Atlantic coast and on the Gulf of Mexico, except Texas, value is from $1 to $1.15; in the Ohio valley from 55 to 58 cents; beyond the Mississippi, from 70 to North Dakota to 81 in Iowa. Only once since 1883 has the price of oats been as high as at present, 32.2 cents, which is 1.3 cents higher than the average of ten years from 1880. The prices of all cereals are remarkably sustained in view of the abundance of production.

IN BEHALF OF THE JEWS.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Russian Persecutions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—One of the first subjects to occupy the attention of the House foreign affairs committee will be that of the harsh treatment of the Hebrews by Russia. This question will be earnestly pressed upon the attention of the committee and it will be urged to go as far as possible to expressing sympathy with the Russian Hebrews in their distress and take such measures, consistent with the usages of diplomacy, as will tend to secure an amelioration of their condition. This government will be asked to continue its good offices in intercession with the Czar on behalf of the Hebrews.

SOUVENIR COINS.

A Proposition by Dr. Young of the World's Fair Commission.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Representatives of World's Fair boards of various States and Territories spent the morning today listening to reports on the progress of the work. In the afternoon a visit was paid to the World's Fair grounds.

A novel proposition was put forth at today's session, the originator being Vice-President De Young of the national commission. He wishes Congress to pass a law authorizing the coinage of something which will at the same time be a legal tender and a souvenir of the Columbian Exposition. He offered a resolution that the government be requested to coin in the mints pieces of the value of $1 each, this being the variable price of admission to the Fair. These coins could be used for that purpose and would make valuable souvenirs, the component parts to be gold and silver in a ratio, first five millions be struck off, and that they be legal tender; that the secretary of this meeting be requested to forward the resolution to Congressman Springer, with the request that he introduce such a bill.

"Now, I don't want you to jump into this matter without due consideration of it," said Mr. DeYoung, "so I move that it be laid over for discussion until next session."

It is almost a foregone conclusion that the national board of control will refuse to comply with the local finance committee's request to ask Congress for an appropriation instead of a loan.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Further Comments by the English Press.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The *St. James Gazette*, commenting today on President Harrison's message, says: The most important point in the document is that part which has reference to the result of the McKinley tariff. The figures presented, the Gazette declares, compare significantly with the British figures, which remain stationary. The calculations of the supporters of the McKinley bill are working out much better than anyone in England has reason to expect.

The Globe sarcastically commends on the message which, it says, is admirably tuned on calm vote lines. The nervous Yankees are scared that the government knows how to climb down as in the cases of Chile and the Behring sea dispute. "Lord Salisbury," the Globe adds, "need not be much frightened at President Harrison's tremendous menace and expression of concern at foreign encroachments upon the territories controlled by the American governments." The Globe disputes the statement made in the message that the prosperity of the United States is entirely due to the McKinley bill. On the contrary, it says, the prosperity of the country is due to the exceptional harvest there, at a time when Europe is short of grain.

The Funeral Train of Dom Pedro in Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 10.—The government gave orders, as soon as the train bearing the remains of the ex-Emperor of Brazil, from Paris entered Spanish territory, that every honor due the deceased should be paid. At all principal stations along the route, soldiers were arrayed along the platforms, and as the train rushed past they presented arms. Flags were dipped and royal honors rail the dead ex-Emperor. All along the route at towns, villages and hamlets, the residents gathered along the line and reverently bared their heads as the funeral train rushed past.

The St. John Trial.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The trial in the suit of Miss Florence St. John against her husband was continued today. The interest in the case shows no sign of abatement in the fashionable circles. Marius was again on the stand, but very little of interest was elicited.

Witness admitted that once after a quarrel with his wife, he had to force his way out of the door, threatening to leave the house. He pushed her and she fell on the floor, striking a table. Miss St. John after wards left the house and refused to live with him. The year following her separation from him, he became acquainted with an actress, Marie Loella. Marius denied he had kis with whicked.

Killed his Wife and Children in Despair.

BUDA PESTH, Dec. 10.—A quadruple tragedy is reported from the village of Alt Kaultza. A blacksmith who resided at that place, in despair at his inability to procure work, killed his wife and three children. He then committed suicide by stabbing himself in the heart.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—The Mackenzie Mills Company factory was burned tonight. Loss, $140,000.

London, Dec. 10.—The gross value of Parnell's property is $93,970, and the net $91,295.

Athens, Dec. 10.—The illness from which King George is suffering is now pronounced to be smallpox.

New York, Dec. 10.—Rev. Dr. Virgin, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational church, today sent a letter of declination to the call of the pastorate of the First Congregational church at San Francisco.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Cora Ball Plumb received a divorce today before Judge Shepard from T. F. Smith, to whom she was married March 16, 1886, on a top off San Francisco. She alleged habitual ill treatment.

Washington, Dec. 10.—While the exact destination of the cruiser "San Francisco," now fitting out at San Francisco, cannot be officially ascertained, it is generally understood at navy department that she is going to Honolulu.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 10.—A run commenced on the Lowell Institution for Savings this morning, caused by a rumor that the bank was not safe. All demands were promptly met. The alarm is looked upon as entirely needless, the bank being considered one of the soundest in the State.

New Orleans, Dec. 10.—A special to the *Picayune* from Victoria, Tex., says: The first train on the new Pan-American railway was thrown today in the presence of a large concourse and work began in earnest. It will be the shortest line to the City of Mexico by nearly 300 miles, and will open one of the finest sections of country on the continent.

Troubles of a Cookery Schoolmaster.

When a cooking instructor in America and gets a job at teaching school, then his troubles begin. There was one of the pupils tried it on near Gambier, O., as the story goes, whether it be true or not.

"Amy Hadama, you spell school," he dictated to the spelling class.

"I don't know how," sobbed little Harry, frightened by the strange use of sugar-coated and "alcohol."

"Don't know how! Why, young Hamadama, school is spelled with a 'hoo' and a 'hay,' a 'hell' I mean 'hess' and a 'hom.'"

Harry was worse of sea than ever then, so one of the boys was sent to the board to write it plainly for the class to see. The lad could make his letters, but he did not know how to join them in regular spelling writing style, and left them unjoined, thus, as known.

The teacher looked at it a moment and then asked, with some superior: "Why don't you put it together right? Why don't you fasten your letters together? Why don't you put that 'hoy' where that 'hell?'"

The boy's eyes snapped, and he answered like a flash: "Cause I was afraid it would burn up!"

The class was dismissed for the day. But the geography class passed another pitfall. One of the boys while waiting to recite Europe colloquized Venice. "Venice is a town."

"What?" cried the teacher as his rounds. "His that the way you spell Venice?"

"Yes, sir," said the lad.

"Suppose Ill was to tell you that there was lately one 'hen' in Venice, and we would say?"

"I should say that the price of eggs would be pretty high, sir."

There then was an explosion.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

He Was Disappointed.

Little Tom came all the way from Minneapolis with his mother to see Washington. He saw the White House, the treasury vaults, up to the top of the Washington monument, saw the printing of the treasury notes at the bureau of engraving and printing, and sat in the chairs of the vice president and the speaker of the house at the Capitol. He was a quiet, well behaved little fellow, and his mind evolved some questions in five minutes then could be answered in a week. Finally, he was taken up to the White House one Monday noon to shake hands with the president.

All the time he was kept waiting in line his eyes were dancing recklessly about the room. Something evidently was lacking, but he held his peace until he was marched up to the president, who gave him an unusually cordial hand shaking and a cheering smile. He had not passed out of the president's hearing, however, before he piped out in a voice full of disappointment:

"Mamma, where is the government?"

He had supposed that the government was some sort of a machine that the president kept handily about him, which could be manipulated easily at convenience, and when it was explained to him that the government was not something he could see "on round," he refused to be comforted.—New York Recorder.

Rats and Elephants' Tusks.

Dr. Buckland says that many of the elephants tusks brought to London for the use of workers in ivory are observed to have their surfaces grooved into small furrows of unequal depth as though cut out by a very sharp edged instrument. This is done by rats, which are fond of the gelatinous matter that glue in the substance. The ivory cutter selects for his purposes by preference those tusks which have been gnawed in this way, because they are the ones which contain the most gelatine and are therefore the best to use novel.

Curiously enough, the tusks while giving this much recognition to the rats' work, has not recognized them as the authors of it, the common belief in the business being that the story has been this gnawed by alligators. How it is imagined that alligators get a chance to chew elephants' tusks is a problem.—Washington Star.

Roots at Prayer.

Neil Ryder Jassoy, of the probate court, speaking of the late Justice Brewer Brooks, of which Brewer was chairman, spoke of an interesting incident. "I heard Brooks speak the Lord's Prayer in the Bowery Mission in New York twenty-five years ago, and the effect I have not forgotten yet. There were about 300 members in the hall, and as the pathetic yet simple words, rolled out, the effect of the melodious voice of the great magistrate, together with the marvelous intonation and noble pathos given to the sublime prayer, made most felt upon all, and when the Amen was spoken dying tone sent. I have never heard the Lord's Prayer since then. I have never perhaps felt my sinfulness speak the words, but not his Honor spoke them."

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