To Clean Matting.

To make soiled matting look fresh and bright prepare a pailful of warm water with a handful of salt and four tablespoonfuls of Ivory Soap shavings dissolved in it. With a clean cloth squeezed out of the mixture, wipe every breadth of the matting, rubbing soiled spots until they disappear.

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RUSSELL SAGE VERY ILL: HAS ACUTE BRONCHITIS.

Left Sick Bed to Go to His Business and Attack Resulted—Flurry in Stocks.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 7.—Russell Sage is seriously ill at his summer home, at Cedarhurst, L. I. He has had a severe cold and has not been himself for a week, and he was taken worse last night. His temperature ran up to 104, where it remained most of the night.

It had gone down somewhat to-day, but his physician, Doctor J. Carl Schumck of Far Rockaway, said late this afternoon that Mr. Sage was suffering from an acute attack of bronchitis and was a very sick man.

"Mr. Sage was seized with chills last evening," said Doctor Schumck. "He had not been well for a week or more, and he had been suffering from a severe cold. He became worse last evening and his temperature went up to 104.

"He was in bed all day Sunday, but insisted on going to his business in New York yesterday. It was on his way to Cedarhurst on the train that he was seized with the chill.

"He was put into bed as soon as he could be carried to his home, and his temperature remained about 104 degrees during the night. It is somewhat less to-day, but still very high, and I consider his condition serious. Late this evening the fever developed into bronchitis."

In the case of a man of Mr. Sage's age bronchitis is extremely serious.

There was a flurry in the stock market on the receipt of the news of Mr. Sage's illness.

Pneumonia Not Feared.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 7.—Speaking of Mr. Sage, just after he left his bedside to-night, Doctor Schumck said:

"Mr. Sage is past all danger of contracting pneumonia. It is only a bad cold. He is brighter and stronger to-night and his temperature is normal. He has a wonderful constitution for an old man and this has done much to pull him through. If he remains quiet for a few days he will be in his usual health. Mr. Sage never fully recovered from his illness of a few weeks ago, though he went to his office and attended to his business."

FLAT BUILDINGS ARE SOLD.

Residence and Ground in Lewis Place Transferred.

The Dyas Real Estate Company and Cornet & Zeibig closed deals yesterday amounting to $75,000, they having together sold to C. H. Powell eight single flat buildings, Nos. 5100—5106 Kensington avenue and 719—721 North Academy avenue for $60,000. These flats are built two and two, each front by 170 feet deep on the southwest corner of Kensington and Academy avenues, and sold for account of Thomas O. Pugh. They have just lately been completed by Mr. Pugh, and they are all rented, bringing in a rent of $6,480 per year. They were purchased by Mr. Powell as an investment.

They also sold for C. H. Powell to B. Ashton house and lot known as No. 2 Lewis place, southwest corner of Lewis place and Taylor avenue. The house has been formerly occupied as residence and office. The consideration was $15,000.

McNair, Harris & Jones Realty Company report another sale in Hortense place, 180 feet on the southwest corner of Hortense place by a depth of 200 feet; from Robert N. Stubbs to Albert Bond Lambert, for $25,000. Mr. Lambert is having plans prepared for a home on this lot and expects to begin building as soon as details can be decided upon.

Real Estate Transfers.

ARLINGTON—25 ft., w. s., bet. Wells and Easton; John Faust to Henry Faust—w. d. ..... $ 1
COLEMAN—25 ft.; Henry Vorhauer to Leonard Thomas—w. d. 800
CHAMBERS—25 ft., n. s., bet. Thirteenth and Fourteenth; Emil Goescke to Fried. Goescke—qtc. d. 1
CASS—24 ft. 6 in., s. s., bet. Thirteenth and Fourteenth; Charlotte Webb to Phillip Dunker—w. d. 1,125
CHANNING—50 ft. 4¾ in., e. s., bet. Thomas and School; The Paramore Inv. Co. to Gus Diel—w. d. 2,500
ELEVENTH—19 ft. 5¼ in.; Abraham Shecz to Jos. Novoselsky—w. d. 1,350
EAST GRAND—60 ft.; Wm. Perkinson to A. Perkinson—w. d. 5
ELIOT—Arthur Stolze to Henry Andreas—w. d. 4,800
EIGHTH—15 ft. 9 in.; Clara Fox to Eliza Eumer—w. d. 1
EIGHTEENTH—21 ft. 10½ in.; Mary Krause to Margaret Milford—w. d. 2,150
FINNEY—25 ft.; Fred Foul to Davis Estate—w. d. ..... $ 400
JANUARY—50 ft.; Hermann Insurance Co. to Fritz Binke—qtc. d. 1
JEFFERSON—25 ft.; Herman Mueller to Fred Mueller—w. d. 2,000
GRAVOIS—28 ft. 4 in.; Fred Trott to V. Schill—w. d. 2,200
HORTENSE PLACE—30 ft.; Rob. Stubbs to Helen McNair—w. d. 5,500
LINCOLN—25 ft.; Fannie Spray to Chas. Schriber—w. d. 2,250
LOUISIANA—47 ft.; Chas. Ober to Louis Ober—w. d. 1,325
LOMBARD—40 ft. 6 in., s. s., bet. First and Second; John Wegener to D. Wegener—qtc. d. 1
LINCOLN—18 ft. 2 in., n. s., bet. Warne and Sarah; Wm. Schulte to Frances Mack—w. d. 2,025
LINDEN—30 ft.; Jos. Tiernan to Valle Osborn—w. d. 375
LACLEDE—31 ft. 3 in.; Mary Parle to Mary Fear—w. d. 1,900
MINNESOTA—47 ft.; David Gould to Clara Meyer—w. d. 1,650
MAPLE—50 ft.; Martha Wallis to Harry Thomas—w. d. 2,500
MADISON—171 ft.; Pat. Connelly to Michael Keeney—w. d. 2,200
MINNESOTA—25 ft.; Gravois Planing Mill Co. to Hugo Thomas—w. d. 375
NINTH—18 ft. 9 in., w. s., bet. Barton and Victor; Chris. Brunsinger to Henry Hauser—w. d. 2,000
PAGE—100 ft.; Real Estate Title Co. to Emmerson Realty Co.—w. d. 1
ST. VINCENT—8 ft.; John Sobolewski to Ida Peterson—w. d. 2,000
SEVENTH—3 ft., e. s., bet. Primm and Courtois; Ed Weil to Sam Hodgdon—w. d. $1

Building Permits.

Anna Boughton, two two-story brick dwellings, 4259-31 Shenandoah; $6,000.

C. M. Cherry, alter building, 115 Market; $2,000.

Minnie Meyer, one-story brick dwelling, 3746 Virginia; $1,510.

H. Detzin, brick dwelling, 4368 Connecticut; $2,000.

Albert C. Joern, brick dwelling, 4273 Connecticut; $2,000.

William Schweckhardt, flats, 2838 Shenandoah; $3,600.

Joseph M. Shenahan, two-story brick dwelling, 2427-29 Duncan; $2,800.

Woman's Exchange of St. Louis, two-story addition, 617 Locust; $2,000.

Henry Grafmann, flats, 3516-18 Garfield; $3,542.

A. Dertlinger, dwellings, 3125-27 Alfred; $5,000.

BOND WAS NOT ACCEPTED.

Judge Douglas Refused to Lower Amount in Helms Case.

When Judge Ryan granted the writ of habeas corpus last week and reduced the bonds of John Helms, who is charged with bribery and perjury, from $45,000 to $25,500, it was believed that he would be able to furnish surety and be released.

Helms, his sisters, Dora, Emma and Sophia Helms, of No. 5181 Vernon avenue; John E. Morische, No. 2001 Cass avenue; and Henry Schroeder, of No. 2803 North Twelfth street, appeared before Judge Ryan yesterday morning prepared to give the bond in the sum of $25,500. Dora Helms had scheduled property valued at $3,500, Emma Helms $1,500, and Sophia Helms $1,500; Morische had scheduled for $12,000 and Schroeder $35,000, making in all $52,500, or $500 more than required.

"These cases have been sent to Judge Douglas's court," said Judge Ryan. "You will have to go to him to give bond."

Helms with his bondsmen went upstairs to Judge Douglas's courtroom. L. G. Perry, representing Helms as counsel, stated that they had come to give bond and presented the schedules.

Judge Douglas, after looking at the schedules, remarked:

"These bonds amount only to $25,500. As I originally fixed the bonds they amounted to $45,000, or $15,000 in each case. I will not reduce the amount."

Helms's sisters were surprised at the action of the court, believing that they had succeeded in effecting a release for their brother. One wept, but Judge Douglas would not agree to a reduction of the bonds, and, as Schroeder declined to become surety for a larger amount, Helms was led back to jail.

Yesterday was a quiet day in the office of Circuit Attorney Folk. He spent all his time preparing for the Butler cases, which are to be tried at Columbia next week. Papers were prepared and two or three witnesses on minor points examined.

ARCTIC EXPLORERS AT HOME.

Dr. Seitz, Who Was With Baldwin, Talks of Expedition.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 7.—Doctor Charles Seitz and Doctor James De Bruler of this city, who were with the Baldwin-Zeigler polar expedition, have returned home and are visiting their parents in this city. Both men have talked about the expedition, but not freely as they have some agreement with Mr. Baldwin not to give away the secrets of the expedition.

Doctor Seitz admitted there were difficulties between the members of the party, but says they were brought about by "foreigners and not by the Americans. "Mr. Baldwin did all in his power to keep down trouble," said Doctor Seitz, "and we Americans helped him all we could. We made sleds, dog harness and many other things. The poor dogs, when tied up on the ship died like sheep and their sufferings were intense."

Doctor Seitz, with Doctor De Bruler, was caught in a blizzard and said that although he did not give up hopes of reaching the ship, he was in a peculiar mental state, and his powers of reasoning were more or less benumbed. When asked concerning the remark of Mr. Zeigler that all members of the party "were pie-eaters and cigarette smokers," Doctor Seitz said:

"The remark should not be taken seriously. Mr. Zeigler was miffed when he made the remark over the failure of the expedition. I will acknowledge that we smoked cigarettes, but the tobacco was not the regular cigarette tobacco. We made the cigarettes while we had nothing else to do at night. Books, papers and magazines soon grew monotonous. As for pie we had none, and there was nothing on board the ship from which we could make pie."

Before he went with the expedition Doctor Seitz was house physician in King's Hospital in New York City.

PREDICTS COTTON SHORTAGE.

Professor Malley Estimates Loss of Five Hundred Thousand Bales.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 7.—Professor F. W. Malley, entomologist at the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, in a report to President Houston of the college, estimates a loss of 500,000 bales of cotton this season as a result, solely of ravages of boll weevils, boll worms and other insect pests. This is a straight loss to the farmers of Texas of $12,250,000, based on Galveston prices for middling, 8¼ cents, and 500 pounds to the bale.

Professor Malley says if the cotton planters of Texas could be induced to apply all that is known of ways and means of protecting the cotton crop from boll worms, boll weevils and several other important insects not yet given usual attention, the same acreage cultivated would give Texas anywhere from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 bales annually.

E. S. Peters, president of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association, confirms Malley's estimate and says that damages will not be less than from 500,000 to 600,000 bales.

Illinois Cattle Inspection.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 7.—Following is the report of the weekly cattle inspection, conducted under State supervision at the Union Stock Yards, for the week ending October 4: Inspected in yards, 329; passed in yards, 321; held for post mortem, 156; passed on post mortem, 135; condemned as unfit for food and tanked, 21; cases of tuberculosis discovered on post mortem, 19; cases of cancer discovered on post mortem, 4.

MISSOURI WILL HAVE ENORMOUS CORN CROP

State Board of Agriculture Bulletin Says the Yield Will Break All Records.

DANGER FROM FROST IS OVER.

Farmers Are Warned About Shipping Hogs to Market in Cars Which Have Not Been Disinfected.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 7.—The following report on the crops of Missouri for the month of September has been issued by the State Board of Agriculture:

The month of September was very favorable for maturing the corn crop and making an abundance of fall pasturage. A more bountiful crop of forage and grain has never before been produced in the State. The drought in the southeast counties has been broken, and the rains there will be of great benefit to fall pastures and forage crops and put the ground in good shape for plowing for wheat.

The condition of the corn crop has improved during the month and is now placed at 105 for the State. The only section showing an average below 100 is the southeast, where the average is 92. In the southeast section only half the correspondents place the condition at 100, while the others put the figures at from 20 to 120. Nearly all the large corn-producing counties have the highest averages, and many phenomenal yields are expected. Most of the crop is now made, but it needs fair weather and normal temperature to ripen it so it will keep well. It is too early to estimate accurately the average yield, but it is conservative to state that with the large acreage the total production will considerably exceed that of 1901, which was the largest on record for the State.

There was sown a very large acreage of sorghum, Kaffir corn, millet, cow peas and other forage crops this year, and it has made an abundant yield, and if the farmers have good weather in which to harvest this forage it will not require a great deal of additional grain to take the stock through the winter.

The rains have caused some loss in the potato crop by rotting, but the crop is placed above the average, both in the quality and the yield. The average condition on quality is 104 and on yield 108, compared with an average crop. The cotton crop has been damaged some by the drought in the southeast counties, but the crop is in fairly good condition, all for the average.

As most of the clover seed was killed by last year's drought and but little spring seeding was cut for seed, there will be a very light seed crop. The excessively wet weather, which promotes stalk growth, is not favorable for a good seed crop. There was a very small acreage harvested last year and this year the acreage is estimated at only 8 per cent above last. The condition of the seed crop is placed at 98.

The condition of the apple crop as to quantity remains about the same as one month ago, the average for all reports being 48. The quality is good except for loss from bitter rot. The wet weather has been favorable to the development of this scourge of the apple grower, and considerable loss is reported. The average condition as to quality is 82.

There is a great scarcity of hogs old enough for fattening, the number being only 54 per cent of the number fattened last year, and it must be remembered that a great many hogs were shipped last year not fat. The hogs that are in the country are in a very few hands, and it will be some time before the usual number will be found at the farmer's feed lots. The condition as to healthfulness is good, only a few correspondents reporting any disease. The farmers should be very careful about shipping in hogs and should have them shipped only in cars that have been thoroughly disinfected and not unload in any public stock yard, where there is most always danger of infection. What hogs are in the country ought to make the owners good money this year, and the farmers cannot be too careful about preventing the spread of this scourge of hog raisers.

The number of cattle is also short, but feed lots are being filled up from the stock yard and a much larger number of cattle will be fed this year than last year. A great deal of blacking is reported in some counties and has caused considerable loss among the young stock.

A few cases of Texas fever have occurred in different parts of the State, due to cattle getting the infection from the cars in which they were shipped. Farmers should be particular when buying cattle to inquire about their origin and then see when reshipping that the cattle are put in clean, disinfected cars.

COTTON BADLY DAMAGED.

Crop Outlook Discouraging, Owing to Wet Weather and Insects.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 7.—To-day the Texas section, United States Weather Bureau, issued its report for the week ending October 6. It says:

The weather during the past week has been unfavorable for the cotton crop, and in consequence of the excessive rainfall reports of damage are numerous. In many sections of northern and north central portions of the State picking has been entirely suspended for the past two weeks and the cotton that is in the fields is molding, sprouting and rotting, and in many fields the damage has been such as to render the staple valueless.

General complaint is made to the effect that cotton is not opening, and in consequence is rotting in the bolls. Picking has made little headway during the week. This work, however, was well advanced prior to recent rains and in many parts of the southern, south-central and central portions of the State has been finished, and stock is grazing on the abandoned fields.

Reports of boll weevil damage continue to be received from many parts of the State. Collin County being the northernmost county where damage by this pest is reported this week.

Hot, dry weather is needed to open the matured bolls and to hasten the development of late and second or fall crop of cotton, which at its best promises only a fraction of a normal crop.

THE WEATHER.

Official Forecast Announced for To-Day and To-Morrow.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Forecast:
Missouri—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.
Western Texas—Fair Wednesday; warmer to north portion; Thursday, fair.
Eastern Texas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; light east winds on the coast.
Oklahoma, Kansas and Indian Territory—Fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday, fair.
Arkansas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.
Illinois—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Local Report.

St. Louis, Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1902.

	8:59 a.m.	4:59 p.m.
Thermometer, degrees	64	69
Humidity, degrees	65	41
Direction of wind	NW	N
Velocity of wind	3	2

Weather at 8:59 a. m., clear; at 4:59 p. m., clear. Maximum temperature, 74; minimum temperature, 52. River, 19 feet.

H. J. HYATT,
Local Forecast Official.

Government Report.

Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.—Meteorological observations received at St. Louis, October 7, 1902, at 6:59 p. m. local time and 8 p. m. seventy-fifth meridian time. Observations made at the same moment of time at all stations.

Stations.	Dir.	Tp.	Mx.	R.	Weather.
Abilene	SE	64	72	....	Clear
Amarillo	N	50	76	....	Clear
Atlanta	NW	66	76	....	Clear
Bismarck	SW	62	74	....	Clear
Buffalo	W	54	58	.06	Clear
Charlotte	NW	68	76	....	Clear
Chattanooga	NW	66	76	....	Clear
Cincinnati	NW	62	68	....	Clear
Cleveland	SW	56	58	.14	Clear
Chicago	W	60	68	....	Clear
Columbus	SW	64	72	*	Clear
Cairo	NW	68	72	....	Clear
Calgary		60	68	....	....
Cheyenne	SW	74	....	....	Clear
Concordia	S	64	74	....	Clear
Duluth	N	56	64	....	Clear
Dubuque	SW	58	66	....	Clear
Davenport	NW	58	70	....	Clear
Des Moines	S	66	72	....	Clear
Denver	E	72	80	....	Clear
Dodge City	SE	62	76	....	Clear
El Paso	NW	64	90	....	Clear
Fort Smith	N	68	76	....	Clear
Galveston	SE	74	76	....	Clear
Grand Haven	NW	60	66	....	Clear
Grand Junction	NW	52	74	....	Clear
Huron	SE	64	76	....	Clear
Havre	NW	52	78	....	Clear
Helena	SW	66	72	....	Clear
Indianapolis	NW	64	68	....	Clear
Jacksonville	N	68	74	....	Cloudy
Kansas City	S	68	74	....	Clear
Little Rock	N	68	74	....	Clear
Louisville	NW	64	72	....	Clear
Lander	SE	64	74	....	Clear
Montgomery	W	70	76	....	Clear
Memphis	N	68	72	....	Cloudy
Marquette	NW	46	66	....	Cloudy
Modena	SW	70	76	....	Clear
New York	W	62	68	....	Clear
Norfolk	W	70	74	....	Clear
New Orleans	N	72	76	....	Clear
Nashville	NW	68	76	....	Clear
North Platte	S	62	78	....	Clear
Omaha	E	62	76	....	Clear
Oklahoma	E	64	76	....	Clear
Philadelphia	SW	60	68	....	Clear
Palestine	N	72	80	....	Clear
Pittsburg	NW	54	62	.01	Clear
Parkersburg	NW	58	68	.02	Clear
Pueblo	SE	70	82	....	Clear
Q'Appelle	Calm	40	72	....	Clear
Rapid City	NW	60	72	....	Clear
St. Paul	SW	62	68	....	Clear
Shreveport	N	68	80	....	Clear
Springfield, Ill.	NW	64	70	....	Clear
St. Louis	N	64	74	....	Clear
Springfield, Mo.	N	66	70	....	Clear
Salt Lake	NW	74	74	....	Clear
Santa Fe	SW	58	68	....	Clear
San Antonio	E	72	80	....	Clear
Vicksburg	N	68	76	....	Clear
Valentine	S	58	80	....	Clear
Washington	Calm	58	68	....	Clear
Wichita	S	64	74	....	Clear

*Precipitation inappreciable. †Thunderstorm.

R. J. HYATT,
Local Forecast Official.

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TANGLE IN CORPORATION LAWS.

Peculiar Question Confronts Illinois State Equalization Board.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 7.—The fact that the Kankakee Electric Light Company is incorporated under the laws of West Virginia has presented a peculiar question to the members of the State Board of Equalization. In going over the list of live corporations reported by Secretary of State Rose, the Kankakee Electric Light Company was discovered. The company had not made a return to the board of its capital stock and a communication was sent to the officers.

The reply received this morning by the Capital Stock Committee of the board gives the information that the concern, wholly situated in Illinois, is incorporated in West Virginia, and is therefore a foreign corporation. The revenue laws of Illinois do not tax foreign corporations upon their capital stock, and the Board of Equalization has no power to make a capital stock assessment on such corporations.

The Kankakee Electric Light Company is wholly within the State and all its business is transacted here, giving rise to the question of a possibility of the big corporations of Chicago organizing as foreign corporations, and in a similar manner escaping a capital stock assessment by the Board of Equalization.

The Kankakee Electric Light Company has a capital stock of $10,000. It was not assessed by the Board of Equalization last year. The assessed value of the tangible property of the company was $12,400, and that was the only amount on which the company paid taxes last year.

Four counties have not made returns of their assessments. In Madison County the Board of Review has not adjourned, and a delay is being caused in the work of the Board of Equalization in consequence. Announcement was made at the meeting this morning that unless the returns from Madison County are received in a day or two the figures of last year will be inserted in the tabulations, which should have been in the hands of the printer over two months ago.

UMBRELLA WAS TEMPTING BAIT

Test of Public Honesty Not Flattering to Civic Pride of Chicago.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—In Jersey City on Sunday morning an umbrella hung on a fence in a frequented street for five hours, untouched by the hundreds that passed in the rain. In Chicago yesterday, and that, too, in a quiet North Side street, an umbrella was taken three times in thirty minutes, during which time twenty-two scores of pedestrians passed. Another umbrella left standing in State street was appropriated and carried away within seven minutes after its owner had left it there.

These umbrellas figured in a test made by a local paper and suggested by the Jersey City episode. The test was made in bright sunshine, which would seem to make an umbrella less tempting than on a rainy morning.

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED.

Miss Clara Walker of St. Louis to Wed Mr. David Marsh.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 7.—The engagement is announced of Miss Clara Walker of St. Louis, a sister of Mrs. Robinson Wismer Townsend of Arrochar, S. I., to Mr. David Marsh of Clifton, S. I., a member of the Clifton Boating Club and the Clifton Tennis Club.

Acter Fined in Police Court.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 7.—James D. Woods, former president of the Kentucky Coal Miners, who took the leading part in this city last night in "Down in Hopkins," was fined $10 and costs in the Police Court this morning. Woods provoked a negro named George Christie by calling him a "liar." Woods was compelled to remain in jail several hours, when his manager came to his rescue. Woods left for Oakland City this evening to fill his engagement with his company.

It's in the Make.

I personally draft a pattern for every order. Hesse, tailor, 617 Pine st.

Cape Girardeau County Fair.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Oct. 7.—The Cape Girardeau County Fair and Park Association opened its fifth annual Fair to-day with fine weather, a large attendance and all departments full of displays. A novel feature of the Fair is the first annual encampment of the Sixth Battalion National Guards of Missouri. There are five companies from Southeast Missouri on the grounds with 300 soldiers in attendance. Major Gibboney Houck is conducting the encampment. On Thursday the different companies will divide and have a sham battle.

Thro' Sleeper to Mexico City

On the "Kay Flyer"—M., K. & T. R'Y.—leaving St. Louis (every day) at 8:25 p. m. via San Antonio.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION'S NET EARNINGS FOR NINE MONTHS, ENDED SEPT. 30, WERE $101,142,158.

New York, Oct. 7.—The directors of the United States Steel Corporation to-day issued a statement of net earnings for the nine months of the year ended September 30. Earnings for July, August and September, with the last month estimated, aggregate $38,764,645. Total net earnings for the nine months, deducting each month's expenses for ordinary repairs, renewals and maintenance of plant, also interest on bonds and fixed charges of the subsidiary companies, aggregate $101,142,158.

The usual dividends of 1¾ per cent on the preferred and 1 per cent on the common quarterly were declared.

Deducting $10,774,125 for sinking fund on bonds of the subsidiary companies and depreciation and reserve funds leaves a balance of profits for the nine months applicable to securities of the corporation of $90,368,033. From this amount is deducted $12,680,000 for nine months' interest and a sinking fund on the bonds, leaving a net balance of $78,688,033. Undivided profits for the nine months applicable to increase of "depreciation and reserve fund" accounts, new construction or surplus are $24,647,982.

The preferred dividend is payable November 15 and the common dividend December 30.

HORSES SOLD AT NEW YORK.

Twenty-Eight Head Sell for $28,328, Average of $1,011.

New York, Oct. 7.—The horse sale opened at the American Horse Exchange to-night. The sales of $500 or over were:

H. or h. c. by Hugo—Santa Nermia, L. V. Bell; $1,800.

H. c. by St. Ivey—Australian, J. L. Holland; $500.

Ch. f. by Salnoto—Maid of Merrmore, E. J. Arnold of St. Louis; $900.

Blk. c. by Kilvarlin—Irene, W. Lakeland; $1,000.

B. c. by Common—Daughter, M. Macdonald; $700.

Br. c. by Golden Crown—Benevolence, J. L. Holland; $500.

B. f. by Burnaby—Empress Frederic, H. M. Zeigler, of Cincinnati; $1,000.

Ch. f. by Guillamme—Brank, H. M. Zeigler, Cincinnati; $500.

Ch. f. by Sir Hugo—Santonina, E. J. Arnold, St. Louis; $900.

B. c. by St. Ivey—Nicoletta, M. Weir; $600.

Ch. f. by Ayrshire—Prudent, C. H. Plank; $875.

Nimimy, br. f., 2 years, by St. Simonian—Chesterine Douglas, H. M. Zeigler, Cincinnati; $525.

Omaha B. ch. c., by imp. Water Cress—Orange Leaf, H. M. Zeigler, Cincinnati; $1,000.

Water Power, br. c., 2, by imp. Water Cress—Duchess of Tuxedo, H. M. Zeigler, Cincinnati; $2,500.

Corbet Dog, b. or br. f., 2, by Matchmaker—Holy Bird, H. M. Zeigler, Cincinnati; $1,000.

Harlem Lane, br. f., by Kingston—Melrose, H. M. Zeigler, Cincinnati; $600.

Haskin, br. c., 4, by Sir Francolin—Ambrosia, McIlvoy Moore, Louisville; $1,000.

My Boy, ch. h., 6, by Marion—Marchioness, M. Young, Lexington, Ky.; $2,000.

Lasko, ch. h., 5, by Juggler—Calliope, M. Young, Lexington, Ky.; $2,000.

A total of twenty-eight head were sold, realizing $28,328, at an average of $1,011 per head.

CURRENT TOPICS BANQUET.

General Subject to Be Speaker Henderson's Declination.

The Current Topics Club will give a banquet Thursday evening, October 16, at the Central Young Men's Christian Association. The general subject will be "Speaker Henderson's Declination." Guy A. Thompson will respond to the toast, "Should the Representative Lead or Follow His Constituency?" R. C. Grier will respond to "What Is Meant by a Representative," and Rhodes E. Cave to "The Political Effect of the Declination."

J. E. McIntyre will preside. The Programme Committee consists of Thomas L. Anderson, chairman; T. D. Cannon, Edward D'Arcy and Edward M. Peabody.

IRISH LEAGUE WILL MEET.

Special Reunion of All Branches to Be Held To-Night.

A special reunion of all the branches of the United Irish League will be held at Sodality Hall, Coleman and North Market streets, this evening. The meeting has been called to protest against the arrest of the Irish envoy, William Redmond, who spoke at Music Hall on the 15th of April last.

William Redmond is a brother of John Redmond, the present chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party.

GRADING THE TESSON TRACT.

Plan is Being Prepared for the French Government Building.

Grading of the Tesson tract just south of the Administration building was commenced yesterday. This is the tract on which the French national pavilion will stand. The removal of 85,000 cubic yards of earth will be necessary.

Work of the same nature is being done on the site, amounting to one-half million cubic yards, divided among the Tesson Tract Arrow Head Lake with 9,000 yards, site of the Liberal Arts building, 45,000 Mines and Metallurgy site, 85,000 and Skinker Hill 251,000. When the contract is awarded for the grading of the Cascades Gardens, 177,000 additional yards will be added to the total removal of earth.

Work was begun yesterday on the cellar for the Physics building in the Administration group of buildings on the Washington University tract. With the beginning of this building all of the structures to be built on that part of the fair grounds before the opening of the Exposition will have been commenced. The Physics building is to be 305 feet by 95 feet. It will cost $125,000. The building will run directly west from the reading-room of the Library building.

FOUGHT WITH CIRCUS TIGER.

New York Trainer Attacked Before a Large Crowd.

New York, Oct. 7.—Within plain view of a thousand or more spectators Herman Weacon, an animal trainer, was attacked by a tiger to-night and severely injured at Hoskock's Animal Show at the St. Nicholas Gardens. While women fainted and screamed and men left the parquet Mr. Boeder took rushed down a side aisle and rescued his trainer from what seemed certain death.

For months the tiger has been regarded as dangerous, for she had grown to hate her master. The trainer, however, had turned a deaf ear to all who cautioned him. To-night, before a houseful of spectators, he entered the ring with his bears, lions, leopards, hyenas and wolves, and made them go through their performance. The tiger balked persistently on her last act and obeyed grudgingly. She crouched and growled. The trainer drew a revolver and fired two blank shots. The tiger still followed the shots, and the beast leaped toward the trainer, snapped him and bore him to the ground.

BELASCO'S NEW JAPANESE PLAY

Production for Blanch Bates Ready for Rehearsal.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 7.—Mr. David Belasco to-night announced that he had all ready for rehearsal a big production for Miss Blanche Bates, which would open in Washington or Baltimore late next month. The play will deal with Japan and will be called "The Darling of the Gods." It will be on an even more elaborate scale than "Dubarry," he says.

Mr. Belasco has kept this matter a secret to the present time for the reason that his rivals, Klaw and Erlanger, have had in mind a pretty production of Onoto Watanna's "A Japanese Nightingale," the latter firm taking their time about getting their production ready. The result is that Belasco is ready for business while Klaw and Erlanger could not get in shape for a month. Mr. Belasco also secured time in two of Klaw and Erlanger's theaters without the managers learning the nature of his production.

FUGITIVE DECKER IS ARRESTED.

Caught by Officer in Carondelet at No. 7628 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Louis Decker, former member of the House of Delegates, was arrested last night while leaving his residence by Officers Manion and Hendy. Decker was at once taken to the Four Courts, where he made an effort to furnish bond.

Decker is charged in two counts with bribery and in one with perjury.

Since his indictment he has been a fugitive from justice.

Missourians in New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 7.—Among the arrivals at the hotels here to-day were the following Westerners:

St. Louis—C. Schranktadts, Mrs. J. G. Chapman, Holland; H. H. Harker, Mrs. L. M. Hosler, Decker; E. H. Angle, Manhattan; A. G. Cochran and Mrs. Cochran, Miss Cochran, C. P. Collins and Mrs. Collins, Waldorf; E. L. Bushman, J. A. Matteson, R. C. Alexander, Gilsey; R. Pierson, J. H. Walkenhorst, Earlington; W. D. Meyer, A. S. Wheeler, C. L. Robinson, A. Fullerton, Cadillac; C. E. Wise, H. V. Williams and Mrs. Williams, Cosmopolitan; J. G. Hawken, Continental; C. J. Young, Victoria; W. A. Swater, Imperial; W. H. Boardsley, Marlborough; J. C. Whiting, Grand Union; H. G. Krake, Herald Square; J. Purvis, Ansland; I. Magner, Belvedere; H. C. Erman, Astor.

Kansas City—O. S. Webb, J. S. Welch, Murray Hill; J. W. Peters, Imperial; J. S. Frees, Everett; A. M. Mather, Criterion.

PLAN TO END CIVIL WAR IN PANAMA IS WELL RECEIVED.

Convention of Delegates From Each Party Under United States's Protection Suggested.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

Panama, Colombia, Oct. 7.—(Copyright, 1902.)—An article published in the Spanish section of the Star has created a favorable impression here as to a method of ending the civil war in this Republic.

The writer suggests that there be a convention composed of an equal number of delegates from the Government and the Liberal or revolutionary party. Each side should have twenty delegates, who should draft a new constitution analogous to that of Switzerland. Convention should meet in Panama under the protection of the United States forces at present stationed on both sides of the isthmus.

Terms of the settlement of the present conflict are to be embodied in twelve articles, the salient points of which are: The suspension of hostilities for ninety days, each side to maintain its respective troops and keep the territories actually occupied.

Members of the convention are to be appointed by President Marroquin and General Vargas-Santos, the latter acting for the Liberals. This convention is to present to the nation within ninety days a national constitution, which must be accepted by the political parties.

The convention will appoint a general and also a sectional government, both political parties being equally represented. Later the convention should meet in Bogota to take up the canal and other international questions.

TO REDUCE HELMS'S BONDS.

His Attorney Carries Case to Supreme Court.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 7.—Judge Gantt of the Supreme Court, at the application of Attorney J. A. Gerner, to-day issued a writ for the production in the Supreme Court next Tuesday of John Helms, under habeas corpus proceedings to secure a reduction of the bond upon which he is now held in jail in St. Louis under indictment for connection with the bribery cases.

The writ is directed to Sheriff Huebler and Marshal Desobry of the Supreme Court left for St. Louis to-night to serve it.

FELL SIXTY FEET

AND ESCAPED WITHOUT EVEN A BROKEN BONE.

John Rogers Tumbles from the Roof of a Three-story Building to the Pavement. A Ladder Breaks His Fall.

While working on the roof of a three-story building on Detroit street, John Rogers, of No. 155 Alabama street, Cleveland, O., lost his balance and fell sixty feet to the ground.

He was drawing up gravel and while leaning over pulling on the guy rope, it broke and he fell. About 36 feet from the sidewalk he struck a ladder which stood against the building. This broke the force of his fall. But he fell upon the pavement headforemost and his fellow workmen picked him up unconscious.

The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to St. John's hospital, where it was fully ten hours before he regained consciousness. No bones were broken nor did he sustain any internal injuries as was first feared. To a reporter he said:

"I grew very nervous as a result of my fall, and was fast running into nervous prostration. I was under a doctor's care, but did not get any real benefit and I was becoming very much discouraged.

"Then I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I could see a decided improvement in a short time and by the time I had taken eight boxes I was fully restored to health. That was over a year ago and now I am perfectly well and strong again with nerves as sound as anybody's. Dr. Williams' Pink