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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 126 Cows,
3,085 Cattle; 175 Cars, 13,526
Hogs; 25 Cars, 6,226 Sheep.

BIG SUPPLY OF FAT STEERS

More Than Have Been Here in
Weeks, Market Slow and
Steady to 10c Lower.

NOTHING FANCY OFFERED

Market for Fat Cows Had Slow Tone,
But Prices Were About Steady—
Calf Prices Have Been Advancing
and Are Up 25 Cents—No New
Features in Stocker and Feeder
Trade—Hog Market Steady to 10
Cents Lower—Sheep and Lambs
Steady to Strong.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.
The following table shows the receipts
from January 1, 1908, and receipts for
the corresponding time in 1907:

	1907	Dec.	Jan.
Cattle	5,574	5,985	412
Hogs	41,787	29,185	12,152
Sheep	15,814	6,528	6,958
Horses	177	620	143

LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.
The following shows the estimated
receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at
the principal western markets:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	5,000	40,000	12,000
Kansas City	14,000	28,000	8,000
St. Joseph and Grand Island	6,500	17,700	5,000
South St. Joseph	5,100	13,500	4,200
East St. Joseph	5,500	5,500	2,000

RECEIPTS BY CARS.
The following shows the number of
cars of stock handled today by railroads
entering at the stock yards:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. & O. West	83	413	110
Chicago, Rock Island and St. Louis	31	21	3
Great Western	25	25	3
Milwaukee Pacific	5	5	5
St. Joseph and Grand Island	3	3	3
Atchafalpa, Topeka and Santa Fe	7	7	7
Total	152	527	161

CATTLE.

Receipts Liberal and Include a Big
Proportion of Fat Steers.
The week is bringing out a liberal
supply of cattle at all points, and
naturally there is some weakening in
prices for fat steers. There has not
in a long time been as many steers
on this market as there was yesterday
and today, and notably today there
was a quite free showing of passable
good beefs. The trade movement
was sympathetic with all other points
which were reported slow and lower,
but buyers were out in season and
while they bid somewhat lower, corre-
sponding to reports from other
points, the show-up disposition to
absorb supplies. Receipts for two
days at this point total 5,400, and
more than double the number re-
ceived for the same time last week.
At five leading points, the total for
two days is \$9,900.
While there was no strictly prime
or fancy beefs on hand, there was a
better showing of cattle to sell around
\$5.00 and up to \$5.25 than has been
here in several weeks, the offerings
including some very good weighty
cattle, that sold around \$5.25 and
also some very nice handy weights to
sell around \$4.00 mark. Bulk of the
steers were of the grades to sell
for \$4.75 to \$5.15, but with fairly
decent short fed beefs selling as low
as \$4.50 and common kinds ranging
down to \$3.50. At the prices of today
the market showed an easy to around
10c lower basis, but still bears the
market well in line with other points.
DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.
No. Av. Price No. Av. Price
10 U D B 1471.5 25 21..... 1170.4 50
47 U D B 1484.5 25 41..... 1180.4 50
17..... 1228.5 50 20..... 1169.4 50
19..... 1281.5 50 38..... 1105.4 50
27..... 1290.4 52 21..... 1230.4 25
38..... 1276.4 52 17..... 1120.4 20
29 8-8..... 1285.4 50 50..... 1109.4 29
33..... 1259.4 70 107..... 1031.4 15
45..... 1270.4 65 20..... 985.4 10
15..... 1128.4 65 17..... 1138.4 10
14..... 1209.4 80 30..... 1023.4 05
12 8 8 1/2..... 121.4 50 25..... 911.4 30
19..... 1256.4 50

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No new features were to be noted
in the stocker and feeder trade today.
The supply was again of insignificant
proportions, not enough stock being
on offer to make any reliable list of
values. Yard traders are out of cattle
and were searching the yards after
for anything in the stocker and feeder
line. They need cattle and would
absorb liberal supplies at strong
prices. The country is now in position
to take on good stockers and
feeders and local dealers state they
have a large number of orders on
hand which they are unable to fill. It
would seem a good time for shippers
to forward useful styles of stock cattle
as there is an excellent outlet for
them at this time. Stock cows and
heifers were scarce and in good demand
at firm prices.
STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.
3..... 670.3 75 3..... 623 3 15
1..... 750.3 70 2..... 770.2 75
15..... 512.3 20
WEANLING AND CALVES.
7..... 601.3 75 1..... 440.3 50
4..... 409.3 50 6..... 450.3 50
2..... 512.3 50 1..... 489.3 90
PRIME COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.
12..... 621.3 60 1..... 720.3 50
6..... 629.3 60 6..... 743.3 25
3..... 600.3 50 3..... 731.3 00
HOGS.
Receipts Heavy, Market Late, Prices
Steady to 10 Cents Lower.
The marketward movement of hogs
continues very liberal. The total at
the local point for the two days foots
up close to 26,000, against 22,000 for
the same time last week. At five
points, the total for the two days
total is 210,000, an increase of 52,000
over the corresponding time last week
and 62,000 more than were here for
the same time last year. In contrast
to the activity in the trade yesterday,
the market was slow and very late in
getting started. This demand as sellers
were disposed to hold out for close to
steady prices. The market was quite
good and when the market was finally
established, it was on a basis of prices
steady to 10c lower than the market
of yesterday, and late in the day there
was a good active trade at this basis
of prices.
There is every evidence that these
big receipts are proving satisfactory
to the packers, and that they have a
place for the product, otherwise would
force a long bear movement. Hogs
are coming very good in quality for
the season to date. The yearling hogs
were well finished medium and heavy
although there is quite liberal propor-
tion of pigs and light hogs. Ship-
pers were in the market for quite a
number of good hogs and the only
early trade of the day was to this
outlet. Market for pigs has sagged
many well finished kinds weighing
under 100 pounds are now selling
around \$2.85, although a nice smooth
light light weighing 125 pounds may
be quoted at \$4.00 to \$4.10.
Late in the afternoon when the
market got to going in good volume
there was not much difference in
prices compared with yesterday, with
at \$5.75.

SOME QUOTING PRICES A LITTLE STRONGER.

Prices ranged from \$4.15 to \$4.50,
with the bulk selling at \$4.25 to \$4.30.
The bulk yesterday sold at \$4.25 to
4.35, a week ago at \$4.30 to \$4.40, a
month ago at \$4.25 to \$4.35, a year ago
at \$6.32 to \$6.40, two years ago at
\$5.15 to \$5.25, three years ago at \$4.50
to \$4.70, four years ago at \$4.50 to \$4.75.

WHEAT AND LIGHTS—100 LBS. AND OVER

No. Av. Sht. Price. No. Av. Sht. Price.
83..... 163..... 4 80 70..... 194..... 4 25
86..... 195..... 40 40 89..... 171..... 40 4 25
91..... 195..... 4 80 85..... 148..... 4 25
91..... 195..... 4 80 85..... 148..... 4 25

HEAVY AND MIXED—200 LBS. AND OVER

74..... 287..... 40 47 84..... 218..... 120 4 35
74..... 284..... 7 45 87..... 241..... 4 35
83..... 226..... 4 42 86..... 315..... 120 4 35
71..... 240..... 40 42 77..... 228..... 4 35
55..... 270..... 240 40 82..... 285..... 40 4 35
74..... 221..... 4 40 74..... 234..... 40 4 35
76..... 228..... 4 47 68..... 237..... 120 4 35
75..... 253..... 180 4 37 87..... 219..... 80 4 35
57..... 325..... 180 4 50 218..... 4 32 1/2
57..... 327..... 4 4 35 80..... 40 4 30
55..... 314..... 180 4 85 225..... 4 30
80..... 243..... 4 35 68..... 249..... 320 4 30

ODDS, ENDS AND WAGON HOGS.

13..... 225..... 4 35 11..... 238..... 4 85

SHEEP.

There was another good run today
in the sheep house, early estimates
calling for 5,000 or an increase of over
3,000 with both a week and a year ago.
The five leading markets had
35,000, a gain of 13,000 compared
with last Tuesday. Arrivals were
mostly on the western order with a
sprinkling of native stock. As was
the case yesterday, sheep made the
bulk of the arrivals. Trade started
off rather slowly, as considerable stock
was reported back and buyers seemed
disposed to wait until everything was
in. Eastern markets came higher
and there was a stronger tone to trade
at Missouri river points. Buyers had
good orders, but did not seem im-
pelled to pay the stronger prices asked
by sellers. Early transactions were
on a steady to strong basis, a small
string of native lambs selling at \$6.75
and wethers at \$5.35. The late market
had good active tone and the
close was strong to 10c higher.

BULLS AND STAGS.

1..... 1750.3 00 1..... 1310.3 25
1..... 1870.3 00 1..... 1180.3 25
7..... 1070.3 00 1..... 1830.3 15
1..... 1270.3 00 1..... 1130.3 00
1..... 1350.3 00 1..... 1250.3 00
1..... 1130.3 50 1..... 1130.3 00
1..... 1170.3 50 1..... 1240.3 00
1..... 1080.3 40 1..... 885.3 50
1..... 1510.3 00

WEANLING CALVES.

1..... 152.3 00 3..... 123.3 00
1..... 150.3 75 4..... 102.3 00
1..... 150.3 75 1..... 290.3 00
2..... 185.3 25 1..... 180.3 00
1..... 120.3 25 1..... 180.3 75
1..... 140.3 25 1..... 140.3 00
2..... 150.3 25 1..... 20.3 00
2..... 140.3 25 2..... 95.3 00
1..... 170.3 25 2..... 270.3 50
1..... 180.3 25 1..... 250.3 50
1..... 180.3 25 1..... 70.3 50
2..... 153.3 25 1..... 103.3 50
2..... 140.3 25 1..... 184.3 40
2..... 140.3 25 1..... 120.3 00
2..... 143.3 25 1..... 80.3 00
2..... 115.3 00 5..... 350.3 40
1..... 170.3 00 4..... 298.3 75
1..... 180.3 00 1..... 318.3 00
17..... 148.3 00 1..... 250.3 00
1..... 110.3 00

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

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ports:

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July	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
OATS	54 1/2	57 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
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RYE	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
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ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Today's cash values: Receipts, wheat,
3 cars; corn, 9 cars; oats, 1 car.
WHEAT
No. 2 red..... 1.09 31 61

LAND TICKET NO. 6 GOOD.

Title to Oklahoma Land Passed by
Ewers' White Is Field Book.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The supreme
court of the United States today settled
the somewhat complicated question as
to the ownership of a tract of land in the
Guthrie land district in Oklahoma. The
land involved was located on April 23,
1890, by Ewers White, who held ticket
No. 6 in the lottery under which a large
portion of Oklahoma was thrown open
to settlement. His location was con-
tested on the ground that he was a
"sooner," and in turn the contestant
was proceeded against for the same rea-
son, as was also a second contestant.
Later three other citizens laid claim to
the land, with the consequence that it
has been before the interior department
in one way or another, for the past five
years.

The case as presented to the court was
between Amelia Holt, widow of one of
the more recent locators who filed the
land, while one of the earlier cases was
under consideration in the interior de-
partment, and Samuel Murphy, to whom
White, the original locator, made re-
linquishment.
The supreme court of Oklahoma de-
cided in favor of Murphy, and the fed-
eral supreme court in its decision today
affirmed that judgment. The court's
opinion was announced by Justice
Brewer.

MULES, JACKS AND HORSES BURN DURING THE DESTRUCTION OF A BARR.

Clarksville, Tex., Jan. 6.—A barn
containing 600 bushels of corn, 200
tons of hay, eighteen mules, two jacks
and three horses burned here. The
stock was locked in stalls and no one
could enter to release the animals.
Holes were cut opposite them, but
they refused to walk out, perishing in
the flames. It is supposed that the
horse thieves entered the barn and
struck matches to find a certain ani-
mal, which was said to have been
stolen.

FINE SUMMER SAUSAGE.

The following is recommended as an
excellent recipe for summer sausage:
Use lean beef, 40 lbs.; lean pork, 60 lbs.;
back fat, 20 lbs., cut into thin strips;
4 lbs. salt, 1/2 lb. ground pepper, 1/2 lb.
saltpeper and 1/2 lb. granulated sugar.
First chop the beef rather fine, then add
pork and chop together until medium
fine; then add back fat and chop all to-
gether about two minutes. The season-
ing should be added shortly after adding
the pork, well distributed. After the
mass is well ground and mixed, make
into loaves, well worked so as to
exclude all air and leave in the cooler
over night.
Use beef or hog hunch which have
been well washed and turned in hot
water. The fat should be all trimmed
off the gut, being careful not to cut any
holes therein, however. Then wipe dry
with clean cloth and re-tune, when they
are ready for filling. Take every pre-
caution to exclude air in stuffing.
After stuffing, hang in a dry place
where there is a good circulation of dry
air until the sausage assumes a pro-
nounced red color. Then put in cold
smoke 24 to 36 hours. Never allow frost
to touch this sausage. There is no ques-
tion as to the standard of this sausage
being high if all instructions given here
are strictly followed.

PACKERS' SHEEP PURCHASES.

Diamond Packing Co..... 971
Nelson Morris & Co..... 855
N. E. D. M. & W. Co..... 470
Total..... 5,120

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ANCHOR FROM THE ARMADA.

London.—An anchor, supposed to
have belonged to one of the vessels
of the Spanish Armada, was recently
rescued from Rye harbor by a
trawler, R. P. Barra, a local resi-
dent, who purchased it, has presented
it to the town and it has been placed
in the Old Battery gardens.

CATCH IS WOMAN'S SCALP.

Hartford, Mich.—While fishing at
Hull lake, near here, men brought to
the surface pieces of a woman's scalp
with long hairs attached. Late last
fall screams were heard at the Mill
Root house, but as none of the women
were at home no investigation was
made and nothing was said until the
pieces of scalp was found.

SHORTHORN MEETING.

A letter from B. O. Cowan, secre-

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HIS FORTUNE

By VIRGINIA NILES LEEDS

There was no reason in the world why Dick Hobart shouldn't marry. He was well off and he knew it, and over, he had sufficient sense to know enough alone. He was 30, and a man gets over the morass of youth and lands safely at 30 he generally begins to think what an ass he might have been and how lucky he is not to be the ass he might have been.

Dick looked about him at the callow youths in their first dress suits and with the first symptoms of down on their upper lip, who were hanging over the pretty girls present, and thought what idiots they were. "Gad!" he murmured to himself, "they'd probably think they were walking directly into Paradise if those wax-faced dolies should say 'yes' to 'em! Wonder if I oughtn't to give 'em a bit of paternal advice?" He didn't, however; for no matter how generous and Christian the man, there is a certain satisfaction in human nature, as well as in poultry, to be able to sit on the fence and crow. Dick glanced over at the flower booth, where the fairest damsels of the evening, in dainty gowns of hues to match the flowers they were selling, were cajoling the verdant youths to part with the contents of their pocketbooks in exchange for a single rosebud or wilted carnation, and shook his head with an air of superior wisdom. The flower booth was a delusion and a snare.

By-and-by some one insisted upon his going on and having his fortune told. "You must do something to assist the bazaar—remember it's for sweet charity," was the plea. So Dick drew aside the oriental hangings and entered the tent. The sibyl was awaiting him as though he of all the world were the one she was expecting, and with a calm and confident air of being able to see directly through him, buttons and all.

"You have a good deal of self-confidence," she began.

"Why, where do you see that?" inquired Dick, staring hard at the lines in her hand.

"In the formation of the thumb," she replied; "and I also see that you are somewhat egotistical, selfish and conceited."

"Thunder!" exclaimed Dick; then he begged the gypsy's pardon; "but, you see," he explained, "I am not accustomed to quite so much frankness—but haven't I any good qualities?" regarding his palm ruefully.

"Yes," answered the gypsy, "you have naturally a great many excellent qualities, but constant self-indulgence is rapidly crowding them out. By na-

"There!" he exclaimed, "don't you see—selfishness, crustiness, cynicism nipped in the bud—very fat lines, indeed! The crisis—remarkably distinct!—a woman's influence pervading the whole hand. Some one re-crosses the life-line—did you ever see anything so wonderfully clear? She conquers—selfishness goes under—positively, I never saw such uncommonly distinct lines!"

She was bending over eagerly too.

"Do you really see all that, Dick?" "Certainly I do—right here in the formation of the thumb and second joint! I declare I'm getting to be quite a fortune-teller myself—Heron Allen had better look to his laurels."

"Then suppose you take my place for a while; I am getting tired."

"By all means, and I'll tell you first," and he reversed the order of things by taking her palm in his. He bent over it closely for a moment or two, then he looked up into her eyes. "It's astonishing!" he exclaimed.

"What is?" she inquired.

"Why, your line of influence—it's so largely developed! You are generous, charitable and forgiving. You cross the waters—there you meet some one—a dark man! But a blonde lady—no exactly blonde though, unless gray is blonde—and rather elderly, interferences—says you are too young. You part and don't meet again—let me see, how many years?—one, two, three, four—is it four? No; one more. Ah! just exactly five years, then you come together under rather mysterious circumstances!"

"But, Dick, how do you know all this? You are not even looking at my hand!"

"Why, to be sure!" and gazing down he saw only his own fingers, which were closed around the delicate little palm.

"Besides," she said, "I really think the time must be up—they are making such an uproar outside."

"There's only one thing more," said Dick, turning a deaf ear upon the clamor; "you said you couldn't tell in my hand who the girl was who should reclaim me. I wonder, now, if you could tell it in yours?"

Then, as she did not answer, he leaned forward and clasped his other hand around her small fingers.

"Alma," he said in a low voice, "this is the crisis—tell me, do I hold my fortune in my hands or not?"

"Who is this not impossible she?" asked Dick, gazing very intently at his palm.

"Well, that would be more likely to be in her hand than yours, but it seems as if it was some one whom you knew in earlier life and who crosses your path again."

"When?"

"At about the age of 30."

"Will you pardon an impertinent question?"

She looked up inquiringly.

"Who are you?"

"I am only a fortune-teller," she answered.

Those outside the tent were becoming impatient again, but Dick paid no heed to them.

"Who am I?" he asked. "Can you tell me that?"

She laughed a little, low, soft laugh.

"No," she replied, "I can hardly tell you that from the lines in your hand."

"Do you know anything about me?" asked Dick.

At this moment something caught in the yashmac and it was torn from her face. There was revealed a delicate, oval face, a straight, small nose, ripe, red lips and a softly modeled chin. Dick gazed at her full and searohingly.

"Alma Gordon!" he cried. "Don't you remember me, Dick Hobart?"

Her face crimsoned all over in the light of the swinging brasier.

"Why!" he cried, "it's five years since we met that summer at the little inn at Interlake, yet I remember you perfectly!"

"Well, you see you did not wear a moustache then," she explained, "and the expression of your face has changed."

"You haven't changed a bit—hang those people outside!" for those whose fortunes were yet to be told were getting obstreperous. "But, Alma," he went on, "you told me an awfully mean fortune!"

"I couldn't help it. I only told you what I saw there."

"You didn't seem to think me such a cad that summer in Switzerland."

"Perhaps you've changed," with the slightest bit of malice.

"Jove! I believe I have! But, Alma, you told me one other thing if you remember—"

"What was that?"

"That there were forces at work; that a woman's influence would reclaim me, and also—here he bent over her more closely—"that some one whom I had known in earlier life would cross my path again; do you remember that?"

She leaned back against the tiger skin and turned her face away. "That was before I knew who you were," she said in a low voice.

He leaned still closer over her.

"Alma, you are a wonderful prophetess—I am 30 years old to-night!"

"Really, Dick," she said, turning back to him, "you must go now, indeed you must; there are so many waiting to come in!"

"Just a moment," he returned; "how can we settle this and yet not cheat the fair? Oh, I have it! Here, this is for a new fortune," and he took a larger coin from his pocket; "give me a dollar's worth this time, and make it a better one, Alma!"

Then together they bent over his palm.

"Alma Gordon!" He cried, "Don't You Remember Me, Dick Hobart?"

ture you are impulsive, generous, warm-hearted and affectionate, but a sort of cold calculation has been growing over you of late years, which is harmless now, but which unless certain forces are brought to bear will make you a sour and crusty individual. Your line of life is good, but there is a tendency toward indigestion after middle life. Your head and heart lines converge; you consider the former the stronger, but it is not so; the latter is a deeper, more clearly-defined line, and if it were allowed to have its way your impulses would be better and nobler. In early life you were susceptible, fickle and somewhat reckless, and you were ten times happier and more contented than after you began to calculate and reason. Look out for the age of 30—that will be a sort of crisis—a turning point in your life. It is the tide which if taken at the flood leads on to fortune, but which if ignored will make a shipwreck of you forever after. There are certain forces at work all the time, but you turn from them persistently.

"You speak of certain forces at work, will you please tell me what those forces are?"

The hand that held his swayed slightly as she answered in a low tone: "The influence of a woman."

"Indeed?" returned Dick, deeply interested.

"Yes," she continued, "you will fight hard against it, but you will not succeed, and you will be much happier when you yield. It will be like opening the misty blinds and letting in the sunshine."

THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY.

According to report of the secretary of agriculture, the tobacco crop this year declined to 645,213,000 pounds, 11 per cent below the average in quantity, with a value of \$17,000,000, or 6 per cent above the average. The crop is smaller than for many years. A leaf approaching Sumatra tobacco in texture has been produced in the Connecticut valley. In Florida a wrapper leaf has been produced which is taking foremost rank as a real competitor with Sumatra leaf. Hundreds of acres of land in Texas and Alabama are now producing the finest filler leaf of the Cuban type, and methods of fermentation and handling tobacco in Ohio have been revolutionized.

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BRIEF CITY NEWS.

W. T. Holland and E. I. Orndorff will leave this morning for a two weeks' business trip in Colorado.

Miss Anna Hall of Soldier, Kan., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lheureux, 111 Cliff street, yesterday.

Mrs. A. C. Scott and daughter, Mrs. James McGee, of 122 West Valley street are in Agavey, Mo., visiting relatives.

Mrs. F. W. Shuckelord and son, Woodson, of 322 Indiana avenue, will leave today for Ogden, Utah, to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Wells.

Dan Johnson, state food inspector, left yesterday for Columbia, Mo., to attend the convention of the state dairy and food inspectors, which will be held in that city from January 8 to 9.

Roy B. Montgomery, who had been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Montgomery, of Hyde Park avenue, returned to Fulton, Mo., yesterday to re-enter Westminister college.

PLAN ANNUAL SHOW.

Columbus Club Preparing for Minstrel Entertainment.

At a meeting of the Columbus club yesterday it was decided to give a stag social in the club rooms Wednesday, January 15, for the one purpose of discussing the coming minstrel show, which will be given by the club on Easter Monday night at the Tootie theater. There seems to be a difference of opinion existing between the club members as to whether it would be advisable to hold the show two nights or one. This will be decided, along with the appointing of the committees, at the social next Wednesday.

The card party which had been planned to have been given on the night of the social has been changed. It will in all probability be held the week following.

It was also decided to give a dance at Columbia hall, the latter part of the month. J. B. O'Brien, Dr. Walter Nelson, William Schiesl and J. D. Baker were appointed as a committee to arrange for the dance.

It is thought that the pool tournament which has been in progress at the club for the past two weeks will be brought to a close the latter part of next week. It is the plan of the committee in charge to close the tournament with a social.



Alma Gordon! He Cried, "Don't You Remember Me, Dick Hobart?"

House of ALLEN—Grocery Headquarters.

Wednesdays Special Values

The whole store joins tomorrow—Bargain Wednesday—in a series of offerings wonderfully attractive, because the high character of the goods at the prices named are out of ordinary. If you can't come to the store early just telephone "Allons."

A few cases left of fancy cracked pecans, put up in 1-pound boxes, regular 25c seller, on sale while they last at, per box..... 15c
 These are especially nice flavored pecans.

Genuine Imported Sardines on sale Wednesday 3 cans for..... 25c

A very fancy Imported Borden's Sardine put up in Mushroom Olive and tomato sauce. These are elegant goods and our price for Wednesday will be but, per can..... 15c
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Fancy boneless genuine cod fish put up in 1-pound packages, regular 20c quality on sale Wednesday at..... 15c

Price's celery food on sale Wednesday at just one-half regular price, per pkg..... 5c

Dill pickles home made, first class quality but not uniform in size, on sale Wednesday at, per gal..... 25c

Something new in Acropolis frying tomatoes if you are fond of fried tomatoes you will find these the fanciest you ever saw and we are satisfied you will appreciate them. Price, per can..... 20c

Regular No. 3 cans standard tomatoes on sale Wednesday 4 cans for 35c, or, per doz..... \$1.05
 May Day brand packed by Polk & Co., the largest packers in the world.

Eastern No. 3 cans pears on sale Wednesday at, per can..... 9c
 These are nice bright goods but not so tender as the California pears.

Strictly pure buckwheat flour on sale Wednesday 6 lbs for..... 25c
 Silk soap on sale Wednesday, with orders only, and not over 50c worth to a customer, 9 bars for..... 25c

Our No. 4 coffee, our own roasting and strictly fresh, on sale Wednesday at, per lb..... 15c

Bird's Eye matches put up 5c boxes in a pkg, to sell for 25c, on sale Wednesday at, per pkg..... 17c
 We think this is as good and as safe as any match made and by far the best seller on the market.

Old fashioned cracked wheat in bulk, per pound..... 5c

Scotch pearl barley in 1-lb. pkgs, 3 pkgs for..... 25c
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HOFF FOR MONTANA.

M. B. Irwin, traffic manager of the Stock Yards company, will leave this morning for Helena, Mont., to attend the annual meeting of the National Wool Growers' association, which will convene in that city on January 13 to 16 inclusive. From that place he will go to Denver, Col., to attend the American National Livestock association's meeting, which will be held January 20 to 25.

St. Joseph interests will be represented at the show in Denver. A number of commission men are planning to enter the western city with a burrah. It is their intention to advertise this market, its advantages, and to encourage the stockmen to give the local market a trial. The headquarters for the South St. Joseph delegation will be the Albany hotel.

WOODMEN CELEBRATE.

The twenty-fifth or silver annive year of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Missouri Camp No. 1893 will be held in the Woodmen quarters in the King Hill hall tonight.

The work will be secret. A big class of candidates is to be initiated in connection with the celebration, and the work will be put on by the officers and degree team of North Star Camp No. 1898. State Deputy S. C. A. Ruby of Clinton, Mo., will address the Woodmen, and this will be followed by a literary program and a smoker.

BANK INCREASES ITS STOCK.

A certificate of increase of the Park bank's capital was filed in the office of County Recorder John J. Downey yesterday. It shows that at a meeting of the stockholders on December 17, last, it was voted unanimously to increase the capital stock from \$60,000 to \$50,000. Charles L. Wibel is president of the bank and P. D. Stinson is cashier.

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COMPLYING WITH THE LAW

Interstate Commerce Commission Says Railway Managers Are Trying to Obey the Law.

ITS REPORT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS

The Commission Believes That Great Progress Has Been Made in Improvement of Transportation Conditions Since the Law Went into Effect 16 Months Ago.

Washington, Jan. 7.—More significant and important, perhaps, than any other statement in the twenty-first annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission...

"By railway managers, almost without exception, the amended law has been accepted in good faith, and they exhibit for the most part a sincere and earnest disposition to conform their methods to its requirements."

The commission adds that it was not expected that reforms could be brought about without difficulty or delay, "but it is unquestionably the fact that great progress has been made and that further improvement is clearly assured."

To a gratifying extent there has been readjustment of rates and correction of abuses by the carriers themselves. Methods and usages of one sort and another which operated to individual advantage have been voluntarily and it is not too much to say that there is now a freedom from forbidden discriminations which is actual and general to a degree never before approached.

As this process goes on, as special privileges disappear and favoritism ceases to be even suspected, the indirect but not less certain, benefits of the law will become more and more apparent.

The amended act has been in force a little more than 16 months and the commission points out that a considerable part of its time during the past year was occupied in giving administrative construction to various provisions of the law for the guidance of both shippers and carriers.

An incidental respect in which equality of treatment has been promoted is in such matters as switching, terminal demurrage, reconignment, elevation and other charges making up the aggregate cost of transportation. Respecting these matters the report says:

"It is this general and marked improvement in transportation conditions that the commission observes with special gratification. The amended law with its enforceable remedies, the wider recognition of its fundamental justice, the quickened sense of public obligation on the part of railway managers, the clearer perception by shippers of all classes that any individual advantage is morally, as well as legally, indefensible and the augmented influence of the commission resulting from its increased authority have all combined to materially diminish offensive practices of every sort and to signify promote the purposes for which the law was enacted."

Two important objects are discussed at length in the report, the one being matter of advances in rates "which the commission is wholly without power to prevent," and the other the dreadful destruction of life in railway accidents, "which are not now the subject of official investigation under federal authority."

Respecting the important subject of congested traffic and car shortages the commission says the whole problem "may be said to be due to the fact that the facilities of the carriers have not kept pace with the commercial growth of the country. One eminent railroad president has estimated that during the period from 1895 to 1905 the traffic offered for carriage in the United States increased 10 per cent, while during the same period the instrumentalities for handling this traffic increased only 20 per cent."

"It may be conservatively stated that the inadequacy of transportation facilities is little less than alarming; that its continuation may place an arbitrary limit upon the future productivity of the land and that the solution of the difficult financial and physical problems involved is worthy the most earnest thought and effort of all who believe in the full development of our country and the largest opportunity for its people."

Under the act of congress the commission has awarded eight bronze medals of honor to persons who, at grave peril to themselves, saved, or attempted to save, lives on the lines of interstate carriers.

Bulldog Kills Bear, New York.—While two itinerant showmen, accompanied by two large performing bears, were passing through the Long Island village of Amagasset, a small bulldog owned by William Bennett rushed at them and caught one of the bears by the leg.

A fierce battle ensued and the dog got a fatal grip on the throat of the bear. No one dared go to the rescue of poor brute. The showmen, even with their poles, were unable to shake the dog's grip, and the bear was dead within 25 minutes.

Black Hand Murder in Omaha, Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—A murder, believed to have been the work of the Black Hand society, was discovered Sunday night when boys found the dead body of Giuseppe Fiorinza in a pasture in East Omaha. The side of Fiorinza's face had been shattered by a charge from a shotgun and his pockets filled. The body was still warm when found.

Four-Minute Session in Senate, Washington, Jan. 7.—The senate was in session only four minutes Monday, adjourning upon the adoption of resolutions to convene in the month of the following month.

CANADA BUYS BUFFALO HERD.

Taken from Flathead Reservation in Montana, Where They Ranged.

Helena, Mont.—Residents at this city were given an opportunity during the week to witness the partial shipment of the largest herd of buffalo in the world, which was transferred from the Northern Pacific to the Great Northern en route to its future home in Canada. The bison were being shipped by special train, and were detained here long enough to repair several cars which vicious bulls had damaged in their efforts to regain freedom. The herd was recently purchased at Ravalli, on the Flathead reservation, by the Canadian government, and will be placed in a park near Edmonton.

It is not known how many there are in the herd, but it is estimated there are about 400. It is thought that there may possibly be 500, with the calves.

The Canadian government paid \$150,000 for the herd, and will place it in the Government park near Lamont, which is about 40 miles east of Edmonton. This park contains 10,000 acres, and the buffalo will be allowed to run free in it. The government has 80 buffalo in the park already.

The purpose of the Canadian government in buying the animals was to put them in this park and protect them, so as to prevent them from being entirely exterminated. The animals are all thoroughbreds.

PIES NEW WEAPON FOR DUEL. Indiana Men Fight Twenty Minutes with Pastry of Varied Hues.

Chicago.—They fought for 20 minutes as if the purse were the wealth of Rockefeller, then they were a sight such as two duellists seldom present—they had fought with pies. Apple, blueberry, mince and pumpkin pies, perhaps 75 were used in the duel.

The combatants were Thomas Dugan and R. C. Oxley of Indiana Harbor, and the fight took place in Martin's bakery in that town. They were slightly intoxicated, and they got into a dispute over some work in the steel mill where they were employed. Dugan picked up his half-eaten piece of pie and slammed it in Oxley's ear. The battle was on. Oxley ran behind one pie case and hurled a mince pie at his assailant, and Dugan returned the fire with a pumpkin pie. Martin protested, and both antagonists splashed pie all over him. Then he called the police, but the duel between Dugan and Oxley went merrily on. Two patrolmen arrived. In the name of the law they commanded the duellists to stop, and in reply got pumpkin pie smeared over their blue suits.

The contest ended only when the bakery had been emptied of its pies. Then the combatants were arrested.

CHARRED MONEY RUN OPENED. Treasury Traces Frost Line's Advance by Burned Savings.

Washington.—"This is the time of the year when we have no difficulty in tracing the frost line," said an official of the treasury the other day. "You see, it's this way. Late in the spring and early in the summer farmers and other frugal people put away their savings in stoves, which, with rising atmospheric temperature are temporarily put out of commission. Now you would think that men of that type would first think of the wad, but they don't. The fire is started, and up goes the paper money in smoke. Then charred money begins to pour in on the treasury for redemption."

"If we had no other way of finding it out we would know from the burnt money that is sent in for redemption that the frost line begins in Maine in September. In like manner we trace it southward and westward. A day or so ago it struck Green county, Indiana, a little early for that region at this season. The claims for redemption are now coming in quite regularly, but as October advances and parlor stoves are lighted for the winter they will come in in ever-increasing numbers."

Farmer's Lucky Gloves. Iona, N. J.—Reaching down to clear a clog of dirt from his plow, J. Hampton Leonard picked up an adder three feet long. Mr. Leonard is a gentleman farmer and always wears gloves when working in the fields. This probably saved his life, as the gloves kept the deadly fangs of the snake from entering his hands.

Mr. Leonard is the secretary of the Prohibition party of Gloucester county, is not afraid of snakes, and quickly dispatched the reptile.

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Want a Pardon for Powers. Georgetown, Ky., Jan. 7.—Citizens of Georgetown irrespective of party are preparing an address to the governor of Kentucky begging him to pardon George Powers, a member of the State Police. The address will be accompanied by a petition signed by 250 persons.

Washington, C. H., Ohio.—An unusual spectacle was presented here by the appearance of thousands of brown waterbugs. They came on a heavy swarm, filling the air from a distance of 20 feet up to a height of 100 feet.

THE LAW IS VOID

Employers' Liability Act Declared Unconstitutional by Federal Supreme Court.

JUSTICES WERE DIVIDED

Moody Dissented Entirely Holding the Act Valid on All Points—Others Concurred Only in Part.

Washington, Jan. 7.—In an opinion by Justice White in the supreme court of the United States Monday held to be unconstitutional the congressional enactment of June 11, 1906, known as the "employers' liability law," making railroads and other common carriers responsible to employees in accidents due to the negligence of fellow servants or to ineffective appliances. The decision of the lower courts was affirmed.

There were two cases before the court, involving the validity of the law. One case of the widow of Will Hoard, a locomotive fireman, who was killed in an accident on the Illinois Central road near Memphis, the other that of the mother of Morris S. Brooks, a fireman who was killed on the Southern Pacific road in Nevada. The Howard case was tried in the United States circuit court for the western district of Tennessee with Judge McCall presiding, and the Brooks case in the United States circuit court for the western district of Kentucky, with Judge Walter Evans on the bench. In the former case damages amounting to \$25,000 were demanded, while in the latter the sum was fixed at \$29,000.

The railroads fought both cases strenuously both in the trial courts and the supreme court, and in each case obtained a verdict against the complainants on the ground of the unconstitutionality of the law. Judge Evans and Judge McCall both held the law to be invalid on the double ground that a congressional enactment could not be made applicable to interstate commerce, as they claimed was undertaken in this law, and that protection from accidents in interstate commerce could not be construed as any part of "commerce" of any kind. Both the Kentucky and Tennessee decisions were affirmed by Justice White's opinion on the ground that the law is not confined to the regulation of the business of interstate carriers, but undertakes to regulate their dealings with their employees.

The decision has been expected ever since the beginning of the recent term of court as the cases were argued last term, but the reason for the delay became apparent Monday when the court's conclusions were announced. It then became evident that while Justice White had been chosen to announce the court's decision there were comparatively few of his colleagues who were agreed with him as to the argument with which he reached his conclusion, and the result has been reached with difficulty. The chief justice, Justice Brewer and Justice Peckham joined with Justice White in the result arrived at but they did not follow him in his assertion of the power of congress to regulate the relation between master and servant. Justice Day concurred in the decision. Justice Moody dissented entirely holding that the law is constitutional on all points. He expressed the opinion that congress had the general power to pass the act and the courts position was an interference with the domain of the legislative branch of the government.

To Gather Tariff Data. Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Beveridge will Tuesday introduce a bill creating a commission to gather data and aid the committees of congress in the work of tariff revision. The duties of the commission will be to proceed immediately to investigate the cost of production of articles covered by the tariff laws, the price of American labor and the cost of raw material entering into manufactured articles. In discussing the bill Senator Beveridge says he remains an ardent protectionist but believes there is an universal demand for the revision of the tariff schedules, which ought to take place as soon as the next presidential campaign is over.

To Prevent Them Carrying Liquor. Washington, Jan. 7.—If Representative Sims of Tennessee can prevent it no rural route mail carrier will be permitted to carry knowingly, a package of intoxicating liquor, to or from any one on the route and if he does so his action shall be deemed unlawful and the offender shall be dealt with according to such rules and regulations as the postmaster general shall prescribe. The prohibition was contained in two bills introduced by Mr. Sims Monday.

TO CONQUER WHITE PLAGUE.

New Methods of Successfully Dealing with the Disease.

The Boston Consumptives' hospital, in opening an out-patient department in Burroughs place for the treatment of tuberculosis, is extending a practice with regard to controlling the spread of the disease that has been approved and advised by numerous scientific authorities and societies, says the Boston Transcript. Even the women's clubs have for some time urged that measures be taken by which people can be instructed in the best ways to adapt to their home life and rules and regulations followed at hospitals and sanatoriums for the arresting or cure of consumption. Those who are farthest advanced in knowledge concerning the treatment of tuberculosis have long been of the opinion that the way one lives rather than the place of living may be depended upon to prevent or even to cure the ailment where cure is possible. This is the answer to the threatening quarantine against consumptives from the north, recently instituted by statute in Texas and likely to be followed in other southern and western communities.

Washington.—The return of the cruiser Baltimore from what is said to be her last voyage as a fighting vessel of the navy caused Carl Edwards to speak reminiscently. "She was one of the first warships of the so-called white squadron," he said, "to be built by our government. She cannot be considered as belonging to the 'hoodoo class,' which includes the first Maine, the Philadelphia and, to a certain extent, the Chicago and the Texas."

The Maine, upon starting upon her first cruise from the Brooklyn navy yard, did not set level with her water line. She was 'down by the head,' which was regarded as an unlucky omen. It is not necessary to relate her successive misfortunes, concluding with her tragic end in Havana harbor, which began one of the interesting epochs in American history.

The Philadelphia, sister ship of the Baltimore, was never sent far from home waters. Originally square rigged, military masts were substituted on account of top-heaviness. Good management, coupled with good fortune, prevented her from absolute turning turtle on more than one occasion.

The Texas was looked on as considerable of a hoodoo until she redeemed her reputation at the battle of Santiago. Prior to the Spanish war she partly sunk at the Cob dock in Brooklyn, owing to a sea valve working loose and flooding her almost to the spar deck. "A lovely widow from New Jersey used to kick the ceilings of the Texas with the tips of her toes, and every time she made a clean touch a lieutenant marked the spot with a blue pencil. The ship's insides took on a cerulean hue."

"The Chicago," continued Mr. Edwards, "though considered one of the best built ships in the navy, and thoroughly seaworthy, was continually in misfortune on account of defective machinery and boilers. She never made more than 10 or 12 knots, the being her fastest time consistent with safety. A noble ship to gaze upon, the Chicago was called the 'Lame White Swan' of the navy. Equipped with triple expansion engines, as she has now been for several years, there is probably no better second-class cruiser in commission to-day. Her crews in the early days were never well contented. The desertions were many and the men were constantly 'up to the mast' for various infractions of discipline. On the European cruise of 1893-1895 considerable friction existed between some of the principal officers, and just before that cruise half a dozen marines got into serious trouble while on special duty ashore at La Guayra, and were sent to the navy prison in Boston. The officer of the marines was put on the retired list, as he was believed to be partly at fault for his men getting into the scrape."

"The Baltimore had much better fortune. On the occasion of her detail to carry to Sweden, his native land, the body of John Ericsson (who might be called the father of the battleship) a great ovation was given to the Baltimore, and a valuable souvenir medal commemorating the event was presented by King Oscar to every man on board, from the captain down. No ship that sailed the seas ever had a greater honor conferred upon her, bearing as she did the earthly remains of the greatest inventor in the history of naval architecture."

Monkey's Intelligence. In the Breslau Zoological Garden a monkey of rare intelligence was discovered to be suffering from defective eyesight, caused by a cataract. A surgeon performed an operation relieving the trouble somewhat, but the eyes were still weak, and it was decided that the monkey must wear glasses to keep him from losing his sight eventually. At first he fought the keepers when they attempted to put on the glasses, but ultimately he learned the value of the lenses so thoroughly that he now puts on his "specs" every morning and lays them in a safe place at night before he goes to sleep.

Longfellow's School Days. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the poet, received his early education in a school in Portland, Me. He was pronounced by the master to be "one of the best boys in school." He was a studious child and preferred the company of books to lively companions. He passed the entrance examination to Bowdoin college at 14. He graduated fourth in his class in 1825.

Menu Cards for Hunters. Menu cards in shooting lodges across the Atlantic have many attractive and appreciative designs. How they will strike the "high liver" is hard to say. By the way, that person may be forced to become a simple liver if he counts small hot birds among the necessities of his table, for sad are the reports about autumn hunting. Still, that American scarcity has nothing to do with the before mentioned cards. One bears in a corner a tiny pheasant, made of tiny feathers, every of a perfect reproduction of the real bird's plumage. Other game birds also are copied, but at present it is the pheasant that is the chief embellishment of the cards.

As Might Be Expected. A man who, with his family, had spent several weeks at a fashionable summer resort, discovered one morning that he had lost his pocketbook. Thinking it possible that it might have been found by some employe of the hotel at which he was staying, he reported his loss to the landlord.

"That's too bad, Mr. Johnson," said the functionary. "I'll make inquiries about it. What kind of pocketbook was it?"

"Russian leather," answered the lodger. "What color?" "Dark red."

"Any distinguishing marks about it?" "It had a clasp."

"What was the shape of it?" "Flat, of course," said Mr. Johnson. "Haven't I been here more than a month?"—Youth's Companion.

HOODOO BATTLESHIPS

NAVAL VESSELS THAT HAVE ENCOUNTERED MISFORTUNE.

Maine and Philadelphia Never Went Right — Chicago Called "Lame White Swan" — Baltimore Blessed with Good Luck.

Washington.—The return of the cruiser Baltimore from what is said to be her last voyage as a fighting vessel of the navy caused Carl Edwards to speak reminiscently. "She was one of the first warships of the so-called white squadron," he said, "to be built by our government. She cannot be considered as belonging to the 'hoodoo class,' which includes the first Maine, the Philadelphia and, to a certain extent, the Chicago and the Texas."

The Maine, upon starting upon her first cruise from the Brooklyn navy yard, did not set level with her water line. She was 'down by the head,' which was regarded as an unlucky omen. It is not necessary to relate her successive misfortunes, concluding with her tragic end in Havana harbor, which began one of the interesting epochs in American history.

The Philadelphia, sister ship of the Baltimore, was never sent far from home waters. Originally square rigged, military masts were substituted on account of top-heaviness. Good management, coupled with good fortune, prevented her from absolute turning turtle on more than one occasion.

The Texas was looked on as considerable of a hoodoo until she redeemed her reputation at the battle of Santiago. Prior to the Spanish war she partly sunk at the Cob dock in Brooklyn, owing to a sea valve working loose and flooding her almost to the spar deck. "A lovely widow from New Jersey used to kick the ceilings of the Texas with the tips of her toes, and every time she made a clean touch a lieutenant marked the spot with a blue pencil. The ship's insides took on a cerulean hue."

"The Chicago," continued Mr. Edwards, "though considered one of the best built ships in the navy, and thoroughly seaworthy, was continually in misfortune on account of defective machinery and boilers. She never made more than 10 or 12 knots, the being her fastest time consistent with safety. A noble ship to gaze upon, the Chicago was called the 'Lame White Swan' of the navy. Equipped with triple expansion engines, as she has now been for several years, there is probably no better second-class cruiser in commission to-day. Her crews in the early days were never well contented. The desertions were many and the men were constantly 'up to the mast' for various infractions of discipline. On the European cruise of 1893-1895 considerable friction existed between some of the principal officers, and just before that cruise half a dozen marines got into serious trouble while on special duty ashore at La Guayra, and were sent to the navy prison in Boston. The officer of the marines was put on the retired list, as he was believed to be partly at fault for his men getting into the scrape."

"The Baltimore had much better fortune. On the occasion of her detail to carry to Sweden, his native land, the body of John Ericsson (who might be called the father of the battleship) a great ovation was given to the Baltimore, and a valuable souvenir medal commemorating the event was presented by King Oscar to every man on board, from the captain down. No ship that sailed the seas ever had a greater honor conferred upon her, bearing as she did the earthly remains of the greatest inventor in the history of naval architecture."

Monkey's Intelligence. In the Breslau Zoological Garden a monkey of rare intelligence was discovered to be suffering from defective eyesight, caused by a cataract. A surgeon performed an operation relieving the trouble somewhat, but the eyes were still weak, and it was decided that the monkey must wear glasses to keep him from losing his sight eventually. At first he fought the keepers when they attempted to put on the glasses, but ultimately he learned the value of the lenses so thoroughly that he now puts on his "specs" every morning and lays them in a safe place at night before he goes to sleep.

Longfellow's School Days. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the poet, received his early education in a school in Portland, Me. He was pronounced by the master to be "one of the best boys in school." He was a studious child and preferred the company of books to lively companions. He passed the entrance examination to Bowdoin college at 14. He graduated fourth in his class in 1825.

Menu Cards for Hunters. Menu cards in shooting lodges across the Atlantic have many attractive and appreciative designs. How they will strike the "high liver" is hard to say. By the way, that person may be forced to become a simple liver if he counts small hot birds among the necessities of his table, for sad are the reports about autumn hunting. Still, that American scarcity has nothing to do with the before mentioned cards. One bears in a corner a tiny pheasant, made of tiny feathers, every of a perfect reproduction of the real bird's plumage. Other game birds also are copied, but at present it is the pheasant that is the chief embellishment of the cards.

As Might Be Expected. A man who, with his family, had spent several weeks at a fashionable summer resort, discovered one morning that he had lost his pocketbook. Thinking it possible that it might have been found by some employe of the hotel at which he was staying, he reported his loss to the landlord.

"That's too bad, Mr. Johnson," said the functionary. "I'll make inquiries about it. What kind of pocketbook was it?"

"Russian leather," answered the lodger. "What color?" "Dark red."

"Any distinguishing marks about it?" "It had a clasp."

"What was the shape of it?" "Flat, of course," said Mr. Johnson. "Haven't I been here more than a month?"—Youth's Companion.

Nebraska Farm & Ranch Lands

Bargains in Central and Western Nebraska Lands

We are now offering some exceptional bargains in farm lands in Dawson county, the best general farming and alfalfa country in the state. No safer or better paying investment can be found than our alfalfa, corn and wheat lands in the great Platte Valley. Also some special bargains in cheap western Nebraska lands that will double quickly in price. Write us for prices and description.

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3,000 ACRE RANCH, with school section adjoining, 3 miles running water, plenty of good timber. Land nearly all improved. 100 acres under private irrigation, 80 acres alfalfa. Will sell stock with ranch, as follows: 25 head horses varying from yearlings up about 80 of them males, 50 cows with calves, all good stock, \$5 per head; 40 head of cattle, yearlings and up, 100 or more calves \$2 with cows; \$15 per head. Also 700 or 800 tons of hay. This ranch is splendid soil and beautiful view; with buildings.

400 ACRE DEERED RANCH in Wyoming; 20 acres alfalfa, nice 1600 ft. land, 1 1/2 miles running water, good houses, stables and corral; some nice timber; one mill race—daily mill. Four or five hundred cattle will be sold with ranch if desired; also 20 head horses. SOME CHOICE QUARTERS and larger tracts, improved, in prospective Cheyenne county, Neb., at bargain prices. 250.00 acres of land bargains. Write at once for information. Don't miss it.

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You'll have to hurry if you want to get good land in this thriving country while it is still cheap. I have many tracts of farm and ranch land improved and unimproved, but are rare bargains. Act quick or get left. Write me at once for information, or go as direct to Hugo, the thriving county seat of Lincoln county and let me show you. Write today. A. S. MITCHELL, The Land Man, Hugo, Colorado.

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MY SCIENTIFIC METHODS INSURE A SAFE AND LASTING CURE \$5. Blood Poison, Rheumatism, Syphilis, Varicose, Eczema, Itch, Ulcers, Kidney, Prostatic, Stricture, Heart Nervous, Skin and Stomach Diseases. 20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN OVER 25,000 CASES. Catarrh and even that dread WHITE PLAGUE consumption is curable, except cases in the last stage. My charge for those commencing treatment during January is \$5. If you are suffering from any of the diseases mentioned, defects or imperfections, you should consult J. POWELL, Specialist, 515 Francis St., ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Accounts of Banks and Bankers Received on Most Favorable Terms Correspondence Invited. ST. JOSEPH STOCK YARDS BANK SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, MO. OFFICERS: CHAS. PASCHE, President; G. G. EVERSHARD, Vice-President; J. L. FREELAND, Cashier; E. A. GREGORY, Asst. Cashier. PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS: L. F. SWIFT, President of Swift & Company; EDWARD SWIFT, Vice-President of Swift & Company; EDWARD TILDEN, President of Liberty Bell Bank; O. W. WALLER, Manager Swift & Company; ST. JOSEPH; EDWARD MORRIS, of Nelson Morris & Company; JOHN DONOVAN, Manager of Joseph Moore Yards Co.; W. L. BEEBE, Treasurer of St. Joseph Stock Yards Co.; CHAS. PASCHE, President; G. G. EVERSHARD, Vice-President.

A MORAL ELEMENT

The Jacksonian Club of Omaha Celebrated "Old Hickory's" New Orleans Victory.

MR. W. J. BRYAN'S ADDRESS

Time is Ripe for Another Appeal to Conscience—Why the President is Popular—Party Lines Hang Loosely.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—Four hundred guests were present at the annual gathering of the Jacksonian club of Nebraska at its celebration Monday night of the occasion when "old Hickory" and his host, secreted behind a bark of cotton bales, routed the British from New Orleans.

C. J. Smith, former attorney general, was toastmaster. He congratulated the democrats of the country on their opportunities and predicted the election of Mr. Bryan to the highest office in the gift of the people.

"The moral element in pending issues," was the subject of Mr. Bryan's address, which in part was as follows:

"No question is ever settled until the moral element in the question is discussed and decided, nothing but a moral issue—that is, an issue involving justice, stirs the heart. Andrew Jackson addressed himself to the moral nature and aroused a moral enthusiasm that outlived his period. The time is ripe for another appeal to conscience and indications point to a greater study of public questions from an ethical standpoint. The corrupting influences which have flowed from mercenary politics have at last excited attention and there is a searching of men and of measures such as has not been known in recent times."

"The president's popularity is largely if not entirely due to the belief among the masses that he wants to do what is right and that he is trying to secure justice to those who have been unjustly dealt with. He has made many mistakes, and great ones, but these mistakes have to a large extent been overlooked by those who believe that his heart is right and that he means well. This is only an indication of public attitude. Another indication is to be found in the influence of the voters.

Not since the war have party lines hung so loosely, and this is the natural result when the voters become earnest in their desire that wrong shall be overthrown and right vindicated.

"People differ as to the relative importance of the different issues, some placing trusts first, some regarding the tariff question as paramount and others believing the railroad question most important. But the fact is that they all point to the same issue and that those who take the people's side on one of these questions is likely to take the people's side on either of the other two. The issue presented in each and all of these questions is whether the government shall be administered in the interest of a few favorites or in the interest of the whole people; whether the people shall be taxed that a few may be enriched. The trusts tax the entire population for the benefit of a comparatively small number of stockholders; the protected manufacturers tax the entire public through import duties and the railroads levy tribute upon the whole country through extortionate rates. We have had selfishness in law or selfishness defying the law until the average man has become the victim of injustice practiced on every hand.

"In a multitude of the moral sentiment is manifesting itself and unless the signs of the times are misleading there is going to be a return to the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

A feature of almost every speech of the evening was praise of President Roosevelt, who, it was stated, has been carrying out many of the principles of the democratic platform of 1896, in spite of the opposition of his own party.

Governor Thomas in discussing the demand for an elastic currency declared in favor of an issue by the government of \$400,000,000 in greenbacks to be loaned to the banks at 5 per cent interest in times of financial stringency. This, coupled with Mr. Bryan's plan of government guarantee for bank deposits, he said, would prevent financial panics in the future.

Boottlegging a "Constitutional Right." Augusta, Ga., Jan. 7.—Announcement was made here Monday that counsel has been employed to make a test of the constitutionality of the state prohibition law at the coming term of the circuit court probably next week. A white man by the name of Thomas Norris was arrested Sunday night for selling bottled liquor in half-pint quantities. He admitted the charge and it is stated will plead guilty and the case be appealed to the supreme court of the state on the ground that he was exercising a constitutional right.

Less Liquor is Being Used. Washington, Jan. 7.—The monthly statement of collections of internal revenue shows that for the month of November, 1907, the receipts fell off \$5,628,000 as compared with November, 1906. Spirits show the largest decrease, being \$4,817,000. Tobacco shows a decrease of \$540,581 and beer shows an increase of \$9,174.

To Close Crawford Joins. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 7.—Things will happen in Crawford county soon in the way of enforcing the prohibitory law there. F. S. Jackson, attorney general, appointed John Marshall of Topeka and George H. Stites, of Pittsburg, assistant attorneys general for Crawford county, Monday to have direct charge of the enforcement of the prohibitory law there.

FULL POWER FOR PRESIDENT

No Restrictions on Building Canal and Governing Zone.

If Congress Passes Proposed Law His Authority on Isthmus Would Be Complete.

Washington, Jan. 7.—A bill providing for the government of the Panama canal zone, the construction of the canal, and for kindred purposes, was introduced Monday by Representative Mann of Illinois. It provides, in brief, that the canal zone—extending five miles from either side of the canal and three marine miles from each mouth of the waterway—shall be governed "by such persons as the president shall from time to time appoint," that the president shall cause the canal to be constructed as a lock canal, sufficient for the passage of the largest vessels now in use, and shall cause the construction of "safe and commodious" harbor at the canal terminal, "and make such provision for the defense as may be necessary for the safety and protection of the canal and harbors." The management of the Panama railroad is placed in the president's hands, tentative to the acquisition of that right. The bill authorizes the president with the consent of the senate to appoint one chief engineer of the canal zone and fix compensation, duties, powers and relative jurisdiction until such time as congress may otherwise provide. One clause of the bill reads:

"Authority is hereby given for the procurement, use and maintenance of each and everything necessary for the complete construction, maintenance and operation of the canal."

The president is given further authority to divine and determine laws which shall govern the zone and to appoint, with the consent of the senate, a supreme court of the canal zone, whose decisions shall be reviewable by the supreme court of the United States. By the terms of the bill the Isthmian canal commission shall cease to exist after July 1, 1909, and the new government as provided for in the bill shall come into power.

Enjoined Leavenworth Joins. Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 7.—Judge J. H. Gillpatrick rendered a decision in the district court Monday morning granting temporary injunction against W. B. Chambers, C. Pollinger and about 40 other jointkeepers in the city and county. He also issued temporary injunctions against the buildings where the joints are conducted. These are the cases that Attorney General Jackson has had before the court for two months, in which there were a number of postponements. In rendering the decision Judge Gillpatrick said that the evidence justified it and that it was in accordance with a recent decision of the state supreme court in a Cherokee county case.

Williamson Was Cleared. Washington, Jan. 7.—The case of former Congressman J. N. Williamson, of Oregon, charged with unlawfully cutting timber on the public lands in Crook county, Ore., in conspiracy with 100 others, was decided by the supreme court of the United States Monday in favor of Williamson. The United States circuit court for Oregon imposed a fine of \$500 and sentenced Williamson to prison for ten months but the supreme court reversed that decision. The reversal of the decision of the lower court was based on the ground of irregularity in admitting affidavits. Justice White announced the opinion.

For 500 Evictions. New York, Jan. 7.—More than 500 warrants for the eviction of tenants participating in the strike for lower rents were issued Monday in the municipal court. The papers authorize the immediate eviction of the tenants against whom they were drawn. It will probably take a score of marshals nearly two weeks to serve the notices. The tenants are maintaining a stout fight and announced Monday that the landlords of 51 houses had already agreed to reduce rents.

Pearson Gets the London Times. London, Jan. 7.—The London Times has passed from the control of the Walter family, which has owned and conducted it for three generations, ever since it was first established. C. Arthur Pearson, one of the two journalistic magnates of London, has secured the direction of the great newspaper. A new company has been formed with Mr. Pearson as managing director and Arthur F. Walter, president of the old company, chairman of the board of directors.

Will Review Waters-Pierce Case. Washington, Jan. 7.—The supreme court of the United States Monday granted the petition of Bradley W. Palmer and the Waters-Pierce Oil company for a writ of certiorari bringing to that court for review the proceeding by the state of Texas against the company. The case involves the appointment of a receiver for the company and brings in question the anti-trust laws of Texas under which the company was fined \$1,623,000.

To Investigate Bankers. New York, Jan. 7.—A special grand jury to investigate the administration of banking and other financial institutions in this city was sworn in Monday. Its appointment was requested by the district attorney as a result of charges of misconduct by certain bankers made during the recent financial troubles. Justice Dowling instructed the jury that those who have violated the financial trust reposed in them should be held to strict accountability.

A Financial Bill Soon. Washington, Jan. 7.—The introduction of Senator Aldrich's financial bill may be looked for in the senate the latter part of this week and it will certainly be introduced by the first of next week according to the statement Senator Aldrich made upon his arrival at the capitol Monday.

Proctor Knott Stricken. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 7.—Former Governor and ex-Congressman J. Proctor Knott, suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday night at his home near Lebanon, but was resting easily Monday.

Silk Mills Resume. Northampton, Mass., Jan. 7.—More than 800 mill operatives who have been out of work since Christmas returned to their work Monday when the Belding Brothers' silk mill and the Northampton Cutlery company resumed operations.

Rubber Company Plant Starts. Bristol, R. I., Jan. 7.—Operations were resumed Monday at the plant of the National Rubber company in this town after a shut-down of nearly one month. More than 1,500 operatives were given work.

THAW TRIAL AGAIN

Legal Insanity at the Time of the Tragedy the Plea This Time.

LITTLE PUBLIC INTEREST

Less Difficulty Was Encountered in the Selection of Jurors Than Expected—Nine Tentatively Chosen at Three Sessions.

New York, Jan. 7.—At the close of three court sessions, which marked the first day of the second trial of Harry K. Thaw for the alleged murder of Stanford White, nine tentative jurors had been selected out of 57 takersmen examined by District Attorney Jerome, for the prosecution and Martin W. Littleton, for the defense. All of the men in the jury box are subject to peremptory challenge, of which each side has 30. In view of the difficulty experienced last year in discharging five jurors after they had taken the oath of service, it was agreed this time not to administer any oaths until both sides finally are satisfied with the full panel.

Legal insanity at the time of the tragedy is to be the sole defense. This was made clear at the very outset of the proceedings Monday when Mr. Littleton, formally served notice that the former plea of not guilty was amended by the specification that the defendant was insane when the homicide was committed.

The trial opened with little or no ceremony and there was distinct evidence of a slackening of public interest. Admittance to the court room was rigorously restricted and all day long there were vacant benches in the curtailed quarters given over to spectators. The only women allowed to be present are the members of the defendant's family and newspaper writers. Artists, who were barred after the first few days of the first trial, were allowed to sketch to their hearts' content.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was again the center of interest even to the exclusion of the defendant himself. She was followed by throngs of curious persons as she entered and left the court house for the morning and afternoon sessions. She did not attend the night sitting. The long court hours and the tedious monotony of the repeated jury examinations proved intensely fatiguing.

Every possible convenience is to be provided for the jurors who are to be locked up throughout the trial. They are to be quartered in one of the fashionable hotels on Upper Broadway and luncheon is to be served at an expensive downtown restaurant. The jury examinations did not develop such a strong veil of unalterable opinion as was anticipated and many of the takersmen were excused on other grounds than bias based upon the reading of extensive reports of the first trial.

To Keep Women From Smoking. New York, Jan. 7.—An ordinance forbidding women to smoke in the cafes, restaurants or other places of public entertainment was introduced at the first meeting of the new board of aldermen Monday by Councilman Sullivan. It was referred to a committee and will have a public hearing. The ordinance places a maximum penalty of a \$25 fine and ten days' imprisonment upon cafe proprietors, etc., who permit women to use tobacco in their establishments. The action of a Fifth avenue cafe in allowing women to smoke on New Year's eve, is given as the cause of the resolution.

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WOULD PAY THE ARMY MORE

Annual Report Shows Rapid Decrease in Regular Service.

Secretary Taft Makes Strong Plea to Congress for Better Conditions for Soldiers.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary Taft is a strong advocate of increased pay for the army and his annual report, just sent to congress, completely dispels any doubt that may exist as to the secretary's position. The report shows rapid decrease in the strength of the regular army in recent years (the loss last year being 4,428 men) and the present need for officers to replace those now detailed on recruiting duty as military instructors in educational institutions. The secretary declares that while many reasons have been advanced to explain the difficulty, a sufficient reason is to be found in the inadequacy of army pay. "I think it quite probable," he says, "that an increase in the pay of the enlisted men, including considerable additional inducement for the men to re-enlist and such reasonable increase in the pay of non-commissioned officers as would stimulate men to remain in the service and to qualify themselves for these higher positions, would have a markedly beneficial effect upon the recruitment of the army."

So the secretary earnestly favors the adoption for the army of the naval system, under which the president is authorized to fix the rates of pay within definite limits, as a means of obtaining a better discipline and a higher efficiency. He also recommends the creation of a general service corps to relieve the soldiers of the vast amount of un military work they are now called upon to perform. In his opinion, the military service should be so attractive and desirable that it will not be difficult to get and hold the class of men needed for the enlisted personnel, and to make army service a life work, as it used to be, by offering rewards for proficiency and greater increase of pay for length of service.

Cotton Mills May Close. Manchester, N. H., Jan. 7.—Unless the spinners modify their demands, the cotton mills throughout the country, owned by 500 members of the Federation of Master Spinners, will be closed and 150,000 employees locked out. Already firms owning 96 per cent of the spindles have announced their willingness to close their mills, and the Federation has sent out notices calling upon all firms to give notice to their employees that work will cease on January 25, if the demands, which involve an increase in wages, are persisted in. The firms will not be allowed to continue working under penalty payments, as permitted on previous occasions, so that the lockout will be complete.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Bank will be held and convened at the office of said bank, located in the Live Stock Exchange building on the property of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, south of the city of St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan, state of Missouri, on Monday, Jan. 13, 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting.

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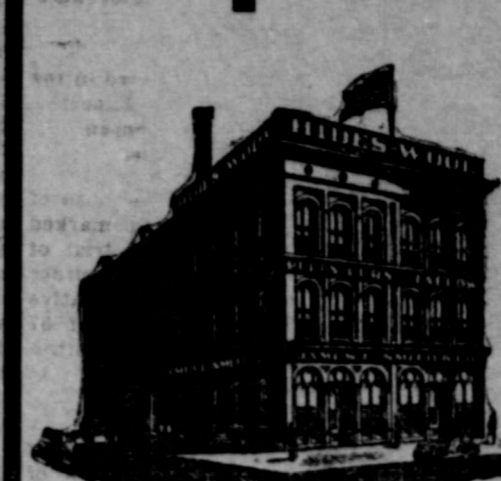
JOHN DONOVAN, President. W. E. WARRICK, Secretary.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the shareholders of the Drovers and Merchants Bank will be held and convened in the office of the bank, corner of Cherokee and Lake avenues in the city of St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan, state of Missouri, on Monday, January 20, 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, or until their successors are duly qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before such meeting.

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St. Joseph, Mo. Topeka, Kan. Wichita, Kan. Grand Island, Neb.

TALLOW, FURS, PELTS, WOOL, HIDES



Holiday week is always a quiet one in most all lines of business, and this year has no exception to the rule. There have been very few hides change hands during the week, and at present there seems to be very little inquiry for any selections. Everyone in the trade is hoping for a demand now that we have started on the New Year, and while values look exceedingly low, by putting the prices which we are now paying alongside those which we paid one year ago, then divide by two and we will have a pretty good average for hides, so we do not think it advisable to make any plans on high prices for some time to come, as conditions are not such as to warrant it. We shall be pleased to receive your shipments, and wish to thank all of our friends for their liberal patronage during the past year, and we wish you a most prosperous New Year.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Joseph Journal Publishing company will be held and convened at the office of the St. Joseph Stock Yards company in the Exchange building, situated on the property of the last named company at its stock yards, south of the city of St. Joseph, in Buchanan county, Missouri, on Monday, January 13, 1906, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing directors for said company for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before such meeting.

JOHN DONOVAN, President. W. E. WARRICK, Secretary.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the shareholders of the Drovers and Merchants Bank will be held and convened in the office of the bank, corner of Cherokee and Lake avenues in the city of St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan, state of Missouri, on Monday, January 20, 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, or until their successors are duly qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before such meeting.

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