

MANY AT ORPHEUM TO AID BELGIANS

Both Actors and Auditors at Theatre Enter Into Spirit of the Occasion

SHOW PROVES TO BE A GOOD ONE

Bessie Wynn at Last Night's Performance Leads Rotary Club Members Six Times Through Song of Their Organization

If King Albert of Belgium could see the effort Harrisburg is putting forth to help his people after his appeal to this country for food and clothing, he would be too full for words.

Seeing a vaudeville show such as the Orpheum presents this week, does not seem to have much connection with the providing of a meal for a needy war refugee, since the way to this charity has been made so easy by the persons who conceived the idea.

The show at the Orpheum this week seems altogether different to the vaudeville fan. It is a vaudeville show, and a good one too—but it savors of the community picnic.

As to the show it would do credit to any vaudeville house in the country, the Palace or Hammerstein's Victoria Theatre not excepted.

Miss Wynn was last night furnished with a copy of the "anthem" of the Rotary Club and led the evening-clothed members of the club through it six times.

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SOME COMMUTERS STILL OBJECT TO NEW RATES

Application for Rehearing on Some Points in Dispute Is Made to Service Commission—Costs \$1 More Today for Return Ticket to Phila.

The new rates for passenger traffic, as modified by the Public Service Commission in its meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday last after a hearing of the protests of the commuters and others, went into effect today on all of the roads affected.

It develops that some of the Philadelphia commuters are not entirely satisfied with some of the features of the decision of the Public Service Commission and desire a further talk to convince them that the additional concessions are necessary.

That the limitation of the sale of 100-trip individual commutation tickets valid for a period of 6 months from the date of issue, the rate charged for these tickets not to exceed 1 1/2 cents a mile, is an unfair limitation, and practically grants the desire of the railroads to eliminate this form of transportation completely.

That the suggestion of a maximum rate of 1 1/2 cents per mile is unfair to the commuter, in that the former basis of comparative rates between stations was never considered heretofore as a mileage basis, and that under the supplemental schedules as filed upon a basis of 1 1/2 cents a mile, the various commutation rates for the 100-trip ticket have been advanced from 10 to 100 per cent, in many instances.

As a result of the new rates going into effect to-day the cost of a round-trip ticket between this city and Philadelphia is advanced \$1.

COURT HOUSE

Payment on Paxton Work The Maryland Casualty Company today was paid \$10,036.80 as an installment on the Paxton creek improvement.

Lowest Bid for Street Grading John E. Care was the lowest bidder for the grading of Woodbine street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth. The bids, which were opened by Commissioner Leach, were as follows: John E. Care, \$119; Stucker Brothers Construction Company, \$896; W. F. Martin, \$999.

Marriage License William J. Morris and Edna Arnold, Harrisburg.

Colonel May Tell of Preparedness By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 15.—Colonel Roosevelt lunched today as a possible witness before the House Naval committee in its discussion of the preparedness of national defenses.

Will Stick by the Ship So Declares Crew of Vessel Stranded in Terrible Gale By Associated Press. Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 15.—A westerly gale during the night swept the stranded smack Alberta L. higher up on the shoals off the inlet and this morning big waves were smashing over her stern, freezing almost as soon as it strikes her decks.

Bids for Bridge Received Varying Designs Suggested for Spring Creek Span Proposals were received up to 2 o'clock this afternoon by Harvey M. Taylor, Superintendent of Parks and Public Property, for the construction of a concrete arch bridge over Spring creek near Cameron street.

Not to Interfere With War Bills Washington, Dec. 15.—Various pending bills for cutting off of exports of munitions of war and other articles to Europe have not been brought to the attention of President Wilson, he told callers today.

Lawyer Killed by a Burglar Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—Charles B. Reynolds, a lawyer, was shot and almost instantly killed early today, in a revolver battle with a burglar in his home here. Reynolds fired four times before he was killed. The burglar escaped.

\$100,000 Fire in Atlanta Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—Fire in the heart of Atlanta's business district early today caused damage estimated at \$100,000 to the Elvra-Anstell Company, dealers in automobile accessories, and the Tripod Paint Company.

800 Imprisoned in Japanese Mine Tokyo, Dec. 15.—An explosion occurred today in a coal mine at Fukuoka as a result of which 800 laborers are imprisoned in the workings of the mine. Fukuoka is on the sea coast, 65 miles to the north of Nagasaki.

Lawyer-Politician Dies at Shamokin Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 15.—John I. Welsh, lawyer, state advocate of the Knights of Columbus and former chairman of the Northumberland County Democratic Committee, died here today after a brief illness.

Eagles to Meet in Altoona At a recent meeting of the officers of the State Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles, at which the president of the Aerie, H. O. Holstein, presided, it was decided to hold the annual convention June 8 and 9 in Altoona.

Artistic Printing at Star-Independent.

BAND CONCERT TO-NIGHT FOR RED CROSS BENEFIT

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rich & Co., Hub, Globe, Sides & Sides; Hatters, C. W. Poulton; Haberdashers, Shearer & Son, J. N. Kinnard; Special, Harrisburg Bag and Box Factory. Details have been completed for one of the biggest events of the campaign to-night when the Zumbo band and patrol will entertain in Chestnut street auditorium with a concert and drill.

The program will begin at 8 o'clock and the doors will be opened to the public. All the spectators will be expected to do, will be to buy Red Cross Christmas seals of the pretty nurses who will go about in the audience for the purpose.

DIES WHILE HERE ON VISIT Richard S. Shapter, Brooklyn, Expires at Home of Brother-in-Law

Richard Sterling Shapter, 75 years old, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., who came to Harrisburg last summer on a visit to his brother-in-law, Charles A. Disbrow, 1315 North Front street, and was taken ill while there, died last night at Mr. Disbrow's home.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. B. H. Hart, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist church, officiating. The body will be taken to Mr. Shapter's home in Brooklyn by Undertaker C. H. Mauk on Thursday morning at 9:45 o'clock. Further services will be held in Jones' Methodist church, Brooklyn, Friday morning. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Shapter leaves two sisters living in Harrisburg, Mrs. C. A. Disbrow and Mrs. John A. Affleck.

DIES AFTER 4 YEARS' ILLNESS Mrs. Julian Dare, an Aged Widow, Expires Yesterday Morning

The funeral services of Mrs. Julian Dare, 78 years old, widow of Joseph G. Dare, who died yesterday after an illness lasting for more than four years, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anne Morris, 1341 North street, will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock and further services will be held at the Pleasant View Church of God by the Rev. A. C. Greer, assisted by the Rev. A. G. Bossler, pastor of the State Street United Evangelical church, at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Paxtang cemetery.

She leaves nine children, twenty-six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Isaac D. Lantz Expires Isaac D. Lantz, 33 years old, died yesterday morning at his home, 55 Butler street, Pottsville, after a short illness of heart trouble.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at the home. The body will be taken to Fayetteville, Franklin county, on Thursday morning at 7:50 o'clock, by Undertaker T. M. Mauk & Son, where further services will be held and burial made.

Mr. Lantz is survived by his widow and one stepson, George Carbaugh, and his mother, Mrs. John Lantz, of Enahaut, and the following brothers and sisters: William, James Harry and Samuel Lantz, Mrs. Ella Eakens and Mrs. Louise Romberger.

Mrs. J. M. Erb Dies Mrs. J. M. Erb, 31 years old, the wife of John M. Erb, of Lawnton, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Thomas, 1922 Kensington street. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, the Rev. Joseph D. W. Deever, pastor of the Epworth Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be in East Harrisburg cemetery.

Mr. Dellinger leaves the following children: Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Mrs. F. C. Thomas, Miss Caroline and Ralph Dellinger.

Mrs. Culhane The funeral of Mrs. Mary Culhane, 68 years old, who died last Sunday night, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Burke, 3617 Mullen street, Philadelphia, will be conducted tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's cathedral by the Rev. M. M. Hassott. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Hanson died in Philadelphia, Sunday. Mrs. Hanson is survived by a stepdaughter, Mrs. Harriet H. Roscher, a stepson, Lawrence, one sister, Mrs. Henry B. Moyer, and five brothers: F. E., G. R., C. E., Victor I. and W. W. Rideour.

Jacob Rider Word has been received of the death of Jacob R. Rider, for many years a resident of this city. He died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William N. Straub, at Helena, Arkansas, where he had lived since the death of Mrs. Rider three years ago. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Straub, Ralph and Paul Rider, of Helena.

BELOW ZERO AT PITTSBURGH Small Streams in the Mountain Regions Frozen Solid By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Dec. 15.—Cold weather records for December 15 were shattered here today when the mercury at the Weather Bureau registered 2.5 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock and unofficial records in the suburbs were reported as low as ten degrees below.

Many large street and tower clocks were frozen and scores of homeless persons applied at police stations for food and shelter. Small streams in the mountains of Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia were in some places frozen solid.

Coldest December Day in Five Years Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—The coldest December day in five years was registered here by the government Weather Bureau, which reported a temperature of seven degrees below zero.

19 Below in Minnesota Duluth, Minn., Dec. 15.—Thermometers here today showed from 10 to 14 degrees below zero. At Virginia, Minn., the official thermometer registered 19 degrees below and the wind attained a velocity of 78 miles an hour during the night.

CAPITOL HILL CAMP HILL RESIDENTS COMPLAIN TO COMMISSION

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Say That the United Electric Company, of Lemoyne, Want to Recoup Pole Charges by Overtaxing Their Patrons \$5 Per Year

Ira B. Bixler, a passenger conductor on the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and Elmer J. Stuckey, a contractor, both residents of Camp Hill, have lodged a complaint with the Public Service Commission against the refusal of the United Electric Company of Lemoyne to install service to complainants' residences unless complainants agree to pay in addition to the usual rates for service an annual charge of \$5 per year, which the respondent alleges is the rental which will be required to pay to the Bell Telephone Company for use of its poles in stringing wires to their present line to complainants' residences.

The Mansfield State Normal school, of Mansfield, Pa., has filed with the commission a complaint against the Mansfield Water Company, alleging that its rate for service has lately been increased fifty per cent, which increase is alleged to be excessive, unjust and unreasonable.

Mr. Ehrhardt Here Looking after his chances for the Speakership of the next House, Representative Fred C. Ehrhardt, of Lackawanna, came to Harrisburg today and was at the Capitol conferring with those who may be able to assist his candidacy. If they will, Mr. Ehrhardt is of the opinion that the Speakership belongs to some county outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny this coming session, and as he has been in the House since 1905 and has always been an organization Republican, he is of opinion that he is by right entitled to the place.

Many Automobile Licenses The automobile division of the State Highway Department had issued up to noon today 11,854 motor car licenses of various kinds and turned over to the State Treasury the sum of \$166,650 for the automobile fund, all of which will go to the Highway Department for road improvement.

Yesterday was a banner day, \$2,500 being received for licenses. Commissioner Bigelow has given orders that the licenses shall be sent out as quickly as possible in order that owners may have them to place on their vehicles on January 1 and will undergo no inconvenience. It is planned to have all applicants served by that time, but there are many who neglect to send in their application for a license until the last moment and then complain because they are not supplied with the instant, something that will be physically impossible. If the neglectful have to wait it will be purely from their own neglect.

Board Meeting The Board of Public Grounds and Buildings is having an all-day meeting with Governor Tener at the Executive Department to discuss a number of matters that must be disposed of before the close of the year.

Public Service Commission The Public Service Commission began a four-days' meeting this morning, and its last two days will be devoted to hearing the objection of the Bell Telephone Company to the new phone rates that the Commission proposes to establish for next year.

Norristown's Complaint A communication has been received from the Norristown city authorities by the State Health Department complaining against the nauseating odor and taste of coal tar in the water used by the borough for its domestic supply. Philadelphia has suffered similarly.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health, has had the stream inspectors in the department at work for several days endeavoring to locate the source of the contamination. The gas plants at Phoenixville, Pottstown, Pottsville, Reading, Tamaqua and Hamberg, as well as the one at Norristown, have installed separators for removing heavy tar and oil deposits from the manufacturing wastes of their gas producers. These have been installed by order of the Department of Health.

State officials commented upon the fact that while the people at Norristown complained bitterly against the temporary pollution of their supply, which, although extremely distasteful, was not serious from a health standpoint; that the borough continued to pollute the chief source of Philadelphia's water supply with several hundred thousands of gallons of sewage daily, and that the borough had voted against a bond issue for a sewage disposal plant to properly treat this discharge.

Must Remedy Matters The New Wilmington Water Supply Company, located in New Wilmington, Lawrence county, has been ordered by the Public Service Commission to give attention to certain details in the administration of its plant. The complaint was filed by Robert W. Mehard and other consumers.

Food Law Violators Pure Food Commissioner Faust today ordered the prosecution of ten men in Philadelphia for selling cold storage eggs for fresh hen fruit and not labeled; six for selling rotten eggs; four for selling rotten bologna; three for disposing of dried fruit containing too much sulphur dioxide and one for selling watered vinegar. Three prosecutions were ordered in Wayne county for selling doctored soft drinks and catsup with benzoate of soda as a foundation.

Hand Cut Off in Machine Charles M. Bird, 26 years old, of Penbrook, had his right hand amputated at the wrist early this afternoon while chugging corn fodder. The machine stuck and thrust in his hand to start it going again when the knives caught his hand. He was treated at the Harrisburg hospital.

Holiday Recess of Congress Washington, Dec. 15.—Holiday recess of Congress from December 23 to December 29 was proposed today in a concurrent resolution passed by the House. It was sent to the Senate.

President and Governor to Confer Washington, Dec. 15.—Governor Ammons, of Colorado, is expected here this week to discuss with President Wilson the withdrawal of Federal troops from the strike districts.

PUT THEIR PRICES ON HARDCRABBLE

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Estimates, while at least one, Elizabeth S. Heister and Caroline Baldwin, joint owners of 1100 North Front street, simply stated that the house is not for sale.

The estimates received are as follows: List of Hardscrabble Claims Oliver T. Landis, No. 1110, \$2,500; A. P. Dintaman, Nos. 1108-28, \$50,000; E. G. Slaybaugh, No. 1130, \$7,500; John A. Yings, No. 1132, \$12,000; \$25,000; Frank P. Yings, 1202, \$2,900; Joseph Bourier, No. 1210, \$11,000; Anna P. Sourbier, No. 1218, \$2,500 for house and \$1,000 for boat house; Clara M. Spangler, No. 1220, \$5,600 for house and business; M. H. Smith, No. 1222, \$2,900; Fred W. Dinger, No. 1224, \$3,500; John H. Johnson, No. 1224, \$3,000; John E. Kurzenbo, No. 1300-02, \$4,500; John H. Tripper, No. 1308, \$1,200; Lucinda Vache estate, No. 1310, \$9,600; Louis Finnefrock, No. 1314, \$2,850; Mary E. Flowers, No. 1316, \$4,000; Mary A. Reed, No. 1320, \$1,500; William S. Reed, No. 1322, \$1,200; James Dinger, No. 1322, \$3,000; Lucinda Keim, No. 1326-30, \$6,000; Carrie Vache estate, \$2,000.

Properties Near South Street Under the Bowman ordinance providing for the city's taking over the ground on the west side of Front street between South street and a point 65 feet north of Liberty, these estimates were offered:

John Fox Weiss, \$250 a foot front or \$20,000; Eliza C. Small, \$200 per foot front; George Kunkel, J. Austin Brandt and H. B. Hage, \$240 per foot front; C. L. Long, E. J. Stockpole and Robert H. Moffit, approximately \$400 each or one-half of the cost of paving Front street as assessed against them.

Mr. Weiss sets out that he already has given some ground to the city for park purposes and believes he should receive no remuneration for that parcel although he argues that taking ground for opening a street "is a different matter."

Judge Kunkel fixes his price at \$240 a foot front although he adds that he prefers not to sell the ground.

VALUE OF U. S. FARM CROPS Falling Off of \$20,645,000 in Production This Year as Compared With 1913 Yield

Washington, Dec. 15.—This year's principal farm crops are worth \$4,945,852,000, the Department of Agriculture announced today, \$20,645,000 less than last year, when their value was \$4,966,497,000. The value of each crop follows: winter wheat, \$675,423,000; spring wheat, \$203,057,000; all wheat, \$878,480,000; oats, \$499,431,000; barley, \$105,903,000; rye, \$37,018,000; buckwheat, \$12,892,000; flaxseed, \$19,540,000; hay, \$21,849,000; potatoes, \$198,609,000; sweet potatoes, \$41,294,000; hay, \$779,068,000; tobacco, \$101,411,000; cotton, \$519,612,000; sugar beets, \$27,950,000.

In addition to these crops other farm products such as minor crops and animals and animal products will bring the year's total close to \$9,750,000,000 as the value resulting from the efforts of husbandry. The values are based on the farm price of the crops on December 1.

ACOUSSTIC CLOUDS Why Church Bells Sound Louder On Some Days Than on Others

Every one has noticed that on certain days church bells are heard much better than on others and sometimes are not heard at all on other days. The same distance intervenes between the church and the person's residence, the same intensity is used to strike the bell, the same visible obstacles are between the two at one time as at another.

Then why does the intensity of the peal vary? It has been found that there are what is known as "acoustic clouds" in the air. They cannot be seen, but they may be detected artificially. They have the property of reflecting sound just as a brick wall has.

So if a thick one of these so-called "clouds" intervenes between the church bell and the observer most of the sound is reflected back to the bell, and very little gets through. The acoustic clouds consist simply of a large quantity of water vapor in the air, and water vapor itself is invisible. So we are able to see through something that we cannot hear through. Generally, of course, it is the other way round. We can hear through a piece of black paper, but we cannot see through it.

Now, if these acoustic clouds are disposed in a certain manner it is possible that they will reflect the sound into a region where the bell's tone is ordinarily not heard at all save when the clouds are present and disposed in the proper manner.—Chicago Herald.

PRESBYTERY ADMITS PASTORS Three Ministers of This City Are Received by Carlisle Body

At a meeting at Pine Street Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock this afternoon of the Carlisle Presbytery, the Rev. B. M. Ward was received from the Westminster Presbytery, and the Rev. W. O. Yates from the Baltimore Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Armentrout is assistant pastor of Pine Street church, formerly of the First church, Lancaster. The Rev. Mr. Ward has received a call from the Capital Street church. He was formerly pastor of Faith church, York.

The Rev. Mr. Yates has been called to Olivet church from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Ward and the Rev. Mr. Yates will be installed at their separate churches within the next two weeks.

A Sure Guide "Waiter, give the menu." "We have none, but I can tell you what we have." "You must have a remarkably good memory."

"Not at all, I simply look at the tablecloth."—Pele Mele.

It's a doubtful satisfaction that is derived from the knowledge that one can have next week the thing one wants today.

WOULD PAY \$9,675 FOR AN ASPHALT PLANT SITE

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ers by the City Bureau of Health in a communication from the latter received this afternoon. The letter was ordered to be filed.

To John E. Core was awarded the contract for grading Brookwood street, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth, at his bid of \$810. Albert Buck and Sam Koen, representing the Mummies' Association, appealed to the Commissioners for financial aid for the New Year's parade. The Commissioners said they would be glad to render financial assistance if it were not for the law prohibiting their making an appropriation for such a purpose.

The ordinances providing for a sewer section in Geiger street, a revision of the food license taxes and exonerating the Sixth Street U. B. church from the payment of a paving assessment, were passed finally.

The annual appropriation and tax levy ordinances were passed on first reading at today's meeting and will be considered on second and third reading and for final passage at a special meeting on Friday. The Commissioners will meet a special session on Thursday to pare down the budget ordinance.

FINANCE

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS. Furnished by H. W. Snavely, Broker, Arcade Building, Walnut and Court Streets New York, Dec. 15.

Alaska Gold Mines . . . . . 25 24 1/2  
Anaconda . . . . . 29 1/2  
American Copper . . . . . 57 1/2  
American Beet Sugar . . . . . 30 1/2  
American Can . . . . . 27 1/2  
Am Car and Foundry Co . . . . . 92 1/2  
Am Cotton Oil . . . . . 40 3/4  
Am Ice Securities . . . . . 23 1/2  
Am Smelting . . . . . 61 1/2  
American Sugar . . . . . 107 1/2  
Amer Tel and Tel . . . . . 117 1/2  
Anacosta . . . . . 29 1/2  
Atchafalpa . . . . . 95 1/2  
Baltimore and Ohio . . . . . 73 1/2  
Brooklyn R. T. & E. . . . . 86 1/2  
California Petroleum . . . . . 16 1/2  
Canadian Pacific . . . . . 160 1/2  
Central Leather . . . . . 36 3/4  
Chesapeake and Ohio . . . . . 45 1/2  
Chi, Mil and St. Paul . . . . . 92 1/2  
Chino Con Copper . . . . . 35 1/2  
Col Fuel and Iron . . . . . 25 1/2  
Consol Gas . . . . . 121 1/2  
Corn Products . . . . . 9 1/2  
Distilling Securities . . . . . 133 1/2  
Erie . . . . . 23 1/2  
Erie 1st pfd . . . . . 36 1/2  
General Electric Co . . . . . 141 1/2  
Goodrich B. P. . . . . 25 1/2  
Great Northern Pfd . . . . . 119 1/2  
Great Northern Or, sub . . . . . 29 1/2  
Interboro Met . . . . . 13 1/2  
Interboro Met pfd . . . . . 53 1/2  
Lehigh Valley . . . . . 138 1/2  
Louisville and Nashville . . . . . 125 1/2  
Mex Petroleum . . . . . 56 1/2  
Missouri Pacific . . . . . 10 1/2  
New Consol Copper . . . . . 12 1/2  
New York Central . . . . . 85 1/2  
N. Y. N. H. and H. . . . . 57 1/2  
Norfolk and Western . . . . . 102 1/2  
Northern Pacific . . . . . 104 1/2  
Pacific Mail . . . . . 22 1/2  
Pennsylvania Railroad . . . . . 109 1/2  
People's Gas and Coke . . . . . 17 1/2  
Reading . . . . . 36 1/2  
Reading Con. Copper . . . . . 15 1/2  
Repub. Iron and Steel . . . . . 204 1/2  
do pfd . . . . . 76 1/2  
Southern Pacific . . . . . 89 1/2  
Southern Ry . . . . . 16 1/2  
Tennessee Copper . . . . . 33 1/2  
Texas Company . . . . . 134 1/2  
Union Pacific . . . . . 121 1/2  
U. S. Rubber . . . . . 56 1/2  
U. S. Steel . . . . . 104 1/2  
do pfd . . . . . 104 1/2  
Utah Copper . . . . . 5 1/2  
Vir.-Carolina Chem . . . . . 23 1/2  
W. U. Telegraph . . . . . 59 1/2  
Westinghouse Mfg . . . . . 69 1/2

Chicago Grain Market Chicago, Dec. 15. Open. Close.

Wheat—December . . . . . 118 1/2  
May . . . . . 122 1/2  
July . . . . . 115 1/2  
Corn—December . . . . . 63 1/2  
May . . . . . 69 1/2  
Oats—December . . . . . 47 1/2  
May . . . . . 52 1/2

Chicago Board of Trade Chicago, Dec. 15.—Close.

Wheat—December, 118 1/2; May, 122 1/2.  
Corn—December, 63 1/2; May, 69 1/2.  
Oats—December, 47 1/2; May, 52 1/2.  
Pork—January, 18 3/4; May, 18 3/4.  
Lard—January, 9 9/16; May, 10 2/16.  
Ribs—January, 10 0/16; May, 10 3/16.

RUSSIA'S RAILWAY GAUGE It Was Made Narrow to Lessen the Danger of Invasion

There are several railway gauges—or widths between the two rails of the track—in Europe, but in the United States and Canada it is possible for a truck to travel from Quebec to San Francisco without hindrance. This was accomplished at great expense some twenty or thirty years ago. In Europe the bulk of the mileage is the standard four-foot eight and a half inch gauge. There are, however, some other gauges, especially the meter gauge in France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

The most important exceptions are in Spain and Portugal, where they have nearly 10,000 miles of the five foot six inch gauge, and in Russia and Finland, where there are 30,000 miles of the five foot gauge. This three and one-half inch difference from the standard was adopted by the Russian government to avoid the dangers of invasion.

The only connection between France and Spain is at Irun, on the Biscayan coast, but the Pyrenees are now being pierced at more than one place, and a question of conforming the gauge of Spain and Portugal to that of the bulk of Europe has arisen.—Engineering Record.

Mr. Pester—I dreamed I had uncounted gold.  
Mrs. Pester—That's just like you. You never even take the trouble to count your change.—Puck.

Wardens—Are you willing to confess?  
Voice from the Dungeon—No, sir; I'm as much in the dark as ever.—Buffalo Express.

U. S. TRADE WITH LATIN-AMERICA

Exceeds in Both Sales and Purchases That of Any Other Country in 1913

GREATER THAN UNITED KINGDOM

Interesting Figures Submitted by John Barrett, Director General of the Pan-American Union, at Meeting of Commercial Conference Today

By Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 15.—Trade of the United States in 1913 with the twenty Latin-American republics, both in sales and purchases, exceed in volume that of any other single