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CHAMPION JIM JEFFRIES DISPOSED OF A PITTSBURG BOXER AT DETROIT

JOHN FINNEGAN THE MAN

Though Weighing One Hundred and Eighty Pounds, He Appeared as a Boy in the Ring With the Champion.

DETROIT, Mich., April 6.—Champion J. J. Jeffries knocked out John Finnegan, of Pittsburg, tonight, before the Cadillac Athletic club, in fifty-five seconds. Finnegan landed the first blow as they came to the center of the ring, and Jeffries then put his left on the Pittsburg man's jaw, and he went to the floor. Finnegan came up in a few seconds, only to be sent to the floor again, with a blow in the same place. He stayed down longer this time, and when he again rose he was in visible distress. He had hardly assumed a fighting position before the champion put his left in the pit of his stomach and Finnegan went down, completely out.

Referee Siler counted the seconds off and when he stepped back it was seen Finnegan was crying. He staggered to his feet, reeled against the ropes, and his seconds rushed into the ring and carried him to his corner. It was several minutes before he recoverd sufficiently to leave the ring.

Jeffries said he weighed 220, but he looked thirty pounds heavier. Finnegan weighed but 180, and looked like a boy beside the champion.

In the preliminaries George Gibbs, of Cleveland, knocked out Shorty Cross, in the eighth round of what was scheduled for a ten-round bout, and Tom Prendergast, of Saginaw, got the decision over Frank Stackhouse, of Detroit, at the end of their ten-round go.

FORCED TO QUIT.

Jack Bonner Defeated by Tommy West, of Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Tommy West, of Brooklyn, was given the decision over Jack Bonner, of Summit Hill, Pa., in the sixteenth round of what was to have been a twenty-five-round bout, at 162 pounds, before the Broadway Athletic club tonight. Bonner's seconds threw up the sponge, stating that he was ill, but he could not have lasted another round. West had the better of the bout from start to finish, and he drove Bonner all over the ring, landing with right and left whenever he chose. Bonner, though bleeding from the effects of the severe punishment he was receiving, stood up game as long as he had the strength.

In the thirteenth round West started in to finish his man. Midway through the round he administered a left and right on the body and a left on the jaw, which sent Bonner to the floor. He took the count, and had barely taken his feet when he was sent down with a left on the jaw. He again took the count. This happened again, and when counted out the bell rang announcing the end of the round, and saved him.

The fourteenth round was very much like the thirteenth, with the exception that West failed to drop his man.

Bonner was a pitiful sight during the fifteenth. His left eye was badly damaged and bled freely from a gash. Bonner shot out some vicious right swings, but failed to land. In a mixup Bonner went down from sheer weakness. He took the count.

In the opening up of the sixteenth Bonner tried to land a right swing, but, as usual, failed. West's play was all for the stomach, and so fierce was the beating Bonner received about the body that he was forced to quit after one minute and twenty-two seconds of the round.

CREEDON BOBS UP.

Australian Boxer to Meet McCoy and Wolcott.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Dan Creedon, the Australian ex-middleweight champion, and Kid McCoy were matched today to fight twenty-five rounds at the Broadway Athletic club, at catch weights, on May 18, for 50 per cent of the receipts.

Creedon was also matched to meet Joe Walcott at Milwaukee during the first week in June. They are guaranteed $1,000, or 50 per cent of the privileges.

AT LEXINGTON SUNDAY.

Hamm's Exports to Meet the Mill City Leaguers.

Hamm's Exports will meet the Minneapolis league team at Lexington park Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Frary and Cook will be the battery for the locals.

Yale Men Defeated Vardon.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 6.—The unexpected happened today in the exhibition match of golf played by Harry Vardon, the champion golfer, and T. M. Robertson, of New York city, and Thomas L. Cheney, of South Manchester, Conn., both Yale men. The Yale players won the match, two up and one to play. It so happened that Robertson and Cheney, playing together, made good drives alternately, enough to make their best score better than Vardon's. The champion was not playing as well as usual, and made reference after the game to a disagreement regarding his driving into one of the long bunkers on the course. He was used to playing on a longer course, the New Haven golf course being one of nine holes. The game was eighteen holes.

Interstate Park Shoot.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The consolation handicap of the Grand American, in the Interstate association's live bird tournament, was shot off today. Sixty-two of the men who took part in the shoot yesterday lined up at the traps. The conditions were fifteen birds, $10 entrance, with the same handicaps as in the Grand American, one yard added to all winners of money yesterday.

At the end of the twelfth round there were only twelve straights, and when the game was finished, ten men still had clean scores. They were: Van Allen, Budd, Fanning, Price, Wayman, Blake, Travis, Nauman, Fulford and Heikes, and they divided $564.02.

Saddle Horse Breeders Meet.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 6.—The tenth annual meeting of the American Saddle Horse Breeders' association was held today. The following officers were elected: President, John B. Castleman, Louisville; first vice president, Col. F. W. Blees, Macon, Mo.; treasurer, Atilla Cox, Louisville; secretary, I. B. Nail, Louisville. Among the state vice presidents are: D. L. Parish, Missouri; J. W. Inskep, Louisville; W. Johnson, Indiana; W. R. Buckley, Illinois, and D. H. Moore, Ohio.

A movement was started for the offering of two cups by the association for saddle horses, one to be awarded at some Missouri fair and one at some Kentucky fair.

Memphis Races.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 6.—There was no stake feature at Montgomery park today. Weather fair; track fast. Results:

First race, five furlongs—Tildy Ann won, Sue Johnson second, Sidtilla third. Time, 1:03¾.

Second race, half a mile—Denman Thompson won, Harry Pullian second, The Elk third. Time, :50¼.

Third race, six furlongs—The Rush won, Thrive second, Gold Or third. Time, 1:15¼.

Fourth race, one mile—Moto won, Jimp second, Freak third. Time, 1:43¼.

Fifth race, five furlongs—Braw Lad won, Alpaca second, Isabinda third. Time, 1:03¾.

Sixth race, one mile—Cheyer won, University second, Arquebus third. Time, 1:52¼.

Bennings Races.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Results at Bennings:

First race, five furlongs—Boney Boy won, Sir Christopher second, Lexington Pirate third. Time, 1:02 4-5.

Second race, half a mile—Juniper won, Light Ball second, Vouch third. Time, :50 2-5.

Third race, six furlongs—G. E. Wightman won, Kimmage second, Probus third. Time, 1:17.

Fourth race, seven furlongs—Brisk won, First Whip second, Damocles third. Time, 1:32.

Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth—Harru Lusceo won, Moutzetoff second, Tony third. Time, 1:54.

Oakland Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Oakland results:

First race, five-eighths of a mile—Sir Hampton won, Miss Madelino second, May Dine third. Time, 1:00.

Second race, seven-eighths of a mile—Aileena won, Casdale second, Deblase third. Time, 1:27¾.

Third race, half a mile—Lilly Diggs won, Bavassa second, Ada N. third. Time, :49.

Fourth race, one mile and a sixteenth—Rossinante won, Silver Tone second, Uarda third. Time, 1:48.

Fifth race, three-quarters of a mile—Sly won, Tuthill second, Peace third. Time, 1:13.

Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth—Wyoming won, Storm King second, Tappan third. Time, 1:47.

Hastings Has a Ball Team.

HASTINGS, Minn., April 6.—(Special.)—The Hastings Baseball club has been reorganized for the season, with the following officers: Manager, N. J. Steffen; secretary, W. B. Nease; treasurer, O. S. Ryan; captain, F. E. Riches. The diamond is being put in first-class condition and the opening game will be about the 20th inst. The club is now open to hear from the amateur nines throughout the state or Wisconsin, but the Twin City league is preferred for the initial game. All correspondence should be addressed to W. B. Nease, secretary, who is well known in baseball circles.

The Ideal Man.

There is much rivalry between the various colleges as to which will produce the ideal man. By this they mean a vigorous, honest, intellectual man, who will make the world better for having lived. Health will demand first consideration, for upon that depends brain and achievement. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will keep the bowels regular and the stomach healthy by curing all stomach disorders. It also prevents malaria, fever and ague. Try it.

Golf at Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, April 6.—The match round in the 36-hole medal play today on the Northfield links, near here, resulted in the defeat of Herbert Harriman by Jasper Lynch, with two up and one to play. Findlay Douglass beat Wilson Potter eight up and six to play. Colby beat Houghton three up to two to play. Kimball beat Graham five up and four to play. Robbins beat Ormiston six up and five to play. McCauley beat Remington six up and five to play. Darby beat Hinds five up and four to play.

Derby Spring Races.

LONDON, April 6.—At the first day of the Derby spring meeting today, G. Cottrell's Lackford, with Tod Sloan up, won the Doveridge Handicap of £600. Sir J. Blundell Maple's Forcette and H. Oxenham's Syrela were second and third, respectively. Fourteen horses ran. The course was the straight mile.

Sloan also won the Welbeck Handicap, on Zanoni, while J. H. Martin landed the La Rosier colt a winner in the Sudbury stakes.

Skat Players at Seven Corners.

Members of the St. Paul Skat club met last evening at Henry Bueger's, Seven corners. The first prize was won by Louis Adams, with a score of 802 points. Second prize went to Leo Brunner, with 614 points, while the third was awarded to H. E. Driese, with 557 points. The highest single play, 96, was scored by W. A. Bartel.

The club will meet next Friday evening at the Rathskeller, Mozart hall.

Fitzsimmons to Meet Dunkhorst.

CLEVELAND, O., April 6.—Bob Fitzsimmons was today matched to meet Ed Dunkhorst, of this city, before the Hercules Athletic club, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on April 30. Dunkhorst will begin training here tomorrow. He hopes to get down to 220 pounds. The match will be for twenty rounds.

CARRY FISH FREE.

Executive Agent Beutner Secures Concessions From Railroads.

Executive Agent Beutner has secured concessions from a number of railroad companies by which the common carriers agree to carry fish spawn on trains free of charge. The agreement will save the state a great deal of money, as hundreds of cans of fish fry are sent to all sections of the state every spring and fall.

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JAMIE RENNIE MEETS WITH SAD MISFORTUNE IN THE SAINTLY CITY.

LOST HIS WINTER'S WAGES

Meets a Stranger Who Suddenly Discovers That He Has to Pay a Heavy Freight Bill.

It was indeed a hard luck story that James Rennie told yesterday to the police at the central station. In brief, he had been buncoed out of $50. The trick was turned by the ancient, moss-backed game of overdue freight bill.

Rennie is a Scotchman, thirty-five years old, whose wife and family live at Redwood Falls, this state. They have been over from the old country but a year, and Rennie has been working in the woods all winter. Yesterday morning he arrived in St. Paul, on his way home. At the union depot he fell in with a farmer-looking man, gray haired, with a short gray mustache, and wearing a cap. The man said that he lived at Springfield, in Redwood county, had a farm there, and was in St. Paul to hire men to work it during the coming season. Did Rennie want a job?

He certainly did, and would be glad of an opportunity to work so near his home and family. So the two men walked up Sibley street together and discussed the matter, settling the question of wages and some other trifles. Near the corner of Seventh and Jackson streets the man from Springfield went into a block, but soon returned and, with Rennie, extended the walk up in the vicinity of Eighth and Temperance streets.

Here came the denouement. A brisk, well-dressed chap suddenly accosted the Springfield man and presented the proverbial freight bill and demanded the immediate payment of $50, or certain farm utensils needed for spring seeding would never find its way out to the Springfield man's homestead. This was bad, and the Springfield man was temporarily in a quandary. Had Mr. Rennie $50 about him? Mr. Rennie had $55 and some change. He loaned the Springfield man $50, under promise that the matter would be immediately taken care of on their way out to Redwood county. Then the dapper young freight clerk went away. Directly afterwards the Springfield man passed mysteriously away between two buildings near the Stees block, on Seventh street, and Rennie saw him no more.

So Rennie was left with but $5 of his hard-earned savings, and a wife and children in Redwood Falls waiting for his return, and dependent on that money for their living. In the afternoon he went to the central station and reported his loss. The matter was placed in the hands of Detective Meyers for investigation. There is little hope, however, that Rennie will be rewarded by another sight of his money. The smooth con men have too long a start of the detectives, and will, likely, be spreading their nets for new game today.

When seen last evening by a reporter for the Globe, Rennie was quite despondent. As he has been in this country but a short time, he is not so much to blame for the loss of his money as others who are gold-bricked and buncoed so often by the fly sharpers who abound in every city.

DEFENDANT THE AGENT

SO SAYS ATTORNEY MUNN IN BAKING POWDER CASE.

The case against Andrew Schoch, charged with violating the baking powder law passed at the last session of the legislature by selling cans of the ingredients which did not have a label showing the formula of the contents, was on trial before Judge Orr in the police court yesterday.

M. D. Munn, attorney for the particular baking powder which Schoch was charged with selling, appeared for the defendant, and Assistant County Attorney Zollman for the prosecution. Messrs. Palmer and Beek, representing the Retail Grocers' association, also assisted the state in the prosecution of the case. The witnesses examined were F. A. Dix, traveling agent for the baking powder company; J. H. Tenvorde, secretary of the Grocers' association, and A. J. Birmingham, secretary of the Andrew Schoch company. The contention of the company represented by Mr. Munn was that the defendant was simply the agent of a non-resident company, and that the law passed by the legislature was invalid.

The contention was based on a decision recently made by Judge Lochren to the effect that as the law interfered with the interstate commerce it was unconstitutional. Mr. Munn further argued that the defendant, as agent for the baking powder company, sold only in original packages, and consequently could not be prosecuted. It is claimed that the attempt to enforce the law is made by companies manufacturing an inferior baking powder, and that if the law is enforced it will allow such companies to deceive the public in that after the labels are put on it will be impossible to distinguish between what is known as cream of tartar baking powder and what is known as the alum baking powder.

Assistant County Attorney Zollman read numerous authorities in opposition to the claim that the company sold in original packages, and Mr. Munn informed the court that he would be ready to submit his authorities Monday. The case was continued.

McCardy Signs the Contract.

Comptroller McCardy has signed the contract with the Municipal Signal Company of Chicago for the furnishing of a new police alarm system. The contract price is $12,131, to which is to be added about $1,200 for materials for installing the system which the city is to do itself.

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The State Doctors give one full month of treatment free for all stomach disorders. They give it to prove that their Electro Chemic treatment does cure chronic constipation, ulceration of the stomach, indigestion and all such symptoms as bloating, sour risings, gas, etc. If you have any stomach trouble you are invited to test it, or if you are treating with any doctor without help, or taking pills and patent medicines you are especially invited to come and take the great free offer. The offer means just what it says, and all who begin before April 15th will be given one month of treatment free.

YOUNG MAN

That habit of yours has undermined your health and given you that pimply, pallid face, with those lack-luster eyes. Those blue rings tell the story. You have a visible thinness in your looks. Your hands are inclined to be cold and clammy, and involuntary losses occur. There are a thousand things you would like to do, but you lack the ambition to do one of them. Your memory is defective, your thoughts cannot be concentrated, and you lack decision. You move about in a hesitating manner and grow cowardly. You have a pain in the back, your stomach becomes weak and your heart beats irregularly. You fancy suspicion in the eye of every one who looks at you, and it is true your friends are not ignorant of your condition. This is a terrible habit with awful consequences—you must act for yourself. Get cured before it is too late. Go to the Minnesota State Medical Institute. You can be cured in a short time.

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Many old men and women suffer much from bladder trouble. They have to get up during the night to pass water, and then it comes so hard and slow and painfully that it is a great dread. The trouble is due to closure at the neck of the bladder, and often by the urine being held back inflammation of the bladder sets in and then matter and blood come with the urine. The Minnesota State Medical Institute has a cure for this trouble. Their cure is by a new, elegant, painless process. No cutting or operating is necessary. Drugs never cure this disease. If you are suffering the torture of this awful trouble, go to The Minnesota State Medical Institute and take the new treatment.

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Go to the State Doctors; their treatment cures Nervous Debility and all its attending ailments in young, middle-aged and old men. The awful effects of indiscretions in youth or excesses in after life, and the effects of neglected or improperly treated cases, producing lack of vitality, weak back, chest pains, nervousness, sleeplessness, weakness of body and brain, dizziness, failing memory, lack of energy and confidence, despondency, evil forebodings, timidity and other distressing symptoms. Such cases, if neglected, almost invariably lead to premature decay, insanity and death. If you have ever taken treatment and failed to get cured, it is because you have received "Old Fogy" treatment. The State Doctors' treatment is new; it is different from the old treatment taught thirty years ago. They never fail. They can cure with their new electro-medical treatment, and will effect a permanent cure. No secrets given away. References: Best banks and business men in city.

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Out-of-Town

People afflicted with any disease, who cannot call at the offices, should write to the Minnesota State Medical Institute, describing their case, and if their case can be cured with HOME TREATMENT, it will be taken and treatment forwarded. Everything confidential.

BLOOD POISON

On account of its frightful hideousness is commonly called the king of all venereal diseases. It may be either hereditary or contracted. Once the system is tainted with it the disease may manifest itself in the form of scrofula, eczema, rheumatic pains, stiff or swollen joints, eruptions or copper-colored spots on face or body, little ulcers in the mouth or on the tongue, sore throat, swollen tonsils, falling out of the hair or eyebrows, and finally a leprous-like decay of the flesh and bone. If you have any of these or similar symptoms you are cordially invited to consult the Minnesota State Medical Institute immediately. If we find your fears are unfounded we will quickly unburden your mind. But if your constitution is infected with virus we will tell you so frankly and show you how to get rid of it. Our special treatment for this disease is practically the result of our life work, and is indorsed by the best physicians of America and Europe. It contains no dangerous drugs or injurious medicines of any kind. It goes to the very bottom of the disease and forces out every particle of impurity. Soon every sign and symptom of the disease disappear completely. The blood, the tissue, the flesh, the bones and the whole system are cleansed, purified and restored to perfect health, and the patient prepared anew for the duties and pleasures of life.

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TRADE OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

SEASONABLE WEATHER HAS GIVEN BUSINESS IMPETUS SUCH AS HOPED FOR

BRADSTREET'S SUMS IT UP

Price Situation Is Encouraging, Farm Products Easily Leading in the Upward Movement—Increase in Failures.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Favorable features continue in the majority in the general trade situation. The hopes for the advent of seasonable spring weather have been realized, and nearly all markets report an improved distribution at retail. This, as explained heretofore, is really the key of the general merchandise situation. The industrial situation is a rather spotted one. April 1, instead of May 1, seems to have been fixed upon as a date for presenting new demands as to wages and hours. While many thousand men are directly or indirectly involved in the Chicago building trade strike, and several thousand are out in the coal industry in the Pittsburg region, most of the building trade strikers in other cities have gained their demands and the machinists strike at Chicago, which was regarded as threatening to the entire iron and steel industry has been called off pending arbitration.

"The price situation, too, is encouraging, farm products easily leading in the upward movement. Wheat crop advices are, on the whole, favorable, except from the central West. Sympathy is shown with corn, which in turn has been influenced by the steady advance in hog products and by the known smallness of reserves in cribs and in store. Nothing like the speculative interest has been seen for some years past and the price is now little below 50c at New York. Hog products are very strong, statistically. Pork is 30 per cent and lard is 25 per cent higher than a year ago. Another product of the farm, cotton, has developed renewed speculative interest this week, and a slight upward swing has occurred as the result of increased speculative attention working along previously mentioned lines.

"Cotton goods are seasonably quieter at first hands, but a fair jobbing business is doing and retail distribution is encouraging. Wool is, however, weaker, but reports from the woolen goods branch are quite favorable. Cancellations reported are the smallest there is record of. Lumber has shown some weakness at widely separated markets and the week, while not pointing to an altogether encouraging outlook in the building market, whether from high prices of lumber or labor troubles, is not altogether without hope.

"The iron and steel market is practically unchanged. Reports from Pittsburg and Birmingham show firmness in the crude iron material. Steel rails are firm. Recent advances in wages and the strong conditions in the bituminous coal and ore markets particularly point to not great shrinkage in prices, notwithstanding the fact that current demand is of a hand to mouth character and buyers are still waiting for a break. In addition export inquiry is persistent and from all parts of the earth.

"The better tone of the boot and shoe industry is reflected in steady prices for leather and some advances in hides. Copper is stronger on reported export demand and lead is steady, while tin is slightly lower as a result of speculation. Butter, of course, reflects the advancing season and more liberal deliveries while the slight shading in petroleum is hardly significant.

"Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 3,836,963 bu, against 2,962,349 last week; 3,385,800 in the corresponding week of 1899; 3,778,726 in 1898; 2,036,797 in 1897, and 2,176,918 in 1896. From July 1 this season, the exports of wheat aggregate 151,009,663, against 188,345,540 bu last year and 183,346,278 in 1897-98. Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,941,911, against 3,193,638 last week; 3,724,654 in this week a year ago; 3,557,000 in 1898; 4,645,585 in 1897, and 1,391,840 in 1896. Since July 1 this season corn exports aggregate 160,123,206, against 131,289,679 during the same period a year ago, and 139,180,649 in 1897-98.

"Business failures in the United States for the week number 182, as compared with 178 last week, 190 in this week a year ago, 220 in 1898; 232 in 1897, and 231 in 1896. Business failures in the Dominion of Canada for the week number 25, the same number as last week and compared with 21 in this week a year ago, 33 in 1898, 32 in 1897, and 30 in 1896. For the first quarter of the year failures were fewer in number than in 1899, and liabilities are 7 per cent smaller."

REACTIONS IN STOCKS.

Prominent Features in the Market During the Week.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Bradstreet's review tomorrow will say:

"Reactions were prominent features this week, though bullish sentiment seems to prevail in speculative quarters, and nothing of a general character occurred to depress values. London continues to sell Americans with the same avidity it had exhibited in the preceding fortnight. Foreigners, in fact, were sellers of quite a fair proportion of our stocks, which they had been freely buying. Manipulation by pools and large interests in various parts of the railroad stock list was again very apparent, and, on the other hand, realizing sales by both professional and outside speculators were on a large scale.

"Commission houses report that the improvement shown in the volume of business for the public has not been maintained, although the recent activity has undoubtedly resulted in attracting many participants who have not been in the market since last year. It was also noticeable that the moderate declines in the more important railway stocks were soon checked without artificial aid from the bull pools.

"The activity of the week, as far as railway stocks were concerned, continued to center in the Pacific and granger groups, though more attention was given to the coal roads, both bituminous and anthracite, while Southern properties also showed strength, and a number of neglected specialties were advanced by the reappearance of buying orders for them.

"The industrials continued to be a disturbing element. Some of them, like Sugar and People's Gas, advanced on short covering or manipulation. Federal Steel broke rather sharply to below 50 on further complications in dividends on common stock, the payment of which, it seems, cannot be lawfully made for a year, although the company's earnings have been considerably in excess of dividends on both preferred and common stock.

"The very favorable character of current railroad earnings and the satisfactory outlook which this spring prevails in nearly all sections of the land also have sustaining effect on the spirits of the market. It is noted that bonds are in good demand and that buying has been largely displayed in securities of good quality, which, until now, had been quoted at comparatively low values."

FAILURES ARE HEAVY.

Circumstances, However, Leaven the Losses to Consistent Size.

NEW YORK, April 6.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

"Only twice in twenty-five years would such failures as those of the first quarter of 1900 have seemed large. They are large compared with last year, and 1898, and would have looked larger in 1888. The amount of liabilities, $56,677,055, includes $21,161,000 for the United States Flour Milling company and $2,492,482 for sixteen banks and other financial corporations, leaving 2,894 failures with $38,022,372 liabilities. Actual defaults in manufacturing are smaller than in the first quarter of any other year except 1899, since classified failures began, as are trading liabilities, and while Massachusetts and New England failures have been larger than in the first quarter of any year since 1894, reports from other states and sections are mainly smaller than in other years excepting the last. In the Southern and Pacific states the failures were smaller than in the same quarter of any other year. It is to exceptional and not to general conditions that any increase is due.

"Quarterly reviews today show that outside the immediate effects of stock speculation and industrial consolidations the volume of business has been larger this year than a year ago. At that time the extensive rise in wages which followed combination in many cases had not yet taken place and the purchasing power of the people was smaller than it is now. Very many of the usual spring demands for higher wages has been granted or in part granted by compromise, so that no more than the usual hindrance from that source now seems probable. But some of the disputes threaten to last for some months.

"The steel sheet consolidation with President McFurtry, of the Apollo works, at the head, promises great importance. If this, the tin plate, hoop and national steel works make an alliance with the Carnegie company, as is reported, the whole industry will sooner or later be effected. For the present no change appears in prices of pig, and only slightly more yielding in plates and bars to secure more business. But many new contracts are reported, including one purchase of rails for export, and the situation is generally more hopeful.

"Changes in minor metals are not important, though copper grows steadily stronger with exports of 17,910 tons from only three ports this month. The output of coke is much the highest known."

Keekly Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended April 5, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,255,341,065	.....	10.8
Boston	238,102,380	.....	15.3
Chicago	131,629,476	11.9	.....
Philadelphia	110,656,762	0.7	.....
St. Louis	32,130,596	7.5	.....
Pittsburg	40,218,707	18.7	.....
Baltimore	25,960,870	13.6	.....
San Francisco	17,957,575	4.4	.....
Cincinnati	16,407,150	1.7	.....
Kansas City	14,266,169	21.7	.....
New Orleans	9,785,777	32.7	.....
Minneapolis	9,767,321	20.0	.....
Detroit	9,459,581	12.4	.....
Cleveland	12,963,446	26.8	.....
Louisville	8,905,237	32.9	.....
Providence	5,522,000	.....	13.9
Milwaukee	5,540,942	15.7	.....
St. Paul	4,401,853	31.5	.....
Buffalo	5,318,001	4.5	.....
Omaha	5,884,162	53.6	.....
Indianapolis	6,305,966	6.7	.....
Columbus, O.	4,869,400	.....	17.5
Washington	3,223,244	15.4	.....
Portland, Or.	1,926,799	69.6	.....
Des Moines	1,542,301	.....	.....
Seattle	1,545,208	21.2	.....
Tacoma	869,144	29.3	.....
Spokane	994,892	.....	24.1
Sioux City	1,117,178	3.0	.....
Fargo, N. D.	288,063	1.0	.....
Sioux Falls, S. D.	177,823	17.2	.....
Helena	473,063	1.2	.....
Totals U. S.	$1,941,438,265	.....	5.1
Totals outside N.Y.	636,095,200	4.8	.....
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$13,047,061	6.7	.....
Toronto	10,780,911	37.8	.....
Winnipeg	1,390,723	14.0	.....
Halifax	1,402,227	31.0	.....
Hamilton	745,017	.....	8.0
St. John, N. B.	582,861	.....	.....
Victoria	195,135	.....	41.4
Vancouver	815,059	.....	.....
Totals	$29,430,997	17.1	.....

WILL PUBLISH THE NAMES.

Delinquent Personal Taxpayers Will Be Given to the Public.

The names of the delinquent personal taxpayers, together with the amounts due the county, will this year be published according to law. This will be the first time it has ever been done in the history of Ramsey county.

Heretofore the delinquent list has been checked over by the board of county commissioners, and names struck off where, in the opinion of the commissioners, the delinquents could not be compelled to pay and the items were not worth the cost of obtaining judgment. Then judgment has been obtained against the balance of the list, and a few collections made. No publicity has been given the delinquents, who include among their number some of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of the county.

Chapter 14 of the General Laws of 1895, after fixing the manner in which the board shall make cancellations, says:

"Said treasurer shall deliver such list and affidavit with his certificate attached to the board of county commissioners at their first session thereafter, and they shall cancel such taxes as they are satisfied cannot be collected. A copy of the tax list so revised, and also a separate list of the taxes so canceled, shall be included in the records of the proceedings of said board and published in full as a part of such proceedings."

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Iowa Legislature Passes a Library Law Similar to Ours.

The Iowa legislature has passed a bill providing for state aid for rural school libraries very similar to the law in effect in this state. Minnesota gives $10 for books, contingent upon the districts duplicating the state's assistance. The new Iowa law provides for a commission to prepare a catalogue of books from which selections may be made, and gives state aid of from 5 to 15 cents per pupil, according to the amount raised by the district for this purpose.

The commission has requested of State Superintendent Lewis a copy of the Minnesota catalogue, with a view to further following the example of Minnesota in the matter of school libraries.