TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Discount rates were 5 to 7 per cent for call and time loans. Clearings, $[illegible]; balances, $[illegible]. New York exchange, [illegible] discount bid, par asked. New Orleans, [illegible] discount bid, par asked; Savannah, [illegible] discount bid, par asked; Chicago, [illegible] discount bid, par asked; Cincinnati, [illegible] discount bid, par asked.

The local wheat market closed lower at [illegible]. Corn closed lower at [illegible]. Oats closed lower at [illegible]. No 2 white oats closed at [illegible].

At Chicago wheat closed lower at [illegible]. Corn closed lower at [illegible]. Oats closed at [illegible]. Pork closed at [illegible]. Lard closed at [illegible]. Ribs closed at [illegible].

The local market for provisions was quiet [illegible]. Prime steam lard closed [illegible] at [illegible]. Prime sugar cured hams [illegible] at [illegible].

The local market for spot cotton closed [illegible].

WASHINGTON.

One of Senator Clark's managers, Walter Cooper, testified before the Investigating Committee.

The Senate discussed the Philippine question. Senators McEnery and Stewart made Populistic speeches.

In the House a debate was precipitated over the question of providing for widows of the Spanish-American War.

The House and Senate Committees of the House have tentatively agreed on the rivers to be improved under the River and Harbor bill, including the lower lakes and the lower reaches of the great lakes.

The Democratic Senators met in caucus and decided to continue their opposition to the Republican policy regarding the Philippine possessions.

Milwaukee and Kansas City have applied to contest the right to receive the Democratic National Convention.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs has reported a substitute bill for the relocation of the Kickapoos in accordance with the Dawes commission.

The State Department has made inquiry to investigate the charges made by Charles F. Macrum, former Consul to Pretoria.

The Cabinet discussed the matter of instructions to the Philippine Commissioners, but reached no conclusion.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

A large delegation of silver players left the city last night to attend the Silver Plume Concerts, which meets in Milwaukee this morning.

C. T. Allen of No [illegible] Olive street reported two highwaymen who assaulted him, and administered a severe beating to them with his cane.

Mrs. Margaret Spearth, whose husband deserted her and her four children, ranging from 5 to 11 years, was forced by poverty yesterday to have her children sent to the House of Refuge, while she was given shelter in the House of Good Shepherd.

The case of Nicholas White, charged with the murder of Iveman Patrick Supple, was given to the jury last evening.

Aged Thomas Hopewell and his wife were saved from death in the flames which destroyed their home, No [illegible] De Hodiamont avenue, by the bravery of four policemen.

Flour growers and commission men present a short strawberry crop, due partly to a long continued drought and partly to the rot process of last season, which has caused many growers to reduce the acreage and in some discontinue raising them entirely.

Bishop Glennon will lecture to-morrow afternoon at the convent of the Sacred Heart on "Trinity College."

Councilman Hodges introduced a bill in the Council yesterday fixing a rate of 2 cents as the fare for adult street railway passengers not provided with a seat in the cars.

William F. Ryan was cited for contempt in refusing to obey an injunction issued by Judge Withrow, prohibiting him from attempting to collect insurance on a policy payable to Mrs. Harrington, a St. Joseph, Mo., widow.

Country buyers continue to invade the city in force numbers from the most distant parts of the country, and local wholesale merchants are reporting unprecedented sales and orders from merchants with whom they had had no previous transactions.

Arrangements are being made for the State Postmaster's Convention, which is to be held here February 22.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

An enthusiastic free-homes convention was held at El Reno, Ok. Resolutions were passed asking Congressmen to support the new homestead measure now pending.

Ten more witnesses were examined at Vienna, Ill., in the Carterville riot case.

Ella Glenn, the mysterious woman, was reported to be in Hot Springs. Jailers at Parkersburg, W. Va., made an immediate investigation, fearing they had been duped.

Dallas County, Texas, colored Republicans are said to be up in arms against E. H. R. Green, and lively scenes are anticipated in convention.

Members of the Texas Legislature are appealing to Governor Sayers to call another special session of that body.

SPORTING.

The winners at Tanforan: Ping, Choiseul, Gloria, Timemaker, May Gertrude and Montana.

The winners at New Orleans: Prelimlayssen, Wedding Gown, Jimp, Tom Kingsley, Colonel Eads and Pat Garrett.

Matty Matthews was given a decision over Kid McPartland in the seventeenth round.

RAILROADS.

The Missouri Board of Railroad Commissioners gave a decision in favor of the Brownell Car Company.

The Dakota Central filed an important deed yesterday with the Secretary of State of South Dakota.

A committee of Eastern passenger men has been appointed to act as adjustment of military rates at Washington.

Wabash trainmen are said to be waiting for a reply from Vice President Ramsey of the Wabash.

The Central Passenger Association has granted reduced rates for the G. A. R. meeting at Charleston, S. C.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Delta, Hamburg.

Bremen, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Rhein, New York; Saale, New York.

Hamburg, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Palatia, from New York.

Malta, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Augusta, Victoria, from New York, for Orient cruise.

Naples, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Werra, from New York, for Genoa.

Yokohama, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Arab, Portland, Ore.

Liverpool, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Cymric, Boston.

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BLIZZARD RAGING IN TEXAS.

Heavy Losses of Live Stock on the Ranches.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 16.—The coldest weather of the winter has prevailed over Northern Texas for the last two days. A veritable blizzard has been on. Reports from the Panhandle country state that heavy losses of live stock on the ranches have occurred.

J. E. Foot of Hardeman County telegraphs from Quanah that he has lost more than 500 head of cattle, and that if the present cold weather continues, his losses will be much heavier.

Similar reports are coming from other counties. Cattle in the Panhandle are in poor condition to stand severe weather.

MACRUM'S PROOF IN WASHINGTON.

The Official Envelopes That Were Opened Are Ready for Inspection.

GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE.

Cabinet Decides to Reverse the Department's Decision—Popular Protest Forced the Reconsideration.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Feb. 16.—[illegible] Macrum's most serious charges in the story. This need [illegible] of the envelopes [illegible] to the consuls [illegible] with the seal of the United States upon them. The envelopes which contained [illegible] were sealed with the [illegible] seal. [illegible] Western Hemisphere and [illegible] of the Eastern Hemisphere [illegible] of the Chinese Empire [illegible] Department [illegible] Secretary Hay [illegible] Department [illegible] Secretary Hay [illegible] Department [illegible] Secretary Hay