

GOSSIP FROM CHICAGO

DOUBTS OF VERACITY

Chicago, Jan. 16.—A marked improvement in business conditions during the next sixty days is to be expected, according to the first systematic attempt to canvass the situation among mercantile and manufacturing interests in this city. As many of the largest firms that answered have relations throughout the west and south this canvass is of more than local significance and may be considered a fair test of general conditions west of Pittsburg. Letters were sent to 2700 members of the Association of Commerce, asking for expressions of opinion and statistics of employees. The replies were tabulated and showed that 12 per cent less men are employed today in Chicago than were a year ago. On the other hand more than half the firms responding stated that they were planning to increase their forces within the next sixty days and 86 per cent of the firms declared that they expected condition to improve radically in that time. The army of unemployed continues to grow, though not so rapidly. A work test has just been established at the municipal lodging house where nearly 500 men are given free accommodations each night. A days volunteer work on the streets entitles a man to a lodging house ticket for three days. Later the work will be made compulsory.

A \$15,000 benefit for invalid members of the Theodore Thomas orchestra given by Chicago's fashionables was enlivened by the mishaps of enthusiastic scene shifting by faintly attired young men. As there was no drop curtain this was done in full view of the audience. First they attacked some mountains, a desert and a sea, and got off with them. From the top of a stepladder a young man in evening dress wrenched loose a beetling cliff and passed it down amid applause. Then began the erection of a palace. Jack Frost's fountain was carelessly put on top of Agamemnon's tomb, and when this was discovered, the fountain, tomb and castle all were carried off the stage. The proceeds of all this—and the music—went to one who for years was a violinist in the orchestra but, in far away Germany, now is going blind.

The question of women's veracity as a witness, raised by reports of a speech by Col. James Hamilton Lewis, ex-corporation counsel of Chicago, seems likely to eclipse for a time the question: "Why did not Senator Jefferson Davis attend the Bryan banquet?" He was reported to have told 200 students of the Northwestern university law school: "An oath means nothing to a woman, and, as Horace has so truthfully expressed it, 'when a woman starts out to perjure herself all h—cannot keep her record.'" Of course it was a mistake; Colonel Lewis, of Virginia and Seattle and Chicago, denies that he said it—that way. His birthplace at Danville in Virginia, his alma mater in Georgia and his constituency as gubernatorial and senatorial candidate of Washington are left untarnished in chivalric fame. But that does not stop the feminine comment in refutation of woman's disregard for truth, whether under oath or not. For the Chicago Woman's club one woman said: "Ever since Adam and Eve met in the Garden of Eden men have been trying to put the blame for everything on women." Meanwhile the question about the absence of Senator Davis remains unanswered, at least conflictingly answered by Senator Davis himself, Senator Stone of Missouri and the self-availing secretary to Senator Davis.

Those alarmed about the future of the Mississippi river because its headquarters is becoming denuded of forests, find little comfort in the reports of United States government engineers which caused the expenditure of more than a million dollars for five reservoir dams. In the report of Col. F. V. Abbott, acting chief engineer, for 1905 he said regarding the reservoirs: "Without the addition of stored waters from the reservoir system the river at St. Paul is liable to fall to a stage of 0.2 foot, as happened in July and August, 1894, or to zero, as happened in April, 1896, whereas with judicious and economical use of the reservoir waters it is quite practicable to keep the gauge at St. Paul from ever falling below three feet. A flood stage existed this season from Sandy River to Atkin, Tenn., and below, from May 20 to July 1, during which period there

was impounded and held back in the reservoirs over 16,000,000,000 cubic feet of water, the flood waters of a drainage basin of 3265 square miles." The cutting of the timber has caused the filling up of lakes because the soil no longer is protected from erosion by rains, and the floods and droughts will each year become more violent, and the limit of reservoir capacity has been reached. It is for this reason that those favoring the revival of river transportation on the Mississippi declare that the cutting of timber on the Indian reservations under the Morris bill, must be stopped and reforestation be hastened.

The problem of "Dry or Wet?" which made Carrie Nation famous is now being worked out in Chicago by the advocates of both answers. The national headquarters of the Prohibition party are here; within a few blocks are the leaders of the brewery and liquor interests of the country. The first weeks of the new year have found both sides very busy. The prohibitionists report unusual activity throughout the country as a result of the recent temperance victories in Georgia and Alabama and they are clearing the decks for the Presidential campaign. The brewers, on the other hand, are just as busy, carrying out their new plan of putting an end to abuses in the liquor traffic by closing up disreputable saloons. The Ohio Vigilance bureau has notified all retailers of the state that it intends to clean up the state as a similar organization did Texas. The St. Louis brewers have signed an agreement with the excise commissioner to furnish no beer to what are known as "hid-lifting" clubs. Brewers in Minneapolis, Cleveland, Toledo, Decatur, New Orleans and other cities are all taking active steps to put a stop to disorderly saloons. No one would accuse the brewers and the prohibitionists of playing into each others hands, but to a man up a tree it looks as if they were both running down the same road.

The famine in school teachers which has affected western cities for some time past has now spread to the east and is assuming national proportions. Superintendent of Schools Cooley reports that New York city has advertised for 700 more teachers and that a similar shortage prevails in Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburg. Since the opening of the Chicago schools ten days ago, it has been necessary to dismiss twenty to forty school roomfuls daily because there was no one to teach the pupils. To meet this situation efforts are being made by the National Council of Education to discover the causes of the shortage and if possible devise ways of correcting it. Circular letters have been sent out to the superintendents of schools in most of the large cities in the country asking for opinions on the following five ways of relieving the situation: (a) To raise salaries; (b) To enact pensions; (c) To establish security to tenure

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during efficiency; (d) To reduce requirements for admission to the teaching rank; (e) To form a public opinion which shall recognize the dignity of the calling of the teacher. For their part teachers are pointing out that while the cost of living has increased enormously during the past ten years, the salaries of teachers, clerks and professional workers have not been increased in proportion. If the present shortage results in a general improvement in the salary figures it will be hailed with joy by 450,000 teachers in the United States.

The receivership of the Chicago Great Western railway, seems likely to end the unique record made by President A. B. Stickney of having erected a financial structure of \$107,000,000 without and bonded debt. He started as a school teacher in Minnesota and he has taught railway managers some new moves in finance, all the time maintaining a record for integrity, breadth and acumen that has won the admiration of his keenest rivals. During the year of panics in 1894 in four hours he raised in Dubuque, Iowa, \$400,000 to meet a payroll, giving as security only his plain note although gold dollars were nearly as scarce as hen's teeth. It is one of the stories told on western roads that he contracted to haul from Kansas City to Chicago an immense tonnage of packing house products, then cut the rates deep, the other roads cutting them still deeper, and so deep that President Stickney immediately shipped all the tonnage he could get over the lines of his competitors. The plan, of which the receivership is a part, is to pay off the \$8,500,000 of notes now due by means of a \$20,000,000 bond issue and to use the millions remaining in the treasury to improve his system.

The year 1908 will be a record breaking year in the livestock industry if the first two weeks of the year are any indication. The flood of cattle, sheep and hogs that have poured into Chicago market since January 1 have nearly swamped the big packers, whose busy season does not usually begin until much later. As a result killing gangs have been working ten hours a day. The receipts of livestock during 1907 reached the enormous total of 15,248,479 animals, which included 3,305,314 cattle, 7,201,061 hogs and 4,218,115 sheep. This was not quite up to the record of the year before but a new record was set for the price paid for the animals, which reached the dizzy figure of \$326,540,600. Packing house products for the same period were valued at \$400,000,000. These figures are of importance as showing the fundamental prosperity of the west, which is too firmly based to be long affected by Wall street panics.

BOURNE DINES WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

A Washington press dispatch to the Portland Journal of Saturday, says: Senator Bourne of Oregon dined last evening with President Roosevelt, and it is understood that the appointment of C. Schuebel as United States district attorney at Portland was discussed.

President Roosevelt is said to have asked Senator Bourne to assist in the many reforms that the administration has undertaken in California and Oregon. Senator Bourne is reported to have given answer that he had always been a reformer of the old school and that he would lend his influence in Oregon and California toward the bringing about of honest government in both states. He is reported to have said that he hoped Henry would help him in his good work.

Senator Bourne, who was once a reform legislator at Salem, said that he would be delighted to apply his knowledge of the work of grafters in those times to the grafters of the present.

President Roosevelt, who loves honest men, is said to have patted Bourne on the back and said, "Good boy, John, you're a man after my own heart. You deserve a place in the cabinet."

No one was invited to the dinner other than Bourne.

No such sensation has been created in Washington since Booker Washington enjoyed luncheon with the President.

Information Desired.

He—The boys say I'm getting to be a regular bear.

It—Say, Sis, ask him whether he grows or hugs.—Woman's Home Companion.

It is no evidence that a man is a musician because he climbs into the band wagon.

A REALISTIC ACT.

Amusing Story of Joseph Jefferson as Rip Van Winkle.

While he was playing Rip Van Winkle at Chicago Joseph Jefferson once went to the theater very much exhausted by a long day's fishing on the lake. As the curtain rose on the third act it disclosed the white haired Rip still deep in his twenty years' nap. Five, ten, twenty minutes passed, and he did not awaken. The audience began to get impatient and the prompter sneezed.

The great actor doubtless knew what he was about, but this was carrying the realistic business too far. The fact was that all this time Jefferson was really sleeping the sleep of the just, or, rather, of the fisherman who had sat eight hours in the sun. Finally the gallery became uproarious, and one of the "gods" wanted to know if there was going to be "nineteen years more of this snooze business!"

At this point Jefferson began to snore. This decided the prompter, who opened a small trap beneath the stage and began to prod Rip from below. The fagged comedian fumbled in his pocket for an imaginary railway ticket and muttered drowsily, "Going right through, 'ductor." At this entirely new reading the audience was transfixed with amazement, when all at once Jefferson sat up with a loud shriek, evidently in agony. The exasperated prompter had jabbed him with a pin. Consciousness of the situation came to him, and the play went on after that with a rush.

New Notaries,
G. W. Parman, Condon; G. F. Billings, Ashland; D. V. Kuykendall, Klamath Falls.

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Rheumatism, as every one knows, is a condition produced by the failure of the kidneys to properly filter or strain from the blood the uric acid and other matter which, if not eradicated, either in the urine or through the skin pores, remains in the blood, decomposes and forms about the joints and muscles, causing the untold suffering and deformity of rheumatism.

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The owner of said animal can have the same by proving property and paying the legal charges and expenses of taking up and keeping, etc., and in default thereof for five days I will proceed to sell said animal at public auction, as provided in ordinance No. 429 of the aforesaid city.

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SALEM MARKET.

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Hens—9 1/2c; mixed chickens, 8 1/2c.
Local wheat—30c.
Oats—35c.
Barley—\$24 @ \$25.
Flour—Hard wheat, \$500; valley, \$4.00.
Mill feed—Bran, \$26; shorts, \$26.50.
Hay—Cheat, \$14; clover, \$10 @ 12 per ton; timothy, \$13 @ \$15.
Onions—2 1/2 c lb.
Hops—Old, 4 @ 6c; new, 7 @ 8c.
Chittim barley—4 1/2 @ 5c.
Tropical Fruits.
Bananas—\$6.
Oranges—\$2.50 @ \$3.00.
Lemons—\$3.50 @ 4.50.
Retail Market.
Oats—White, \$28 per ton.
Wheat—\$1.00.
Rolled barley—\$30.
Eggs—30c.
Butter—Country, 35c; creamery, 40c.
Flour—Valley, \$1.20 per sack; hard wheat, \$1.40 @ \$1.50.
Bran—80c per sack; \$26 per ton; shorts, \$1.10 per sack.
Hay—Timothy, 85 @ 90c per cwt; cheat, 90c; clover, 75c per cwt; shorts, \$1.10 per sack.
Livestock.
Hogs—Fat, \$5.00.
Cattle—1100 @ 1200 lb steers, 3 1/2 c.
Lighter steers—3 @ 3 1/2 c.
Stock hogs—\$4.00.
Cows and heifers—900 @ 1000 lb, 2 1/2 c @ 2 3/4 c.
Sheep—3 1/2 c @ 4 1/4 c.
Veal—Dressed, 5 @ 7c.
Portland Market.
Wheat—Club, 85c; valley, 85c; blue stem, 87c.
Millstuff—Bran, \$23.
Hay—Timothy, valley, \$18 @ \$19; alfalfa, \$13.
Vetch—\$8.50.
Poultry—Hens, 12 1/2 c @ 13c; spring chickens, 12 1/2 c @ 13c; ducks, young, 13c @ 14; pigeons, \$1 @ 1.25.
Pork—Best, \$6 @ \$6.35.
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