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LIVE STOCK MARKET

Official Receipts Were 65 Cows, 1,933 Cattle; 119 Cars, 8,992 Hogs, 10 Cars, 2,060 Sheep.

FAIR DEMAND FOR BEEF STEERS

Holds Prices on Full Steady to Strong Level For Moderate Supply at Fand.

COW AND BEIFER TRADE ACTIVE

Fair Run of the Stock of Medium to Good Quality Sold at Steady Prices—Moderate Volume of Feeder Trade at Unchanged Values—Quality of Hogs Good, Trade Active With Prices Steady to Strong—Sheep W're Steady.

Table with columns for Receipts from January 1, 1905, and various livestock categories like Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Horses.

Table with columns for Receipts from January 11, 1905, and various livestock categories.

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Table with columns for Receipts from February 2, 1905, and various livestock categories.

WEST IS JUST BEGINNING

Possibilities of Western Sections of This Country Only in First Stages of Development Says Secretary Morton. Richer in Resources Than the Storied Nile of Egypt—Irrigation the Great Stimulant.

People are not packing who think this country has been reached the limit of its resources. Especially is this true in many of the older sections where many of the people do not rest enough to keep informed of the wonderful developments that have been going on in the great west of irrigation projects and the possibilities of agricultural development in western Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and other semi-arid sections of the west but, where it does not occur and denounce the reports that they pay little attention to the stories they read. However, it cannot be gainsaid that the west is right now in the midst of a more solid and lasting development than it has ever before seen.

NEBRASKA'S SENATOR

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 18.—Without a party caucus or other formal assembly the pledges of a state and district conventions the republicans in the Nebraska legislature have voted for Elmer J. Burdett for United States senator. There are only nine finalists in the two houses and Mr. Burdett received a majority vote in each. Wednesday the legislature will meet in joint session and the vote will be announced.

WRECK ON THE SANTA FE

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 18.—One man killed, two seriously and 11 more or less injured is the result of a wreck on the Santa Fe train, northbound, near Derby. The dead man is L. L. West, express messenger, Newton, Kan. The seriously injured are Charles Shafer, express messenger, Oklahoma City; Jack Stevens, Neodesha, Kan.; Otto Brewer, Wichita; Milton Herbert, Newton, Kan.; T. W. Hawkins, Arkansas City, Kan.; Frank Link, Blackwell, Okla.; J. A. Stewart, J. K. Thompson, Kansas City, Mo.; Frank Conway, conductor; W. W. Norman, Port Worth, Tex.; C. W. Phippen, Denver, Tenn.; A. F. Tetric, Wichita; Miss Jessie Allison, Wichita.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by J. B. Farnham, vice president of the Board of Trade Commission company, room No. 2, Corby building, 5th and Edmund streets, St. Joseph, Mo.

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, and other grain prices.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Chicago. UNION STOCK YARDS, ILL., Jan. 18.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Receipts, 20,000. Market steady to 10c higher; top, \$3.25. Hogs—Receipts, 26,000. Market steady to higher; top, \$4.75; bulk, \$4.50; \$4.65. Estimated tomorrow, 40,000. Sheep—Receipts, 20,000. Market steady.

St. Joseph, Mo. STOCK YARDS, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 18.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Receipts, 7,000. Market active, steady to higher; top, \$3.75; bulk, \$3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000. Market active, steady to higher; top, \$4.75; bulk, \$4.50. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000. Market strong to 10c higher; top, \$7.40.

St. Louis. FINE FARM FOR SALE—160 acres near Lathrop, Mo., thoroughly improved, 45 ft. water, 100 ft. East St. Louis, and Francis street, St. Joseph, Mo.

SKIPS AND CULLS

Suzer bids and beef pulp as a stock feed now enter prominently into discussions in the lobbies of hotels were farmers and live stock men are wont to assemble.

ALEXIEFF A COWARD?

Denounced by Russians for Failure to Fortify Port Arthur. FLIGHT HOMEWARD ON LAST TRAIN. Veterans Emerging from Besieged City Declare It Was Folly to Go into War—Every Soldier Goes Home a Revolutionary.

London, Jan. 18.—The correspondent at Nagsaki of the Express has had an interesting interview with Gen. Stoessel, in the course of which the general says: "The capitulation occurring on New Year's day was merely a coincidence. The loss of 203-Meter hill and the subsequent capture of forts, com-

bin this afternoon whether our western states were not reaching their maximum of product and population. He replied: "The west is at its beginning! People talk of the richness of the valley of the Nile. It is nothing compared to the valley of the Mississippi. That is the greatest and richest valley on earth. It extends from the Alleghenies to the Rockies and its resources are billions. The corn crop raised there brings in almost a billion dollars a year. A large part of our cotton comes from there, and it is a beefy of mining and manufacturing industry. We are adding enormously to the west by the new irrigation works now going on.

Jim Brown, a Chicago cattle buyer, kept his optics focused on hay stacks and feed lots as he scouted through Nebraska on his trip to Denver and said: "I saw plenty of cattle on feed in Nebraska and western Iowa. West of the river there is a wealth of feed. Corn is plentiful and the whole region is full of hay, not only the crop of 1904, but most of that of 1903 being still uncut mowed. The landscape is fairly dotted with hay stacks. I think some of these people who are predicting such a scarcity of cattle before long are bidding for disappointment."

The correspondent adds that conversation with other Russian officers reveals great bitterness toward and denunciations of Admiral Alexieff for his failure to properly fortify Port Arthur and "his cowardly flight" by the last train from the fortress. They say the torpedo boat destroyers that escaped before the surrender carried all the regimental and naval colors to Chefoo. The junior officers deplore the incapacity and folly of the government in entering upon the war and declare that all the men who return to Russia from Port Arthur are revolutionists in spirit. These opinions were openly expressed in the presence of Gen. Stoessel, who remarked: "Let them talk; they have earned the right to think as they please by braving untold deaths for our country."

Washington, Jan. 18.—The note of Secretary Hay relative to the Russian charge of violation by China of the laws of neutrality will, it is expected, be rather welcomed by the Chinese government as affording it a proper opportunity to make formal reply to the Russian charges. It is further believed that the Chinese government in anticipation of such action by the secretary of state has practically prepared its defense. This will amount to a sweeping denial of the accuracy of the Russian charges upon many points and a declaration that where the Russian statements are founded on facts they do not constitute violations of the law of neutrality as accepted by the powers.

Russia, through Count Cassini, expressed her thanks to the American government for its prompt action in calling to China's attention the charges that her neutrality was being violated. The Russian ambassador also received a note from Secretary Hay acknowledging the communication of Count Lamsdorff and informing the ambassador that the American government had promptly called China's attention to the charges and expressed the fervent hope that China's neutrality as well as her administrative action would be faithfully preserved.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Considerable feeling has been aroused by the report from Manchuria that several priests of the old Russian faith who had voluntarily accompanied the troops to the field in order to minister to soldiers of their creed, have been prevented by the military authorities from rendering the last offices to the wounded and dying at the instigation of the regular clergy and driven from the battlefield. The dying soldiers refused the ministrations of the regular clergy, saying they wished to die in their own faith. The report has evoked the comment that soldiers who are giving their lives for their country ought not to be persecuted and deprived of the comforts of their religion because they used two fingers in crossing themselves instead of three.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Representative Curtis, of Kansas, introduced a bill to admit C. E. Foley, of Bufala, as a delegate to represent the Indian territory during the present congress.

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The Indian is a betsy citizen to all ways than some we are taking in from southern Europe.

Women in Massachusetts town actually have compelled the streets railroad company to increase the number of cars at busy hours by refusing to pay fares when they could get no seats.

Neglect of Health.

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SAVING THE TRAINS.

It was one of those queer little terminal points ten miles out in New Jersey, where New York and trains turn back toward New York, and there was a half hour stop-over in the dull afternoon hours.

"I hear Jake's shifted down to the seven-mile branch," remarked the engineer. "So I'm told," said the station hand. "I suppose he'll have some new experience down that way."

"He runs hot foot to meet it, shouldn't and dancin' like a mad man in the hope that the engineer'll see him when the light strikes him."

"The voice, however, is by no means the only consideration in judging a young woman's equipment for grand opera. The other essentials are the dramatic temperament, in some degree, grace and attractiveness of face, says Heinrich Conried, in Success Magazine.

DANES BUILDING AN ARK. Northerners Constructing a Unique Vessel Patterned After Ship Described in Genesis.

The Danes are building a vessel upon the lines of Noah's ark, as described in Genesis. The model is 30 feet long, five feet wide and three feet in height, one-tenth of Noah's measurements.

Miserable Woman. Mrs. Parice-Why in the world is she mixed with Kitty Waters? She seems to be in the doldrums all the time.

CIVILIZANTS OF BOSTON. The Inhabitants Are Civil to Strangers and the Men Customarily to Women.

Good Gayer Soup. Cream of celery, or onion plant, is a very good soup. Scrape and cut up the vegetable and cook in water until tender.

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TO GO LIKE CYCLONE.

PARISIAN CLAIMS 500 KNOTS AN HOUR FOR NEW BOAT.

Craft Patented by Him Shaped Like a Sugar Loaf and Propelled by Suction—Maxim Not Sanguine Over Vessel.

Paris—Five hundred knots an hour is the speed which M. Andre Gamin, a Paris inventor, claims will be attained by a boat which he has patented, but not yet built.

M. Gamin appropriately calls his invention the "Typhoonoid," and states that the time is not far distant when people will be able to breakfast in London and dine in New York.

By means of a water-sucking cone placed in front of the ship, a vacuum is created and the vessel is drawn forward by pneumatic suction.

It flies, as it were, through a vacuum, as letters do through the postal pneumatic tubes. The vessel will be shaped something like a swollen sugar loaf, and will be partially or totally under water when traveling. The inventor bases his hopes on the achievement of a working model.

"The principle is workable, and the ship would go," declared Sir Hiram Maxim to a press representative, "but if it went more than five miles an hour I should be surprised.

"Merely to double the speed of a ship means that it would strike twice as many tons of water in a minute, and will strike each ton twice as hard.

"Consequently, four times the energy is required to drive the ship over a given distance at the double speed, and as the engines have only half as much time to generate four times as much power, they would have to be eight times as powerful.

"Once upon a time," continued Sir Hiram, grimly, "I made a little gun, which I claimed would be about twice as effective as other guns. It was. Later, a man who had never made a gun in his life, constructed a very large one, using no machinery except a typewriter. This man, not being troubled by any mathematical laws, said his gun was 50,000 times as effective as my gun. It was not. That is my moral."

FRIENDS IN SPIRE OF WAR.

Gen. Terachi, Japanese Minister of War, and Kurapatkin Exchange Swords on Eve of Combat.

Tokio.—An interesting story of the great struggle at arms between Japan and Russia lies in a lone established personal friendship between Gen. Terachi, minister of war of Japan, and Gen. Kurapatkin, and an exchange of swords as presents between the two on the eve of the war.

Kurapatkin and Terachi met in Paris 20 years ago. Then, a major, was military attaché to the Japanese legation in the French capital and Kurapatkin, a major general at that time, went to France to observe the military maneuvers. The two soldiers met first officially, and there soon sprang up between them a feeling of warm friendship and regard. They parted in Paris and did not meet until Kurapatkin came to Japan last year. The lapse of years had brought increased rank and cabinet portfolios for both, and their reunion was an interesting one.

Events were then moving rapidly toward war, but the rupture had not come, and the two ministers met as friends and freely enjoyed the reunion. When Kurapatkin was about to leave Japan for home Terachi presented him with a Japanese sword—an old blade of the finest workmanship, and with an interesting history.

When he reached St. Petersburg Kurapatkin gave an order for the manufacture of a Russian sword for his friend Terachi. It was finished and dispatched in December, and reached the Japanese capital a week before Tsou's guns opened fire on Port Arthur.

A peculiar thing about the Russian sword is that it reached Tokio with the blade keenly sharpened, a custom followed by officers as a rule only in time of war.

WRITES A BOOK ON FLIES.

Western Instructor in Entomology Produces Work Recognized as Standard on the Subject.

Moscow, Idaho.—John Merton Aldrich, the professor of zoology and curator of the museum of the University of Idaho, is the author of a 900-page book devoted to a classification and scientific description of the flies of North America. This entomological work is to be published under the direction of America's famous Smithsonian institution, and will be a recognized standard work on this subject. Prof. Aldrich has received and corrected proofs for about 200 pages of the book and returned them to Washington, D. C., where the book is being printed.

Coming from the Smithsonian institution, this work will be accepted as standard practically the world over on this subject. Few people realize the immense amount of labor and thought required in the preparation of a scientific work containing 600 pages of carefully composed matter and the drawing of descriptions of the great many kinds of insects treated of in a work of this character.

FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

Experience of American Soldiers Under Fire in Battle with Natives.

There are some graphic touches in the report of Lieut. Fred S. Young in which he tells of a battle in Mindanao last summer. "About 4:30 this morning," he writes, "the enemy, consisting of 100 men, crossed the river at our camp, just below the outpost near the Moro camp. The command turned out promptly and drove them off in less than 15 minutes. As soon as the men could obtain breakfast I took 30 across the river to follow the trail, if possible. We left camp at 6:30 and arrived in front of the enemy's position the trail opened through a slough 800 feet from the enemy's position. This is the trail we were in during the fight which followed. We had gone some 750 yards on this trail, and were, I found later, within 50 yards of the river, when the guide

WHY HE WAS WHIPPED.



The Bear—Well, You See, I Was Just Fighting for a Dinner, While He Was Fighting for His Life.

stopped and held up his hand. Gampor, the Moro interpreter, who was with him, said to me: 'Mucho heinte.' I kept the command quiet and sent the interpreter forward to reconnoiter. Our position was on a small piece of ground on the edge of the river, and I could not find more than 20 feet of firm ground to operate on. Although I had the high grass broken on either side of our line nothing but water was found.

"We were cooped on this spot for 45 minutes, during which time we fired and were fired upon incessantly. So soon as the enemy returned our fire our men were ordered to lie down, and I kept them down. It was a brave man who stood up, as the enemy knew our position and had firm ground up and down the river on their side. They fired, and they kept their cover well. Four of our men were wounded. The enemy's casualties were unknown. We fired over 1,500 rounds, and 50 of the enemy killed is considered a conservative estimate. The men of our side were hit trying to get good aim over the high grass, and had to rise behind cover to do it. They all deserve great credit for their work. They were hit at various times, and not until the surgeon finally recommended that they accept prompt attention did the command retire.

"I spent 30 minutes trying to find a place from which I could fire the enemy, but found none; we could hardly get room to fire. The men were kneeling in a mud hole, half under water. We seemed to be on the only firm ground on our side. When the order was finally given to retire we had to leave the enemy's fire, and the command was ordered to fire volleys. There seemed to be no way to cross the river, and as much as I desired to actually stand upon the enemy's ground, we had to consider ourselves with a view from our position. Our return was slow. We put the wounded on litters, and they carried well. The men used poles through the jungle, and literally cut our way back to camp."

RIGHT THOUGHT BARS AGE.

There Is Longevity in Cheerfulness, Says a Writer—Forget Trouble.

Bitter memories of a sinful life which has all gone wrong make premature furrows in the face, take the brightness from the eyes, and the elasticity from the step, says a writer in Success, and make one's life sapless and uninteresting.

"We grow old because we do not know enough to keep young, just as we become sick and diseased because we do not know enough to keep well. Sickness is a result of ignorance and wrong thinking. The time will come when a man will no longer harbor thoughts that will make him sick or weak than he would think of putting his hands into fire. No man can be sick if he always has right thoughts and takes ordinary care of his body. If he will think only youthful thoughts he can maintain his youth far beyond the usual period.

"If you would 'be young when old,' adopt the sun dial's motto—'I record none but hours of sunshine.' Never mind the dark or shadowed hours. Forget the unpleasant, unhappy days. Remember only the days of rich experiences, let the other drop into oblivion. It is said that 'long lives are great hopes.' If you keep your hope bright in spite of discouragements, and meet all difficulties with a cheerful face, it will be very difficult for age to trace its furrows on your brow. There is longevity in cheerfulness."

ALLIGATOR FARMS.

Several French dealers have recently visited America to purchase stock for an alligator farm which they propose starting in the south of France. Alligator skin has become so highly prized throughout France that the animal dealers believe it will pay well to raise the alligators on this, the first farm of its kind in the world. Not long ago President Loubet received a present of a standing unit of alligator skin. This is said to be growing poorer each year, and there is always a great demand for it for boots, shoes, handbags, writing pads, portfolios and toilet articles.

Eagerly Sought After.

In Denmark the postmen often have very long rounds in the country, and are obliged to walk or ride many miles a day in all kinds of weather, but undesirable as such positions would seem to be, they are eagerly sought after, and many a young man, who would otherwise be a victim of consumption, has been cured, it has been proved, that the work is healthy, despite the hardships and the exposure to inclement weather, for almost all the invalids who adopt the life become robust and hearty.

Medical Tax in Switzerland.

The city of Zurich, Switzerland, imposes a medical tax of about 37 cents a head on the whole population above the age of 16, which creates an annual revenue of \$100,000. This is divided among 40 doctors, who receive \$2,500 each. In return for this salary they will be compelled to give medical attendance to all citizens of Zurich who may claim their services.

MANY LOST BANK BOOKS.

Thousands of Them Go Astray During the Year in One Way and Another.

"That's the third woman who has been here to-day to notify us that she has lost her bank book," said the receiving teller of a savings bank a few days ago, says the New York Sun. "That's a bigger average than usual, but nobody except a banker has any idea how many pass books are reported lost in a year. I couldn't tell, myself, but it is away up in the thousands.

"Most of them aren't really lost, though, they're just mislaid, and a few days later the person who reported to us that a book was gone returns sort of ashamed and says he's sorry to have caused us all the trouble, but the book was found back of his desk.

"I'll bet that woman who just left will be here within three days to tell us something like that. Most of 'em do, and the women are the worst offenders.

"Of course a depositor is safe, even though his bank book is found by a dishonest person. The paying teller wouldn't pay out money unless the ownership of the pass book was proved; but a lot of unskilful depositors are afraid of fraud, just the same. Bankers know that most of the lost books will disappear before long, so they don't issue new ones for six months. They are allowed to make that delay by law, and it saves them a lot of trouble, for two pass books on the same account are sure to give rise to complication.

"During the six months of waiting for a lost book to reappear, the depositor is often put to some trouble. The account is supposed to be temporarily suspended, but savings banks make it a general rule to see that their patrons are not unduly discouraged, and money may be withdrawn if the need is known to be pressing.

"It sometimes happens, too," said the paying teller, "that a crafty wife is responsible for a lost book. A case that happened a few days ago illustrates this point.

"A husband had an account with us and told his wife that he thought he'd draw out his money and play stocks. He told her that everything was booming up and it was a chance not to take some of the street's money.

"But his wife couldn't see it. The husband's life insurance was due pretty soon, and she wasn't taking any chances about losing that policy through her husband's losses in stocks making it impossible for him to pay the premium.

"Well, when Mr. Man looked in his desk the next morning for his pass book, intending to come down here and draw out all his cash, the book couldn't be found. Mr. Man reported to us that his book was lost. We were sorry, but he didn't get his money out. "Then came the slump when copper carried all the rest of the market down and wiped out many a margin. Mr. Man came around a day or so ago and told me that his wife admitted to him that she had hidden that bank book, and, say, he was the happiest man you ever saw. She has been everlastingly grateful to his wife, who had more sense in her head in a minute than he had in a week, for preventing him from losing his bundle; and he told me that our rules were the finest ever.

"So, you see, though we didn't count on anything like that—there's some good that comes from red tape after all."

UNITED STATES AND GUAM.

Conditions in the Island at Present Leave Much to Be Hoped For.

Secretary Morton, whose province it is to foster the prosperity and happiness of Guam, informs the country that conditions there leave much to be desired, and that we cannot escape the blame. The fact is that Congress has neglected Guam, but that is partly due to public forgetfulness, says the New York Tribune. Whereas formerly the Spanish government defrayed four-fifths of the cost of the local administration, the people now have to bear all the burden themselves, and are consequently overtaxed. There used to be a line of steamers running twice a month to and from Manila, but at present the inhabitants have to rely on the irregular and exorbitant services of Japanese sailing vessels for the transport of their goods, and their children have scant opportunities to acquire a knowledge of the noble English tongue. The judicial system is unsatisfactory and perhaps oppressive, owing to the fact that no right of appeal exists. The people are docile, and might become thrifty if they had a fair chance. The resources of the island are not to be despised, but there is no inducement to develop them. In short, the institutions which we vouchsafe do not suit the requirements of the case and ought to be overhauled. It might be pity and a disservice to the United States if something more and better is not done for Guam.

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