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School Directors—J. C. Scowden, R. M.
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drew Wolf, Philip Emert.

District Attorney—A. C. Brown.

Jury Commissioners—J. B. Eden, H.

McClellan.

Coroner—Dr C. Y. Detar.

County Auditors—Gange H. Warden County Auditors-George H. Warden K. L. Haugh, S. T. Carson. County Surveyor D. W. Clark. County Superintendent D. W. Morri-

Regular Terms of Court. Fourth Monday of February.

Third Monday of May.
Fourth Monday of September.
Third Monday of November.
Regular Meetings of County Commissioners 1st and 3d Tuesdays of month.

Church and Sabbath School. Presbyterian Sabbath School at 9:45 a.m.; M. E. Sabbath School at 10:00 a.m.
Preaching in M. E. Church every Sabbath evening by Rev. W. O. Calhoun.
Preaching in the F. M. Church every Sabbath evening at the usual hour. Rev.

E. L. Monroe, Pastor.

Preaching in the Presbyterian church
every Sabbath at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. Rev. H. A. Bailey, Pastor, The regular meetings of the W. C. T. U. are held at the headquarters on the and fourth Tuesdays of each

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

PI NESTA LODGE, No. 369, L.O. O. F. A Meets every Tuesday evening, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Partridge building. CAPT. GEORGE STOW POST, No. 274

evening in each month. CAPT. GEORGE STOW CORPS, No. 137, W. R. C., meets first and third Wednesday evening of each month. -

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CURTIS M. SHAWKEY,
Warren, Pa. Practice in Forest Co.

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DUTCH CAPTURE SHIP

Put Crew Aboard and Brought It to Willemstad.

Selzure Was In Accordance With Orders From Holland to Capture Any Venezuelan Vessels of War or Guard Ships the Three Dutch Warships Might Meet-People of Curacao Delighted That Holland Has at Last Begun Active Measures.

The cruiser Gelderland came into the port of Willemstad towing the Venezuelan coast guardship Alix, with the Dutch flag flying and a Dutch crew on board. The Gelderland captured the Alix off Puerto Cabello on Saturday.

At that time the Allx was lying close inshore, and notwithstanding the threat which the Venezuelan government had made to fire upon any of the Dutch warships committing a hostile act, the Gelderland steamed at speed towards the guardship and sent an officer and goard in a launch to seize her. This they did without resistance and no shot came from the forts on land.

The crew of the Alix was put ashore and the Dutch officer and marines remained on board, the Gelderland finally taking the Alix in tow and steaming

away with her prize. The seizure of the Alix was in accordance with the plans of the Holland government, when instructions were issued to the three Dutch warships now in these waters to make a demonstration off the coast of Venezuela, and to capture any Venezuelan ships of war or guard vessels that they might find.

The arrival of the Gelderland at Willemstad was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm by those who noticed the crufter's approach, and soon the entire populace were down to the water's edge to welcome the return of the Gelderland, towing the first of the enemy's ships, as though from a great conquest.

Naturally, the people of Curacao, who have long been clamoring for activity on the part of the Dutch government are greatly rejoiced over this evidence that Holland has at last begun active measures against Venezuela.

INVOLUNTARY ASCENSION.

Cause of Mrs. Roper's Suit Against Ulster Agricultural Society.

The interesting case of Mrs. Mary S. Roper of Brooklyn, who through becoming entangled in the guide rope made an involuntary balloon ascension at the fair of the Ulster County Agricultural society, in the summer of 1906, was begun in the supreme

court at Kingston, N. Y. The fair committee had engaged M. A. Dailey, a professional of Middletown, to make an ascension and in the crowd that gathered about the inflating bag was Mrs. Roper. Suddenly the balloon shot upward and the cheers that greeted Miss Dailey's bye bye of 'Up in a Balloon, Boys," died on the lips of the horrified thousands at the unannounced spectacle of Mrs. Roper suspended by one ankle from a rope

attached to the basket. As the bag was released the trailing rope had taken a half twist about the complainant's ankle, and she found herself being pulled violently along the ground. In a desperate effort to free herself a little finger was fortunately caught in a loop of the tighten-

Suspended from ankle and finger, thirty feet below the basket, Mrs. Roper, it is alleged, rose 400 feet in the air and while other women fainted at the sight, sailed along for half a mile until the aeronaut by skilful maneuvering brought the balloon and its burden safely to the ground. Mrs. Roper told the jury of her

accidental flight on Monday.

DECREE OF STYLE MAKERS. No Possibility For Economists to Make

Over Last Year's Clothes. Husbands who are worrying about Christmas presents and expenses,

The makers of woman's styles decree that you must buy your wife a complete new outfit for spring. There's no chance to save by making over this year's clothes, for it cannot be done. It must be a three-piece suit, with a hipless effect and in one of these colors: Ashes of roses, green, taupe, electric blue, reseda, stone gray, catabaw, cedar or wisteria.

This edict was issued by the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' association, in session at Toledo. Fifty delegates from Chicago St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toronto, Canada, were in attendance. The meeting lasted two days.

Get-Rich-Quick Plan Winner. That Frank H. Barton of Durham, Conn., has been reaping a harvest by advertising to reveal for 50 cents a method of "getting rich quick" became known through inquiry by postoffice inspectors. His answer was "Work hard." Barton advertised also to mail twenty-five useful articles to persons sending him twenty-five cents. They received twenty-five pins. Bart on had to hire help to assist him in opening his mail, which had become so large it attracted the notice of the postal authorities. It is said he has violated no law.

PRESIDENT HEGEMAN FREED.

Decision, If It Stands, Will Quash A Insurance Indictments.

John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company was freed by appellate court in New York city in a decision that, if i stands, will serve to quash all indict ments now standing against insurance officials. This according to the district attorney, who, however, expects to take the present case to the court of appeals.

Mr. Hegeman was charged with per jury in the verification of a report made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company to the superintendent of insurance of the state of New York in January, 1905. The matter reached the appellate division of the supreme court through habeas corpus proceed ings and that court has sustained the writ and dismissed Hegeman from cus-

There are six indictments for for gery against George W. Perkins, formerly vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, and several against Charles S. Fairchild of the same company, based on practically the same allegation of facts in regard to the making of reports of the company's condition. There is one indictment for forgery against Robert A. Grannis, formerly vice president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, on the same ground.

EXPLOSION LIKE EARTHQUAKE

This Country's Most Serious Disaster on Panama Canal.

The explosion at Bas Obispo of a twenty-five ton dynamite blast was the most serious accident in connection with the building of the Panama canal since the United States took control. The dead now total thirteen. That many bodies have been recovered, but it is believed that a score or more are still under the masses of rocks and earth that were thrown up. The death list would have been appalling had a train, conveying 500 laborers, passed a few minutes later. This train steamed through the cut and was barely out of view when the exptosion occurred.

The charge consisted of fifty-one holes, sixty feet deep, and spread out over a large section of territory. The last hole was being charged by John J. Reidy of Minneapolis, an experienced powderman, when it exploded. The others were exploded by the concussion. Reldy was blown to pieces. The other American dead include John J. Kope, Philipsburg, N. J., steam shovel engineer, and J. T. Hummer, Dunellen, N. J., steam shovel crane man. Two Spaniards were also killed and eight West Indian negroes.

FARM VALUE \$7.778,000.000.

Wealth Produced by Farmers Last Year Was Four Times That From Mines and Mineral Oils.

Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department in his twelfth annual report says that the farm value of all farm products of 1998 reaches the most extraordinary total in the nation's history-\$7,778,000,000. This is about four times the value of the products of the plines, including prineral oils and precious metals.

The farmer contributes 87 per cent of the raw materials used in these manufacturing industries which depend mostly or considerably upon agricultural materials, and these industries use 42 per cent of materials used in all industries.

The gain in value of farm products in 1908 over 1907 is \$290,000,000 and would have been much larger had not the prices of cotton and hay been low. The value of products in 1899, the census year, being taken at 100, the value for 1903 stands at 125, for 1904 at 131 for 1995 at 134, for 1996 at 143, for 1997 at 159, and for 1908 at 165. During the last ten years the wealth productions on the farms of this country has exceeded the fabulous sum of \$60,000,-

Opposition to President's Order.

That the naval affairs committee will attempt to retain jurisdiction over the marine corps, despite the president's order limits their service to the land, was made evident when General C. F. Elliott, Colonel F. L. Denny and Colonel George F. Richards of that corps were heard in explanation of the estimates for the maintenance of the corps. Should the question of the future of the corps be taken up, it will first be considered by the subcommittee having jurisdiction over the naval academy and marine corps.

Keystone State Has Most Granges

The report of Secretary J. T. Ailman of the Pennsylvania State Grange shows that during the year 1908 32 new granges were organized. These new ones bring the total number of granges to 677, the largest number of the number of 5,645 have been made. and 908 old members were reinstated. In the lodges instituted there were I 244 members, so that during 1908 the order has increased by 7,797 new mem-

Was First President of the Erie. Marvin Kent, founder of Kent, O. and first president of the Erie rallway died at his home in that city last week, aged 92. He planned the Atlantic and Western road, afterward the Erie, in 1850, and drove the last spike when the line was completed in 1864. He served as state senator from 1875 to 1879. He was president of the Kent National bank, and had been affiliated with many industrial

OUR SHIPS ARE BEST.

Admiral Evans Says Latest Designs Are Superior to English.

Urges the Superiority of the 13-Inch Gun Over the 12-Inch, and Asserts That the Change to the Latter Was a Serious Blunder-Is of Opinion That the Lower Edge of the Armor Belt is Too Low Rather Than Too

New York, Dec. 15.-That the latest battleships built by this company are vastly superior to England's Dread naught is emphatically stated by Reas Admiral Robley D. Evans in an article in the latest number of Hampton's Broadway Magazine, wherein he strongly defends the American navy and replies to criticisms of it made some time ago by Henry Reuterdahl and others.

"I do not for a moment claim that the Indiana and her sister ships are equal to the Dreadnaught of the Brit ish navy," says Admiral Evans, "only that she is the equal of the English ships designed at the same time. But I do claim that our latest ships are vastly superior to the Dreadnaught."

Admiral Evans urges the superior ity of the 13-inch gun over the 12-inch and asserts that the change to the les ser calibre to conform to England's type was a most serious blunder. He also declares that "after many weeks of close observation, I am sure that the lower edge of the armor belt is too high rather than too low."

It had been strenuously contended by critics that the low location of the belt was a vital point of weakness. "As the upper edge of the belt is always even with or above the level of the protective belt," continues Admiral Evans, "the danger to be apprehended from a projectile penetrating above the belt, beyond the wrecking effect of such projectile, is that due to the amount of water that may enter the

"It is the damage that may be done by such projectiles entering below that may cause the ship to sink by ex ploding magazines or boilers, even but this is improbable. It will require many 12-inch shells on the water line or in any other place to disable or sink a ship if the officers and men know their business and want to fight."

Admiral Evans continues:

"Of all the inaccurate and misleading statements in this wonderful Reuterdahl criticism, the most incorrect is that the battleships of the United States are in exactly the same condition as were the Russian ships after the Russo-Japanese fight in the Sea of Japan-not temporarily, but permanently. I assert that the battle fleet of the United States was never and never will be, never can be, in the condition of that Russian fleet when it went into action for the last time."

MEETS TO AID CIVIL SERVICE

National Reform League Convenes In Pittsburg Thursday.

Pittsburg Dec. 15. - The twenty eighth annual convention of the National Civil Service Reform league will be held in this city Thursday and Friday under the auspices of the Allegheny County association. Elaborate preparations have been made for the meeting and many interesting subjects will be discussed by prominent

Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney gen eral of the United States; Joseph H. Choate, president of the organization, and George W. Guthrie, mayor of Pittsburg, will deliver important addresses. Among the noteworthy reports to be made public are "The Ap plication of the Merit System to the Higher Municipal Offices," "The Civil Service in Dependencies" and "The Veteran Preferences and the Merit

Arrangements for the twenty-first biennial congress of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternities, to be held here on Dec. 30 to Jan. 2, have also been completed.

No Chance to Succeed Knox.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.-United States Senator Knox has set at rest rumers that he is to be a member of the catinet of President Taft. Fe has notifled those who have been waiting around hoping to aten into his sena-Perial shoes that he will continue to have use for them himself. As a result of this advice W. A. Magee of Pittsburg, who had been counted on to succeed Knox in case the latter went into the cabinet, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nemination for mayor. Mages has told any state in the Union. Initiations to | his friends positively that there is no chance of Knox leaving the scnate.

Crazy Talk by "Divine Healer."

Macomb, Ill., Dec. 15,-Declaring at a meeting here that the late President McKinley was an anarchist, that he had turned more people loose to prey on society than any man in the world and that the assassination of McKin'ey was all right except that it did not happen soon enough, the selfstyled 'Divine Healer" Schlatter only escapeJ personal violence from a mot through intervention of the police The officers escorted Schlatter to a hotel and to the first train out of town. followed by citizens threatening to do him violence if he did not leave at once. He went to Quincy. Ill.

CASTRU AI BERLIN.

States He Has Come to Germany Fo Medical Treatment.

Berlin, Dec. 15 .- President Castro of Venezuela and the members of his party arrived here last evening. As the train steamed into the depot the president was greeted with shouts of "Long live Castro" and much cheer-

The Venezuelan charge d'affaires at Berlin, the consul and other prominent Venezuelans had great difficulty in making their way to Castro's car. The president, although having the appear ance of a sick man, was full of energy,

The Venezuelan consul read a short

address of welcome and the president

apparently was about to reply when another train dashed in at the opposite platform with such a deafening noise that his effort to speak was in vain. The party was driven in motor cars decorated with Venezuelan flags to the Hotel Esplanda, about 15 minutes distance. A band struck up the Ven ezuelan hymn as President Castro,

hotel corridor. The president declined to be interviewed. Members of Castro's suite stated that the president had sent a dispatch to Emperor William from Herbesthal on the German frontier, stating that he had come to Germany for medical treatment, and expressing profound

with his wife on his arm, entered the

homage to his majesty. According to the same authority, when he learned the news of a capture of a Venezuelan vessel by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland he was not greatly affected, merely remarking that there was no such vessel in the Venezuelan service.

BIG POULTRY SHOW OPENS.

Chicago Exhibition, With Thousands of Specimens, Begins Today.

Chicago, Dec. 15.-The Chicago poul try show, one of the three big events of the year for the fowl fancier, opened here today with a splendid exhibition of chickens, pigeons, turkeys, duck, geese and other feathered specimens. The two other big shows of the year are those in New York and Bos-This year the Chicago show is the first of the three.

The poultry show has attracted to the city persons interested in poultry from all parts of the country. More than 1,000 chickens of all known breeds are entered. Prizes amounting to more than \$10,000 are offered.

Many comparisons have been instituted between the present show and the cattle exposition. While the total value of the exhibits in the poultry show is far short of the live stock exhibition, there are many individual birds more costly than the finest cattle and horses. There is one hen in the show which is valued at \$10,000 and many others ranging from \$5,000 to \$100.

BOSTON WET OR DRY?

City Votes Today on Question of Abolishing Saloons.

Boston, Dec. 15. - The principal question in the municipal election, which is being held here today, is the following: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?" A few days ago the principal cities of Massachusetts outside of Roston voted on this question, the results being about evenly divided, and the entire state and prohibitionists throughout the country are eagerly awaiting the returns of today's elec-

In addition to the important license question. Boston is also voting for members of the board of aldermen, members of the common council, members of the school committee and a street commissioner.

Trial of Reelfoot Night Riders.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 15. - The trial on a charge of murder of eight men held as alleged leaders of the night rider band of the Reelfoot Lake region that slew Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent attorney, was begun yesterday. The day was taken up with arguments by opposing counsel on some legal technicalities. Judge Jones announced that he would summon 300 men to be present at the opening of court Wednesday when the work of selecting the trial jury will

Stabs Rival In Love.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 15. - Maddened because Mele Sekevitz had stolen the affections of Juliana Dodig George Solkitz sank a knife thrice into his rival. Sekevitz is lying at the hospital and Solkitz is under arrest. Solkitz, who had just returned from Pittsburg after several months' absence, found that his sweetheart had been wooed ardently by Sekt vitz, and the two were soon to be married. Solkitz hunted Sekevitz, whom he commenced to stab on sight.

Kills His Host When Drinks Stop Scranton, Pa., Dec. 15.-An unknown visitor from Old Forge, after an afternoon of entertainment in a saloon at Archbald, shot and killed James Passeilles, his host, as the two, with another man, were leaving the saloon. The man who fired the revolver, and his companion, escaped to the moun-

Eight Furnaces to Resume.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.-The American Steel and Wire company sent orders out that will give employment at once to 500 idle men and to 1,000 others within a week or two. The orders are for the immediate fitting up of two blast furnaces and six open bearth furnaces at the plant at Degora.

THE NEWS SUMMARY

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put In Small Space and Arranged With Special Regard For the Convenience of the Reader Who Has Little Time to Spare.

Wednesday.

W. H. Taft, it was discovered, has been guarded by the secret service ever since election day.

W. H. Taft was the principal guest and speaker at the dinner of the North Carolina society in New York. Mrs. Florence Maybrick won her

suit in Virginia to have set aside the title to 2,500,000 acres of land. The situation at Gonaives is regarded as critical and American war vessels have been ordered there, says a dis-

natch from Port au Prince. Secretary Wright and J. F. Cann declared before the Southern Commercial congress that there is a great and growing field in China for American

products Thomas F. Gilroy, Jr., receiver, said the creditors of the Fidelity Funding company were likely to lose \$5,000,-000 and that P. J. Kieran, once head of the concern, could not be located.

Thursday.

Order for the arrest of Patrick J. Kiernan, former head of the Fidelity Funding company was issued by the police of Pittsburg.

Charles P. Taft, brother of the president-elect, threatens libel suit because of charges of graft in connection with Panama canal purchase, Lawyers for Standard Oil announced

the stand to prove that oil profits had not been unduly large. President Roosevelt urges an emer gency army measure under which it wil be possible to put 2,000,000 men

it would place political economists on

in the field in case of need. Secretary Wilson decides that flour bleached with nitrogen peroxide is an adulterated product and cannot be sold in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Friday.

General Simon, as chief executive of Hayti, has issued a call for a meeting of congress on Dec. 17, says a dispatch from Port au Prince.

Speaker Cannon, addressing the rivers and harbors congress, expressed his opposition to the issuance of bonds for inland waterway improvements.

President Castro has reached France een received as a private citizen by the French government, which may take up negotiations with the Vene Mr. Taft, after meeting the members

of the ways and means committee, ex-

pressed his personal conviction that the tariff would be revised on the basis of the Republican platform.

Saturday. At the Standard Oil inquiry figures were produced to show an increase of 44 per cent in the cost of living since

1897.

Count Boni de Castellane's charac ter was mercilessly assailed in a Paris court during his suit for possession of his children.

The three hundredth anniversary of the birth of the poet Milton was ob served in notable ways in London and throughout the kingdom.

Plans for the extension of water ways were discussed by the rivers and harbors congress, and a bond issue was advocated by Andrew Carnegie and others.

Monday.

Republicans in the senate decided to take some action regarding the president's reference to secret service in his message.

Plans were formed for an expedition

to be headed by Menie, an Eskimo, and

sent to discover the North Pole by floating north as the Eskimos do. Dr. C. T. Adams, by the breaking of his foil, ran the weapon through the neck of Robert Miller, fencing instruc

tor at the New York Athletic club. A Panama letter stated that Colone Goethals is preparing a report denying the existence of a lake under the Gatun dam or any sinking of that struc-

National rivers and harbors congress adjourns in Washington after appealing to the nation for a \$500,-600,00 bond issue for the improvement of waterways.

Tuesday.

Forty-seven men were rescued from the debris of the dynamite explosion on the Panama canal works. Ten alleged leaders of the night

rider band of Reelfoot lake were put

on trial for murder at Union City. Tenn. President Roosevelt sent a special message to the senate Monday submitting the evidence of the war depart-

ment on the Brownsville shooting

Queens county manifested more interest in the Hains murder trial than any since the trial of Martin Thorne and Mrs. Nack for the murder of William Guldensuppe in 1897.

Judge Taft, speaking at the Metropolitan Temple in New York on the life of McKinley, said the United States must stay in the Philippines and that the present policy there would be maintained.

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Governor Names Committee to Report Laws to Protect Investors.

Albany, Dec. 15 .- Governor Hughes announced the appointment of a committee of nine consisting of bankers, business men and economists to inquire into the facts surrounding the business of exchanges in New York and to suggest "what changes, if any, are advisable in the laws of the state bearing upon speculation in securities and commodities; or relating to the protection of investors; or with regard to the instrumentalities and organizations used in dealing in securities and commodities which are the subject of speculation."

The committee named includes: Horace White, author and editor: Charles A. Schieren, merchant, formerly mayor of Brooklyn; David Leaventritt, former justice of the supreme court: Clark Williams, state superintendent of banks; John B. Clark, professor of political economy in Columbin university; Willard V. King, banker, president Columbia Trust company; Samuel H. Orday, lawyer, New York; Edward D. Page of Faulkner. Page & Co., and Charles Sprague Smith, director of People's Institute, all of New York city.

The commission is to serve without compensation and " is understood that all have signified their willingness to act. The commission has been asked by the governor to report as early as practicable,

MOTHER SEARCHES FOR SON'S CORPSE

Mrs. Bennington May Identify Body Buried by Mistake.

Scottdale, Pa., Dec. 15.-The body of Alfred Mackin, one of the victims of the Marianna mine disaster, was interred in St. John's cemetery here yesterday morning. Ten days ago a body supposed to have been Mackin's was buried here by his friends and will likely be returned. From papers and other articles found on another body it was positively identified as that of Mackin.

Monongahela, Pa., Dec. 15, - Mrs. Mary Bennington will go to Scottdale in an effort to identify a victim of the Marianna mine explosion as that of a son. The body was buried 10 days ago as that of Alfred Mackin, but another recently taken from the mine proved the former identification to be wrong. The body buried at Scottdale will be disinterred. Mrs. Bennington lost two sons, neither of whom has yet been identified among the victims.

Workmen Killed by Fall of Building. Baltimore, Dec. 15. - A five-story building occupied by the Joseph H. Thomas Sons planing mill on Leadenhall street, this city, collapsed. Richard Brooks sustained probably fatal injuries and James Spring was badly hurt. William Hennick was buried in the wreckage. He is thought to be dead. Several other men received minor injuries. Those named were painters at work on a water tank on

MARKET REPORT.

top of the building and went down

with the structure.

New York Provision Market.

New York, Dec. 14. WHEAT-No. 2 red, \$1.081/4 f. o. b. affont; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.16% CORN - No. 2 corn, new, 66%c f. o, b. affoat; 66c elevator.

OATS - Mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs., 55@55%c; clipped white, 34 to 42 lbs., 5701 62360 PORK-Mess, \$16.50@16.75; family, \$18.00m 19 00.

BUTTER - Creamery specials 32c; extra, 31@31½c; process, 18@23c; state dairy, 21@29c. CHEESE-State, full cream, fancy, 1416 @ 15160.

HAY-Good to choice, 95c.

EGGS-State and Pennsylvania, 48 POTATOES - Maine, per 180 lbs. \$2.50@2.62; state, \$2.25@2.37.

Buffalo Provision Market. Buffalo, Dec. 14. WHEAT-No. 1 northern, carloads, \$1.11½; No. 2 red, \$1.07. CORN — No. 2 yellow, 63c f. o. b. affont; No. 3 yellow, 62%c.

OATS-No. 2 white, 551/2c f. o. b. affoat: No. 3 white, 54 1/2 656c. FLOUR - Fancy blended patent per bbl., \$6.25 m 7.00; winter family, patent, \$5.25@6.00, BUTTER-Creamery, prints, fancy,

31 1/2 @ 32c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 20c; dairy, choice to fancy, CHEESE - Choice to Jancy, full cream. 14c; fair to good, 1214@13c.

EGGS -Selected white, 40c. POTATOES-White fancy, per bu, 78c; fair to good, 75@76c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market. CATTLE-Prime export steers, \$6.25 76.65; good to choice butcher steers. \$5.00%6.00; choice cows, \$4.75@5.00; choice heifers, \$5.25@5.50; common to fair heifers, \$3.50@5.00; common to fair bulls. \$2.75@3.00; choice veals. \$9.75@ 10.00; fair to good, \$9.25@ 9.50. SHEEP AND LAMBS - Choice spring lambs, \$7.40@7.50; earings, \$5,25@5.50; mixed sheep

HOGS-Light Yorkers, \$5.40@5.70; medium and heavy hogs, \$5.95 \$6.00; pigs, \$5.25@5.20,

Buffalo Hay Market.

Timothy, No. 1 on track, \$14.00@ 15.00; No. 2 timothy, \$13.00@13.50 wheat and out straws, \$9.00@9.50