

**SAY TRAVEL AIDS TRADE**

**St. Louis Greatly Benefitted by Influx of Visitors Incident to Louisiana Exposition.**

**BUSINESS OUTLOOK GOOD**

**Merchants Are Flocking to the Distributing Centers—While Buying Is Careful It is as Brisk as Expected.**

New York, Aug. 19.—Advises received by the International Mercantile Agency show that there has been little change in business conditions during the week except in districts specially affected by reports of crop damage and disturbance incident to the cut in steel prices. Business on the whole shows up well, and in most retail lines is fully holding its own. In certain sections of the west trade has been decidedly stimulated, with improved distributions and generally hopeful feeling. Commercial centers are beginning to feel the impetus of summer travel and buyers are flocking to distributing points, disposed to buy liberally, although with marked discrimination. This is a good sign and shows that replenishment this year will be conducted along conservative lines. More seasonable weather throughout the southwest has led to better results in many lines, especially in dry goods and various branches of apparel. Boot and shoe orders are in better volume, and fobbers in hats and caps are forcing factories to work overtime to keep up with the current business. This improvement has extended to the clothing industry, the outlook for which in some sections was reported to be rather uncertain a week ago. Less stock than usual is believed to have been carried over in many lines owing to the known conservatism of prominent dealers. Their experience last winter was suggestive of the greater care that was displayed this year in avoiding the "overstocking evil" for spring and summer goods. An excellent demand is noted for groceries, especially staples, where prices are firm and distribution is for the most part satisfactory. Encouraging returns are shown in dry goods, and in paints and oils. Leather has been active at the south with better advance in prices, owing to the scarcity of properly cured hides. The wool market has also strengthened somewhat and tobacco in general is holding firm. The Kansas City and St. Louis districts report another week of active business with steady improvement in many lines and generally expanding trade. The latter section, especially, is feeling the stimulus of increased trade from the world's fair visitors, whose purchases are swelling the volume of ordinary business to abnormal proportions. While the final results are in a measure dependent upon the crop developments, it is noteworthy that the districts which would suffer the most from a disastrous shortage, have not been alarmed by the excitement that has attended this week's trading in wheat options at New York, Chicago and Minneapolis.

per, a city attorney, a county prosecuting attorney, president of a college and 54 years old.

In passing, it may be noted that Champ Clark is a democrat who was very much in evidence during the Parker convention, and who acted as chairman of the committee to notify the candidate, Judge Parker, as Speaker Cannon did for President Roosevelt.

Naturally one expects that with so much liberal education; a birth in the home of chivalry; so wide an experience as that successor of Job, an editor; with the prudence that should belong to a public prosecutor; and with the sobriety which should attach to 54 years, Mr. Champ Clark should at least have some traces of being a gentleman.

Engaged in debate with his fellow congressman Charles R. Landis, and before the Western Chautauqua in Indiana, Mr. Clark said, and he meant it: "If the man who just called me a liar will meet me outside of the park when I finish my speech, I'll cut his throat from ear to ear!"

It is certainly not very gentlemanly to call a man a liar, but Mr. Clark, a public speaker, a congressman, certainly gave fair provocation when on the stump he declared "the republicans want to rule this country by assassination." That is pretty strong language even for a Pitchfork Tillman. It certainly was strong for an Indiana audience, one of whom resented it in the word to which Mr. Clark excepted.

It is safe to say that Mr. Clark has pretty effectually put a stop to his usefulness as a campaigner in any state except where they want a man who uses the language of a melodramatic bully. Champ Clark is the man who on the democratic side would be as close to Judge Parker, should he become president, as Speaker Cannon will be to President Roosevelt. Judge Parker is unfortunate in his friends. His chairman is interested in a gambling house and his chief spokesman is a would-be cutthroat.

**TRADE OUTLOOK BRIGHT.**

**Prospects and Sales Cause Manufacturers to Place Big Orders.**

New York Tribune! The manufacturers of agricultural implements are placing large orders for steel, and in many cases making contracts for supplies to be delivered from eight to 10 months in advance. This is due to the fact that the demand for agricultural implements has been very heavy during the last year, and that the requirements of the manufacturers are too urgent to warrant their delaying purchases. The present indications do not seem to point toward their securing more favorable terms, even were the purchases to be delayed, as the trend of the market seems rather upward than otherwise. Dealers in agricultural implements report that the demand for goods has not only been large, but that it has been for the best grade of tools and implements manufactured. This applies to the domestic request, but the export trade has also shown a disposition to place orders for the most improved implements. The fact that the implements made here possess advantages and improvements which are not to be found among those made elsewhere is diverting a large amount of foreign trade to the United States. The plants are all busy with orders, and their large purchases of steel denote that they are preparing for a continuation of the present active demand.

**DIED FROM MOSQUITO BITE.**

Indiana Farmer Suffers Blood Poisoning and Death. Chicago, Aug. 19.—August Anderson, a farmer of Starke county, Ind., is dead in a Chicago hospital from the bite of a mosquito. Anderson suffered a slight injury which caused an abrasion of the skin on his right hand. A mosquito bit him in the abrasion and a few days later Anderson began to suffer intensely. He came to Chicago for treatment and bloodpoisoning resulted.

**Six Inches of Rain.**

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 19.—Western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma were visited by heavy rains during the past 24 hours. At Rich Hill, Mo., the fall of rain is estimated at six inches and it is feared that the Marais des Cygnes river will again overflow the lowlands. All coal mines at Rich Hill are closed on account of being flooded. The rain in Kansas will prove beneficial to corn.

**CHAMP CLARK'S THREAT.**

Judge Parker May Well Ask to Be Delivered From Such Friends. Seattle Post-Intelligencer: Hon. Champ Clark, member of congress, now of Bowling Green, Mo., but born in Kentucky, according to his autobiography in the congressional directory, is a graduate of two colleges, and a law school, has been editor of a newspaper,

**BEER KEGS OF STEEL**

Made in Two Pieces Out of Old Rails. A process of making beer kegs out of old steel rails Joseph S. Heslop of Joliet, Ill., the inventor, believes is to make him wealthy, says the Denver Post. In his valise Mr. Heslop carries a small model beer keg, made out of polished steel, which he says will within a few years do away with the old and cumbersome wooden kegs entirely. The steel is only one-sixteenth of an inch thick, and the keg weighs only a few pounds, but its inventor claims that it will stand three times the pressure that a wooden keg will and that it can be made for one-third the price of a wooden keg. The keg is made in two pieces, the joint being hidden by a steel band. The bung-hole is hermetically sealed by a patent contrivance which requires a key to unlock it. The hole is graduated to fit any size of spigot. Any kind of steel is used in its construction, but Mr. Heslop is now using old steel rails. The interior of the keg is covered with a pitch preparation used in wooden kegs to keep the beer from tasting of the metal.

**Sheep Rancher Suicides.**

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 19.—A dispatch to the Record from Roswell, N. M., says: J. Frank Kirby, formerly of Blue Springs, Mo., blew his brains out here yesterday. He was considered one of the wealthiest sheepmen in this vicinity.

**No Dessert More Attractive**

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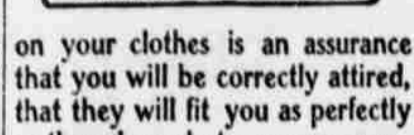
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