

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$10,254,220; balances \$1,209,264. Local discount rates were firm between 4 1/2 and 5 1/2 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York 50 discount bid, 50 premium asked; Chicago 10 discount bid, 10 premium asked; Louisville 25 discount bid, 25 premium asked; New Orleans par bid, 10 premium asked.

WASHINGTON.

General Edward S. Bragg will be appointed Consul General to Havana by President Roosevelt. He is a native of North Carolina and was in the 1888 convention he said: "We love him for the enemies he has made."

Thomas Bixby, acting chairman of the Dawes Commission, resigned. It is rumored that he will enter politics in Minnesota. A strong delegation appeared before the subcommittee on the House Committee on Foreign Relations and urged the introduction of a resolution directing the President to communicate to Great Britain the sympathy of the United States with the struggling Boers.

The President has appointed the first secretary of Legation at Pekin, Mr. Squiers, to be the first Minister to Cuba. General Hodge has been appointed Consul General at Havana.

The Department of Justice has new and important information against the Beef Trust, which it is believed strengthens the Government's case materially.

Senator Lodge yesterday made an elaborate defense of the policy of the administration and the conduct of the army in the Philippines. He declared that the atrocities committed by the Filipinos provoked the American soldiers beyond endurance, but that cruelty on the part of American officers or men was the exception and not the rule.

Two desks in the hall of Representatives were draped in black at yesterday's session, those of Congressman Cummings and Oley.

Senator Burton of Kansas may oppose the continuation of former Pension Commissioner Evans to be Consul General at London.

Deligate Flynn of Oklahoma is much sought after by candidates for the three Federal judgeships in that Territory.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

President McKinley will contribute \$20,000 to pay off the bonded indebtedness of the Exposition Company before the property is acquired by the Carnegie Public Library.

A temporary appropriation bill passed by the House and Council goes to the Mayor for his signature.

Cupid, through song, brings about the marriage of Adolph F. Ruppenthal, an actor, and Miss Cora Light, daughter of a tractor engineer of Rolla.

Mississippi may reproduce the home of Jefferson Davis at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The Senate agrees to the postponement of the World's Fair and adopts an amendment making National Secretary Flory's salary \$4,000 annually.

Mayor Wells will investigate reports made by Milk Inspector Helwig.

Associate City Counselor Worner completes the draft of a new city ordinance governing the operation of street cars.

The Mercantile Trust Company sends representatives with several hundred thousand dollars in cash to collect the stock for which they claim to have contracted.

The two divorced wives of William Hartmann met the new Mrs. Hartmann in the courtroom during the trial of a damage suit which was decided against her.

Samuel Curples Woodman Company is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Felix & Marsden Company of Chicago.

The Western Alumni Association appoints a committee to confer with other Fulton College associations for the arrangement of a World's Fair exhibit.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Sixty out of ninety applicants for citizenship at Annapolis rejected on examination, among the unsuccessful being the sons of Mrs. Adolph Sampson and Philip.

Mrs. Kate Siffel, wife of the warden of the Allegheny County Jail at Pittsburgh, pleads guilty when arraigned for trial on charges of aiding the Biddle brothers to escape last January. She will be sentenced Saturday.

Bernard Corrigan has been chosen president of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, which controls all the lines of Kansas City and the electric lighting.

It is reported that Joe Leiter made a million in the International Power stock boom.

The cotton market is unfavorably affected by the nervousness in Wall street, and a heavy slump in prices occurs, followed later by fair recovery.

Three reputed heirs of the late William Marsh Rice are reported from Manitoba, and others of the same family may live in Arkansas.

Heavy rains were general yesterday throughout Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

The British mule depot at Lathrop, Mo., may be abandoned soon, if the British agent at New Orleans have notified the agents at Lathrop that the last mule transport from New Orleans bound for Cape Town would sail about June 15.

A tornado and windstorm practically destroyed the town of Foss, Ok., and twenty persons are said to have perished.

The United States and Mexican Trust Company of Kansas City was chartered yesterday at Jefferson City. It is understood that the company will increase its capital stock of \$100,000 to \$2,000,000.

The Northern Securities Company files its answer to the injunction suit brought by Attorney General Knox.

Club women in convention at Los Angeles defeat the proposed admission of negro women's clubs to the federation.

SPORTING.

Winners at the Fair Grounds yesterday were precisely: Fighting, St. Louis, Hentress, Brulere and Brewer Schorr.

The Cardinals defeated Chicago yesterday by a score of 5 to 2.

FOREIGN.

Thirty-five Moro prisoners in Mindanao who make a break for liberty are slain and most of their companions escape.

The capital of Santo Domingo is in the hands of insurgents and President Jimenez has taken refuge in the French consulate.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, May 5-Arrived: Minnehaha from London.

Sages, May 6-Passed: Steamer Hohenzollern, New York for Gibraltar, Naples and Genoa.

Havre, May 5-Arrived: Steamer La Gasconne, New York.

New York, May 5-Arrived: Steamers Lahn, Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar; Bovio, Liverpool.

Southampton, May 5-Sailed: Friederich der Grosse, from Bremen, New York.

Shtomoneki, May 5-Sailed: Steamer Hyson, from Glasgow and Liverpool, via Hong-Kong, Shanghai and Yokohama, Seattle.

DECLARES MERGER GOOD FOR PUBLIC.

Northern Securities Company Answers Suit Brought by Attorney General Knox.

DENIES CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

Enterprise, It Is Asserted, "in Aid of a Great Competitive Interstate and International Commerce."

St. Paul, Minn., May 5—"An enterprise in aid of a great competitive interstate and international commerce" is the description of the Northern Securities Company given in the answer filed by the attorneys for that corporation in the suit brought by Attorney General E. A. Tamm on behalf of the United States to enjoin the so-called merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways.

This answer was filed late this afternoon in the United States Circuit Court in this city and at the same time individual answers were filed by James A. Hill, William P. Clough, D. Willis James, John S. Kennedy, George F. Baker and the Great Northern Railway and by J. Pierpont Morgan, Robert Bacon, Daniel S. Lamont and the Northern Pacific Railway. The various papers follow the same lines.

The answer of the Northern Securities Company is divided into two parts. The first part is largely a denial of the charge as respecting any charge of conspiracy and as respecting the purposes of the organization of the securities company. It is a denial of owning a majority of the shares of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies. It is stated that those who are interested in the organization of the securities company did not own within a few days of a majority of the Great Northern shares and did not own more than one-quarter of the Northern Pacific shares.

This part of the answer also states that the Northern Securities Company is to be organized by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies. It is stated that those who are interested in the organization of the securities company did not own within a few days of a majority of the Great Northern shares and did not own more than one-quarter of the Northern Pacific shares.

In the second part of the answer the purchase of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company is taken up. Attention is called to the sparsely settled and unsettled nature of the country through which the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway runs. It is stated that the purchase of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway was made for the purpose of securing such return bonds and the establishment of a connecting steamship line for that purpose.

It is stated that "in the interstate and international commerce which the Great Northern Company has thus built up it competes both in this country and on the ocean with other transcontinental lines (including the Canadian Pacific) and at the Oriental ports it competes for the commerce of the world. Its rates are made in competition with the rates of other transcontinental lines. The policy thus followed by the Great Northern Company in building up an interstate and international commerce has been followed by the Northern Pacific Company since its reorganization in 1892."

WILL NOT LEAVE THE FRISCO.

Vice President Winchell Not Considering Offer to Go to Kansas City.

H. L. Winchell, vice president and general manager of the Frisco, stated yesterday that he had not been offered the presidency of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Kansas City, as reported from Kansas City Saturday.

Winchell stated that he had not been approached while in Kansas City last week, and then wrote this denial of the story.

Winchell is in St. Louis, considering an offer from the owners of the aeroplane plant at Kansas City to buy the plant and leave St. Louis or the Frisco system at present.

Winchell reported that a change will be made in the presidency of the Metropolitan in a short time.

Winchell was a resident of Kansas City for some time and became widely known in connection with the Memphis, which was a resident of Kansas City before it was absorbed by the Frisco, and Mr. Winchell was the road's popular president.

READY FOR MAYOR'S SIGNATURE.

Ordinance Selling Western Maryland to Wash Passes Baltimore Council.

Baltimore, Md., May 5—The ordinance selling the Western Maryland Railroad to the Fuller-Gould syndicate is ready for the Mayor's signature. The measure, which had already passed the first branch of the City Council, has been passed by the second branch by the Reading and Pennsylvania people, passed that body today.

George Gould's letter stating that the Wash was behind the Fuller syndicate, and that he was not in the city, was made public to-day, had its effect.

The ordinance which passed was drawn up by Mayor Gilman, and is the one advocated by him, and there is no question that he will sign it at the earliest possible moment.

W. E. GREEN SUCCEEDS BOWRON.

New Executive Official of the Cotton Belt Is Elected.

R. H. Bowron, first vice president and general superintendent of the Cotton Belt, resigned May 1. Yesterday the directors of the company met at Tyler, Tex., and elected W. E. Green as his successor. Mr. Green will assume his new duties at once.

W. E. Green was division superintendent of the Shreveport and Red River division of the Cotton Belt, and has been in the Northern Pacific about three years ago as superintendent of the lines in Arkansas, and in the latter part of 1901 as general superintendent and elected to the executive office of first vice president. It is stated that he will enter other business.

ARMY AND NAVY CONTRACT TO THE R. I. REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Chicago, May 5—A contract for the transportation of officers and soldiers of the army and navy has been made with the Government by the Rock Island Railway, in connection with the Denver and Rio Grande and the Southern Pacific roads. For the year from June 1, all persons connected with the army and navy who are to be transported by the Government, either east or west, between Chicago and San Francisco, will go by these lines. The Western roads had a pool on this traffic and received a total percentage of the profits. It was to be carried exclusively by the Burlington, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific roads. The Rock Island was not a party to the pool, and the roads in the latter, it is said, had an agreement to boycott any other road that would take the Rock Island line out of the profits.

Burlington Injunction Dissolved.

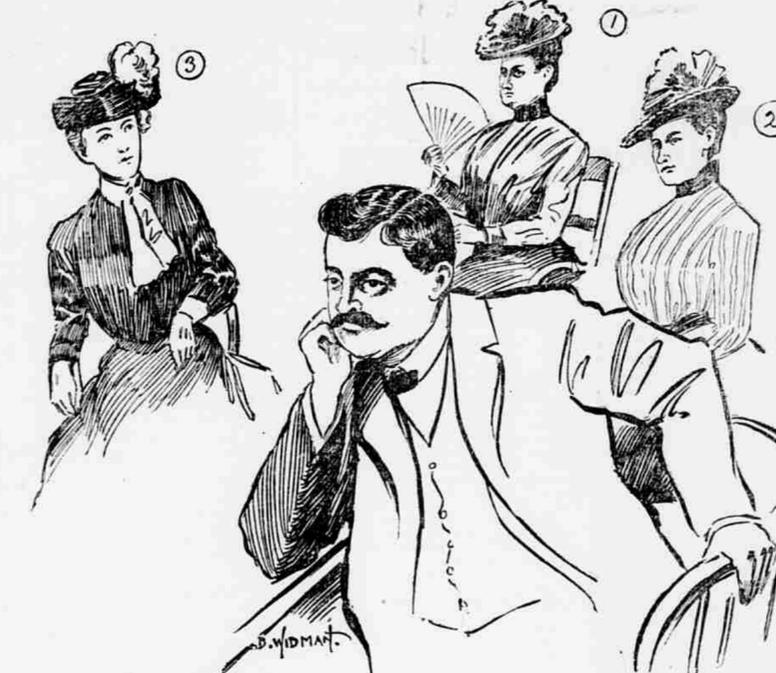
Omaha, Neb., May 5—The fight for the franchise in the wholesale district between the Burlington and Chicago and North-Western roads has been decided by the decision of the Federal Court, dissolving an injunction issued by the Burlington, restraining the Northwestern from laying its tracks on Eighth street. The court maintained that the roads had equal rights on the street, and refused to permit the injunction to stand.

Burlington Earnings Increase.

Earnings of the Burlington, including all controlled roads, for March were \$165,246 more than for the corresponding month last year.

The gross earnings for the nine months ending March 31, 1902, were \$1,615,774, of which \$7,273,092 came from freight, \$9,619,229 from passenger and \$1,323,453 from mail and miscellaneous sources. The operating expenses for the nine months ending March 31, 1902, were \$1,016,611, leaving a net income of \$599,163 for the corresponding period of the preceding year. The total expenses and charges, however, included, for the nine months ending March 31, 1902, were \$2,115,614.

DIVORCED WIVES WITNESSES IN HIS DAMAGE SUIT.



William Hartmann, his present wife and two divorced wives, who were all present in Judge Ferriss' division of the Circuit Court yesterday. Mrs. Caroline Pitz (No. 1) was his first wife; Mary Heitz (No. 2) was his second wife; Rose Hartmann (No. 3) is his present wife. Divorced wives were called to testify against him and his present wife for him in a damage suit.

William Hartmann, No. 68 South Fourth street, his present wife, Rose Hartmann, and his two divorced wives were present in Judge Ferriss' division of the Circuit Court yesterday.

The divorced wives were summoned to testify against Hartmann in a damage suit, and his present wife for him. The divorced wives were allowed to testify, but his present wife was not. His first wife gave very damaging testimony against him and he lost his case. His second wife's testimony was favorable to him.

Hartmann brought suit against John Bloch for \$200 damages for injury alleged to have been received November 22, 1901, in placing a barrel of whiskey in position in Bloch's saloon, Twentieth and Market streets. Hartmann was employed by Bloch as a barkeeper.

Bloch's attorney questioned Hartmann minutely in regard to his previous life with a view to eliciting an admission that he had been injured before the whiskey barrel fell upon him. It was to be heard out this line of defense that Hartmann's divorced wives were summoned.

The fact of the presence of the three wives became known to the spectators when Hartmann was under cross-examination. He was asked how many times he was married. He replied three times. He was married the first time shortly after he came to this country from Germany, about twenty-five years ago. His first wife died. He obtained a divorce from his first wife about thirteen years ago, and added the information that she was dead.

He then told of his second marriage and divorce, and said his third wife was in the courtroom. Asked to tell his third wife, he said she was also in the courtroom. Hartmann's first wife testified yesterday that Hartmann had spoken to her of his injury while they were living together. His second wife, Mary Heitz, No. 124 South Broadway, said Hartmann did not say anything to her about being injured.

When his present wife took the stand objection was made to her testimony, and the Judge sustained the objection. The jury returned a verdict in favor of Bloch, the defendant.

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY CALLS FOR WIGGINS STOCK.

Representatives Guarding Large Sums of Money Drive in Carriages to Homes and Offices of Persons Who Agreed to Sell Shares at \$100 Each—A Cash Offer of \$201,950 Is Made to W. J. Lemp, but He Said He Had Sold to the Mississippi Valley Trust.

Under the contracts by which the Mercantile Trust Company agreed to pay \$100 for every share of Wiggins Ferry Company stock, yesterday was the last day for turning over the certificates. At night President Festus J. Wade said:

"Once more I say with confidence that our company has the needed majority of the stock. There will be no compromise. It will be a fight to a finish. There have been some examples of the commercial honor which St. Louis may well be proud of. In these are men who feel that they can break contracts with impunity. It is for them to settle it with their consciences and in the courts."

Vice President Breckinridge Jones of the Mississippi Valley Company said:

"If President Wade can produce the majority of the stock he should do so. I reiterate that the Mercantile Trust Company cannot have a majority unless there has been an overage of stock. The time is up to-night, as I understand it."

Money Delivered in Carriages. Carriages containing representatives of the Mercantile Trust Company carried large sums of money all over the city yesterday. The 5th of May was the closing day under the contracts by which the company agreed to pay \$100 for Wiggins stock, and the carriages called at the homes or offices of such stockholders who had not turned in their stock.

One of the carriages called at the office of William J. Lemp, the brewer, who has 200 shares. In this carriage were W. P. Evans, one of the staff of attorneys of the Rock Island road; F. W. Wrieden of the Bank of Commerce and one of the Mercantile Trust lawyers. In a package guarded by the men was \$201,950 in bills of large denomination. In this carriage also were the signatures of the directors of the company and Mr. Evans stated that they had come for the 500 shares which Mr. Lemp had contracted to sell to the Mercantile Trust Company.

"We have the money to pay for it," said Mr. Evans and opened the hatch. Mr. Lemp stated that he was very sorry that he did not have the stock, as he already had turned it over to the Mississippi Valley Company.

Mr. Evans tried to persuade Mr. Lemp to turn the money, but he declined, saying that it was unnecessary.

The Mercantile Trust officials said that the general impression was that William J. Lemp, Jr., had signed the contract to deliver on behalf of his father, but the signature on the contract proved to be that of the elder Lemp.

Concerning Mr. Lemp's attitude Mr. Jones said:

"Mr. Lemp took the step he did in turning over the stock to us several days before the notice of injunction was served on him by the Mercantile Trust Company. He also repudiated the contract to deliver on the advice of eminent counsel who said it was not a contract."

Legal Counsel Is Pleasiful. It is not likely that the test case which will dispose of the injunctions will come up until the end of the month. Messrs. Low of the Rock Island and Pinkelstein of the Mississippi Valley Company said last night that the attorneys had not agreed on a time as yet, but it would probably be within three weeks or a month. Meantime both sides are preparing the cases. Probably never before have so many of the leading law firms of St. Louis been engaged upon a number of cases held in the litigation which will grow out of the Wiggins Ferry transfer will be noteworthy in the annals of law.

The injunction and contempt proceedings were passed when they came up in the Circuit Court yesterday morning. In Judge Ferriss' division the Mercantile Trust Company is plaintiff in a number of cases against the Mississippi Valley Company, and several ferry stockholders are also plaintiffs in contempt proceedings brought against the Mississippi Valley Company. In Judge Ferriss' division the Mississippi Valley Company is plaintiff in injunction proceedings. Both Judge Ferriss and Taylor said that the arrangement whereby a date would be set within a few days for trial of the cases

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At the monthly meeting in April the board adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the company's employment in April, 1902, in an humble capacity, was the best of its kind, and that the service rendered by the company was of a high order of efficiency and highly efficient service. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 100 to 0.

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Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney Linon Dresses. Shirt Waist Suits. In the new London checks, Fine Taffetas silk, after a late Paquin model, box-plaited blouse with the new Paquin sleeve—skirt with the stylish double box plait in the back and front in box plait panel effect, \$42.50.

Pongee Silk Skirts. These have great vogue, are cool and give excellent service, made in the latest box-plaited style, beautifully tailored, \$25.

Tailored Pique Dresses. Shirt waist and skirt trimmed with the stylish tailor bands, neat for morning house wear.

Irish Damasks. Handsomely bordered cloths at very low prices. 2x2 yards, only \$2.25. 2x2 1/2 yards, only \$2.75. 2 1/2x2 1/2 yards, only \$3.75. Rich double damask, very low priced. 2 1/2x2 1/2 yards, only \$5.00. 2 1/2x3 yards, only \$6.00.

Scarfs. Hemstitched, with open work. 18x36 at 35 cents. 18x45 at 40 cents. 18x54 at 45 cents. 18x72 at 60 cents.

Tray Cloths. 18x27 inches at 25 cents. Hemstitched Squares, 30x30 at 40 cents and 36x36 at 60 cents.

Embroidered Gowns. High-class specialties in silk grass linen and French mull Paris pattern robes, exclusive designs, prices \$15 to \$45.

Waist Patterns. Directly imported from Paris, black and white and colors, in the finest French cambric, \$4.00 and \$4.50 each.

Burlington Route SAN FRANCISCO LOS ANGELES AND RETURN. FROM ST. LOUIS, \$47.50. FROM KANSAS CITY, \$45.00. May 27th to June 8th inclusive; limit 60 days.

First-class tickets; honored on the best Burlington Train, in chair cars (seats free), standard sleepers or in Through California Tourist Sleepers, leaving St. Louis during the period of these low rates as follows: At 9.00 p. m., May 28th, May 30th, June 2nd, June 4th, June 7th.

The route is via Denver, Rio Grande System, through Colorado's magnificent scenery and Salt Lake by daylight. Only \$11.00 more returning via Puget Sound. Also eastbound through tourist sleepers from California and Portland, over the Burlington. The most desirable variable routes are accessible on tickets reading going and returning via the Burlington and its connections.

Let us send you, without cost, our special illustrated publications, "Pacific Coast Conventions, 1902"; "To California Through Scenic Colorado"; "California Excursions Personally Conducted." Ask the nearest ticket agent or apply to the undersigned for tickets, brochures, publications, information, etc. W. Cor. Broadway and Olive Street; General Passenger Agent, 604 Pine Street, St. Louis.

Hang garments on the hooks in Manahan's TARTINE MOTH BAGS. Best moth clothing in Tartine Moth Bags. Spray, traps, rugs, etc. Tartine Moth Spray.

Kodaks, Race Glasses, Thermometers, Barometers. ERKER'S 608 OLIVE. FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY. Address by Edmund J. James at Memorial Hall.

POLICE HEADS WILL MEET. Chief Kiely to Read a Paper at Louisville Convention. Chief of Police Kiely leaves to-day for Louisville, Ky., to attend the National Convention of Chiefs of Police, which meets Wednesday. Chief Kiely will also attend a meeting of the Board of Governors of the association, of which he is a member, and will read a paper, entitled "Can Criminals Reform?"

THE "KATY" OIL COMPANY. Will pay dividends for the months of May and June a total of 24 per cent, or an annual dividend rate of 32 per cent. 38 Riata building.

Deal Said to Be on for Terminal Railroad and Alton Bridge. Reports were current in Alton, Ill., yesterday that an effort was being made to purchase the Illinois Terminal Railroad, as well as the Alton Bridge. The offer is supposed to come from some of the syndicates interested in the Wiggins Ferry deal, as well as the sale of the Colorado. It also is supposed to be a part of the plan to gain an entrance into St. Louis, as well as a connecting link between the East and West. The line runs through freight and passenger traffic, with connections at some point north of St. Louis.

Woman's Nightmare. No woman's happiness can be complete without children; it is her nature to love and want them as much as it is to love the beautiful and pure. The critical ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so fraught with dread, pain, suffering and danger, that the very thought of it fills her with apprehension and horror. There is no necessity for the reproduction of life to be either painful or dangerous. The use of Mother's Friend so prepares the system for the coming event that it is safely passed without any danger. This great and wonderful remedy is always applied externally, and has carried thousands of women through the trying crisis without suffering. Send for free book containing information of priceless value to all expectant mothers. The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.