

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS. Yesterday's bank clearings were \$3,049,412. Local discount rates were firm between 4 1/2 and 5 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 26 premium bid, 26 premium asked; Chicago, 26 premium bid, 26 premium asked; Cincinnati and Louisville, par bid, 26 premium asked; New Orleans, 100 discount bid, par asked.

WASHINGTON. Congressman Bartholdt says that the War Department will expend \$100,000 for improvements at Jefferson Barracks. Secretary Wilson will send word to the drought-stricken farmers of Tennessee.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. Colonial Trust Company absorbs the Missouri and Cotton Companies. Governor Dockery offers \$300 reward for the arrest of Murrell in addition to the \$500 offered by Circuit Attorney Folk.

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LARGE APPROPRIATION PROMISED ST. LOUIS

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Washington, March 20.—The subcommittee of the House Public Buildings Committee has not yet made its report. Representative Bartholdt of St. Louis is chairman of the subcommittee. He is confident that several buildings will be provided for Missouri, but the report of the subcommittee is not final or conclusive.

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ELKS CARNIVAL AT HOT SPRINGS. St. Louisans Won Prizes—Street Fair a Great Success.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Hot Springs, Ark., March 20.—The Elks carnival and street fair this week has been a huge success from every standpoint.

SUIT YOURSELF BEFORE EASTER

MESRITZ TAILORING CO., 215-217 North Eighth St. (Just Below Olive). With a suit made by us—our tailoring is perfection—perfect fit guaranteed all our customers—also absolute satisfaction in STYLE, MATERIAL AND FINISH.

EXPERTS GIVE FINAL WORDS AT TRIAL

Witnesses Against Patrick Support Statements Made by Millionaire's Valet.

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STEWART FIFE'S FATE IN JURY'S HANDS

No Agreement Had Been Reached at Midnight, After Three Hours' Deliberation.

JURORS RETIRED FOR NIGHT. Closing Arguments Between Boyd and Booher Attracted Attendance From Surrounding Counties—State's Case Purely Circumstantial.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Savannah, Mo., March 20.—Stewart Fife's case went to the jury at 9 o'clock to-night. The twelve men filed to the chamber to deliberate on a verdict after patiently listening to the arguments of the chief attorneys, which were stretched over a period of ten hours.

Judge Burnes instructed the Sheriff to properly guard over the deliberations of the jury and announced that he would receive a verdict at any hour of the night.

The entire Fife family was in the courtroom while the jury filed out and remained standing about nervously chatting, awaiting a verdict.

Deputy Sheriff Peter Neff, who has charge of the Fife family, announced a few minutes before midnight that the juryman had not reached an agreement, and had gone to bed.

The State has sought to convict on circumstantial evidence alone—a thousand circumstances of seemingly little importance woven into a web about Stewart Fife.

Yet the State did not bring Fife with four blocks of the scene of the crime.

The chief circumstance upon which the whole case was based are as follows: First—Richardson was killed by some one whose motive for so doing was not robbery.

Second—He did not kill himself, as no revolver was found.

Third—An alleged motive was found in the case of Fife, since some testimony was given which pointed to an infatuation for Mrs. Richardson.

Fourth—Alleged quarrels between Fife and Richardson.

Fifth—Alleged threats against Richardson by Fife.

Sixth—State found that no other man had a motive.

Seventh—Fife once owned a 22-caliber Harrington & Richardson revolver.

WITNESSES AGAINST PATRICK SUPPORT STATEMENTS MADE BY MILLIONAIRE'S VALET

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Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney. DRY GOODS COMPANY. Some Uncommonly Nice Juvenile Attire on View To-day at Uncommonly Attractive Prices. Girls' Sailor Blouse Serge Suits made with the new gored skirt—blouse nicely braided in soutache—all wool—excellent for quality—12 years at five dollars.

Tailored Coats. For Girls. The three-quarter coat has great vogue—our showing for girls to-day includes chevrons and covers—all fine all-wool cloth in the new coat—red—navy—tan—brown—they are beautifully finished—4 to 12—six dollars. Notably stylish little kersey coats—8 to 12—three-quarter—lined with taffeta silk—the correct grays—tans and blues at \$12.50.

Coats for Wee Girls. So many pretty styles for the tots of 4 to 6 years—all as well tailored as those for the big girls—kerseys—cheviots and Venetians in the best blues, reds, tans, brown and castor shades and white at \$4 to \$8. Just Opened. Such attractive little wash frocks for children of 4 to 6—Ginghams—Lawn—Dimities—Percales—Chambrays and Linens—everything that is good in style and quality—on view to-day at 60c to \$8.

Very Important. She who buys with an eye to the future is advised that all the left-overs in women's fannel waists are to be on sale to-day greatly underpriced. A number of corduroy waists are included—some of Fisk, Clark & Flagg's handsomely tailored shirt waists are here, too—broken styles, of course—all the best of this season—those that sold up to \$5 will go at \$1.25—those that sold for six to eight go at \$2.50.

FRISCO SYSTEM. NEW ELECTRIC LIGHTING TRAIN COMMENCING MONDAY, MARCH 24. Leaving Saint Louis for Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Sault Ste. Marie, Mackinac Island, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

BATSON'S MOTION TO QUASH IS OVERRULED. Pleads Not Guilty to Murder of the Earle Family at Welsh, La.—Important New Witnesses.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Lake Charles, La., March 20.—Edward Batson, charged with the slaughter of six members of the Earle family at Welsh, La., was arraigned this morning before Judge Miller and pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Quincy, Ill., March 20.—Willie Sayles, the negro who confessed to assaulting five little girls in the past three weeks, was bound over to the grand jury this morning in bonds of \$10,000. He is confined in the County Jail.

March April May. There is a best time for doing everything—that is, a time when a thing can be done to the best advantage, most easily and most effectively. Now is the best time for purifying your blood. Why? Because your system is now trying to purify it—you know this by the pimples and other eruptions that have come on your face and body.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills. Are the medicines to take—they do the work thoroughly and agreeably and never fail to do it. Hood's are the medicines you have always heard recommended.

CAMPES CONTAIN 25,000 FILIPINOS. Rigid Sanitary Precautions Taken to Prevent Spread of Disease Among Army Reconcentrados. Manila, March 20.—The two reconcentrado camps in Batangas Province are most carefully maintained. The Filipinos in the camps are healthy and contented, and the streets and houses are perfectly clean.