

NO UNITED GAS MELON LIKELY; TRACTION SHARES IN DEMAND Steel Makers Report Increased Inquiry for Equipment From Trolley Companies—Interesting Court Decision on Pennsylvania Canal Bonds

It appears to be practically settled that there will be no melon cutting by the United Gas Improvement Company this spring. The board met yesterday, and nothing was done in the way of arranging for special action by the stockholders at the annual meeting in May. It is understood that the recent purchase of properties in Indiana will be financed by a sale of stock. This without recourse to the company's assets, but these are not expected to be commensurate for some time, so that additional capital will not be necessary for the present. The stock market of late has been in a "change today, but no great amount came out. In fact the whole local list was dull and fluctuated within narrow limits.

MEN'S SPRING HATS TO BE LOWER IN CROWN AND WIDE IN THE BRIM Black Retains Its Supremacy in the Derby, While Colors Vary in Soft Felt—Kensington Trade Board Plans Extension

Men's hats for spring will be lower in the crown and broader in the brim than those being worn now, said George B. Wells, men's hats, Philadelphia. "As for colors, when a man buys a stiff hat he always thinks of black, and for dress and for very little demand for colored derbys. Personally, I consider a plain gray derby the most fashionable hat, and in England and France they are very much worn, but they don't take here. The rough sort of straw hat, which was fashionable for a couple of seasons, but they did not survive.

It is in soft felts it is different. The demand is for colors, brown, green, steel, blue and some gray predominating. Steel in two shades and a color like London smoke will be very fashionable. "Straw hats will soon be on sale. This year what is known as the unbleached straw hat will give better service than the bleached straw. One of the reasons why unbleached straw will be so fashionable is the variety of blending and dyeing materials which formerly came from Germany. Most of the straw hats sold in this country are manufactured in Baltimore, Md., and Brooklyn.

At the February meeting of the board of directors 22 new members were elected into the Builders' Exchange. These new members were obtained after the closing of the Greater Builders' Exchange Campaign, which terminated January 15, 1916. It was also announced at the board meeting that on the evening of February 15 a "get-together" meeting had been planned, at which all the old and new members of the Builders' Exchange will be expected to be a gala event.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS GRAIN AND FLOUR POULTRY

WHEAT—Receipts, 141,188 bush. The market declined 2 1/2 cents in the day, but subsided, and recovered 1/2 cent. Quotations: No. 2 Northern Red, \$1.04 1/2; No. 2 Southern Red, \$1.04 1/2; No. 2 Western Red, \$1.04 1/2; No. 2 Hard Red, \$1.04 1/2; No. 2 Soft Red, \$1.04 1/2.

PROVISIONS

The market ruled firm, with a fair jobbing demand. Quotations ranged as follows: Beef, 10 1/2; Pork, 10 1/2; Bacon, 10 1/2; Lard, 10 1/2; Butter, 10 1/2; Eggs, 10 1/2; Chickens, 10 1/2; Turkeys, 10 1/2; Geese, 10 1/2; Ducks, 10 1/2.

REFINED SUGARS DAIRY PRODUCTS

The market was quiet but steady. Refiners' prices: White granulated, 6 1/2; standard, 6 1/2; powdered, 6 1/2; condensed, 6 1/2. Dairy products: Butter, 10 1/2; Cheese, 10 1/2; Milk, 10 1/2; Cream, 10 1/2.

BAR SILVER

Bar silver in New York was 30 1/2 cents per ounce.

REBOUND IN WHEAT AFTER SEVERE BREAK Much Excitement in Pit—Market Recovered on Buying for Foreign Account

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A sharp rebound occurred in the wheat market here today, after there had been a severe break in prices following a riotous start. There was a great deal of excitement in the pit. Buying for foreign account and reports of sales of about 500,000 bushels for export were the influences that brought about the recovery.

As compared with the recent high price of \$1.25, established on January 25, the low price today, showed a loss of 13 1/2c, and a drop, at the low price today, showed a drop of 1 1/2c, from the recent high mark of \$1.25, established on January 25 last.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

John P. Boyle, Upper Merion, Pa., and Theresa A. Malin, 1518 S. 18th st., Philadelphia. Forner, 2515 N. Marshall st., and Magdalena M. Hahn, 2712 E. Ontario st., Philadelphia. George H. Glassman, 2115 N. 8th st., and Leona Heller, 1518 S. 18th st., Philadelphia.

Financial Briefs

Midvale Steel bonds "when, as and if issued" sold on the Curb at 98 1/2. Wilson A. Streeter, vice president of the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co., was elected a director of the Republic Trust Company.

Divorce Suits Begun

The following divorce suits were begun in Court of Common Pleas No. 3 today: Lena Widmer vs. Samuel Widmer, 1518 S. 18th st., Philadelphia. Forner vs. Magdalena M. Hahn, 2712 E. Ontario st., Philadelphia.

Obituaries

HARRY M. LEMISCH South Street Business Men's First President Succumbs Harry M. Lemisch, one of the organizers and first president of the South Street Business Men's Association, is dead at his home, 1228 South street, from cancer of the throat. Mr. Lemisch is survived by a widow, Mrs. Fannie Levis.

THE WEATHER Official Forecast

For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair tonight and Friday; much change in temperature; light variable winds. Light rains or snows were quite general in the Atlantic States yesterday, but settled conditions are generally reported this morning, with partly cloudy or clear skies.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Table with columns: Station, Low, High, Wind, Weather. Includes Philadelphia, New York, Boston, etc.

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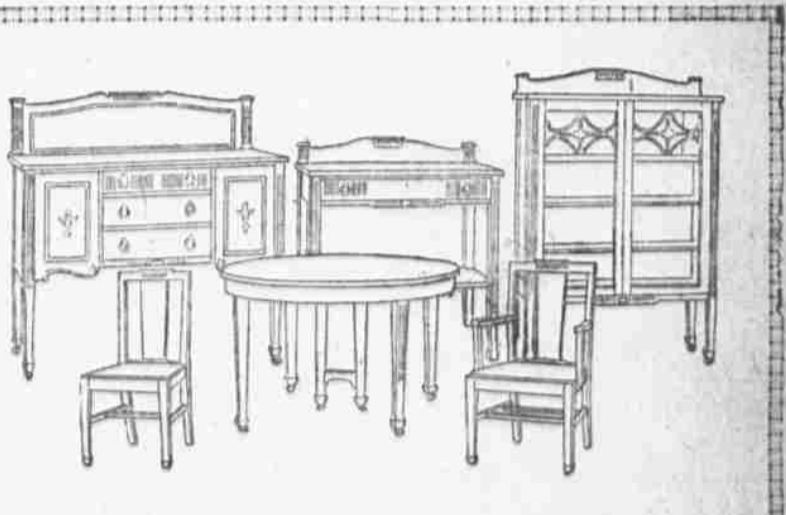
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Colonial Designs in Furniture

Do not appeal to all classes of people. They do appeal strongly to those who desire tasteful, artistic homes. There is a huge body of such people constantly seeking furniture and oddities that will add new charm to their homes.