TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were $8,379,350; balances, $1,065,141. Local discount rates were firm between 4½ and 5½ per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, par bid, 10c premium asked; Chicago, par bid, 10c premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 15c discount bid, par asked.

Wheat closed higher at 83⅝@83½c bid May; 83¾@85¼c No. 2 red. Corn closed higher at 69¼c asked May; 68c No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 47c bid May; 50c No. 2 mixed.

The local market for spot cotton was steady and unchanged.

WASHINGTON.

Secretary Gage yesterday informed the President that he would like to retire from the Cabinet not later than early spring. He has received several very flattering offers from New York and Chicago financial institutions. Several Western men, among whom Colonel Myron T. Herrick is considered the strongest, are said to be candidates for the place.

Secretary Long's retirement from the Cabinet is expected to follow close upon the heels of that of Secretary Gage. An estrangement between the President and the Secretary of the Navy will probably grow out of the Schley Court of Inquiry.

The persistent rumors of Secretary Hay's expected retirement from the Cabinet are officially denied as having no grain of truth in them.

The Interior Department regards the reported cock-fight carnival, to be held in Hot Springs during the month of January, as a canard.

The President yesterday removed from office Appraiser Wakeman of New York and appointed George W. Whitehead, late Collector of Customs at Porto Rico, to succeed him.

Attorneys for Admiral Sampson have filed their protest against the report of Admiral Dewey in the Schley Court of Inquiry. It is declared that an injustice has been done Admiral Sampson by giving Admiral Schley credit for being in command of the fleet at the time of the battle of Santiago.

Judge Advocate General Lemly and Solicitor Hanna have filed a reply to the protest of Admiral Schley against the findings of the majority Schley Court of Inquiry.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Coal in carload lots sells for $4 a ton in East St. Louis and 50 cents a bushel is given for small lots in some cases.

The marriage of Miss Ella Hill to Alexander Hamilton Handlan is announced for Christmas Day.

Captain Gaffney removed nearly all of the children from the "Faith" Home.

St. Louis real estate dealers propose two sites for the isolation of social evil in St. Louis.

Big increase in police revenues since Mayor Wells's order against remitting of fines.

Portraits of three former presidents of the St. Louis Club will be presented to the club at its annual meeting to-night.

Three women were rescued from two early morning fires.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

The Roosevelt children will hang up their stockings at the White House and a great day Christmas is anticipated by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

A horse remained by the side of his fallen and senseless master for eighteen hours and then brought rescue, but it was too late, for the man was overcome with cold and soon expired.

It is announced that three plans for the establishment of branch banking-houses in the Orient are being perfected by New York banking concerns. Two firms have already made preparations to open branches in Shanghai and Manila.

Both Bradstreet's and Dun report that the holiday trade has reached enormous proportions, and that every line of trade is in a remarkably prosperous condition.

The simultaneous explosion of four boilers in a Pittsburg steel mill wrecked the plant, an adjoining mill, a residence across the street, and killed three men and injured a dozen others.

Opie Read, author and playwright, may enter politics as a candidate for Alderman in Chicago. He has the question under consideration, in response to a suggestion that he permit his name to be used.

Judge Peden of St. Clair County, Missouri, who has been confined in jail for contempt of the Federal Court, will be released to-day.

An American inventor claims that he has discovered a process which renders glass liquid for enameling.

FOREIGN.

Laura Jackson, known in America as Ann Odelia Diss de Bar, was sentenced in London to seven years' penal servitude for notorious conduct. Theodore Jackson, her reputed husband, was sentenced to fifteen years.

The cruiser Philadelphia has been ordered to hurry to Panama. It is expected that she will eventually be ordered to Chilean waters.

Captain Hao of the Chinese cruiser Hai Chi has arrived at Manila with his cruiser to see General Chaffee, whom the Chinese regard as their greatest foreign friend.

London representatives of the Standard Oil Company profess no uneasiness at the discovery of petroleum at an immense depth in Egypt.

William Sargent, head of one of the oldest and largest of London metal firms, has been compelled to close his doors through losses in copper.

The Sheikh of Koweyt openly defies the Sultan of Turkey, refuses to let his emissaries land, and declines to go to Constantinople and make obeisance to the suzerain.

Paul N. Milaukoff, noted Russian writer, has agreed to come to America to lecture in 1903.

SPORTING.

Prospects seem good for a revival of high-class boxing in this city.

The injunction against President Spalding of the National League was continued yesterday by the Supreme Court of New York.

Freshmen and sophomores of Washington University clashed for the second time yesterday.

Jockey O'Brien has left New Orleans. It is stated that he proposes to ride for Eastern owners if he can secure release from his contract with Fizer & Co.

A match race to settle the relative merits of Old England and San Nicholas will be run at Oakland to-day.

Close finishes were the rule at Oakland, with only two favorites gaining decisions.

Jockey L. Daly was suspended at Oakland for a bad ride on Huachuca.

Al Neill gave Tom Tracy a decisive beating at Portland, Ore., winning with a right to the jaw in the eighteenth round.

Marine Intelligence.

Plymouth, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from New York for Bremen.

Queenstown, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Lucania, from New York for Liverpool.

Havre, Dec. 20.—Arrived: L'Aquitaine, New York.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Ivernia, Liverpool.

Halifax, Nova Scocia, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Ontarian, Glasgow and Liverpool, via St. John's, Newfoundland, for Philadelphia.

Yokohama, Dec. 17.—Arrived: Empress of China, Vancouver, for Hong-Kong.

Muroran, Dec. 19.—Arrived: Crusader, Portland, Ore., for Manila.

Cherbourg, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, New York, via Plymouth, for Bremen.

Hng-Kng, Dec. 18.—Sailed: Empress of Japan, Vancouver.

Moville, Dec. 20.—Sailed: Numidian (from Liverpool), Halifax and St. John's, New Brunswick.

Rotterdam, Dec. 20.—Sailed: Ryndam, New York.

New York, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Syria, Naples; La Savoie, Havre; Campania, Liverpool.

Launching of the Missouri.

Governor Dockery said last night that he would be unable, on account of pressing duties, to attend the ceremonies attending the launching of the new battleship Missouri at Newport News December 28. He has delegated Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee to be Missouri's official representative on that occasion.

BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR SITE.

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also held up their hands at another and more formidable sight. The ground was covered with cameras. They were nearly as thick as the grasshoppers of Egypt. Every species of photographic device was present, from the $2,500 machines of the American Biograph Company, down to the "baby push the button box."

Battery A's guns were fifty yards off the actual scene of the ground-breaking. The artillerymen, natty and alert, in army overcoats and leggings, stood ready with their lanyards. When a bugle sang in the sharp distance, the first gun spoke. It sounded like a hundred pine boards falling off their pile. Other guns repeated the sound. The crowd closed in about the bare ash-sprinkled spot, which had been thawed for two days that the directors might disintegrate the soil. The biograph operator up in the air on a scaffolding yelled for the crowd to be driven back. The mounted police brushed their impatient steeds against the small but eager throng, and the carriages rapidly emptied their loads. Three ladies in furs graced the scene, standing on the wind-swept platform.

PRESIDENT FRANCIS SPEAKS TO THE SHIVERING CROWD.

President Francis stepped within the circle which had been cleared, and removed his silk hat. He began to speak, but his words were not distinguished at first because of the noise of one thousand feet pattering a cold tattoo on the boards of the stand. What he did really say was that the officials of the Exposition, and the people of St. Louis and the sister States had come together to celebrate the first steps in the physical stage of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. He earned a round of applause by the sentiment that no rigors of the climate could prevent the sons of the pioneers of the Louisiana territory from braving the terrors of winter that they might farther the great enterprise which was destined to go down into history as the triumph of exposition making. He recalled that it was just ninety-eight years ago that the transfer of the territory was made from France to the United States.

But the crowd was impatient for the thing that had brought them out into the cold. President Francis was evidently suffering so much from the cold that he was about to sink the first shovel into the sod when Chairman Spencer of the Committee on Ceremonies reminded him that the Reverend Doctor Niccolls had not delivered the invocation. President Francis gracefully gave way for the minister. Doctor Niccolls spoke shortly and stepped to one side.

Then the biograph got the attention of the spectators. John McCutcheon, the man who had caught the American troops landing at Siboney during the Santiago campaign, shouted from the top of the platform:

"Keep those people out of the way!"

BIOGRAPH MACHINE TAKES THE PICTURES.

Every one began to observe the movements of the men at the queer-looking machines. They saw McCutcheon focusing a big disk on President Francis, who was standing ready with the shovel. They beheld the President stick his shovel into the thawed earth, and with the act McCutcheon's assistant began grinding a crank on the back of the camera for dear life. There was a clattering like the revolution of a gatling gun. Whole yards of film were running through the camera, making its panoramic impress of the work. Vice President Spencer followed President Francis and then the order was broken. Governor Savage of Nebraska tossed a shovel full of dirt, exclaiming with the act: "The best State in the Louisiana Purchase," referring, of course, to his own Commonwealth.

Governor Van Sant of Minnesota and Governor Jefferson Davis of Arkansas delved and were cheered. Director of Works Isaac S. Taylor came in for special notice when he heaved the champion shovelful into the wagon. Director of Exhibits Skiff, the veteran of the Exposition force, received a salvo of applause.

Then Director followed Director and Chiefs of Department followed one another in rapid order. All the while the camera of the biograph company ground out its continuous picture performance.

Captain Rumbold of the battery had eight shots left after firing the salute of sixty guns in commemoration of the territory acquired by the United States. He fired the eight loads as the ceremony was concluded. The firing platoon was under the command of Lieutenant Eugene Sanguinette. The platoon was made up of Charles Gignoux, Joseph Anderson, Fred Churchill, John Schram, Guy Nixon, Thomas Stillwell, W. J. Werner, Bert Rutledge, F. H. Pim, William Orcutt, Thomas Hamilton and Bert Farrar.

DISTINGUISHED PARTY HASTENS TO COLISEUM.

Immediately after the ceremony the party entered carriages for the long drive to the Coliseum, where they arrived at 3:30 o'clock. Wallace McCutcheon and William Bitzer, the biograph operators, took their exposed films to a photographer's studio and developed a test slip from each of the two cameras that had been used at the site. The films proved to be perfect.

"I am certain that the record of the ceremony will show up well," said Operator McCutcheon. "It will show the wagon drawn by four white horses as it was driven up to the scene. It will show the group of speakers and then the long line of diggers who shoveled earth into the wagon. The series is closed by the picture when Chairman Spencer called for three cheers for the success of the Exposition, which were given with waving of hats and other active demonstrations. I think that the entire record was well-balanced, replete with action and interest, and should prove one of our most valued films. The films will be developed and fixed in New York and then will be sent to St. Louis and elsewhere for exhibition."

The shovel used in the ground-breaking ceremony was a heavy, steel-handled, diamond-edge shovel, with ash handle fitting into a beautifully carved round finished steel socket. The steel was silver-plated. The implement was presented to President Francis for the ceremony by A. L. Shapleigh. It will be preserved as a souvenir.

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure. No Pay. Price 25 cents.

New Missouri Postmasters.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The following fourth-class Postmasters were appointed to-day in Missouri:

Civil Bend, Daviess County, Fred Frost, vice Martin Smith, resigned.

Earl, Callaway County, G. W. Davis, vice W. L. Harris, resigned.

Hartsburg, Boone County, J. W. Young, vice Byron Shears, resigned.

Hinton, Boone County, F. D. Allton, vice C. W. Martin, resigned.

Indian Appointments.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The following Indian appointments were made to-day:

Mrs. Hattie B. Rocher of Kansas City, matron at Uintah School, Utah; W. S. Moore of Pawnee, Ok., farmer at Ponca, Ok.; T. M. McKenny of Pawhuska, Ok., carpenter at San Carlos, Ariz.

Robert Hildebrand of Kelay, Ind., has been appointed a watchman at Jefferson Barracks.

J. R. A. Crossland Accepts.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Doctor J. R. A. Crossland of St. Joseph had a talk with the President this morning and announced his acceptance of the tender of the Liberian mission. Doctor Crossland will arrange to go to Liberia in a month or so.

Fight Over for El Paso Collectorship.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 20.—John W. Sanson, Uvalde; G. R. Goldbeck, Uvalde and J. G. Booth, Austin, are applicants for Collector of Customs at El Paso, Tex.

ECZEMA: NO CURE, NO PAY.

Your druggist will refund your money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure Ringworm, Tetter, Old Ulcers and Sores, Pimples and Blackheads on the face, and all skin diseases, 50c.

ON A NEW PLAN.

Hill to Revolutionize Accounts System of Burlington.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Hereafter the Burlington system is to be operated on the principle of a department store. Every representative of the company has been advised that he is to be the sole manager of his department, and that his profits and losses will be charged to him, instead of to the railroad company as a whole.

The smallest agent up to the president will keep a strict account of his department and submit monthly reports to James J. Hill. The entire accounting and bookkeeping system of the Burlington is to be revolutionized in this way to correspond with the system prevailing on the Great Northern road. These monthly reports will cost about $150,000 a year.

PROMINENT MEN AT THE COLISEUM.

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deputation from the Real Estate Exchange, carrying a huge banner setting forth that the ceremonies were in commemoration of the first great realty deal in America.

SOLDIERS ARRIVE WITH FLYING COLORS.

At 3:20 o'clock a battalion of the First Regiment, N. G. M., with flying colors, filed in at the east entrance of the building. A band headed the militia, playing the "Stars and Stripes" as they marched into the arena. Owing to a misunderstanding the entire regiment, which was to have turned out, did not appear. The announcement that the parade was to be abandoned kept away most of the troops, the battalion was composed of the men who reported, and was commanded by Major Rumsey. Colonel Sinclair with his entire staff accompanied the battalion.

Governor Dockery with the members of his staff and several other State officials, arrived half an hour before the World's Fair officials. They were assigned to places on the speaker's platform.

Immediately after the militia followed President Francis, Corwin H. Spencer, F. J. V. Skiff, and the other Exposition officials with their distinguished guests. The soldiers halted in front of the platform and allowed the participants in the ceremonies to take their places on the stage. In the front row were seated Governor Jefferson Davis of Arkansas, Governor S. R. Van Sant of Minnesota, Governor Dockery, Governor F. P. Savage of Nebraska, General John C. Bates, Mayor Rolla Wells, Frank Ridgely, August Gehner, John D. Oglesby, and the Reverend S. J. Niccolls.

President Francis, who presided, occupied a seat in the center of the stage. Others seated on the stage were members of General Bates's staff, Walter B. Stevens, James L. Blair, Charles H. Huttig, Harry B. Hawes, James A. Tawney, D. W. Wooten, Senth W. Cobb, Cyrus P. Walbridge, S. M. Kennard and Archbishop J. J. Kain.

PRESIDENT FRANCIS ADDRESSES THE ASSEMBLAGE.

After a number by the band, President Francis said in part:

"On the twentieth day of December, just ninety-eight years ago to-day, the Territory of Louisiana was transferred from the jurisdiction of France to that of the United States. The tri-color of French sovereignty was lowered and the Stars and Stripes were run up amidst the firing of salutes, the strains of martial music and the shouts of a free people. That was the ground-breaking for the establishment of republican institutions in Transmississippi, for the upbuilding of constitutional government on a stable foundation, and with a jurisdiction from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

"And what a noble structure has been erected. The storms of foreign wars have beaten on it from without, and the terrific throes of civil strife have shaken it from within, but so well has it withstood all vicissitudes that to-day it is stronger and more enduring than ever before. Every step has been forward, every influence has been promotive of civilization and elevating to mankind.

"As the rounding out of the first century of our membership in the American Union approaches we are moved by a sense of patriotic duty and pardonable pride to commemorate the most marvelous progress made by man.

"It seems but a few months since the movement was begun. Its progress has had many difficulties to contend with because it was planned on a scale commensurate with the importance of the event to be celebrated, and in keeping with the dignity and power of our Government and the wealth and influence of the country.

"From this time let us make December 20 a memorable day throughout the Louisiana Purchase and the entire country. To the chief executives of the States and Territories carved from that Purchase, who have recommended their people to observe this anniversary by unfurling the Stars and Stripes from every public building, every schoolhouse and every abode within their jurisdiction, we make our grateful acknowledgments.

"May the glorious emblem never be lowered. Let us who have enjoyed its protection pledge anew our devotion to its honor, resolved that we will defend it with our lives and treat as enemies of our country and ourselves and our God all who would trail in the dust its sacred folds."

CONGRESSMAN TAWNEY ON VALUE OF THE PURCHASE.

James L. Tawney, M. C., from Minnesota, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions, United States House of Representatives, followed President Francis on the rostrum. Mr. Tawny spoke at great length on the Louisiana Purchase and the important part it has played in the commercial and political history of the United States. In part he said:

"The occasion upon which we have assembled here to-day is one of rare and monumental interest. It is crowded with patriotic pride in that marvelous achievement soon to be commemorated, and it is full of exultant anticipation of the glory and triumphant success of that commemoration. In this ceremony we witness the real beginning of an international exposition which in its general scope, artistic design, and in its final and complete accomplishment, as well as in the event it is to commemorate, will surpass anything of the kind the world has yet seen.

"Here, on the banks of the Mississippi, the river that gave us the territory of Louisiana, in the beautiful, historic city of old St. Louis, within the space set apart by her people, dedicated to this great undertaking, we will, in 1903, present to the world in practical, concrete form the highest evidence of our commanding supremacy in the family of nations. We will here show that measured by the life of nations in the short space of one century we have grown from infancy and insignificance to full manhood and commanding importance; that we enter the Twentieth Century—the second of our existence—not only a world power, but that in peace and war, in the arts and sciences, in productive industry and economic organization, in the wisdom and beneficence of our laws and institutions, in all things essential to national leadership, we have proudly won and as proudly, though modestly, occupy the foremost place among our sister nations.

FIRST FULL CENTURY AN EPOCH IN WORLD'S HISTORY.

"The first full century of our national life has been the most eventful and productive of any epoch in the world's history. In all lines of material progress, social and industrial welfare, and in commercial and territorial expansion, it surpasses all others. Not in any of them, not in all of them was so much accomplished by any nation for the welfare of mankind, and yet it may be said that its greatest achievement is in the preparatory work for the accomplishment of sublime purposes during the century on which we have just entered.

"At the time of the purchase nineteen-twentieths of the territory was unpeopled save by wild beasts and savages; the rivers flowed unvexed by the fretting wheels of commerce; on the broad prairies flowers bloomed and died, with none to note their beauty or enjoy their fragrance; luxuriant grasses ripened in summer airs, rotted and enriched a soil on which no harvest waved.

"In less than a century all this has been changed. The strong hand of the early pioneer was laid upon the mighty forces of nature, bringing them under his complete control. Things seemingly impossible have been more than fully realized. Harvests now ripen in the fields; villages cluster in the valleys; cities sit queenlike by the side of lakes and rivers, where, within the memory of men yet living, blazed the wigwam fires of the noble redmen. Mines are rapidly giving up their hoarded wealth; hammers thunder in mills and factories; steamers come and go; the steel rail and the flying train make the people near and familiar; from one end of the territory to the other lightning leaps responsive to the voice and touch of man; schoolhouses are everywhere seen, and, on every prairie and in every valley, church spires point toward heaven.

"In no country, under no government, by no people on earth could this wonderful transformation have been accomplished save by the American people, under the free American Republic, the inspiration of liberty and the influence of Christian civilization.

"Here, then, at the metropolis of the Louisiana Purchase, on the banks of the mighty Mississippi, in token of their appreciation and gratitude, will the American people rear an Expostion monument in keeping with the vast importance of that matchless and patriotic achievement wrought by Thomas Jefferson and his illustrious associates when, in the infancy of our national life, with eyes ever fixed on the 'pilot stars,' they led us by the hand out into these fertile fields in which we wander, and in which we prosper still.

"John M. Allen of Mississippi, a member of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission, who was to make the final address, was unable to be present. President Francis announced that Mr. Allen had missed his train at Kansas City, but would be in time to attend the banquet in the evening.

"Three of the executives of Louisiana Purchase States are with us to-day," he said, "but the Governor of the sister State of Arkansas informs me that he is compelled to depart for home on an early train this evening. Our programme would be incomplete were we not to hear from the commonwealth which Mr. Davis represents. I know you all will join with me in asking that Governor Jefferson Davis favor us with a few remarks."

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR CAUSES MUCH MIRTH.

Mr. Davis responded promptly to the call upon him. He said:

"I came to your hospitable city as a guest, not as a speaker. I am the boy among the chief executives to whom your chairman referred, and I think it is not fair to call on me to respond upon an occasion of this kind, and especially to take the place of that distinguished statesman, John Allen of Mississippi. There is but one John Allen to-day. No man can take his place. Another like him was never born, and I feel my utter inadequacy to supply his place; but, coming from a land of sunshine and flowers, hailing from a State far to the south, I feel, ladies and gentlemen, that I would be untrue to myself; I would be untrue to the people I represent; I would be untrue to the great cause that we are here to-day to commemorate, if I did not speak on this occasion.

"I represent, without invidious comparison, the greatest State in the Louisiana Purchase (laughter and applause), and I say to you, ladies and gentleman, that Arkansas joins hands with Missouri and St. Louis, and we will make it the greatest Fair the world ever saw if you help Arkansas. (Laughter and applause.)

"When you catch the train at Fort Smith and travel to Monett, Mo., you travel through one continuous apple orchard. There in the mountains of Boone, Madison and Carroll is an untold wealth. Joplin, in your own State of Missouri, does not equal it. There, in Sebastian and Carver, and Johnson and Franklin, you can employ every coal miner in the United States for a thousand years and they wouldn't touch the coal of our State. (Laughter and applause.)

"With me to-day I have the chairman of our committee, the Mayor of our city, my private secretary, and we are here to-day to bid you godspeed and to tell you that Arkansas will make one of the nicest and the best exhibits seen at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1903. Now I say I am called to represent John Allen. I can't do it. I thank your chairman most heartily for this introduction, thank this assembly most heartily for their indulgence; I must catch an early train to reach my city by daylight, and I bid you all a very kind good-by."

The ceremonies were closed with a prayer by the Reverend Doctor Niccolls.

CONFERRED WITH ILLINOISANS.

Chairman Thompson Talked About State's Building Site.

The Illinois Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was unable yesterday to obtain definite information as to the amount and location of ground on the Fair site which will be allotted to Illinois for its building and exhibit, for which $250,000 has been appropriated. A special committee from the commission waited upon William H. Thompson, chairman of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, but from what could be learned last night nothing positive resulted from the interview.

Mr. Thompson received the committee with courtesy, but stated that he had nothing specific to offer. He said that the Department of Works, in conjunction with his committee, was now engaged in perfecting the general arrangement of the site, with regard to locating buildings, and that the Illinois allotment would be made within the next few weeks. Mr. Thompson said that the Fair would be opened in 1903.

DENVER WAS GAY WITH FLAGS.

Statehouse Decorated in Honor of Louisiana Purchase Anniversary.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 20.—In compliance with the proclamation of Governor Orman, the Statehouse was to-day decorated with flags, 116 being placed in windows and five large ones floating from staffs.

The occasion was the anniversary of the signing of the treaty in New Orleans, December 20, 1803, whereby the United States acquired the Louisiana Purchase.

The most reliable class of working people read The Republic. If you would secure first-class "help" advertise in the Sunday Republic. Twenty-one words or less, 5c.

COAL FAMINE STRIKES CHICAGO

Many Large Office Buildings May Have to Close.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Grave trouble threatens the city because of the lack of fuel. Agents for buildings besieged the offices of every dealer in Chicago during the day and offered all kinds of inducements to have their orders filled. But the dealers were helpless.

The shortage is felt by the little merchant in the outlying districts as well as the men doing the big business downtown, and under its influence prices for coal advanced 25 cents a ton before noon.

Unless the cold which tied up the mining districts, hampered the railroads and created the unusual demand in the city subsides soon, there will be great suffering and many of the large office buildings may have to close. The pinch is being felt already and in many of the sky-scrapers, hotels and large apartment houses engineers have instructions to keep the fires as low as possible in order to make the coal last.

In all large buildings where from twenty to two hundred tons of coal are used daily, space is too valuable to store fuel and the result is that few have a supply on hand large enough to last longer than twenty-four hours.

TWO DAYS' SUPPLY ONLY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 20.—There is an alarming scarcity of fuel here, the supply of soft coal being sufficient for only two days, while the conditions as regarding hard coal and wood, are little better. A shortage of cars is responsible for the trouble.

WILLED THE CELLAR TO WIFE.

Rest of the House Bequeathed to Daughter—Peculiar Will.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Morristown, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The late Thomas Mannion of Netcong left one of the most peculiar wills on record. By its terms the house in which the Mannions live goes to the daughter, Kate, while the cellar under the house is bequeathed to the widow. Mrs. Mannion also gets the house and lot adjoining the one in which they live. But this house has no cellar, and now the widow is wondering how she can move her cellar from the house which her daughter owns to the one which belongs to her. Mrs. Mannion says that the cellar has always belonged to her. In explaining, she says that when her husband acquired the property from her father, thirty years ago, there was a clause in the deed making her the owner of the cellar, but of no other part of the property. Therefore, her husband had nothing else to do put to give her the cellar when he died. It is quite likely that the matter will have to be adjusted in court.

FIRE DAMAGES A HOSPITAL.

Patients Removed to Safety During Zero Weather.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 20.—The St. Francis Hospital caught fire at 11 o'clock last night and was damaged to the extent of $3,000. The fire was discovered by one of the sisters and as quickly as possible after the patients, thirteen in number, were moved to Postmaster Greb's residence, just across the street. This was a risky undertaking, as the thermometer registered 13 degrees below zero.

The fire extended from the basement to the top of the third story and as smoke came pouring into some of the patients' rooms in the top story there was much excitement among them, several being unable to move without assistance. The building was valued at $40,000, and was insured.

TEAMSTER OVERCOME BY COLD.

Robert Summers Falls From His Wagon on Eads Bridge.

Overcome by the cold while driving across Eads Bridge yesterday morning, Robert Summers, a teamster, fell from his wagon near the corner of Washington avenue and Sixth street. His head struck the pavement with such force as to cause concussion of the brain.

Summers left East St. Louis at 8 o'clock in the morning in charge of a wagon of machinery for the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company at Eighth and St. Charles street. At the City Hospital, where he was taken, it was found that his condition is serious. Summers is married, and lives with his family in East St. Louis.

CLAIMING ATTENTION FROM POLITICIANS.

Senatorial Fights Will Begin in Earnest Soon After January First.

WARM CONTEST IN KENTUCKY.

Ohio Situation Will Be Closely Watched, Because of the Row Between Hanna and Foraker.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Kentucky senatorial situation will soon obtrude itself upon the public and share the attention which Ohio and New Jersey will claim from the politicians at the beginning of the new year. It is a rare season when there is not "somethin' doin'" in Kentucky politics and a very animated contest is impending for the seat in the United States Senate to be vacated by Mr. Deboe, Republican, and to be filled by some one to be elected by a Democratic Legislature.

Two members of the House of Representatives are aspirants for this honor, Mr. Wheeler of the First District and Mr. Smith of the Fourth District. Both gentlemen left for Kentucky last night.

They will look warily about for possible ambushes by two others who have had their war paint on and have already been on the trail for some time—ex-Representative McCreary and Judge Cantrill, the latter of Goebel murder trial fame. Mr. Wheeler is the youngest of the candidates—only 38—but he is very much in earnest in this fight; so much so, in fact, that he has declared he won't come back to Congress unless he can come as a Senator. Mr. Smith, Mr. McCreary and Judge Cantrill have been in politics longer.

The Kentucky contest will be largely personal, it is said, and Democratic factional questions will not figure in an important degree.

Hanna-Foraker Fight in Ohio.

Ohio's political situation will become acute as the organization of the Legislature draws on, mainly on account of the contest between the Hanna and Foraker forces for control of the patronage of the Legislature. Senator Foraker probably will be reelected.

The fight for the organization of the Legislature is important in that the rank and file of the party workers and especially the weak-kneed brethren who linger close to the fence, may view it as a possible test of strength of the two factions in the State from the two big leaders.

The New Jersey situation will become immediately interesting if the apprehensions as to Senator Sewell's condition should be fulfilled. It is said that the contest for his place would be of a character unparalleled in the history of New Jersey politics. Delicacy restrains the politicians from going into details, however, until Senator Sewell dies.

MARRIES HIS STEPMOTHER.

Levi Gaddis, Aged 24 Years, Wedded to Nancy Gaddis, 33.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Charleston, Ill., Dec. 20.—Levi Gaddis, aged 24, of Mansville, Taylor County, Ky., and Mrs. Nancy Gaddis, aged 33, his stepmother, were married in this city to-day by Judge J. P. Harrah. Mrs. Gaddis has two children by her former husband.

PUMMEL—WATSON.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Ramsey, Ill., Dec. 20.—Mr. Joseph Pummel and Miss Etta Watson, both of Vera, were married.

CLATTERBUCK—MERCERSMITH.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mokane, Mo., Dec. 20.—Mr. Douglass Clatterbuck of New Bloomfield was married yesterday in West Plains, Howell County, to Miss Annie Mercersmith, a prominent young lady of that place.

HICKS—GUARD.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Eldorado, Ill., Dec. 20.—Mr. Harvey Hicks of Cottage Grove and Miss Ida Guard of Harrisburg were married on Thursday.

MARSHALL—HAMEL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Greenville, Ill., Dec. 20.—Miss Cardia Hamel of Muiberry Grove Township and Adam Marshall of Hagarstown were married Wednesday evening at the country home of the bride's father, Barney Hamel.

Notice the number of "Want" ads. printed in to-day's Republic, in comparison with other St. Louis newspapers.

BOY IS DYING FROM EXPOSURE.

John Burns Loses His Way and Is Badly Frostbitten.

John Burns, a negro, 17 years old, who lives with his mother at No. 3825 Easton avenue, is in a dying condition at the City Hospital, suffering from exposure while lost in the extreme cold Thursday night and early Friday morning. Both his hands and feet were frozen.

The boy is employed as a porter in a grocery store at No. 3018 Easton avenue. He ate supper at home Thursday evening and started back to the store about 6:30 o'clock. He usually walked from home to the grocery, but he was in a hurry Thursday evening and boarded an Easton avenue car. By mistake he rode to Broadway. When he got off he car instead of taking a westbound car he started south. Unaware that he was going in the wrong direction, he walked until at 2:30 o'clock Friday morning he was found half frozen at Broadway and Montana avenue, having walked about six miles.

Policeman Rudolph of the Second District took the negro to the South Side Dispensary, where he was given temporary treatment and forwarded to the City Hospital. Doctor Nietert, Superintendent of the hospital, stated that Burns would hardly recover.

COLD CAUSED COURT TO CLOSE.

Justice Spaulding Adjourned Yesterday for Want of Fuel.

Persons having business at Justice Spaulding's court, No. 100 North Sixth street, yesterday, found the door locked and the following notice posted on it:

"This office is closed until December 27, on account of the condition of the office, and lack of fuel, water and light. James J. Spaulding, Justice."

The Justice and his landlord have been at outs for some months. Judge Spaulding claimed the terms of the lease have not been complied with in regard to keeping the premises in order and refused to O. K. the rent bills. This did not have an encouraging effect on the landlord. When the cold weather set in no fuel was at hand, and the court officers lit the gas and kept it burning in an endeavor to keep warm. When this became known the meter was taken out, and the office left without light. The water was also turned off, and when the wall paper began to crack and fall off the walls it was not replaced. The Justice struggled on, however, until yesterday, when he gave up with the thermometer below zero.

Deputy Constables John Ellison and John C. Boepple, who had some writs to get out yesterday, bought a basket of coal and made a fire in their office. What coal was left was placed in a corner of the room, with a card on it reading: "Don't touch this coal."

MYRON T. HERRICK'S CHANCES.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 20.—Administration officials were in conference to-day with banking interests of this city over the appointment of a successor to Secretary Gage. One well-known banker declared that no Eastern banker would get the appointment, but that the portfolio would go to the Central West, which had already put forward three candidates for the position. One of these, Colonel Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, is at the head of a large savings bank and also president of the American Bankers' Association, and is regarded in some quarters as the strongest man yet suggested for the position.

Friends of the administration were united to-day in the view that the appointment should go to the West, since, for various reasons, it would be bad policy to replace a Cabinet officer from that section with one from the East. Exponents of this theory pointed out that the appointment of a New Yorker would expose the administration to the criticisms heard whenever a banker in touch with Wall street affairs was given preferment.

Aside from Colonel Herrick, two "dark horses" are in the field. Both are influential and all are hard at work through friends to be named for the place. Since none but a wealthy man could afford to live at the rate of $25,000 on an $8,000 salary (which the Secretary of the Treasury receives), only a man in comfortable circumstances could indulge the luxury. Colonel Herrick is a millionaire.

At the National City Bank it was denied to-day that Mr. Gage is to become identified with that institution.

MAY NOT RETURN TO CHICAGO.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—In Chicago banking circles it is generally believed that Secretary of the Treasury Gage will retire within six weeks, but that he does not intend to return to Chicago as a banker.

Steamer Rugs.

Just in for the Holidays.

Placed on sale this morning, two lots of Fine Steamer Rugs—a special purchase marked considerably less than their actual value.

They are plain one side and plaid the other side, in the best French and Scotch colorings.

$5.00 for Rugs regularly $7.50 and $8.50
$6.00 for Rugs regularly $9.50 and $10.50

Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney
DRY GOODS COMPANY.

The Sweetest ...and Best.

McKINNEY'S BLUE RIBBON BREAD.

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR IT.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY

TO KANSAS CITY AND RETURN FOR **$7.50.**

Tickets on sale for evening trains of December 24, all trains December 25 and 26, and morning trains December 27. Good returning to and including Dec. 31, 1901.

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CITY TICKET OFFICE: N. W. Corner Broadway and Olive St.

ST. LOUISANS RESCUED FROM BURNING HOTEL

George A. Larimer and J. W. Kelton Taken From Third Story—Hotel Nonpareil Destroyed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Helena, Ark., Dec. 20.—The most serious fire, measured by property loss, to occur in this city for many years was that which at an early hour this morning destroyed Hotel Nonpareil, a three-story stone and brick structure, together with all its belongings, the property of a number of families who made their homes in it, the drug store of R. B. King, the barroom and barber shop connected with the hotel and the handsome residence of Henry Lehmann, which stood next door. The loss will exceed $100,000, with probably $80,000 insurance.

The guests were all saved, though there were several very thrilling escapes.

Joseph Solomon cut his hand badly breaking a window through which he passed his baby and afterwards dragged his wife. Mrs. August Cottam and Mrs. M. Lieber inhaled considerable smoke, and the former is very ill as a result.

George A. Larimer and J. W. Kelton of St. Louis were rescued from a third-story front window, a rope being sent up to them from below, while George M. Guild of Nashville was saved the same way after throwing a mattress out of the window upon which to jump. Mr. Guild lost his watch and everything else of value. The Hotel Nonpareil was the property of Frank M. Owens.

General Alger Is Much Better.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—It was announced to-night at General R. A. Alger's residence that the General's condition was somewhat better and that a consultation of attending physicians will be held to-morrow to determine upon the necessity of an operation.

Two Shepherds Found Burned.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 20.—The bodies of two shepherds, partly burned, were found to-day at Cabra Springs, near Canon Blanco, Santa Fe County, N. M. It is believed the shepherds were murdered and their flocks stolen.

IS GOULD TO GET MEMPHIS ROUTE?

Reported That It Will Be Taken Out of the Frisco System.

It was reported in St. Louis yesterday that President George J. Gould has secured enough of Memphis Route stock to give himself and