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Commerce and Finance.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, March 11.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	227	228
Ontario	86	83
Molsons	..	..
Toronto	233	229½
Merchants	174	171½
Commerce	127¾	127
Imperial	182¾	182¼
Dominion	234	232
Standard	169	167
Hamilton	..	..
British America	119	118
Western Assurance	159¼	158½
Canada Life	..	..
Confederation Life	..	..
Consumers' Gas	..	201
Dominion Telegraph	126	124
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	50	40
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	54	53
Commercial Cable Company	165	164¾
Postal Telegraph	98	97
Bell Telephone Company	160¼	159½
Montreal Street Railway	224½	223½
Montreal Street Railway (new)	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	70½	70½
Dominion Savings and Invest	79	77
Farmers' Loan and Savings	90	..
Farmers' L. and S., 20 per cent	65	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	158
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	118
London and Canada, L. and A.	99	..
London Loan	100	..
London and Ontario	100	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	119

SALES—1 p.m. board, Postal Tel., 5 at 97½. 11:15 a.m. board, Commerce, 27 at 127; Postal Tel., 5 at 97½.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, March 11.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific, xd	53½	53
Duluth, common	4¼	3¾
Duluth, preferred	12	7
Commercial Cable	165½	164½
Wabash, common	..	..
Wabash, preferred	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	170	166¾
Richelieu and Ontario	90	86½
Montreal Street Railway	224	223½
Montreal Street Railway, new	190	189
Montreal Gas Company	195	193
Bell Telephone	165	159½
Royal Electric, xd	145	139
Toronto Railway	71	70¾
Bank of Montreal	231	227½
Ontario Bank	85	83
Banque du Peuple	..	..
Molsons Bank	..	190
Bank of Toronto	235	230
Merchants Bank	175	172
Merchants Bank of Halifax	175	167
Quebec Bank	..	120
Union Bank	..	100
Bank of Commerce	128	126
Northwest Land, pfd	..	41
Montreal Cotton Company, xd	125	120
Canada Colored Cotton	..	..
Dominion Cotton	80	72½
Postal Telegraph	98	97

SALES—Mont. Tel., 100 at 165¾; Mont. St. Ry. 10 at 224; Bell Tel., 50 at 159½; Royal Electric, 25 at 140; Bank of Toronto, 25 at 230; Mont. Cotton, 5 at 124; Dominion Cotton 100 at 75.

New York Stock Market.

Reported by Frank Butler, broker, Masonic Temple.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
	March 10.			
Atchison Ry	12	12	12	12
C. B. and Q.	77¼	77¾	76¾	77¾
C. and N. W	107	107½	106¾	107¾
Chicago Gas	77	77¼	76¾	77¼
Gen. Electric	35	35¼	34½	35¼
L. and N	49¼	49½	49¼	49¼
Manhattan	84	85¼	84½	85
Missouri Pacific	20½	20¾	20	20½
Pacific Mail	26¼	26½	26¼	26½
Rock Island	68	..	..	..
Reading	25¾	25¾	25¼	25¼
St. Paul	77¼	77¼	77¼	77¼
Tenn. Coal and Iron	27½	27½	27½	27½
Wabash	15¼	15¼	15¼	15¼
Western Union	83½	83½	83¼	83½
Distillery Trust	13¾	..	..	..
Leather Trust	59¼	59½	59¼	59¼
Sugar Trust	115¼	116¾	115¼	116¾
Tobacco Trust	78¼	78¾	77¾	78¼

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Grain Market

Toronto, March 11.—Wheat—Offerings are fair, demand is small, and prices are steady; white is quoted west at 74c for red, and 75c for white west; goose is quoted at 62c outside; Manitoba wheat is steady at 85c for No. 1 hard, Midland, and 83c for No. 2 hard; No. 1 hard is quoted at 75c, f. o. b., Fort William, and No. 2 hard at 73c.

Flour is quiet; cars of straight roller are steady at $3 70 west.

Millfeed is in good demand and is steady at $8 50 to $9 for shorts and bran west.

Barley is quiet at 30c for No. 1 outside, 32c to 33c for No. 1 extra, 27c for No. 2, 24c for No. 3 extra, and 20½c to 21c for feed.

Buckwheat unchanged at 24c to 25c outside.

Baled hay steady at $8 to $10 for cars here; baled straw steady at $5 to $6 here.

Rye steady at 32c to 33c outside.

Corn is in fair demand and steady at 20½c to 21c for yellow west.

Oats are slow owing to poor demand for export, and prices are steady at 17½c to 18c for white west; mixed are quoted at 17c to 17½c west.

Peas dull at 39c north and west, and 40c middle freights asked.

Seeds dull at previous quotations.

Latest Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Que., March 11.

GRAINS AND FLOUR.

Oats—In store, No. 2 white, 22½c to 23c.
Peas—46½c to 47c.
Feed barley—29c.
Corn—30c.
Buckwheat—32c.
Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, $4 25 to $4 65; spring wheat patents, $4 70 to $5 05; winter do., $4 40 to $4 65; straight roller, $4 00 to $4 20.
Feed—Bran, $10 to $11; shorts, $12 to $13.

PROVISIONS.

Canadian short cut, clear, $10 to $10 50.
Ham—9c to 11c.
Bacon—8½c to 9½c.
Lard—Pure, 5½c to 6c; compound, 4½c.

PRODUCE.

Butter—Quiet; best creamery jobbing at 19c; lots of medium offering at 18c; western dairy, 12c to 13c.

Eggs—New laid, 12c to 13½c; Montreal limed, 10c; western, 7½c; very slow of sale.

The Oil Market.

PETROLEA

Petrolea, March 11.—Oil opened and closed at $1 52.

Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,278.

CHICAGO, March 11.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	74¾	74½	72¾	72¾
July	71¾	71¾	69¾	69¾
Corn—May	24¼	24¾	24	24¼
July	25¾	25¾	25¼	25¼
Oats—May	17¾	17¾	17	17
July	18¼	18¼	18	18
Pork—May	8 32	8 40	8 25	8 35
July	8 45	8 50	8 37	8 47
Lard—May	4 10	4 15	4 10	4 12
July	4 20	4 25	4 20	4 22
Ribs—May	4 37	4 45	4 37	4 45
July	4 47	4 55	4 47	4 52

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Branching Out.

Movement to Extend the L. E. and D. R. R.

So as to Connect Directly With the Port Stanley Road.

The management of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway are desirous of building a connecting link between the terminus of their line at Ridgetown and the Port Stanley road, of which they have a 20-year lease, from Jan. 1, 1894. Because of the benefit such an opening into the fruit country would be to London, concerted action was taken yesterday by the Board of Trade and the City Council in the shape of resolutions recommending the Government to grant a bonus of $3,200 per mile to the builders of the line.

Messrs. C. S. Hyman, A. B. Greer and John Bland were the sub-committee that represented the railway committee of the Board of Trade at the special meeting of the council last evening. The mayor was away, and Ald. Carrothers was moved to the chair. He explained that the railway committee of the Privy Council will meet tomorrow, and the Board of Trade thought it advisable for the City Council to pass, in conjunction with themselves, resolutions to strengthen the hands of the railway committee in asking for the mileage bonus.

No. 1 committee (the railway committee) were appointed to confer with the Board of Trade committee to prepare the resolutions. Mr. A. B. Greer said the gentlemen who brought the matter up at the meeting in the afternoon argued very strongly what benefits the city would sustain. It would place London in touch with the fruit-growing country along the lake, and would also open up some territory not at present fully opened up.

The joint committee adjourned to the mayor's office, and Mr. Bland was chosen chairman. It was decided to draft separate resolutions from each body favoring very strongly the granting of the bonus of $3,200 per mile for the 44 miles to be covered. The resolutions were taken to Ottawa by Mr. Hyman. Last year this same matter was unsuccessfully urged by the London Board of Trade before the Government.

THE LICENSE LAW.

Action of the Temperance Legislation Convention at Toronto

Special to The Advertiser via C. P. R. Line.

Toronto, March 11.—The temperance legislation convention, composed of delegates from temperance organizations in all parts of the Province, about five hundred in number, met here this forenoon and discussed the proposed amendments to the license act. Strong speeches were made denouncing the amendments, after which an adjournment was had to lay their grievances before the Legislature.

Topics of Today.

Mr. Charles Cyr, clerk, of Quebec, (Conservative), and Mr. Guite, merchant, of Maria, Que. (Liberal), were nominated for the Commons for the county of Bonaventure. At the nomination mass meeting, the feeling in favor of the Liberal candidate was so strong that Sir Adolphe Caron and other Conservative M. P.'s., left without addressing the meeting.

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The bill to confirm the new school agreement was up for second reading in the Manitoba Legislature this afternoon.

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An order has been issued from the Militia Department calling in all the old rifles and side arms, and as soon as these are in the new Lee-Enfield weapon will be issued to the different battalions.

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Sir Richard Cartwright, who has been at Avon Springs, New York, for rheumatism, is now about well, and is expected back at the capital before the end of the week.

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Senator David Mills, who has made a special study of the recent wonderful changes in the map of South Africa, will speak in Toronto tonight on "The British Empire in the Niger Country."

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Madame Laurier, who has always taken a warm interest in the welfare of her sex, has been elected president of the National Council of Women at Ottawa.

Around the City

—Miss Jessie Scholz, of Stratford, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. J. Radcliffe.

—A meeting of the directors of the Western Fair Association will be held on Saturday.

—C. L. Morris, introducing the Thomas Seabrooke Company, is at the Tecumseh House.

—Rev. Rural Dean Shore, of Port Burwell, was in the city on ecclesiastical business yesterday.

—Mr. Ivar H. Salomon, representing the Grand Italian Concert Company, is registered at the Tecumseh.

—Mrs. John C. Parker and family, of New York, are on a visit to Mrs. Parker's brother, Mr. Wm. Robinson, London West.

—The gypsies today asked Inspector Sanders for a new horse, one of their present equines being lame. They were politely refused.

—The River Thames rose about two feet during last night, but went down gradually again today. The ice has mostly all gone down stream.

—The local retail cigar and tobacco dealers have agreed to boycott any of the city cigar manufacturers who sell to individual customers at the same price as they sell to the trade.

—Mr. Arthur Hewitt, formerly of this city, is here attending the funeral of Col. Shanly. Mr. Hewitt was an intimate friend of the deceased, and is a relative by marriage of Mrs. C. J. N. Shanly.

—A number of railway men are in the city today, among them being D. G. Wagstaff, general northern agent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway; C. A. Baird, traveling passenger agent of the Q. and C. route; H. N. Hamilton, ticket agent at the Wabash depot at Detroit, and J. A. Swayze, contracting freight agent of the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis Railway.

—The Proof Line Road between here and Lucan is very bad at places. Here and there along the road are heaps of snow four feet deep—remains of the winter's drifts. The mild weather of the past few days has softened the hard surface, and made the progress of vehicles at some sections difficult. Yesterday afternoon the Lucan stage became stuck in one of these drifts and had to be pried out with rails.

—Mr. Robert Tait and Miss Lydia Warwick were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. George Fowler. It took place at the residence of Mr. Henry Burdick, fair grounds, (a relative of the bride), and was attended by 40 guests. The groom was supported by Mr. John Warwick, and Miss Dolly Warwick acted as bridesmaid, with Mattie Burdick as maid of honor and Roy Burdick as page. After partaking of a wedding supper and spending a very pleasant evening with the guests assembled, the happy couple took their departure for their future home, a new residence, recently erected by Mr. Tait on Pegler street.

SHOT HIS BROTHER.

Peter York, who is accused of manslaughter, was arraigned before Judge Edward Elliott this morning. He elected trial by jury, and was bailed to appear at the assizes, which open on Monday next, in $2,000—$1,000 in his own recognizances, and two others of $500 each. The circumstances surrounding the affair are very sad. Ernest York, the victim of the tragedy, called at his brother's house at Parkhill late at night on Dec. 31 last, and tried to go in by the rear door. The noise awakened Mrs. York, and her husband got up, secured his shotgun, and went out the front door. Ernest left the back, and was going around the house to the front door, when he was met by his brother, Peter, who mistook him for a burglar, and fired the contents of the gun into his body. Ernest died shortly afterwards.

SOCIETY FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late James F. Smale took place this afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Services were held at his late residence, 714 Queen's avenue, by Rev. A. G. Harris, of the Centennial Church. The funeral was conducted by Chorazin Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, of which deceased was a member. The Chosen Friends and Ancient Order of Foresters, to which deceased belonged, also turned out in force. Among the numerous floral offerings were wreaths from the above mentioned societies and from the teachers and pupils of Lorne avenue school, of which he was janitor. The pall-bearers were: George Grant and J. A. Welford, of the I. O. O. F.; Henry Burdick and John Fitzgerald, of the Chosen Friends; E. Pierce and R. A. Brock, of the A. O. F.. Deceased leaves a widow and one child. He had $3,000 of life insurance—$2,000 in the Chosen Friends, and $1,000 in the Ancient Order of Foresters.

USING CANCELED STAMPS.

A Paris dispatch says: "Deputy Postoffice Inspector Fisher, of London, laid information against Miss Susan Goeck and a man named North for making use of canceled postage stamps. The parties were brought before Police Magistrate Powell and each fined $10 and costs.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The Literary Society in connection with the university will meet this evening, at which a fine programme is promised. Solos will be sung by Misses Bernard, Mutch, Fraser, and Mr. Peter Webster. Prof. James will give a talk on "Life on the Island of St. Pierre." All friends of the students are invited.

Prof. Sykes will lecture in St. Thomas tomorrow evening.

A Good-for-Nothing.

Geo. Duggan's Doings at His Wife's Home.

Drinking and Stealing Give Him a Checkered Career—Pough's Coat Paid For.

George Duggan seventeen years ago joined the army of Benedicts. His battles in life have been many, and his career a checkered one. He wandered from the path of rectitude, and on several occasions was imprisoned for different offenses. He was again in the dock at the Police Court this morning, and gazed carelessly at his wife as she entered the box and explained her case to the court. She said her husband was a source of great annoyance to her and the family. Duggan was too lazy to work, would not contribute anything to the support of the house, and came in at all hours of the night, drunk and disorderly. She was afraid of him, and wanted him put out of harm's way.

When asked why he did such things, Duggan said: "I am a little unfortunate in taking drink, but when I am that way she aggravates me and keeps on talking as long as I will, and——"

"That's no excuse," said the magistrate.

"I'll go away to Detroit if you will be so kind as to let me go," pleaded Duggan.

"The people won't employ your wife," said the P. M., "so long as you are hanging round. A gentleman told me that yesterday. You are a worthless character. There are some other old charges against you, and you have been in the Central before. Drunkenness is only a minor offense with you—you steal."

Duggan promised to leave for Detroit this morning, and was kept in the station while his wife went home to get him a clean outfit for the journey, which he apparently means to make on the bumpers.

The case against Constable Parks, of the Opera House, was settled. He agreed to pay young Pough $4 for tearing his rubber coat.

George Constable, a drunk, who annoyed Constable Kelly at 2 o'clock this morning, was given another chance.

WILL RENOVATE.

The I. O. O. F. to Repaint and Improve Their Hall.

The board of directors of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, which is chosen from Eureka Lodge, No. 30; Forest City Lodge, No. 38, and Dominion Lodge, No. 48, met recently to consider the advisability of renovating the Oddfellows' block, at the corner of Dundas and Clarence streets. After some discussion a neat sum was voted for the purpose. It is proposed to repaint the whole of the outside, while some parts of the interior will be altered, and an entirely new system of heating introduced. The plumbing will also be overhauled, and all the old appliances superseded by devices and conveniences of the very latest design. The work will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit.

CRIMINAL COURT CASES.

Docket to be Disposed of at the Assizes on Monday.

Following is the list of cases entered for hearing before Mr. Justice Rose at the assizes which open here on Monday:

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

Queen vs. James Davis—Assault, occasioning actual bodily harm.

Queen vs. G. W. and Wm. Denning—Theft of timber.

Queen vs. C. A. Powell, of Newbury—Obtaining goods under false pretenses.

Queen vs. Jesse Warren—Criminal assault on Mrs. J. H. Quait.

Queen vs. Peter York, of Parkhill—Manslaughter.

Queen vs. James Howe, of Caradoc—House-breaking.

JURY.

Kissock vs. Scott—Gibbons, Mulkern & Harper for plaintiff; T. G. Meredith & Fisher, for defendant.

Glover vs. Harding—S. Cleary & Sutherland, Windsor, for plaintiff.

McKay vs. McKay—McDonald, for plaintiff; Meredith & Fisher, for defendants.

Piper vs. London Street Railway Company—Action for damages; Meredith, Cameron & Judd, for plaintiff; Hellmuth & Ivey, for defense.

Paladino vs. Gustin—Action for slander and assault; J. M. McEvoy & Pope for plaintiff; E. Meredith for defendant.

NON-JURY.

Milne vs. Halle—Parke, for plaintiff; E. Meredith for defendant.

Waters vs. Lucy—Parke, for plaintiff; Macbeth & Macpherson for defendant.

Agricultural Society and Loan Company vs. Langford—Bayly, for plaintiff; Meredith & Fisher, for defendant.

Anderson & Nelles' Baking Powder, 20 cents a pound. Fresh daily.

The Late Col. Shanly.

His Funeral Will Be Strictly Private.

Characteristic Unostentation—No Will Can Be Found.

The funeral of the late Col. Shanly tomorrow afternoon will be like his life, unostentatious. His rank entitled him to full military honors at burial, but the obsequies will be strictly private, in pursuance of his own wish. It was his frequently expressed desire that his body should lie beside those of other members of the family in the Anglican burying ground at St. Johns. He had years ago selected a plot beneath two spreading beech trees. There he will be interred.

The colonel apparently left no will, or, at any rate, diligent search has failed to reveal one. He left two insurance policies paid up, one in favor of his son, and the other in favor of his wife, since deceased. It is likely all his estate will revert to Mr. C. J. N. Shanly, his only son.

Mr. Walter Shanly, of Montreal, the colonel's only brother, is in the city.

Under the statutes, both the local county judges may act as masters in Chancery until a permanent official is appointed. The duties of deputy registrar will be performed meanwhile by Col. John Macbeth, deputy clerk of the Crown.

Ald. Parnell Honored.

Elected Supreme Grand Vice-President of the S. O. E.

At the Grand Lodge in Brantford—The Other Officers.

Brantford, March 11.—At the afternoon session of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England, in session here, Mr. J. W. Loudon, of Belleville, grand president, referred to the naval brigade, only one company of which, No. 1, of Toronto, is now in operation, and also to Trafalgar Day, which was suitably celebrated by the Canadian order.

The report of the grand secretary showed receipts for the year $45,820 16, which, after expenditures, left a balance of $48 11. It also reported that this society is holding its own, and in the past year twelve lodges have been instituted, making 201 in the Dominion and five in South Africa. Details of the workings were given.

The Grand Lodge was in committee of the whole all day upon the reports. A long and interesting discussion took place upon a resolution to appoint an official organizer, and to prosecute the active extension of the order more thoroughly than before.

It was agreed to have an official organizer, but the method of organization has not yet been determined upon.

Yesterday at noon members of the Grand Lodge were photographed and witnessed a fire drill. Last night they attended divine service in St. Jude's Church, and thereafter were entertained at a smoking concert.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, March 11.—The Grand Lodge, S. O. E., met this morning at 9 o'clock and officers for the ensuing year were elected.

The contest for the supreme grand presidency was very warm. It was between Barlow Cumberland and Dr. Hodgetts, both of Toronto. Bro. Cumberland won by four votes, in a house of nearly 200 delegates.

There were five nominees for supreme grand vice-president. Ald. Parnell, of London, got two-thirds of the total vote on the second ballot, a striking token of his popularity.

Bro. Carter, of Toronto, and Bro. Incheliffe, of Toronto, were elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Bro. McClay, of Toronto, and Bro. Ferris, of Montreal, were elected grand auditors.

This afternoon the election of the general purpose and beneficial committees will take place.

Yesterday afternoon the delegates enjoyed a delightful tour of the city and a concert at the Blind Institute, which was a brilliant entertainment.

The convention concludes Saturday.

THE BALL PLAYERS.

Arrangements Being Made With the Y. M. C. A. for the Use of the Gymnasium.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. A. Holman, manager of the London Baseball Club; Bert Sheere, and Doc Sippi, met in the office of the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. to confer with the managers of that institution regarding the prospects of the baseball club affiliating with the Young Men's Christian Association, by which they might have the use of the baths and gymnasium. Thomas A. Browne, Frank Holman, physical instructor and others, represented the Y. M. C. A., and the terms named upon which the club would be granted full privileges.

The instructor is desirous of having the ball players in a separate class, when he could possibly devote his time to instructing them in some ways particularly beneficial to their business. This question was not definitely settled, and arrangements will be completed in a few days.

Manager Holman was shrewd when he devised this plan. By this means, the ball players holding membership tickets will be at liberty to avail themselves of all privileges which the Y. M. C. A. offers in larger cities—Toronto, Hamilton, Detroit, Buffalo—and many other places to which the game may possibly take them.

COMETS COMING.

At Least Three of These Heavenly Wonders Will Be Seen This Year.

At least three comets are due in 1897, of which two will very probable be visible. The third, when it was first discovered, was only faintly seen, and since then it has not been visible. Dr. Spitaler, who is at present a member of the staff of the Prague Imperial Observatory, discovered this third comet in 1890. He was observing the sky at Vienna, on Nov. 17 of that year, and suddenly what seemed to him a faint comet. He observed it more closely, and was soon satisfied that it was. He found that it was moving in an elliptic orbit, with a period of six and a half years, and, therefore, he calculated that it should return to perihelion on March 11 of this year.

There is little likelihood, however, that any of us will be able to see it, and for this reason: It was nearest to the earth last September, and there is no record that any one saw it then, the only fact, then, clearly established is that there is such a comet, and that it may be expected to appear—though it may never be visible—every six and a half years.

The famous astronomer D'Arrest discovered a comet at Leipzig on June 27, 1851, and this, too, will be due in perihelion during the coming spring. D'Arrest calculated that it would complete a revolution in six and a half years, and its subsequent appearances proved that he was correct.

It has been observed in 1857, 1870, 1877 and 1890, when it passed its perihelion on September 16. The exact time at which it will appear and be visible is considered certain.

The other comet is the one which was discovered by Tempel in 1869. Tempel, however, only partially discovered it, for he remained ignorant of the fact that it would reappear periodically. Indeed, its periodicity was not detected until Prof. Swift rediscovered it, in October, 1880, in consequence of which it is usually known as Swift's comet.

The period of this comet is only about five and a half years. It appeared in 1875, but escaped observation, as it was not looked for, and a similar fate befel it in 1884, for the reason that, though it was looked for, it was so unfavorably placed that a satisfactory observation was impossible.

The astronomers had better luck at its last appearance, which took place in 1891. In that year the perihelion passage took place in November, and a little calculation shows that the comet's next appearance will be in April or May of this year.

In connection with these facts it is interesting to note that the comet discovered by Mr. Perrine on December 9, 1896, has now been proved to have a short period—only six and a half years—and it is therefore a member of the so-called Jupiter family. Another notable fact in regard to it is that its elements closely resemble those of Biela's lost comet in everything but the longitude of the perihelion.

Nowadays the return of a comet seems ominous to no one, except to the ultra-superstitious, but in past ages such an occurrence was generally regarded as of extraordinary moment. Some of the most famous men that have ever lived believed that comets have a powerful influence on mundane affairs, and traces of this primitive belief are still said to linger in occult societies and in certain districts in Europe.

Curious Facts.

Every ton of Atlantic water, when evaporated, yields 81 pounds of salt; a ton of Pacific water, 79 pounds; Arctic and Antartic waters yield 85 pounds to the ton, and Dead Sea water, 187 pounds.

The Pleiades contain six stars visible to eyes of only ordinary keenness, though twelve or fourteen have been counted in this cluster by persons of extraordinary eyesight. A two-inch telescope shows about 60 stars in this cluster.

A wave motor has a number of piston rods, connected with an air compressor, worked by the rise and fall of the billows. The air is forced through pipes to where the power is needed, or can be stored in a chamber for use when the motor is not running.

Soil air is usually contaminated with a number of gases, and is on a par as to quality with sewer gas. Loss of appetite, running through the winter, with tendency to boils and pimples, can be traced to ingress of soil air into the house air from the cellar.

France is about to take the lead in adopting the decimal system of reckoning time. This provides that ten hours shall constitute a day, 100 minutes an hour, and 100 seconds a minute. This will greatly simplify all calculations of time. The universal use of this system will then be urged.

In continued use of the eyes, in such work as sewing, typesetting, bookkeeping, reading and studying, the saving point is looking up from the work at short intervals and looking around the room. This may be practiced every ten or fifteen minutes. This relieving the muscular tension rests the eyes and makes the blood supply much better.

A CIRCUS FARM.

The "glorious climate of California" is being put to a new and interesting use. A man has purchased 500 acres in Merced County, and intends to add to it 500 more, not for the raising of fruit, but for an experiment in the breeding of elephants, hippopotami, lions, tigers, llamas, nilgaus, kangaroos and other tropical and exotic animals, such as are in common demand for purposes of exhibition. He already has a considerable stock of these creatures.

His design is to obtain the conditions suited to every sort of animal used for exhibition, and he thinks that he can come nearer to realizing these conditions in California than anywhere else. The elephants require a secluded jungle, and this, properly fenced so that they cannot get out, is to be provided for them.

Sections of the jungle will be fenced off with a wire barrier sixteen feet high for the tigers, which, with their offspring, will be made at home here when the weather is warm, and cared for indoors when it is too cold for them in the woods. The kangaroos, nilgaus, zebras, camels, giraffes and llamas will find in properly sheltered portions of this California ranch conditions of life not greatly unlike those in the countries to which they are indigenous.

The proprietor is to make an experiment raising camels on a large scale, and they and the llamas will be taught to bear burdens, as they do in their native countries. He hopes to see camels introduced as burden-bearers in portions of the arid West where water is scarce, where there are no railroads, and where it is impossible to drive mules. He regards the previous failure to make profitable use of camels in California as the fault of the management of the animals.

A flock of kangaroos will be turned loose. It is regarded as likely that they will find themselves even more at home in California than in Australia, as the eucalyptus-tree has done, and that they will scatter themselves through the State.

The hippopotami are to have a lake of their own, where they will be entirely undisturbed for months at a time.

Boys who might be inclined to apply for situations on this most attractive animal farm are advised not to do so, as natives of the various countries from which the animals come, who are acustomed to their ways, will be employed to look after them.

Steamship Arrivals.

March 10.	At	From
Trinidad	New York	Bermuda
Aurania	New York	Liverpool
Prussia	Hamburg	New York
March 11.	**At**	**From**
Britannia	Queenston	New York
Fulda	New York	Genoa

IN HIS report on the finances, administration and conditions of Egypt, just issued, Lord Cromer says that the number of all ranks killed in action during the Dongola campaign was 47; the number of wounded, 122; 235 of all ranks died of cholera; 126 died of other diseases. Exclusive of cholera, the sick rate amongst the Soudanese and Egyptians troops was 3 per cent of the total force engaged. Considering that it was an exceedingly hot summer, and the sanitary arrangements made, owing to lack of funds, were not so good as might have been desired, this is an exceedingly good showing. The number of men killed and wounded is very small in comparison with the amount of work accomplished. The facts fully bear out Lord Cromer's conclusion that "the Egyptian troops possess great powers of endurance and a remarkable capacity for hard and continuous work."

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