MARKETS---FINANCIAL.

CROP COMPLAINTS IMPRESS MARKET

Lively Trading and Sharp Advance in Wheat Latter Part of Week.

SPECULATORS ALSO AT WORK

Effect of Government Report on Dealings—General Conditions in West.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, May 13.—No sooner had the government crop report on wheat come along with its showing of 456,000,000 bushels for the winter wheat yield than the unofficial crop reported made himself busy with cries of drouth and freezing. The government figures, of course, took account of conditions only up to May 1st. Now it is being set forth with much urgency that a deal of damage has been done in the fields in the last two weeks, and that injury is still being inflicted.

There is strong suspicion that some of the "paint" for the stories is furnished by industrious bulls in the Southwest, but that there has been some bad weather is generally admitted by the trade. The worst of the complaints just now are from Missouri and Kansas. They have reference to drouth, which seems in sections to have been long sustained and hard on the growing grain. Messages came from Kansas Friday that over a large area in that State the earth is dry and packed for ten inches in depth, and that the estimate of 70,000,000 bushels made by the Millers' Association a few days ago will have to but cut in half unless soaking rains fall within a few days.

Not Bearish Item.

The government report, while showing the average condition for all the States to be two points higher than the April report, was not a bearish item for the trade. The area abandoned was 1,718,000 acres. Of this 1,339,000 acres were in the winter wheat-producing States, where the ground given up cannot be devoted to spring wheat as is done in parts of Washington, Oregon and California. The indicated yield based on the government percentages falls 19,000,000 bushels below the prospects of a month ago.

The May condition a year ago was the highest of the year—9.25—and promised a yield of 467,000,000 bushels, but it had run down to 82.7 points at harvest time, with an actual production of 428,000,000 bushels. The crop of 1906 thus far seems to be going the same way. There was a sharp falling off from the December start, a slight improvement during April and a general crusade of crop complaints during the early part of May.

Since the first of May the actual injury sustained by wheat has been more fully disclosed than theretofore, because it is the period of recuperation from winter somnolence and the time of putting on green or leaving it off.

Considerable Speculation.

That the trade had become impressed with the crop complaints was evident toward the close of the week, when there was the liveliest market and the sharpest advance that has been scored for some time. It was not all a matter of weather and crop prospects, however. There was a potent speculative interest at work. For instance, a large quantity of wheat is on its way from Duluth to Chicago, being shipped by rail at a loss. That is normally a bad business proposition, and it comes about from the plight of the bear element which is trying to find the easiest way to fill its May sales without resorting to the embarrassments of the open market. Inasmuch as the cash wheat is an excellent property and worth a premium, the expected deliveries will entail no hardships on the holders of this month's contracts. They can dispose of their holdings to millers at good terms.

Advices from the northwest, the center of old crop news, had something of a bearish cast. There was an expansion of the flour trade to presentable proportions, a steady decrease in the stocks at the commercial centers and falling off in receipts. The shrinkage in stocks amounted to nearly or quite 1,500,000 bushels, and there were conservative predictions that the dwindling of wheat will be rapid and steady from this time on to harvest. Local and country millers, it is reported from Minneapolis, are buying wheat in store as the current arrivals are insufficient to cover their needs for the flour business. From North Dakota came a report that the wheat in that State is about all shipped out. There was also talk that London was getting short of Manitoba grain.

Corn.

Latterly corn took the center of the speculative stage, and on Friday there was a sharp advance, which was not unexpected. Those who have sold corn for delivery this month are in a dangerous plight. In order to cover they had to bid up prices sensationally, as there were few who had any May corn to sell, even at the high point reached by the price. Stocks in this market are practically all owned by shippers, and are small. These shippers have either disposed of the grain in the east, or expect to do so, now that navigation is free from labor handicaps. Meantime there is scarcely any corn being offered from the farms, and the movement from the country stations is at a very low ebb. The heavier receipts, which were expected with better weather, have not materialized, the farmers still being too busy to do any marketing. With corn at or near the 50 per cent. mark following the biggest crop on record, it would seem that the inducement to sell would outweigh even the desire to take care of the fields for the new crop. The situation strengthens the theory that consumption in this country has expanded more expensively than the trade generally appreciates.

It is even possible that there is not a bit more corn in the country than the country will need before next fall. In that case the larger shipments and crop prospects in Argentine are not worrisome.

Oats.

Oats kept in the background most of the week, gaining a little distinction by grace of a speculative interest. The visible is only 2,000,000 bushels in excess of that a year ago at this time, and Chicago stocks are being merchandised so fast that the leading holder soon will be out of the market. The reports concerning the growing crop are quite bullish.

Packing.

Some interesting figures on the hog and provisions situation are furnished by the Price Current, which finds on extensive investigation that the crop of hogs this year will compare favorably with that of last year. Statistics from the five leading centers on stocks of cut hog meats indicate a decrease of 4,000,000 pounds in the total compared with a month ago, while the stocks were decreased 15,000,000 pounds last year for the corresponding period. The total packing to date is 4,360,000 head. Shipments of product are surprisingly large, denoting increased consumption.

THE STOCK MARKET OF THE WEEK

(From the New York Evening Post of Saturday.)

STOCK EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS.

	This week.	Last week.	Last year.	Two years ago.	Three years ago.
Shares	6,459,400	8,762,900	3,871,000	1,428,223	2,365,744
Railway and miscellaneous bonds	$13,434,000	$13,488,000	$11,527,000	$10,069,000	$12,419,000
Government bonds sold	1,839,000	1,321,000	1,163,000	6,000	48,000
For the calendar year to date:	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.
Shares	118,925,100	114,863,918	43,701,383	59,078,180	76,906,913
Bonds	$302,365,500	$464,959,000	$299,189,000	$261,813,000	$412,085,000

THE STOCK MARKET OF THE WEEK.

The following table shows the week's highest, lowest and closing prices, individual sales and net changes of all securities sold on the New York Stock Exchange this week. High and low prices are also given for the full year 1905 and for 1906:

Railway and Miscellaneous Shares.

1905. High.	1905. Low.	1906. High.	1906. Low.		Week ending May 12th. Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.	Net ch.
111⅝	70	118¼	96	Amalgamated Copper	763,900	108⅝	101⅝	108	+ 6⅛
29¼	20	24⅛	21¼	American Agr. Chemical	500	26	25½	26	— ½
36½	23	35	20⅛	American Beet Sugar	1,200	25⅝	24⅛	25½	+ 1¼
43⅝	31	47½	34½	Amer. Car and Found'y	26,000	41¼	38¼	40⅞	+ 2⅜
104½	91¼	105	99⅛	Amer. Car and Foun., pr.	900	102¼	101⅜	102¼	+ 1½
40⅛	27⅝	44¼	28	American Cotton Oil	9,700	33	30¼	32¾	+ 2⅛
97	89¼	95	92	American Cotton Oil, pr.	400	93	92	93	+ 1
246	210	249½	215	American Express	100	220	220	220	+ 5
76¼	33	78½	53¾	American Locomotive	61,300	67⅞	60¾	67⅛	+ 6⅝
122¾	103¾	120¼	110½	Amer. Locomotive, pr.	900	114½	113½	114½	+ 2
170⅝	79¾	174	138½	American Smelting	351,500	156¼	147½	153⅞	+ 6⅛
137	111¼	130	115	American Smelting, pr.	7,200	119½	117⅜	119	+ 2¼
102	97¼	101¾	99⅞	Amer. Smelt. Sec. pr. B	100	100⅛	100⅛	100⅛	+ ⅛
18⅝	6⅞	16¼	10	Amer. Steel Foundry	1,100	11½	11	11⅛	+ ⅛
67½	35¼	53¼	40	Amer. Steel Foundry, pr.	900	46½	45	45⅞	— ⅛
109⅝	91⅞	106	100¼	American Tobacco, pr.	2,300	104	102½	102¾	+ ¾
170	120	167¾	137½	Atlantic Coast Line	6,300	147½	143	147	+ 4½
No sale.		6⅝	3¾	Atlantic Coast Line rts.	4,400	4⅛	3¾	4⅛	+ ⅛
117	100½	117	105¾	Baltimore and Ohio	13,300	109	107¼	108¾	+ ¾
100	55¾	99½	92½	Baltimore and Ohio, pr.	100	95¼	95¼	95¼	+ 2¾
No sale.		1	⅞	Baltimore and Ohio rts.	17,500	1	⅞	⅞	
60⅛	45½	62¼	53¼	Chesapeake and Ohio	46,100	59½	55⅝	58⅝	+ 2¾
111	99	100⅞	90¼	C., C., C. and St. Louis	4,800	99	96¾	97⅞	+ 2
121¾	116	118	112	C., C., C. and St. L., pr.	200	112	112	112	— 3
59	38	83¾	40¼	Colorado Fuel and Iron	163,600	52⅞	45¾	51¾	+ 5⅞
105	90	112½	95	Col. Fuel and Iron, pr.	200	100	100	100	
214	175	181¾	130¾	Consolidated Gas	13,700	137½	133¼	136¼	— ¾
52¾	37½	60⅞	38⅝	Erie	129,200	43¾	41⅛	43	+ 1
85½	74⅞	83	75	Erie, 1st pr.	4,000	78¾	76¾	78½	+ ⅞
78⅝	55½	76¾	62½	Erie, 2d pr.	10,500	69⅞	67¾	69	+ 1
145	90	199	138	Fed. Min. and Smelt.	300	169¾	165	169¾	+ 5¾
110½	75	112⅞	92⅝	Fed. Min. and Smelt., pr.	9,500	100⅝	97¼	99¾	+ 2¼
25¼	18⅝	26¼	18	International Paper	7,500	20⅝	19⅝	20	+ ¼
83¼	76	90	82½	International Paper, pr.	1,300	86¾	85	86¾	+ 1¾
157⅞	134½	156½	136¼	Louisville and Nashville	34,700	146¼	141¾	145½	+ 3½
167¾	136¾	156¼	130½	New York Central	42,300	142⅝	136½	141½	+ 3⅝
88½	76	93½	84	Norfolk and Western	12,400	89¼	86⅝	88⅞	+ ⅞
96	91¼	96	90	Norfolk and Western, pr.	200	91⅞	91⅞	91⅞	+ ⅞
216½	105	232½	179¼	Northern Pacific	75,200	210	192	207	+11½
148	131½	147½	132	Pennsylvania Railroad	129,500	136¼	133½	136	+ 2⅛
58⅞	34	64⅝	43	Pressed Steel Car	17,400	51¾	47½	51⅝	+ 4¼
101½	87	105	95	Pressed Steel Car, pr.	1,500	97⅞	96½	97¾	+ ¾
63½	30	62⅝	44	Railway Steel Spring	3,000	53	49¼	53	+ 3
105	93	107	99½	Railway Steel Spring, pr.	500	102	100	102	+ 2½
143¾	79	164	112	Reading	1,027,400	132	124⅞	130¼	+ 4¼
97	90	96	89½	Reading, 1st pr.	600	92	91	92	+ 1
101	84	102	90	Reading, 2d pr.	100	94	94	94	+ 3⅝
39¼	15	30	22¼	Republic Iron and Steel	19,400	29¾	26½	29	+ 2¼
108	67	110½	91	Republic I. and S., pr.	10,900	103	96	102⅝	+ 7
37⅞	21¾	28⅝	23⅝	Rock Island	14,700	26⅝	25	25¼	+ 1
85	60½	68⅝	61½	Rock Island, pr.	4,600	65	62½	64½	+ 2
118½	60	97½	69½	Sloss-Sheff. S. and I.	17,700	79Q	74	79¼	+ 5
72¾	57¾	72⅞	61	Southern Pacific	65,400	60⅝	63¼	66⅞	+ 2⅛
122¼	115¾	118⅞	117	Southern Pacific, pr.	2,000	118½	118	118½	+ ½
38	28	42⅞	35	Southern Railroad	54,200	38½	36¾	38¼	+ 1¼
102½	95	103	97¾	Southern Railroad, pr.	1,400	99⅞	99¼	99⅞	+ ⅝
148	68	165	129	Tennessee Coal and Iron	7,700	149	144	147½	+ 3
151¼	113	160½	133½	Union Pacific	807,600	151¾	143¾	150¼	+ 5
101⅝	95½	99¼	91½	Union Pacific, pr.	295	94⅝	94	94¾	+ 3⅛
48¼	19⅞	53	43½	U. S. Cast Iron P. and F.	12,100	49⅝	47	*52¼	+ 2
97¾	79¼	93⅞	91	U. S. C. I. P. and F., pr.	600	93	*92¼	50½	
58⅛	33¾	58½	48½	United States Rubber	11,300	51¾	50	50½	
118½	93¾	115	105½	U. S. Rubber, 1st pr.	4,300	112½	105⅝	110¼	+ 2¼
83¾	75	87½	75	U. S. Rubber, 2d pr.	1,500	81¼	78	81¼	+ 3¼
43¼	24⅞	46¼	36¾	United States Steel	1,058,700	43	38½	41½	+ 2
107	90¾	113¼	102	United States Steel, pr.	86,100	106¼	*104⅝	*105	+ 1¾
58⅝	28¾	58	36	Virginia-Car. Chemical	10,700	43⅞	38⅞	43	+ 4
115¾	103⅞	117½	105½	Va.-Car. Chemical, pr.	400	111	110	111	+ 5
52½	36	56⅝	38	Virginia Iron C. and C.	800	44	41	43	— ¾
39	26¼	42	32	West Maryland	1,100	37½	36¼	37½	+ 1
95½	92	94¼	91	West. Union Telegraph	2,600	92¾	91½	92⅞	— 1⅝

*Ex-dividend. Total sales for the week, 6,459,400 shares.

BOND MARKET OF THE WEEK.

Railway and Miscellaneous Bonds.

1906. High.	1906. Low.	Sales in $1,000.					Net Close. ch.
98	94⅞	17	American Cotton Oil 4½s	95	95	95	+ ⅛
84	78	170	American Tobacco fours	79½	78½	79½	+ 1
117½	112	135	American Tobacco sixes	114	112½	114	+ 1½
102½	98¾	65	Atlantic Coast Line fours	99½	99¼	99½	+ ¾
95½	92¼	13	Atlantic Coast Line, L. and N. fours	93¾	92½	93¼	+ ¾
95¾	93½	54	Baltimore and Ohio prior lien 3½s	95⅝	94½	95¼	+ ¾
93	93	14	Baltimore and Ohio prior lien 3½s, reg.	95	93	93	— 3
105½	101	85	Baltimore and Ohio gold fours	102½	101¾	102¼	+ ⅝
103½	100½	11	Baltimore and Ohio fours, reg.	102	100½	100½	— ¾
99¾	96	25	B. and O., P., L. E. and W. Va. fours	97	95¼	96⅛	— ¼
92¼	89	11	B. and O., Southwest. div. 3½s	91	91	91	
103½	101¼	5	Baltimore and Ohio fours, reg.	101½	101½	101½	+ ¼
114½	109⅛	10	Central of Georgia Railway con. fives	110½	110	110½	+ ½
99	93¾	30	Central of Georgia Railway first inc.	97	96¾	97	
93	80½	85	Central of Georgia Railway second inc.	90½	88¼	90½	+ 1½
91	75½	79	Central of Georgia Railway third inc.	89½	86	89	+ 4
106¼	103	6	Chesapeake and Ohio sixes, S. A.	103½	103	103½	+ ¼
119½	116¼	12	Chesapeake and Ohio con. fives	116½	116¼	116½	+ ½
114¼	114¼	1	Chesapeake and Ohio con. fives, reg.	114¼	114¼	114¼	— 2
109	105	97	Chesapeake and Ohio gen. 4½s	105¾	105⅛	105⅜	+ ⅛
102½	100¾	1	C. and O., R. and A., first con. fours	101	101	101	— ¾
96¾	96¼	4	C. and O., R. and A., second con. fours	96¾	96¾	96¾	
105¾	102¼	23	C., C., C. and St. Louis gen. fours	103¾	102¼	103⅜	+ ⅛
103	100	20	C., C., C. and St. Louis col. trust fours	100¼	100	100	
168¾	137	71	Consolidated Gas sixes	142	141½	142	
83¾	78¼	9	Con. Tobacco fours	79⅞	79⅛	79⅞	+ 1⅝
134½	125¾	4	Erie first con. sevens	128⅝	128⅝	128⅝	— 1⅜
102⅞	100¾	37	Erie con. fours	103½	101¾	103¼	+ ¾
108¼	107¼	10	Erie third ext. 4½s	107¼	107¼	107¼	— 1
102	99¼	46	Erie prior lien fours	*101	100¾	101	+ ½
93½	90	100	Erie gen. lien fours	91	90½	91	
98	91	10	Erie-Pennsylvania coll. fours	93	92½	92¾	+ ⅛
123	121	2	Georgia-Pacific first fives-sixes	121½	121½	121½	— ⅞
100	96	15	International Paper first fives	96½	96	96⅞	— ⅛
110½	107⅛	5	International Paper first sixes	109	109	109	— ⅛
108½	102½	51	Lackawanna Steel fives	103¼	102½	103¼	+ ¼
100⅛	97¼	2	Louisville and Nashville col. tr. fours	97¼	97¼	97¼	— ¼
104¼	102⅛	5	Louisville and Nashville uni. fours	103	102¼	102¼	— ¾
98¼	95¼	3	Louisville and Nashville Monon fours	96	96	96	
108⅛	107	13	Louisville and Nashville, A. and Ch. sixes	107	107	107	— ¾
100½	97	5	Louisville and Jeff. B. fours	97	97	97	
115⅛	112	17	Nash., Ch. and St. Louis first con. fives	113	112	113	+ ½
102⅞	99⅞	10	Norfolk and Western con. fours	100	99⅞	99⅞	— ⅛
95½	91	22	Norfolk and Western, Po. C. and C. fours	92¼	91¾	92¼	+ 1¼
106¼	102¾	97	Northern Pacific first fours	103½	103¼	103¼	— ⅛
103	102¼	2	Northern Pacific first fours, reg.	102¼	102¼	102¼	— ¾
78½	75½	156	Northern Pacific gen. threes	76¼	75⅝	75¾	— ½
105¼	96¾	38	Pennsylvania Railroad conv. 3½s	99	98¼	99	+ ½
101	95	1,096	Pennsylvania Railroad 3½s, 1915	96⅝	95⅝	96¼	+ ⅝
102⅝	99⅞	154	Reading, gen. fours	100¾	100⅛	100⅜	+ ⅜
92	86½	3	Seaboard Air Line fours	87	87	87	+ ½
103¼	101	10	Seaboard Air Line fives	101	101	101	— 1
97⅞	94⅛	157	Southern Pacific rfg. fours	96	95	95	
95½	91⅝	34	Southern Pacific coll. tr. fours	93¼	93	93	+ 1⅝
119⅛	115⅞	30	Southern Railway con. fives	117¼	117	117	+ ½
99¾	98	3	Southern Railway, St. Louis div. fours	98	98	98	— ½
101½	97¾	13	T., C., L. and R. R. gen. fives	100	100	100	
109½	107	20	United States Leather s. f. d. sixes	109	109	109	+ 2
100⅛	95¾	799	United States Steel fives	97½	96⅞	97¼	+ ¼
100¼	95⅝	2	United States Steel fives, reg.	97¼	97¼	97¼	+ ½
97	91¾	11	Virginia Coal and Coke fives	95	95	95	+ 2
76¾	69	1	West. Maryland cvt. fours	71⅞	71⅞	71⅞	— 7⅛
88⅝	84	15	West. Maryland fours	87	85⅛	87	+ 2½
109¾	107⅛	12	Western Union coll. trust fives	109½	109½	109½	+ ½
105	102	28	Western Union real estate 4½s	103½	103¼	103½	+ ¼

Total sales for the week, including $1,839,000 United States and other government bonds, were $15,273,000.

Big Fire in Gulfport.

(By Associated Press.)

GULFPORT, MISS., May 13.—The enormous plant of the New Orleans Naval Stores Company and S. P. Shotter & Co., were totally destroyed by fire to-day, six acres occupied by the rosin yards, warehouses, commissary and storage rooms being entirely swept by the flames. The fire is supposed to have originated in loose hay in the commissionary. The loss was about $400,000 with insurance amounting to $300,000.

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MARKET MOVING ON SAFER LEVEL

Traders Hope Recovery, Begun During Past Week, Will Continue.

THE GENERAL SITUATION GOOD

Decrease in Tonnage But Increase in Earnings Reported By Railroads.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, May 13.—A steady and large recovery in prices has been the feature of the past week's stock markets. While this movement has been irregular at times, every session except yesterday since a week ago last Thursday has been marked by a general advance over the preceding closing.

A more bird's-eye and significant view of the price movement is to be obtained from the average price changes of the active stocks. This last shows that, while the average of prices dropped about 12 points from the day of the 'Frisco disaster until May 3d, just about 7 points of this has now been recovered. It is of interest to note that the average of prices is still about 14 points below the high level of the year made in the latter part of January.

This recent good recovery is freely accepted as confirmatory of the banking opinion that the 'Frisco disaster would have caused only a temporary setback had it not been for other and more important factors—largely, the strained monetary situation, the extended bull speculation, and the high level of prices for all securities.

Future of Market.

Professional opinion as to the market's immediate future is very mixed. The remarkable rallying power exhibited, with gains of 5 to 50 points from the recent low level by the leading stocks, has encouraged hopes that the recovery will be further continued. In trading circles, the most bearish views are expressed. Many of these operators are still short of the market, although the past week witnessed a large reduction in the bear account, and it was this covering that largely accounted for the good and steady gains.

An advance in prices based so largely on bear covering has a very unsound and temporary foundation. The only hope of the movement's continuing is that the advance will attract public co-operation and support. This has not been in evidence recently. In fact, commission house and investment buying has steadily decreased as the market has advanced, and in notable contrast to the demand from this source during the previous week and when much lower prices prevailed.

General trade and business conditions show no indications of any widespread slackening. Railroad officials report a moderate decrease in tonnage, but reports of earnings are nearly all good, including such exhibits as Lackawanna's best annual report.

Reports of gross earnings made so far for April show an increase of 9.54 per cent., while for March gross earnings increased 12.20 per cent., and net increased 16.48 per cent. While it is true the pig iron production for April was 2,073,645 tons, against 2,165,630 tons for March, it is well to note that the latter was the highest monthly toal on record, and April's ouput is the second highest. The coal labor troubles were also an adverse factor. Despite the expected cut of the Brooklyn Union Gas dividend in half, (or from 2 to 1 per cent. for the quarter, the improved speculative confidence has found its usual outlet in bull rumors of deals and dividend increases, and even including as possibilities reports of a resumption of the United States Steel common dividend next fall, as well as a first payment by Brooklyn Rapid Transit.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

Association of Life Insurance Underwriters Will Hold Meeting.

The Association of Life Underwriters of Virginia will hold their annual meeting at the Jefferson Hotel at 7:30 o'clock this evening, at which time a banquet will be served to the members.

Mr. N. D. Sills, State manager for the Sun Life, of Canada, is president, and will occupy the chair. The association has a large membership, and negrly all the prominent life agents and managers here, being members, will likely attend. There will be a business session, and at the banquet a number of prominent life insurance men are expected to make addresses. The membership of the body has grown remarkably within the past year, and the deepest interest is always manifested in the meetings.

During the incumbency of Mr. Sills as president, he has been able to revive interest and to secure the hearty co-operation of his colleagues.

It is probable that some prominent out of town life insurance man will be present and make an address.

ENGINEERS MEET.

Special Religious Services Held in Convention Hall.

(By Associated Press.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 13.—Special religious services were held this afternoon in the hall where the convention of Locomotive Engineers is holding its sessions. Hundreds of delegates and visitors enjoyed short excursions on the river during the day.

Next week the convention will hear reports from the various committees and the results of this will be thoroughly discussed behind closed doors. The permanent suspension of Division 105, composed of employes of the interborough elevated lines in New York city, because of illegally participating in a strike, was the subject of much comment among the delegates to-day. The members of Division 105 are not restrained from oining another division.

A quiet canvass has been set on foot to secure the next convention for Baltimore.

WAS REAL MARRIAGE.

Girl Who Wed "for Fun" Finds Herself Embarrassed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FALMOUTH, KY., May 13.—Miss Anna Pendergast, a pretty young woman of this village, is in a most embarrassing positions as the result of what she considered a joke when she married the town constable, Bill Bishop, an eccentric character. The situation is made worse by the fact that the bans of Miss Pendergast and George Coleman were called at the Catholic Church here last Sunday.

Recently Miss Pendergast, when asked by a hotel guest where she was going, in a spirit of fun replied: "I'm going out to marry Bill Bishop."

"Never mind going out to marry him; we'll go get him," said several persons who heard the bantering.

"All right; you get him and I'll marry him," replied Miss Pendergast. Bill, the license and a clergyman were procured, and the knot was tied. Yesterday Miss Pendergast learned she was a real bride, and invitations for a wedding with Coleman has been recalled, as the first marriage cannot be annulled until fall.

More Money and New Members

The Main Street Station Railroad Young Men's Christian Association are endeavoring to get $8,000 to complete the $70,000 building fund, and also to get 600 new members during the present month. They are going at this work with a businesslike manner, and have engaged Mr. U. S. Duncan, who knows much about such matters to superintend.

DOWIE'S DEATH MATTER OF HOURS

All Zion Admits That "First Apostle" is Rapidly Sinking and Hope is Abandoned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, May 13.—John Alexander Dowie is said to be at death's door. His death is no longer a question of months, or even weeks, but of days, and possibly of hours, according to the admissions of those who are closest to the "First Apostle."

The denials to the seriousness of his condition made ever since his return from Mexico, have ceased, and his stanchest adherents as well as the members of his family admit that all hope is lost.

Dowie's death at any moment would not surprise those who are with him in Shiloh House, and Dowie himself realizes that the end is near.

For several days the "apostle" has not left his bed except for a short time late in the afternoon, and he is no longer able to stand unsupported.

As a result of dropsical condition due to impeded circulation, his limbs have swollen to a grave extent and the swelling is gradually reaching upward. It is only a question of a short time, the Zionists admit, when it will reach his heart and kill him.

Dr. Blanks, who has been in constant attendance on Dowie since his return from Mexico, yesterday said that Dowie might live ten days but that a fatal termination of the disease within two or three days would not be surprising.

Mrs. Harry Cantell, wife of the general overseer of the Zion Church in Great Britain and Ireland, died Friday in Zion City without medical attendance and her infant child survived her only a short time. For several days the elders of the church offered prayers for her recovery. Mrs. Cantell's home was in London.

BEN GREET PLAYERS.

Will Present Shakespeare's Comedies in Open-Air Theatre.

This afternoon and evening the Ben Greet woodland players will give two open-air plays at Franklin and Shafer Streets, under the auspices of Miss Ellett's school. At 3:30 "As You Like It" will be given, amid surroundings which will be absolute harmony with the forest atmosphere of Shakespeare's exquisite comedy, by a company which is famed in England and wherever it has played in this country for its magnificent conception of Shakespeare's plays. In the evening the same company will present "Twelfth Night," the stage at the evening performance being gorgeously lighted by limes.

In the event of unfavorable weather, players and audience will adjourn to the Masonic Temple, which will be held in readiness, and there the plays will be given in the Elizabethan manner, as acted in Shakespeare's day.

Tickets are now selling at the Jefferson Hotel news stand and at Branch R. Allen's.

From here the company goes to Charlottesville to play on the University of Virginia campus. Other engagements for the balance of the spring are at Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Tuxedo, Yale, Boston, Toronto, and at a dozen of the leading universities of the North.

SPECIAL CALL MADE.

President Peters Directs Council to Meet To-night.

The Common Council will hold a special meeting at 8 o'clock to-night by order of President R. Lee Peters to consider the much discussed question of selling the Clark Springs property to Miss Grace Arents and the Hollywood Cemetery Company.

The matter has already been freely discussed by both branches, but it comes back now with certain committee amendments. The Board of Aldermen will meet in regular session to-morrow night, and the body has a long calendar before it. The Street Committee will hold a regular session to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. There will be a good many other meetings during the evening.

AUCTION SALES, Future Days

H. Seldon Taylor & Co., Real Estate Auctioneers.

PUBLIC SALE OF THAT LARGE AND CENTRALLY LOCATED THREE-STORY AND BASEMENT BRICK DWELLING,

No. 316 E. Franklin Street,

BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH STREETS.

At the request of the owner we will offer this desirable house and lot for sale, on the premises, on THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1906, At 6 o'clock P. M.

The house contains eight rooms, besides bath rooms, and there is a large detached kitchen building of four rooms. The lot front 26x125 to a wide alley. The location of this property makes it especially suited for a physician or dentist as well as a delightful home. It will pay well as an investment.

Terms—One-third cash, balance at one and two years with interest payable quarterly, which is to be evidenced by separate notes, all secured by a deed of trust, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

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We will sell at public auction, on the premises, TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1906, At 5 o'clock P. M., a well located lot on the south side of Grace Street, between Meadow and Allison Streets, 28x140 feet to an alley 20 feet wide.

Immediately after said sale we will sell those beautiful lots on the north side of Grace Street, between Cedar and Robinson Streets, fronting 108 feet 2 1-2 inches on said Grace Street, and having a depth of 145 feet to a 20-foot alley.

These are the prettiest and most conveniently located lots on Grace Street and can be divided into three lots of 27 feet each and one of 27 feet 2 1-2 inches.

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AUCTION SALES—This Day

By J. B. Elam & Co., Real Estate Auctioneers. Public auction sale of the Highly Valuable Lot, 33x155 feet, with Neat, Substantial and Spacious Two-Story Detached Frame Dwelling of ten rooms and other improvements thereon,

No. 118 West Cary Street,

One Block South of The Jefferson Hotel.

By request of the owner, who will remove from the city and will positively sell, we shall offer by public auction, on the premises, on MONDAY, MAY 14, 1906, AT 6 o'CLOCK, the attractively located and valuable property above referred to, the lot fronting 33 feet on the north side of Cary Street, east of and adjoining the corner on Jefferson Street, and extending back of equal width 155 feet to the very wide paved alley in rear. The dwelling is a neat and thoroughly substantial one, well appointed, containing ten rooms, bath, range, hot water, gas and the usual modern conveniences and in nice order, and there is on the rear of the lot a large frame stable. This property, so spacious, comfortable and conveniently located, may be relied upon to command high rental now, while its value is expected to be greatly enhanced in the near future by the completion of the Jefferson Hotel and other extensive impro