

TODAY'S PRICES
Mexican bank notes (state bills) \$414
Mexican pesos (national bills) 13 1/2
Carranza currency 2 1/2 - Bar silver
(Healy & Harmon quotations) 8 1/2 -
Copper 12 1/2 - Tin 11 -
Livestock steady - Stocks active.

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AUSTIN, TEX., March 22.—The presidential primary act of the 53rd legislature was today held unconstitutional and inoperative by the state supreme court in a unanimous opinion written by supreme justice Nelson Phillips.

PARIS, TEXAS, March 22.—A conservative estimate of the number of people made homeless by Tuesday night's fire in the business and residence district here was some, made today by Mayor Ed McKinney. Although the city is almost without food there was apparently little suffering and a good natured, though dazed view was taken of the disaster by a majority of the citizens.
The fire, which started late in the afternoon, wiped out about the entire business district destroyed from 1500 to 2000 homes and caused a loss estimated at from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000. About one third of the city was untouched by the flames.

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COLUMBUS, N. M., March 22.—Wireless communication with the advance base with the American expeditionary forces at Casas Grandes was restored today. Several messages, all in code, were received, but none gave positive news of the whereabouts of the army aero corps. Search for the missing man was continued today.

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ON line of march of American army, Mexico, March 22, via courier to Columbus, N. M., March 22.—The trail along which Pancho Villa retreated from Columbus, less than two weeks ago, is today a broad, well worn highway, visible at some points for miles as it winds over and around the hills in northern Chihuahua. The road is an evidence of the efficiency of the American army, which, in a week's time, has covered the trail across a semi-desert into a military road, the main artery for supplies to Gen. J. J. Pershing's punitive column.

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Also Held Deficient.
The court held not only that the phrase with respect to payment of expenses from the revenue fund of counties was unconstitutional, but that the act was likewise deficient in that it provided only for the nomination of one elector from each congressional district, whereas the state is required to elect at the general election, a number equal to its whole number of senators and representatives in congress.
The decision of the court today was rendered in the case of E. K. Marrast et al. vs. Paul Waples et al. from Galveston, and sustains the decision of the Democratic Executive Committee in announcing that it would disregard the provisions of the statute in the coming primary.

HEAVY DAMAGE DONE IN THAT STATE BY SEVERE WINDSTORM.
Chicago, Ill., March 22.—Northeast gales bearing rain, sleet, hail and snow, accompanied by frequent lightning flashes, swept over eastern Indiana, northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin today.
The storm which was of unusual violence, caused many injuries and great property damage. In Leansport, buildings were unroofed and the flying wreckage caused the only fatality reported. Several Illinois cities suffered severely. Chicago sustained all the ill effects of a blizzard except low temperature.
Railroad transportation was delayed and street cars were held up.
Before 9 a. m. the storm abated and hundreds of men began the work of removing the snow from the streets.

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MAIN STREET TRACKS MAY BE MOVED TO STREET CENTER.
It is probable that the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad will be asked to move its tracks to the center of Main street, between Mesa avenue and San Francisco street, by the city council.
Property owners along the north side of the street have asked the council to take some action, it being claimed that the tracks are too wide and leave too little space on the north side for traffic.
It is likely that the railroad will be asked to remove some cross rails that have been laid between their east and west tracks and the sidewalk.

DOUGLAS BUILDING PERMITS FOR 1915 TOTAL \$316,000.
Douglas, Ariz., March 22.—The rapid growth of Douglas is well shown by the fact that the building permits for 1915 totaled \$316,000, as shown by figures compiled by the chamber of commerce and mines. Comparative statistics also show that this total of permits for a town of 18,000 is greater than that of a number of towns of as high as 40,000 population.

AUSTRIANS HAVE LEFT CZERNOWITZ, IS REPORT
London, Eng., March 22.—Abandonment of Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, by the Austrians, was reported in an unofficial wireless dispatch received here today from Rome.

WORLD RENEW AGREEMENT.
This protocol, according to Tuesday's Mexico City advices, will be practically a repetition of the agreement of 1882, between the United States and Mexico, for the extradition of savages, Indians and the chief difference being that the word "Indians" will likely be substituted for "savages." The agreement would require the United States to prevent the occupation of towns, and obligate the invading party to return to its own territory as soon as possible after the purpose of the expedition has been definitely accomplished or had failed.

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FIRE BURNS FRAME HOUSE; OCCUPANTS MAKE ESCAPE.
Fire of unknown origin destroyed a one room frame addition to a residence at 1202 East Missouri street early Tuesday morning.
The fire was discovered by Mrs. S. J. Mackell, who was asleep in the addition at the time. An alarm was turned in to the Central and Mesa departments, and the main building was saved by the firemen, the only damage done being the destruction of the frame addition.

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DEBATE ON HAY ARMY BILL CONTINUES IN THE HOUSE
Washington, D. C., March 22.—Debate on the Hay army increase bill was continued in the House today with the possibility of its passage before night. Although the day was "calm" Wednesday the day was set aside to allow uninterrupted consideration of the measure.

SHERMAN RESOLUTION ASKS CALL FOR 50,000 VOLUNTEERS
Washington, D. C., March 22.—Senator Sherman of Illinois today introduced a resolution to authorize and direct the president to call at once for 50,000 volunteers for service in Mexico. Under the rules it lies on the table until tomorrow.

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