THE CITIES' PLAGUES

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage Begins a Series of Ten Sermons Upon Them.

CRIMES CAUSED BY GAMBLING.

A Strong Denunciation of One of the Evils of the Metropolis.

THE HISTORY OF THE GAMESTER'S LIFE

SEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. NEW YORK, Feb. 22 .- A decided sensation was produced in this city and in Brooklyn: to-day, by Dr. Talmage's announcement of a series of sermons which he proposes to preach on "The Ten Plagues of These Three Cities." In this sermon, which is the first of the series, he pays his attention to the prevalent curse of gambling. He preached it in the Academy of Music in Brooklyn in the morning, and again this evening at the service in this city. His text was taken from Exedus ix .: 13, 14: "Let my people go that they may serve me; for I

will at this time send all my plagues."

Last winter in the Museum at Cairo, Egypt, I saw the mummy or embalmed body of Pharach, the oppressor of the ancient Israelites. Visible are the very teeth that he gnashed against the Israelitish brick-makers, the socks of the merciless eves with which he looked upon the overburdened people of God, the hair that floated in the breeze off the Red Sea, the very lips with which he commanded them to make bricks without straw. Thousands of years after, when the wrappings of the mummy were unrolled, old Pharaoh lifted up his arm as if in imploration, but his skinny bones cannot again dutch his skinny bones cannot again dutch his shattered scepter. It was to compel that triant to let the oppressed go free that the memorable ten plagues were sent. Sailing the Nile and walking amid the ruins of Egyptian cities, I saw no remains of those plagues that smote the water or the air. None of the frogs crooked in the one, none of the locusts sounded their rattle in the other, and the cattle bore no sign of the murrain, and through the starry nights hovering about the pyramids no destroying angel swept his wing. to make bricks without straw. Thousands of pyramids no destroving angel swept his wing. But there are ten plagues still stinging and be-fouling and cursing our cities and like angels of wrath smiting not only the first born but the

The Three Cities Are One.

Brooklyn, New York and Jersey City, though called three, are practically one. The bridge already fastening two of them together will be followed by other bridges and by tunnels from both New Jersey and Long Island shores; until what is true now will, as the years go by, be-come more emphatically true. The average come more emphatically true. The average condition of public movals in this cluster of sites is as good if not better than in any other cart of the world. Pride of city is natural to nen, in all times, if they live or have lived in a netropolis noted for dignity or prowess. Cosar consisted of his native Rome: Lycurgus of sparta; Virgil of Andes; Demosthenes of Athens; Archimedes of Syracuse, and Paul of Tarsus. I should anspect a man of base-heart-diness who carried about with him no feeling of complacency in regard to the place of his residence; who gloried not in its arts, or arms, or behavior; who looked with no exultation them is evidences of prosperity, its artistic embellishments and its scientific attainments. Grand old New York! What Southern thoroughfare was ever smitten by pestilence, when bfare was ever smitten by pestilence, when physicians did not throw themselves upon sacrifice! What distant land has cried out the agony of famine, and our ships have not at out with breadstuffs! What street of bamascus, or Beyrout, or Madras that has not leard the step of our missionaries! What truggle for national life, in which our citizens are not poured their blood into the trenches! ery of exquisite art, in which our head—confiding in the pardon of Him who said: "Let him who is without sile cast the first stone at her." I need not speak of the institutions for the blind, the lame, the deaf and dumb, for the ineurables, the widow, the orphan, and the outcast; or of the thousand-

depreciating the place of my residence. I speak
to you to-day concerning the Plague of
Gambiling. Every man and woman in this
house ought to be interested in this theme.

Some years are, when an association for the
suppression of gambiling was organized, an
agent of the association came to a prominent
clitteen and asked him to patronize the society.
He said: "No, I can have no interest in such an
organization. I am in no wise affected by that
evil." At that very time, his son, who was his
partner in business, was one of the heaviest
blayers in Hearne's famous gambiling establishment. Another refused his patronage on the
same ground, not knowing that his first book
kneeper, though receiving a salary of only 18,000,
was losing from \$50 to \$100 per night. The
president of a railroad company refused to patrobine the institution, saying: That society is
good for the defense of merchants, but we railrobine the institution, saying: That society is
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good for the defense of merchants, but we railrobine the institution, saying: That society is
good for the defense of week at tare tables in New York. Directly or
indirectly, this evil strikes at the whole world.
"Gambling as the risking of something more than
you hazard. The instruments of gaming may
differ, but the principle is the same. The shuifing and dealing cards, however, full of temptation, is not gambling, unless stakes are put
up; while on the other hand, gambling may be
grarded on without cards or die. or billiards or
a ten-plu aliey. The man who bets on horses,
on elections, on battles—the man who deals in
"fancy" stocks, or conducts a business which
harnds extra capital, or cose into transactions
without foundation, but dependent upon what
men call 'luck," is a gambler. Whatever vou
expect to get from your neighbor without offering an equivalent in money, or depreciating the place of my residence. I speak to you to-day concerning the Plague of expect to get from your neighbor without offering an equivalent in money, or time or skill, is either the product of theft or gaming. Lottery tickets and lottery policies come into the same category. Fairs for the founding of bospitals, schools and enurches, conducted on the raffling switem, come under the same denomination. Do not, therefore, associate gambling necessarily with any instrument, or game, or time or place, or think the principle depends upon whether you play for a glass wine, or 100 shares of railroad stock. Whether you patronize "action pools," "French mutuals," or "bookmaking," whether you employ fare or billiards, roudo and keno, cards or bagatelle, the very idea or the thing is dishonest; for it professes to bestow upon you a good for which you give no equivalent.

It is estimated that every day in Christendom 880,000,000 pass from hand to hand through gambling practices, and every year in Christen-dom \$123,100,000,000 change hands in that way. cam \$123,100,000,000 change bands in that way, There are in this cluster of cities about \$00 confessed gambling establishments. There are about \$500 professional gamblers. Out of the \$500 gambling establishments, how many of them do you suppose profess to be honest? Ten. These ren professing to be honest because they are merely the ante-chamber to the \$500 that are acknowledged fraudulent. There are first-class gambling establishments. You go up the marble stairs. You ring the bell. The liveried servant introduces you. The walls are lavender-timed. The martels are of Vermont marble. The pictures are "Jephthah's Daughter," and Bore's "Dante's and Virgil's Frozen Region of Hell," a mest appropriate selection, this last, for the place. There is the roulette table, the finest, the costllest, most exquisite piece of furniture in the United States. There is the banqueting room, where, free of charge to the guests, you may find the plate, the viands, and whees, and cigars, sumptuous beyond parallel."

Then you come to the second class gambling you must either gamble or fight. Sanded cards, dice loaded with quecksliver, poor drinks, will seem help you to get rid of all your money to a tune in short mater with staccato passages. You wanted to see. You saw. The low villatins of that place watch you as you come in. Boes not the nunther, equal in the grass, know a calf when he se s ht? Wrangle not for your rights in that place, or your body will be thrown bloody isto the street, or dead into the East river. You go along a little further and find the policy establishment. In that blace you bet on numbers, Betting on two numbers is called a "saddle," betting on three numbers is called a "saddle," betting on four numbers is called a "borse," and there are thousands of our young meal leaping into that "saddle," and

mounting that "gig." and behind that "horse." rising to perdition. There is always one kind of sign on the door. "Exchange;" a most appropriate title for the door, for there, in that room, a man exchanges health, peace and heaven, for loss of health, loss of home, loss of tamily, loss of immortal soul. Exchange sure enough and infinite enough.

The Infernal Spell Upon Him.

A young man, having suddenly heired a large property, sits at the hazard table, and takes up in a dice box, the estate won by a father's lifene sweat, and shakes it, and tosses it away. Intemperance soon stigmatizes its victim-kicking him out, a slavering fool, into the ditch,

kicking him out, a slavering fool, into the ditch, or sending him, with the drunkard's hiccough, stargering up the street where his family lives. But gambling does not in that way expose its victims. The gambler may be eaten up by the gambler's passion, yet you only discover it by the greed in his eyes, the hardness of his features, the nervous resilesaness, the threadbare coat and his embarrassed business. Yet he is on the road to hell, and no preacher's voice or startling warning, or wife's entreaty, can make him stay for a moment his headlong career. The infernal spell is on him; a giant is aroused within; and though you bind him with cables, they would part like thread; and though you fasten him seven times around with chains, they would snap like rusted wire; and though you piled up in his path heaven-high Bibles, tracts and sermons, and on the top should set the cross of the Son of God, over them all the gambler would leap, like a roe over the rocks, on his way to perdition.

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Again, this sin works ruin by killing industry. A man used to reaping scores, or bundreds, or thousands of dollars from the gaming table will not be content with slow work. He will say, "What is the use of trying to make these \$50 in my store when I can get five times that in half an hour down at 'Billy's'?" You never knew a confirmed gambler who was industrious. The men given to this vice spend their time not actively employed in the game, in idleness, or intoxication, or sleep, or in corrupting new victims. This sin has dulled the carpenter's saw, and cut the band of the factory wheel, sunk the cargo, broken the teeth of the farmer's harrow and sent a strange lightning to shatter the battery of the philosopher. The very first idea in gaming is at war with all the industries of society.

This crime is getting its lever under many a mercantile house in our great cities, and before long down will come the great establishment, crushing reputation, home, comfort and immortal souls. How it diverts and sinks capital may be inferred from some authenties statement before us. The ten gaming houses that once were authorized in Paris passed through the banks, yearly, 325,000,000 francs. Where does all the money come from? The whole world is robbed? What is most sad, there are no consolations for the loss and suffering entailed by gaming. If men fall in lawful business, God pities and society commiscrates; but where in the liftle or in society is there any consolation for the gambler? From what tree of the forest oozes there a balm that can soothe the gamester's heart? In that bottle where God keeps the tears of His children, are there any tears of the gambler? Do the winds that come to kiss the faded cheek of sickness and to cool the heared brow of the laborer whisper hope and cheer to the emaciated victim of the game of hazard? When an honest man is in trouble he has sympathy. "Poor fellow!" they say. But dogamblers come to weep at the agonies of

But the dishonesties in the carrying on of the game are nothing when compared with the frauds which are committed in order to get money to go on with the nefarious work. Gambling, with its greedy hand, has snatched away the widow's mite and the portion of the orphans; has sold the daughter's virtue to get the means to continue the game; has written the counterfeit signature, emptied the banker's money vault and wielded the assassin's dagger. There is no depth of meanness to which it will the counterfeit signature, emptied the banker's money vauit and wielded the assassin's dagger. There is no depth of meanness to which it will not stoop. There is no cruelty at which it is appalled. There is no warning of God that it will not dare. Mercliess, unappeasable, flercer and wilder it blinds, it hardens, it rends, it blasts, it crushes, it damps. It has peopled our prisons and lunatic asylums. How many railroad agents and cashiers and trustees of funds it has driven to disgrace, incarceration and suicade! Witness vears ago a cashler of a railroad who stole \$103,000 to carry on his gaming practices. Witness \$40,000 stolen from a Brooklyff bank within the memory of many of you, and the \$180,000 taken from a Wall street insurance company for the same purpose! These are only illustrations on a large scale of the robberies every day committed for the purpose of carrying out the designs of gamblers. Hundreds of thousands of dollars every year leak out without observation from the merchant's till into the gambling hell. A man in London keeping one of these gambling houses boasted that he had ruined a nobleman a day; but if all the saloons of this land were to speak out, they might utter a more infamous boast, for they have destroyed 1,000 noble men a year.

Notice also the effect of this crime upon demestic haspiness. It has sent its ruthless plowshare through hundreds of families, until the wife sat in raps and the daughters were disgraced and the sons grew up to the same infamous practices or took a short on to destruction across the murderer's scaffold. Home has lost all charms for the gambler. How tame are the children's carresses and a wife's devotion to the gambler! How drearily the fire burns on the domestic hearth! There must be loude.

orphan, and the outcast; or of the thousandarmed machinery that sends streaming down
from the reservoirs the clear, bright, sparkling.
God-given water that rushes through our
aqueducts, and dashes out of the hydrants,
and tosses up in our fountains, and hisses in
our steam sugines, and showers out the confligration, and sprinkles from the baptismal
fout of our churches; and with silver note, and
golden sparkle, and crystalline chimes, says to
hundreds of thousands of our population, in
the authentic words of Him who said: "I will;
be thon clean?"

The Plague of Gambling.

All this I premise in opening this course of
sermens on the Ten Plagues of these Three
Cities, lest some stupid man might say I am
depreciating the place of my residence. I speak
to you to-day concerning the Plague of
Gambling. Every man and woman in this

The History of the Gambler.

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the domestic hearth! There must be loude:
laughter, and something to win and something
to lose; an excitement to drive the heart faster
and fillip the loude and fire the imagination.
No home, however bright, can keep back the
gamester. The sweet call of love bounds back
from his iron soul, and all endearmen: are
consumed in the flame of his passion. The
family Bible will go after all other treasures
are lost, and if his crown in heaven were put
into his hand he would cry: "Here goes one
more game, my boys! On this one throw I stake
my crown of heaven." A young man in London
on coming of age received a fortune of \$120,000,
and, through gambling. in three years was
thrown on his mother for support.

The History of the gambler?

his heart pinch it with chilis and shudders unniterable.

To a gambler's deathbed comes no hope. He
will probably die alone. His former associates
come not nigh his dwelling. When the hour
comes his miserable soul will go out of a miserable life into a miserable eternity. As his
poor remains pass the house where he was
ruined, old companions maylook out a moment
and say: "There goes the old carcass—dead at
last." but they will not get up from the table.
Lethim down now into his grave. Plant no
tree to cast a shade there, for the long, deep,
eternal gloom that settles there is shadow
enough. Plant no "forget-me-nots" or egiantines around the spot, for flowers were not
made to grow on such a blasted heath. Visit
it not in the sunshine, for that would be mockery, but in the dismail night when no stars are
out and the spirits of darkness come down
horsed on the wind, then visit the grave of the
gambler.

Drypoods Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—There was compara-tively little doing on the spot in drygoods. There was a fair number of orders, however, by mail and wire for a variety of goods, chiefly from the West and Southwest. Standard and three-yard sheetings, wide sheetings, fine bleached goods, denims, tickings, prints, ging-hams and printed dress cottons were in good demand.

Mining Stock Quotations.

NEW YORK. Feb. 21.—Adams Consolidated, 160; Aspen, 550; Best and Beicher, 240; Bodie, 120; Crown Point, 140; Consolidated California and Virginia, 480; Eureka Consolidated, 300; Homestake, 850; Horn Silver, 300; Ontario, 3,900; Sierra Nevada, 200; Standard, 140; Yellow Jacket, 200.

New York Coffee Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Coffee — Options opened barely steady, 5 to 10 points decline, and closed steady, 5 points down to 5 points up. Sales, 25,500 bags.

Special To Let Lists This Morning.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children she gave them Castoria

Floods of the Week flave Curtailed

PRODUCE AND GROCERIES SLOW. The Hide Situation is Practically as It Was

a Week Ago. WESTERN VIEW OF CATTLE OUTLOOK.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, Feb. 21.

Trade and Floods. Volume of trade in produce and grocery lines has been very much curtailed the past week by the floods. At least two days were lost by high waters, and the time remaining has failed to make up for that which was lost. The principal features of the week in produce lines were the drop in eggs

and the advance in creamery butter. Eggs are 7c per dozen lower than a week ago, and not a few investors in this line were forced to unload at a loss. A leading dealer reports prices to-day at 16c per dozen, and yet 18c was considered low a week ago.

White eggs have dropped, tancy creamery

butter has been moving upward. Choice but-ter has now reached a figure that helps oleo, and the latter is selling much more freely for a few days past. When the jobbing price of creamery butter goes above 30c per pound the average citizen refuses to induige. In grocery lines, the volume of trade for the week has been light, and prices remained essentially unchanged. Sugars are the uncertain quantity, in view of the fact that they go on the free list April 1.

The labor troubles in the coke regions and bad. condition of country roads have, no doubt, had much to do with light volume of trade.

The Hide Market. The hide situation has not materially changed since our report a week ago. Transactions have not been as large this week as last, but ing a week or two ago and tanners are well sup-plied. Though demand has not been so active for the past few days, there are no indications of a decline in prices.

The tone of buff hide and calf skin markets

is stronger than for a month past, and steer hides are steady at quotations. Following are prices paid by tanners and hide No. 1 green salted steers, 66 pounds and

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o. I green saited hides, 40 to 50 pounds.
o. I green saited hides, 25 to 40 pounds.
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o. I green cows, all weights.
o. I green buils.
o. I green hides, 40 to 60 pounds.
o. I green hides, 25 to 40 pounds.
o. I green hides, 25 to 40 pounds.
o. I green veal kips, cach.

These prices subject to change without notice. Reduction for No. 2 stock 1%c per pound on steers and light hides; to on bulls and 2c on catfakins. The Cattle Supply.

The following letter of R. M. Allen, of Ames, Neb., general manager of the Standard Cattle Company, to the Chicago Breeders' Gazette,

MARKETS BY WIRE.

The Unexpected Balmy Weather Has an Influence-Wheat, Corn and Provisions Lower-Oats Dull-A Decline All Around Near the Close.

CHICAGO-The delightful change in the weather acted to the discouragement of those who had bought wheat yesterday expecting zero weather here this morning. From this cause solely those who were previously short were encouraged to press the market with further offerings. There were sellers in abundance of May wheat at \$7% 0 against \$7% 0 on; the previous afternoon. There were buyers for these liberal offerings.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members Chicago Board of Trade:

ARTICLES,	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low-	Clos-
WHRAT, NO. 2 ebruary sy lly	94% 97% 98	94% 97% 93%	9316 9636 9236	93% 96% 92%
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NEW YORK-Flour dull and unchanged.

State, common to choice, 29@35c; Pacific coast, 29@36c. Tallow dull and easy; city (\$2 for packages), 43c bid. Eggs quiet and steady; Western, 17c. Pork quiet and steady. Lard dull and weak; Western steam, \$6 00 asked; March, \$5 97 bid; April, 98 05; May, \$6 00@8 ll, closing at \$6 ll; July, \$6 37; August, \$6 37 bid. Butter firm and moderately active. Cheese fairly active.

MINNEAPOLIS—The market was firm on good country wheat to-day, with sales of No. 1 Northern running about 10 lc under the May price, and some selections going above it. The range for this grade was from 33,4994 for very fancy; poor wheat was generally slow to place, except the better qualities. Local millers were good buyers, and considerable was picked up to be shipped out. The tables were generally cleaned up early. The receipts are running light, and with about half as much going out as is coming in it leaves hardly enough to go around, bringing out more demand for elevator wheat. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard, February, 94c; on track, 95c; No. 1 Northern, February and March, 22c; May, 944c; on track, 916913c; July closed at 954c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour quiet. Wheat—Spot

91@914c; July closed at 954c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour quiet. Wheat—Spot firm: futures dull; ungraded, in grain depot, \$1 07. No. 2 red, February, \$1 04@1 0434; March, \$1 05@1 05%; April, \$1 06@0 05%; May, \$1 06@1 05%; April, \$1 06@0 05%; May, \$1 06@0 05%; No. 2 reliament No. 2 mixed, in elevator, \$23%c; No. 2 low mixed, in grain depot, \$50; No. 2 yellow, in do, 63%c; No. 2 mixed, February, \$22623%c; March and April, \$22623%c; May, \$60%c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, regular, \$33%c; choice do, on track, \$41%c; No. 2 white, February and March, \$33%a553%c; April, \$34%a553%c; April, \$34%a553%c; May, \$326353%c; Butter scarce and firm; Fennsylvania creamery, extra, 29@30c. Eggs steady; Pennsylvania firsts, 16c.

BALTIMORE—Western steady; No. 2 BALTIMORE-Wheat-Western steady: No.

BALTIMORE—Wheat—Western steady: No. 2 winter, red. spot and February. \$1 00@1 05%; May, \$1 049%0105. Corn—Western firm; mixed, spot, and February. 634,6624c; March, 6134c; May, 604,6604c; steamer, 619614c. Oats firm. Rye easier; cnoice 90c; good to prime, 55@85c; common to fair, 78@82c. Hay firm; choice timothy, \$10 50@11 00. Provisions unli. Butter active and strong. Eggs firm; strictly fresh, 15@16c. Other articles unchanged.

MILWAUKEE—Flour quiet, Wheat quiet; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 92@94c; May, 924c; No. 1 Northern, 88c. Corn easier; No. 3, on track, 5134c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, on track, 4634c. Barley steady; No. 2 in store, 6634c. Rye higher; No. 1, in store, 6834c. Rye higher; No. 1, in store, 6834c. Rye higher; No. 1, in store, 6834c. Provisions steady. Pork—May, \$9 80. Lard—May, \$5 874.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat stronger; No. 2 hard, cash and February, 84%c bid, 85%c asked; No. 2 red, cash, 91%c asked, Corn steady; No. 2 cask, 47%@45c; February, 47%@47%c. Oats steady; No. 2 cash, 44%c asked; February, 44%c bid, 44%c asked. Eggs firm at 12c. CINCINNATI—Flour dull. Wheat dull; No. 2 red, 98c. Corn quiet and a shade lower; No. 2 mixed, 55½@56c. Oats easier; No. 2 mixed, 48½ 49c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 87c. Provisions dull. Butter firm. Eggs strong at 13½c. Cheese

TOLEDO — Wheat dull and lower; cash, 99%c; May, \$1 00%; July, 92%c; August, 90c. Corn dull and easter; cash, 54%c; May, 55c. Oats quiet, cash, 47c. Cloverseed active and firm; cash, February and March, \$4 70. DULUTH-Wheat was dull and firm most of the day, with a little weakness at the close. Closing prices were: May, 99%c; No. 1 hard, cash, 94%c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 90%c; No. 2 Northern, 88%c.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Shares Continue Dull, but Are Moderately Bullish-Slim Prospect of Legislation Depresses Silver-Mobile and Ohio Up-Susquehanna Is Down.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 .- There was no expectation of anything more than a dull and listless market this morning, and no one was disappointed, many brokers failing to put in an appearance, and the floor for a long time pre-sented a deserted appearance, while the trad-

The following letter of R. M. Allen, of Ames, Neb., general manager of the Standard Cattle Company, to the Chicago Breeders' Gazette, will no doubt be of interest to all live stock dealers:

I have just read in your issue of the 24th ult. a letter from Mr. T. L. Miller regarding the marketing of cattle. I do not see how an one can possibly expect to secure a simultaneous holding back of cattle from shipmen among the countless number of shippors spread over a vast region. Cattlemen either ship cattle to meet obligations or because they are fit for market. They have good and urgent reasons for shipping. As for cattle being covernant leading of a pipe continuously discharging more water at one end than is admitted into it at the -th. Cattle certainly might be marketed in too great numbers for some short period of time, but if this is true we shall so much the more get the benefit of it when the consequence of the continuously discharging more water at one end than is admitted into it at the -th. Cattle certainly might be marketed in too great numbers for some short period of time, but if this is true we shall so much the more get the benefit of it when the consequence of a story took place later. As far as the dressed beeff me are concerned, why should they during the last live years, have contended and competed with each other for cattle, when this frame, the last continuous of the count of the continuous of the country of the country took place later. The trade, their combination will do them no good. If there proves to be an active demand they cannot hold prices down below the natural point, for if they were to attempt to there would be marrin enough in the business of the continuous which are necessarity to secure a margin of profit.

Mr. Miller asys that there is no one that will question that there is a shortage of cattle. We all hope there is, but nobody knows whether a partial monopoly because they only are able to practice the economies which are necessarity to secure a margin of profit.

Mr. Miller asys

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DOMESTIC MARKETS.

ery Butter Tending Up.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES QUIET.

Cereals Firm All Along the Line and Shell Corn Higher.

GENERAL GROCERIES MOVE SLOWLY

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, Feb. 21. Country Produce-Jobbing Prices. The supply of eggs is in excess of demand and prices still show a downward tendency Sales are reported to-day as low as 16c for job lots. Eigin creamery butter is firm at the recent advance, but demand light because of high prices. The average consumer prefers butterine to butter when the latter goes as high as present quotations. Cheese is very firm at outside quotations for choice stock. In lines of vegetables and fruit markets are slow. Price of potatoes is well maintained, but other vegetables are in buyers' favor. Tropical fruits are Supply of Florida oranges is in excess of de-

APPLES-\$4 50@6 50 a barrel. BUTTER-Creamery, Elgin, 32@33c: Ohio do, 27@28c; common country butter, lu@15c; choice ountry rolls, 18@20c; fancy country rolls, 23@

c, BEANS—New crop beans, navy, \$2 30@2 35; arrows, \$2 35@2 40; Lima beans, 5\466c. BEESWAX—28@30c \(\bar{V}\) b for choice; low grade, HEEWAX—28@30c F h for choice; low grade, 22@25c.
CIDER—Sand refined, \$10 00@12 00; common, \$5 50@6 00; crab cider, \$10 00@11 00 F barrel; cider vinegar, 14@15c F gallou.
CHEESE—Ohio cheese, fall make, lic; New York cheese, li@11½c: Limburger, 13½@14c; domestic Sweitzer, 14@15c; Wisconsin brick Sweitzer, 15c; imported Sweitzer, 25½c.
CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, \$3 75@4 00 a box; \$11 50@11 50 a barrel, Jerseys, \$3 60@3 75 a box; \$1 00@11 50 a barrel.
DRESSED HOGS—Large, 4½@5c F h; small, 5@6c.

orchard grass, \$1 S5; millet, 75@90c; lawn grass, \$2 S B.

Thoproal Fruits—Lemons, \$3 00; fancy, \$3 75; Jamaica oranges, \$26@5 50 a barrei; Messina oranges, \$2 50@2 75 a box; Florida oranges, \$2 25 @2 75 a box; bananas, \$1 75 firsts, \$1 25 good seconds, \$2 bunch; Maigag grapes, \$7 00@12 50 a bail barrei, according to quality; figs, 15@16c \$2 h; dates, 44@34c \$3 h.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, \$1 10@120 \$2 bushel; Jersey, \$5 50@4 00; cabbage, \$264 \$3 hundred; German cabbage, \$12@13; onions, \$4 50 \$2 barrei; celery, \$5@40c a dozen bunches; parsnips, \$5c a dozen; carroix, \$5c a dozen; carroix, \$5c a dozen; carroix, \$5c a dozen; carroix, \$60@75c a dozen; turnips, 75c@\$1 \$2 barrel.

16c: citron # B. 17@18c; lemon peel, 12c # B; orange peel, 12c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, per B. 11c; apples, evaporated, 14½@15c; peaches, evaporated, pared, 25@30c; peaches, California, evaporated, unpared, 18@21c; cherries, pitted, 31c; cherries, unpitted, 18@18½c raspherries, evaporated, 25@35c; blackberries, 9½@10c; huckleberries, 15c.

Sugars—Cubes 7c; powdered, 7c; granu-

Eggs Are Drifting Down and Cream-

Sugar-cured hams, large, \$4c; sugar-cured hams, medium, \$96c; sugar-cured hams, small, \$96c; sugar-cured breakfast bacon, \$56c; sugar-cured shoulders, \$6c; sugar-cured boneless shoulders, \$76c; skinned hams, \$106c; sugar-cured California hams, \$66c; sugar-cured dried beef flats, \$9c; sugar-cured dried beef sets, \$10c; sugar-cured dried beef rounds, \$12c; bacon, shoulders, \$6c; bacon, clear sides, \$6c; bacon, \$6c; bacon

SEVERAL MORE GUSHERS

SPOIL THE CALCULATIONS OF THOSE WHO WANTED GOOD PRICES.

Openings in the Wildwood Field That Will Have an Important Effect-Production at Other Points Declining With a Tendency to Curtail Work.

The great oil industry for the past week has been invested with much interest and importance, both in field developments, and from a commercial standpoint. The revelations of the drill have again changed the aspect of affairs, and just when the situation was assuming a basis to warrant and justify a better price for crude, three or four gushers make their advent and for the time blight all

hope and prospects in this direction.

The Greeniee & Forst well on the Alston farm, better than a quarter of a mile in ad-

work.

It cannot be said there has been any improve It cannot be said there has been any improvement in the commercial situation, and perhaps at no period within the past decade has the vital interests of the producers and the general stability of the trade been involved as at present. The Burdick bill, now before the Legislature, is the all, absorbing topic and overshadows everything else pertaining to the industry. The coming week will be eventful in the history of oleaginous legislation, and should the measure become a law in its present form will undoubtedly mark a new era in the petroleum trade.

WILDWOOD—The well on the Bryant farm at Bryant station is attracting some attention just now. By a majority of the operators in the Wildwood field the location of this well did not inspire them with any great hopes of a big

Granulated sugar has recovered the ground lost and prices are back to where they have been for a few days past. It is, however, only a question of short time when sugar must drop agin, as the time draws near when it goes on the free list. Other staples are unchanged.

GREEN COFFEE—Face, 24\(\frac{1}{2}\) Sign of the field is exhibited even by the most skeptical producer in the field is exhibited even by the most skeptical producer in the field. Starting they found a second pay, and the well made a flow of 17 minches in a 250 fast. They shart down that more confidence in this quarter of the field is exhibited even by the most skeptical producer in the field. Starting they found a second pay, and the well made a flow of 17 minches in a 250 fast. They shart down the well is drilled deeper the producer in the field. Starting they found a second pay, and the well made a flow of 17 minches in a 250 fast. They shart down the well is drilled deeper the production may be improved. It is reported that the well on the Shaw farm is through both the bulk, SigaSyc, Maracabb, 28282-1 Santos, 289 the state of the production may be improved. It is reported that the well on the Shaw farm is through both they are the first of the first of

ampies, evaporated, 18/960c; paches, evaporated, 2890c; 290c; 200c; chartes, California, evaporated, 2890c; picker, California, evaporated, 2890c; blackberries, 18/960c; picker, 18/950c; picker 'ine creek.

BAKERSTOWN—In the old Bakerstown field.

do, \$8 0028 25t loose from wagen, \$10 00211 00, according to quality: No. 2 prairie hay, \$7 250 7 50; packing do, \$6 7567 00.

STRAW-Oat, \$7 5027 75; wheat and rye, \$7 25 (Elly. They will start spudding to-day. RENFREW-Renfrew & Graham have a new rig up within the borough limits and are ready to start the drill.

MCCALMONT-Phillips' No. 17, McCalmont farm, is 20 feet in the sand and showing some of the sand showing some of the s

oil.

GLADE RUN—The Forest Oil Company brought in their No. 3 Sutton yesterday. What the actual expacity of the well will amount to is uncertain. But she is not rated as over 25 barrels and may possibly be less.

Coe & Co. have a new rig up on the Drushel farm about 20 roofs southeast of the Forest Oil Company's No. 1, Ed. Geobring. The location is important, as there is a block of undeveloped territory to the south and east.

Klingensmith & Co. are spudding on the Joe Ash.

Ash.

EVANS CITY—Boyd & McNulty have pulled the stuff out of their well on the Widow Trushel farm, and have plugged and abandoned H. McC.

THE WEEK IN OIL.

Light Trading and a Clear Loss of Over Four Cents.

There were no orders for oil Saturday, and no business. The market was inclined to weakness. The opening, if such it may be called, was 76c, and the close 765c bid. The week throughout was dull and uneventful. Fluctuations are given in the following table:



This shows a loss of over 4c for the week, The highest was on Monday and the lowest on Friday. By consulting the table it will be seen that, while fluctuations were neither frequent nor violent, the trend was almost uninterruptedly downward.

Refined closed at the highest point of the week. Average runs increased from 73,250 to 74,005, and average shipments from 65,009 to 68,-582. Average charters declined from 26,969 to

22,779.
McGrew, Wilson & Co., 90 Fourth avenue, quote puts at 75%; calls at 77% @78c.

Oil Markets.

New York, Feb. 21.—Petroleum continues iuli, and the only trading was in March option, which opened steady, and after a slight lecline moved up 3 on Western buving and closed firm, March option: sales, 22,000 barrels opening at 76; highest, 76%c; lowest, 76%c; closeng, 76%c.

BRADFORD, Feb. 21.—National Transit Cer-tificates opened at 75%c; closed at 76%c; nighest, 77%c; lowest, 75%c; clearances, 994,000

HOME SECURITIES.

Pittsburg and Boston Awaiting the Outcom of Electric Negotiations—Other Active Interests—The Week's Trading

and Fluctuations. There was some disposition to operate in Electric Saturday, but holders were stiff in their views and business hung fire. All through the session 12% was freely bid, but only a small jag was offered below 12%. The only sale was

ten-share lot at 12%.
The feeling in Boston was much the same as that which prevailed here. There was no ur-gency to load up or unload. The few transac-tions that took place there were around 13. In both places the trade assumed a waiting attitude pending developments in the financial deal. Here the opinion seems to be gaining strength that a combine of some sort with the Thom-son-Houston Company is a strong probability. The hesitation to take hold is due to two causes—uncertainty as to what the outcome of pending negotiations will be and to the fact that the time for bringing affairs to a head—March liss on near at hand that heavy dealing would bear a close resemblance to recklessness.

A block of Citizens' Traction was taken at a slight advance. The sale indicates that it is attracting more interest than it has been favored with of late. The only other active interest was Philadelphia Gas, several large bundles of which were unloaded at the uniform price of 12%, showing steadiness.

Closing prices of the leading stocks, as compared with those of the previous Saturday, show gains in Philadelphia Gas, Citizens' Traction, Electric and Airbrake, and concessions in Central Traction, Pleasant Valley and Luster. The close of almost everything was from fractions to points better than the lowest quotations of the week.

YESTERDAY'S SALES ON CALL: The hesitation to take nold is due to two cause

YESTERDAY'S SALES ON CALL: 100 shares Citizens' Traction.....

BEFORE CALL:

LOCAL LIVE STOCK Condition of Markets at East Liberty Stock

Yards. OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, Feb. 21. SATURDAY, Feb. 21. §
Cattle — Receipts, 840 head; shipments, 546
head; market, nothing doing; all through consignments; I car cattle shipped to New York to-

Hogs-Receipts, 2,500 head; shipments, 2,200 head; market steady; medium and selected, \$3.80@3.90; best Yorkers, \$3.75@3.80; fair to good Yorkers, \$3.60@3.75; pigs, \$3.00@3.50; 6 cars hogs shipped to New York to-day. Sheep — Receipts, 600 head; shipmeats, 400 head; market slow at unchanged prices.

By Telegraph.

OMAHA—Cattle—Receipta, 2,100 head; market active and strong on all good grades of shipping dressed beef steers; less grades of steers steady and butchers' stock active and strong; feeders slow and 25c lower than last week; fancy 1,00 to 1,000-B steers, 34 50@6 35; prime 1,200 to 1,475-B steers, 32 75@4 20. Hogs—Receipta, 7,000 head; market opened about steady for fresh meat and 5c lower for packers; market slow; range, 33 25@3 50; closed slow and 5c to 10c lower; page, 31 50 @2 50; light lights, 32 75@3 90; light, \$3 00@3 35; heavy, \$3 35@3 50; mixed, 32 0@3 40; sheep—Receipta, 320 lead; market unchanged; natives, \$2 75@4 80; westerns, \$2 56@4 75.

CHICAGO—The Evening Journal says: Cattle—Receipta, 1,500 head; shipments, none; market steady closing eavy; common to extrasteers, \$3 50@3 60; fat cows, \$2 25@3 50; canners, \$1 25@2 00; stockers and feeders, \$2 25@3 50. Hogs—Receipts, 24,000 head; shipments, 12,000 head; market opened active at siight advances; closel rather weak; rough and common, 3 45@3 50; prime packers, \$3 55@3 50; prime heavy and butcher weights, \$3 56@3 75; light, \$3 50@3 70. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 500 head; market active; slightly higher; lambs, \$4 50@6 25; Westerns, \$4 50@6 25; Westerns, \$4 50@ 275; fair to choice butcher, \$3 00@4 50; prime to choice, \$4 25@5 00; receipts, 158 head; shipments, 772 head. Cattle strong for good grades; common, 31 50@ 2 75; fair to choice butcher, \$3 50@6 00; good to choice, \$4 25@5 00; receipts, 100 head; shipments, 30 head. Lambs scarce and steady; common to choice, \$1 50@5 50; receipts, 158 head; shipments, 30 head; shipments, 30 head. Lambs scarce and steady; common to choice butcher, \$3 50@6 00; good to choice, \$4 00%6 00; fair to good natives, \$3 50@ 3 50; light, \$2 50@3 50; higher; bulk, \$3 50@3 50; higher; common to choice butcher, \$3 50@6 00; good to choice, \$4 00%6 00; stockers and feeders, \$2 25@3 40; Texans and indians, \$3 00@6 10; stockers and feeders, \$2 25@6 60; higher; bulk, \$3 50@6 50; stockers and feeders, \$3 50@6

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