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WEST TRADE IS ACTIVE

Report From Various Sections of Country Regarding General Conditions.

SEVERE WEATHER HAMPERS

Resumption of Gold Exports Not Likely to Cause Stringency or to Restrict Banking Business.

New York, April 8.—Special dispatches from correspondents of the international mercantile agency report general trade activity throughout western and southwestern territory. Advance business in some lines shows a decline from last year with buyers everywhere very cautious, ordering only such supplies as are actually needed.

Territory tributary to St. Louis is feeling the impetus of "exposition business," which has averaged large this week and promises to expand as the day for opening the fair approaches. Jobbers in most sections are doing better than a year ago. Textile manufacturing is quite generally depressed with 30 or 40 per cent of machinery idle in some sections.

New England advices report unsatisfactory trade conditions as a result of the partial shut down of cotton mills and the decision of prominent family river manufacturers to curtail production from now on. Unless relief is forthcoming a general shut down seems probable by July or August. Boots, shoes and clothing are about normal. The Baltimore district shows good trade with signs of fast recovery from fire disturbance.

St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth sections have not yet fully recovered from the effects of the severest weather encountered in years. Spring business is now fairly well under way and the large jobbing houses are handling relatively larger orders than they reported at this time a year ago. Crop conditions in that section are good. The flour mills are doing a heavy business, farmers receiving generally higher prices. These reports reflect conditions prevailing generally throughout the northwest where the outlook seems excellent for a prosperous year.

Rochester district reports nursery shipments fully a month late. Orders for spring and summer clothing run much ahead of last year. Shoe orders are considerably less than in 1903. Conditions in iron and steel are generally stronger. The staple markets are somewhat improved.

Advices received indicate continued ease in money. There has been considerable inquiry at New York for "over the year" loans. There has been little inquiry for six months loans which are ordinarily in demand because they would mature this year just before the presidential election.

Although gold exports have been resumed, \$2,950,000 having been shipped to Paris this week, the outflow is not likely to create a stringency or cause banks to restrict accommodations to legitimate borrowers. In spite of New York's billion dollar loan account the banks of that city hold surplus reserves that have been exceeded only three times at a similar period of the year during the last quarter century.

Most of the activity in the stock market is still in the hands of rich men. Millionaire operators have been chiefly instrumental in forcing prices to a higher level. The public in general has held aloof although sentiment has improved and the market possesses elements of undoubted strength.

Three Ancient Indians. Three Pueblo Indians in the town of Yelata, Tex., have just made oath be-

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fore the county tax collector that they are over the age at which one is exempt from the payment of poll tax. One swore that he was 102 years old, another that he was 112, and another that he was 116. Jose Piarrote is the man who says he is 116 years of age and Jesus Gutierrez is the man claiming to be 102. There is a record of Piarrote's birth in the ancient mission church here.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BILL TO PROTECT PRESIDENT.

Measure Provides Death Penalty for Would-Be Assassins.

Washington April 4.—(Special correspondence)—The senate committee on judiciary has ordered a favorable report on a bill to protect the president of the United States. Several bills have been under consideration by both senate and house committees since the assassination of President McKinley. Different bills passed both houses in the fifty-seventh congress, but the two houses could come to no agreement.

The report of the committee was not unanimous, and Senator Bacon gave notice that he would file a minority report against certain provisions of the measure.

The bill, after prescribing the penalty of death of willfully killing the president or an official entitled to succeed to the presidency, or any foreign ambassador or minister, reads:

"Section 4. That any person who, within the limits of the United States, or any place subject to the jurisdiction thereof, willfully attempts to commit either of the offenses defined in sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act shall suffer death, or, at the discretion of the courts, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than ten years.

"Section 5. That any accessory before the fact to any offense described in the preceding sections of this act may be indicted and punished as a principal, either separately or jointly with such principal.

"Section 6. That any person who shall willfully and knowingly aid in the escape of any persons guilty of either of the offenses mentioned in the preceding sections of this act shall be deemed an accomplice after the fact, and shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, at the discretion of the court, and if a principal, although the other party or parties to said offense shall not be indicted or convicted."

TRUNK WAS FULL OF HATS.

Iiwaco Man Makes Remarkable Purchase at Local Store.

The following story comes from Iiwaco, where many strange things happen:

William Jennings, who resides on a ranch north of town, found himself in need of a trunk the other day, and walked into Kurlee's department store to make a selection. He soon found one to his liking, paid the clerk the price, and asked that it be delivered to his address. He returned home a few hours later, found the trunk ahead of him and stored it away, thinking no more about it.

Yesterday he had occasion to utilize his new purchase, and opening it, was astonished to find that it contained a full assortment of hats of various kinds and sizes, and valued at many dollars. He thought about April fools day, when he bought the trunk, but a second thought convinced him that the joke was on somebody else.

Last night he came to town and called on the store keeper who sold him the trunk, and inquired if he were short of hats, but the reply failed to throw any light on the mystery.

Jennings then concluded that a mistake had been made, and related his experience. The hats, which had been placed in the trunk and forgotten, were returned to the store the next day.

Uses of the Camel.

The Somali camel will eat everything and drink nothing. It will make a meal where even the country pony would starve. Dareso, milmosa, acacia—all come alike to it; and when shoots and leaves are withered it can fall back on roots, thorns and bark.

That sort of digestion makes it, of course, valuable in a country where the bill of fare seems compiled in the interests of the carnivora, but its indifference to liquid is its special virtue. While the Arab camel needs drink daily, his Somali brethren when on the march are watered only every fifth day, and when draught prevails may be left for ten. When grazing they are supposed to be watered every sixth day, but such regularity depends on the energy of the herders and the condition of the grass, the herds when grass is green being often left without water for as long as three months.

RECORD RUN UNDERTAKEN

Train Aims to Travel Distance of 230 Miles Without Stop.

THROUGH MAIL TO LONDON

Southwestern Company Meets Competition of Great Western By Building Ocean Quay at Plymouth.

New York, April 8.—A record run, without a stop from Plymouth to this city is about to be undertaken, says a Herald dispatch from London, by the Southwestern Railway Company in connection with the conveyance of the American mails which began a few weeks ago with the Philadelphia, the first American liner to disembark passengers and mails at Plymouth.

The Great Western railway has been running the through mail trains to London, with stoppage at Exeter and Bristol.

To meet this the Southwestern Company has just completed a commodious ocean quay station on Plymouth sound for the accommodation of the American line passengers who will be brought ashore on the railway company's steamship Victoria. The journey of 230 miles from Plymouth to Waterloo, is to be accomplished without a stop, in 4½ hours. This, it is declared here, will rank as the longest regular railway run without a stop, in the world.

A longer run on an isolated occasion was achieved by the Great Western Company in conveying the prince and princess of Wales by a special train in July of last year from Paddington to Plymouth, a distance of 245 miles in 23½ minutes without a stop.

ATHLETES EN ROUTE.

Team to Compete in Olympian Games At St. Louis.

New York, April 8.—A team of athletes has been brought from Ireland to compete in the Olympian games at the St. Louis exposition. The men make the trip under the auspices of the Greater New York Irish athletic team. Among the men expected to compose the team are Dennis Horgan, shot putter with a record of 48 feet 2 inches, who won the championship at Manhattan field in 1900 with a put of 46 feet 1¼ inches; Peter O'Connor, Irish broad jump record holder, who cleared 24 feet 11¼ inches from a broad take off; and the Leahy brothers, also jumpers; Dennis Murray, who defeated Arthur Duffy in a handicap sprint on his tour, the present 100 and 220 yards Irish champion; J. J. Daly, cross country champion, and J. J. Holloway, a pole vaulter and all around athlete.

JEWS HOLD MEMORIAL.

Prayer for Those Massacred in Russia Offered Up.

New York, April 8.—In all the east side synagogues services have been held in memory of the Jews who lost their lives in Kischneff on the last day of the Passover a year ago. The synagogue were draped in mourning and prayer for the dead was said by the rabbis and the people. There was no direct reference to the Russian government nor to the emperor at any of the services.

A largely attended memorial mass meeting also was held under the auspices of the Kischneff refugees, of whom more than 100 now reside here.

THE STATEHOOD MEASURE.

Oklahoma and Arizona to Be Created Out of Four Territories.

Washington, April 4.—(Special correspondence)—The states of "Oklahoma" and "Arizona" are created in a bill which has been completed by the republican members of the subcommittee of the house committee on territories. The democratic members of this subcommittee have been placed in possession of the bill, and after they consider it for a few days a meeting of the full subcommittee will be held.

The two states mentioned are composed of Oklahoma and Indian territory as "Oklahoma" and Arizona and

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New Mexico as "Arizona." The admission of the latter two territories is not delayed by any restriction of law, but may be effected as soon as a convention can be called to form a state constitution. The bill provides however, that Oklahoma and the Indian territory shall not be admitted as a state until the year 1906. By this time all the Indian lands will have been allotted.

The problem of providing proper revenues for schools, growing out of the fact that the Indian lands of Oklahoma and Indian territory have been allotted in severalty to the Indians under a law which makes them non-taxable, has been met by a provision for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 out of the treasury. This money is to be may be used to the extent necessary, used to establish and maintain schools. The principal of the fund the balance being placed on deposit at 3 per cent interest to the credit of the state for the maintenance of the schools established.

The state constitution to be formed under the bill must contain an absolute prohibition of polygamy. Suffrage cannot be restricted except for ignorance, imbecility, age and sex. This will not prohibit woman suffrage if the constitution to be adopted shall so provide. Negro suffrage cannot be restricted as such.

ANXIETY IS EXPLAINED.

Traction Company Seeks Settlement to Preserve Franchises.

Chicago, April 8.—The Tribune today says the anxiety of the Union Traction Company to come to an immediate settlement of some kind with the city has been explained by the announcement that franchisees of the city passenger railway begin to expire next June, and unless something is done at once the corporation will be operating without warrant. This company owes its existence to franchise ordinances passed by the city council in 1884-85. It was leased to the West Chicago Street Railway Company and with this corporation, became part of the traction system. Some of its lines, however, are important parts of the Union Traction Company.

The first of its franchises to expire are terminals, on June 4. Others follow in rapid succession and the lives of all of them end inside of a year. It is necessary that the company go to the council for renewals, as the federal court cannot help it. The company has an application for a renewal of its pending franchises before the council. It was introduced some time ago, but so far the committee on local transportation has done nothing with it. It is not believed the ordinance will be acted on before the existing franchises begin to expire, and consequently the company has welcomed the plan of municipal ownership advocates for a license ordinance which will allow the company to continue to operate until the city can purchase the property.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident is related by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at Charles Rogers', druggist.