TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Discount rates were 5 to 8 per cent for call and time loans. Clearings, $1,276,300; balances, $419,000. New York exchange, 60c premium bid, 75c premium asked; New Orleans, par bid, 25c premium asked; Louisville, par bid, 25c premium asked; Chicago, 50c premium bid, 75c premium asked; Cincinnati, par bid, 25c premium asked.

The local wheat market closed higher at 67c asked Jan., 68½c bid May, 65⅞@⅞c July, 70c No. 2 red; corn closed lower at 46c nominal Jan., 47½@52c bid May, 32½@⅝c No. 2 white; oats closed at 24c nominal Jan., 24½c bid May, 19½c No. 2.

At Chicago wheat closed higher at 65c bid Jan., 66c asked May, 66⅝@66⅞c July; corn closed higher at 36½c nominal Jan., 38½@38¾c May, 33⅞c July; oats closed at 22½c nominal Jan., 22½@22¾c May.

The local market for standard mess pork closed steady at $9.25 for old and at $11.87½ for new; prime steam lard closed nominal at 5.62½c; choice at 5.65c.

The local market for spot cotton closed quiet.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Former Governor Taylor of Tennessee delivered a lecture on "Love, Laughter and Music" at the Fourteenth Street Theater.

A great mass meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon to discuss means of adding the Boers in their war with Great Britain.

John C. Meyers was discharged from the United States Army because his father complained that he was only 18 years old when he enlisted.

After being out three days the jury in Mrs. Rose Smith's suit against the Good Samaritan Hospital and two doctors, are still unable to reach a decision.

The Mayors of St. Louis and other cities will be invited to inspect the Chicago sewage canal. The idea is to try to show them that there is no sewage in the water.

The pupils in High School classes of 1900 will have graduating exercises at the Odeon on Friday evening. President Woodward of the Board of Education will present the diplomas.

The annual banquet of the St. Clair County (Illinois) Democratic Club developed into a great love feast. Many prominent Illinois Democrats were among the guests and made rousing speeches.

Officers of the Knickerbocker Telephone Company of New York, connected with the new concern, inspected the Kinloch system, but denied that there would be any consolidation of the independent companies.

Miss Lena Hymenson of Russia came over to marry Abe Goodman, who once saved her from wolves. Friends gave them a banquet, and when Miss Hymenson found that ham was on the bill of fare she refused to marry Goodman.

Emile Herscher set a burglar trap in his blacksmith shop. Ernest Mueller opened the door early Friday morning and received a load of buckshot. He was found near a creek and taken to the City Hospital. Not long ago Herscher forgot about his trap and was himself caught in it.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

A woman interrupted a card game to take poison.

The crop outlook in Texas is considered bright by farmers.

The Howard County Democratic primary will be held on May 5.

Mrs. Sarah White of Sycamore, Ill., committed suicide by cutting her throat.

A negro mob in Texas was prevented from lynching a negro who had killed his wife.

The new census of Dallas shows an increased population and great commercial activity.

The foreign element in Kansas is bolting the Republican party and joining the Democratic ranks.

Hunt County (Texas) Democrats adopted a test as to qualification of voters at primary elections.

Tammany Hall may figure in the Kentucky election contest. The Republicans have summoned William Clark, who is said to be Croker's confidential agent.

FOREIGN.

Twenty-five thousand dollars mysteriously disappeared in transit between London and Peru.

The war fever is very strong in England and the ministry is stronger than ever. English ladies are working for the comfort of the soldiers. Emperor William is said to have interests in Transvaal mines.

SPORTING.

The winners at Tanforan—Kingstelle, Daisy F., Sly, Bannockburn, Scotch Plaid and Maxello.

The winners at New Orleans: Rushfields, Knight O'Hammerel, Albert Vale, Andes, Fewness and Jamaica.

Brewer Schorr's Bab, a full sister to W. Overton, is said to be the fastest youngster in the Memphis turfman's stable.

Barney Schreiber's Bannockburn ran a mile in 1:39 with 124 pounds up, winning Turf Congress stakes at San Francisco yesterday.

RAILROADS.

The Canadian Pacific has agreed to abolish commissions.

Live stock shippers in Nebraska want an old order rescinded.

The Illinois Central will soon put in operation a new test car.

The Quincy, Carrollton and St. Louis is to be extended by the Alton syndicate.

A number of important changes have been announced in interstate Texas rates.

Railway trainmen are still after the Wabash officials, asking for a new wage schedule.

The prorating system has been re-established by Eastern lines on transcontinental business.

The Rock Island has received permission to run its tracks through two military reservations.

Marine Intelligence.

Genoa, Jan. 20.—Arrived: Columbia, from New York.

London, Jan. 20.—Arrived: Michigan, New York.

New York, Jan. 20.—Arrived: Cevic, Liverpool; Gera, Bremen.

Bremen, Jan. 20.—Sailed: Dresden, New York and Baltimore.

Antwerp, Jan. 20.—Sailed: Westernland, New York.

Cherbourg, Jan. 20.—Sailed: St. Louis from Southampton, New York.

New York, Jan. 20.—Sailed: Pennsylvania, Hamburg, via Plymouth.

New York, Jan. 20.—Sailed: Ems, Genoa, etc. Arrived: Hesperia, Marseilles.

FAMOUS EVANGELIST DEAD.

Whisky and Opium Kills William J. McConnell.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 20.—There died today in hospital one of the most brilliant and successful of the evangelists, lecturers and temperance exhorters known among the lesser but fervid orators who have carried aloft the banner of total abstinence raised by Francis Murphy.

The dead man is Will J. McConnell, and physicians say his end was brought about by the excessive and continued use of liquor and opium. Since his son was killed, more than four years ago, in Allegheny, Pa., it is said McConnell used both liquor and drugs to excess. Yet all the time he carried on his evangelistic and temperance work among the churches and seemed more brilliant and successful than ever.

McConnell was found here in Fairmount avenue, along which he was staggering, when he was seen to fall. When picked up he was unconscious and he was taken to hospital, where he died, without ever coming to.

McConnell first became known in Cleveland as an advocate of strict prohibition. He was gifted with a power of eloquence that caused listeners to flock to hear him. Attracted by his magnetism, they were convinced by his powerful arguments, so the rolls of signers to the McConnell pledge soon grew small it might seem they would rival the unrivaled Murphy.

The lecturer's last public appearance was in Camden, N. J., on November 29 last. For five weeks he had been engaged with the Reverend Arthur Spooner, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, in holding a temperance revival, at which 5,000 pledges were obtained. Then Doctor Spooner was told by the lecturer that he wanted more money and the church officials decided they did not want McConnell. The lecturer called on Doctor Spooner and flourished a revolver, thus obtaining $10. He then went to Philadelphia, and nothing definite was known of him until the announcement of his death to-day.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

Ready for your choosing Monday morning at 8:15, such as no other store in St. Louis ever gave before. Dollars will do double duty here to-morrow. Don't miss it.

Ryan-Clarkson Entire Reserve Stock

Goes on sale to-morrow at a price littleness that will astonish you. Remember, this store never did dabble in trash for the object of low price quotations, but bought only the best.

A 'Better-than-Ever' BARGAIN MONDAY

With more and "better-than-ever" bargains. Be quick and diligent if you wish to participate in the benefits of this Great Tidal Wave of Grand Offerings. Remember To-Morrow.

Domestic Dry Goods at Appalling Low Prices.

PRINTS. Best American Black and white printing cloth, fresh goods from reserve Ryan-Clarkson price list, per yard, now only 3c

PERCALES. Book fold all choice styles, navy blue and white and china blue grounds; Ryan-Clarkson price per yard, now only 5c

TEAZLEDOWNS. Genuine Amoskeag. This season's choicest patterns, pink and blue and blue and white stripes & checks; very best quality. Ryan-Clarkson price 10c yd, now only 5c

CHOICE ZEPHYR GINGHAMS. All choice patterns—plaids, checks, fancy plaids and stripes; Ryan-Clarkson's price 10c per yard—now, per yard 5c

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Meritorious Bargains Easily Recognizable.

CREPONETTE SKIRT LINING. Pink, pale blue and light cerise, suitable for lining evening costumes; Ryan-Clarkson's price 25c per yard; now only 2½c

BLACK TAFFETA LINING. Extra width, very fine quality in plain and fancy weave, at our counters, 9c to 10c yards; Ryan-Clarkson's price 12½c per yard; now, per yard 5c

WHITE GOODS. 2 cases of assorted White Goods in Dimities, Cords and Checks; Ryan-Clarkson's price 5c per yard; now only 3¾c

TOWELS. 20 dozen Heavy Linen Hemmed Huck Towels, size 18x36—Ryan-Clarkson's price 12½c; now only 10c

High-Grade Silks at Bankrupt Prices.

28c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's 50c Silks*, odd lots of all pure China Silks, elegant black, brilliant finish.

53c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.25 Black* Brocaded Silks, assorted lots throw, intaglio, all choice styles, but lines are broken.

62c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.00 Black* Silk, cord or rich, very fine quality, soft finish, very brilliant.

43c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.00 Fancy* Plaid Silks, Fancy Taffetas, two and tri-color checks, very desirable, in a dozen color combinations.

BROADWAY, WASHINGTON AVE. AND ST. CHARLES ST.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAIN SPECIALS.

Men's Furnishings. Ryan-Clarkson's 10-cent Linen Collars, all good styles, sizes broken, for 2½c

Thousands of Yards of Laces. Ryan-Clarkson's 5-cent Torchon Laces, in pretty patterns, per yard 2½c

Men's Handkerchiefs. Ryan-Clarkson's Sheer Handkerchiefs, just worth Men's Large Size Printed Border Hemstitched Handkerchiefs—Monday, while they last, each 3½c

NO MAIL ORDERS FILLED DURING THIS SALE.

Dress Goods (Black and Colors) Bankrupt Prices.

15c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 35c Covert Suitings*, 36 inches double twisted satin, in very stylish mixtures, from reserve stock.

29c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 65c Imported* Mixtures, elegant styles, silk and wool.

50c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.00 Colored Worsteds*, 52 inches wide, fine imported fabrics, made expressly for Ryan-Clarkson; desirable shades.

58c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.10* French Coating Serges, 46 inches wide, in pure yarn mixtures, just about a dozen shades.

29c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 75c Black Jacquards*, 40 inches wide, strictly all wool, beautiful finish, stylish patterns.

58c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 90c Black Clay* Serges, 46 inches wide, pure worsted yarn, fine Lupin black, heavy twill.

63c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.15 Crepons*, black, all wool, assorted styles; will go in one big lot, all choice patterns.

97c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.90 Crepons*, black mohair, most elegant styles, all pure mohair, splendid values.

Petticoats, Skirts, Jackets, Suits. Bankrupt Prices.

98c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.69 Petticoats*, ladies' Satin Jean and Sheen Effect Petticoats, ruffles at bottom, very full and regular made.

$2.63 *for Ryan-Clarkson's $6.00 Ladies' Dress Skirts*, made of the new Brazilian plaids in all colors, very wide skirts, pleated back, perfect fitting, extra quality percaline lined.

$7.69 *for Ryan-Clarkson's $12.50 Ladies' Crepon Dress Skirts*, made from a super quality of imported crepon, and made expressly for Ryan-Clarkson's elite trade, in large and varied assortment of patterns to select from.

$2.48 *for Ryan-Clarkson's $4.00 Petticoats*, imported moreen skirt, with deep accordion flounce, wide ruffle at bottom.

$5.79 *for Ryan-Clarkson's Ladies'* $12.50 Tailored Suits. A genuine Suit Sensation—material Kersey, long wrap—every garment sponged and shrunk—colors black and blue—style tailored.

$9.98 *for Ryan-Clarkson's $18, $20 and* $22 Ladies' Jackets. This is the greatest ladies' jacket bargain ever offered. Ladies' highly tailored and swellest new Kersey coats, made of fine quality kersey, in best quality silk and taffeta silk lining, new, fresh and up to date.

Muslin Underwear and Corsets. Bankrupt Prices.

14c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 35c Ladies'* Drawers, made of good muslin, umbrella style, yoke band and cambric ruffle.

19c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Waists*, boys' and girls' Corde Waists, "Perfect" and "Ideal," in drab and white.

38c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 79c Corset*, in blue, pink, drab and white, of good coutille, heavily boned, double side steels, in medium and extra long waist, all sizes.

49c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.00 Corsets*, Dr. Warner's Nursing Corsets, drab and white.

59c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.00 Ladies'* Gowns, Best quality Flannelette Night Gown, Mother Hubbard style, turkey yoke, ruffle round neck and sleeve, finished with fancy braid.

75c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.20 Ladies'* Skirts, best quality of muslin, umbrella style and cambric ruffle, deep flounce, trimmed with torchon insertion and 3-inch lace ruffle.

79c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.50 Waists*, Celebrated "Dr. Warner's," drab and white.

Laces, Embroideries, Hdkfs.

5c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's 10c and 12½c* Laces, cut tons, in cream and butter colors; also, for White Torchon Laces.

5c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's 12½c Embroideries*, just received, Fine Cambric and Nainsook Embroideries and Insertings, in lengths of 4½ yards each; Monday, as long as they last.

8⅓c *each for Ryan-Clarkson's Ladies' 15c* Handkerchiefs, sheer fully embroidered, point Venice and hemstitched embroidery, slightly mussed from handling; Monday while they last.

15c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 30c Silk Laces*, in black or rich colors, also cut tips, Point Gauze and Net Top Laces; Monday as long as they last.

19c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 35c Embroideries*, fine Cambric Embroideries, 18 inches wide, heavy designs, for skirt trimmings.

Men's Furnishings.

12½c *pair for Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Men's* Half-Hose, fancy, heavy, full regular made, fleece-lined, Hermsdorf dye.

23c *each for Ryan-Clarkson's Boys'* Shirts, unbaleached, good quality muslin, reinforced back and front.

38c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 75c heavy tan* colored Jersey, ribbed fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers.

12½c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 21c Heavy* Wool Half-Hose.

39c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 75c Heavy* Jersey Shirts.

35c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 75c Heavy* Lined Wool Gloves and Mitts, beaver or cloth.

Hosiery and Underwear

14c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 21c Hose—Ladies'* Fast Black Cotton Hose, high spliced heel.

19c *for Ryan-Clarkson 35c Hose—Children's* Black Cotton Hose, full regular made, double heel and toe.

19c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 29c Vests and* Pants—Children's Scarlet Cotton Ribbed Vests and Pants, all sizes.

21c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 35c Hose—Ladies'* Black Hose, all wool, double heel and toe.

75c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.35 Union* Suits—Ladies' gray wool mixed Union Suit, "Onetta cut."

Notions and Fancy Goods At Bankrupt Prices.

1c *card for Ryan-Clarkson's 5c Hooks and* Eyes, Excellent quality.

2c *package for Ryan-Clarkson's 6c Hair* Pins, Good quality. Containing 100 pins.

2c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's 6c Binding*, Good quality ribbon Velveteen.

3c *pair for Ryan-Clarkson's 10c Corset* Steels, 3 hooks, white, black and drab.

4c *pair for Ryan-Clarkson's 10c Dress* Shields, Good quality, "Seamless."

4c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's 12½c wide* Mohair Brocaded Braid, all colors.

4c *card for Ryan-Clarkson's 10c Duplex* Safety Pins, all sizes.

6c *dozen for Ryan-Clarkson's 15c 5-inch* Best quality Doll Curler.

7c *piece for Ryan-Clarkson's 15c Casing*, 2 yards long, all colors.

10c *set for Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Shell* Combs, imitation tortoise shell, side and dressing.

15c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 35c Brushes*, cloth and shoe brushes, good bristles, with solid wood backs.

17c *each for Ryan-Clarkson's 39c Lorgnette* Frames, in gold and silver finish.

19c *box for Ryan-Clarkson's 30c Shell* Hairpins, tortoise shell colors, in box.

69c *each for Ryan-Clarkson's 98c Garniture*, Horseshoe pearl mountings.

$1.13 *for Ryan-Clarkson's $2.25 Fountain* Syringe, The Goodyear Crown Rapid, Flow Fountain Syringe, 2 and 3 quart.

Upholstery at Bankrupt Prices.

10c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 15c and 20c Art* Denims, in beautiful tapestry designs, mostly reversible patterns, full yard wide, and strictly fast black.

12½c *for Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Curtain* Poles, 5 feet long, with wood trimmings, finished in oak or cherry.

89c *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.25 and $1.50* Nottingham Lace Curtains, with mercerized edges, full 3½ yards long.

$1.38 *for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.75*, $2.00 and $2.25 Lace Curtains, extra long and wide, overcasted edges, in all the newest effects.

Table Linens Bankrupt Prices

7½c *each for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.50 doz* Napkins, good All-Linen Bleached Satin Damask Fringed Napkins.

23c *each for Ryan-Clarkson's 39c Tray* Cloths—18 inch, All Linen Bleached Hemstitched, size 18x27, some with open work.

89c *yard for Ryan-Clarkson's $1.35 Damask*, Turk. wide, all linen, extra heavy quality of Bleached Double Satin Damask Table Linen.

$2.39 *doz. for Ryan-Clarkson's $3.50* per doz Napkins, dinner, large, all linen, hemstitched, good quality.

Extra Special—*Ryan-Clarkson stock of 4-4 Plain Irish Linen in all grades, light, medium and heavy weight—all go at Bankrupt prices.*

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DEMOCRATS DISCUSS CONVENTION DATES.

Differ as to Whether State Officers Should Be Named Before the National Gathering.

POWER OF THE COMMITTEE.

Decision of That Body Will Settle the Misunderstanding—Gossip of Politicians Throughout the State.

There seems to be a misunderstanding in some quarters regarding a move on the part of certain Democrats to induce the State Committee to hold two State conventions. Evidently not a few assume that it is entirely optional with the committee whether one, two or three conventions are held. As it is, there must be two conventions, and if the committee should deem it advisable to select delegates to the National Convention at a separate convention, then it will be necessary to hold three.

The reason for this change in the old methods is because of a new law enacted last winter by the Legislature. It separates the judicial and State nominating conventions. This law is compulsory on all parties that have sufficient voting strength to hold State conventions and have the tickets they nominate placed on the official ballot. It is brief and reads as follows:

"Hereafter all judicial conventions held for the purpose of nominating any Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court, or of either of the courts of appeal, in this State, shall not be held at the same time and place at which any other convention is held for the nomination of other State officers in this State; and any such nomination, of any such judicial officer or officers, made contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be deemed and taken to be null and void in law, and the Secretary of State shall refuse to file any certificate of nomination signed and executed by the presiding officer and secretary of such judicial convention."

This act was approved May 12, 1899, and it is evident that its provisions have been overlooked by a good many who are discussing the advisability of holding one or more conventions. Many Democrats throughout the State are known to favor an early convention for the nomination of the State ticket, and not a few have said that if possible it should be held at the same time that delegates are selected to the National Convention.

Others, while favoring an early convention for the nomination of the State ticket, have pointed out that it would be inadvisable to hold the State convention until after the National Convention. Their objection is based largely on the ground that it would be impossible for the convention to promulgate a platform touching national affairs until after the National Convention is held. Probably a good many who hold to this theory overlook the existence of the law just quoted.

The judicial convention will nominate one candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court and one for each of the Courts of Appeals. It is presumed that the representation to this convention will be fixed by the committee on the same basis as that of the State nominating convention, hence it is stated that in the event the convention to select delegates to the National Convention and the State nomination convention are held at the same time, the matter of State platform could be deferred until the judicial convention meets, which it is now believed, will not be at a much later date.

A number of counties in the State have already called their local primaries for the nomination of county tickets, earlier than May. In Callaway County, for example, the primaries will be held in March. Benkiln has already named delegates to the congressional and State Senatorial Conventions, and the Stoddard County local ticket will be nominated in April. So far as the counties have acted in this matter, they have all favored early conventions for the local campaigns.

Probably one reason for the move in favor of early conventions is due to the fact that the State campaign has been on for the last nine months, and also, because it opened six months earlier than usual. It has been noted in former campaigns that the work of organization never starts until after the State nominating convention is held, and this, too, is being used as an additional argument in favor of early nominations.

POLITICAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Senatorial and Representative Candidates Active.

Rhodes Clay, a young lawyer of Mexico, is promised the support of eleven newspapers in Audrain and adjoining counties if he will make the race for Representative. He is a son of former State Senator Green Clay of Audrain, and if he is sent to the Legislature and makes as good a record as his father, the Audrain County Democrats will, no doubt, be highly gratified. Mr. Clay doubtless feels highly gratified over the hearty support promised him, but he has not yet indicated his intentions regarding the office referred to.

Doctor N. M. Baskett of Moberly is being mentioned as a candidate for Congress in the Second District. Up to date Randolph is without an announced candidate in this race, and is, consequently, behind most of the other counties in the district. Doctor Baskett was formerly a member of the State Senate, and was one of the most popular men in that body. In addition to being a physician and politician, he is also a writer of considerable merit, and has contributed a great deal to magazines and standard periodicals. On general topics his fund of information is regarded as being almost inexhaustible.

J. W. Boyd of St. Joseph is announced as a Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth District, and it is said that there probably will be two or three more entries in the race, to say nothing of Colonel C. F. Cochran, the present incumbent, who hopes to be his own successor. It would not surprise the Democrats of the district if there should be the hottest campaign over the nomination this summer that has occurred there in the last twenty years.

M. R. K. Biggs of Faber, Audrain County, announces himself as a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the Democratic nominating convention, in the next issue of the Vandalia Leader. He says that if nominated and elected he will enter the Senate unhampered by any men or interest save the public welfare. C. F. Clark of the same county is credited with being in the senatorial race and Lincoln and Pike counties are yet to be heard from. Evidently there is going to be an interesting contest in that district.

The Platte City Landmark is calling upon the Democratic papers in the western part of the State, Kansas City and St. Joseph include, to try and obtain better pictures of Governor Stone than those they have been using lately. It declares that some of these pictures are bad enough to make one entertain serious doubts of Governor Stone's Democracy. The Landmark singles the Kansas City Times out as a great sinner in this respect, and informs Governor Stone that he will have a good cause for an action for damages if the Times continues to print the alleged picture of him which lately appeared in that paper.

Samuel B. Rohrer, who lately entered the race for State Auditor, is at present Treasurer of Livingston County, and the newspapers in that section of the State speak of him in the highest terms. They predict that he will have a very strong following in the convention, and, although he was behind the other candidates in announcing himself, yet they think there is plenty of time for him to get his claim well before the party.

George W. Trask, editor of the Richmond Conservator, is out for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner. He made the race for this office in 1896 and proved a very strong candidate. This time he will have the advantage of having been over the ground once before, and his friends say they will be surprised if he does not win. There are a good many candidates for this position and there will be a merry mixup before the prize is awarded by the convention. Three or four of these in the race have had experience in campaigns.

The Butler Times thinks that State Auditor Seibert is one of the most valuable men to his party in the State and that his services cannot be dispensed with in the approaching campaign except at considerable loss. Mr. Seibert will not be a candidate for any office, but a move has been on foot for some time to make him chairman of the State Committee when a new one is elected. In its eulogy of Mr. Seibert, perhaps the Times has this position in view. It is said he will not enter into a scramble for this place, but if it is tendered him, he will accept it.

The Callaway County Democrats will nominate their county ticket in March. Already the Reverend W. H. Burnham, Frank P. Baker, John T. Beaven and R. B. Dunn have announced themselves as candidates for Representative, and there are eight candidates for Collector and four for Sheriff in the field. People who want to see what a real, live Democratic county looks like when there is something of importance on hand should pay Callaway a visit the day of the primaries. The general election is a tame affair in Callaway County in comparison with the primaries.

John M. Cleary, member of the Legislature from Kansas City, may not seek renomination. Just now he is being industriously boomed for Mayor of the Kaw town on the Democratic ticket. He proved a very popular Representative and was rated among the ablest members in the House, and occupied several important committee positions. Among the popular members of the House none fared better than Mr. Cleary.

In the last session of the Legislature Senator Stephen Copper and Representative A. L. Kirby, both of Howard County, were zealous workers in behalf of a new road bill, which eventually received the approval of the Legislature and became a law. Now the constituents of both these statesmen have elected them Road Commissioners, on the ground that as they had so much to do with putting the law, it is the desire of the citizens of Howard that they should be placed in positions were they can show the public its advantages in a practical way. It is not yet known if they will accept the doubtful compliments. Some say that the action of the citizens was very much like asking a doctor to take his own medicine.

W. H. Blathis of Huntsville is being requested by Democrats of Randolph County to announce himself a candidate for Representative. He is among the pioneer newspaper men in North Missouri, and has an extensive acquaintance throughout the State. This is not the first time in recent years that he has been urged to become a candidate for some important office, but on former occasions he declined.

STATE TREASURERSHIP.

Lieutenant Governor Bolte to Seek the Nomination.

Lieutenant Governor A. H. Bolte and State Treasurer Frank L. Pitts were in the city yesterday looking after their campaign interests. Both had been to Moberly attending the meeting of the North Missouri editors, and they were very much pleased with their visit. Colonel Pitts lives in that part of the State and regards it as his stronghold. He is a candidate for State Auditor.

The Lieutenant Governor will ask to be nominated for State Treasurer, and none doubt but what he will make a very strong race, for he has made a campaign of the State several times, and has always been successful in his political undertakings. At present his only opponent is Colonel R. P. Williams of Fayette, but there is a political rumor afloat to the effect that State Insurance Commissioner E. T. Orear is pondering deeply over the matter of announcing his candidacy.

MRS. LAY ARRESTED HERE.

Information From Chicago That She Is Under Indictment.

Mrs. Leona Denton Lay, wife of a bartender at the St. James Hotel, was arrested at her home at No. 10 South Fourth street last night by Detectives Keely and Cordell on information furnished in a telegram from the Chicago authorities, saying that she had been indicted there for an alleged assault to kill on G. H. Wichman and his wife, Mrs. Mary Wichmann on November 7, 1898.

Mrs. Lay's story is one of unrequited love. Wichman was her first husband, and he now keeps a saloon in Chicago. Mrs. Lay's maiden name was Leona Denton, and her home was at Taylorville, Ill. It was there she met her first husband in 1887.

She married and went to live in Chicago, taking into the family her younger sister, Stella. After seven and one-half years of married life they separated. Three weeks later the younger sister made known to Mrs. Wichman facts that caused her to seek a divorce from her husband, which she was granted. According to her story, she resorted to dressmaking for a livelihood. In the course of the World's Fair at Chicago she met Louis Lay, a St. Louisan. After some correspondence she visited St. Louis, his home. Together they went to Clayton and were married in 1896. After living some time together in happiness she complained of being homesick and upon informing her husband that she wished to visit Chicago he promised her of being in correspondence with Wichman. This she did not deny. Her husband told her that she must choose between him and Wichman. She then admitted that she loved Wichman and it was then agreed between them that she should secure a divorce. The divorce was obtained last fall and she went to Chicago.

There she met Wichman and confided to him her story. He encouraged her in every way and told her that he would marry her at the earliest possible moment. She came back to St. Louis to see friends and while here during the month of November she learned that Wichman had married or was about to marry a girl named Rose Bowman. On November 7 she arrived in Chicago for the purpose of learning the truth of the rumors and satisfied herself that they were true. Wichman had been married three days before to Miss Bowman. That night, she learned, was at Thirty-fifth and Cottage Grove avenues. She went there and shot at Wichman and his bride, wounding him. Wichman's condition was serious at first, but he recovered.

Dispatches from Chicago say that the police there profess to be ignorant of the arrest of Mrs. Lay, and that neither Wichman nor his wife desires to prosecute her. The impression prevails in Chicago that she will be released.

THIRTEEN HOURS' BATTLE.

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ductions made by Captain Mahan from the Spano-American War that to be successful a nation must have five battleships for every three used by the enemy. England has sixty-three battleships, forty-seven of these in every respect fit to go into action at any moment.

"Assuming, however, that all sixty-three battleships are perfect, they would be utterly insufficient to beat France, Germany and Russia. As a matter of fact, the number we have would not insure a victory over France.

"I speak the opinion of many leading experts when I say it would require sixty-six to fight France alone. In the unlikely event of France combining with Germany and Russia we would require eighty, at least. I only deal with battleships, because cruisers do not count for much in actual warfare. They are necessary as scouts, but battleships settle the differences.

"America can scarcely be classed as a dangerous naval foe alone yet. She has but twenty-six battleships, twelve of these small ones, but I have little doubt that when any serious naval fighting is to be done America will be found by England's side. We are working on both sides to that end. When the critical time arrives an Anglo-Saxon commonwealth will be no mere sentiment.

"Japan would play that important part in a great fight for naval supremacy that is certain to come as many imagine. She will have to be reckoned with in Far Eastern questions, but the great differences will not arise in the Far East.

"Germany wants to extend her colonies to South America, one of the directions in which she is looking. When she stretches forth her hands to take the land, as she is likely to do before very long, it will be the commencement of the greatest naval fight the world has ever known.

"England means to see that if any flag flies over the whole of South America it shall be the Stars and Stripes, which carries with it the same freedom and progress as the Union Jack."

EVERY RUMOR STIRS NERVOUS BRITISH PUBLIC.

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London, Jan. 20.—To thoroughly and conservatively appreciate the political conditions, as they exist in England to-day, to understand the reflections that military successes or reverses in South Africa create in the minds of the British public, and to gauge the task confronting the Government at the forthcoming session of Parliament, it is first necessary to realize the stupendous change that, in the last few weeks, has taken place in the national character.

To put it briefly, since the British army in the field has found the Boer army was its match, or more, the British nation has become one huge stock exchange, not in the material sense, but in sentiment. The nation, as a whole, governs its opinions by the happenings of the hour, vacillating according to the news ticker in its traditions of centuries, as easily as the most nervous market that ever operated in times of uncertainty. Nothing so adequately lends itself to a ready and forceful simile of the prevailing temper of the British nation as the popular conception of the stock market.

As on the floor, there is a certain small percentage, with such huge interests at stake that they are never budged by rumors that make or break the smaller fry. But these compose the very inmost ring, and their exclusiveness may be judged from the fact that one never knows when opening from day to day such solid and conservative journals as the Times, the Morning Post or the Standard, whether they will uphold or bitterly abuse the Government. In a like manner, does the majority of the public opinion sway as fanned by news from the front. Thus it is well-nigh impossible to determine the real feeling toward the administration and the war, and it is still harder to forecast the result of the debates in Parliament.

Will Sustain Salisbury.

Yet, in spite of this tremendous vacillation, the information which representatives of the Associated Press have gathered from all sorts of sources, tends toward the impression that Lord Salisbury will continue not only in power, but, in the matter of votes, with but a slightly diminished control, which is tantamount to saying that the war against the Boers will be pursued to the bitter end, regardless of foreign interference and whimperings at home.

The selection by the War Office of Major General Sir Frederick Carrington for service at the front, calls out the comment that the Government has recognized this officer's claims at a very late day, considering the fact that his name is most favorably known in South Africa, where he spent almost his whole military career as a leader of expeditions. While Sir Frederick Carrington's billet is at present a mystery to the English press, the correspondent of the Associated Press is able to say that it was not after all at the initiative of the War Office that he was called, and further, that he will be entrusted with what will be practically an independent command of large proportions, and will attempt to achieve, by means of one of the most heterogenous forces ever gathered on the face of the earth, the gallant objective hitherto held by the commanders in the field to be an impossibility.

Unless Ladysmith is quickly relieved, the international situation promises to be of more interest than the actual operations. The seizure of another German vessel, following so closely Count von Buelow's bundesrathe speech in the Reichstag yesterday, probably will produce at least a keen international press war, and rumors damaging to steamer values, if nothing more, though the discrepancy between Count von Buelow's speech in Germany and the representations of the German Ambassador in London, the latter being extremely conciliatory, form a reassuring circumstance.

Steevens's Death.

The news of the death of C. W. Steevens, the special correspondent of the London Daily Mail, from enteric fever, Monday, at Ladysmith, has been received with genuine sorrow in London, where he had many friends in and out of his profession. Mr. Steevens had a distinguished career at Oxford.

His first newspaper success was a series of letters, which he wrote from America, headed, "The Land of the Dollar," his last work, before going to the Transvaal, was "The Tragedy of Dreyfus," and his long stay in hot, unsanitary Rennes, is thought to have undermined his constitution to an extent that made him easy prey for the fever. Mr. Steevens made a romantic marriage a few years ago, with a Mrs. Rogerson, well known in London society. She was 60 years of age, and Mr. Steevens but 36, but the marriage was very happy. They were devoted to each other. Mr. Steevens used to write to her daily wherever he was.

The idea that the Indian Government will shortly have to buy silver has stimulated the demand. Indications that the silver reserve of the Indian currency department has been heavily depleted and will be further reduced, are found in the large sales, telegraphic transfers upon India, further earmarkings of gold for the account of the Indian Government, and the dispatch of gold direct to India.

Out of sixteen and one-half crores of cash reserve, only about seven crores are silver. According to the Statist, should a further two millions of gold be sent to India during the next two months, the silver holdings of the Indian Government probably will be reduced to about four crores. Before such a figure is reached purchases of silver for coinage ought to be made, unless the Indian Government is prepared to incur risks which might bring disaster.

The Statist insists that the Government must buy silver without delay, and have it coined as quickly as possible, and reasons that India ought not to be subjected to further trials on top of the famine, also pointing out, that, if troubles break out on the Afghan frontier, silver alone will be usable.

Struck by an Engine.

Thomas McDonnell, a switchman, employed by the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, was coupling cars in the Shirmer street yards last night, when a locomotive struck him. He was thrown a distance of thirty feet from the track. Three of his ribs were fractured, and he was injured internally. He was taken to his home, No. 5938 South Broadway. His condition is considered serious.

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DEATHS.

BOLAND—Saturday, January 20, 1900, at 4:35 p. m., Mark Stella, beloved daughter of Andrew J. and Mary A. Boland, aged 19 years and 11 months.

Funeral from family residence, 1738 North Sarah street, Monday, January 22, at 2 p. m., to St. Matthew's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

CONNELLY—On Saturday, January 20, 1900, at 10 p. m., Sally, beloved daughter of Thomas and Mary Connelly, and sister of Nellie, Mamie, Stella, Irene, Annie and Josie, aged 21 years and 7 months.

Funeral will take place from the family residence, No. 511 St. Joseph street, on Monday, January 22, at 2 p. m., to Annunciation Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

GRUNE—January 20, 1900, at 2:30 p. m., at residence, 3728 Lucas avenue, Mrs. Kate G. Grune (nee Gall), wife of Geo. L. Grune.

Due notice of funeral.

MILNER—On Saturday, January 20, 1900, at 8:45 a. m., after a short illness, Clum K. Milner, aged 42 years, brother of A. N. Milner.

Funeral, private, from Scott & Lynch's undertaking parlors, 1418 Locust street, Monday, at 3 p. m.

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REILLER—Saturday, January 19, 1900, at 7:30 a. m., at Old Monroe, Mo., Kate Reller (nee Mumann), wife of B. Reller.

Funeral Monday, January 22, at 8:30 a. m., from 1317 St. Louis avenue, to St. Liborius's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

SCHLICHTING—Fred Schlichting, on Saturday, January 20, 1900, at 8:45 p. m., at the age of 49 years.

Funeral Tuesday, January 22, at 1 p. m., from residence, No. 3721 North Twenteth street, to Bethlehem Church, Florissant and Salisbury, thence to New Bethlehem Cemetery.

STIVER—At 11:15 p. m., Saturday, January 20, 1900, of appendicitis, Robert T. Stiver, aged 14 years,