

SAFELY GAINING.

Reports of Condition of Trade Continue in the Right Direction.

CONFIDENCE AGAIN RESTORED.

It Now Occupies the Throne So Long Held by Distrust.

NEW YORK, April 20.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Neither the rising speculative markets nor the steady gain in industries has ceased, and it is wholesome that there are fewer signs of hesitation in the productive industries than in speculative prices. Wage strikes grow more numerous and cause some trouble, and retail demand lags behind wholesale and jobbing purposes, but through many conflicting reports the fact shines out that the industries are gaining, not with a rush and whirl, but more safely. It is less clear that railroads are increasing their earnings, or that overproduction of cotton will be cured by the advance of 1 3/4 cents in prices, or that cornering short sellers of wheat will help to market the large surplus, but

Revival of Activity
In all these directions helps confidence to take the throne so long held by distrust. Cotton mills are getting more money for goods and have quite generally advanced wages. Consumption of Northern spinners at the maximum would be in eight months 1,350,000 bales, but they have actually taken 1,950,000. The structural demand for buildings throughout the country was never larger, the frenzy in oil has started a demand for pipes and sheets at slight advances. Wool has sold at the lowest price on record this week, 16 cents for Ohio and 9 cents for Texas. Demand for dress goods continues large and improving, but uncertainty in men's goods continues and is somewhat increased by more numerous strikes. Higher prices for wheat, nearly 3 cents above last week's, tend to check Atlantic exports, which, flour included, were only 1,868,873 bushels for the week against 2,620,445 last year, though for the previous two weeks about equal to last year.

MR. ROCKEFELLER ON OIL.

The Advance in Price Has Come to Stay, He Thinks.

DULUTH, April 20.—Franklin Rockefeller, vice president of the Standard Oil company, is in town on the way to his mine on the Mesaba range. He says the Standard is taking every parcel of oil offered to it, which is about 100,000 barrels a day, and paying a slight advance on the certificate price. "From present appearances," he says, "the day of cheap oil has passed, as the supply is not equal to the demand. Very little money was lost by the recent drop from the top notch, because certificates for not to exceed 1,000,000 barrels had been traded in."

He sees in the advance and consequent explorations for oil a better state of affairs for iron pipe manufacturers and other lines of business, as the demand for those products will be enormous. He thinks \$2 a barrel will continue the price for a long time.

LUCK FOR HOMESEEKERS.

Demoralization in Rates Results in One Fare for Round Trip.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Homeseekers excursions are steadily demoralizing rates. All of the Western roads have now made the rate of one fare for the round trip. The original rate was one fare for the round trip plus \$2. The reason for the reduction is that the one fare rate has been made by nearly all the Southwestern lines and it was decided that the Southwest should have no advantage over the West and Northwest. The Burlington was the first road out with its announcement when it declared that on April 30, May 21 and June 11, it would run its excursions at one fare.

Postponed the Raise in Wages.

BIDDEFORD, Me., April 29.—The threatened strike of the 3,000 operatives in the Laconia and Pepperell cotton mills was averted when a compromise agreement between the management and the operatives was reached, whereby the advance in wages to be made on May 1 will be made on June 1.

Adjustment Expected.

POMEROY, O., April 29.—Joseph Bishop, a member of the state board of arbitration, has reached here from Columbus and will attempt to adjust the miners' trouble at Minersville. Both operators and strikers have decided that their differences can be satisfactorily settled in no other way.

Threaten to Secede.

DULUTH, April 29.—The people of Park Point, who were recently denied a steam ferry to the mainland, are in revolt and declare that unless the council comes to their relief at once they will secede from Duluth and join their fortunes with Superior.

Three Cremated.

FRANKFORT, Ind., April 20.—The remains of James Yeager, a cripple, and his two children, aged 5 and 9 years,

were taken half cremated from the ruins of the Finck block. The fire is said to have been the work of incendiaries.

Forest Fires Under Control.

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J., April 29.—The forest fires which have been raging in South Jersey for the past week are now under control. The entire loss is estimated to be between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Both Carry Bullets.

PALOUSE, Wash., April 29.—There was a duel on the streets here between Judge Hughes and his son-in-law, Raymond Peiffer. Three shots were fired by Peiffer and one by Hughes. Both men were wounded, but neither fatally.

THE ONLY WOMAN CLOWN.

Miss Williams Claims the Unique Distinction and Talks of Her Work.

"My reason for becoming a clown," said Miss Williams, the only lady clown on earth, according to the circus bills, "was to make money. My father was a clown for 40 years. He had 21 children, and all of them were in this business in some capacity or other, generally as acrobats and tumblers. I was not suited for an acrobat. It is too hard work. I thought that I would become a clown. There are 12 of our family now in the circus business. Every day I try to think out something new, and the management usually gives me pretty wide latitude. I am a fair tumbler and manage to get along all right. I shall probably stop in this business until I get married. Of course I hope to get married some day. Every woman does."

Miss Williams is a rather undersized woman, about 25 years old, with an abundance of health and energy. She rides a bicycle, swings Indian clubs and does everything else that a man does to keep herself in proper trim. One of her favorite tricks as a clown is to put on a bonnet and a long cloak and then sit by some innocent young man in the audience. In nine cases out of ten he is very much preoccupied in the performance and does not pay any attention to her. Suddenly she astonishes him by shouting to the ringmaster for a job. He takes the cue and begins to dicker with her.

"How much will you give me?"
"Ten dollars a performance."
"Oh, no! This young man here that I am engaged to will give me more than that to stop here with him." [Great confusion of the young man referred to, if he does not grasp the situation.]—New York Times.

A MARVELOUS MIRROR.

Dr. Peate's Magnificent Gift to the New American University.

At his home in Greenville, Pa., in a shop to which is attached a testing gallery 60 feet in length, the Rev. John Peate, D. D., is preparing to fashion the speculum of the great telescope for the American university, an institution of the Methodist Episcopal church, now taking to itself a local habitation on the heights near the national capital.

A dozen years ago the doctor conceived the project of grinding the principal mirror of a reflecting telescope, and, to use his own phrase, "groped" his way to success in a field where the angels of science tread lightly, if at all, and in which a single incautious touch may result in hours of retrieving toil.

He has produced specula 6, 8, 12 and 20 inches in diameter, and a year or two since finished a disk of 30 inches for presentation to Allegheny college. If he shall succeed in the incredibly difficult task of imparting a perfect figure to the present disk, which is 62 inches in diameter, it will be a remarkable triumph of skill and a prodigy of labor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Curious Coincidence.

The Living Church of Chicago prints the following: "A Paris special says: The year 1895 will be a remarkable one, both from the astronomical and religious point of view. On Good Friday (April 12) the heavenly bodies which gravitate around the sun will be in exactly the same position they occupied the day Christ died on the cross.

"It will be the first time such a thing has occurred since that great day, just 1,862 years ago. That was the thirtieth year of the Christian era, which dates from the birth of Jesus Christ. At 4:20 in the morning, Paris time (about 11:20 p. m., New York time, April 11), the moon will pass before Virginis (Spica) and hide that star for over an hour."

Superiority of American Labor.

Exporting American boots to England is an achievement to be proud of, but it is an accomplished fact. The labor cost in American boots is less than in England, though the per diem earnings of the American workman are larger than those of his English brother. The American superiority is in method and energy. American superiority in boot-making is only the forerunner of much more that is coming.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Suggestion For Britain.

It has been suggested that it would be more humane for Great Britain to take care of some of its old colonies rather than hunting after new ones. Just now New England is sending \$20 to relieve the distress in Newfoundland where Great Britain furnishes \$1.

They Wish For Power.

The armistice declared between Japan and China by the former is substantial proof that the Japanese government prefers a controlling influence in Chinese affairs to any large acquisition of territory.—Philadelphia Press.

A Sure Sign.

Captain Anson's men have been photographed in a group for the first time in seven years. This in itself indicates that Mr. Anson expects his men to sweep everything before them this year.—Chicago Record.

Popular Air in Japan.

"Marching Through Georgia" is said to be a very popular air with the Japanese. The Japs, however, substitute "China" for "Georgia" when singing it.—New York Mail and Express.

Unwilling Guests.

The western train robber seems to be finding most of the trains loaded with people coming to his funeral.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Zola Should Ante Up.

Onida is in absolute penury. Zola, who is rolling in wealth, ought to divide with her.—Chicago Tribune.

Bravo!

"Honduras will make amends." Next!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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