SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS

Wheat futures were under selling pressure in yesterday's local market. Weather conditions were generally favorable and there was little professional inquiry for the active options. Opening prices were lower and there was brisk selling during the first hour. The resulting decline was tempting to the scalpers. Rather brisk buying at the bottom caused a sharp recovery, but as soon as the profit-takers were out the market sagged of its own weight and there was no further support. Statistical news was unmistakably favorable to the selling side. Russian and Argentine shipments to European centers were heavy. There was not much of an export demand and the cash market at best was barely steady, though there was a good inquiry for top-grade contract stuff, which has been rather scarce of late. Fluctuations were within narrow limits. Outsiders showed little interest and most of the local operators did not care to add to their lines over Sunday. In the last hour there was desultory selling, which carried future values below those of the previous day.

Corn also ranged lower. The market was extremely dull and prices were governed by the wheat market.

July wheat opened ⅛@¼c off and closed ⅝c off.

July corn opened unchanged and closed ⅜c off.

July oats closed unchanged.

Receipts of produce were in fair volume. Prices of fruits and vegetables were steady.

Local securities were dull. Telephone issues had the best support.

Yesterday's bank clearings were $7,889,239, balances $1,061,785. Discount rates were steady at 4 to 5½ per cent.

Spot cotton was firm in the local market.

WHEAT VALUES DECLINE UNDER MODERATE SELLING.

WEATHER NEWS IS MILDLY BEARISH.

Statistical Advices Indicate Large Shipments From Foreign Countries.

Grain values were on the downturn in yesterday's market. Though there was some encouragement for the bulls in the way of damage reports, the recent rain where it was most needed acted as an offset, and few professional operators cared to add to their lines over Sunday. After an early decline there was some buying, but this strength was not well maintained, and future values were on the downturn toward the close of the session.

July wheat opened ⅛@¼c off, ranged from 86c to 84⅝c and closed at 84⅝c asked. Corn was dull, but there was enough selling to cause a break in line with wheat. Closing prices were moderately lower.

July corn opened unchanged, ranged from 47⅝@47½c to 47⅜c and closed at 47⅜c asked.

Receipts of wheat Saturday 36,500 bu., of which 33 cars local and 3 cars through, against 16,000 bu., of which all were local, in 1904.

Primary receipts for 24 hours 427,000 bu., against 99,642 bu. in 1904. Shipments 195,000 bu., against 213,000 bu. Northwest received 216 cars, against 35 cars in 1904. Chicago received 2,000 bu. and Kansas City 1,000 bu. Clearances 140,000 bu.

Primary receipts of corn for 24 hours 321,000 bu., against 571,000 bu. in 1904. Shipments 128,000 bu., against 722,000 bu. Chicago received 600,000 bu. and Kansas City 4,000 bu. Clearances 87,000 bu.

Receipts of oats 64,000 bu., of which 46 cars local and 8 cars through, against 37,000 bu., of which 27 cars local and 1 car through, in 1904. Shipments 46,000 bu.

Primary receipts for 24 hours 406,000 bu., against 228,000 bu. in 1904. Shipments 314,000 bu., against 367,000 bu. Clearances 250,000 bu.

New York Stock Quotations.

New York, May 27.—Following are the opening, high, lowest and closing quotations for stocks on the Stock Exchange today, with the amount of sales.

RAILROADS

Stocks	Sales	Open	High	Low	Bid
Atchison	200	78	78	78	78
Do pfd		96	96	96	96
Atlantic Coast Line	100	147	147	147	146
Baltimore & Ohio	800	107	107	107	106
Do pfd					
Canadian Pacific	3,200	144	145	144	144
Central of Ga	100	34	34	34	34
Chesapeake & Ohio	300	47	47	47	46
Chicago and Alton					
Do pfd					
Chicago Great Western					
Do pfd					
Chicago, Milw. & St. P.					
Do pfd					
Chicago & Northwest	200	200	200	200	200
C. M. & St. P. (Vam)	4,000	122	122	121	121
Colorado & Texas					
Do pfd					
Colorado Fuel & Iron					
Do pfd					
Colorado Southern					
Do 1st pfd					
Do 2d pfd					
Consolidated Gas					
Corn Products					
Delaware & Hudson					
Delaware, Lack. & West.	300	365	365	365	365
Denver & Rio Grande					
Do pfd					
Erie					
Do 1st pfd					
Do 2d pfd					
Great Northern pfd					
Iron Ore Prop.					
Illinois Central					
Interborough-Met.					
Do pfd					
Iowa Central					
Do pfd					
Kansas City Southern					
Do pfd					
Lake Erie & West.	200	35	35	35	35
Do pfd					
Lehigh Valley					
Long Island					
Louisville & Nashville					
Manhattan					
Metropolitan St. Ry.					
Mexican Central					
Minn. & St. Louis					
Do pfd					
M. K. & Texas					
Do pfd					
Missouri Pacific					
National R. R. of Mex. pfd					
New York Central					
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford					
N. Y. Lackawanna & West.					
Norfolk & Western					
Do pfd					
Northern Pacific					
Pennsylvania					
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. L.					
Reading					
Do 1st pfd					
Do 2d pfd					
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd					
St. L. Southwestern					
Do pfd					
Southern Pacific					
Southern Railway					
Do pfd					
Texas & Pacific					
Toledo, St. L. & W.					
Do pfd					
Union Pacific					
Do pfd					
Wabash					
Do pfd					
Wheeling & Lake Erie					
Wisconsin Central					
Do pfd					
EXPRESS COMPANIES					
Adams					
American					
United States					
Wells Fargo					
MISCELLANEOUS					
Am. Agricultural Chem.					
Do pfd					
Am. Car and Foundry					
Do pfd					
American Cotton Oil					
Do pfd					
American Ice Securities					
American Linseed Oil					
Do pfd					
American Smelting & Ref.					
Do pfd					
American Spirits Manuf.					
Do pfd					
American Steel Foundries					
Do pfd					
American Tobacco					
Do pfd					
Anaconda Mining Co.					
Brooklyn Rapid Transit					
Central Leather					
Do pfd					
Chicago Pneumatic Tool					
Colorado Fuel & Iron					
Consolidated Tobacco					
Do pfd					
Corn Products Refining Co.					
Do pfd					
Distillers' Securities					
Federal Mining & Smelting					
Do pfd					
General Electric					
Glucose Sugar Refining					
Do pfd					
Illinois Steel					
International Paper					
Do pfd					
National Lead					
North American					
Pacific Mail					
People's Gas					
Pressed Steel Car					
Do pfd					
Pullman Palace Car					
Republic Steel					
Do pfd					
Rubber Goods					
Do pfd					
Sloss-Sheffield S. & I.					
Do pfd					
Tennessee Coal & Iron					
U. S. Leather					
Do pfd					
U. S. Realty					
U. S. Rubber					
Do pfd					
U. S. Steel					
Do pfd					
Virginia-Car. Chem.					
Do pfd					
Western Electric					
Western Union					
Total sales for the day		shares			

McCLUSKEY LICENSE REVOKED

Excise Commissioner Orders George Langelle's Saloon Closed.

Excise Commissioner Mulvihill yesterday annulled the license of James McCluskey of No. 200 North Tenth street for violating the Sunday-closing law May 14. The order of annulment went into force at 12 o'clock last night.

The Excise Commissioner yesterday ordered closed a saloon at No. 62 Manchester avenue alleged to have been conducted by George Langelle without a license.

Louis D. Goodman to Speak.

Louis D. Goodman will deliver an address on "Lessons From the Stage for Workingmen" this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the people's meeting of the Brotherhood of the Daily Life, to be held in the Coliseum, Thirteenth and Olive streets.

DAY'S DEALINGS IN STOCKS ARE OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE

SLUGGISH DOWNWARD MOVEMENT RETRACED.

Belief That Long Expected Naval Battle Is Imminent Plays Its Part in Inducing Caution.

New York, May 27.—To-day's stock market was of no importance.

The sluggish downward movement was retraced before the end of the day. Next week's London Stock Exchange settlement is viewed with some apprehension on account of the unfavorable position of an extensive account in Americans.

The belief that the long-expected naval battle is near at hand had its part in inducing a spirit of caution.

The considerable contraction of loans disclosed by the bank statement was something of a surprise, in view of the week's heavy transactions, including the Japanese loan payment, and subscriptions to the new American smelters securities stocks.

It is explained that arrangement has been made for the leaving of the deposit of the $100,000,000 paid in on the subscriptions to the Pennsylvania convertible bonds, the greater part, in the New York banks, and the rest in Philadelphia banks.

Some expense will be attributed to use in the call loan market. The price of the Japanese loan and of the disposition of the Japanese government and interests in the immediate use to be made of funds is withheld.

Meanwhile, the amount is still in New York banks. The extreme easy money in foreign markets offers no inducement to the transfer of the funds abroad, and no good foreign bids are offering in the New York money market. The day's changes in stocks are insignificant, and the close was sluggish.

The demand for the Burlington joint issues continued in evidence, but the bulls had not sufficient was brought. Total sales, 700,000 shares. After desultory recession in the afternoon, stocks made a brief late midweek recovery and then drifted downward on the disappointing results from buyers at the recovered level of prices.

Reports of restored harmony in the Northwestern railroad feud gave the impulse to the recovery, and that subject has played a large part in forming sentiment toward the market throughout. It was believed that the threatened trouble in that feud was at the bottom of the pressure upon the market, and the announcement that trouble had been averted caused a corresponding rise. Of much strength in the composite the revived short interest.

WEEK'S HISTORY.

The most notable result of the week's events has been to bring home to the financial public for the first time the gravity of the situation that existed at one time among the controlling interests in the various railroad systems in the Northwest.

It was fully realized that the illegality of the Northern Securities Company and its dissolution left some perplexing problems to be readjusted, which that project had been designed to solve. The failure of Mr. Morgan's attempt to continue its control of Northern Pacific and a voice in that of Burlington was clearly understood, leaving the old disputes over territory and traffic open for a fresh settlement.

But prices of the railroad stocks concerned were marked buoyantly upward for months, leaving an unbridled speculation in the whole market on the constant unauthorized assurances that new and more extensive plans of harmonious adjustment were working out to take the place of the defunct Northern Securities plan.

The official admission now seems to establish that the actual conditions then existing were those of armed hostility, with imminent danger of rate wars that would have threatened exhaustion of resources and of extension of lines into new competitive territory that would have caused an entirely new basis of competition for traffic and of earning power. The intimation now given of an agreement of a truce from this nearly warfare is cause of substantial satisfaction to security-holders but the course of the market during the period of hazard awakens wonder at the degree of misinformation and misplaced influence to which it was based. The realization of the peril created and the vagueness of the information even now given of the terms and the extent of the agreement leaves a spirit of caution and uncertainty.

Mixed sentiment over the iron and steel trade is at one time influence in the market and the evidence of pressure on the United States stocks especially is of no material influence on the whole market. The demand for finished products is of extraordinary proportions, the prices of raw materials are firm and the making out of some forecasts.

The reported dissolution of the steel pool had some unfavorable effect on iron and steel stocks. It is feared that the revival of the pool is a remote possibility, so that the trade is left without any restraint to hold prices. The action is attributed to a desire on the part of some of the pool members to have an opportunity to bid for business in other fields. The report of the abandonment of second schedule in the franchises of the steel trade is regarded as a most favorable sign.

The reports of the grain markets and the report of deterioration of the wheat crop and unfavorable weather conditions have had their inevitable effect on stocks. While stock market operations are without make allowance for the speculative motives which from amongst the spread of rumors, it is realized that escape from them is impossible during the period of speculation which must accompany the making of the country's crops are a matter of influence on speculation at this season. Moreover in some of the reports show that some influence works on the part of bears of powerness and induces a waiting attitude. Money is extremely easy and offers no apparent bar to stock market operations. But an effect on settlement was produced by the suspension of the Merchants' Trust Company of this city and by various failures of financial institutions, small in themselves, but of influence in combination.

The whole question of the perversion of deposit funds and the profit of officials of the deposit institutions under earnings is kept in view by these conditions and they receive the influence of the Milwaukee bank defalcation in connection with the abortive wheat corner and the persistent dispute over Equitable Life Insurance affairs.

The effect of rumors regarding the course of the hostile fleets in the far East shows that there is a power for effect on stocks remaining in that subject. It is recognized also that the operation of the new stock transfer tax on June 1 may have a depressive effect on the operations of professional traders in stocks, whose transactions make up a large proportion of the total daily business at the Stock Exchange. Bonds have been dull, but prices were comparatively well sustained.

United States bonds were all unchanged on call for the week.

MAYOR BACK FROM THE EAST.

Transacts Routine Business After Removing Travel Stains.

Mayor Wells returned from the East yesterday morning. As soon as he had removed the stains of travel he went to the City Hall.

Several matters demanding his attention will be taken up in their regular order. He devoted his time yesterday to disposing of routine business.

PROFIT-TAKING THE CAUSE OF A WEAK WHEAT MARKET.

CORN DECLINES 8 1-4 CENTS A BUSHEL.

Oats Hold Steady on Good Buying, and Trading in Provisions Is Extremely Quiet.

Chicago, May 27.—Profit-taking, due partially to a heavy movement of wheat to Northwestern grain centers, caused a weak wheat market to-day. At the close the July delivery was off 1⅛@1¼c. Influenced by extraordinarily large receipts, the price of May corn continued its downward plunge, the closing figure to-day, 49⅝c, being the lowest point of the day, a loss of ⅝c, compared with yesterday's final quotations. July corn is ⅜@⅞c. Oats and provisions are almost unchanged.

WHEAT.

The wheat market was weak from the start, initial quotations on July being off ⅛@¼c at 86⅛@86¼c. The principal cause of the weakness was the unusually heavy receipts at Minneapolis and bearish crop news. An estimate on the report of Kansas made by officials of a certain railroad was generally conceded to be quite bearish, and this had much influence on the market. For July the lowest point of the day was reached at 86⅛c.

The market closed practically at the lowest point. Final quotations on July were 86⅛@86⅜c.

Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 103,000 bu. Primary receipts were 426,000 bu., compared with 99,000 bu. a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 329 cars, against 216 cars last week and 64 cars a year ago.

CORN.

The feature of trading in the corn pit was another decline of ⅝c in the price of the May delivery. The lowest point of the day was reached at 49⅝c, the final quotation. The sensational decline was attributed almost wholly to the enormous receipts, arrivals to-day being 801 cars, of which 302 cars were of contract grade.

That the bull campaign was ended was admitted by the majority of traders. It was said that several big settlements were made to-day by foreign shorts, and that the principal short lines were now almost entirely eliminated. Distant deliveries were affected by the weakness of May.

July opened ⅛c lower at 48⅝c, sold off to 48⅜c and closed at 48⅜@48½c.

OATS.

Oats held steady on good buying by cash houses. July opened unchanged at 34⅛c, sold between 34⅛c and 33⅞c and closed at 33⅞@34c. Local receipts were 115 cars.

RANGE OF FUTURES.

Wheat—	Opening	Highest	Lowest	Close
May	1.02	1.02	99½	99½
July	86¼@⅜	86⅜	84⅝	84⅝
Sept	85⅝@¾	85⅞	83¾	83¾@⅞
Corn—				
May	50	50	49⅝	49⅝
July	49⅝@¾	49¾	48⅝	48⅝
Sept	49	49¼	48⅝	48⅝
Oats—				
May	35½	35½	35¼	35¼
July	34	34⅛	33⅞	33⅞@34
Sept	31⅝@¾	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛
Pork—				
May				12.30
July	12.45	12.45	12.30	12.42½
Sept	12.60	12.60	12.45	12.57½
Lard—				
May	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15
July	7.22½	7.22½	7.15	7.15
Sept	7.27½	7.27½	7.25	7.25
Short Ribs—				
May				7.07
July	7.15	7.15	7.07	7.07
Sept	7.22½	7.22½	7.15	7.15

*New crop.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS

	Receipts	Shipments
Flour, bbls	17,000	14,000
Wheat, bu	426,000	195,000
Corn, bu	321,000	128,000
Oats, bu	406,000	314,000
Rye, bu	1,000	500
Barley, bu	22,000	1,000

PROVISIONS.

Trading in provisions was extremely quiet. At the close July pork was off 5c at $12.42½. Lard was up a shade at $7.20@7.22½. Ribs were unchanged at $7.20@7.22½.

Estimated receipts (incomplete) for Monday: Wheat, 4 cars, corn, 281, oats, 184, hogs, 20,000 head.

BENEFIT FOR VACATION PLAYGROUNDS ARRANGED.

Athletic Meet Under Patronage of Society Women Will Be Held in Forest Park Next Saturday.

For the benefit of the Vacation Playgrounds Association an athletic meet will be held in Forest Park Saturday, June 3, when some of the best-known St. Louis athletes will appear. It will be under the patronage of many well-known society women. A tennis tournament will also be held at the Country Club on the same afternoon.

The entire proceeds of both events will go to the association. The price of tickets is fixed at 50 cents each, that sum paying the expenses of one child at the playgrounds for the summer.

The patronesses are: Mmes. E. A. De-Wolf, August Frank, David Eisman, Edward Semple, George Wright, Elias Michael, Frank Crunden, H. Levy, Charles Stix, Henry L. Wolfner, P. S. Scott and Miss O'Neil.

The officers of the Playgrounds Association are: Mrs. E. A. DeWolf, president; Miss Mary C. Moody, first vice president; Mrs. George H. Morgan, second vice president; Mrs. Allen Whittemore, treasurer; Mrs. H. A. Morris, recording secretary; Miss May B. Luney, corresponding secretary.

FATHER LONG'S PROGRAMME.

Numbers for All Saints' May Festival Arranged.

The Reverend John S. Long, pastor of All Saints' Church, has completed the programme for the third annual May festival of his parish, to be given next Wednesday night in Liederkranz Turner Hall, Vandeventer and Easton avenues.

The entertainment will be opened at 8 o'clock with a medley by the orchestra, after which a selection will be rendered by a male quartet composed of the Misses McCabe and Misses Coughlin and Hagnes.

The next number will be a song by John A. Rohan, which will be followed by a soprano solo by Mrs. George D. Barnett, who will sing "Slumber Boat," "To My First Love" and "You'd Better Ask Me." After a selection by Mr. Keaney, a duet, entitled "Bethlehem," will be sung by Mrs. George D. Barnett and Miss Hayes. A song, entitled "The Bees in the Hive," will be sung by Miss Clara Petring.

The closing number will be a duet, "I Feel Thy Angel Spirit," sung by Mrs. George D. Barnett and John A. Rohan.

The entertainment will be followed by a dance.

WOMAN SAVES $25,000 THROUGH PENNY SALES.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bridgeton, N. J., May 27.—For many years Mrs. Caroline Gall conducted a little store in Bridgeton for the sale of penny goods for children. She had a small building upon a valuable piece of property in the center of the city, and it was thought that this represented her wealth. Recently she died, and her estate has just been probated, revealing $100 in cash and thirteen different pieces of real estate, aggregating all told $25,000.

She had no children, and her estate will go to a sister and nieces and nephews.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY NOTES.

—An information was filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by Prosecuting Attorney Johnston against Barney Kinsler, charging grand larceny. Kinsler is accused of stealing a horse from Henry Knarr, a farmer on the Olive Street road.

—A marriage license was issued in Clayton yesterday to Charles J. Sheridan of Chicago and Mary S. Young of St. Louis.

—Lee Smith was fined $50 and costs by Justice Jacobi in Kirkwood yesterday on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

—James Thome and Thomas Riedy were arrested in De Hodiamont yesterday morning on charges of vagrancy. Warrants were issued against them by Justice Campbell.

Arm Crushed in Machine.

Willis Freed, 18 years old, of No. 4502 North Broadway was injured yesterday at the Banner Rubber Company's factory in Baden. His left arm was caught in a machine and crushed.

SECRET SOCIETIES PLANNING SUMMER CAMPAIGN TO SECURE NEW MEMBERS

Ladies of the Maccabees.

The last regular review of Oak Hill Hive was held Wednesday evening at the new quarters, Green's Hall. Seventy-one members were present. One application was received. Mrs. Altstatt, commander, who has been ill for some time, was unable to be present. Visitors were Mmes. Mulford and Cunningham of Liberty Hive.

New Century Hive was well attended, it being the night of the donkey party. The first prize was won by Mrs. Summey, the booby prize by Miss Annie Peterson. Two applications were received. Quite a number of visitors were present.

Tower Grove Hive, No. 56, held an interesting review Monday afternoon in the Registration building. The commander's and record keeper's contest shows the record keeper in the lead. This contest will continue through the month of June under the title of the June campaign. Mrs. Andrassen, deputy State commander, and Miss Hettie Hill, record keeper of Phoenix Hive, were among the visitors.

The dance given by Liberty Hive for its young people last Friday evening at Anchor Hall was a success.

The last review of Dewey Hive, held Wednesday, terminated with an afternoon party. The Misses of this hive surprised Mrs. and Mrs. Alt of Tower Hive and Dewey Tent at their twenty-fifth anniversary, which they attended in a body.

Golden Hive gave a dance at Tripp's Hall last Wednesday. A large crowd was present, including members of the different hives and tents.

Columbian Knights.

Supreme Secretary Edwin D. Potter of Chicago was in the city to confer with Deputy Supreme Organizer W. L. Wessells, and complete arrangements for the class initiation of 500 candidates.

Plymouth Lodge, No. 82, at the last meeting received five applications and initiated a class of six candidates. President Roy M. Collins presided on Tuesday evening. The lodge entertained the grand officers and the subordinate lodges and friends.

Express Lodge, No. 22, received three applications and initiated four candidates. Doctor A. P. Jordan presided.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 111, at their last meeting received two applications and initiated three candidates. President Mollin presided.

Cleveland Lodge, No. 1, at their last meeting initiated two candidates. At the close of the business session the meeting was thrown open to members of the lodge and their friends. An informal hop was held.

Mound City Lodge, No. 196, at their last meeting received two applications and initiated four candidates. The Degree Team from Express Lodge, under the command of Captain A. P. Jordan, conferred the degree. Supreme Deputy Potter delivered an address. President Charles Gregory presided.

Bond Lodge, No. 99, initiated two candidates at their last meeting and preparations for ten more are in progress. President M. W. Bond presided.

World's Fraternal Association.

St. Louis Council, No. 2. New candidates were obligated. Next regular meeting, June 14, will be devoted to regular business.

Future Great Council, No. 27. W. F. A. had a well attended meeting. Four new members were initiated and six applications received.

Star Council, No. 1. All members are urged to be present as important business will come up.

State Grand Council of America instituted a new council, composed of leading citizens of Hamilton, Mo., on May 24. The council starts out with a membership of thirty-five, between additional one by the next meeting. The officers elected and installed are as follows: Past president, Peter J. O. Kelly; president, Mrs. Helen Robbins; vice president, C. H. Gaugler; secretary, H. Walter; assistant secretary, Miss Sterling; treasurer, F. C. Hawkins; assistant treasurer, Doctor A. B. Hope; guard, Mrs. B. Foster; guard, B. Foster; sentinel, F. C. Hawkins; B. Foster and Doctor O. G. Kelly.

Knights and Ladies of Protection.

Central Lodge, No. 1, K. L. of P., held a social and dance at the Fenton Turning Association, No. 2204 Lawton avenue, Friday evening, May 26.

St. Louis Lodge, No. 2, K. L. of P., held their regular convention in National Hall, No. 2, Black avenue, Tuesday evening, May 23. The attendance was good. Brother W. J. Matthews, member of No. 1 lodge, was present. Four new applicants were elected, making a total of fifteen candidates for initiation. Brothers Hilary Lamont, the new grand judge advocate, and Brother Wm. Wilson, grand chaplain, were elected, the latter will arrange quite an acquisition to the lodge, also in expansion of the work. Brothers Kinsler and Hall, the new inner and outer guards, will hereafter guard the portals of the judgment hall. Brothers Lamont and Wilson will take charge of the entertainment committee, and have reported tentatives for the railroad picnic excursion, which they hope to give Sunday, July 9.

Thistle Lodge, No. 4, K. L. of P., will hold its first regular meeting June 1. The K. L. of P. baseball team played the Ellendale team last Sunday and was defeated by a score of 10 to 2.

Odd Fellows.

Laclede Lodge had two candidates for the third degree. Election of officers next meeting.

Mechanics' Lodge had four candidates for the second degree.

Bethlehem Lodge had one petition for membership. Mrs. Lillian B. Bethe was reported as being very sick at her home, No. 1201 Tamm avenue.

Templar Lodge had work in the degrees.

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Hamilton Council in the contest for a banquet, which closes June 30.

Ivanhoe Council is again in the running, five applications and four initiations at their last meeting. Advisory Archon Stanley, Archon Henkle and Prelate Salsberger of South Side Council and E. S. Philpot of the Supreme Council were visitors. Brother Philpot presented to Elmer Puellman an order for a hat for securing the most applications for the powwow. Supreme Deputy Cosby presented to the council in behalf of the Supreme Council a draft for $50 and a handsome silk flag for having made the largest percentage of increase in the fourth grade last year. The next meeting will be known as Stein-Puellman night, in honor of Brothers C. W. Stein and L. F. Puellman. It is expected thirty applications will be presented and the 200th member of the council initiated.

W. B. Newman, advisory treasurer, writes from Black Mountain, N. C., that his stay at the Royal Legion Sanitarium has benefited him greatly and that he will return soon.

South Side Council's meeting was interesting. Four candidates were initiated and three applications read. A mock trial was held under the direction of Grand Rabbi, with F. C. Stelzer under prosecuting and G. William Senn defending. Advisory Archon Stanley being the culprit. Archon Senn, Past Archon Hammerstein, Collector N. B. Treasurer Boell and Guide Hess of Supreme Council were interested visitors.

Advisory Archon Wiertz has been enjoying a few days' fishing near St. James.

Greenwood Council's last meeting was one of the best held for a long time. One application was received. Arrangements were made for a "dime" night June 17. To organize a ladies' auxiliary, Junior Springfield will have charge.

A meeting of the officers of South Side Council was held at the home of Archon Henkle on the 20th inst. Refreshments were served and plans discussed for the building up of the Council.

Success Council members are enthusiastic over their prospects. Already ten applications have been received since the last meeting. The number is now 250.

All of the local councils are working hard for the Hyde and Piper class. The first June meeting in each council will be known as Hyde night, and a grand initiation will be held at the Louisiana Cafe on the evening of June 14.

Legion of Honor.

The Executive Board held a special meeting last Tuesday and authorized the supreme chancellor to close a contract with Mr. E. C. Thompson, who will take the field as supreme organizer next month.

Rocky Vista Council will give its third annual social picnic at Meramec Highlands to-day, and Brother Henry Zwilling, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, has prepared a programme for the occasion. Members desiring to participate in the fifty-yard dash will report at the grounds to Brother Louis Hemringer, who will handle that event. Brother Herman Schwarz will have charge of the children's race, and the fat men's and married ladies' races will be in charge of Brothers W. F. Lohr and Gustav Fisch, respectively.

Brother Peter Mack, of the Loyal Council, who has been working up a new degree, reports that same has been perfected and will be exemplified on several candidates at the next meeting.

Lafayette Council at its last meeting filed two more applications and elected three to membership.

Wednesday evening Stella Council held its regular meeting. Two applications were filed and one candidate, Mr. P. J. Miller, was introduced. The fourth degree was exemplified under the direction of Brother J. A. Hubbard.

Franklin Council held its regular meeting last Thursday evening and four candidates were initiated with the lessons of the second and third degrees.

Hyde Park Council met Tuesday evening. Chancellor W. P. Flynn occupying the chair. Brother Edward Hynes was appointed captain of the baseball club to represent the council. The first game will be played Sunday, May 28, at the old forty-acre grounds near O'Fallon Park.

Alpha Council—One application was filed and one candidate, M. J. Faith, was initiated. Several of the members reported that they had applications in view, which would be presented at the next meeting.

The following councils will meet this week: Monday, Lafayette. Thursday, Kirkwood and Webster.

Protected Home Circle.

Social League No. 165, initiated nineteen new members at the last meeting. It is now thought that during the month of June several hundred more new names will be enrolled.

Rainbow, No. 42, had a fine meeting, with several initiations.

Ivy, No. 414, had a large meeting, with four new initiations.

Tower Grove, No. 412, met with a class for initiation, which was conducted in splendid form by President F. G. Bredehorn and officers. Many new names have been added to this circle.

Missouri, No. 224, had a large class for initiation Thursday night.

Tempest, No. 300, had good meeting and initiated several candidates.

Chouteau, No. 353, had one of its old-time meetings.

Hope Circle, No. 198, will have a number of initiations next meeting. Panama, No. 620, will initiate a large class Tuesday night, June 6.

Knights of Pythias.

There has been considerable work during the week in the city lodges. Nearly all have been conferring ranks, winding up the large lists of those who came in under the big week proposition on Tuesday night at Wabash. It was announced that sixty-nine additions had been made to the lodge during this term, and what is true of Wabash is true of the other lodges in the city. Wednesday night last, at the request of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, was present and gave an exemplification of the secret work of the order.

Excelsior Lodge last Wednesday evening dispensed with the usual initiation in order to expend the accumulated business and to devise means of properly taking care of the expected large attendance at the large class initiation in the future. G. C. Slosser was in the happiest vein. His remarks under good cheer were heartily applauded. Mr. Kinzeyer, the Tom Thumb of Pythianism, presented his humorous specialty.

At Chevalier Lodge, No. 96, last Wednesday Grand K. R. Tallman, III G. C., assisted by Grand K. R. M. P. G. as grand prelate, and Frank M. Bishop, P. C., as grand master at arms, installed Daniel J. Fisher, former prelate, as vice chancellor and Brother Knight Leroy E. Black at their request. Several applications for membership were received.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 433, had a session May 24, the large attendance being entertained by Brother Kinzeyer with songs and P. C. Holley with recitations. Brother W. Bertram rendered a mandolin solo, and other members gave recitations. One application was received. Action on new by-laws will be feature of next convention.

Royal Arcanum.

The Supreme Council adjourned Friday. Howard C. Wiggins of New York was elected supreme regent and W. O. Robson of Boston was re-elected supreme treasurer. Twenty-one hundred supreme officers, and Point Comfort, Va., was chosen as the place of meeting next year.

Mound City Council had one application. A goodly was given. There were forty tables. It was a very successful and important business, after which addresses were made by Deputy J. Hipperman and G. Salgeter of Compton Hill. A programme is being arranged for June 12, with will be Grand's annual meeting. Mound City Council had two applications and one initiation. A. J. Lang entertained with songs and F. H. Beyer and G. B. Brunge with piano solos. Regent J. H. Komer made an address on the Ship of State. Planningman, Moss and J. Kelly of Boston were visitors.

North End Council had one application, received one member by card and two by initiation. Grand Vice Regent A. Peting presented a silver pitcher cup to a newly initiated brother who had brought in seven new members at a single meeting.

Delmar Council had three applications and one initiation and resolved to enter the observance of Royal Arcanum Day.

Shaw Council devoted its session to the Hawthorne. Thirty-six applicants received the degrees of the order conferred by Doctor H. Hunter, Past Regent F. P. Moss, Regent of Union and the West Park Council Haymaker Jones.

North Broadway Council had a meeting of intense delegation social in its nature. A large delegation from Shaw Council was present and addresses were made by Deputy J. H. W. Bunkstetz, Grand Secretary J. C. Mathews, Regent W. A. Shaw, Orator W. F. Hair, Orator E. J. Dent and Edward A. Zott of Shaw Council.

Valley Council had two applications and one initiation. Regent J. Harry Judge presided.

Easton Council had several applications and two initiations. Past Regent Doctor E. F. Barry of Park Lane congratulated the council and presented a handsome pillow design for the lounge. Grand Regent Zott made work during the grand regent's class campaign. Deputy F. Lefke and Regent J. Brosman also made addresses. E. E. McKenzie contributed music.

Hiawatha Council had five applications and one initiation and made arrangements for an outing. Past Regents Charles Auth and John Geuerb and R. F. Reitenberger made interest for Jake Hickey's baseball team, defeated the Tyler team by a score of 8 to 3. The Hickeys will play at Dover place, South St. Louis.

Vandeventer Council had one initiation. Regent J. J. Warner presiding. Addresses were made by Past Grand Regents S. L. Finney and Fred Bergdoll, Junior Orator of Virginia.

Carr Lane Council Hall was filled on the occasion of its recent entertainment and addresses, an excellent musical and literary programme was rendered and addresses were made by Regent W. D. Isenberg and Past Regent Henry E. F. Brady.

The banquet furnished by South End Council to Carl Meyer Council, for successful work in the Grand Regent's class campaign was given at Brotting's last night.

After successfully closing two strenuous campaigns within less than a year by which over 1,000 new members were added to the roster in Missouri, the Knights are now giving special attention to outings and social gatherings.

The St. Louis Councils will unite in a monster demonstration at Meramec Park, June 24. The committee is arranging sports of all kinds, and are giving a dance and tickets are now being distributed to the members through the secretaries of their respective councils.

The Kansas City councils are making elaborate preparations for a union picnic at Swope Park on Royal Arcanum Day.

North End Council will give a Ladies' Night at North St. Louis Turner Hall on Wednesday, May 31.

Delmar Council is arranging for a series of trolley parties during the summer.

Marquette Council's annual fishing excursion will come off on an early day.

Other councils are maturing plans for outings of various kinds, but have not yet definitely announced their arrangements.

Past Regent E. H. Hinsley of Chevalier Council has the sympathy of his large circle of friends in his serious illness.

Council meetings this week: No. meetings Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Thursday, South End, Cote Brilliante, Carl Moller, Westport, Osage. Friday, Chevalier, Felix, Melrose, St. Joseph. Saturday, Missouri Valley.

Knights and Ladies of Honor.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge officers, representatives to the Grand Lodge and officers of the subordinate lodges it was decided to hold a monster class initiation on the evening of the first day's session and on the evening of the second day a trolley ride and banquet.

Grand Protector John D. O'Keefe instituted a lodge at Fisk, Mo., last Friday evening. The work of propagation was performed by Deputy Protector John M. Grow. The charter list contained forty-five names.

Chouteau Lodge held a meeting last Tuesday evening. The initiation of four candidates was followed by the reception of five applications for relief-fund membership. Supreme Representative LaMar Ayers addressed the meeting. The Banquet Committee reported they had contracted for the decoration of the banquet hall at Riverside Park, No. 4199 South Broadway. The affair will take place Monday evening, June 12.

Humboldt Lodge's last meeting was a scene of much pleas