White Hand

A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

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CHAPTER XV .- (Continued.)

"Why, really, gentlemen," said Simon, after he had picked the paped up, "one would think there was something surprising in a simple marriage. And you, sir, he added, turning to the marquis, "I should not suppose that you would wonder at this, especially seeing that you yourself gave me permission to seek Louise for my wife.

"I did not!" greaned the old man. "P.

You told me distinctly that I might sak Louise for her hand, and that if she consented you should bid her follow her

But that was after you had fairly bunted me down with questions after I had refused to listen to you on the subject. But my child never freely gave her consent to this. She could not have done so. O, Simon, you have forced her to emotions were too powerful, and his gazed into the villain's dark features, and then he bowed his head and burst in o tears. He sobbed as though his noble heart would break.

"Ha, ha, ha! you didn't want me for a son-in-law, then," the scoundrel uttered, in a coarse tone; "for," he added, turning a defiant look upon Goupart, "you meant, no doubt, to have had a more beautiful husband for her."

'You will be careful how you use your tongue in my presence," spoke Goupart, in a hushed tone, the very breathing of which told that there was a smothering volcano near at hand,

"Ho-ho, monsieur!" the fellow replied; "you hoped to stick your fingers into the old man's gold pots, eh? I understand the reason of your coming here very well, But rest assured you won't handle the money through the daughter's pockets." "Hesh Simon Lobols! I am moved

now more deeply than I can bear, so be careful that you move me no more. It is enough that you have crushed this old man's heart, and overturned his life cup." "Ho-ho! thou art wondrous sensitive,

prize, ch? I suppose if you had married the daughter, 'twould have been all right. But you're a little behind the coach this time. However, if you remain here long enough, you shall see the bride."

"Villain!" gasped the marquis, in a antic tone. "O, would you had killed frantic tone. me ere you had done this thing!" monsieur, what do you mean? If the girl chose to marry me, what can

"She did not choose so to do. O, she pever consented to wed with such as you of her own free will."

"Such as me!" hissed Lobols. "And so you would spurn me now, eh? You have you? Monsieur St. Denis, I give you joy of the friend you have gained; but I can't give you up the wife. You did it come other way for a living now, unless, indeed, monsieur le marquis may take pity enough on you to give you a few erowns just to find you in bread and sait until you can get your eyes upon some

This was spoken in a coarse, sneering had kept his eye fixed upon the youth with a look of fiendish exultation.

Goupart St. Denis could not have mov ed more quickly. Not in all the language of all the world could words have been found more insulting. With one bound be was by the dasfard's side, and on the next instant he dealt him a blow upon the face that felled him to the floor like

"O, St. Julien, I could not help it! For-

Goupart, I do not blame you!" For some moments Lobois lay upon the floor like one dead, and the youth was beginning to fear that the blow might have been fatal, when the villain moved. shortly afterwards he arose to his feet. He gazed a moment upon his enemy with a deadly look, and then, as he noticed that the blood was trickling down bis face upon the floor, he turned towards

"Goupart St. Denis, thou shalt answer And thus speaking, the villain left the

CHAPTER XVI.

That evening Beion St. Julien and Goupart conversed long and earnestly togeth-For some time the youth had entertained the thought of proceeding at on e to New Orleans and seeking Louise, but finally he resolved to wait awhile, at least until he had one more interview

"That Lobois was the cause of her bemg abducted I have no longer any doubt," said the marquis, after some remarks had been made upon the subject.

"How can there be a doubt?" return Goupart. "His story of the rescue of the poor girl is too improbable for belief, unless he had some understanding with the Indians."

But do you not think that he found her as he says?" inquired the marquis,

Of course I do. He found her as he says; but, of course, the didlans understood that he was to meet them there. He took her there, and he must have used some terrible power to make her

St. Denis went to his chamber, and went to his bed; but he could not sleep. He lay with his hands clasped over his brow, and ever and anon deep, painful groans would break from his lips. His thing stop!" rief was deeper than he could tell, even n his wildest prayers, and his hopes were all gone. The thing had come upon him with a doubly crushing force, for it had found his soul already bowed down beneath the weight of fear. He could have known that Louise had died, for then he | Simon, I command you!" might have wept awhile, and then calmly knelt down and prayed. But now even that sad and melancholy boon was denied him. Like the frantic mother who stands and sees the eagle perched upon shall be a death to the stands and the stands are stands are stands and the stands are stands are stands and the stands are stands ar

the cliff with her shricking infant, stood | fall, 'twill die with me; if he falls, the the youth with respect to his beloved. But, at length, when the first hours after midnight had come, Goupart san't inte a dull, dreamy slumber, and his pains were for awhile only the phantoms of

KLAMATH

While Goupart thus lay pondering upon his terrible misfortune, Simon Lobois was not alone. He was in the chamber he usually occupied, and with him was a black slave named Peter. He was a middle-aged man—Simon's special servant, and the only one in the whole household who had any sympathy for the dark nephew. Lobois had pur has ed him in New Orleans, and though he had done so only as the marquis' agent, yet Peter looked upon the former as his master. And, moreover, Simon had paid him various sums of money to serve him. "Now, Peter," said Simon, after some other conversation had passed, "have you

the marquis, as I bade you?" "Yes, mas'r; me watch 'um well, an' me hear all. Me foun' de hole you tole me of in de floor ober de ole mas'r's library, an' me hab watch 'um ebery time I's got a chance."

And what have you found?"

Peter went on and told a long story he had heard about letting Simon go, and about Goupart taking his place. "And," uttered the negro, with a sparking eye as he gave a sort of flourishing emphasis to the conjunction, "me's heard one oder ting, berry sartin'; One time dey feared young mas'r an' missus'd nebber cum back, an' ole mas'r's gwine to gib Goupart all his whole fortin', He'll hab heaps o' money, ch?"

"Did he say the whole, Peter?" "He did sartin, mas'r. An' he's planned to gib 'im haff of it now. Q, I tell ye, mas'r Goupart got mitey big hold onto o'e mas'r's pocket, an' mas'r's lub, too. Dey's togedder all de time. Yah—guess ole mas'r don't s'pect he'll want you no more."

It was late in the morning when Simon Lobols made his appearance. He had his breakfast served in his own room, and for some time he had been engaged in bathing his face. He walked on to the sitting room, and he found the marquis and Goupart there.

"Monsieur St. Denis," he said, in a low, ley tone, "I would speak with you." In an instant the young man turned and followed him. Lobois led the way to the garden, and there he stopped and

"Monsieur St. Denis." he spoke, while his eyes flashed and his thin lip trembled, "last night you did what no living man the face. Ere I leave this place, the stricken man must be past remembrance of his shame, or the striker must be not among the living! You understand!" Now, Goupart was not in a frame of

mind to endure much, or to argue much on moral points. His heart was aching tortured by a fearful power; and before him was the serpent who had done it all, who had torn loved children from a doting parent sundered the brother and sister, and made unhappy the life of a defenseless girl. The young man's eyes did not flash like his enemy's, but they burned with a deep, calm fire, such as utter disgust and abomination add to flerce hate.

"I think I understand," was St. Denis' reply.

sword exercise, and you were a proficient when I last saw you handle the blade. Will you now choose that weapon?"

"Then get it and join me at once. Gonupart turned away and went to his room. He took down his sword, and buckled the belt about him. Then he drew the blade, and for a moment he le's weapon-the well-tried companion of Gen. St. Denis, a bold and true knight. It was of Spanish make, and never yet had it failed in the hour of need. There was another sword in the room-a lighter one a Damascus blade, and of exquisite finish, and one, too, with which the youth and always played. But it had been his father's sword, and he would not use it now. After he had returned the blade to its scabbard, he stopped a moment to where an ink horn stood, and tearing leaf from his pocketbook, he hurriedly wrote as follows:

friend, and you know the few friends I have on earth. If I fall to-day, you will know why, and I know you will not You will see Louise, Tell er we shall meet-

The youth stopped and started up, and his hand trembled.

"If I fall thus, shall we meet there?" he murmured to himself, "O, heaven will pardon the deed. It knows the deep provocation—the burning shame that

Then he stooped once more and wrote: in that world where love knows no ight. ST. DENIS."
This the youth folded and directed to Brion St. Julien, and wiping a single tear from his cheek, he hurried down to the hall, and from thence to the garden. where he found Simon waiting for him "Now follow me," said Lobois; and thus speaking, he led the way around the house towards the barn, and thence out

through the postern to the foot of the hill beyond, where grew a thick clump of hickory trees. "Now, Goupart St. Denis, are you ready?" asked Simon, at the same time

drawing his sword. "In one moment," returned the youth. lso drawing his own weapon, but lowering its point upon the ground. He was stopped short in his speech, for

at that moment the marquis came rushing out from the court, and soon reached the spot where they stood, "Simon," he gasped, white with fear, what means this? Put up your sword."

"Brion St. Julien," quickly retorted the mad nephew, "stand back! You s what passed last night—did you not?"

sion. You taunted him most bitterly, Simon; you insuited him most shamefully, and he knew not what he did. O, let this

"Stop? You might as well try to stop yonder mighty river from flowing to its nouth! You say I gave him provocation. Did he not give me provocation?" "Yes-yes. It was all folly-all eager,

hot, mad haste. O, give over this thing!

ement is complete.

"Good Sir Brion," spoke Goupart, at this point, "let the conflict go on. Life to me now is not worth the price I would pay for it by refusal. Let it go on." "But-my child-my son, if you are

"You'll have me left," interrupted Simon-"me, who of right belongs he.e Now are you ready, Monsieur St. Denis?" The youth turned an imploring look upon the marquis, and as the old man fell back, he replied:

"Now I must ask the question I was about to ask ere our friend came to interrupt us. Simon Lebois, you may fall in this encounter, and before I cross your sword, I would pray you to tell, if you know, where Louis St. Julien is. "How?" Rissed Simon. heap more insult upon me?" "Would yo

"I ask but a simple question," "Ay-and that question means a foul uspicion. I know nothing of him."

"Then come on!" And on the next instant the swords were crossed.

Simen Lobols had been accounted one of the best sword players in Marne, and he came to the conflict as though he were sure of victory; but at the third pass he was undeceived. He turned pale in a moment, for he now knew that he had met with a superior, even in fencing skill. He was a coward at heart, and he fairly trembled. Goupart saw it in an instant, and for the moment he was astonished But then be remembered how Simon used to tremble at the whiz of a pistol ball, and he wondered no more. Almost did he pity the poor wretch. Straight, powerful and tall he stood, with his broad chest expanded, while before him fairly cowered the diminutive form of the vfl-

"Ah, Simon, I've taught the sword art since you left me in France: Take care! Poor wretch, I gave you credit for more

skill, and for more courage." In all probability, the villain believed that Goupart meant to kill him if he could. That belief begot a feeling of despair, and that last taunt fired him. Like Naples. the cornered rat, he set to now with all the energy of a dying man, and for a few moments St. Denis had to look sharp; but it was only for a few moments. Simon made a point-blank thrust from a left guard, and with a quick movement to the right, Goupart brought a downward stroke with all his available force, only meaning to break his antagonist's sword, or strike it from his grasp, and thus end the conflict without bloodshed. But Simon had thrust his arm further forward than Goupart had calculated, and the blow fell upon the sword hand, the guard receiving part of the force, thus causing a slanting stroke. With a quick cry of pain, Simon dropped his weapon and started back.

"Don't strike me now!" he cried. "Fear not," replied Goupart, "I never strike a defenseless man. But are you satisfied?

"Yes-yes! But that was a cowardly stroke." "No-no, Lobols. I meant not to strike you then; I only meant to knock your sword down. But you knew you have been at my mercy thrice."

"It was your own fault that you did not take advantage of it. I should have kill- Newark, N. J., on -anuary 1, whereby ed you had I been able, and I think you would have done the same." "No!" cried the marquis; "you know

But the wounded man made no further reply. His hand pained him now, and he held it out towards the marquis with a beseeching look. The old man examined it, and found that a bad gash was cut from the roots of the thumb to the wrist, on the back of the hand, but none of the bones were harmed. Had not the guard of the sword received the weight of the blow, the hand would have been severed wholly off, for the stout iron guard was

And thus ended the duel. Goupart was surprised at the easy victory he had won, while Simon was surprised at the incredible skill his antagonist had displayed. And the marquis was thankful-deeply thankful-for the result, so far as mere life and death were concerned. (To be continued.)

found cut nearly in twain!

Quality Folks.

Since bacteriologists have attributed the dissemination of yellow fever in Cuba, and of the deadly malaria in Italy, to the mosquito, that creature has emerged from the general host of insects into a place of individual importance. For other reasons than these, however, an old Cornish woman lately pronounced upon the mosquito's aristocracy. She had asked her parish priest to read her a letter from her son in Brazil. The writer's orthography was doubtful, but the vicar did his best to read phonetically.

"I cannot tell you how the muskittles torment me. They pursue me everywhere-even down the chimney!" The fond mother's eyes grew large

with mingled pride and amazement. "Ezekiel must be rare handsome," she said, "for the maidens to be so after him. And I reckon the Miss Kit- on Sundays, which was observed last ties is quality folks, too!"

Willie's Perplexity.

When Willie came home last night he was more convinced of the uselessness of schools than he ever was before, nature of his latest trouble, be exthe day. The teached had directed the only in defense of their lives. pupils to write a sentence in which the special word should appear.

Along with others, Willie announced that he did not know the meaning of the word, and so could not use it in a sentence. The teacher explained that it meant "delay" or "put off," and, encouraged the youngsters to try. Willie's thoughts were on pleasanter things than school, and his made-to-order sentence was:

"Boys postpone their clothes when they go in swimming."

"Our college colors are pink and old gold," said Miss Frocks. "Our college colors were black and blue when I was initiated into the se-

cret society," added her brother.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Import-Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our

for work at Panama.

Many Readers.

Rear admiral George E Pelknap, retired, veteran of the Civil and Chinese wars, is dead.

New Jersey, has placed a ban on all plays of a Tracy nature.

000 for the St. Louis fair. President Roosevelt was escorted to the Yellowstone park from Gardiner,

west shores of Maryland. Recent statistics show that that the

rate of deaths from cancer in Great Britain has doubled in the last 40

Miss Edna Telfener, niece of Mrs. Jonh W. Mackay, is reported to be engaged to Signor Gino de Martino, of

The cottage at Tabor, Ia., where John destroyed by fire.

A large area of coal and petroleum and has been located in the Southeast

William Pickens, the Negro who won the Ten Eck prize for oratory at Yale, o send him a copy of the oration. All four years of the college course at Yale will hereafter be optional, making it possible for fre-hmen to drop Greek,

Latin and mathematics from the entrance examination. Andrew Carnegie has offered to pay the bills of all Cornell students incurred

Oscar Barcliffe, engineer of the train which collided with a trolley car at many school chi d en were killed or in jured, is a ravin, maniac in a hospital He raves about h engine and is con-

The police o New York and neigh poring cities are trying to run down whole bands of Italian brigands, who have recently been driven from Italy and came to the Atlantic coast, where they are black mailing their fellow-

countrymen with threats of murder. Dunsmuir, Cal., was nearly destroyed

Sailors from battleships will hereafter be given longer shore leave. Pekin is apparently much surprised

at the increase of the Asiatic squadron President Roosevelt will be escorted from the depot at Portland by a monster parade.

Rebels of Santo Domingo have repulsed the government troops and still hold that city.

Jefferson S. Conover, grand secretary f the Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, is dead, aged 62 years.

Governor Taft is mentioned for the residency in 1904. The New York Herald figures that Roosevelt will be a upon by the packers, no controversy is winner with New York state in the doubtful column.

The Indiana operators will submit a proposition to the miners agreeing to have a commission, composed of an operator, a miner, and an expert minng engineer, to decide what mines in the Clinton field require shooters.

The Anthracite strike commission ward with reference to the mining engineers gives the enigneers a holiday Sunday throughout the mining regions for the first time in the history of coal mining.

Not a single disorderly act has oc curred to mar the tranquility of Monterey, Mex., since Thursday's riots. says the Buffalo Express. Asked the Governor Reyes, in speaking of the affair, said that an investigation showed plained that "postpone" had been one absolutely that the police first fired in of the words in the spelling lesson of the air, later firing at their aggressors

Geroge Gillette is dead at the county hospital of Santa Cruz, Cal., aged 80 years. He came to the United States in 1842 as a member of Lord Ashburton's suite to negotiate the Ashburton-Webster treaty for the northeast boundary of this country. He had been an inmate of the county hospital for 12

Snowstorn destroys telegraph lines and paralyzes railroad traffic in Nothern Mississippi valley.

Thomas Kelgan, who escaped from the Toledo, O., jail in 1901, is behind the bars again. He is charged with the robbery of the Toledo postoffice. Kelgan was caught in Los Angeles.

Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, of th department of Semitic language literature at Cornell universities ca, N. Y., has accepted an ment at director of the A School of Archeology at Jerus

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

REPUBLICAN.

EASTERN OREGON STATION.

ant Happenings of the Past Week, Agricultural College Regents Order Ex Patents to Disputed Oregon Lands Set tensive improvements at Union.

The board of regents of the agricul-A measure is now before the New experimenting in thoroughbred live- quire title to the same. York legislature appropriating \$350, stock, which the regents have decided to add to the work here.

Insane Asylum Report.

The report of Superintendent J. F. burg, in Douglas county. Mont., by the famous Pay troop of Calbreath, of the Oregon insane asylum, for March shows a total enroll-Cold weather has ruined the peach ment of 1,297. The number of paand strawberry crops of the east and tients February 28 was 1,298, and doring March 31 were admitted and two escapes returned. Twenty were discharged, 13 died and one eloped, leaving 1,297 at the end of the month. There are 167 officers and employes. The cost of maintenance per capita was Representative John H. Ketcham, of \$9.90, and per day 32 cents. There days, and gained a bad reputation or New York, who has been ill in Wash- are 24 Alaskan patients in charge, for account of the number of Indians and ington, has returned home convales- which the state gets \$20 a month each.

Will Extend Railroad.

The Sumpter Valley railroad people the road this spring. Chief Engineer without being discovered. West has been looking over the country Brown lived for several years, and up above Whitney for the past week. where he drilled his followers, has been and President Eccles has been consulting with his lieutenants for several days. While all of the officials are absolutely noncommittal, everything in-Kootenay district of British Columbia, this season into Harney county, poseidicates that the roal is to be extended bly as far as Burns. Ex-President Cleveland has asked

Josephine Fruit Prospects are Good. Josephine county orchardists have been busy for the past three weeks and more spraying their trees. Orchardists there are taking a much livlier interest in this work than ever before. Many orchards that have never been sprayed before have been cleaned up this spring and given a liberal spray of lime solution. Taken as a whole the orchards of Josephine county look far land, will begin operation about the by sickness in the typhoid fever epi- better this season than they have ever demic, where they or their parents will before been known, and indications Brower is the inventor. It is a movel point to a good erop of fruit.

The secretary of the interior has anor filing April 1, and three more addi- directly into lumber. tional townships will be open April 15. thus making a total of 720 claims of 160 acres each, or 115,200 acres of new timber land on the market. This land is estimated by local parties to run

Clerk of State Land Board. M. L. Chamberlain, clerk of the state land board, is ill with dropey. and his physicians say he cannot recover. George G. Brown has been elected by the state land board to fill the vacancy caused by his illness and absence from office. Mr. Chamberain has been ill several weeks but his recovery was not deepaired of until a

few days ago. Prices of Salmon Fixed.

The Columbia river fishermen's protective union held a meeting at Astoria and fixed the prices of fish for the coming season at 5 cents per pound for cannery fish and 6 cents per pound for cold storage fish; that is those weighing 25 pounds or over. As those are the prices already practically agreed

anticipated. Quartz Property Changes Hands. Negotiations have been closed whereby the Red Bean quartz property, located on Starveout creek, was taken over by a Chicago capitalist, for a \$12,000 consideration, with a large payment down. The mine was bought of Riggs, Flamm & Evans. of this city. Riggs is locomotive engineer. Flamm and

Evans are pocket hunters.

Boring for Oil at Myrtle Creek. Borings are to be resumed at the oil well at Myrtle Creek. The well is now at a depth of 1,800 feet and the drill has been stopped on account of lack of funds. Now that a sufficient amount of stock has been sold to resume opera- \$10@11; cheat, \$11@12 per ton. tions work will commence at once.

Appointment by Chamberlain. Governor Chamberlain has appointed T. B. Howes, of Portaind, to succeed Captain Hoben as Port warden on the Columbia. The position pays no salary, the incumbent receiving his com-

pensation in commissions. Observation of Arbor Day. Superintendent of Public instruction J. H. Ackerman has issued a sugge-tive manual for the use of public schools in preparing for Arbor day, which will be April 10. The pamphlet comprises

Attendants Want More Pay.

12 pages.

The male attendants at the Oregon tate insane asvlum have petitioned the board of trustees of that institution for a raise in salaries of about 6

Jackson County Pays Up. Jackson county has paid its state axes for 1903 in full by remitting RAILROAD HAS LOST.

Aside by Supreme Court. The supreme court has affirmed the tural college, under whose supervision decision of the circuit court of appeals the Eastern Oregon experiment station for the Ninth circuit, which affirmed at Union is conducted, has decided to the judgment of District Judge Charles The canal commission is preparing erect a barn on the farm to cost about B. Fellinger, setting aside the patent \$5,000, to be constructed of stone and issued by the secretary of the interior wood, and of the latest approved design. to the Oregon & California railroad A modern cottage and other buildings company on February 20, 1895, coverwill be built near the barn for the use ing a large area of land within the inof the people in charge of this branch demnity limits of its grant, and in morning by a tornado which cut a path Jersey City, under the statutes of of experimental work. These build- effect upholding the title of settlers ings are erected to enable the station now upon these lands or establishing to properly to carry on the work of the rights of settlers to hereafter ac-

All of the lands affected by this demiles west of the railroad, between Jefferson, in Marion county, and Rose-

It has been found that the original miner and man who dug the mysterious tunnels of a "lost mine" recently discovered on Grave creek, Southern Oregon, was Tom East, in whose honor fom East creek, one of the tributaries of Grave creek, was named. He was a notorious character during the early Chinamen he killed. It is evident the tunnels and development of the mine were concealed purposely by East, and the mysterious part of the affair is how are quietly preparing to make a move he could have removed so much dirt of some kind in the way of extending and done so great an amount of work

More Land to Be Opened.

It is announced through the La Grande land office that 50,000 acres of land in the northeastern part of Baker county will be thrown open to settlement within a few weeks. The land lies along Snake river and comprises portions of three townships. country is generally rough and monntainous, but there is ta g ofly portion of rich land, suitable for fruit cu ture and general farming purposes. There is plenty of water, with splendid oppor tunities for the construction of irrigating canals at medium cost.

The electric sawmill under construc tion at St. John's, a suburb of Portfirst of next month. George W. plant. It will represent an outlay of about \$50,000, land will have a cutting capacity of from 75,000 to 100,000 feet of lumber per day. The motive office that two more townships of timber and the saws will be operated in such killed by the tornado are known. land in Wallows county will be open a way that the largest logs can be sawed

Indian War Vets Must Walt.

Adjutant General C. U. Gantenbein. Oregon National Guard, is in receipt of a letter from F. E. Rittman, auditor from 1,500,000 to 3,000,000, feet to the of the war department at Washington. in which he states that it is impossible at the present time for him to send data which General Gantenbein needs before paying the Indian war veterans of Oregon for their services, in compliance with the act of February 24, 1903. It will evidently be two months before

this money can be paid. Large Door Factory at St. Helens. Rainier will probably soon have the largest exclusive door factory in operation in the Northwest. A few months ago W. D. Plue's door factory was burned down at that place, and is now

much larger scale.

Fish Warden Reports. The monthly report of Fish Warden recent mails stories were given of Van Dusen shows the receipts of his rumcrs current at Dalny and Khaibin The monthly report of Fish Warden office for March to have been \$666.10, of impending war between Rusia and of which \$112.60 was from fines and Japan. sales of contraband salmon, and the

balance from licenses. PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat- Walls Walls, 70c; bluetem, 75c; valley, 75c. Barley-Feed, \$21.50 per ton; brew-

ing. \$23.

Floor-Best grade, \$3.95@4.25; graham. \$3.45@8.85. Millstuffe - Bran, \$19 per ton middlings, \$ 24; shorts, \$19.50@20.

Oate-No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray, \$1.12%@1.15 per cental. Hay - Timothy, \$13@18.50; clover,

Potatoes- Best Burbanks, 50c pe sack; ordinary, 25@40c per cental growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$20 Poultry- Chickens, mixed, 12@13c; young, 13@14c; hens, 12e; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks,

\$7@7.50 per dosen; geese, \$6@8. Cheese-Full cream, twins, 1616 17c; Young America, 17% @ 18c; factory prices, 1@1%c lees. Butter-Fancy creamery, 30@321/c

per pound; extras, 30e; dairy, 20@ 22%c; store, 15@18c. Eggs-16@17%c per dosen. Hops—Choice, 2 @22c per pound. Wool—Valley, 12 % @15c; Eastern

Dregon, 8@14 %c; mohair, 32@33c. Beef — Gross, cows, 3@3%c per cound; steers, 4@4%c; dressed, 7%c. Veal-7%@8%c. Mutton - Gross, dressed, 7%c.

Lambs - Gross. dressed, 7%c. Hogs - Gross, dressed, 767%c.

TORNADO IN SOUTH

SLAYS MANY PEOPLE AND DESTROYS VALUABLE PROPERTY.

Whole Families Killed and Mangled in Alabama and Arkansas-Everything Tors Away in Blount County, Alabama -Two Whole Countles in Arkaness are a Complete Waste.

Birmingham, Ala., April 10 .- The little hamlet of Hopewell, 40 miles north of this city, and one mile from Hanceville, was swept away early this of desolation a mile wide and two miles long across a prosperous farming section of Blount county. Ten persons were instantly killed, three or four cision are more than 20 and within 30 fatally injured and a score seriously

injured. The storm came from the southwest, and took its destructive path in a northeasterly direction, tearing everything away in its way. The section through which it went is on a table land in Blount county. There was not the slightest warning of its approach.

Arkansas Towns Wiped Out.

Little Rock, Ark., April 10. - Specials to the Gazette from several towns in White and Clerburne counties, Arkansas, tell of a torna lo which swept through that section, leaving death and lestruction in its path. The major portion of the country through which the storm plowed its way is remote from railroads, telegraph or telephone ines. A correspondent wires from earcy, Ark., tonight that he had gone wer a portion of the track of the storm, and that trees were twisted from their trunks and houses demolished. Thus ar it has been impossible to ascertain where the storm began, but it is known

that it raged in those two counties. The latest reports are that nine perons are dead, three dying and three hadly injured. The towns of Little Red, Albion, Bradford, Heber and Pangburn have been heard from thus

Bradford, which is on the Iron Moun'ain railroad, was the first point heard from Several houses blown down there, and one man was seriously injured. The tornado came from the west, and had spent its force when it reached Bradford It is feared the little town of Hiram, with a population of 150, has been wiped off the map. It is near Heber, and in the storm's track. Nothing has been heard neonced through the La Grande land power will be supplied by electricity, days before the names of all who were

CHINESE GARRISON SLAIN.

Russia Begins Hostilities and War With Japan is Expected.

Victoria, B. C., April 10. - The teamer Victoria, which arrived from the Orient last night, brought news that a party of Manchurians and Coreans who were in the employment of the Russian government and Russian troops have massacred the Chinese garrison of Cha-Kusih, on the Yalu river. Russian officers from Moukden have

proceeded to the locality. News comes from Chehli of a Boxer rising in that province, and Yuan Shih Kai, the governor, is putting down the movement. A rising occurred at Kutien Sheien, and, on troops being sent to the scene, a battle occurred, in wnich there was a large loss of life. Ten of being rebuilt in a new location on a the principal Boxers, among whom were eight women, were captured and

In Japanese papers received by the

Bread and Meat In One Trust. Chicago, April 10 .- A dispatch to

the Tribure from New York says: A certificate of incorporation for the United States Biscuit company has been filed in Trenton, N. J., with a capital of \$4,500,000. The new concern promises to be a powerful competitor of the Natinal Biscuit company. The financial powers behind the new company are not disclosed, but it is understood they are millioneire Chicago capitalists. It is regarded in Wall street that the new company will be operated as an adjunct of the beef combination, with Armour interests in

Admiral Sands to Take Command.

control.

Washington, April 10. - Rear Adniral James H. Sands, commandant of the League island navy yard, has reported at the navy department for duty in connection with the newly organized North Atlantic squadron, of which he is to assume command. Captain Charles D. Sigsbee will succeed Admiral Sands in command of the League island navy yard, and will be success ed as chief intelligence officer at the navy department by Commander Schroeder, formerly naval governor of the Island of Guam.

Russia Keeps Bargain.

Pekin, April 10 .- Today was the date of expiration of the treaty period of six months, fixed for the evacuation of the second province of Manchuria. During the past fortnight the Russians have been removing their troops from the interior of the province, part of them going to Port Arthur and the others to stations on the railway, but none leaving Manchuria. The local governments are being transferred to the Chinese.