

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Local discount rates were quoted in the extreme at 5 to 7 per cent on call and time loans. The clearings were \$6,156,711 and the balances \$1,008,625. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, par bid; London, premium asked; Chicago, par bid; St. Louis, par asked; Cincinnati, 10 discount bid; New Orleans, 10 discount bid; Louisville, 10 discount bid, par asked.

The local wheat market closed higher, at 74c. No. 1, 75c; No. 2, 74c; No. 3, 73c; No. 4, 72c; No. 5, 71c; No. 6, 70c; No. 7, 69c; No. 8, 68c; No. 9, 67c; No. 10, 66c; No. 11, 65c; No. 12, 64c. Corn closed higher, at 25c. No. 1, 26c; No. 2, 25c; No. 3, 24c; No. 4, 23c; No. 5, 22c; No. 6, 21c; No. 7, 20c; No. 8, 19c; No. 9, 18c; No. 10, 17c; No. 11, 16c; No. 12, 15c.

President sends a message to Congress urging immediate legislation for the Philippines. Accompanying the message is a report from the Philippine Commission, which recommended the passage of the Spooner bill.

Special World's Fair committee members are perfecting the Louisiana Exposition bill. Speaker Henderson and Chairman Cannon of the Appropriation Committee are friends of the measure.

House adopts the conference report on the army bill, which finally disposes of the measure, so far as that body is concerned.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. The World's Fair bond bill is expected to pass both houses of the Municipal Assembly by Wednesday.

The bas relief memorial to Pontiac, the Indian chief, is being erected in the Southern Hotel.

Frank Baumgartner, a jail prisoner, goes to his mother's funeral in Deputy Sheriff's custody.

Eighty-eight High School graduates of the midyear class receive diplomas at the Odéon.

EARL LIDISCUSSES CHINESE SITUATION.

Evacuation of Pe-Chi-Li. He Says, Is Necessary, and the Quicker It Is Done the Better.

HE IS GRATEFUL TO AMERICA.

Says China Has No Design to Do Less Than She Promised, but That Some Conditions Are Impossible.

BY STEPHEN BONSAI. SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Pekin, Jan. 25.—(Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald.)—Victory 14. Huan-chang talked freely today to me. "We are infinitely grateful to the American Government," he said, "for the gradual evacuation of Pe-Chi-Li. The quicker it is done the better. It will save the situation, which has been growing worse."

"We have conformed to the demands of the Powers, as far as we can. Now we need assistance in the execution of the demands. I know Pe-Chi-Li Province. I governed it for twenty years, and have therefore a right to be heard in when I say that, after considering all the circumstances, evacuation is advisable—indeed, necessary. Should the American proposition be received with favor the task now taxing our strength becomes easy."

"Those both at home and abroad, who openly and secretly oppose a peaceable settlement will be confounded. "When the troops leave the dream of peace will become a reality. "These armed expeditions are a great menace. I never breathe freely while one is in the shadow of a bayonet fixed on the people that would do to a terrible fate on their exhausted resources; but that is not all. Reports reach me continually from missionaries and foreigners in whom I have equal confidence, which I cannot communicate to the General. "The gradual evacuation which the American Government so opportunely proposes is the solution of our problem. When it begins the commercial and all the usual relations will be resumed and the anxieties which have oppressed us will vanish. "There is not the slightest design on the part of China to do less than we have agreed to do, but we ask the Powers not to insist on the impossible, but to help us, in consideration of our intelligent appreciation of the situation, to execute the demands to which, in order to avoid war, we have acceded."

"There is not one word of truth in the story that Chinese troops are pouring into the Province of Pe-Chi-Li. There is not a single soldier within the district mapped out by Marshal von Waldersee as being under foreign jurisdiction. Outside these limits we are collecting a few hundred soldiers to take over political duties when the foreigners leave. "The questions of the nonimportation of opium and the indemnities must be developed from the preliminary treaties, not only with consideration of what is desired, but with comprehension as to what China can do. "When the court will return to Peking I shall discuss the same disagreeable problem, we are polite people. Ministers come to me every day, asking when the Emperor will return to Peking. Would not that be a rule as long as von Waldersee, our illustrious guest, is occupying the palace? Can we say when we would like him to leave? "In conclusion, the Viceroy, who, despite his illness, is looking well and active, says: "There is no truth in the London report of the evacuation of a Russo-Chinese convention regarding Manchuria."

116 Boarding Places Advertised in to-day's Republic.

WENT AS PRISONER TO MOTHER'S BATH.

Deputy Sheriff Accompanied Frank Baumgartner, Who Is Held on Charge of Burglary.

Frank Baumgartner, prisoner in the city jail, attended his mother's funeral yesterday in a carriage, in the custody of a Deputy Sheriff.

The Baumgartner family lives at No. 115 Miller street. Mrs. Bertha Baumgartner had been sick with consumption for more than a year, but when her son, Frank, was released a few weeks ago on a charge of burglary, her grief seemed to brighten her, and she said she would recover. A few hours afterwards she suffered a relapse, and died.

Justice won the Vernal Stake at Tanforn yesterday.

The New Orleans track continues fast. Cluster, under all kinds of wraps, came home on the bit at New Orleans—a good thing that was very good.

Bogus Bill, at long odds, ran second to Theory at Tanforn.

A Prisco bookmaker lost \$1,000 in one poker sitting in which the ante was \$25.

Noland beat Becker by a score of 10 to 7 in the billiard game last night.

RAILROADS. President McKinley has appointed a commission to examine the Atlantic and Pacific road.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature at Washington for a national freight commission.

Trancontinental carriers have made reduced rate to certain metropolitan points. Alexander Lytle has been appointed chief clerk to General Freight Agent Derrah of the Rio Grande Western.

The Order of Railway Telegraphers has passed resolutions opposing the bill for the reduction of mileage in Missouri to 2 cents.

V. Swarty has been appointed agricultural agent of the Kansas City Southern. He has been with the Cotton Belt.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE. Liverpool, Jan. 25.—Arrived: Germanic, New York; Waesland, Philadelphia. Havre, Jan. 25.—Arrived: La Champagne, New York.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE LEGISLATION IN TRANSMITTING TAFT COMMISSION REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The President today transmitted to the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, and the report of the Taft Philippine Commission. In his message of transmission the President says that the report includes not only the report of the Philippine Commission, but also the report of the Secretary of War, and other important legislation relating to the condition and immediate wants of the Philippine Islands.

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Simmons's Compulsory Education Bill Will Not Have Smooth Sailing in the House.

PROTEST AGAINST MEASURE.

St. Kevin's Parish Association Adopts Strong Resolutions Testing Against Its Passage. St. Louis Will Fight.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Jefferson City, Jan. 25.—The passage of a strong bill for compulsory education, introduced by St. Louis, will not have smooth sailing in the House.

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Advertisement for Dr. Lander's Liniment. Text: "Lander's Liniment. A Liniment surgeon has a never fails a day but thanking Heaven was not born a woman; LOT No. 1—distinguished man problem knows more of woman's than any living person. Button small size. LOT No. 2—man below the joys of girlhood, love, and beauty—of wife and motherhood. 'Angels are painted fair to look like you' but the penalty of her sex has to be paid, and the tribute it exacts is heavy with pain and weariness. Too often the payment leaves her ruined in health, bankrupt in happiness—a lifelong invalid, for want of a little timely help, perhaps a little timely knowledge. A woman's experience, and she a doctor with an extensive practice, should carry conviction to every candid mind. It is therefore with pleasure and confidence that Dr. Louise M. Lander's letter is given to her sex. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 21, 1900. WARMER'S SAFE CURE CO., Rochester, N. Y. Graduated several times during the past few years I have observed the effects of Warner's Safe Cure in cases of kidney trouble. I found that the action of the medicine was highly curative. My own case is a case in point. The results followed its faithful use. I believe it to be a very fine remedy for kidney disease. Yours respectfully, DR. LOUISE M. LANDER. Send postal for free sample. WARMER'S SAFE CURE CO., Rochester, N. Y. Mention this paper. FREE SAMPLE. Dr. Louise M. Lander is a graduate Imperial Central Institute, Stockholm, Sweden. SHEET FRAMES 11.00 and up. BILD GED 15.00 and up. TESTED FREE OF CHARGE BY THE BEST OPTICIANS. EGGERT & FISHER, 317 N. 7th St., Bet. Olive and Locust Streets.

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Advertisement for Stenographers. Text: "Stenographers. Watch to-morrow's paper and you will see an advertisement which will be of interest to you. The Committee on Public Improvements of the City Council conducted a public hearing yesterday afternoon to listen to protests against ordinances for proposed street reconstruction. Remonstrances were made against the reconstruction of Ewing avenue from Locust street to Franklin avenue, Lucas avenue from Beaumont street to Garrison avenue, Twentieth street from Market street to Washington street, Twenty-first street from Market street to Washington street, Beaumont street from Lucas avenue to Franklin avenue, Jefferson avenue from Franklin avenue to Carr street, St. Louis avenue from Twenty-third street to Glass avenue, and Park avenue from Beaumont street to St. Ang's avenue. Most of the complainants stated that they are not opposed to street improvements and that they would rather be inclined to favor them under the method of payment that the Public Welfare Commission's charter amendment would require. The blocks in question, most of them, already need repair. President O'Brien of the Team Owners' Association made an earnest plea in favor of good streets for the World's Exposition. The Board of Public Improvements and the House of Delegates approved and passed the ordinances regardless of remonstrances. Reconstruction of Ewing avenue from Locust street to Franklin avenue, Lucas avenue from Beaumont street to Garrison avenue, Twentieth street from Market street to Washington street, Twenty-first street from Market street to Washington street, Beaumont street from Lucas avenue to Franklin avenue, Jefferson avenue from Franklin avenue to Carr street, St. Louis avenue from Twenty-third street to Glass avenue, and Park avenue from Beaumont street to St. Ang's avenue. Most of the complainants stated that they are not opposed to street improvements and that they would rather be inclined to favor them under the method of payment that the Public Welfare Commission's charter amendment would require. The blocks in question, most of them, already need repair. President O'Brien of the Team Owners' Association made an earnest plea in favor of good streets for the World's Exposition. The Board of Public Improvements and the House of Delegates approved and passed the ordinances regardless of remonstrances.

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Advertisement for Chose to be in his Mother's Custody. Text: "CHOSE TO BE IN HIS MOTHER'S CUSTODY. Court Allowed James V. Johnston, Jr., to Choose for Himself in Divorce Case. Nineteen-year-old James V. Johnston, Jr., of Maplewood, St. Louis County, has decided that he would rather be in the custody of his mother than his father. His decision was officially announced in the St. Louis Circuit Court yesterday. It was the first instance in the history of Clayton Circuit Court where, in a divorce suit, the custody of a child has been left by the court to the child's decision. And the court's action in this particular instance was influenced to a great extent by the Johnston's mother, Mrs. Anna M. Johnston. When she filed her suit for divorce from James V. Johnston, she stated in her petition the only child of their union was now 15 years old and that as he was self-supporting she was willing to let him choose between her and his father. Mr. Johnston made no reply and permitted the suit to go forward. It is well known both in St. Louis and St. Louis County, that Mr. Johnston has been living in St. Louis since his separation from his wife. Mrs. Johnston married on November 21, 1881, and lived together until April 21, 1891, when she alleges, he abandoned her. Judge McElhinney granted several other divorces yesterday. Lucille Greidig was freed from the ties that bound her to Albert Greidig on charges of non-support and abandonment. Her maiden name of Stages was restored. The couple were married November 23, 1886, in Morristown, Hamblen County, Tenn., and separated May 18, 1898. Stacie I. Timberlake was granted a divorce from Fred S. Timberlake, given the custody of her 7-year-old daughter Ruth S. Timberlake and \$15 a month alimony. The couple were married in the Missouri Territory and lived together until April 23, 1893. The plaintiff alleged abandonment. Richard C. Schnecko was divorced from Melinda Schnecko whom he married September 23, 1888, and who, he alleges, abandoned him on September 7, 1898.

Advertisement for Sturdy Blacksmiths. Text: "STURDY BLACKSMITHS. Learn Facts About Coffee. Two blacksmiths of Northampton, Mass., Messrs. Thayer and McGrath, both discovered that coffee was the cause of heartburn and sour stomach continually troubling them in spite of active exercise. They left off the coffee and began taking Postum Food Coffee. The trouble disappeared at once, and both men are now enthusiastic over Postum. If powerful men like blacksmiths are affected by the same trouble in ordinary coffee, it would seem folly for brain workers to try to withstand the effects of it. The use of Postum Food Coffee for it contains certain elements that the life force uses to build up the cells and the gray matter in the nervous system. Any person can prove this same by trial.

Advertisement for Farmer Held Up by Masked Women. Text: "FARMER HELD UP BY MASKED WOMEN. Members of the Bandit Sex Engage in the Gentle Business in Tennessee. Clarksville, Tenn., Jan. 25.—Ben Levine, a farmer of Dickson County, Tennessee, was held up last night by two masked women, one white and the other a mulatto, and robbed of \$1, which was all he had. The women were heavily armed. Large Shipment of Cattle. Memphis, Jan. 25.—Eighteen carloads of cattle were shipped from the Memphis Stock Yards to Chicago yesterday, the largest shipment by far yet sent from this point. Eckert-Wirt Laboratory of Osteopathy, 7th Floor Commercial Building.

Advertisement for Gift to Oberlin College. Text: "GIFT TO OBERLIN COLLEGE. Rockefeller Offers \$200,000 Toward \$500,000 Endowment Fund. Oberlin, O., Jan. 25.—It was announced in Chapel this afternoon that John D. Rockefeller had pledged, through J. W. Cowles of Cleveland, a trustee of Oberlin College, his willingness to give \$200,000 toward an endowment fund of \$500,000, now being raised to endow the new library. The amount shall be raised by the first of next year. FOOTPAD SLUGS A WOMAN. Fourth One Injured in This Way in Kansas City. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Maude Lewis, aged 22 years, was struck down by a footpad near her home in this city to-day. She is in a precarious condition, her skull being fractured, and she may die. Her assailant escaped. She is the fourth woman recently injured by highwaymen in this vicinity.

Advertisement for Grip Has Attacked Prime Minister. Text: "Grip Has Attacked Prime Minister of France. Paris, Jan. 25.—M. Waldeck-Rousseau, President of the Council of Ministers, is suffering from a slight attack of grip. ECZEMA; NO CURE, NO PAY. Your druggist will refund you money if you do not cure your Eczema with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Old Ulcers and Sores, Pimples and Blackheads on the face, and all skin diseases, etc.

Advertisement for Department Store Bill. Text: "DEPARTMENT STORE BILL. Proposes License for Each Class of Articles Dealt In. Jefferson City, Jan. 25.—A department store license bill was introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Farris. The bill, like the Stude bill, passed by the last Assembly, proposes the assessment of a license of \$50 a year for each class of articles dealt in by department stores. It provides for the appointment by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, of a License Commission, which shall have the duty of determining the number of licenses to be granted, and the manner in which to serve a four-year term and