SECRET SOCIETIES.

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

CORNER STONE LODGE, NO. 722, A. F. & A. M., will hold special meeting Saturday at 7 p. m. at Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues. Work in Third degree. Members are earnestly requested to attend. Visitors welcome.
WALTER R. SEEWOSTER, W. M.
James A. Smith, Jr., Secretary.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 9, A. F. & A. M., will hold stated communication at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, December 9, 1902, at Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues. Election of officers. Work in the F. C. degree. All resident members are expected to attend. Visitors are fraternally invited.
A. L. MANION, W. M.
Henry Elliot, Secretary.

GOOD HOPE LODGE, NO. 293, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication Saturday evening, December 6, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock. Work in M. M. degree. 3631 South Broadway. Election of officers for the year of 1903 and other important business will come before the lodge. Every member should be present. Visitors cordially invited.
WM. F. EVANS, W. M.
Edward S. Baldwin, Secretary.

MISSOURI LODGE, NO. 1, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication this Wednesday, December 10, at 7:30 p. m., Corinthian Hall, Grand Avenue Temple. M. M. degree. Members are requested and visiting brethren fraternally invited to attend.
CHAS. McLEAN, W. M.
John H. Deppe, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

KENRICK COUNCIL, NO. 666, Knights of Columbus, meets every second and fourth Wednesday in Rose Hill Hall, No. 3907 Maple avenue. Visiting knights invited.
JOHN PAUL CHEW, Grand Knight.
Walter T. Cunningham, Recorder.

MARQUETTE COUNCIL, NO. 666, Knights of Columbus, meets every second and fourth Tuesday in the West Hall, Century building, Ninth and Olive streets. Visiting knights cordially invited.
W. L. MEE, Grand Knight.
F. P. Leonard, Recorder.

ST. LOUIS COUNCIL, NO. 42, meets every first and third Tuesday at West End Hall, southeast corner Finney and Vandeventer avenues. Visiting knights are cordially invited.
JOHN S. LEAHY, Grand Knight.
Jos. C. Carroll, Jr., Recorder.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

BREMEN LODGE, NO. 234, K. OF H.—Regular meeting every Saturday evening at Bremen Hall, No. 209 North Eleventh street. All Knights of Honor invited.
WM. HARTMAN, Dictator, 2724 Utah street.
Mathew Bonn, Reporter, 2716 University st.

UNITY LODGE, NO. 241, K. OF H., meets first and third Saturdays at Monroe Hall, southwest corner Broadway and Monroe street. All Knights of Honor invited to our meetings.
WM. MEY, Dictator, 2324 Madison street.
Peter Barth, Reporter, 2326 University street.

RED MEN.

STANDING ELK TRIBE, NO. 34, Improved Order of Red Men, meets every Thursday night at Druids' Hall, Ninth and Market streets. First Thursday of each month, Adoption degree; second Thursday, Warrior degree; third Thursday, Chief's degree; fourth Thursday, tribal business. Visiting chiefs invited to our councils.
C. W. FRAZEE, Sachem.
G. E. E. Townsend, C. of R.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ST. LOUIS COUNCIL, No. 26, U. C. T., meets first and third Saturdays in the month, in Hall No. 1, Century building. Visitors welcomed.
S. S. MORSE, Secretary,
400 N. Second street.

HARMONY COUNCIL, KNIGHTS AND LADIES of Security, meets every Saturday evening at No. 2619 Easton avenue, Easton Avenue Hall. Visiting Knights and Ladies cordially welcome.
P. S. SMITH, President.
William Gulkey, Fin. Secy., 3169 Adams st.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

GRAND COUNCIL, MISSOURI, Royal Arcanum, 309-311 Holland Building—A cordial welcome to visitors, friends, brethren and members from abroad. F. H. BACON, G. R.
Jere Haldeman, Acting Grand Secy.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

ST. LOUIS AERIE, NO. 41, FRATERNAL Order of Eagles, will meet every Wednesday at 8 p. m. at Havlin's Hall, Sixth and Walnut streets.
CONRAD KEMPF, W. P.
Jno. A. Gernes, W. Secretary, 1007 Chestnut st.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

ASCALON COMMANDERY, NO. 16, K. T., will hold a stated conclave this Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p. m. at Asylum, Grand Avenue Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues. Work, Red Cross. Fraters welcome.
EUGENE J. SPENCER, Eminent Commander.
William H. Hawken, Recorder.

CHESTER PRISON WANTS LAND.

Commissioners Take Option on One Hundred and Twelve Acres.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Duquoin, Ill., Dec. 5.—The Commissioners of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester have taken an option on 112 acres of land lying back of the prison, the agreed price of the tract being $6,000.

The land, if purchased, will be used for farming purposes and for furnishing clay to the prison for the manufacture of brick. The next Legislature will be asked for an appropriation covering the cost of the land.

Indians Would Move Their Home.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 5.—Sixty fullblood Choctaw Indians arrived here last night from Mississippi. Others are en route. They will try to procure Indian rights in this Territory, and if successful will allot lands and occupy same.

Wool.

London, Dec. 5.—The Mincing Lane sheepskins sales were concluded to-day. The offerings numbered 167,952 skins, most of which were in good condition. The best grades sold well to the home trade and the Continent. Prices advanced as follows: Extra long wooled 1½@1½d; long and short wooled 1½@1d; short and shorn Lincolns 3d. Coarse crossbreds unchanged.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 5.—The Commercial Bulletin will say in to-morrow's report on the wool trade in the United States:

The market is distinctly quiet so far as fine wools are concerned. No large lines have been sold of these, though Ohio delaine has advanced to 23@c. The whole line of medium wools, however, has advanced about a cent a pound. South American greasy crossbreds that could be landed in bond here a year ago at 11c now cost 16c, and the same Geelong 64s combings that were landed here and sold at a profit at 28c now cost landed from Australia 38c secured. No good American quarter-blood is selling for less than 20c in the grease. Medium scoured Colorado and New Mexico wools and all Western territory, fine and C superfine, anything in short, that can be picked up for less than 45c scoured, has ruled lightly active. The receipts of wool in Boston since January 1, 1902, have been 209,579,865 pounds, against 251,729,488 pounds for the same period in 1901. The Boston shipments to date are 265,171,303 pounds, against shipments of 245,366,198 pounds for the same period in 1901. The stock on hand in Boston January 1, 1902, was 17,340,463 pounds; the total stock today is 112,148,865 pounds. The stock on hand December 2, 1901, was 82,115,826 pounds."

Dry Goods.

New York, Dec. 5.—Spot trade has been slow to-day, owing to bad weather, but there has been no change otherwise in the general demand for staple or fancy cottons. Tone quiet and prices unchanged. Print cloths dull and unchanged at first hands. Linens are firm, with moderate demand. Burlaps source in light weights and firm. Heavy weights dull.

Manchester, Dec. 5.—Cloths firm, but not active. Yarns rather easier.

A HAPPY HOME

Is one where health abounds.
With impure blood there cannot be good health.
With a disordered LIVER there cannot be good blood.

Tutt's Pills

revivify the torpid LIVER and restore its natural action.

A healthy LIVER means pure blood.
Pure blood means health.
Health means happiness.

Take no Substitute. All Druggists.

SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS.

There was only a moderate speculative interest in wheat and corn in yesterday's market. The principal depressing factor was warmer weather over the greater portion of the wheat and corn belts, with prospects of more moisture in the South and Southwest. Though receipts were not heavy, offerings were comparatively free and country buyers were not in evidence. Broomhall's report that conditions had improved in the Argentine had a decidedly bearish effect. In the last hour many traders who bought on the recent advance sold out for profits.

At the opening there was little demand for corn and the principal bull interests were not active. Receipts were small and there were practically no deliveries on Dec. contracts. The extent to which some of the shorts are alarmed as to the outcome of the deal was shown by the fact that they were casting about for a rule of the exchange which would prevent the longs from forcing settlements at "fictitious" prices. Buying by Cleage's brokers steadied the market in the closing hour.

May wheat opened 1-16c up and closed 1-16c off.
May corn opened ⅛@¼c off and closed unchanged.
May oats closed ⅛c off.

Receipts of produce were moderate and prices for fruits and vegetables were generally steady.

St. Louis Transit was the strong spot in the local security list. Bank and trust company issues were easy.

Yesterday's bank clearings were $8,137,967, balances $807,579. Discount rates were steady, between 5 and 6 per cent.

Spot cotton was quiet and unchanged in the local market.

GRAINS SLIGHTLY EASIER ON LIGHT LIQUIDATION.

WEATHER NEWS IS MAINLY BEARISH.

Corn Is Well Supported at the Close, After Early Profit-Taking by Scalpers.

Slight losses were the net result of a light day's trading in wheat and corn. Bulls were discouraged by the failure of the cold wave to materialize and the outside demand was moderate. Cables came easy. Selling of wheat was free throughout the session, and the downward movement was aided by small operators, who took profits on every small advance. Forecasts of more favorable weather in Argentine constituted the principal bearish factor. The Modern Miller said:

"Late and colder weather has checked the work of the Hessian fly in the early-sown winter wheat, but anxiety is felt regarding the effect of severe cold weather upon the plant where the growth is too rank or where wheat is weakened by the fly and has no snow protection. The shortage of cars restricts the movement of wheat to market, but the deliveries of farmers also are the smallest so far on the crop.

"Argentine shipments of wheat to Europe the past week 8,000,000 bu., as against 158,000 bu. a week ago, and 26,000 bu. in 1901."

May wheat opened 1-16c up and sold at:

74½c, 74⅝c, 74½c, 74⅝c, 74½c, 74⅝c, 74½c, 74⅝c, 74½c, 74½c.

Cleage, the principal corn bull, supported his holdings well toward the end of the session, though he made no attempt to advance prices further than was justified by the legitimate demand. Selling was somewhat brisk until the last hour, when inside buying for professional accounts caused a reaction.

Argentine shipments of corn to Europe for the past week, 431,000 bu., against 272,000 bu. a week ago, and 506,000 bu., in 1901.

39⅝c, 39⅝c, 39⅝c, 39⅝c, 39⅝c, 39½c, 39⅝c.

Receipts of wheat at St. Louis, 58,966 bu., of which 3,259 sks. and 53 cars local and 7 cars through, against 54,146 bu., of which all were local, in 1901.

Receipts of wheat at primary points, 800,834 bu., against 1,216,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments 949,677 bu., against 120,000 bu. Northwest received 581 cars, against 754 cars in 1901. Chicago received 75,150 bu. and Kansas City 41,600 bu. Clearances, 121,000 bu.

Receipts of corn at St. Louis, 110,055 bu., of which 462 sks. and 110 cars local and 11 cars through, against 96,800 bu., of which 96 cars local and 23 cars through, in 1901.

Receipts of corn at primary points, 321,000 bu., against 392,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments 349,263 bu., against 255,000 bu. Chicago received 112,650 bu. and Kansas City 52,800 bu. Clearances, 44,000 bu.

Receipts of oats at St. Louis, 12,150 bu., of which 6 cars local and 3 cars through, against 84,000 bu., of which 52 cars local and 18 cars through, in 1901.

Receipts of oats at primary points, 237,025 bu., against 349,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments 282,367 bu., against 377,000 bu. Clearances, 11,000 bu.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Receipts 2,220 sks. and 53 cars local and 7 cars through. By sample, del—No. 2 red sold at 70½@71c; for good to fancy E. side; No. 2 red at 68½@c W. and 69c E. side, where choice worth 70c; rejected at 69½c; No. 2 hard quotable at 69@70c; No. 4 hard sold at 68c to 69½c; rejected at 66c.

CORN—Receipts 462 sks. and 110 cars local and 11 cars through. Elevator buyers paid 64½@65c for No. 2 switched to the house and 64½@65c for No. 3 (mixed, yellow or white). An exporter paid 44½c for No. 3, destination, weights and sales to the Southeast and other interior points same terms, at 43½@44c. A few cars sold to local trade on trk. at 46c for No. 2, 44c for No. 3 and 41c on the cob. No. 4 dead, dull and could not be sold above 35c.

OATS—Receipts 6 cars local and 3 cars through. By sample del—No. 2 salable at 33@33½c. No. 3 selling at 32c; No. 4 worth 32c, a fancy car selling at 33c; No. 2 white quotable at 35c; No. 3 white sold at 34c (part f. o. b.), to 34½c; and No. 4 white at 33@33½c; clipped white at 34@c.

RYE—At 38c to 45c.

BARLEY—At about 48@61c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal at $1.11@1.12.

FLOUR—Soft winter flour—Patents $3.20@3.70; straights $3.15@3.25; extra fancy $2.70; clears $2.85@2.95; low grades $2.25@2.60. Hard winter flour—Patents $3.10@3.20; straights $2.90@3.00; clears $2.50@2.70. Spring wheat—Patents $3.65@3.75, trk. or at depot this side. Orders higher.

BRAN—At 70c in large and 74@75c in small sks., and $6.50 in bulk, rail, feed at 70@74c and milds at 75@80c in 100s. But very little obtainable for prompt shipment, and mills demand present rates for shipment on the advanced freight rates. It was stated that there was bid for bran in large sks. to-day for shipment. At mill bran sells at 70@72c, and ships at 85@90c.

BUCKWHEAT—Eastern at $.50@65.

RYE FLOUR—At $2.95 in jute sks. and $3.20 in wood.

CORNMEAL—City meal, f. o. b., $2.30; pearl, grits and hominy $2.60.

HAY—Receipts 377 tons local and 70 through; shipments 25 tons. Quote: Timothy on E. side—Choice $14@14.50; No. 1 $13@14; No. 2 $12@13; lower grades at $8@10. Clover $13 for choice; light clover mixed $10@11; and heavy $6@9. Prairie on W. side—No. 1 $11@11.50; No. 2 $9@11.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.32.

LEAD AND SPELTER—Lead 4. Spelter at about $4.70.

STRAW—Wheat on trk. $5; rye $6.50 for new and $7@8 for old.

St. Louis Curb Market.

May wheat 74⅝@74½c; puts 73⅝@74c; calls 74⅝@74½c asked. May corn 39⅝c; puts 39⅝@39⅝c; calls 39⅝@39¾c.

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	Yesterday.	Thursday.	Last Yr.
Wheat	4,024,968	4,050,466	3,299,667
Corn	593,874	604,326	1,464,467
Oats	29,978	28,318	87,947
Rye	52,776	52,776	104,222
Barley			7,072
No. 2 red wheat	1,561,495	1,559,066	2,236,767
No. 2 hard wheat	26,454	34,020	427,849
No. 2 mixed corn	267,339	290,865	219,227
No. 2 white corn	48,668	40,293	91,612
No. 2 yellow corn	2,916	1,750	12,833
No. 2 mixed oats	4,061	4,061	37,976
No. 2 white			2,323
No. 2 rye	37,323	37,323	89,987

Produce.

Butter firm. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 26@27c; firsts 23@25c; seconds 20@24c. Dairy—Extra 24@25c; firsts 18@19c; grease 46@5c. Ladle-packed—Extra 18@20c; firsts 17@18c. Country—Choice fresh 16c; poor to fair 10@13c. Renovated—Good 20@22c.

Eggs—Current receipts 21c to 22c. Receipts 681 local and 311 through, shipped 739.

Poultry—Steady. Prime live geese in small sks. 4c; in large sks. 4c; gray 3½c in small sks. 3½c in large sks.; old white 3½@3½c. Spring chickens—Broilers 9@10c; fryers 8c. Turkeys—Young toms 8c. Tare 3c per cent on small sks. and 2 per cent on large. Duck—White 12c; dark 10c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Prime dressing 2c per lb.; buck tail 2c. Texas spring chickens 9@10c; fryers 8c; goat 9c; each, damaged out.

BEESWAX—Quiet at 28@c per lb. for prime.

SHEEP PELTS—Shearing wool pelts nominally 75@91; shearlings at 19@25c; dry stock, fallen, etc., 8@10c per lb.

ROOTS—Quote, per lb.: Ginseng $1.25@1.75; lady slipper 5c; Seneca 45@47c; pink 14c; golden seal 4c; black 4c; May apple 2½c; snake root 35c; white snake worthless; Angelica 20@c. Wahoo—bark of root 5c; bark of tree 25@c; blood 3c; bluflag 3c. Sassafras—Bark of root 5c; wild ginger 8c.

SUNFLOWER SEED—Nominal at $1.10@1.15 per 10 lbs.

LINSEED OIL—Raw at 46c; boiled at 47c; prices nominal.

CASTOR BEANS—$1.35 per bu.

CASTOR OIL—Lots of 200 gals., 105c per lb. for No. 1 and 95c for No. 2; small quantities 1c per lb. more. Due up: Gray Rock.

COTTON-SEED OIL—Winter white 43c; yellow 44c; summer white 37c; yellow at 36c; salad 45c; cooking 40c.

HONEY—Quote: Comb—Dark at 12@14c; bright amber 14@15c; faintly white clover 16@17c. Inferior and broken lots. Extracted and strained—Southern in bbls. 5@5½c; in cans 6@7c; California in cans 7@8c.

SAUERKRAUT—We quote in a jobbing way at $1.25 per ½-bbl. and at $2.25 per bbl. On orders delivered in the city it is worth $1.40 for ½s and $2.50 for bbls.

HOPS—New New York at 25@30c; Western at 20@25c. Bavarian at 45@47c.

SALT—E. side: Medium at 90c; granulated 85c per bbl., 5c per bbl. more this side.

BEANS AND PEAS—Prices from store: White $2.35@2.40 for machine-picked. Dried green peas—Scotch at $1.70; split peas at $2; blackeye at $2.25; California pink (per lb.) at 3¼@4c. New York kidney 4c; Lima beans 5½c; lentils 4½c.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and gasoline 80c; vinegar 75c; black oil 50c; linseed (light oil) linseed 75c; sugar 18c; whisky 65c; do. half bbls. 50c; wine 65c; sauerkraut 37c; pickle 45c; salt 55c; flour 15c; molasses 20c; lard 15c, 35c off for each barrel less than 200 lbs.; 2c for each bean missing.

MOSS—Gray mixed 14@15½c; gray, brown and black mixed 29½c; machine picked X at 32½c; XX at 34@40c; XXX at 44@50c; XXXX at 50@55c; inferior picked hens; extra black 6c.

BROOM CORN—Nominally firm; quote, per ton: Fair $50@60; common 40@45; choice at 80@75.

BAGS, ETC.—Per 100 lbs.: Country rags at 50c; old rope, No. 1 Manila $1.50; No. 2 at 50c; rubber at $5.50.

IRON—Choice bleached at $15 per ton; other kinds from $10 to $14.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Per 100 lbs.: Wrought iron 72½c; heavy cast, malleable steel and breakage 57½c; stove 45c; burnt 25c; light brass 25c; heavy brass $5; copper $9; zinc $2.50; lead $2.50; pewter $12.50.

POP CORN—Selling on cob at $1 to $1.10 per 100 lbs. for pearl; mixed at 60c to 75c.

PECANS—Average receipts about 5@6½c.

PEANUTS—We quote: Farmers' stock—Red at 1½@2c per lb.; white 2½@3c.

WALNUTS—Selling at 9c per lb.; California at 16@19c for hard shell and 16½@19c for soft shell.

CHESTNUTS—New West Virginia at 6c per lb.; Italian 9@10c.

CIDER—Sold at $2.50@3.50 per bbl.

HICKORY NUTS—We quote per bu. at 85c for large and $1.25@1.50 for shellbark.

SORGHUM—Prime at 22@24c per gal.; inferior and old less.

DRIED FRUIT—Evaporated rings at 4c to 5c; sun-dried quarters 4c to 5c; sun-dried peaches 2@3c.

MAPLE SUGAR AND SYRUP—New sugar at 8c per lb.; Canadian at 13c; maple syrup at 60@90c per gal.

GRASS SEED—Timothy at $2.90@3.40; clover at $7.50@8; new redtop at $1.25@6.

COOPERSTEEL—Quote: Cotton flour bbl. at $5.25@5.50; meal bbl. at $4.75; No. 2 at $3; ½-bbl. at $2.50; nail run fruit bbl. at $3.50; beef kegs at $2@3; lard tierces at $27; pork bbl. at $18. Heddings, per set—No. 1 flour bbl. 50c, mill run 45; inch stock for apple bbl. 45c; No. 2 do. 35c; lard tierces, per set, 60c; pork bbl. 12c. Shaved hoops—Flour bbl. $1c; for cooper, $2.50@3 for Hoosier, $3.50; soaked elm $8; oak and tierce, cooper shaved 60c; pork bbl. $5.

CROSS-TIES—Land ties at $1.20 for wood and $1.25 for cross-heated bbls.; pork bbls. at 37½@41 for wood-bound, $1.60 for iron-bound; elec ties, 34; flat-top do. 31; ½-bbls. 25c; meal 25c.

BAGGING, ETC.—Jaggedy, per yard, 1¾c lb. at 6.35c; 2c, at 6.50c; 2¼c, at 7.1-16c. Iron cotton ties at $1.65. Hemp twine 9c.

MOSS—Quote, per lb.: Gray mixed 11@14c; gray, brown and black mixed 19@22c; brown and black mixed 29@32c. Machine-picked—X 30@35c; XX 32@40c; XXX 40@45c; XXXX 50@55c; extra black 6c; inferior less.

St. Louis Cotton Market.

Spot market steady; sales 599 bales.

Ordinary	6¾
Good ordinary	7¾
Low middling	7 11-16
Middling	8 1-16
Good middling	8 5-16
Middling fair	8 13-16

Tinges and stains, white off white.

Galveston—Market closed quiet; quote middlings 8¼c.

New Orleans—Spot market quiet; middlings 7 15-16c.

Memphis—Spot market steady; middlings 8c.

Receipts at principal points:

Galveston	10,838	bales.
New Orleans	12,931	bales.
Mobile	1,027	bales.
Savannah	2,299	bales.
Charleston	1,000	bales.
Norfolk	2,855	bales.
Houston	6,962	bales.
Memphis	4,300	bales.

St. Louis warehouse statement:

	This Year.	Last Year.
Stock on hand Sept. 1	11,712	34,078
Net receipts today	599	1,599
Net receipts since Sept. 1	30,291	16,772
Net shipments to day	499	1,099
Net shipments since Sept. 1	16,855	27,799
Stock on hand to-day	2,321	22,951
Gross receipts today	1,599	2,199
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	279,294	249,152
Gross shipments today	1,099	2,192
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	256,598	222,906

By Telegraph.

New York, Dec. 5.—Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 8.50c; middling gulf 8.75c; sales 436 bales. Futures closed quiet; Dec. 8.26c; Jan. 8.26c; Feb. 8.12c; March 8.18c; April 8.18c; May 8.22c; June 8.24c; July 8.26c; Aug. 8.09c. The market opened steady at 1 point advance to 1 point decline, ruled generally quiet, orders from the country at large being more or less restricted by weather interruptions to the telegraph service. Trading was almost entirely of a local character throughout the session. In the absence of public support the more professional element depressed the market, but was early in a view of the disappointing movement, and the possibility of some damage to late cotton, the continued unfavorable weather prevailing over much of the cotton belt, with some reporting rain, limited to any direct chance of top development, while the rains and flood following frosts have done much towards degrading the quality of late cotton. The demand came principally from parties who had sold previously, although there was some buying for Wall street accounts early in the session. It was a local market most of the time, with long intervals between transactions, and the close was dull at the decline of the day, with only a few points of business. The total sales did not amount to more than 25,000 bales, representing the smallest business done since the session commenced. The market was finally quiet at a net loss of 1@2 points, the entire variations following the opening having been within a range of 5 points.

Liverpool, Dec. 5.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand, prices steady; American quiet; middling 4.46d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 8,400 American. Receipts 7,400 bales, all American. Futures opened quiet and closed quiet and steady; American middling, g. o. c.: Dec. 4.43@4.44d; Dec.-Jan. 4.42d; Jan.-Feb. 4.41d; May-June 4.41@4.42d; June-July 4.41@4.42d; July-Aug. 4.41d.

New Orleans, Dec. 5.—Cotton steady; quotations revised; sales 2,651; ordinary 6 11-16c; good ordinary 7 3-16c; low middling 7½c; middling 8c; good middling 8 5-16c; middling fair 8 13-16c. Receipts, 12,931 bales; stock 297,422. Futures quiet; Dec. 7.96@7.97c; Jan. 7.98@8.12c; Feb. 8.03@8.06c; March 8.08@8.09c; April 8.11@8.12c; May 8.13@8.14c; June 8.1@8.15c; July 8.17@8.19c; Aug. 8.02@8.04c.

Hester's Visible.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 5.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows the total visible as 3,443,243 bales, of which 2,942,243 is American cotton.

THE WEATHER.

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

Washington, Dec. 5.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday:

Illinois—Fair Saturday, except snow and colder in north portions. Sunday fair; fresh northwest winds.

Eastern Texas—Fair Saturday. Sunday increasing cloudiness; fresh southeast winds.

Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Western Texas—Fair Saturday. Sunday rain and colder.

Arkansas—Fair Saturday and warmer Saturday. Sunday increasing cloudiness; light to fresh southeast winds.

Iowa—Fair and colder Saturday. Sunday fair.

Missouri—Fair Saturday, colder in northwest portion. Sunday fair.

Kansas—Fair and colder Saturday. Sunday increasing cloudiness; probably snow.

Local Report.

St. Louis, Friday, Dec. 5, 1902.

6:30 a. m. 6:30 p. m.

Thermometer, degrees	30	29
Relative humidity, degrees	82	88
Direction of wind	NW	N
Velocity of wind	4	8
Precipitation, inches	.00	.00

Weather at 6:30 a. m., cloudy; at 6:30 p. m., clear. Maximum temperature, 30.5; minimum temperature, 20. River stage, 12.4 feet.

R. J. HYATT,
Local Forecast Official.

Government Report.

Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau—Meteorological observations received at St. Louis December 5, 1902, at 6:30 p. m. local time and 8 p. m. seventy-fifth meridian time. Observations made at the same moment at all stations.

Stations.	Dir.	Tp.	Mx.	Rn.	Weather.
Abilene	NW	34	66	....	Clear
Amarillo	SE	44	58	....	Clear
Atlanta	NW	36	54	....	Cloudy
Bismarck	NW	4	46	....	Clear
Buffalo	NW	20	30	.01	Cloudy
Charlotte	N	42	54	....	Clear
Chattanooga	NW	38	56	....	Cloudy
Cheyenne	SW	34	34	*	Cloudy
Cleveland	SW	30	30	....	Cloudy
Chicago	S	30	30	*	Cloudy
Columbus	NW	30	32	....	Cloudy
Dallas	SE	38	42	....	Clear
Calgary	O	2	2	....	Cloudy
Cheyenne	S	20	46	....	Cloudy
Concordia	E	34	44	....	Cloudy
Dubuque	SE	26	26	.10	Snow
Dubuque	SE	30	30	.01	Cloudy
Davenport	N	32	34	*	Cloudy
Des Moines	N	22	32	....	Clear
Denver	NE	22	52	....	Cloudy
Dodge City	E	41	68	....	Clear
El Paso	W	56	64	....	Clear
Fort Smith	E	29	56	....	Cloudy
Galveston	NW	50	60	....	Clear
Grand Haven	E	28	28	*	Snow
Grand Junction	SE	26	40	....	Cloudy
Huron	NW	12	32	....	Clear
Helena	W	6	30	.10	Cloudy
Helena	NW	24	28	*	Clear
Indianapolis	NW	34	34	....	Cloudy
Jacksonville	SE	54	56	....	Clear
Kansas City	NW	28	38	....	Clear
Little Rock	E	38	58	....	Clear
Lander	SW	32	36	....	Cloudy
Montgomery	W	50	60	....	Clear
Memphis	NW	34	38	....	Clear
Marquette	S	28	38	....	Clear
Medena	SE	30	36	.10	Snow
New York	NW	40	48	....	Clear
Norfolk	NW	34	54	.14	Clear
New Orleans	N	40	46	....	Clear
Nashville	E	48	50	....	Clear
North Platte	SE	22	50	....	Clear
Omaha	E	32	38	....	Cloudy
Oklahoma	NW	28	50	....	Clear
Philadelphia	NE	42	50	....	Clear
Palestine	NW	44	60	.32	Clear
Pittsburg	SE	32	38	....	Clear
Parkersburg	NW	30	34	.62	Clear
Pueblo	NW	22	32	*	Cloudy
Q Appello	NW	46	54	....	Clear
Rapid City	O	26	42	*	Snow
St. Paul	N	14	18	....	Cloudy
Shreveport	W	24	26	.10	Snow
Springfield, Ill.	SE	46	52	....	Clear
St. Louis	NW	32	38	....	Clear
Springfield, Mo.	S	38	40	....	Clear
Salt Lake	SE	30	34	....	Clear
Santa Fe	SE	42	48	*	Cloudy
San Antonio	SE	58	60	....	Clear
Vicksburg	SE	58	64	....	Clear
Valentine	SE	38	42	....	Cloudy
Washington	N	18	36	*	Cloudy
Wichita	NW	32	36	.14	Clear

*Precipitation inappreciable.

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BLAZE AT METROPOLIS, ILL.

Entire Business Block Is Wiped Out by Flames.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Metropolis, Ill., Dec. 5.—Fire here early this morning destroyed an entire business block north of the Courthouse on Market street.

Postmaster W. H. Kraper was the owner of most of the property and was the heaviest loser.

The two fire companies of the city, aided by the citizens who volunteered, had hard work to save the other business houses on the street.

STEAMBOATS.

LOWER MISSISSIPPI.

ST. LOUIS AND TENNESSEE RIVER PACKET CO.

STR. CITY OF MEMPHIS.

Will leave wharfboat, foot of Pine street, Saturday, December 6, at 5 p. m., for Sue, Genevieve, Chester, Negley's, Cape Girardeau, Cairo, Metropolis, Cairnton and all landings on Tennessee River to Watkins, Ala.
JOHN E. MASSENGALE, Agent.
Phones Main 46A and A 112.

LEE LINE STEAMERS.

To Memphis, $7.00—Round Trip, $12.00, INCLUDING MEALS AND BERTH.

For Chester, Grand Tower, Cape Girardeau, Cairo, Memphis, Helena, Greenville, Vicksburg and Natchez, taking freight for all way landings this side New Orleans and landings on Arkansas River to Pine Bluff.

STACKER LEE Saturday, December 6, 5 p. m.
PETERS LEE, Wednesday, December 10, 5 p. m.

From wharfboat, foot of Olive st.
Phones: Main 560A, Kinloch A 558.
W. E. Albin, Com. Agt. D. M. Connors, Gen. Agt.

St. Louis, Chester, Cape Girardeau Line.
Elegant Steel Hull

Str. CHESTER

Will leave wharfboat, foot of Pine street, every Monday and Friday at 5 p. m. for Fort Chartres, Ste. Genevieve, Chester, Wittenberg, Neely's, Cape Girardeau and all way landings. Phone Main 16A, Kinloch A 112.
JNO. E. MASSENGALE, Agent.

EAGLE PACKET COMPANY.
The Only Line of Sidewheel Steamers for
Cape Girardeau, Commerce
And all way landings. From foot of Vine st.
Str. Cape Girardeau, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Str. Grey Eagle, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays } 5 p. m.
ILLINOIS RIVER.
Steamer Bald Eagle will leave Saturday, December 6, 4 p. m., for Beardstown and way landings.
Phone Main 323. H. W. LEYHE, Agent.

RIVER NEWS.

Rise and Fall of the Rivers

For 24 hours ending at 7 a. m.

Stations.	Friday, Dec. 5, 1902. Danger.	Gauge.	Change.
Pittsburg	22.0	5.3	-0.1
Parkersburg	50.0	5.2	-0.1
Cincinnati	50.0	8.5	-0.1
Louisville	50.0	6.2	-0.1
Nashville	50.0	19.2	-0.1
Chattanooga	9.0	1.3	-0.1
Florence	15.0	2.5	-0.1
Evansville	35.0	6.8	-0.1
Johnsonville	15.0	3.2	-0.1
St. Louis	30.0	12.4	-0.1
Dubuque	22.0	3.1	0.0
Davenport	15.0	2.1	0.0
Keokuk	14.0	2.1	0.0
Hannibal	18.0	2.1	0.0
Quincy	14.0	2.1	0.0
Beardstown	22.0	2.1	0.0
Grafton	25.0	2.1	0.0
Omaha	16.0	2.1	0.0
Kansas City	25.0	3.1	+0.1
Boonville	30.0	3.1	+0.1
Hannibal	18.0	2.1	+0.1
Hermann	30.0	2.1	+0.1
St. Louis	30.0	12.4	+0.4
Chester	30.0	10.8	+0.1
Cairo	40.0	21.7	+0.1
Memphis	34.0	18.5	+0.1
Little Rock	15.0	4.8	+0.1
Vicksburg	43.0	18.8	+0.1
Shreveport	40.0	2.3	+0.1
New Orleans	16.0	2.3	+0.1

*Rise. †Fall.

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River Forecast.

The river at St. Louis will show slight change.

River and Business.

Harbor gauges yesterday marked 12.4 feet, indicating a fall of .4 of a foot in 24 hours. Business along the Levee yesterday was good. Weather generally fair.

To-Day's Weather.

Threatening; colder.

Arrived.

City of Savannah	Tennessee River
City of Memphis	Tennessee River
Belle of Calhoun	Calhoun County
Spread Eagle	Alton
Chester	Cape Girardeau

Departed.

Cape Girardeau	Commerce
Chester	Cape Girardeau
Spread Eagle	Alton

Departures To-Day.

City of Memphis	Tennessee River
Spread Eagle	Alton
Bald Eagle	Beardstown
Belle of Calhoun	Calhoun County
Grey Eagle	Commerce
Stacker Lee	Memphis

River Rialto Brevities.

—The City of Savannah, the new Tennessee River packet, arrived yesterday from Paducah. She departed for St. Louis from the Jeffersonville, Ind., shipyards last summer, but went aground near Paducah, where she remained until a few days ago, when she floated during a rise. She is 200 feet long, with a 36-foot beam and 5-foot hold, and is a sister ship to the City of Memphis. The Savannah's boilers