was assumed in character of repairs for, movement and operation, and calculated to frighten and terrify persons and animals. Mr. Higdon is charged with not using care in the management of the vehicle, and running at such a high rate of speed that the horse driven by the ladies became unmanageable, injured one of the ladies and threw them out. The witnesses to the accident, as given by the indictment, were Dominick Mee and Mrs. Lena Berlin.

Since the accident Mrs. Farell has died. In fact, she was attacked with a hemorrhage the same evening shortly after reaching her home on the North and S. 4th road near Clayton, and died nine days later. She left three small children, and her father, Theobald Anselm, shortly afterwards, in their behalf, filed suit against Mr. Higdon for $500 damages, holding him responsible for their mother's death. He also asked $500 for the injury to his horse and buggy and $1000 for his wife's injuries.

The case against Mr. Higdon is attracting a great deal of attention among automobile dealers throughout the country, as it tests the right of the automobile to run on public highways. On account of the recent adoption by many States of laws regulating the use of automobiles and the many instances feel that the decision will act as a precedent until there is legislation. Already, says Mr. Higdon, he has received two letters from auto manufacturers in the East, asking for full particulars of the case.

Mr. Higdon Explains.

Mr. Higdon is indignant over the arrest and declares it is his belief that an attempt is being made to blackmail him.

"I am the victim of," he said, "I will not pay a cent for trouble. If those people are here I would be willing to give them $50.

"It is not true that I collided with the buggy driven by the ladies. I was riding in the Olive Street road with my two boys when I met them. When some distance away I saw the horse was getting restless. I would say it was about 125 yards when I saw him plunging. When I got within 50 feet of the buggy I stopped and got out to help the ladies, but before I reached them the horse had wheeled around to the right, overturned the buggy and broke loose from the shaft, running off into the field. The horse he were met to be very poor. I started after him at first, but came back, as I wanted to get my boys back home before night. Both of the ladies ran up to me and grabbed me, saying that I had to pay for the damage. One of them grabbed at my watch chain. I had to push them away.

"They have charged me with attempting to conceal my identity. That is untrue. I am known all along the Olive Street road. I have been unjustly treated in the affair and wrote to Judge Wolff some time ago, asking that the matter be dropped, as I objected to my name being used in such a manner."

Music Makes the Home Happy.

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Show Window Smashed.

A large plate glass window in the Republic Pharmacy was broken about 11 o'clock last night under mysterious circumstances. The window fronts on the alley which runs at the side of the building. A newsboy said that he saw a man break the window and then run through the alley between the Chemical and Union Trust buildings. Three police officers soon arrived on the scene and the store was searched, but nothing to indicate theft was found. The hole in the window was large enough for a large man to crawl through.

Dowden—Bray.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshall, Mo., Jan. 19.—Mr. Samuel E. Dowden and Miss Madora Bray were married to-day by the Reverend D. C. Bolton.

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R. G. DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

BUSINESS IN COTTON GOODS ON THE INCREASE.

Shipments of Shoes Continue Larger Than in Any Previous Year—Wool Higher.

New York, Jan. 19.—R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade to-morrow will say:

Whether the new year will surpass or keep pace with the old is the question which gives unusual interest to every week's review. Conditions now with business for the farmer and wage progress ever known, and are more than 10 per cent larger than in January, last, which in its turn, had enormously larger business than in any year preceding. It cannot be expected that such a gain will be repeated, that the decrease of 28 per cent in payments through the clearing-house is due to great speculation in stocks at New York last year, with sales of 1,000,000 shares, against 4,000,000 in the same date this year, for payments during this year have been 43 per cent greater than a year ago, and are 60 per cent in the same part of any other month.

This week one contract of 3,000 tons for a Western road and 1,000 for bridges, are striking, for they are the only large contracts expected in iron products, but heavy bidding was caused by expectations, for plates of Pittsburg, going irretrievably below $22.50, the price of the association, sheets are lower at the East, but 35 higher at Pittsburg. Sales of foundry pig are reduced, and no more than the week ago, and No. 1 Lehigh is quoted at $23, but Bessemer is only here at Pittsburg are held machinery and tools without sales. The copper outlook is only country in 1899 was 26,000 tons, nearly 10 times as large per week, though the foreign product last year was 10 per cent greater than in the four years preceding. The prices of copper and lead are advanced, with tin, and are at.

Perhaps the most important industrial event of the week was of wooden goods, at prices averaging 10 per cent higher than last year, small orders have been promptly filled and are abundant, while others still wait for a good encouragement. As wool quotations are 10 per cent higher than a year ago, the rise in goods is not excessive, but hopes of wool speculators for a further rise was checked by the fall of 5 per cent in auctions at the London sale, with crossbreds weaker, and considerable sales at concessions of 5d to 7d. Sales here are of 30,000 bales Montana at 25c, with Ohio and Territory in sight, though the supply held off the market. Sales in the week 16,500,000 pounds, have been 50 per cent larger than corresponding weeks of the two previous years.

Cotton Goods Higher.

Business in cotton goods begins to increase, though in stages with moderate gains, now averaging 25½ per cent higher than a year ago, and with the best mills work to sell, cotton is 11 per cent higher. Relief in a short shop has helped the goods market, and still contains it, though cotton is a little weaker, for it was 10 cents higher a month ago. Reports from planting centers are that smaller than last year, but experts decreased quite as much. Shipments of shoes from the East in excess of old orders continue larger than in any previous year, 200,258 cases in three weeks, more 43 per cent larger than last year and 28 per cent larger than in 1892. If we continue the increase of the last quarter of 1899 in production, it is full, and in every line doubt about maintenance of prices hinders buying.

The market for breadstuffs is not active, but have changes in prices of decapter wheat, and of any consequence, but the active May option shows a sharp decline. Atlantic exports are 1,000,000 bushels, and Pacific 1,000,000 bushels, against 13,221,082 last year, and Pacific exports in the same weeks were 2,230,276, against 1,883,996 last year. Western receipts were in three weeks only 8,837,122, against 12,663,442 last year.

Corn receipts are smaller than last year by 4,000,000 bushels for the three weeks, while exports have been 10,238,000 bushels, again 10,000,000 last year, and this active movement caused spot quotations to advance.

Failures for the week have been 212 in the United States, against 249 last year and 18 in Canada, against 22 last year.

Reception Cards.

Calling and at home cards, wedding invitations and all forms of fashionable stationery at lower prices for fine work, at Mermod & Jaccard's, society stationers, Broadway and Locust. Send for samples and prices.

CHARTER GRANTED.

Lanyon Zinc Co. Will Make Improvements in Kansas.

Iola, Kas., Jan. 19.—The long-delayed charter, permitting the Lanyon Zinc Company to do business in Kansas, has been granted. Eastern stockholders had refused to build a glue rolling mill and sulphuric acid works until the charter question was settled. The rolling mill will be erected this spring, at a cost of $60,000, and will employ 200 men. It will have a capacity of twenty tons daily, and, among other things, will make zinc shingles, heretofore little used on account of cost.

Sleeper to Columbus, O., leaves St. Louis 8:15 p. m. daily, via Vandalia-Pennsylvania Lines, arriving Columbus 9:20 next morning, where connection is made for all interior Ohio points.

EDITORS ELECT OFFICERS.

Papers Read by A. D. Wilson and John A. Knott.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Moberly, Mo., Jan. 19.—Fifty members of the Northeast Missouri Press Association met this morning in the parlors of the Merchants' Hotel. Papers were read by A. D. Wilson of the Moberly Monitor and John A. Knott.

The election of officers for the next year resulted as follows: President, Howard Ellis, Leader, New Florence; first vice president, John M. Posey, Spectator, Palmyra; second vice president, T. M. Horne, News, Bright Water; third vice president, W. C. Rizer, Times, Queen City; secretary, Clifton D. Hilburn, Messenger, Meadville; treasurer, Cecil M. Beckett, Intelligencer, Mexico, Mo.

The next place of meeting was left in the Executive Committee.

FIRST BRIGADE ENCAMPMENT.

Sedalia Militiamen Preparing for the Event.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Sedalia, Mo., Jan. 19.—The annual encampment of the First Brigade of the Missouri National Guard, which will be held on the State Fair Grounds, in the western suburbs of Sedalia, during the coming summer, is already attracting the attention of the local militiamen, who have commenced preparations for the military event, which is thought with interest to the rank and file of the brigade.

The First Brigade consists of the First, Second and Third Regiments of Infantry and Light Battery A of St. Louis, in all ten officers and men, many of whom saw service in the Spanish-American war, the battery having the honor of going through the Puerto Rico Campaign. The reorganized infantry regiments number some of the best officers and men of the old regiments. All are well drilled, or will be by the time the date of the encampment arrives, and all have been given up-to-date guns, which have taken the place of the old Springfields, with which the militia was armed before the war with Spain.

It is expected that Battery A will have her full quota of men by the encampment, with two Gatlings and perhaps one of the new smokeless-powder breech-loading rifles manufactured for regular army use in the Cuban and Philippine campaigns. The First Regiment is located in St. Louis, where the companies have many advantages in the way of regimental drill and inspection not possessed by the Second Regiment, whose company stations are widely separated, and which seldom meets in regimental encampment. This fact has tended to put the several regimental and company commanders of the Second Regiment on their mettle, and many of the defects of the drill and manual will be overcome before the brigade encampment, permits the command to enter into a friendly competition with the First and Third Regiments for the honors of the encampment.

There will be no little rivalry for first honors among the regimental bands of the brigade. The First and Third Regiments now have crack bands, and chief Musician Hartenbach of the Second Regiment band is reorganizing that band by enlisting the best musical talent he can find in the West, and is confident that the Second Regiment band will make a splendid showing when the regiments meet.

The State Fair Grounds are admirably located for the encampment, affording excellent facilities for drill maneuvers, parades and target ranges. The site for the encampment has not been fixed, but the arrangement of the camp will be of a permanent nature, as the brigade encampment becomes a part of the State Fair plan, and the encampment will be held here from year to year.

PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Members of Omaha School Board Arraigned on Bribery Charges.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 19.—A. M. Cowie, Frank A. Sears and George Hess were arraigned for preliminary trial in the County Court to-day. The cases of Hess and Sears were postponed until Monday and Cowie waived examination and was bound over to the District Court. He gave bonds and was released. All the defendants asked a continuance for thirty days, which the Court refused to grant. Pending the hearing of these cases the Investigating Committee is taking a rest, but as soon as possible hearings are expected. The District Court convenes February 5, and the trial of the cases will likely be brought up at that time.

105 Offices Already Rented

In the Mermod & Jaccard building, Broadway and Locust. Choice offices still for rent from $17.50 per month up. Apply to McNair & Harris, Room 501, in the building.

INDIANA BANK ROBBERY.

Safe Blown and $3,500 in Cash Secured—Running Fight.

Rochester, Ind., Jan. 19.—The Commercial Bank, at Silver Lake, Kosciusko County, was last midnight robbed by burglars of $3,500. Five charges of nitroglycerin were used to open the safe. The robbers shot their way through a posse of citizens that attempted their capture and went to North Manchester on a hand car. William Price, a clerk, was severely wounded. One of the robbers cried "I'm shot!" but escaped with the others. Just before from the posse was reported fifteen miles behind the robbers at Columbia City. The marauders are believed to be the same that have been committing many depredations in Northern Indiana.

MAY BE RICHARDSON.

A Man Captured at Salem, Ark., Answers His Description.

West Plains, Mo., Jan. 19. The Sheriff of Salem, Ark., wires that he has a man under arrest who answers the general description of Ben Richardson, the convict who killed Jailer Henry on Wednesday while escaping, and for whom a posse is scouring the country.

Second Day's Session.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Virginia, Ill., Jan. 19.—The second day's session of the Sixteenth Congressional District Illinois Farmers' Institute was largely attended. To-day's speakers were A. P. Grout and Doctor Henry Wallace of Des Moines, Ia.

To-night the ladies's session was held. Mrs. H. V. Westlake of Pittsfield spoke on "Future Prospects of Our Farm Boys and Girls."

THE FLORIDA AIR LINE.

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Edward Townsend.

Cedar Falls, Ia., Jan. 19.—Edward Townsend of this city, a former member of the Legislature and a member of the Board of Directors of the Iowa State Normal School, died to-day from lung trouble.

GENERAL TRADE AND PRICES REMAIN STEADY.

FUTURE PROSPECTS ARE ALSO PROMISING.

Shipments of Wheat and Corn Have Decreased—Business Failures Fewer.

New York, Jan. 19.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

General trade and prices, as a whole, maintain the even balance which has been the leading feature for some time past, and to which it will require the advent of distinctly new features to affect any basic changes. General demand is large for this season of the year, but speculation is quiet to the extreme of dullness in some lines, and especially in those branches of speculation which go to radically affect financial affairs, and, therefore, the volume of bank clearings. Close examination of leading lines of industry fails to show marked unfavorable features. It is true that retail trade in seasonable goods has been, and is being, affected by phenomenally mild winter weather, but wherever spring trade, particularly in dry goods, has been developed, it has been in such advanced prices as to point to undiminished confidence on the part of the trade world as to the outlook for spring business.

The iron and steel industry, justly regarded as a trustworthy index of general trade, is still actively employed on old orders and new business is limited for reasons unnecessary to recapitulate. It is evident that the few reactions in prices shown in such an ordinarily dull period as this have strengthened rather than lessened confidence in the future. Signs of preparation for the coming season's needs are shown in the reported active inquiry for steel rails at the West, recent sales at Chicago aggregating 80,000 tons, some of which are for Northwestern railroads and some for export. Production is as evidently hard pushed as ever and the questions of fuel supplies rather than of furnace or factory capacity manufacturers' attention. Some concessions in foundry iron are noted, but aside from this price changes are within very narrow limits. The other metals are rather stronger, copper and tin being weak, the latter in sympathy with advances abroad. Spring trade in hardware is opening well, and advances in prices are generally reported.

Cereals are dull in nearly all directions, and the pressure of enlarged stocks, particularly abroad, has been influential this week in bringing about a reaction in prices. Corn and oats, however, are rather firmer on foreign buying, though sympathetically affected by the decline in the leading cereal.

Coffee Active.

Coffee is active, speculation being influenced by higher European advices and evidence of a large domestic consumptive demand. Advices from Brazil and British prospects in South Africa are assigned as the reason for the better buying of cotton, resulting in a fractional advance this week. The crop movement still continues much smaller than expected by the bears. Cotton goods are meeting with good demand on spring account, concession at second hands being restricted, owing mainly to backward deliveries now arriving from resold first orders. Rather more inquiry is noted for wool, particularly