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KILLS HIS MOTHER MURDER OF WEALTHY WOMAN FOLLOWED BY SUICIDE

Mother of Nelson Veit, of New York, Learned of Secret Wedding, and Discovers Led to Double Tragedy in Fashionable Apartment House.

Revelation by a son to his mother of a secret marriage and parental refusal to be reconciled to it is believed to have been the impelling cause of a double tragedy in a large uptown apartment house in New York Wednesday.

The victims were Mrs. Rebecca Veit, a wealthy widow, and her only son, J. Nelson Veit, a Wall street broker, the circumstances of the affair indicating that the mother was shot by the son, and that the latter then took his own life by inhaling illuminating gas. The bodies of both were discovered Wednesday.

Mrs. Veit lay dead in her bed from bullet wounds in her head and body, while her son was found on the floor of the bath room in his mother's apartments, lifeless from asphyxiation.

An aunt of the suicide, Miss Anna Veit, discovered the bodies when she sought to awaken Mrs. Veit, in whose apartments she had spent the night. J. Nelson Veit, who was but 27 years old, went to his mother's apartments Tuesday night and dined with her and Miss Veit.

Miss Veit said that Veit used the telephone to talk to someone in the city during the evening and finally left to watch the election returns. The two women talked together for some time afterward and then retired for the night in separate rooms.

Veit evidently returned to the apartment some time during the night, but no one has been found who saw him enter. Miss Veit slept undisturbed and the fact of the murder and suicide was not learned until several hours after the double tragedy had occurred.

The police made the discovery Wednesday that Veit, who was supposed to be single, was married secretly in October of last year. His mother, who spent several months each year in Europe, had only recently returned from France and the coroner's theory is that her discovery of her son's marriage precipitated a quarrel between them, culminating in the tragedy.

Late Wednesday the police found Mrs. J. Nelson Veit, widow of the dead man, in another uptown apartment house, where she said she had been living for a month past, having been away from New York all the time since her marriage with Veit in October, 1907.

Mrs. Veit said that she never met her husband's mother and did not know whether or not the mother was ever told of the marriage. Her husband telephoned to her at about 10:30 o'clock that he would be home in half an hour. She did not hear from him again, she said.

The dead woman was the widow of the late Felix Veit, a wealthy broker, and senior member of the firm of Veit, Lyon & Co., well known a few years ago in Wall street.

DENOUNCES HAZING. Head of Illinois University Makes Vigorous Address to Students.

President Edmund James, of the University of Illinois, at Urbana, Ill., Wednesday issued an address to the students in which he declared that hazing in which he declared that it will not be tolerated and that any student found guilty will be dismissed from the university.

President James says: "Hazing is in violation of good manners and of the right of individual liberty. It is provocative of public disorder. In its milder forms it is a nonsensical and almost idiotic form of amusement, unworthy of the support or favor of any sensible university student. In its coarser forms hazing is a vulgar, brutal, always demoralizing and sometimes dangerous form of sport which the university cannot countenance or tolerate."

For Wrecking a Train. John McMullen was arrested on the charge of wrecking the Duluth limited of the Omaha road near Augusta, Wis. He is said to have confessed his crime to his sweetheart, who informed the authorities. The train when it was wrecked was going fifty miles an hour and was thrown off the track because a rail had been removed. Fortunately only eight persons were slightly hurt.

Sioux City Live Stock Market. Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top heaves, \$4.25. Top hogs, \$6.00.

Japan Likes The News. The news that Mr. Taft had undoubtedly been elected reached Tokyo through the Associated Press Wednesday morning and was immediately communicated to the foreign office, where it was received with manifestation of liveliest interest.

Head of Harvard Quits. President Elliot, of Harvard University, at Cambridge, Mass., Wednesday tendered his resignation.

TAFT TO WHITE HOUSE. Obiann Elected President by Overwhelming Vote.

General election returns received up to midnight Tuesday show the following results: William H. Taft is elected president, having approximately 298 votes.

Practically no change is indicated in the complexion of the national house of representatives. The United States senate will retain its present republican majority.

Gov. Charles E. Hughes has been re-elected in New York by about 75,000 plurality. Indiana has gone for Taft. Bryan has apparently carried Nebraska.

Ohio returns are very slow, owing to the immense ballot, but Taft has carried it by a large plurality. Judge Taft may have a majority in the city of New York.

Mr. Taft probably will receive a larger plurality in New York state than President Roosevelt did four years ago. He has exceeded President Roosevelt's plurality in New Jersey and had a surprisingly big vote in Massachusetts.

The republican plurality fell off heavily in the middle west in a manner thoroughly surprising to the republican leaders. Speaker Cannon has been re-elected. Representative Payne, of New York, and Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, have been elected and the house of representatives probably will continue under its old regime.

Mr. Payne will have charge of the new tariff bill in the extra session which Mr. Taft will call immediately after March 4 next. Missouri has returned to the "solid south" on the presidential ticket and elected Cochran as its governor.

BRITISH CROWN RESISTS DECISION IN FAVOR OF AN AMERICAN. Jimmy Britt, the California fighter, defeated Jimmy Sumners, of England, in the tenth round Monday night at Wonderland, England. The conditions of the fight called for ten rounds at 123 pounds.

Summers had the better of the first two rounds, and Britt, seeming to realize his disadvantage, put more energy into his work and shaped up much better in the succeeding rounds. The Englishman showed great cleverness and in the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds looked to be a winner. Britt came back, however, and fought his man to the ropes, having a considerable advantage in the ninth and tenth rounds.

The American was declared the winner on points, although a considerable section of the spectators who filed the big hall questioned the referee's decision. For several minutes there was every indication of a riot and it was with the utmost difficulty that quiet was restored. Britt and the referee were loudly hooted as they left the hall.

BIG FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA. Blaze in Lumber Yard Causes Loss Estimated at \$750,000.

A spectacular fire that was marked by many thrilling incidents destroyed the lumber yards of A. R. and J. J. Williams, in the northwestern section of Philadelphia, entailing a loss estimated at \$750,000. The yard is on a rectangular piece of ground at Glenwood and Sedgley avenues and Chamberland, York and Twenty-second streets, and close beside the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad and western trains were held up several hours causing great inconvenience. A line of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company crosses Glenwood avenue also at the scene of the fire. The bridge caught fire and the heat warped the rails so that traffic was tied up. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

No Special Privilege. The British colonial office recently offered President Roosevelt the freedom of the government shooting preserves in Africa. Mr. Roosevelt replied that he wished to be treated only as a private citizen and that he did not desire special privileges.

New York Town Swept by Fire. The village of Savannah, Wayne county, N. Y. was almost wiped off the map by fire early Tuesday. Two hotels, opera house, postoffice, two telephone offices, fourteen stores, warehouse and three residences were destroyed. The loss is \$150,000.

Road Attorney Defaults. General Solicitor W. R. Biggs, of the Great Northern, confirmed the shortage of \$69,000 in the accounts of A. J. Gordon, of Spokane, Wash., formerly general counsel of the Great Northern at Spokane.

British Schooner Lost. The three masted British schooner Calabria, which was driven ashore near Summerside, P. E. I., in a gale last Sunday, it was reported Tuesday, will be a total loss. The vessel was bound from Campbellton, N. B., for Boston, with lumber.

For Army Garrison at Havana. A board of seven officers of the army has been appointed to meet in the Hawaiian islands for the location of buildings of a permanent garrison for one regiment of infantry and two squadrons of cavalry, one regiment of field artillery, one company of engineers, one company of the signal corps and a general hospital barracks for a detachment of the hospital corps.

LIGHTING PLANT EXPLODES. Five Persons Are Injured in Church at Walker, Ia.

The explosion of a lightning plant in the entrance way of the Christian church at Walker, Ia., Sunday night entrapped five young people at a meeting of the Christian Endeavor society and but for the heroism and self possession of the pastor, Rev. Charles I. Fisher, there would have been several fatalities. The only exit was blocked and five escaped by leaping through a window. All were more or less burned. The injured are:

Rev. Mr. Fisher, body, hands and head burned, condition serious. Nile, his 7-year-old son, burned about the body, condition serious. Miss Cora Butterfield, burned and cut about hands. Miss Zofia Wilk, burned about hands. Frank Weik, burned about arms.

Immediately following the explosion the whole interior of the church was aflame. Oil was scattered about, covering the building and garments of the worshippers. Their clothing ignited and the pastor tried to beat out the flames. He directed the escape through the window, aiding the young people despite his own torturing pain. One girl's hands were cut by jagged edges of the broken window panes. The church burned to the ground with the residence adjoining.

Rev. Mr. Fisher is principal of the public schools and is popular both as a teacher and pastor. His son is in a critical condition and may not recover.

FOR LONG AUTO RACE. Nineteen Cars Entered for 600-Mile Spin on Thanksgiving Day.

The entries for the 600-mile international grand prize race of the Automobile Club of America, which is to be run on Thanksgiving day at Savannah, closed Monday with the enlistment of nineteen cars, representing four nationalities.

The race, which is to be for a gold trophy of the value of \$5,000 and additional cash prizes aggregating \$8,000 to drivers will bring together the flower of the famous drivers of Europe and America. Fifteen laps of a 26.75 mile course, guarded by five regiments of militia, are to be covered.

The day before the big race nineteen small cars of low power are to compete in a light car of volucrite over 200 miles of the circuit. The entries in this class which closed Monday consist of one French, two Italian and sixteen American cars.

WILL SEEK NORTH POLE. Norwegian Expedition Prepares to Drift Five Years If Necessary.

Definite plans have been drawn up for a Norwegian north pole expedition under the leadership of Amundsen, who took the first ship through the northwest passage. Amundsen plans a drift voyage across the North Polar ocean.

The central idea is Nansen's but the lesson of the explorer's voyage led to the conclusion that a vessel entering the ice considerably nearer the point where the Fram was not frozen in would probably drift further north and be carried over close to the pole.

Amundsen proposes to enter the Behring strait and fasten his ship in the ice northwest of Point Barrow, the most northerly point in Alaska. He is prepared to drift for five and possibly six years.

FRANK MAY COST LIFE. Detroit Theatrical Manager Seriously Hurt—Auto Runs Into Pole.

An automobile party from Detroit met with an accident at Brownstown, Ind., Sunday evening, in which B. C. Whitney, proprietor of several theatrical houses, had his skull fractured and is in a critical condition. Halloween marauders had thrown a pole across the road and in driving around it the machine ran into a guy wire one end of which fastened to the pole. The jar pulled the pole from the ground into the air, one end striking Whitney.

Fleet to Shoot at Targets. The flagship Connecticut, the Vermont, Nebraska and Georgia, of the first squadron of the Atlantic battleship fleet, came to Manila Monday from Oklongque for coal and stores. The calibration of the guns on the ships is about completed and the squadron will soon begin target practice.

Banker to Stand Trial. Attorneys for Wm. A. Adler, formerly president of the United States National bank of New Orleans, gave out a statement confirming the reports that Adler was coming back from Honduras to stand trial on indictments against him in the United States court.

Killed by Escaping Gas. Mox Devore and his wife, both aged 50, and their epileptic son, Charles, aged 13, were found dead in their home in Milo, O., having been asphyxiated by escaping gas from a stove in the house.

Hundred Horses Burn. A fire early Monday at St. Paul, Minn., burned Shoa's lively stable, adjoining the Angus hotel. Olaf Johnson, an employee, is thought to have perished in the fire. One hundred horses were burned to death. The loss is \$50,000.

Pennsylvania Dividend. The Pennsylvania Railroad company Monday at Philadelphia declared its regular annual dividend of 3 per cent.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

AFTER RALSTON MURDERERS. No Trace of Them After Leaving Scene of Shooting.

The search Sunday night for the murderers of C. A. Ralston proved of no avail, but only Monday morning work was started by John Sauter, living on the outskirts of Papillion, in Sarpy county, that two men had applied to him for work and acted suspiciously.

This rumor was followed up by Weeping Water authorities, who jeered Sheriff McCannan, of Sarpy county, to go and get the men and look them over. The sheriff replied that he would go at once, and in the meantime the sheriff of Cass county went to Lincoln to see Gov. Sheldon and ask for aid, then started from Lincoln to Papillion.

Bloodhounds failed to find a trail, though two packs were brought, one from Lincoln and the other from Plattsmouth, and were put on the trail near the coal chute, where the shooting occurred.

The sheriff told as best they could the direction in which the murderers of Ralston went after the shooting was only a few hundred yards and then took up through the woods to a pasture owned by the late F. M. Wolcott.

The woods in the ravine in heavy oak and elm, with much hazel brush. It is woods in which men could travel for a mile and a half without being seen, but how they could reach a crossing of the Platte river during the night is a matter of mystery, as the country is open north of Weeping Water and automobiles and horsemen have patrolled every road of the ten miles between Weeping Water and the Platte river.

PRISONER REFUSES TO CONFESS. Masked Band Strips Sterling Man Up to No Avail.

Saturday afternoon a stranger was around among the business men of Stella trying to sell some rings. Upon being told that there was a robbery of a jewelry store the night before he left at once for the depot to catch a train out. At this juncture the sheriff arrived, and in order to locate the stranger hid in the weeds. He was placed in the city jail and a thorough search made of his person and two bags of gold rings were found strapped to his body, besides other items in the jewelry line.

The rings were taken from him. Leaving two men to guard him, they went to the jail and took the fellow out of town and strung him up to a telephone pole and tried to make him tell who had committed the robbery which occurred here the night before.

POULTRY PRIZES INCREASED. Big Inducement to Exhibitors to Corn Show at Omaha in December.

To prepare for the fourth annual poultry and pet stock show, a meeting of the association was held Monday evening at the office of Geo. H. Lee, secretary, at the Omaha stock exchange, looking toward the show which is to be held at the Auditorium Dec. 23 to Jan. 2. A large number of fanciers was present. Among those from out of the city were E. B. Day and J. M. Maher of Fremont, E. E. Smith of Lincoln, P. J. McGraw of Columbus and Judge J. D. McClasky of Papillion. A considerable increase was made in the awards and it was agreed to offer five premiums, in each event. This will make the prize list one of the largest in the country.

DETECTIVES GET REWARD. Heitfeld and Devereese May Draw \$200 Reward for Arrest.

A reward of \$200 for the capture of a much-wanted burglar is liable to be paid to Detectives Heitfeld and Devereese of the Omaha police force. It was learned Monday morning that Joe Collette, alias Headley, whom they arrested last Thursday on suspicion that he was a burglar, was one of three men who robbed the store of H. Choate & Co., at Winona, Minn., of about \$2,000 worth of fine shoes, gloves and other materials last June.

Legs Broken in Runaway. While attempting to jump from a buggy during a runaway A. H. Kuse, of the firm of Kuse Bros., of Cook, was caught in the wheel and both legs were broken below the knee.

Crops Good in Clay County. Threshing is about all done. The yield has been heavy and quality of the best. Corn husking is well started and promises a yield of 40 to 45 bushels per acre of the best quality.

Stolen Property Found. While loitering along the railroad tracks north of Bancroft two boys found several revolvers and a watch in a pond of water near one of the railroad bridges.

Shot and Escaped. In a hallof'en affair which took place at Peru, L. B. Dillon, proprietor of the livery and the very barn, was accidentally shot in the leg.

Legs Broken in Peculiar Manner. When Edna, of Stanton, while pulling stumps with a stump pulling machine had the misfortune to have both of his legs broken. He was lending the team and a bolt broke, which threw part of the machine against his legs.

Accused of Criminal Assault. A. H. Evers, who for several years has been running a chop house at Hartington, was arrested on a complaint charging him with attempted assault on the person of a young girl.

OFFICIAL IN HASTY FLIGHT. Meservey Justice of Peace Frightened by Mob.

In order to save his life, which he believed to be in danger from the assault of a mob of hoodlums which attacked his residence, breaking the windows and hurling stones and sticks against the house and shouting vile language, Justice J. J. Stauffer, of Meservey, made his escape through a rear exit in his dressing gown and slippers and driven three miles to the home of John Hache, his father-in-law. Thinking that he was still in danger there, he walked with no other footwear than his slippers three miles farther to Thornton, where he remained ill the trouble had quieted down and he thought it safe to return.

The outbreak was the result of the recent action of a Mason City Justice Court, in which Mayor Fischer, Town Marshal Lewis Jones, J. J. Wilson and J. C. Brown were held to the grand jury for alleged conspiracy, and W. F. Van der Zant, Robert Gobol and J. P. Wilson, who were connected with the affair, of retaining an officer in his endeavor to execute a writ of attachment against J. C. Brown's household goods, for which the mayor and two others were found guilty.

"Hanging him!" "Tar and feather him!" and other vile language was voiced by members of the mob with their showers of stones. The attack came late in the evening, when most people of Meservey had retired.

Justice Stauffer has been very active for the past year in routing out booze joints, and is severe upon those convicted of drunkenness. In one instance he fined a prominent farmer \$100 for coming to town, getting drunk and blaspheming on the streets.

DAIRY HERD HALF CONDEMNED. Sixty Cows Out of 111 at Mt. Pleasant Tubercular.

Assistant State Veterinarian F. J. Neiman, of Marshalltown, has just returned from Mt. Pleasant, where, in company with Veterinarians D. E. Baughman of Bond Dodge, and F. F. Parker of Oklahoma, he has been inspecting the state's dairy herd at the state hospital for the insane, with startling results. Since the inspection and condemnation of the herd at Independence hospital, the state board of control has ordered every state-owned dairy to be checked for tuberculosis. The veterinarians had inspected 111 of the 171 head at Mt. Pleasant, and of this number 60 head were found afflicted with tuberculosis and were condemned for dairy purposes.

GIRL DIES OF FRIGHT. Dog Playfully Set Upon Child by Neighbor Boy.

Frightened into unconsciousness by a dog which was playfully set upon her by a neighbor boy, Gertrude, the little daughter of Edwina and Mrs. John Hawker, of Creston, died at an early hour Saturday morning. The fright took place several days ago and developed into brain fever from which she rapidly grew worse until the end. Her little brother, who was with her at the time, is in a high state of nervous tension and physicians fear he is developing the same condition of the brain.

HENRY PEXTON KILLED. Falls Under Wheels After Attending Funeral of His Brother.

Boarding a train to return home after attending the funeral of his brother, Senator Fayton, at Centerville, Henry Payton fell under the steps and was internally injured. He died Sunday afternoon. He was of a prominent theatrical family and was associated with his brother, Cosmo Payton, in the Lee Avenue theater, in Brooklyn. He was a brother of Mary Gibbs Spooner, manager of the Bijou, Brooklyn, the mother of Cecil and Edna May Spooner.

WAS CRAZED FROM A BLOW. A Burlington Football Player Committed Suicide in Hotel.

Crazed from a blow on the head received in a football game two weeks ago, Irvine Timmerman, of Burlington, journeyed to Fort Madison and committed suicide by shooting himself in a hotel. He was 29 years old. He had been acting queerly ever since the accident, but no importance was attached to his behavior. The boy had written a note to a girl friend notifying her of his proposed act, but she received it too late to interfere.

An Accident of Suicide? Ole Olson, a young Norwegian, who has lived in this country only a few months, was found dead in his bed with the gas turned on the door locked and the windows down. The authorities concluded that death was accidental and that he did not turn off the gas completely when he retired. Others think it suicide.

Worked Des Moines Y. M. C. A. James Hutchins, who is charged with passing a worthless check for \$12 at the Des Moines Y. M. C. A. in August, was arrested Saturday at Minneapolis.

Aged Man Shot by Son. The funeral and interment of William Hancy, aged 77, who died at his home three miles southwest of Magnolia as the result of a wound received in the leg by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of his son, took place at Magnolia Sunday.

Grain Elevator Bled. The grain elevator of the Cook Bros. company in Marshalltown, has been sold to Seishus & Co. Cook Bros. retain their line of elevators along the Story City branch of the Iowa Central.

BRYAN'S STATE SOLID. REPUBLICANS PROBABLY SAVE ONLY ONE CONGRESSMAN.

All Other Republicans Beaten with the Possible Exception of Norris in the Fifth District—State Legislature Will Be Heavily Democratic.

Returns on Tuesday's election, while far from complete, are sufficiently definite to confirm and emphasize the first report that the democrats have made a sweeping victory in Nebraska. While the pluralities for the victorious party are not phenomenally large, they are complete, the state ticket and candidates for congress in most instances running parallel with Mr. Bryan, who was expected to lead the ticket by several thousand. Complete returns from a third of the counties and scattering precinct returns from more than the remainder show that Bryan will have a plurality of not less than 10,000 and Shallenberger, democrat, for governor, and the balance of the democratic state ticket by hardly 1,000 less.

Nevertheless the democratic victory does not stop here. At least three, probably four and possibly five Nebraska's six congressmen are democratic, only one, Hinchey, in the Fourth district, being assured of escaping from the wreck. Nearly complete returns from every county in the Fourth district shows that Hinchey won by nearly 700 votes, although his district gave Bryan a plurality. There is a close fight in the Fifth district between Norris, republican, and Ashton, democrat, with the chances favoring the democrat. Not enough returns have been received from the Sixth and seventh districts to have an estimate, but the trend in the district is democratic.

The greatest surprise of all is the overwhelming majority the democrats will have in the legislature. Of the 133 senators and representatives elected the conservatives returns could find but eighteen republicans who had won. These, of course, are incomplete, but the republican committee concedes the democrats will control both branches.

Lancaster (Lincoln) county, which has for thirty years elected none but republican members, both branches, this year sends four republicans and three democrats.

Nebraska's New Governor. A. C. Shallenberger, the governor-elect of Nebraska, has been prominent in Nebraska politics for years. In 1906 he was the fusion nominee for governor. He was elected to congress eight years ago from the Fifth district over W. S. Morlan, and two years later was defeated by George W. Norris. He is a good mixer and a shrewd politician, but is only a fair speaker. Shallenberger is of German descent and is about 50 years of age. He owns 1,500 acres of land near his home town, Alma. He is president of the Bank of Alma. He has been a resident of Nebraska twenty-five years and of Alma eighteen years and has a fine home in town and a good residence on his farm. He raises fullblood Shorthorn cattle on his farm.

SUMMARY. J. P. Latta for Congress. Congressman Boyd has been defeated and James P. Latta, of Tekamah, has been elected by a majority of probably 1,500. Chairman Dan Stephens, of the democratic committee, claims Latta's majority will be 2,000.

Dawes County. In Dawes county Sheldon leads Shallenberger by 123 votes, with a few small precincts to hear from. M. P. Kincaid, republican, leads Westover, democrat, by 192 votes, with a few precincts not in. The democratic committee claims Latta's majority will be 2,000.

Boyd County. Boyd county was carried by the republicans by 70 votes. The amendments carry. Attorney D. A. Harrington, democrat, was elected senator over Donohoe, republican, by 35 majority. Representative Talcott, democrat, was elected by 276 majority.

Dakota County. Dakota county complete gives Taft 729, Bryan 725, Sheldon 758, Shallenberger 690, Boyd 744, Latta 711.

Brown County. Returns slow coming in. Six precincts out of ten in Brown county give Taft 574, Bryan 414. Five precincts give Sheldon 455, Shallenberger 405.

Cedar County. Fifteen out of 21 precincts in Cedar county give Boyd 1,129, Latta 1,128. Latta will carry the county by over 200. The town of Randolph complete gives Latta 81 over Boyd. Wilkes, republican, 41 over Fritz for senator.

Stanton County. Stanton county was carried by the democrats. Bryan 863, Taft 791. One precinct missing. Ten out of thirty precincts in Stanton county give Latta 748, oByd 614.

Burt County. Burt county complete gives Latta 1,462, Boyd 1,541.

Antelope County. Antelope county gives Latta 1,013, Boyd 1,223.

Wayne County. Wayne county complete gives Taft 1,311, Bryan 1,041, Sheldon 1,362, Shallenberger 1,082. Congressman Boyd 1,198, Latta 1,012. Senator Randall, republican, 1,269; Reese, democrat, 1,007. Representative Morris, republican, 1,226; Pilger, democrat, 1,018.

Thurston County. Thurston county was carried by Taft by 149 majority; for congress, Boyd, by 195 majority; for governor, Sheldon had 88 majority.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO. The weekly review of Chicago trade published by R. G. Dun & Co., says:

Successful bond flotations this week, particularly a city loan at a premium, and a lower average discount on commercial paper testify to further monetary ease. Trading deficits furnish a disappointing feature, but pre-election interest interferes not slightly with business activities, and trade conditions gather strength.

More reasonable weather gives the necessary stimulus to an adequate distribution of necessities, and there is larger buying in the leading retail lines here and at interior points. Food products, apparel and footwear move freely, while recovery appears in furniture, carpets, jewelry and art wares.

Shippers attend the wholesale merchandise districts in numbers comparing favorably with this time last year, mail orders come forward steadily from the west, corn territory and dealings advance in spring goods.

A sharp gain is seen in demand for Christmas novelties, this business having an encouraging outlook in contrast with a year ago. Toy goods departments report more acute scarcity of some materials now urgently called for to replenish stocks, and much of the personal buying reflects a disposition to secure fully needed for the winter.

Shipments reach a good aggregate in woolens, linens, knit goods, clothing and horse furnishings, while groceries, canned meats and smokers' supplies bulk better than at this time last year, when these latter lines were severely checked.

Reports from the agricultural sections continue to be reassuring for future trade, corn husking well and winter wheat showing good growth. Crop marketing thus far have been exceptionally heavy at prices averaging a high level.

Country bank deposits exceed all previous records, and less currency is withdrawn from this center, indicating increased purchasing power, which must soon influence manufactures. Mercantile collections show slowness on local bill, but country settlements mainly roll prompt.

Bank clearings, \$290,430,515, are set in by over a billion of corresponding value in 1907 and compare with \$218,411,550 in 1906.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number 48, against 18 last year, 27 a year ago and 22 in 1906. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 13, against 5 last year, 8 a year ago and 5 in 1906.

NEW YORK. Unsettled weather and pre-election quiet are in evidence under a few quiet days at a great many cities. Except at Chicago and New York, where some good business has been done in wholesale lines for spring, first and second hand distribution has been confined to filling in and immediate shipment proportions.

Current distribution as a whole is still reported below last year at the corresponding date except at a few points in the Northwest. Perhaps the most active line at wholesale is that of cotton goods for spring.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending Oct. 29 number 232, against 231 last week, 223 in the corresponding week of 1907, 103 in 1906, 165 in 1905 and 119 in 1904. Business failures in Canada for the week ending Oct. 31 number 31 last week and 23 in this week last year.—Bradstreet's Commercial Report.

Table of market prices for various commodities like Chicago Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc., with prices listed in dollars and cents.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS. The Jenkins mill plant, a large lumber mill at Seattle, Wash., was destroyed by fire. Loss \$500,000. The plant was idle.