## WANY DIVIDEND INCREASES MARK COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY

#### tehigh Navigation Income Reduced-W. H. Donner Will Crop News From Southwest Withdraw From Pennsylvania Steel Company, General Asphalt Stocks Show Strength

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## GRAIN AND FLOUR

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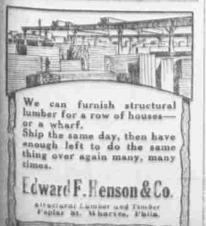
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#### FRESH FRUITS



incidentally the cash holdings of indiatral corporations are larger now than at an previous period in history. The U.
Siel Corporation alone holds someular like \$111,000,000 in cash and Bethiesen about \$40,000,000.

There was nothing of great importance to reord in the local market dealings totar, he volume of trading being somewhat curtailed, owing to the holiday tomorrow. The general tone was firm, howsert with General Asphalt a strong spot.

The advance in the Asphalt stocks was seempanied by talk of increased earnings. Although the annual report is not 
jet ready, it is understood that it will 
how the preferred dividend earned and 
possibly a small surplus.

In the afternoon United Clas Improvement turned strong, moving up a point. 
York Railways also hardened, as did 
Lake Superior and Reading.

The Lehigh Navigation annual report was 
somewhat disappointing, as it showed only.

VEGETABLES

#### NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The coffee mar-iel started higher but later turned fever-sh and values reacted from the early advance, owing to increased selling, and it was the general impression in the local market that price changes were governed largely by technical conditions, as there appeared to be no especial change in the news over Sunday, and, according to the official report from Brazil, freight rates remained unchanged on the basis of \$2 and 5 per cent, primage.

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#### THE WEATHER

MISCELLANEOUS. 

#### Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. For eastern Pennsylvania and New New Jersey: Fair tonight and Tuesday; not quite so cold tonight; warmer Tues-day; moderate east whols. A disturbance that was central over

A disturbance that was central over Michigan Sunday morning has moved enstward out of the fleid of observation. It caused light precipitation over New York and portions of the adjoining States, and has been followed by a cald great of considerable intensity. The creat of this area is over Lake Ontario and the area overspreads all of the eastern half of the country. Fair weather is re-ported from all districts except southern chilifornia this morning. Seasonable tem-peratures prevait from the Mississippi Hiver westward.

## U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

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#### BREAK IN WHEAT; NO BUYING POWER

## Better-Drop in U. S. Visible Supply

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Liquidation on an extensive state caused a sharp break in the wheat market here today. May selling down to \$1.24% and July to \$1.19%. The close was sully tie, above the bottom on May, \$1.24%, against \$1.27% at the end Saturday, while July finished %c, above the bottom, at \$1.28%, compared with \$1.22% at the close Saturday.

For a time resting commission house orders checked the decline and brought about a rally. Crop news from the Southwest was

Buying power liers was incling, and it was believed that the tong interest had been greatly reduced. Many stop-loss orders were uncovered.

The visible supply in the United States decreased 2.250,000 hundreds for the week, to \$4.250,000 bushels, The success of the Bushans in Asiatic Turkey resulted in a renewal of susceptibility regarding the con-

of the Pardanelles and had an influence on sentiment. The merket at Liverpool showed an easier tendency.

Cern slumped with wheat, clusting only a little above the lowest at 76% cents for May and July, against 77% cents and 77% cents on Saturday. Strong buying by local speculators at one time caused a fair rath.

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#### EASY TONE IN COTTON: SPOT HOUSES PURCHASED

Demand Was Scattered-Temperatures Higher in Belt

by commission houses, believed to be de-layed long liquidation, caused an easier tendency on the Cotton Exchange at the opening this morning. Sentiment before the start was bearish, however, so that only a small incentive was needed to bring in pressure from other quarters.

Spot houses purchased, but the demand generally was scattered. Business was larger than in a month or more and the activity continued for some time after the opening. First prices were 8 to 11 soints lower and later they had worked off

The early break to 11.45 for May found a good many buying orders around the ring. These seemed to come from trade sources as well as from covering of shorts and there was a rally or 8 or 10 points from the lowest. The tone, however, coninued nervous and unsettled, with the bouth a steady seller, and an idea that South a steady seller, and an idea that spots were being hedged by uneasy hold-ors served to discourage anything like aggressive built support. It seemed, indeed, that the rally from the early low level brought out increased offerings and the market broke back to hearly the low path.

Temperatures were higher in the cotton belt this morning, although frosts reports were received from the Culf coast. Clear

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Sat. Class   March   1.35   May   1.32   July   1.82   Getsher   12.01   December   12.14   Jacober   12.20   Spot   11.45	11.50	11.70	11.20 11.45 11.67 11.86	11.3

#### Liverpool Cotton

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 21.—Spot cotton to-day was in moderate demand and 6 points lower, on the basis of 7.37d, for midupland. The sales aggregated 8000 bales, including 5000 bales American. The im-ports were 2000 bales, all American. The murket for futures closed barely steady at a net decline of 912 % 12 points.

NEW YORK BUTTER AND EGGS

#### THE MACCABEES

#### Proposed Installation Membership Campaign Approved by Local Reviews

The February meeting of the Central Committee was held at the bame of Mrs. Anna Haney, communifier of Philadelphia Review, 2317 Seath 17th street, and was a most colorable function. The Sick Committee of the last month, Miss Mary Collins and Mrs. Bertha Riter, Central: Mrs. Louisa Lewis and Mrs. A. D. Kennedy for West Philadelphia; Mrs. Arabella Rotenbury and Mrs. Annie Haney South, of Market, and Mrs. Clara Lang and Mrs. Christine Laddy for Kensington, was retained. Miss Burgin, the Supreme Chaplain, presented her installapreme Chaplain, presented her installa-tion membership campaign, which was indorsed by the committee.

After the business session, the business. Mrs. Renew, conducted the ladder to the dining recom, which presented a beautiful agreement. The March insecting will be held at the factor of Mrs. Georgian Collins, 2000 Lambard error, commender of betsy Itom Review.

## SUPREME CASTLE OF EAGLE KNIGHTS

#### Coming Biennial Session Prom- Followers of Damon and ises to Draw Large Gathering | Pythias Greet National and of Sir Knights From All Sections

The Sourceme Castle will convene in blennial session in Atlantic City in Gotober next and promises to attract a large gathering of vallant Paule Knights from all sections of the country. Already the uniform, or military branch, of the order of knights from all sections of the country. Already the uniform, or military branch, of the order of preparing for a display which promises to surpass any previous demonstration and long were represented. The following thousand the property of the founding of the books. Certain investments however, showed a depreciation which in the optimization of the board, probably will not be revered, and, in accordance with their policy to adjust the values of investments whenever necessary, the following from high provides a depreciation which. In the optimization of the board, probably will not be revered and, in accordance with their policy to adjust the values of investments whenever necessary, the following from high provides a depreciation which in the optimization of the board, probably will not be revered and, in accordance with their policy to adjust the values of investments whenever necessary, the following from high provides and the provides are provided and the policy to adjust the values of investments whenever necessary the following from high provides and provides and

#### ROYAL ARCANUM

#### Ladies' Auxiliary Holds Social Function to Advance Order's Welfare

Probably the most notable social happening of the season in Royal Arcanum circles was the first annual "500," given under the auspices the Ladles! Auxiliary, on Wednesday evening, in the Adelphia Hatel. The roof garden was gaily decorated for the occasion and the scene presented was an exceedingly beautiful and animated one. The left wing was devoted to card playing, while the centre and right wings were given over to danc-ing. Prizes were awarded to the suc-

#### VEILED PROPHETS

#### A Distinctive Order With Weird Ceremonies Appealing Only to Free Masons

The fourth ceremonial for the year of Koran Grotto, No. 54, Mystle Order of Veiled Prophets, was held Thursday eve-ning in Lu Lu Tennile, Broad and Suring Garden streets. Any doubt as to the per-manent success of this new aspirant for fraternal distinction should be wholly dis-sipated by the scenes winessed and the enthusiastic interest manifested at the

necting Thursday evening.

The attendance was large, and a class of candidates numbering nearly 300 members of the Masonic craft was duly ad-

whited to membership.

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#### Order of Golden Sceptre

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## **PYTHIAN KNIGHTS** GATHER STRENGTH

## State Officers in Big Demonstration

local lodges were represented. The su-preme classester of the order, Brisham S. Young, was the honored guest of the evening and delivered a strying address, is ling of the achievements of the follow-ers of Damon and Pythias and predicting a wider sphere of fraternal work and a strengthening of the order in all departments for the future. The uniformed rank turned out in good numbers to aid in the reception to the national leader and State

# ARTISANS' ORDER

Many Special Assembly Sessions An-

nounced for Admission of Candidates

St. John's Assembly will from its regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening in Baker Poir Hall, 1117 Columbia avenue. An adjourned meeting will be held February 29 to admit candidates received up to that date. Following routine business tomorrow night, the Rev. Edward Hahn, paster of Corkman Methodist Episcopal Church, will deliver an address upon "Recore Washington" 'George Washington.'

Order of Heptasophs

Commercial Trust Report

At the stockholders' meeting today the
Commercial Trust Company's report for
the fiscal year ended January 31, 1916,
was presented. In part the report says:
During the year the deposits of your
company have made a substantial increase, amounting at the close of business
an January 31, 1916, to \$22,859,578, as
against \$11.86,804 at the close of the
previous theal year. The company has
also shown a embstantial increase in its
general business, and we are pleased to
report that in spite of the remarkably low
interest rates which were effective during
the entire year, the gross and not earnings of your company exceed those of the
preceding year, as is shown by the following statement;

# 655 closed, a gain of 301 accounts, making the number of depositors 5472. During the year the company received 26 personal trusts, the total amount of these

personal trusts, the total amount of these now being \$11.548.053, and the company was appointed transfer agent, registiar and depositary by six corporations and trustees by 12 corporations for corporate trust aggregating \$12.687,000.

At the close of our fiscal year the securities owned by your company showed a market value of \$18.378 in excess of the value at which they were carried on the books. Certain investments however, showed a depreciation which in the online

## HAMPAGN - De ford semiors of my numbered William Hampagne who did February 21, 1999, also my sem, HUGH HAMPSON, who did University 7, 1997 WIPE AND MOTHER.

IN MEMORIAM

Deaths These Notices Are Printed in the

Evening Ledger Free of Charge.

ARROTT.—On February 20, 1916, WildLIAM, G., son of Win, S. and Lavinin C. Abbett and arambian of Delective II. V. and Ama. Spelinan, sort 9 vours. Friends may call on Monday evening, from 8 to 10 o'clock, at the payents residence, 1818 littler at. Fulleral and Interment at Melfort, Del.

AFFLICK -At her residence, 5781 Whith wife on February 28, 1916, HANNAH is wife of Morris E. Arthen. Notice of functs

BENNY,—On February 19, 1916, MARY L., widow of Dr. Sommel P. Benny Relatives and friends are divised to attend the function assistes, on Thursday, at 11 a. m., at her halo nealthenes, corner Broadway and Control are, Laurel Springs, N. J. Informent strictly private.

previous fixed year. The campany has also shown a substantial increase in its general business, and we are pleased to report that in spite of the remarkably low interest rates which were effective during the entire year, the gross and not earnyings of your company exceed those of the preceding year, as is shown by the following statement:

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K. of M. C. are invited to attend the forneral services, on Tuesday, at 2 p. m., at his
late residence, 2561 Emerald at. Interment
private, at Greenmount Company. Friends
may call on Monday, after 5 p. m.
McGINLEY. On February 18, 1919, MARY.

MURPHY.—On Pebrinery 20, 1916, JOHN, be-loved husband of Ann Murphy and son of the late Patrick and Brither Mirphy Gos Night, of Woodstock County Maxo, Fre-leid, Relatives and friends, also the Rev. William Welsh Branch, No. 148, 2 M. B.

NESBITT.—On February 18, 1916, THOMAS, hysband of Annie Nesbitt, Relatives and

POOT.—At the Philadelphia Home for Incura-bles, 48th and Woodland acc., on Pobruary 18, 1918, MARY NIELAND, wife of John Poot, Mass at 8t, Francis de Sales Church, on Theoday, at 5 a. m. Interment at New Cathedral Cemetery.