AGAIN TRY FOR PEACE

Kruger and the British Government Once More in Correspondence.

THE SITUATION AT PRETORIA

Foreign Office Receives a Message, but Its Contents Are Kept Secret—Negotiations on at Bloemfontein — Correspondent Just From There Wires the Advance is Delayed Meanwhile.

LONDON, March 22.—Several telegrams have passed between President Kruger and the British government in addition to the Salisbury correspondence already published.

The foreign office received a dispatch from Pretoria yesterday. The contents of the communications cannot yet be obtained.

The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing March 21, says:

"I have just arrived from Bloemfontein, where I learned that no further movement is probable for three weeks, as negotiations are proceeding.

"I failed to ascertain the nature of the negotiations, or whether Sir Alfred Milner's departure from Capetown is connected with them, but I should not be surprised if the war collapsed quickly."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria, dated March 19, says:

"President Kruger returned from Kroonstadt yesterday. He says the fight in the Free State will be desperate. I am informed that the Transvaal government has taken no resolution to destroy mines or property as a last resort."

LONDON, March 22.—(New York World Cablegram.)—The situation in the Orange Free State is really far less satisfactory than the British censored dispatches represent it to be. Only a small section of the inhabitants so far have submitted, the vast bulk of the Boers being either in a condition of open or covert disaffection. When Sir Alfred Milner suddenly left Capetown on a special train Monday night, with his private secretary, his destination was carefully kept secret, lest his train might be wrecked on the way. It was simply announced that he was "going north on a peace mission."

It turns out that he went to Bloemfontein, having been hastily summoned there by Lord Roberts, who finds the questions of administering the affairs of the conquered portions of the Orange Free State more than he can cope with.

Sir Alfred Milner is not only the governor and the commander in chief of the British colony of the Cape of Good Hope, but he is also the British high commissioner in South Africa, the supreme representative of the British civil government in that part of the world. It was in the last named capacity that he had dealings with President Kruger before the war.

TIME OF TREATY EXTENDED.

Twelve Months More Are Allowed for Signing.

WASHINGTON, March 22—Secretary Hay and Ambassador Cambon today signed a potocol extending the time allowed for the ratification of the French reciprocity treaty.

By the terms of the protocol the treaty is to be ratified "as soon as possible and within twelve months from date." This is the same provision that was adopted in respect to the British West Indian reciprocity treaties.

The period of time allowed for the ratification of the French treaty will expire next Saturady. It is stated at the State department that efforts are to be redoubled to secure action on the treaty during the present session of congress. The treaty has not yet been ratified by the French Chamber of Deputies, but no delay is anticipated on that score after we shall have acted here.

MRS. LANGTRY SCARED AWAY.

"Degenerates" Not to Be Presented at Cleveland Because of Fear.

CLEVELAND, O., March 22.—As a result of the movement recently inaugurated in this city against the presentation of certain plays, the engagement of Mrs. Langtry, who was billed to open at the Euclid Avenue opera house on April 2 in "The Degenerates," has been cancelled. The police authorities several days ago announced that a censor would be present at the first performance of "The Degenerates" with full authority to order the curtain rung down should anything objectionable be said or done on the stage.

HERO OF PLEVNA DEAD.

Rated the Greatest Turkish Soldier in Modern Times.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A dispatch from Constantinople announces the death of Osman Pasha, the hero of Plevna and the greatest Turkish soldier of recent times. He was 68 years old. His defense of Plevna against an overwhelming Russian force in 1876 gave Osman enormous prestige.

Sudden Death of Conductor.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 22.—Jack Flinn, who had been in the employ of the Union Pacific as conductor for twenty years, dropped dead here last night. Flinn was discharged a few weeks ago because of a failure to make out his reports. It is said of him that during his long railroad career he never had an accident while on duty.

America Loses Companionship.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Beck Olsen of Copenhagen met Ernest Roeber, the heavyweight wrestler of America, at Madison Square garden last night in a Graeco-Roman match for the world's championship and Olsen was declared the victor by Referee Sam Austin. This match differed from recent contests of this order, inasmuch as it was to all intents and purposes on the level. Roeber gained the first fall in twenty-four minutes and twenty-five seconds by a half-Nelson hold.

Peter Jackson Sails Away.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22—Peter Jackson, ex-champion negro heavyweight pugilist, sailed for his old home in Australia tonight on the steamer Mariposa. Jackson, through ill health, is but a shadow of his former self and goes back to Australia with the expectation that the change of climate will prolong his life and possibly restore him to robust health. Should good health again come to him, he will start a school of boxing in some Australian city, probably Sydney, where he is very popular with the sporting class.

NO TRUCE FOR TRUST.

Supreme Court Cites the Standard Oil Company to Face the Bar.

LINCOLN, March 22.—The supreme court this afternoon overruled the demurrer asking for the dismissal of the case of the State of Nebraska against the Standard Oil company, and granted the defendant until April 1 to file answer to the state's petition. This means that the case will be tried in original jurisdiction before the supreme court, probably within the next few weeks, unless the Standard Oil company secures another hearing on the demurrer or a continuance of the case.

The defendant company sought to have the case dismissed from the supreme court on the ground that as it was an action of a criminal nature that tribunal had no authority to give it a hearing in original jurisdiction. It was contended that the case should have been begun and heard in the district court before coming to the supreme court.

Senator Thurston and F. L. McCoy of Omaha argued in favor of the dismissal on behalf of the Standard Oil company, and Attorney General Smyth contended for the state. Their arguments were presented to the court on February 19.

The court gave no reason for overruling the demurrer. An opinion on the jurisdiction to try this case was expected, but the court simply entered the word "overruled" opposite the motion and made no further comment. Mr. McCoy was at the capitol today and appeared surprised at the decision of the court. He was not prepared to say what his future course would be concerning the case.

Another hearing has been granted in the case of the bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Bartley. The last decision of the district court in this case, which is far approximately $600,000, was against the state. The supreme court reversed this decision, holding that the trial court committed error in not submitting the case to a jury.

SAVANNAH ENTERTAINS DEWEY.

Parade with 4,000 People in Line and a Banquet.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 22.—Fifty thousand persons on the streets here this afternoon gave Admiral Dewey an enthusiastic welcome to Savannah. The admiral had recovered from his indisposition of yesterday sufficiently for him to take part in the military parade and as he rode through the streets with Mrs. Dewey at his side ringing cheers rent the air. Military companies were present from many southern cities and nearly 4,000 men were in line. An admiral's salute was fired by the Chatham artillery from brass pieces presented to the organization by President George Washington. The climax of the occasion occurred at the banquet at the De Soto hotel last night, where the admiral was presented a beautiful vase on behalf of the city of Savannah by F. G. Dubine. The vase is elegantly engraved and stands nearly three feet high on a marble base.

FOR LOUISIANA PURCHASE SHOW.

Lacey Introduces Bill for Five Million Dollar Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Representative Lacey of Iowa today introduced a bill providing for an exposition at St. Louis, Mo., in 1903 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana territory. The bill provides for a government building to cost $400,000 and also for the expenditure of $5,000,000 by the government, when the exposition authorities have raised $10,000,00. Provision is made also for the creation of a commission and for other features giving the exposition a national and international scope.

No More Plague Cases.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 22.—Although there has been no authentic case of plague discovered in San Francisco, the municipal department is taking every precaution to guard against its introduction to the city, and today a large force of men was set to work to hunt out disease-breeding spots and have them cleansed. Three deaths among the Chinese are being investigated, but so far nothing has developed to lead to the belief that the deceased men died of the black fever.

Hopeful for Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Friends of the Porto Rico tariff bill in the senate are more confident than ever that they will be able to pass the measure. It is said that the quiet work which the harmony committee has been doing is having effect and that the opponents of the tariff are not so determined as they were a short time ago. The argument is being made that this being a republican measure, it ought not to be defeated by republican votes.

Discussing Loud Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—During the debate in the house today on the Loud bill relating to second-class mail matter there was a sharp exchange between Mr. McPherson (rep., Ia.), and Mr. Lentz (dem., O.), over a charge made by the former that the latter was the attorney for the lobby which is fighting the bill, otherwise the debate was without incident. Both the friends and opponents of the measure express the belief that the vote today will be close.

REPORTERS FOR U. S. COURTS.

Senate Passes Bill Authorizing Their Employment at $2,000.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—A bill to authorize the judges of the district courts of the United States to appoint stenographic reporters and determine the duties and compensation of such reporters was passed in the senate.

The bill provides for the appointment of ninety court reporters in the United States at a salary of $2,000 each, extra pay being provided for extra manuscripts of court proceedings supplied.

India Taking Her Gold.

CALCUTTA, March 22.—In introducing the budget, the financial member of the India council, Clinton Dawkins, alluded to the enormous flow of gold Indiawards. He said it had been decided to coin an additionl million of silver rupees. In spite of the famine, he added, the country had attained the gold standard through the continued closure of the mints and the ordinary operations of trade, without adding to the indebtedness of India, and the uncertainty in regard to the falling and changing of the ratio having become a thing of the past.

HORLOCKER AND MOREY

Miss Eva Stewart Tells Her Story in a Dramatic Manner.

OSCULATORY EXERCISES DETAILED

Mr. Morey and His Fair Typewriter Indiscreet, to Say the Least—A Case of Headache Cured By Hypnotism—New Door to the Heart Discovered.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 26.—A climax was reached in the Horlocker-Morey poisoning case when Miss Eva Stewart told the story of Viola's Horlocker's love affairs with Charles F. Morey. She repeated it in a most dramatic manner and without any hesitation whatever, as though she had every word committed to memory.

Miss Stewart said she was an intimate friend of Viola Horlocker and one evening Viola said: "I have a secret to tell you."

Miss Horlocker then said she was in love with one of her employers. She had never thought of him in any way other than a friend until one time he seemed sad and came to her and said he was lonely and sad, and she seemed such a strong woman and he wanted a friend, and asked her if she would be his friend and she said that she would. Then she said that he made some confidences to her, but she did not tell witness what the confidences were. One evening he went out to their home, the Horlocker home, and she sang to him and the next evening he told her she was grand, simply sublime; it had done him so much good.

After that occurrence Miss Horlocker said she had suffered before that from very severe headaches and one day when she was very sick Mr. Morey said that he could use hypnotism and could possibly relieve her headaches in that way and she permitted him to. She said that as he looked at her and exercised an influence over her she felt a little door in her heart fly open that she never knew was there before, and that after that she felt differently towards him than she ever had towards a friend.

Some time after that his wife was out of town and they became very close friends. They used to take long rides on their wheels together and he once invited her to his room and she went. Their intimacy attracted attention until there was an article in one of the Hastings papers, not mentioning names. She said Mr. Tibbets saw the paper and showed it to Mr. Morey and told Mr. Morey that it would be wise to break this affair off. Miss Horlocker said that when Mr. Morey's wife came home he seemed almost crazy and after that he had tried to break off the affair with her. She did not tell whether they broke it off entirely or not, but said at a later time in the winter they had had another very stormy scene at the office and he had attempted to break it off with her.

"She told me," said Miss Stewart, "that he had been accustomed to have her stay until after the rest left the office so that he might kiss her goodbye. He took her in his arms and kissed her passionately and she returned it, and on this special occasion he took her out in the hall and when he went to say good-bye to her she said to him: 'Is it a relief to you that you no longer kiss me as you used to?' She said that she saw his lips tremble and she asked him if it was not possible for him to love both her and Mrs. Morey. He said no, that his duty was to his wife. She said she kissed his hand and said: 'Friends can do that much.' He said, 'Can't you assert your womanhood? I have respect for you, although I no longer feel towards you as I did.'"

Hastings Man Disappears.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 26.—M. D. Hoagland, who has been engaged in the grocery business in Hastings for several years, mysteriously disappeared last night and nothing has been seen or heard of him since. He was last seen in his store at 10 o'clock at night. Mr. Brice, who is associated with Mr. Hoagland in business, says the business affairs are all right, and he cannot account for his sudden disappearance.

Fire Insurance Business.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 26.—Auditor Cornell has compiled figures showing the amount of business transacted in Nebraska by joint fire insurance companies during the year 1899. Exclusive of Nebraska companies the totals are: Losses paid, $688,884; losses incurred, $671,307; amount written, $110,330,346; premiums received, $1,330,701. The figures show a substantial increase in business transacted over that of the previous year.

Woods Arrested at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., March 26.—John Woods, one of the men accused of having a hand in the administering of a dose of tar and feathers to Mr. and Mrs. Figg at Gretna, was arrested at this place by the sheriff of Sarpy county and will be taken to Gretna for his preliminary hearing. He denies having had any hand in the affair and asserts that he was in Fremont at the time it occurred. He admits, however, that he had no kindly feeling for the Figgs.

Burglars Rob Postoffice.

GENOA, Neb., March 26.—Burglars entered the postoffice at this place and blew the safe open, securing about $60 in cash and a watch. A large amount of stamps and other things of value in the safe were untouched.

Fremont Soldier Killed.

FREMONT, Neb., March 26.—The news of the death of Private William Newlon of company H, Thirty-ninth United States volunteers, who lived in Fremont at the date of his enlistment, has been confirmed in a dispatch from Congressman Robinson, in which he states that he has received a cablegram from General Otis stating that Newlon was killed January 17 on the trail between Iban and Rosario. He was shot in the head and killed instantly. Newlon's name has never appeared in the official lists of casualties.

Farmer Accidentally Shot.

ALBION, Neb., March 26.—Sherman Hahn, living six miles southwest of Albion, accidentally shot himself by the discharge of a shotgun while unloading a wagon in which the gun lay. The discharge took effect in the right groin and hip. A doctor was called and dressed the wound, which was a frightful one, being from No. 2 shot. It was a glancing shot, the most of which took effect in the bone. The wound is likely to prove fatal.

J. N. Summerer of Bliss, Neb., accidentally shot his wife recently.

DINSMORE TO HANG JULY 20.

He Declares His Innocence Just Before Sentence is Pronounced.

LEXINGTON, Neb., March 23.—From 7:30 to 11 p. m. in the evening, and to 10 a. m. in the morning was taken up by the court in hearing the defense on its motion for a new trial in the Dinsmore case.

Several affidavits were read, alleging that some of the jurors had expressed opinions relative to the guilt of the defendant prior to the trial. Affidvaits were also read alleging that the action of B. F. Tussig, witness for the state, who threatened the life of the defendant, prejudiced the minds of the jurors. It was also figured that the instructions of the court were too strong and suggested to the jury what the verdict should be.

Judge Sullivan promptly overruled the motion and sentenced Dinsmore to be hanged here July 20.

When asked if he had anything to say why the sentence of death should not be passed upon him the prisoner said he had nothing to say except that he was not guilty of the crime charged.

Sheriff Funk of Buffalo county was charged to return the prisoner to Kearney, the jail at that place being deemed more safe than the one at this place.

The Horlocker Case.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 23.—By its opening statement in the trial of Viola Horlocker, charged with poisoning with attempt to kill Mrs. Charles F. Morey, the defense outlined its intention to prove that Miss Horlocker was mentally irresponsible by heredity, her condition being aggravated by a man whom she loved, not wisely, but too well. The court room was jammed with spectators, attracted by a curiosity to learn what the defense would be and a desire to see the prisoner and the witnesses, among whom are some of the most prominent society people in Hastings.

Viola Horlocker and her sister, Mrs. Cheever, were in court all day long. Miss Horlocker seemed to take the matter well until in the afternoon, when she covered her face with her hands for some time, but when she looked up again her face showed no signs of excitement or suffering.

Charles F. Morey and his wife were in the room the entire afternoon, occupying seats close to the county attorney. Morey's name was not mentioned, but intimations were so strong that he was closely regarded by the crowd of spectators.

Tar and Feathers for Two.

GRETNA, Neb., March 23.—An infuriated mob took Louis Figg and wife, the religious fanatics, from their beds and treated them to a coat of tar and feathers. Notice was then served upon the head of the Gigg church that if he did not desist from breaking up families, ruining homes and maintaining a harem filled with women of the families he has broken up that a second visit from the mob could be expected and more stringent remedies applied. For a year or more Figg and his wife by some peculiar influence induced several women to leave their husbands, homes and children and live with him. The women refused all opportunities to return to their homes, saying Figg was their god and their husbands the devil.

A Young Girl's Depravity.

FREMONT, Neb., March 23.—Ruth Parsons, a 13-year-old girl, was brought before the county judge on a charge of incorrigibility, having been found in the Davenport hotel in a room wtih Albert Seneca. After being sentenced to the reform school at Geneva she created considerable excitement by stating on oath, that she was the mother of an unborn babe, and naming a couple of well known young men as her traducers. The judge thereupon suspended the sentence and ordered her committed to jail until proper complaints could be drawn up against the young men for statutory assault, a felony.

Reduced Rates for Veterans.

YORK, Neb., March 23.—H. H. Bowker, secretary of the Shiloh Veteran association, has completed arrangements for reduced rates on all railroads for their next annual meeting to be held at Schuyler, Neb., on April 5 and 6. He asks that all comrades buying tickets ask for a certificate.

York Farms Bring Large Sums.

YORK, Neb., March 23.—The McCullough 159-acre farm, three miles from York, sold last week for $7,600 cash, and the Riley Struble 160-acre farm, five miles from York, sold for $6,200 cash. Eighteen years ago these farms could have been bought for $7 to $10 per acre.

Gift for Academy.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., March 23.—The Pawnee City academy has received from a wealthy friend in Pennsylvania an endowment of $1,000. The donation was made through the financial agent of the institution, W. A. Campbell, and the name of the donor is withheld from the public.

Collision at McCook.

M'COOK, Neb., March 23.—Passenger train No. 5 ran into a string of cars projecting over the main track at the east end of the McCook yard just as the passenger train was coming into McCook station and parts of both trains were pretty badly demolished. Engineer David Magner of the passenger train was the only one injured, and he not seriously. The mail car was badly damaged, but the clerks all escaped injury.

Horse Thieves at Work.

DILLER, Neb., March 23.—A valuable horse was stolen from the barn of Arthur Catlin, a farmer residing eight miles west of this place. Sunday evening a stranger was noticed around the barn, but nothnig was thought of it at the time. In the morning one of his horses was gone, together with a saddle and bridle. He came here at once and tried to get the bloodhounds from Beatrice, but could not. He traced the animal as far as Hanover, Kas., and there it seemed to have disappeared.

Appointed to West Point.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 23.—Jay Benedict of Hastings received word from West Point notifying him that he had been apopinted cadet to West Point over Ralph Boehue of Hansen. At the preliminary examination held here in February, Boehue came out first, with Benedict a close second. They both took the examination for West Point at Leavenworth about two weeks ago, and it was through this final examination that Benedict secured the appointment over Boehue.

THE HORLOCKER TRIAL

Attorney's Ask for Continuance on Accomnt of Mother's Illness.

THE APPLICATION WAS DENIED

All Technical Objections Fail and the Prisoner Pleads Not Guilty—The Matter of Securing a Jury—Charges to Which the Accused Has to Answer.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 21.—The case of Miss Viola Horlocker, charged with attempting to kill Mrs. Charles F. Morey by poison, was called for trial in the district court. Miss Ollie Horlocker entered the court room accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Durrant Cheever of New York. Immediately John M. Ragan of the defense arose and presented his affidavit for continpance which Judge Adams after carefully reading overruled, said affidavit being based upon the fact that Mrs. Horlocker mother of the accused, was seriously ill in New York City.

After the overruling of the affidavit the attorney for the defense arose and asked leave of the court to withdraw the plea of not guilty given at the last term, which was granted.

Mr. Stevens immediately presented a motion to the court to quash the information. Mr. Ragan argued the motion at some length attacking the information for the reason that it did not allege that the poison was a deadly poison and for the further reason that the defendant should be indicted by a grand jury in order to be brought properly o trial for these reasons the counsel contended that the indictment was defective.

County Attoney McCreary made a brief argument to support the information and Judge Adams promptly overruled the demurrer to the information. Judge Adams then requested the clerk to call the names of the jurymen.

The attorneys for the defense were equal to the emergeniy and forthwith presented a motion challenging the array of three counts, and moved to quash the panel.

The first contention was that the county board selected two lists of names of jurymen, the first list containging sixty-one names while the law provides that only sixty names shall be called, the second list being named without the board reconsidering its former action. Second, the January term was adjourned sine die and the February meeting was called or a special meeting. The present jury being drawn from the last list was hence not secured according to law, and third, the names of the jurors were not properly apportioned among the voting precincts according to law.

The court overruled the challenge to the array and apparently all technical objections are exhausted.

Miss Horlocker was then formally arraigned and the county attorney read the information to which she pleaded not guilty.

April 10, 1889, a box of poisoned bon-bons were left at the studio door of Mrs. Charles F. Morey, who was at that time conducting a painting class, all the members of which partook of the drugged candy that was left at the door. Soon after they became seriously ill, and the life of Mrs. Morey and one or two of the others was despaired of for some time. In the class were some of the most popular young ladies of this city.

Suspicion was soon directed to Miss Viola Horlocker, who was stenographer in the law office of Tibbets, Bros. & Morey. Complaint was sworn out and the sherifl arrested Miss Horlocker in Iowa and brought her to this place.

Heads of State Fair.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 21.—The state board of agriculture is actively preparing for the next state fair to be held in Lincoln. E. M. Searle of Ogalalla has been chosen as general superintendent. The other superintendents are: Gates, W. R. Mellor, Loup City; Agricultural hall, A. C. Jones, Blair; Merchants' hall, James Pearson; Art hall, J. H. McClay, Lincoln; forage, Charles ann, Chadron; transportation, O. M. Druse, Lincoln; amphitheater, J. N. Van Dine, Wilber; mature corn, lot 8, class F. F, Morse, Benkleman.

Following is a list of class superintendents; Horses, mules and asses, F. A. McKay, Aurora; cattle, E. Filley, Filley; swine, L. W. Leonard, Pawnee City, sheep, G. W. Hervey, Omaha; poultry and pet stock, C. M. Lewelling, Beaver City; farm products, J. R. Cantlin, Webster; ladies' textile department, Mrs. M. A. Presson, Stromsburg; dairy, B. F. Stauffer, Bellevue; educational, J. W. Dinsmore, Beatrice; bees, honey and apiary, Ed Whitcomb, Friend; mechanical arts, M. W. Chappell, Minden; fine arts, Miss Sarah Hayden; machinery, L. K. McGraw, Osceola; instruments, W. H. Barger, Hebron; county collective exhibits, W. E. Ewing, Franklin; discretionary, L. A. Becher, Neligh; special premiums, N. Withron, Central City; speed, J. D. Macfarland, Lincoln; agricultural instruction, Prof. L. L. Lyon, Lincoln; fish exhibits, Robert S. Oberfelder, Sidney.

Lewis' Remains Arrive.

OSCEOLA, Neb., March 21.—The remains of the late William P. Lewis of Company E, First Nebraska, killed at Manila August 2, 1898, arrived here. The funeral will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon. Chaplain Mailley will be present and officiate.

Funeral of Utah Battery Man.

ORLEANS, Neb., March 21.—Oscar Fenninger of the Utah battery, who served in the Philippines, was buried at this place yesterday, the home of his mother and brothers and his former home. He was well liked here and the funeral was the largest ever held in this part of the state. The Workmen lodges from Alma, Republican City, Stamford, Oxford, Woodruff and Long Island attended. Mr. Fenninger enlisted with the Utah battery and served through the war, was taken sick from exposure, sent to the hospital and died there.

Death Results From Wreck.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 21—James Ginder, a fireman on the Burlington & Missouri, died from injuries received in a wreck on that road on March 8, near White Cloud, Kan. A bridge gave way, precipitating the engine and several freight cars to the bottom of a creek, where the engineer, fireman and head brakeman, who were all injured, narowly escaped death by drowning. Brakeman Downard is lying in a precarious condition as a result of his injuries.

The airship man is expected to be a little flighty in his ideas.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE.

Omaha, Chicago and New York Market Quotations.

SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 26.—CATTLE—There was about the usual Friday's run of cattle in the yards and the market as a whole was in a good healthy condition. Everything offered was sold and weighed up at an early hour.

Among the offerings of beef steers were some choice cattle and for that reason sales show up pretty well on paper. The demand was good. Beef steers, $3.50@5.10; steers and heifers, $4.35@4.65; Texas steers,. $4.00@4.25; cows, $1.50@4.00; cows and heifers, $3.50@3.90; heifers, $3.50@4.50; bulls, $2.25@3.90; bulls and stags, $3.50@4.00; calves, $6.50@7.25; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.00.

HOGS— The best heavy sold as high as $5.00. Good light mixed they wanted generally at $4.87½, with such as were not good at a less price. A good many of the hogs on sale changed hands early at these prices, then the market slowed up a little, buyers becoming cautious and waiting for later reports from other markets. Some of the heaviest packers did not appear to have much confidence in the future of the market and were holding back.

SHEEP—Choice handy weight yearlings, $6.00@6.15; good to choice fed yearlings, $5.85@6.00; fair to good yearlings, $5.65@5.80; good to choice wethers, $5.55@5.80; fair to good wethers, $5.35@5.50; good to choice fed ewes, $5.05@5.25; fair to good ewes, $4.60@5.00; good to choice native lambs, $6.90@7.00; good to choice western lambs, $6.80@7.00; fair to good western lambs, $6.60@6.80; feeder wethers, $4.50@5.00; feeder yearlings, $5.00@5.60; good to choice feeder lambs, $5.25@6.00.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK.

KANSAS CITY, March 26.—CATTLE—Light supply caused further advance, all grades selling strong to a grade higher; heavy native steers, $4.75@5.25; lightweights, $4.25@5.00; stockers and feeders, $3.60@4.30; butcher cows and heifers, $3.30@4.65; fed westerns, $3.85@4.75; western feeders, $3.70@4.65; Texans, $3.75@4.50.

HOGS—Excellent demand at 5@10c higher; heavy, $4.95@5.07; mixed, $4.85@5.00; light, $4.75@4.90; pigs, $4.60@4.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Improved demand strengthened values; offerings selling a shade higher; Colorado lambs, $6.75@6.80; yearlings, $5.75@5.90; muttons, $5.40@5.75; stockers and feeders, $4.50@6.10; culls, $3.50@4.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 26.—CATTLE—Natives, best on sale today, $5.40; good to prime steers, strong to shade higher, $4.85@5.80; poor to medium, steady to firm, $4.00@4.75; selected feeders, steady, $4.00@4.75; mixed stockers, about steady, $3.50@3.85; cows, weak, $3.00@4.15; heifers, steady, $3.10@4.60; canners, weak, 10@15c lower, $2.10@2.80; bulls, weak, 10c lower, $2.60@4.20; calves, steady, $4.00@6.00. Texans, no receipts.

HOGS—Market 5@10c higher, closing strong, top, $5.25; mixed and butchers, $4.90@5.22½; good to choice heavy, $5.05@5.25; rough heavy, $4.90@5.00; light, $4.85@5.15; bulk of sales, $5.05@5.20.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Good to choice wethers, $5.60@6.00; fair to choice mixed, $4.75@5.60; western sheep, $5.40@6.00; yearlings, $6.00@6.50; native lambs, $5.25@7.35; western lambs, $6.00@7.35.

NEW YORK GRAIN.

NEW YORK, March 26.—WHEAT—The close was very firm at ⅛c net advance. May, 71 13-16@72 7-16c; closed at 72⅜c; July, 72@72 7-16c, closed at 72⅜c; September, 72@72½c, closed at 72½c.

CORN—Spot, firm; No. 2, 44¼c, f. o. b., afloat, and 43..c, elevator; closing strong at ..c net advance. May, 42½c, closed at 43c; July, 42⅝@42¾c, closed at 43¼c.

OATS—Spot, steady; No. 2, 29½c; No. 3, 28¾c; No. 3 white, 31¼c; track mixed western, 29@30c; No. 2 white, 32c; track white western, 31½@35c; track white, state, 31½@35c.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 26.—WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 63@64..c; No. 2 red, 68c.

CORN—No. 2, 37¼c; No. 2 yellow, 37⅜@37½c.

OATS—No. 2, 24@24¼c; No. 2 white, 26½@26..c; No. 3 white, 54½@55c.

RYE—No. 2, 54½@55c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@42c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1 and northwest, $1.65. Prime timothy, $2.35@2.50. Clover, contract grade, $8.25.

GOLDEN TELLS WEIRD TALE.

Prosecution in Case of Goebel Murder Suspects Play Trump Card.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 26.—F. Wharton Golden of Barboursville was put on the witness stand in the examination of Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with conspiracy to murder Senator Goebel. Golden was rather nervous on the stand, but did not hesitate in his replies to questions and his testimony made a deep impression.

According to Golden, Caleb Powers was one of the prime movers in bringing to Frankfort of the mountaineers just before the assassination of Goebel, and although Secretary Powers simply instructed him to bring witnesses who were mountain feudists, yet Golden understood that they were to come to Frankfort for possibly a more sinister purpose; that of "cleaning out the democratic majority in the legislature."

Golden also brought in the name of Governor Taylor in an incidental way, also the names of Culton, John Powers, Captain Davis, Charles Finley, Judge Bingham and others, the plan to bring the mountaineers to Frankfort having taken on a wider scope than expected. It is expected the commonwealth will rest at the conclusion of Golden's testimony. Golden was seized with a slight hemorrhage during the morning and adjournment was taken earlier than the usual hour.

NO PLAGUE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Commercial Organizations Take Issue With Board of Health.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—The Board of Trade and other commercial organizations of this city propose to call a meeting for the purpose of refuting sensational reports regarding the bubonic plague, which, it is asserted, have injuriously affected business interests. There is no plague scare here and despite the opinion expressed by the Board of Health, the statement is positively made that not a single case of that disease has been discovered in Chinatown. The Chinese quarter is not under quarantine, but is being thoroughly cleaned and placed in good sanitary condition, as a precautionary measure.

Austrian Parliament Prorogued.

VIENNA, March 26.—The premier, Dr. E. von Koerber, has sent the presidents of both houses of the Reichsrath a notice proroguing parliament March 25.

Control is With Carnegie.

TRENTON, N. J., March 26.—The Carnegie company, the formation of which has resulted from the conference of Andrew Carnegie and H. C. Frick to settle the business difference between them, was incorporated here today. The capital is $160,000,000 and the stock is all subscribed.

Quiet South of Bloemfontein.

LONDON, March 26.—Lord Roberts telegraphs to the war office from Bloemfontein, under date of March 23, evening, as follows:

"There is no special news to report. The country south of this place is generally settling down. Nnmbers of arms have been delivered up and the people are beginning to recognize the advantage of bringing supplies for sale. The movement of the troops in western district is being attended with good results."

WAS IT NIGHTMARE?

He Says This Was an Experience in Alabama.

"Recently I had an experience with rats that I will not soon forget," said D. B. Parks of Fredericksburg, Va., to a New Orleans Times-Democrat man. It happened in this way: I was traveling through Alabama, and landed in a small town, worn out after a day's overland travel in a broken down buggy, and sought the only tavern the town boasted. After I had been in bed about 15 minutes I was startled to hear strange and curious noises—the most unnatural in sound I had ever heard. I immediately proceeded to investigate the cause of this midnight disturbance and lit the candle, the only illuminant procurable, and to my surprise beheld ten of the largest rats, in my opinion, ever seen. They ranged in size from an average squirrel to an ordinary dog. Not the least fear was manifested by these rats. They deliberately surveyed me and continued the work of eating my shoes. One large fellow, evidently master of ceremonies, was bold enough to attempt to bite me. This affront was more than I could stand. Jumping back into bed I screamed for the landlord, who, after being awakened from a drunken sleep, slowly shuffled up to this chamber of horrors, dignified as a room, and contemptuously inquired the cause of the racket. After stating the nature of the trouble, he "allowed" he would settle it in short order. In about ten minutes rats poured into the room in droves, to the number of about 150, all sizes and conditions, large and small, lean and fat, all squeaking and apparently frightened. I thought something unusual must have transpired, when my suspicions were confirmed by the arrival of several ferrets, whose eyes sparkled with glee at the slaughter they proceeded to institute. As soon as I collected myself after the execution I hastened out of the room, and made myself as comfortable as possible in a chair, waiting for day to break, that I could shake the town. Although I made my escape in carpet slippers, it was one of the happiest incidents of my life. The landlord evidently thought nothing of the occurrence. He said it happened very often and he always kept a supply of ferrets to clean the rats out when they became unmanageable and too annoying to his guests."

Sale of Pews for Taxes.

A notice appears upon the front door of the First Parish church which has attracted considerable attention at a distance. On close inspection the notice proves to be one of a delinquent tax sale. It is well known that the First Parish clings to the old method of pew ownership, in part at least. On the pews that are owned, as on real estate in the city, a certain proportion of the parish revenue is laid annually in the form of taxes. In former times there was not much attention paid to this matter of taxes, but for some years past the parish has been trying to acquire title to all of the pews, to the end that taxes may be abolished and rental substituted therefor. For this reason the collector has been looking very sharply after delinquents, and each year the parish was bid in and bought some pews. This list this year includes some dozen or more, and they are to be sold Jan. 15 if the unpaid taxes are not paid in the meantime. When this lot of pews is bidden in by the parish committee there will be only about a dozen more that are owned by individuals, and the prospect is good that these will be surrendered within a year or two so that it will become a free church where anyone may secure seats anywhere by paying rental for them, instead of in the old-fashioned way of owning a pew against all comers and holding it as long as a man holds his house.—Portland (Me.) Argus.

A Cocoon Guard.

"While down East," said a Manayunk mill hand, "I had the strange job of 'cocoon guard' in a silk mill. The cocoons were bought in China and Japan by the pound. They are, you know, the finished work of the silk worm—small, oval balls of silk, each with its worm coiled inside. I guarded the cocoons in a big room, where they lay in bins, and I gave them to the girls who prepared them for the cards. As they were valuable, and as they were also curios, I weighed the daily portion each girl got, and counted the cocoons in that portion besides. Thus, Maggie would be charged by me in a day with nine pounds, equaling 870 cocoons, and, by a simple formula in division and subtraction, I could tell how many pounds of yarn Maggie ought to get from her portion, and if she came out short the 'cocoon guard' would inquire wherefore."—Philadelphia Record.

Alaska's Needs.

There is a delegation now in Washington from Alaska that is urging the enactment of legislation under which a government may be established in that territory. They ask for the establishment of courts at St. Michael or Cape Nome, at Eagle City and at Juneau or Skagway. There is now only one court in the territory, and people are now compelled to go 1,000 miles, and often a longer distance, and to remain away from their homes several months, and sometimes a year, when they are interested in litigation or are summoned as witnesses.

Lucky Hesitation.

"I never was glad for this impediment in my speech but once," said the man from Dearborn, who was in to see the big parade. "When was that?" "Fe-fe-fellow asked me h-h-ow much I would take for a-a horse, and while I-I-I was t-trying to tell him s-sixty dollars, he offered me a hundred."—Woman's Journal.

Success Assured.

Old Lawyer—"How are you getting along?" Young Lawyer—"I have one client." Old Lawyer—"Is he wealthy?" Young Lawyer—"He was."—Exchange.

Avoirdupois Cure.

Stout Lady—Doctor, will nothing but exercise help me? Doctor—Well, you might eat less.—Indianapolis Journal.