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A Tale of the Early Settlers \$ of Louisiana.

BY AUSTIN C. BURDICK \$ *************

CHAPTER II .- (Continued.) "Here, Simon," uttered the marquis, turning towards his nephew, "don't you remember Goupart St. Denis?-our young Goupart, who used to come and shoot my game, and frighten you with his gun and pistols?"

"Ah-a yes!" said Simon, arising and amiling with an effort. M. St. Denis, your humble servant, sir. We are happy to see you among us once more." Goupart St. Denis had once lived very

near to St. Julien's country residence, and among all the youthful visitors he was by far the most welcome. His father was a count and a gentleman, and Goupart was a whole-souled, noble boy. In those days, Louis and Louise were merry children, and the stout Goupart used to play with them hour after hour and day after day. And in those days, too, he used to carry the lovely little gril in his arms, and he used to tell her that some day she should be his wife; and then she would laugh and clap her little dimpled hands, and sometimes she would pinch his check and box his ear, and teil him she should be stronger, and could punish him more severely when she became his wife. But those days were gone now, and while Goupart had only put on a very little more manhood, Louise had grown from a thoughtless child to be a very beautiful malden,

But how is it, Goupart?" asked the marquis, after the party had become calm. "What brings you here into this wilderness?"

"Of a truth, my old friend, I came to seek my fortune," returned the young man. "You know my father lost his all in his meddling in the affairs of Spain, and when he died, three years ago, I found myself not only alone in the world, but nearly penniless. The little estate at Sezanne, in Lower Marne, was the only thing left. I sold it, and after paying off all demands, I found myself the owner of the enormous sum of ten thousand francs. What should I do? That would not last me a month if I remained amongst my old associates. The last of my father's wealth he lost in Law's great Mississippi scheme; and now that I was left alone, I was not long in turning my eyes hither. At New Orleans, I heard that a Marquis Brion St. Julien had settled up here somewhere. I think I must have been crazy for awhile after recelving this information, but when I did real-

"But didn't you know that we were here?" asked the marquis. "Why, no. I thought you were in

"Yes-here we are!" cried the old man. joyfully, "and now we will live over some of the happy days again." "Ay," added Goupart, "and forget all

the dark ones." After this, the conversation turned upon affairs in the native country, and for three hours the marquis kept his visitor answering questions and retailing the news of the past six years. It was at a late hour when they separated, and with tears in his eyes, Brion St. Julien called upon heaven to bless his young friend. There was something in Goupart's presence that had called up the brighter days of his past life, and he was happy in the

long while with him. Louise retired to her chamber, and for a while, only a bright joy seemed to move her; but gradually her thoughts seem to take a more serious turn, for her countenance changed to a sober, thoughtful cast, and with her hands clasped upon her bosom, she bowed her head, and thus she remained for a long while, the color of her face changing like the deepening twilight.

hope that he might keep the youth a

But there was one more whom we have seen affected by the young man's presence. Simon Lobois retired to his cham ber, and for some time he paced up and down the spartment with quick, nervous strides. His face showed that he was ill at ease, and the clenching of the hands seemed to speak of a war within,

"What brought him here?" he muttered to himself. "Now we'll have more boy's play and monkey-dancing, and it will all end in his falling in love with Louise. And if he does so, and should ask for her hand, I am simply sure that the old man would tell him-yes. But what does she want with the young popinjay? I'll be shead of him. And if I should be-he who treads upon me may tread upon dangerous ground! Let them beware!"

CHAPTER III. The morning of the next day dawned brightly, and at an early hour, Goupart and Louis were astir. The latter took his friend all over the buildings, showed him the defenses, and would have passed out through the northern gate had not the marquis joined them just as they came out of the stable leading two horses by

the bridles. "How now, you young rascals!" cried the old man. "Are ye going to run off with my horses?"

"Not at all," returned St. Denos, with a merry laugh. "We were going to let the horses run off with us. But we Here, Louis, hold this animal of mine while I help your father to saddle his; for I know he'll love to snuff the fresh air before breakfast."

The old man joined in the plan joyfully, and ere long the three were galloping iff over the country. They laughed and shouted merrily on the way, and the forest rang with the echoes of their glad voices. When they returned to the house, they found Louise upon the piazza, her face radiant with smiles.

Simon Lobois had been a spectator of the morning's sports; and when the party sat down to the table he was silent and moody. Several times he tried to hide last time that need shall arise of alluding his emotions, and finally he so far succeeded as to engage in quite an animated conversation. After the meal was done, Simon took the first opportunity to call francs a year in money, besides your livthe marquis one side, and as he said that he wished to have a few moments of of my business, and three thousand more private conversation, the old man retired to teach my children. Thus far you have

"Now, what is it?" asked St. Julien, after they had both become seated. It was some moments before the nephew replied; but at length he seemed to collect his mental forces, and he com

"M. St. Julien," his voice trembled at first, but it grew more steady as he went on, "I have now been in your family a long while, and my attachments have become strong and fixed. Six years ago you placed your children under my charge, and I have done all I could for

"I know-I know, Simon," uttered the old man, "and I have told you a thousand times how grateful I was." "Yes, sir; and your gratitude has been a choice blessing to me. But remember

the hours I have spent with those two "And haven't they been happy hours Simon?"

"Indeed they have, sir, been very happy ones. But, alas! the thought has often been with me of late-must they

all end in misery now?" "How, Simon?-misery?" uttered the marquis, in astonishment, "What mean you? Do you fear that I am going to turn you away?"

An instantaneous flash of defiance pass ed over the younger man's face, but he revealed none of the feeling that had given it birth.

"No, no," he replied, "I did not fear that. You do not understand me. Remember, sir, that Louise St. Julien has grown up under my care-that I have seen each opening beauty as it has gradually expanded itself into life, and each and laughingly tripped along by his side bud of promise I have seen blossom into the full rose. She has now grown to be a woman. Think you I have seen and known all this unmoved? No, sir. My heart has been caught in the snare of her charms, and I am but as an outcast now, if I possess her not for mine own. You understand me now?"

Brion St. Julien understood, but he nade no reply. He started when the truth first broke upon him; and when Simon ceased speaking he arose to his feet and commenced to pace the room. The nephew watched him for a moment, and then, in a tone as soft and persuasive as he could assume, he resumed:

"Reflect calmly upon this, my lord. Remember, you are growing old; your children are yet young---'

"Too young for this, Simon," whispered the marquis. "And then I am not old, either. I am but fifty-five-that's all," "I know," pursued the nephew; "but Louise is not young. Her mind is that

"But you are one year over and above double her own age," suggested the parent; "almost old enough-ay, fully old enough to be her father."

"And yet I am not old, nor have I yet reached my prime; only five-and-thirty years. But what of all this? Speak lainly, sir, and let me know your mind. Only remember that I have not sought your daughter's society. It has been forced upon me, and I could not avoid the result. Ah, sir. I cannot think you will refuse me."

Now, to speak the truth for the marquis-he had not the fullest confidence in Simon Lobois. He knew that his nephew would work well for pay, but he had long doubted the truth of his heart-the pureness of his motives; and what was more. he had moments when he almost feared him. This latter emotion was a sort of dim, vague working of mind, without point and without shape; but yet it

worked, and had its influence. "Simon," he said, "when I left France, I left all the rotten, useless usages of society behind me, and here I resolved to form a world of my own. First among the miserable falsehoods of old society. meant to cast away that plan which makes the marriage of the child a work of the parent. When my child is old enough to marry, she is old enough to select her own husband; and until she is old enough to use her own judgment in that respect, she is not old enough to per- ful heart frighten you?" he asked. form the duties of a wife. Upon the marriage of my children may depend the whole weal or woe of their earthly futhem to choose for themselves, only hoping that they will seek my counsel, and listen to my advice, so far as my judgment is good.

"What am I to understand by this, sir?" asked Simon, not able to conceal his chagrin. "Simply that Louise may choose her

own husband." "But you will exercise some authority" You will speak in my behalf?" "First, I would know if the girl chooses

"But-but-you might influence her

"Not now, Simon." "Yet you will speak one word?" "Why so soon? Louise is young yet, Why, bless you, man, there's some time yet-some years-ere she'll be of lawful

"Not quite a year, sir." "I mean ere she'll be able to do busi-

ness as an heiress. Let the matter rest now. "No, no-I cannot. I cannot live in doubt. I must know what my fate is to

"But what is to be gained by this haste? Louise must be free yet, unless she may reciprocate your own love." "Ay," cried Simon, hotly and passion ately, and speaking now without thought or consideration; "but how long is this to be so? How long before this newfledged popinjay may selze her with the

him? He is here, and he is likely to stay here while-"Simon Lobois!" spoke the marquis; sternly and quickly, "you know not what won't go now, unless you'll go with us. you say. Beware, sir, or I may tell you a truth that shall grate upon thine ear." "Speak, sir-speak!" uttered the nephew, still under the influence of pas-

fire of his eye, and influence her to love

sion. "Let me hear all." "Listen," interrupted the marquis, "and you shall hear. I took you to my home penniless. Only remember you this: the Count St. Denis was one among the few. very few, true friends I ever had; and his only son has inherited all his father's good qualities, all his nobleness of soul, and all his virtues. And mark me, I love Goupart St. Denis. Yet I will speak one word more since you have brought the subject up; and I hope this may be the to the subject. When I came here, you begged that I would take you with me. I offered you a salary of four thousand ing, to come and keep the bare account to his library, whither Simon followed | done your duty well. Have I not done

There was something in the look, the EVENTS OF THE DAY tone, and the words of the speaker, that struck a transient feeling of awe to Simon's soul, and in a moment he concealed all traces of his anger. He found that there was much of the old blood yet left in the old noble, and that hot words would only serve to blast his own hopes, So he assumed a repentant tone, and with a more modest look, he said:

"Forgive me, sir. I meant not to speak ill of any one, but my tongue ran away with me. Out of my deep love for your noble child sprang a dreadful fear when I saw St. Denis come. But may I not speak with Louise? May I not ask her to be mine?"

"Of course you may." "And if she says yes?"

"Then I should simply bid her follow her own wishes."
Simon Lobois thanked his uncle, and then left the room, and when he was alone, his hands were clenched and his brow was dark.

CHAPTER IV.

All that day did Simon Lobols watch for an opportunity to speak alone with Louise, and it was not until towards evening that he gained the wished-for opportunity. She was standing in the hall, her brother and Goupart having gone down to the river, while the marquis was somewhere among the blacks, giving directions for the next day's work. Simon touched the maiden upon the arm, and asked her to follow him into the study, as he wished to speak with her a mo ment. The beautiful girl smiled a reply. to the designated apartment. "Louise," he commenced, in a very soft

winning tone-and he could speak very sweetly,. too, when he chose-"I want you to listen to me candidly, now, and weigh well what I shall say." "How now, good master?" cried the

happy girl, with a merry twinkle of the eye; "am I to take a lesson for not getting one to-day?"

"No, no. Listen, and be sober, for would be serious. You know how our lives have been spent here for the last six years, and how we have moved about in our little world here in the wilderness, You have been my constant companion." Then Simon introduced the same speech word for word, that he had made to the parent in the morning, about the expanding beauties and budding promises, and he ended thus: "And now womanhood has come upon you with its loveliness and goodness all nobly developed, and my beart has become captive, and is all your

"Good Simon, sweet cousin, I am glad you love me!" said the malden, with a bright smile.

"Are you, Louise?" the tutor cried eagerly. "O, and will you be mine?" "Be yours? Be your what?"

"My wife, most lovely girl-my wife!" Louise St. Julien gazed for some moments into Simon's face, and then burst into a long, loud laugh. "O, you do not mean so? You are not

not at first realize it. -"Mean it? Do not, say you? Louise, I do mean it!" This unexpected turn had versely. thrown him entirely from his studied

"Mean to ask me to be your wife?" spoke the fair girl, giving each word a particular emphasis, and speaking with a pause between every one, as though she would have no misunderstanding.

"Most assuredly I do. I love you as the very core of my soul, and I cannot lose you now. How can I help loving you? How should I be with you thus as I have been, and not love you? O, blessed one, you will not crush me now!"
"It doesn't seem possible!" she uttered. "Wake up, Simon; shake yourself, and see if you have not been dreaming this! I be yours wife? Why, you are more fit for my father. Don't speak so any more,

Simon, for you'll frighten me." "And can the love of a true and faith-"Most assuredly not. You may love me as much as you please—as an only cousin ought to love, or as a father ought ture. Such being the case, I must leave to love, or, yet, as a faithful teacher ought to love a dutiful pupil; but If you talk of marriage to me any more, I shall certainly think you are crasy, and then,

of course, I should be frightened, for I am afraid of crazy folks. Don't talk so chines. to me any more, or I shall surely think your brain is turned,"

(To be continued.)

THE MOON.

Brought Within Easy Reach of th World By a Recent Invention. Herr Johann Mayer, an Austrian lieutenant, has discovered a method by which the moon can be brought Olympia. His election is now assured. within pistol-shot of the world, figuratively speaking. Nothing among the many marvels of modern invention is more astonishing than this same discovery. By his invention Herr Mayer says the moon can be brought within a distance of 100 yards, in fact, an ex- usual this year, on account of severe plored most thoroughly. Prof. Gates' combined microscope-telescope was but this latest addition puts it quite in mand the Puget Sound navy yard when the shade. In his success Herr Mayer Admiral Sterling is relieved has made a wide departure from customary methods. In fact the monster telescopes do not figure in his calculations whatever. Without going into a long drawn out or technical explanation of the apparatus he has constructed, it is a novel affair, in that an enor mous parabolic mirror fifty yards in diameter that revolves upon a fixed axis is the main scheme of the apparatus. This concave mirror, which is of the ordinary "silvered" glass, has a ed at its focus; and this small mirror lens of an immensely powerful microscope. Thus a clear and brilliantly lighted picture of the moon or star undenly at Baden-Baden. der examination is brought immediately under the microscope, which has a magnifying power of many million diameters. Herr Mayer explains that it will thus be possible, almost, to see the time by the watch of the "man in the moon," or to see the bridges (if any) over the canals of Mars.

The Dramatic Craze. Mr. Fijit-Our friend Epicure has got out a new cook book. Mrs. Fijit-That's nice; is it going

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

bensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Renders.

Appropriation for Dalles-Celilo canal annot be made this session of congress.

The Graceland, N. J., death list from the train wreck now numbers 23. Russia and Austria are preparing to force Turkey to grant reforms in Mace-

Lee S. Overman, Democrat, has been elected United States senator from North Carolina

It is said that the United States negotiating for seveeral war vessels now being built for Chile. The Alabama legislature has passed a

or cigarette papers in the state. A collision on a Pennsylvania road

and the serious injury of three others.

United States. Envoy Von Sternberg has arrived in Washington and declares the German emperor's friendship for the United states could not be greater.

Native constaulary defeated a band surrender. This is the same band that death of John B. Allen. defeated the constabulary recently.

An outbreak in China, more serious than that of 1900, is expected at any Venezuelan Crisis Causes Increase in

The Cuban minister to Spain, Senor Marchan, has presented his credentials to the king. The Drummond Tobacco company's

box factory at East St. Louis burned Loss \$100,000. United States Minister Leishmann

has returned to his post at Constanti- to the army appropriation bill, among nople from his vacation. An English syndicate Sydney,

for submarine coal mining at South Head. The board of engineers which

A general strike has broken out in the town of Reus, province of Tarragona, Spain. Ten thousand woramen Mrs. Clara Norton Fuller, a profes sional planist of some prominence, was

found dead in her apartments in the Metropolitan hotel, New York. William Henry Pickering, assistant professor of astronomy at Harvard, has discovered that latitudinal and longitu-

dinal measures of the craters of the moon are greatly affected by the height. Between 4,000 and 5,000 horses in Brooklyn, N. Y., are being fed on molasses because it is cheaper and better

than oats. The work horses don't have time properly to chew cate, and molasses is found to be more nutritious and cheaper. Ex-senator John B. Allen, of Seattle, is dead.

The Kansas legislature has passed a bill authorizing the use of voting ma-

Four persons were killed and 11 others injured in a train wreck near La

Six persons were killed and 20 others injured, several fatally, by a boiler ex-

plosion at Aumston, Alabama. Levi Ankeny was nominated for

The United States has reached an agreement with Santo Domingo, where-

by the disputed claims will be aritrated. threatened with greater losses than at \$40,000.

weather. Rear Admiral Frank Wildes, now at thought to be a marvelous contrivance, San Francisco, will be assigned to com- committee on military affairs today

> Lincoln's old home in Springfield, Ill., from which he went to the white house, narrowly escaped destruction by fire. The damage was slight.

Eleven Chinese smuggled into the for them Three men have been arrested while

attempting to sell postage stamps in small convex parabolic mirror suspend. Hartford, Connecticut. The police think the men are the ones who secured focuses the rays received from the about \$5,000 worth of goods in a of New York, has been consulted by larger one, and throws them on the store in Hope Valley, R. I., a few Fresident Roosevelt with a view to his weeks ago. Wilhelm Jordan, the poet, died sud-

The conference of printing trades

unions at Indianapolis reached an agreement to federate under a central body. The widow of Theodore H. Fajardo has been awarded \$40,000 for the

death of her husband in the New York

Central tunnel accident. Four men robbed the Citizens' bank of Waterloo, Ia., and escaped with \$3,500 in cash, exchanging a fusillade ent Filipinos urged him to put down the dressed, 7 1/2c. to with a dozen citizens as they drove rebellion in the Philippines by devastabe dramatized?-Ohio State Journal. away in a stolen buggy.

ANKENY IS NAMED.

Washington Legislature Selects the Mar from Walla Walla

senator from Washington yesterday, receiving 99 votes on the 13th joint ballot. After the action of the caucus the voting was merely a formality, but it brought with it more oratory of an explanatory nature than has ever before been heard at Olympia on the last ballot of a senatorial contest. The sudden death of John B. Allen, who in years gone by had fought fierce political battles on this field with the man now enjoying the plaudita that go to the joying the plaudita that go to the Monday voted down. A bill was passed victor, threw a sombre spell over the prohibiting child labor under certain joint session, and much of the rancor and bitterness which has marked the the scandal at the state prison. A thinks the delay should be construed ished before the shadow of death which executive mansion. hung heavy over the hearts of the men who had stood by the dead leader in many a similar contest. This almost tragic closing of the life of one who measure foridding the sale of cigarettes had made so much political history in Washington, coming simultaneously with the long-deferred victory of his 3 resulted in the death of two train men rival of many years' standing, gave an intensely dramatic air to the situation, The district supreme court at Wash- and at the joint session tumultuous apington has decided that a Filipino may plause for the living mingled with elo- portance. ecome a naturalized citizen of the quent and heartfelt tributes to the

The final ballot was: Levi Ankeny, 99, Harold Preston 9, John L. Wilson 2, W. L. Jones 1, George Turner 23.

Preston and Wilson were put on the ommittee to introduce Ankeny, and all three made speeches, in which there of ladrones and compelled them to was a note of sadness on account of the Geer 16, Wood, 17, scattering 20,

PREPARING FOR TROUBLE.

propriations for Army.

Washington, Jan. 31 .- The Ven melan situation, especially the attitude of Germany, was discussed by the senate committee on military affairs today, and the situation influenced the committee on some matters pertaining which was the decision to accept the house provision relating to transport is abcking C. O. MacDonald's project that they be retained in the service.

The committee also provided for an increase of electricians, skilled gunners, machinists and others who take summer examined the rival canal care of and handle guns in the seacoast schemes at Seattle, has reported ad- defences. Some other additions were defeated. made in the bill with a view of improving the service.

The discussion was general and earnest, and the conclusions reached were that the honor and dignity of the country would be maintained, and that Germany should not be allowed to "bluff" the government by any attitude for its maintenance. she might assume.

MEXICANS STEAL BULLION.

They Break Into Bonded Car and Throw

Out \$40,000 in Silver Bullion. Alamogordo, N. M., Jan. 31.-Some where between this place and El Paso Tex., a United States bonded car, in transit from the El Paso smelter to Chicago, loaded with 600 bars of silver bullion, was entered by robbers and 80 passed by unanimous vote. of the bars stolen.

At Jarilla Junction the broken seal was discovered, and an investigation revealed three Mexicans in the car. When an attempt was made to eject them they pulled knives and a lively fight took place, in which the crew was victorious and drove the robbers away. At Dog Canyon Sheriff Hunter saw

three Mexicans, who took to the brush. A call to halt was answered by a fusillade. A running fight ensued. Hunter shot a Mexican through the heart. senator by a Republican caucus in The other two men escaped, but posses are after them. Officials are of the opinion that the bonded car was entered by the robbers just outside of El Paso, who threw the bars out of the car, to be gathered up by confederates. The Montana cattlemen say they are value of the missing bullion is estimated

Will Retain Army Transports. Washington, Jan. 31 .- The senate made an adverse report on Senator Perkins' amendment to the army appropriation bill authorizing the secretary of war to lease the army transports for terms of five years and to award contracts for transportation of troops and supplies for a similar period. This action is taken to mean that the com-United States across the Canadian bor- mittee favors a continuance of the presder, it is thought, are in hiding in ent transport service, sending by com-Pittsburg, and the officers are searching mercial lines only such freight and supplies as transports cannot handle.

> Judge for the Philippines. Washington, Jan. 31.-John McDonough, formerly secretary of state appointment to the position of assistant justice of the supreme court of the Philippines. The letter written by the president to Mr. McDonough amounts practically to an offer of the place if the latter desires it. The vacancy among the justices is caused by the promotion of Colonel James F. Smith. Oregon, 8@14%c; mohair, 26@28c.

Chiacgo, Jan. 31 .- Major General Elwell S. Otis, in a lecture before the students in the college of commerce and administration at the University of dressed, 7%c. Chicago tonight, declared that promin- | Lambs - Gross, 4c tion and murder.

THE LEGISLATURE GETS NO ANSWER

WHAT THE LAWMAKERS OF OREGON BOWEN AWAITS REPLY FROM ALLIES. Olympia, Jan. 30 .- Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walls, became United States ARE DOING AT SALEM.

> duced and Acted Upon in Both Houses -Measures Signed by the Governor-Progress of the Balloting for United States Senator.

The vote: Fuiton 33, Geer 16, Wood 16, scattering 21, absent 4.

The Senate-Motion to adjourn until ages. A communication was received ain and Italy against Venezuela over from the governor calling attention to those of other nations. Minister Bowen

The House-Among the bills introduced was one providing a matron at indicates that they realize the importthe penitentiary and one for an eight ance of the matter. He still expects hour working day.

Thursday. 17, Williams 10, scattering 11, absent

The Senate-A bill was introduced to

describe the seal of the state. All oth- powers. er measures acted on were of minor im-The House-Bills were passed askng congress to enact better land laws and changing the time of fixing the tax

The vote today stood: Fulton 33, absent 3, total 90.

taken up in passing charter bills. A allies, in order that they might again bill was passed to create a state board of health. Bills were introduced fixing the salary of state printer; making eight hours a day's work in all occu- mitting a final answer. pations except domestic and agricul-

The House-No measure of importharter bills.

Tuesday. The vote today showed no change, Baker 5, scattering 16, asent 3, total 90. The H fine and imprisonment for persons de-

Representative Both's bill to relocate the county seat of Columbia county was passed this morning.

Representative Murphy introduced a for buildings and \$10,000 per annum might go to The Hague, if it is to be The Senate - Kuykendall has intro-

duced a bill providing the following flat salaries: Governor \$1,500, secretary of state \$1,500, state treasurer \$800, superintendent of public instruction \$3,000, attorney general \$3,000. By request Brownell introduced a bill to create a state board of examiners for the purpose of examining and iicensing the practice of osteopathy. Marsters' bill, to provide for execu

tions at the state penitentiary, was Price's bill appropriating \$20,000

ege was paseed. A joint memorial was adopted asking congress to call a convention for the the people.

Carnahan, of Clatsop, is in favor of doing away with the poll tax law now and 12 degrees below zero. Snow has on the code of Oregon. The poll tax, fallen, covering the ground to a great as now provided, is \$1, which is as- depth. The white men residing in sessed on every citizen in the state be- Unga were greatly affected by the cold. tween the ages of 21 and 50. Carna- The crew of the Pearl had also suffered. han's bill is to repeal this section in its entirety.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

field, 200 miles from Unga. Only by strenuous efforts was Captain Ipsen Wheat- Walla Walla, 75c; blueable to free his vessel from the pack stem, 86c; valley, 78c. and reach open water. Barley-Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brew-

Flour-Best grade, \$4.30@4.85; graham, \$3.45@3.85. Millstuffs -- Bran, \$18@19 per ton: middlings, \$23 @ 24; shorts, \$19@20. chop, \$18.

ng, \$24.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray, \$1.12 %@1.15 per cental. Hay - Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$9@10 per ton.

Potatoes-Best Burbanks, 60@75c per 2.25 per cental. Poultry- Chickens, mixed, 11%c; young, 11@12c;hens, 11@12c; turkeys, ive, 15@16c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks,

\$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$7@8.50.

1716; Young America, 17161816; factory prices, 1@11/2 less. Butter-Fancy creamery, 30@321/c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@ 22%c; store, 15@18c.

Eggs-25 per dozen. Hops-Choice, 25@261/c per pound. Wool-Valley, 121/2015c; Eastern commencing February 9. Beef - Gross, cows, 3@3%c per pound; steers, 4@4%c; dressed, 7%c.

Veal-7%@8%c. Mutton - Gross,

Hogs — Gross, 61/2c per pound; ous explosion of gas followed. The pecuniary loss is slight. dressed, 7@7%c.

TO HIS DEMAND.

of Importance That are Being Intro- He Has Delivered an Ultimatum—If Allies Insist on Preferential Treatment All Other Creditor Nations Will Be Called Together to Enter Protest-Situation

Washington, Feb. 2.-The European allies have not yet answered Mr. Bowen's proposition, made several days ago, that there shall be no preference of claims of Germany, Great Britin a hopeful light, on the theory that the delay in the answer of the powers a favorable reply to his contention, and believes that the questions at issue will The vote: Fulton 33, Geer 16, Wood be settled at Washington between himself, acting for the government of Venezuela, and the representatives of the

It is reported that an answer to Mr. Bowen's demand has been received in Washington, but the report cannot be onfirmed officially, and the answer. levies. A bill was introduced compell- if received, was not transmitted to Mr. ing railroads to erect gates in the city Bowen. If the answer did arrive, the suspicion is that it was unfavorable to Mr. Bowen's contention, and in view of his positive attitude in the matter, was not not presented to him, but was with-The Senate-Most of the day was held by the representatives of the impress upon their governments the importance of the question before sub-

It became known today that Mr. tural; and a number of unimportant Bowen had addressed to the representatives of the allies what might be reince was brought up, the day being garded as an ultimatum, as defining spent in special county legislation and his position. Mr. Bowen declines absolutely to discuss the question, but it is known that he said to the allies that if they persist in their Eaker in the field. The result was as tion to receive preferential treatment follows: Fulton 32, Geer 17, Wood 17, he would call together the other creditor nations having claims against Vene zuela, with a view to their making a faulting a hotel bill with intent was formal protest against the demands of those who participated in the blockade. The effect of this would be that the other seven creditor nations would be lined up against the three allied powcultural college, appropriating \$40,000 of the whole matter in all probability settled at all. This note is believed to be having its effect in staying the final determination of the question by the allied governments.

HARD WINTER IN ALASKA.

Much Snow and Temperature so Low that Even Eskimos Suffer.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Alaska is undergoing the severest winter that has visited the Northern country in 20 years. Even the Eskimos, who are accustomed to the cold, are suffering. for an Eastern Oregon agricultural col- The little cod fishing schooner Pearl, which has arrived from the North, brings news of the condition of affairs purpose of framing an amendment to in the icebound land. The Pearl comes the federal constitution providing for from Unga, Alaska, with 18,000 codelection of senators by direct vote of fish. Her officers state that the thermometer at Unga fluctuated between 10 The Pearl had a hard time fighting her way out of the ice. For 16 days the schooner lay motionless in an ice

Cuba Don't Want Spanish Guns.

Havans, Feb. 2.-The interest displayed here in the claims presented by the Spanish minister at Washington for payment for Spanish guns left in the Cuban fortress is only lukewarm, and even if it should appear that the ownership of the guns is vested in Spain, it is not probable that the Cuban government will consent to pay for them. The guns in question number sack; ordinary, 40@50c per cental, 40 in all, but all save four 11 and 12growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$2@ inch Krupp guns are considered of too old a type to be worth purchasing,

Operators Close Their Case. Philadelphia, Feb. 2.-With the exception of the presentation of statistics, Cheese-Full cream, twins, 16 1/6 the coal operators have closed their case before the Coal Strike commission and it is expected the striking miners will begin calling witnesses in rebuttal today. The miners will take up three or four days in rebuttal, after which the commission will adjourn until the following Monday. The arguments will consume the greater part of the week,

Explosion in Oil Refinery. Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 2.-As a result of an explosion at the works of the Standard oil company today, four men were more or less injured. One of them probably will die. The others, it is thought, may recover. A safety valve on an oil still blew off and a fremer