

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

Local discount rates were quoted at 5 to 7 per cent on call and time loans. The clearing house balance sheet for the week ending March 17, 1901, shows a balance of \$1,000,000. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 50 premium bid, 30c premium asked; Chicago, 20c premium bid, 20c premium asked; Cincinnati, 10c discount bid, par asked; New Orleans, 10c discount bid, par asked.

The local market for wheat closed higher at 75c bid May, 75c bid July, 75c bid September. Corn closed steady at 39c May; 40c asked July; 40c asked September. Oats closed at 25c May; 25c nominal July; 25c nominal September.

The local market for spot cotton closed quiet. Receipts of assessments on World's Fair stock were large, especially from small stockholders, including many from distant States. A post-mortem and national park has been suggested as a feature.

Mrs. Margaret N. Van Cott begins a series of evangelistic meetings at Lakeway, Park M. E. church, Sunday.

Miss Lee Conrad, whose parents live in California, Mo., was killed by an Olive street car at Walnut and Delmar avenues in front of the home of her cousin, who witnessed the tragedy.

Election Commissioner Hobbs declares that the Republican City Central Committee can prevent any fraud at the election in April if it will.

The joint session of the Nebraska Legislature failed to confirm the caucus choice of D. E. Thompson for Senator.

New York plans to erect Carnegie libraries beside its school buildings.

Mrs. Mary Schmitt, who is protesting the pompadour collars worn by chorists and her resignation resulted.

Cool Catherine McDonald of Cincinnati tried her collar to insure its fit.

Coal operators of Illinois are planning a combine of the principal mines in the State. The corporation projected would be one of the greatest in the country. It would involve a capital of \$75,000,000, the control of 800 mines and 30,000 employees. It is claimed that an organization is necessary to fight against the Pennsylvania Coal Trust.

A delegation of St. Louisans appeared before the House and Senate Appropriation Committees of the United States Legislature Wednesday and ably presented the cause of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Shantago Cook was the only opposing voice in the committee, and the appropriation of \$250,000. The general sentiment of the legislators is in favor of that amount.

The blizzard which extends over the northeast is showing a new, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, but the outlook for favorable weather to-day is good.

A Mississippi mob took a negro away from a Sheriff and a white man, and a hundred shots were fired at him and it is thought he was fatally wounded. The two negroes were discovered in a room.

New York is threatened with a gas war. A new company has been organized to fight the trust and has held out flattering inducements for a franchise.

The disfranchisement bill of Maryland has gone to the Governor for signature. The bill, if it becomes a law, will disfranchise about 50,000 voters, mostly negroes, and will make the State safely Democratic for many years to come.

Brown Head, a famous steamer, Germanic, New York, for Queenstown and Liverpool; Commonwealth, Boston, for Queenstown and Liverpool.

The Omaha club is making elaborate preparations for a farewell dinner to General Fitzhugh Lee.

The friends of Rodenberg and Northrup are making a spirited fight for the ninth precinct in the election. The English, Congressman Joy and Barthold saw the opposition yesterday, and urged the appointment of a referee.

Mrs. Cabus's wounds are declared by surgeons to be mortal. The coroner declared that she either committed suicide or was murdered, and arrests are promised in the near future.

King Edward became more exacting in the matter of ceremonials. He has notified Lord Chamberlain that his court dress or uniform must be worn by the gentlemen of the court on all state occasions.

The Cuban Committee on Relations With the United States is said to stand four to one against the adoption of the Platt amendment.

The Russian Commander at Tien-Tsin has written a note to the British General demanding the withdrawal of the English troops, and an apology for their alleged trespass. The British commander replied, refusing to either apologize or withdraw, and stand which the British Government is said to approve.

Two Boer train wreckers are shot. Five lives were lost in the smashup. General Kitchener approved their sentence.

Rain at New Orleans caused wholesale scratching from the card.

Cluster won the Cotton Exchange Tour Congress Handicap at Fair Hill.

Not a favorite made good at New Orleans Wednesday.

Trebzor was standing sideways when the field got off in the mile and seventy yards handicap at New Orleans.

President Roosevelt of the St. Louis club announces that he has signed thirteen players for his 1801 team.

Zild clipped the starter of a second off the track record for three and one-half furlongs at Tantarum Wednesday.

Samuel Spenser, president of the Mobile and Ohio and other official changes made.

The Texas and Pacific re-elected the old board and made L. S. Thorne first vice president.

Lord, who resigned as general passenger agent of the Great Western, has been appointed general passenger agent of the Rock Island. Other changes on the Rock Island are announced.

Several changes have been made in the operating department of the Clover Leaf.

GAVE JOB TO 50 MEN MUST BEFORE PRIMARY.

City Hired Them Between March 1 and 3; Parker Was Nominated March 5.

IN STREET DISTRICTS.

From January 1 to March 1, \$666.10 Was Expended; From March 1 to 15, \$8,454.69.

Five hundred and seven men were put to work in the Street Department from March 1 to 2.

The Republican primary was held on March 5, at which time the city administration threw all its strength to George W. Parker, candidate for Mayor.

The figures upon which the foregoing statements are based are here given by months as they were obtained from the records:

January, entire month \$49.17; No expenditure for cleaning paved streets 256.93; No expenditure for cleaning paved streets 256.93.

Total January 1 to March 1 \$666.10; March, first two weeks \$7,209.11; Cleaning streets, March 1 to 15 1,145.58.

Total, March 1 to 15 \$8,454.69; Republican primary March 5.

First District, \$3 men, \$1,492.83; Second District, 13 men, \$2,638.23; Third District, 17 men, \$2,200.00; Fourth District, 25 men, \$1,473.51.

It will be observed that the greatest amount was expended in the Second and Third districts. These are controlled by Chris Schwacker and John B. Owen, members of the Republican City Central Committee and Parker men from the start.

Street Commissioner Varrelmann disclaims any part in the scheme to elect Parker. He says that he ordered the streets cleaned because they were greatly in need of it. Mr. Varrelmann is not a politician.

The four acting superintendents who are in charge of the street districts are Ziegelnstein appointees. They hired the men who were put on between March 1 and 3.

MR. PARKER'S CAMPAIGN MANAGERS.

CHARLES KRATZ.

Charles Kratz, member of the Republican City Central Committee from the Tenth Ward, has been in the City Council since 1877, and was defeated for re-nomination at the recent primary.

Mr. Kratz represented the old Eleventh, now Tenth, Ward in the House of Delegates before he was elected to the Council. He was one of the nine Councilmen who voted for the Central Traction bill in all its stages and who voted to pass the Mayor's veto.

He voted with that faction in the Council which obstructed the passage of lighting ordinances. Before the recent Republican primary he was counted among the Zachritz men, but since the nomination of Parker he has been working with the City Committee in the interests of the Republican majority candidate.

MR. HOBBS SAYS IT IS UP TO REPUBLICANS.

Republican Member of Election Board Declares That City Central Committee Can Prevent Any Fraud at the Polls.

According to every member of the Board of Election Commissioners the practical application of the election law, as amended, will insure a clean and honest election.

Mr. Hobbs, a Republican member of the board, regrets that the General Assembly of the State did not approve the amendments earlier, as in his opinion, that would have resulted in the elimination of several thousands of fraudulent registrations that he believes to exist, but he also states, with much emphasis, that the honest and law-abiding citizens are equal to the task of electing a just and honest man.

"I believe," stated Mr. Hobbs Wednesday night, "that thousands of fraudulent entries are contained in the registration lists of the downtown wards. Had the amendments been adopted in time to allow the board to clean up the registration lists prior to the present registration and the canvass, it would have been possible to discover and erase these entries. But I do believe that the General Assembly purposely delayed action."

"As it is, though, I think it will be possible to counteract this delay. The whole matter is in the hands of the City Central Committee, so far as I am concerned. Everything will depend on the judges and clerks. The voters and the candidates have every reason to suppose that such men will be selected who are honest and clean as can be held anywhere. I have told the central committee that I shall not hesitate to do my duty, and I have every reason to suppose that such men will be selected who are honest and clean as can be held anywhere. I have told the central committee that I shall not hesitate to do my duty, and I have every reason to suppose that such men will be selected who are honest and clean as can be held anywhere."

"I have every confidence in the board. Take Judge McCaffery, for instance. He has been vilified. I have known Jim for thirty years and I have never known him to do a dishonest thing in his life. He is a man of honor, and we quarrel a little now and then, but he is honest. Of course, he would favor his party at every opportunity, but he is a man of honor, and we quarrel a little now and then, but he is honest. Of course, he would favor his party at every opportunity, but he is a man of honor, and we quarrel a little now and then, but he is honest."

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