the legitimate rights of the powers, he said, was the established policy of Japan. Continuing, he said:

Russia not only failed to meet the Japanese proposals, but definitely resorted to actions calculated to injure the national rights of Japan. Japan was compelled in self-defense to terminate negotiations and take independent action.

He was confident the world would recognize the justice and patience uniformly exercised by Japan in carrying forward the negotiations. He was anxiously desirous for peace, mindful of the woeful consequences which war brings to mankind.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Komura placed before the house the full text of the diplomatic correspondence with Russia, commencing with the progress of negotiations in July last and finishing with instructions to Minister Kurino to withdraw from St. Petersburg. The substance of the correspondence has already been made public.

No reference was made in the house to the threatened tobacco monopoly bribery scandal and possibly no reference will be made to the subject, as all parties have resolved to support the three-year compensation plan, thus defeating any project to have the amount of compensation to be paid to manufacturers calculated on a four-year basis.

Russians Keep Away.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—According to the government's reports the Japanese cavalry seen north of An Ju, Corea, this week cannot keep in touch with the Russians.

The military organ says that the occupation of An Ju, at the juncture of the best roads leading to Wi Ju, Seoul, Gensan and Kirin, afford a strong position as a screen to the movement of troops from Ping Yang. But much of this natural advantage has been lost by the lack on the part of the Japanese of mounted skirmishers.

WHO WILL GO TO ST. LOUIS?

Battle of Votes Will Be Decided Today.

AVALANCHE OF BALLOTS ANTICIPATED

Threatening to Cause Many a Score to Look Much Smaller Than It Did Before in the Vacation Contest.

"Won't there be some surprises though at the finish?" remarked one of the fair candidates yesterday while handing in her votes. "I know three persons myself who have votes in reserve all the way into the thousands, and if there are many more, as I think, why, there'll be a terrible shifting the ranks of the candidates, and not a few of the way-ups will find themselves landed way down. Just mark my word."

The count at 5 p. m. Wednesday was:

M. A. Martin, South Omaha	**1,242**
John Woolworth, Omaha	**860**
Frank Planck, Omaha	**803**
A. J. Graves, Plattsmouth	**530**
Anna Carlson, Florence	**521**
Mrs. E. Peterson, Omaha	**516**
Herbert Shrum, Omaha	**357**
Miss Ruby Spigel, Omaha	**282**
Miss Ruth Cornett, Neb. City	**259**
Peter X. Kennedy, Omaha	**229**
Mrs. Lewis N. Green, Council Bluffs	133
Amelia Nygard, Omaha	127
Walter Goldsmith, Omaha	116
Lee Ellsworth, Omaha	107
Emma Hoskovec, Omaha	105
Ethel Sheets, Omaha	51
Emma Sellner, Omaha	47
William Butts, Omaha	23
George Arnold, Council Bluffs	17
Gladys Hart, Omaha	14
Emil Wahlstrom, Omaha	5
Lily Ring, Omaha	4
Ed Benson, Omaha	3
May Beno, Omaha	2
A. H. Waterhouse, Omaha	2
Mittie Clark, Armour & Co.	1
Justin F. Badgerow, Omaha	1

That was a shrewd remark which an old merchant made recently to a young merchant: "Handle goods of reputation, my boy," said he. And he was worth listening to, for he had made a fortune in a little country town. Below are goods with a national reputation, consumer, and it will pay you well to buy them. Bell's Mocha and Java coffee, 20c lb., subject to market fluctuations; Bell's Banner Coffee, 30c lb.; Bell's Imperial Coffee, 25c lb.; Bell's Crown Brand Coffee, 40c lb.; Bell's O. G. Plantation Coffee (best in the world), 45c lb. Sold only in one-pound sealed packages, moisture and dust proof. Ask for Bell's coffees and get the best.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

18-K Wedding Rings. Edholm, jeweler.

First-class watch and jewelry work at Hubermann's, corner 13th and Douglas.

A. B. Hubermann, diamonds, own imp.

FLURRY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Plan of Merger Managers Cause All Dealers to Become Wary.

UNION PACIFIC STOCK LEADS MOVEMENT

Advances in Early Hours, but is Hammered Down on Profit Taking by Holders of Securities.

NEW YORK, March 23.—An excited and feverish stock market resulted today from the announcement of terms of distribution of the Northern Securities holdings of Great Northern preferred and Northern Pacific stock.

Trading in Union Pacific and Southern Pacific was on an enormous scale and almost monopolized the market for a time, but when these stocks began to run off under heavy realizing the demand shifted to some of the eastern trunk lines and the western groups.

Some fears were entertained that the excited buying of Union Pacific represented a contest for control, as that company is insured large and influential holding both of Northern Securities and of Great Northern under the terms of the distribution without any compensatory holdings in Union Pacific on the part of those companies. There was much mystery attached to the whole movement and the suspicion that it might be due to speculative manipulation kept the tone feverish and uncertain. In the curb market there was eager demand for Northern Securities stock, which carried it up to 100½ before a reaction set in. Trading in the stock was carried on simultaneously in three or four groups among the curb brokers. The opening prices for Union Pacific were not held. On the first reaction it touched 82⅞, and after a feverish rally, ran off again more than before.

Twenty shares of Northern Pacific stock were sold at auction at the real estate salesroom today. The price paid was 145½ per share. A number of Wall street houses were represented among the bidders.

On the curb there had been many bids and offers, 120 having been bid, while the stock was offered at 125.

At the auction the first bid was 120 and the stock went up by half points to 135, then by points to 140, then rose by half points again until it was knocked down at 145½.

Various stocks were taken in hand during the day and rushed to a higher level, but profit taking in Union Pacific was persistently kept up. The market showed signs of weariness during the afternoon and advances were largely reduced. Northern Securities on the curb dropped back to about 98.

Sales reported on the curb of 400 shares of Northern Pacific, when released from the Northern Securities holding at 130 and 100 shares in the regular way at 128. Late in the day Northern Pacific when released sold down from 130 to 126 on the transfer of about 600 shares.

A director in the Union Pacific road said today:

Our company is already well represented in the board of Northern Pacific railway. Northern Pacific interests have not yet asked for representation in Union Pacific, but they will be glad to take them in.

There were no developments of importance in Northern Securities today. A representative of Mr. Hill said that it would be some time perhaps before the company disposes of the assets remaining after the distribution of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific stocks.

The market eased off toward the close and most of the gains in prices were wiped out. Union Pacific closed 2¾ points under last night's close. Northern Pacific opened at 130, sold as high as 133, down to 126 and closed at 131. About 4,200 shares were traded in. Over 38,000 shares of Northern Securities changed hands, which is a record breaker in this stock. The opening was at 99, the high point 100⅝, the low point 98 and the last 98⅝.

ABANDON RADIUM TREATMENT

London Physicians Decide It Does No Good in Cases of Cancer.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The radium treatment for cancer has been entirely abandoned at the cancer hospital, cables the Herald's London correspondent. It was never viewed with much hope there, and a few days ago the last unsuccessful experiment with it took place.

According to the Daily Mail, the trials were made at the end with a case containing five grains, covered only with mica sheeting, probably the largest morsel in any hospital in Europe, and the effect was always the same, though it might vary in a degree. The surface of the skin became inflamed, a blister formed and dried up, but that was all.

Sixteen cases have been under treatment, the longest period of a single application having been three hours and the longest total time of application having been about twenty-five hours, and the only favorable result has been an occasional cessation of pain. On the other hand, several patients have complained of an increase of pain.

A Champion Healer.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, cures cuts, corns, burns, boils, ulcers, sores and piles, or no pay. 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

OUTPUT OF PACKING HOUSES

Kansas City Takes a Phenomenal Jump from Third to Second Place.

CINCINNATI, O., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Price Current says: Current offering of hogs is well maintained. The total western packing was 370,000, compared with 350,000 the preceding week and 290,000 last year. Since March 1 the total is 1,155,000, against 1,050,000 a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:

	1904.	1903.
Chicago	280,000	300,000
Kansas City	135,000	95,000
South Omaha	125,000	115,000
St. Louis	110,000	85,000
St. Joseph	80,000	95,000
Indianapolis	53,000	36,000
Milwaukee	29,000	21,000
Cincinnati	25,000	24,000
Ottumwa	23,500	14,000
Cedar Rapids	19,000	15,000
Sioux City	26,000	19,000
St. Paul	60,000	45,000

COLLINS' LAST HOPE IS GONE

Missouri Supreme Court Refuses to Further Consider Case of Murderer.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 23.—Division No. 2 of the supreme court today overruled the motion to transfer the case of George Collins to court in banc for a review by the entire court. This destroys the one chance Collins had to escape execution, and unless the governor interferes he must be hanged at Union, Mo., next Saturday for participation in the murder of Detective Charles J. Schumacher over a year ago, following the robbery of the bank at Union. Collins is now in Union, having been taken there from the St. Louis jail last Monday.

Division No. 2 of the supreme court today reversed and remanded the case of John H. Schnettler, convicted of boodling while a member of the house of delegates in St. Louis, and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. The reversal was on the ground that information was not verified by affidavits as required by law, the opinion stating that the information is not void, but should have been amended during the trial and before the case was disposed of in the lower court.

Try Piso's Cure for Asthma. It often relieves at once. All druggists. 25c.

Ten free trips to the World's Fair each week. See coupon on page 2.

Announcements of the Theaters.

Extra entertainment is to be furnished patrons who attend the matinee at the Orpheum this afternoon. The Girl With the Auburn Hair and every act on the regular professional bill will be given as usual. The special feature will be the amateur entertainment. Three acts and possibly four will be included in this portion of the program. These are T. V. Marlin, a novelty entertainer; Fred Copeland, an accomplished pianist, and William Owen, mandolin virtuoso.

Lincoln J. Carter's latest and best masterpiece, "Too Proud to Beg," will open at the Krug tonight for the remainder of the week. The plot is said to contain more than the ordinary stage story, consistent to a fault, clean cut, with a wealth of deep heart interest, pathos, and rich quality of keen humor that bubbles and bursts all through the play. Indeed, quite a little of the dialogue is in the hands of the comedy parts and the funmakers keep up a rattling line of humor, satire and keen wit. There are no scenic effects with the attraction, but a splendid array of gorgeous scenery, beautiful in coloring and tasteful in design, is carried.

"When Knighthood Was in Flower," with Roselle Knott in the role of Mary Tudor, will be the attraction at the Boyd theater beginning on Friday evening. Miss Knott has had much experience as an actress, having been leading woman for Richard Mansfield, Robert Mantell and other well known actors, and last season she was starred by Amelia Bingham in Haddon Chambers' "Modern Magdalen." The company supporting Miss Knott is one selected by Mr. Frank Perley, under whose direction the tour is made, and is said to be entirely competent. The engagement is for three performances, Friday and Saturday evenings and a bargain matinee on Saturday.

Bricklayers, Attention!

You are requested to meet at Labor temple Friday at 8 p. m. sharp to attend the funeral of Frank Neveraska.

By Order of Committee.

Grand Valley, Colorado, fruit lands. Send to F. W. Popple, Parachute, Colo., for a book about fruit, sugar beets, alfalfa and grain lands in Grand Valley, Colo., free.

The Power of Advertising.

An amusing incident which occurred in the Jamestown, N. Y., public schools and which illustrates the force of advertising, has come to our notice. In a recent examination one of the questions was: "Give some of the English derivatives from the Latin word "ego." One pupil promptly replied: "Egg-O-See."

FIRE RECORD.

Big Barn at Franklin.

FRANKLIN, Neb., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A large barn belonging to F. W. Barber burned here today and for a while it looked as if the east half of town would all burn. A heavy wind was blowing from the south, which carried burning boards, setting fires as far as one mile north. C. H. Davis lost a small barn, all his corn, cribs and hay. There was a large amount of alfalfa burned in the Barber barn. All the live stock was saved. It is supposed a spark from the engine on an eastbound freight started the fire. The wind is still blowing hard and it was necessary to keep a force of men to watch the fire during the night. This is the third fire here during the past week. Mr. Barber had his barn insured.

Landmark at Loup City.

LOUP CITY, Neb., March 23.—(Special.)—At 3 o'clock this morning the Christian Hauck blacksmith shop was burned. The building was one of the old landmarks of the city and had lately been unoccupied. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Hauck is absent from the city and it is thought that there is no insurance on the property.

Prepares for Encampment.

PIERRE, S. D., March 23.—(Special.)—Adjutant General Conklin has gone to Watertown to begin arrangements for the encampment of the state troops, which will be held on the camp ground at that city beginning June 7. General Conklin has been confined to his rooms for some time by illness and went to Watertown against the advice of his physician, but considered that the work of preparations should begin and took the chances on the trip.

Alleged Attempt to Destroy School.

NEW YORK, March 23.—It is learned here, says an American dispatch from Kieff, that an attempt was made on Friday night to blow up the Odessa university, supposedly out of revenge for expulsions and arrests of students. Two bombs were exploded, which smashed a walk and shook the quadrangle. Nine other bombs were discovered, the fuses of which had failed to explode.

SENATOR DICK TAKES OATH

Official Introduction of Successor to the Late Marcus A. Hanna.

CHOCTAW CONTROVERSY IS REVIVED

Mr. Platt Refers to Claim for Services as One of the Most Notorious Instances of Lobbying.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The senate again spent the greater part of the day considering the Indian appropriation bill. Two hours were given to a discussion of a claim of $50,000 for services rendered the Choctaw Indians. It was finally eliminated from the bill. The civil service debate was renewed and there was considerable discussion of the policy to be pursued to secure employes for work on the Panama canal.

The opening ceremonies of the senate were marked by the official introduction to that body of Charles Dick, as the successor of the late M. A. Hanna, senator from Ohio. The oath of office was administered by President Pro Tem Frye.

Consideration of the Indian appropriation bill was then resumed. The old controversy over Choctaw Indian leases, which was rife during the administration of President Harrison and the second administration of President Cleveland, was for a time revived in connection with a motion by Mr. Kean to amend the committee amendment for the payment of $50,000 out of the Choctaw funds to J. Hale Sypher, for services rendered the Indians in connection with the leases.

Mr. Platt supported the claim as valid, but in reviewing its origin said that $692,000 had been paid to lobbyists in connection with this claim. "It was," he said, "one of the most notorious instances of lobbying which has ever come to my notice."

Mr. Platt of Connecticut expressed the opinion that the civil service law could not be made applicable to employment in connection with the canal work.

Mr. Spooner said he never had supposed that it could occur to any sane man that competitive examination would be resorted to in connection with the canal work.

Mr. Hoar said the supplying of employes for the canal work was a very different thing from filling places in the executive departments and expressed the opinion that places connected with the canal should be selected on the recommendation of public men and he (Hoar) would do this regardless of the politics of the men consulted or chosen to office.

Mr. Platt of Connecticut expressed the opinion that unless the Panama canal work was done without reference to political influence the progress of the enterprise would be marked by scandal. The amendment exempting agency farmers from the civil service requirement was agreed on and without concluding consideration of the bill the senate at 5:04 went into executive session, and at 5:36 adjourned.

APPROPRIATION BILL IN THE HOUSE.

Disposes of Six Pages of Postoffice Bill for Amendment.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—When the house adjourned today some progress had been made regarding the postoffice appropriation bill for amendment, but only six pages were disposed of. The appropriation for the railway mail service was carefully scrutinized, and in the case of the inland mail transportation by star routes the appropriation was scaled down from $8,100,000 to $7,850,000. The question as to the length of time a postal car may be used before it becomes unfit for service was settled by the house today when an amendment by Mr. Tawney (Minn.) was adopted providing that no part of the appropriation should be used for the rental of cars which have been in service more than fifteen years. An unsuccessful fight was made against the appropriations for special mail facilities over trunk lines south from Washington and west from Kansas City.

TALK OF DIVORCE QUESTION

Meeting of Prominent Protestant Ministers in Conference in New York.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Agitation against divorce and the marriage of divorced persons has resulted in a meeting here of eminent Protestant ministers and laymen who will attempt to solve the problem of uniform legislation on the subject by the states of the union. A meeting of the executive committee of the conference, presided over by Bishop Doane of Albany, drafted a rough outline of the proposed law, which later will be presented to the full meeting for discussion. The conference is the result of the action of the Protestant Episcopal church taken at its last general convention in San Francisco.

ONE LOOPHOLE FOR RUDOLPH

Defense Places Only Hope on the Lack of a Witness to the Killing.

UNION, Mo., March 23.—After examining more than thirty witnesses the state rested its case today in the trial of William Rudolph, the alleged Union bank robber, who is charged with the murder of Detective Schumacher. Attorneys for the defense said today that their only hope for a favorable verdict was in the fact that the state had not presented the testimony of a witness to the shooting.

JAIL FULL OF MURDERERS

Chicago's Condemned List Swelled by Peasant to the Days of the Anarchist Troubles.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Louis Peasant was today sentenced to hang on April 15 for the murder of Mrs. Mary Spilka. Peasant strangled the woman to death to procure $300 which she possessed. The number of condemned prisoners now in the county jail is seven, a number only equaled before at the time of the anarchist troubles.

CITIZENS SURPRISE BURGLARS

On the Point of Blowing Up Bank Safe When Armed Men Put in Appearance.

MOUND CITY, Kan., March 23.—Four masked men broke into the Bank of Fulton, near here, and were in the act of dynamiting the vault when several armed citizens appeared. Shots were exchanged, but without effect, and the robbers escaped. They secured no booty.

EXPLOSION TAKES ONE LIFE

Other Bodies May Be Under Debris of Building at Wheeling.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 23.—Sharp's hotel, Leads' restaurant and several small buildings were destroyed today by an explosion either of dyanmite or of natural gas. The body of William Lawton has been recovered from the debris and it is feared that other guests of the hotel have been killed.

To Singers and Public Speakers

Sherman & McConnell Urge Them To Use Hyomei. Willing To Sell It On Approval.

A new and specially valuable use for Hyomei has been discovered, one that will be particularly welcomed by singers and public speakers.

The free use of Hyomei, breathed through the inhaler that comes with every outfit, carries healing balsams to the head and throat, and strengthens the voice. Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., cor. 16th and Dodge streets, Omaha, have had several of their customers speak to them in regard to the good effects following the use of Hyomei for this special purpose, and will be glad to sell it on approval to any singer, minister, teacher, or public speaker.

They feel sure that the use of Hyomei for this purpose will make many new friends for the treatment. If it does not give satisfaction, the money paid will be returned promptly and without questions.

The complete Hyomei outfit, consisting of an inhaler that can be carried in the purse or pocket, a bottle of Hyomei and a medicine dropper, costs only one dollar.

Many remarkable cures of catarrh and other troubles of the air passages have been made by Hyomei, and Sherman & McConnell Drug Co. agree to refund the money to anyone who does not find it a complete cure for any catarrhal trouble.

There is no dangerous stomach drugging with Hyomei; simply breathe it through the inhaler, and relief comes quickly.

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