

WEDNESDAY'S BUSINESS

CATTLE

Receipts Increase, But Demand Continues Good For Fat Steers.

The cattle trade is continuing in fairly encouraging tone. The country is responding to the call for increased supplies of fat, weighty steers at this point and while there are no strictly prime heaves coming, there is a notable increase in the proportion of everyday good fat medium to strong weight. And, too, it is noted that the buyers are making good on their promises to protect this market on all the good ripe heaves that are sent here.

Today there was a fair showing of medium to good fat steers here and buyers were after them as soon as they were yarded and squared up for business. Bids from the start were on a full steady basis of prices and instances were not rare where a little strength was noted. In fact the steer market for the day could be quoted steady to strong.

Offerings included several bunches of passably good medium to strong weight steers, such as have been selling at \$5.00 to \$5.45 and these found ready outlet on a steady to strong basis while there was also an early movement in the lighter and lower priced steers selling from \$4.90 down with a decent class of light to medium weight killers selling in a range of \$4.50 to \$4.90 and common to fair light weights at \$3.75 to \$4.40.

Local receipts for the half week show an increase of 1,200 while at five leading points the half-week aggregate of 141,000 shows an increase of 15,000 head.

DERESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS. No. Av. Price No. Av. Price 10.....1570 6.50 30.....1102 4.70

Trade lacked the snap of former days this week, but this was to be expected in the face of continued liberal marketing. Buyers were out after the good cows and decent heifers, scarcity of these kinds imparting good tone to the trade at firm prices.

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VEAL CALVES. 1.....130 7.00 2.....183 6.00

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STOCKERS AND FEEDERS. A scant fresh supply of stockers and feeders was picked up in season on a steady basis of prices, but dealers displayed less urgency in their demands.

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The horses were good in quality, but there was quite liberal showing of medium weight tops, indicating that owners are taking advantage of the high in prices of the first half of this week to unload hogs regardless of their fitness for demands of the market.

Receipts at this point for the week to date are 3,000 less than last week, while at five points the shrinkage amounts to 75,000.

Prices ranged from \$4.15 to \$4.50, with the bulk selling at \$4.30 to \$4.45. The bulk yesterday sold at \$4.40 to \$4.55, a week ago at \$4.30 to \$4.45, a month ago at \$4.30 to \$4.40, a year ago at \$4.45 to \$4.55, two years ago at \$4.55 to \$4.75, four years ago at \$4.75 to \$4.90.

PIGS AND LIGHTS—100 LBS AND UNDER. No. Av. Price No. Av. Price

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Moderate Supply Sold in Good Season at Steady Prices. Although weakness has been quoted in the eastern markets, also at competitive river points, local demand shows no signs of lagging and trade continues to hold active tone.

Receipts today were again moderate, the total being under 2,500, a portion of which did not arrive until late in the forenoon. Supplies on the early market were absorbed in good season, prices holding up to a level of former days of the week. Later arrivals were also in good request and sold on a steady basis.

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Advertisement for 'Wanted to Buy' featuring an image of a horse and contact information for John Mann.

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Large advertisement for 'Horse and Mule Market' and 'Horse and Mule Market Harness Shop' featuring an image of a horse and text about insectene and agents for insectene.

BABY WEIGHED FORTY POUNDS. Obliging Des Moines Ice Man Gets Employers in Trouble. Des Moines, Ia.—When Assistant Attorney General Charles W. Lyon, of Iowa, discovered that a 40-pound baby boy had been born to his wife the other day he immediately ordered an investigation of the Des Moines ice trust.

Through a rift at one of the windows Yeakley and his mother beheld a horrible sight. Seated on his old wood chest, where he had lounged so much all his life, they saw the figure of the aged man. He was in flames from head to foot, and his clothing and hair had all been burned off. The arms were partly raised and his features terribly distorted, indicating that he had died in fearful agony.

When the baby was born the other day the proud father—it was his first-born—immediately called for a pair of scales to weigh the youngster. His demand could not be supplied from the house furnishings, but it so happened that the ice man came along.

"A pair of scales to weigh the baby?" said the ice man to the questioner, "sure, I have! What do you think I weigh my ice with?" "Bring them in," said the attorney general. Then the nurse carefully bundled up the baby and carried him out to the ice man. The beam on the scales shot up when the baby bundle was attached to it.

"How much does he weigh?" asked the anxious father. "Just 40 pounds," said the ice man, who was a bachelor. "I knew he was a husky young one," said the proud father, who also didn't know much about babies, and he hurried off to his office at the state-house to tell the glad news and pass around the cigars.

"Forty pounds?" the assistant told Attorney General Byers. "Why, you must be crazy," said Mr. Byers. Then Lyons told the attorney general just how he knew the baby weighed 40 pounds. "I guess all the trouble is that the ice man has been beating you out of 30 pounds of ice every day this summer," was Byers' comment. And now a petition is about to be filed to dissolve the ice trust.

They had evidently been tardy in making their flight southward and, building in the chimney for warmth, had been smothered by Mr. Keyworth's attempt to start his fire.

Famous Speech Explained. "Don't give up the ship!" exclaimed Lawrence. We never can realize how he felt. Evidently there were souvenir hunters in those days.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Rehersburg, Pa.—Frederick C. Witman, aged 75, a well-known character in western Berks county, met with a horrible death by burning in his hermit home in Tulpehooken. George Yeakley, who lives some distance away, heard cries coming from the old man's stone home, and when he reached there he found it all ablaze. He tried to get inside, but the lions occupied of the place had each night secured the doors and windows with strong wrought iron bars.

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PROGRESS OF CANAL WORK

Secretary Taft Gives Information and Offers Suggestions to the Senate Canal Committee.

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The Secretary Gave a Complete Review of Conditions on the Zone Received From Various Officials Connected With the Work—Believes Ultimate Cost Will Be \$300,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Secretary Taft appeared before the senate committee on interoceanic canals Thursday and gave that committee information concerning the project and to offer suggestions for legislation.

He gave a complete review of the conditions at the canal site and quoted information he had received from various officials connected with the work. He expressed the opinion that the canal should be completed within six years from next July and that its ultimate cost would be approximately \$300,000,000, including the purchase price.

The proposed widening of the locks was carefully examined by Secretary Taft. He asserted that with the locks widened to 110 feet a steamer of 106 feet beam could easily pass through.

The largest ship that government is planning to build will have a beam of 95 feet. The increased cost of the locks, Mr. Taft estimated would be about \$5,000,000.

In his talk to the committee Secretary Taft at various points brought out the difficulties that beset the commission in the administration. These range all the way from trouble with the Pacific Mail Steamship line because of its failure to furnish enough steamers, to labor difficulties. He also spoke of the complaints of the Panamanians that there is a bad odor to the water that is served to them through the new locks at Panama.

The school master, now 79 years old, was an impressive witness. He is Abraham R. Beck, an uncle of Former Assistant Attorney General James M. Beck, and he related many incidents which led him to the conclusion that young Thaw undoubtedly was a fraud.

The former assistant attorney general was a spectator at the trial Thursday.

Benjamin Logan, formerly doorkeeper at the Madison Square theater, where Evelyn Nesbit played in "A Girl from Dixie," in 1903, repeated the story he told at the first trial of a threat made by Stanford White to find and kill Thaw before daylight.

Secretary Taft gave out considerable information concerning prices paid for labor on the canal and urged that there be no reduction in the wages paid to skilled laborers in spite of the fact that according to his estimate they were receiving in pay and privileges from 50 to 60 per cent higher income than they could earn in the United States.

Secretary Taft gave it as his opinion that any reduction at all would cause serious labor difficulties. Even with skilled labor at the present standard, he said, there was recently a strike upon the refusal of the commission to increase the wages and force of sufficient to run 55 steam shovels was depleted to a force sufficient to run only 13.

The secretary said that the water rents charged Panama will in 50 years pay all the cost of providing the water works, the improvement of streets and the construction of the sewerage system. At the end of that period the work will become the property of Panama. "If any one doubts the condition of the streets of Panama," he said, "I will refer him to my friend Foulney Higelow."

He declared that it is not so unhealthful to live in the tropics as it was formerly. "The Spanish war taught us and all the world a great deal about how to live in the tropics," he said.

Mr. Taft, in reply to inquiries, said the commission had found that the price placed upon land needed for the canal is excessive and has had no relation to its value for private purposes. That had not delayed construction work, however, because the land is taken and paid for afterward.

The government of Panama has offered to give the United States a site for a legation at Panama near the new government building being erected by the republic. He thought it would be advisable to provide a legation being that would bring the property within the dignity of the United States in the future when the canal has been completed.

The Japanese Budget. Tokio, Jan. 17.—A synopsis of the budget for 1908-1909 was submitted to the leaders of both houses Friday morning. It is as follows: Ordinary receipts 470,599,000 yen; extraordinary receipts 140,450,000 yen; ordinary expenditures 426,910,000 yen; extraordinary expenditures 189,040,000 yen. The deficiency will be met by an increase of taxes which will be submitted in a supplementary budget.

Bogus Japanese Passports. El Paso, Texas, Jan. 17.—Special Agent Babcock, of the department of the interior has unearthed an alleged attempt here to print bogus Japanese passports for issuance to Japanese in Mexico, bound for the United States. Japanese smugglers in Juarez, Mexico, it is charged were having the passports printed.

Democratic Politician Arrested. Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 17.—Dr. P. K. Dahl, a prominent physician of Mason City, was arrested Thursday on an indictment charging him with manslaughter. The death of Mrs. Dora Bowen following an operation which Dahl is said to have performed is made the basis for the indictment. Mrs. Bowen was a prominent musician. Both stood high in social circles.

HARRY THAW TRIAL DRAGS

The Non-Arrival of Important Witnesses Caused Delay.

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READY FOR WORK

The Kansas Legislature Convened in Special Session at Topeka.

FIGHT PRESIDENT'S POLICY

The Wool Growers' Association Want Public Range Free.

They Raise \$10,000 for a "Publicity Bureau"—Things They Favor in Their Resolutions.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 17.—After the most successful meeting in the history of its organization, the 4th annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association Thursday night adjourned to meet next year in Focattello, Idaho. Before adjournment a fund of \$10,000 was subscribed by the various state delegations for the establishment of a publicity bureau to wage a fight against the administration's policy of federal regulation of the public range.

Late Thursday the convention adopted the report of the committee on resolutions.

The resolutions protest against the passage of the Herket grazing bill or any other measure providing for the leasing of any of the public lands or the granting of permits for their use for grazing purposes; commend the vigorous enforcement of law intended to prevent and punish land frauds; unqualifiedly favor the preservation of the public forests and the creation of forest reserves, without, however, giving approval to the plan of imposing the burden of forest preservation upon the livestock industry; favor the prompt elimination from the reserve of land not timbered; ask that while grazing tax is levied, permits be for three years to justify the making of improvements; and approve the present tariffs on wool and hides.

The estimate of a field-pathological bureau is urged.

Congress is petitioned to enact a law compelling interstate railroads to transport livestock between feeding points at a speed of not less than 15 miles an hour, including all stops. The co-operative livestock commission company is endorsed.

DOGS ASSISTS POLICE.

Belgian Hounds Which Are to Be Employed on New York Police Force About Ready for Work.

New York, Jan. 17.—The three Belgian hounds and the American Air-dale which have been for some time undergoing training in the duties of policemen, have about finished their education and within a few days they will be put on post in the outlying districts.

They will be the first dogs ever used by the New York police. They have been taught to obey implicitly any man in a police uniform, but to have nothing to do with an ununiformed man. They will answer a police whistle, will go to the aid of a policeman attacked and run down any man who attempts to run away from a policeman. They have been taught to seize the man whom they are after by the legs, throwing him, keeping guard over him until a uniformed policeman arrives. The department is much interested in the experiment, dogs having proved very valuable in police work in European cities.

France complains of Japan. Paris, Jan. 17.—The Temps Thursday publishes a pointed editorial article complaining that Japan is not treating France fairly in the matter of the distribution of her foreign orders industrial and war material.

Although two Japanese loans aggregating \$115,000,000 have been placed in France since the peace of Portsmouth, and the negotiation of the recent ententes, not a single order has been received by a French manufacturer, whereas, during the years 1906-07, Japan spent \$12,000,000 in England for cruisers, \$23,600,000 in Germany for field guns and war materials, and \$24,000,000 in the United States for machinery, ships and railroad material.

Broke a Texas Bank. Dallas, Tex., Jan. 17.—The Western Bank & Trust company of Dallas, the largest savings deposit bank in Texas, has been placed in the hands of a receiver, Henry D. Lindale, by instructions to administer the affairs of the institution for the interest of the creditors.

Officers of the bank declare that while on October 1 it was in the best condition of its history, a quiet run has prevailed since that time, and to meet it they have paid out over \$300,000.

Price of Steel Products Stiffens. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—Wallace H. Rowe, president of the Pittsburg Steel company and the Seamless Tube company of America, notified the Associated Press Thursday that prices for all wire and steel hoop products have been reaffirmed and there would be no reduction for the spring trade.

All the plants of the company resumed operations Thursday affording employment to thousands of workmen.

For Prohibition in Texas. Dallas, Texas, Jan. 17.—At a conference of the leading prohibitionists of Texas here Thursday, it was decided to ask the next legislature for a prohibition bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the state. A primary campaign will begin at once with a view of electing delegates to the legislature friendly to prohibition.

Walsh Case With the Jury. Chicago, Jan. 17.—Eight hours after the jury which is considering whether John R. Walsh was guilty of misapplying funds of the Chicago National bank had retired no word has come to the waiting attorneys and court attaches that a verdict was in prospect.

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Advertisement for T. C. Augustine featuring water troughs. Includes an illustration of a trough and text describing the product's benefits and pricing.

Advertisement for Swift's Digester Tankage, highlighting protein and profit for hogs.

Advertisement for Morris & Company featuring a variety of specialties including Supreme Ham, Supreme Bacon, Supreme Lard, and Supreme Sausage.