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## DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 38 Cars, 1127 Cattle; 188 Cars, 14,203 Hogs; 4 Cars, 1,088 Sheep.

## CATTLE SUPPLY SMALL TODAY

Only a Few Loads of Beef Steers Available Which Sold at About Steady Prices.

## NOTHING CHOICE OFFERED

Trade in Cows and Heifers Quiet Today. Desirable Grades Closing 15 to 25c Higher than Week Ago—Calves Active, Top \$6.25—More Healthy Color to Stock Cattle Trade; Current Values Firm with Last Week's Close—Live Hog Values Decline a Dime—Sheep Market Quiet.

## RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.

	1908	1907	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	61,587	65,805	4,218	
Hogs	332,028	231,807	100,191	
Sheep	82,187	86,585	4,398	
Horses	2,015	3,926	1,911	

## LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	3,000	42,000	7,000
Kansas City	2,000	16,000	3,500
South Omaha	8,000	14,500	8,000
St. Joseph	1,000	14,200	1,100
East St. Louis	1,000	14,000	100

## RECEIPTS BY CARS.

	1908	1907	1906
C. B. & Q., west	50	50	50
C. B. & Q., east	87	87	87
Great Western	32	32	32
Missouri Pacific	16	16	16
St. Joseph & Grand Island	24	24	24
A. T. & S. F.	12	12	12
Total	235	235	235

## CATTLE.

Little Here in Steer Line, Trade for Week in Fair Tone.

About an average Friday run of cattle was reported here and at leading outside points, local run including a few loads of steers, the bulk of which were of the styles that have been selling between \$4.50 and \$5.20. While there was nothing brisk about the demand, the market ruled about steady on the basis of prices prevailing on Thursday and a fair clearance was made, with fair light and medium killers selling between \$4.40 and \$4.85, common light steers \$4.60 to \$4.75.

The market for the week has been a fairly satisfactory one. Receipts at this point have been much the same in number as last week and at the five markets, the aggregate total of 137,000 indicates a small falling off compared with the previous week. There is not much change to note in the general run of steer prices. But there has been a good healthy demand for all useful beef steers and prices for good medium to heavy weight heaves are showing some strength compared with a week ago, although selling a trifle easy toward the close yesterday. In light weights there is practically no change. It is noted that there has been some increase in the number of good heaves arriving and it has been well demonstrated that this is a safe and profitable market point for these good cattle. The highest price of the week at any of the five leading points was made here on Monday, when a bunch of 21 ripe heavy Angus steers sold at \$5.25. Other sales of good medium to heavy heaves have ranged from \$5.25 to \$5.75 with quite a number of \$5.50 to \$5.85 kinds. It is also worth noting that more cattle to go east alive have been bought here this week than for any week since the opening of the new year. Bulk of steers for the week have sold between \$4.85 and \$5.35, but with common to pretty good light and medium weights going between \$4.00 and \$4.75.

## REFERRED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
10	1241.50	6	1118.47
11	1230.50	8	1240.47
12	1225.50	20	1046.40
13	1316.50	8	893.40
14	1282.50	10	1006.45
15	1185.45	2	995.40
16	1147.40	15	847.45

## COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Cow trade did not have the vim and snap of the previous session but most of the business was done at steady prices. Offerings were limited, but about normal for a Friday. Little desirable stock was at hand. It was a regulation Friday deal. While buying orders did not appear to be urgent the small supply was absorbed in season and prices were generally quoted steady at the recently advanced range.

There has been a strong undertone to the market for good cows and heifers this week. Receipts have been moderate and with shippers operating pretty freely, the trade has been an active and advancing one. Current prices are 15 to 25c higher than at the finish of last week, good to choice dressed beef cows selling to best advantage. Cannery and cutters were a little lower early in the week, but values are closing steady to strong with one week ago. Present values are at the high point of the winter and the market has a healthy color. Demand for the cheaper cuts of beef is seasonably strong and most traders predict a continued broad outlet for butcher stock for the next month or two. Bulk of the good dressed beef cows sold this week at \$3.75 to \$4.25 with a few on choice order selling at \$4.50 to \$5.00. Fair to pretty decent killing cows sold largely at \$3.25 to \$3.75 and bulk of the canners and cutters at \$2.50 to \$3.00. Shippers took out a good many decent heifers in a range of \$4.00 to \$4.50. A few choice heifers sold at \$4.75 to \$4.80. Common to medium heifers sold largely at \$3.15 to \$3.75. Sales of mixed heifers and steers ranged from \$3.90 to \$4.90.

Trade in bulls has had good life all week, but prices have varied little. Calves are closing strong to a quarter higher than a week ago with common to choice grades quotable at \$3.00 to \$3.25.

## HEIFERS.

	1908	1907	1906
1	560.475	578.400	
2	1082.475	795.300	
3	1040.425	834.350	
4	722.425	490.375	
5	902.420	889.375	
6	822.415	795.300	
7	953.415	660.325	
8	405.400	713.290	

## COWS.

	1908	1907	1906
1	1090.450	1045.305	
2	1356.425	1036.300	
3	1220.420	980.300	
4	1470.410	910.300	
5	1130.405	870.300	
6	1107.400	875.290	
7	1220.400	845.285	
8	985.400	1160.285	
9	1140.390	1280.275	
10	1266.375	1110.265	
11	1225.375	825.260	
12	1070.370	807.250	
13	1150.350	870.240	
14	1110.350	895.230	
15	980.350	530.220	
16	1090.340	775.210	
17	1140.340	775.210	
18	1176.340	740.200	
19	1060.325		

## BULLS AND STAGS.

	1908	1907	1906
1	1170.400	1383.800	
2	1720.400	1313.590	
3	1370.375	1220.385	
4	1690.375	1220.385	
5	1540.370	1260.375	
6	1390.360	1120.360	
7	1370.360	1050.300	
8	1260.350	730.250	

## VEAL CALVES.

	1908	1907	1906
1	140.600	210.500	
2	1170.600	110.500	
3	165.600	100.500	
4	180.600	120.500	
5	180.600	120.500	
6	120.600	90.500	
7	140.600	100.500	
8	115.600	82.400	
9	148.575	325.500	

## STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

Offerings in the stock cattle line were limited, and dealers making up bulk of the supply. Dealers were on hand ready to take on all useful qualified thin young steers at full steady prices on yesterday's stronger turn, and a quick clearance was made on this basis. Dealers reported a fair outgoing trade yesterday and several prospective country buyers were looking around this morning. Altogether the market has a more healthy tone than marked the opening trade of the week. The movement of stockers and feeders toward the country the past two or three days has been of encouraging volume and supplies in the stocker division have been cut down considerably. The market closes steady with a week ago all along the line, the weakness of early days this week being fully overcome. In fact, in the case of fleshy, strong weight feeders closing prices might safely be quoted a little stronger, but the activity of killers in the market for this class of cattle is responsible for this condition to a great degree. No change was noted in the stock heifer trade.

## STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

	1908	1907	1906
1	980.440	820.400	
2	960.425	830.400	
3	928.405	740.375	

## YEARLING AND CALVES.

	1908	1907	1906
1	62.375	430.850	
2	62.375	620.810	
3	521.365	697.830	

## FEEDING COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.

	1908	1907	1906
1	848.300	802.265	
2	590.300	648.285	
3	848.300	695.255	
4	622.290	829.240	
5	604.280	883.240	
6	580.275		

## Packers' Cattle Purchases.

	1908	1907	1906
Swift and Company	300		
Nelson Morris Packing Co.	400		
Hammond Packing Co.	200		
Total	700		

## Packers' Purchases Yesterday.

	1908	1907	1906
Swift & Co.	612	3,817	1,562
Hammond	409	3,934	1,768
Morris	483	2,559	220
Total	1,504	9,310	1,758

## HOGS.

Big General Supply Forces a 10 Cent Slump in Prices.

The largest total of hogs at five points for any day of the week was reported this morning, the aggregate being a strong 100,000 and making a five day aggregate of 423,000 and bringing the total up to a level with last week. Following a breaking market yesterday with this unexpectedly large run the buying interests again went out to force lower prices and succeeded in filling their orders largely at a 10 cent reduction from yesterday prices, but with instances of sales not showing more than a 5 cent decline, while in other

instances a dime would hardly cover the drop. The market was getting started, but 1 o'clock found a liberal proportion of the receipts out of first hands. Only a few pigs were offered and prices were unchanged.

Quality of hogs did not show any change. Light weights were numerous in mixed droves, but there was no dearth of good medium to strong weights.

Prices ranged from \$4.05 to \$4.45, with the bulk selling at \$4.15 to \$4.35. The bulk yesterday sold at \$4.25 to \$4.40, a week ago at \$4.30 to \$4.40, a month ago at \$4.15 to \$4.30, a year ago at \$6.95 to \$7.25, two years ago at \$5.75 to \$5.85, three years ago at \$4.80 to \$4.95, four years ago at \$4.85 to \$5.10.

## PIGS AND LIGHTS—100 LBS AND UNDER.

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
58	195.420	97	170.4010
59	192.415	68	152.410
60	191.410	62	175.410
61	188.405	97	170.4010
62	185.400	15	86.403
63	189.395	17	102.405
64	187.390	11	117.405
65	184.385	15	102.405
66	181.380	15	102.405
67	178.375	15	102.405
68	175.370	15	102.405
69	172.365	15	102.405
70	169.360	15	102.405
71	166.355	15	102.405
72	163.350	15	102.405
73	160.345	15	102.405
74	157.340	15	102.405
75	154.335	15	102.405
76	151.330	15	102.405
77	148.325	15	102.405
78	145.320	15	102.405
79	142.315	15	102.405
80	139.310	15	102.405
81	136.305	15	102.405
82	133.300	15	102.405
83	130.295	15	102.405
84	127.290	15	102.405
85	124.285	15	102.405
86	121.280	15	102.405
87	118.275	15	102.405
88	115.270	15	102.405
89	112.265	15	102.405
90	109.260	15	102.405
91	106.255	15	102.405
92	103.250	15	102.405
93	100.245	15	102.405
94	97.240	15	102.405
95	94.235	15	102.405
96	91.230	15	102.405
97	88.225	15	102.405
98	85.220	15	102.405
99	82.215	15	102.405
100	79.210	15	102.405

## HEAVY AND MIXED—200 LBS AND OVER.

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
55	313.445	74	285.120425
56	310.440	71	282.117425
57	307.435	68	279.114425
58	304.430	65	276.111425
59	301.425	62	273.108425
60	298.420	59	270.105425
61	295.415	56	267.102425
62	292.410	53	264.99425
63	289.405	50	261.96425
64	286.400	47	258.93425
65	283.395	44	255.90425
66	280.390	41	252.87425
67	277.385	38	249.84425
68	274.380	35	246.81425
69	271.375	32	243.78425
70	268.370	29	240.75425
71	265.365	26	237.72425
72	262.360	23	234.69425
73	259.355	20	231.66425
74	256.350	17	228.63425
75	253.345	14	225.60425
76	250.340	11	222.57425
77	247.335	8	219.54425
78	244.330	5	216.51425
79	241.325	2	213.48425
80	238.320		
81	235.315		
82	232.310		
83	229.305		
84	226.300		
85	223.295		
86	220.290		
87	217.285		
88	214.280		
89	211.275		
90	208.270		
91	205.265		
92	202.260		
93	199.255		
94	196.250		
95	193.245		
96	190.240		
97	187.235		
98	184.230		
99	181.225		
100	178.220		

## EAST ST. LOUIS.

Special to The Journal: The Drivers Journal-Stockman reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2,000. Market slow, weak to 10c lower; cows and heifers steady; stockers slow; calves steady.

## SOUTH OMAHA.

Special to The Journal: The Drivers Journal-Stockman reports: Cattle—Receipts, 3,500. Market steady to 10c higher; lambs \$6.95.

## EAST ST. LOUIS.

Special to The Journal: The Drivers Journal-Stockman reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1,600. Market steady.

## ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Today's cash values: Receipts, wheat, 2 cars; corn, 5 cars; oats, 0 car.

## Wheat.

No.	2 red	99	@ 100
1	99	97	99
2	98	96	98
3	97	95	97
4	96	94	96
5	95	93	95
6	94	92	94
7	93	91	93
8	92	89	92
9	91	88	91
10	90	87	90

## Corn.

No.	2 white	54 1/2	@ 55
1	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
2	54	54	54
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AT THE THEATRES TONIGHT. Crystal—Advanced Vaudeville. Lyric—Renfrow's Stock Co.

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

Mrs. John Myers, of Benedita, Kan., is the guest of friends in the South End.

The Brotherhood of the Gooding Methodist church met at the church last night. Supper was served by the women of the church, at 8 o'clock, followed by a business session.

A series of special meetings will begin Sunday at Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Texas and Pryor avenues.

A girl's seminary is to be established in St. Joseph soon, if plans of certain local physicians are carried out.

George Bristol, division agent of the Chicago Great Western railway, with headquarters at Des Moines, Ia., was in St. Joseph a short time yesterday.

F. W. Maxwell, commissioner of the Commercial club, left last night for St. Louis, where he will attend a conference which will discuss the advisability of the proposed eighth amendment to the state constitution, which provides for the separation of city and state taxes.

The Rev. L. E. McNair, chancellor of Highland university, Highland, Kan., was a guest at the Metropole last night.

H. S. Cable, general superintendent of the Rock Island railway at Davenport, Ia., and J. M. Brown, district engineer, also of Davenport, were in St. Joseph yesterday while en route to Colorado. They were traveling in Mr. Cable's private car.

CHURCH MEN MEET.

Refreshments Close Woodson Chapel Session.

The men's meeting at the Woodson Chapel Christian church last night was fairly well attended. Several interesting talks were given by those present. "The Need of Men and Boys in Church and Sunday School Work," was the topic of the address by Elder Wyatt. The Rev. Lowe, pastor of the Mitchell Park Christian church, used as the theme of his talk, "How to Gain and Retain Them." "The Need of Christian Influence Upon the Lives of our Coming Young Men," was the topic of the address given by George W. Eastin.

ESTABLISH BRANCH.

Creamery Company Starts Plant at Hastings, Neb.

More than 1,000 pounds of butter fat are being shipped to St. Joseph daily from Hastings, Neb., from the recently established branch house of the Blue Valley Creamery company, which was, on its opening, about three weeks ago, placed under the direction and management of E. D. Copely, a brother of B. F. Copely of the Blue Valley Creamery company in this city.

INSPECTORS SATISFIED.

Sanitary Inspector Vey and Deputy State Factory Inspector "Abb," were on a tour of inspection in the South End yesterday. This is the first inspection made of the suburb for several months and the officers report that conditions existing in the buildings they have examined to date, are fully up to the requirements of the law. The inspectors will visit the packing houses the first part of next week, and the McDonald factories the latter part of this week.

Inspector Bub Said Yesterday That He Did Not Expect to Find Serious Violations of the Law in Any of the Public Buildings and Factories of the Suburb, but Still He Intended to See That the Law Was Carried Out to the Letter.

"Don't you think it is a crazy thing for us to come down here just to watch them haul out a lot of poor fish in a big net?"

"Perhaps so. The whole affair is conducted on its side methods."

JUDGE HARGISS SHOT

Noted Feudist of Breathitt County, Kentucky, Killed by His Own Son.

Had Been Accused of Complicity in Several Murders Growing Out of Hargiss-Cockrill Feud—Ordered His Own Casket.

A MOUNTAIN CHARACTER

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 7.—Former County Judge James Hargiss, for many years member of the state democratic executive committee accused of complicity in many murders and a prominent figure in the feuds which have disrupted Breathitt county for several years was shot and instantly killed in his general store here Thursday afternoon by his son Beach Hargiss.

The son fired five shots in rapid succession at his father, who fell dead while his clerks were waiting on customers. The exact cause of the murder has not been learned, but it is supposed to have been the result of differences which have existed between father and son for some time. The two men are reported to have had a quarrel several nights ago, when the father, it is alleged, was compelled to resort to violence to restrain his son. Young Hargiss, it is said, has been drinking heavily of late. He came into the store late Thursday afternoon and was apparently under the influence of liquor. Judge Hargiss, it is said, spoke to his son about his drinking and a quarrel resulted. Father and son stepped behind a counter in the store, when the son, after only a few minutes conversation drew a revolver and fired five shots. Four took effect, the noted mountain character falling dead. The young lady stenographer and the customers in the store rushed for the doors and fled in fright.

Young Hargiss was arrested by Town Marshall Gorman Smith and Grover Blanton and placed in jail. He was raving like a maniac and the officers were compelled to drag him to jail.

Judge Hargiss has been for years a prominent figure in Kentucky political circles. He has figured in the courts in the mountains for years on account of the murders of Dr. Cox, Attorney Marcum and Jim Cockrill. Judge Hargiss was the political leader of the democrats of the Tenth district and was the "boss" leader of Breathitt county. For years his sway was not opposed but some years ago Mr. Marcum had the temerity to oppose Hargiss in a law case. From that date Marcum is said to have been a marked man.

He had been on trial at various times for complicity in the murder of James B. Marcum, Jim Cockrill and Dr. Cox, but had secured an acquittal on all the charges. He was recently forced to pay a judgment of \$8,000 to Mrs. Marcum in connection with the death of her husband, a verdict having been found against him in the circuit court at Winchester.

Judge Hargiss had just disposed of this, the last of the cases in which he had been involved by his connection with the Hargiss-Cockrill feud, when he paid a check of over \$11,000 to Mrs. Marcum. Mrs. Marcum had sued Judge Hargiss and others for \$100,000, alleging that they caused the death of her husband. Though Judge Hargiss was acquitted of the charge of having murdered Marcum, the Winchester jury awarded Mrs. Marcum \$8,000 damages against him.

The Hargiss-Cockrill feud, out of which grew the almost innumerable tragedies with which Judge Hargiss' name is linked, had its inception in a political contest. The Hargiss family had long been dominant in Breathitt county, where they conducted a general store, were engaged in the lumber business, and were generally active. The brothers, James, Alex, and Elbert, were good business men and accumulated what in the mountains is a great fortune.

Judge Hargiss will be buried in a casket which he, himself, purchased about a month ago. Sometime during the early part of last month Judge Hargiss went to the National Casket company and requested that he be shown the most elaborate coffins the company had in stock. Nothing suited him and he finally ordered one along his own ideas costing \$1,500.

About 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon the following telegram was received by the company: "Express today casket selected by James Hargiss, as he is dead."

Oil Men Will Banquet.

Tulsa, Ok., Feb. 7.—The Mid-Continental Oil Producing association Thursday perfected arrangements for a great banquet mass meeting of oil men in this city on February 25 to which the governor, state officials and members of both branches of the legislature will be invited. The object of the meeting is to better acquaint the officials of the state with conditions as they actually exist in the oil fields with the view of establishing a clear relationship of all concerned. The number of oil men in the state is estimated at 28,000, most of whom are members of the association.

Face Hardwood Famine.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 7.—Discussion of what is termed a "threatened famine in hardwood lumber" is likely to be the chief topic of the sixth annual meeting of the Hardwood Manufacturers' association of the United States which began here Thursday. About 200 delegates are in attendance.

LUMBER CUT LARGE.

More Cut in United States Last Year Than Ever Before.

Washington, Feb. 5.—More lumber was cut in the United States last year than in any other year in its history. The enormous amount of 37,550,736 board feet was produced, and the mill value of this was \$621,151,388. In addition, there were produced 11,353,259,000 shingles, valued at \$24,152,555, and 3,812,307,000 lath, valued at \$11,490,570. On the whole, it is safe to say that the present annual lumber cut of the United States approximates 40 billion feet, and that the total mill value of the lumber, lath and shingles each year produced is not less than \$700,000,000. These figures give some idea of how vast is the lumber industry and how great is the demand for its products.

A glance at the kinds of lumber produced shows very clearly the passing of white pine and oak, one the greatest softwood and the other the greatest hardwood which the forest has ever grown. Since 1893 the cut of white pine has fallen off more than 40 per cent, while that of white oak has fallen off more than 25 per cent. To-day yellow pine leads all other woods in amount cut, while Douglas fir—and this will be a surprise to many—comes second. Since 1893 the cut of Douglas fir has increased 184 per cent. Louisiana is the foremost yellow pine State, with Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas following in order. Washington produces by far the greatest amount of Douglas fir.

The highest-priced native woods are walnut, hickory and ash, and the cheapest are larch and white fir. From the fact, however, that since 1893 the average increase in the price of lumber has been 49 per cent, it will not be long before cheap woods are few and far between.

Figures upon the lumber cut for the United States in 1906 are contained in Circular 122 of the Forest Service, which can be had upon application to the Forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

HIS COWS GET DRUNK.

Farmer's Cattle Go On Spree in Corn Field—Cornstalk Alcoholism.

Kankakee, Ill., Feb. 6.—T. M. Quigley, a farmer living near Pontiac, owns a herd of cattle that go off on a spree every time he turns them loose in a corn field. The cows seem to get drunk after eating the cornstalks, and some of them get so dizzy they are unable to walk. Many cows in the vicinity have died, and their deaths have been attributed to cornstalk alcoholism. Quigley frequently has to drive drunken cows out of the field and lock them in the barn to sober up.

It is said that the coolness of the nights last summer prevented the sap from drying up in the stalks, and that the absorption of this fermented sap may be the explanation of the cornstalk drunkenness.

QUEER EXPERIMENTS MADE.

Greeley, Colo., Man Endeavors to Cross Various Kinds of Grain.

Greeley, Colo., Feb. 6.—E. P. House, a Colorado farmer, is seeking to develop a wheat which shall partake of the firm characteristics of the durum but still have the qualities of Egyptian wheat. Mr. House sowed his wheat by hand and with a microscope he selected only the largest grains. He is so careful that not more than one sheaf of a day is handled. House will endeavor to plant winter and ordinary spring rye in February and he is in hopes that both will flower at the same time. The rye will be crossed with popcorn and it is the belief that a fine breakfast food can be produced by that experiment. He has a seven-acre tract one mile west of Greeley where his experiments are being made.

MILKMAN'S "TRUST" WARLIKE.

Proposes to Put Milwaukee Independents Out of Business.

Milwaukee, Feb. 6.—A threat to dynamite a milkman's plant at Waldo, Wis., sent through the mails from Milwaukee, has brought the attention of the postal authorities to the milk war in Waukesha and Milwaukee counties. The troubles are now assuming dangerous proportions. In the meantime the Milwaukee dealers are standing out against the demands of the Waukesha county combine in the interest of which drastic measures to bring the independent shippers to time are being made.

Changing Our Language.

If we come down to the philosophy of the thing, we are confronted with the phenomenon that virtually all the people in the world are engaged in the eternal amusement of slouching off their inherited and familiar language and learning to speak another. No spoken language, anywhere on earth, has ever been the same thing for a hundred years. Slang is sweet in all mouths, because it is new. By and by slang becomes idiom; people weary of it because it is traditional, and adopt new phrases. The English in this respect are quite as bad as we; you shall hear a "cinch" spoken of any day in Oxford or Cambridge or Belgravia.

A Calm Avowal.

"So," remarked the old-time friend, "society has at last welcomed you with open arms."

"No," answered Mr. Cumrox; "I am still endeavoring to welcome society with open bucketbook."

Sued for Gridiron Tackle.

Lancaster, Pa.—Alderman Doebler had a novel assault and battery hearing. William Stewart was the defendant and Harry Plotnick, the prosecutor. In a tackle in a football match Plotnick's arm was injured, and he will be a cripple, and he seeks to have Stewart punished. The game was played on Thanksgiving day, but Plotnick is only able now to leave the house for the first time.

TO PROTECT "DRY" SPOTS

Anti-Liquor Advocates Before House Committee in the Interest of Their Bills.

Request of Representative Bartholdt to Extend Time Denied by the Committee—Favorable Report Urged on Bills to Keep Liquor Shipments Out of Local Option Territory.

HEARINGS TO CLOSE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Washington, Feb. 7.—Representatives of the prohibition party, the Anti-Saloon League of America, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and various Christian organizations appeared Thursday before the house committee on the judiciary to urge a favorable report on one or more of the bills introduced to protect "dry" local option districts from receipt of interstate as well as intrastate shipments of liquor; that is, to bestow the right of border line confiscation of liquors shipped to destinations within prohibition districts.

The Rev. S. E. Nicholson, legislative superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League spoke for this organization; Prof. Charles Scanlon, of Pittsburg, for the Presbyterian church; Finley Hendrickson of Cumberland, Md., for the prohibition party, and Mr. Ray, of Pennsylvania, for the United Presbyterian church. Present for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union were the national president, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens; the national secretary, Miss Gordan and the national executive superintendent, Miss Ellis. Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds, made an argument against the proposed measures in behalf of the National German-American Alliance.

Representative Clayton of Alabama, a member of the committee, whose attitude supports federal protection of prohibition districts, questioned some of the prohibition speakers as to the legal right of the states to invoke federal excise protection in the face of voluntary surrender to the government of the very rights now sought to be re-obtained. It was agreed that briefs should be submitted on this point.

Representative Bartholdt asked that the decision of the committee to close its hearing February 12 be rescinded, in order to allow representatives of the California wine merchants to come to Washington and present their side of the case and also to give further hearing to the German-American Alliance. Chairman Jenkins stating that it already had been agreed that no further hearings would be held other than on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday mornings. In asserting the complete failure of prohibition laws in Maine, Kansas and Iowa, Mr. Bartholdt remarked: "these things we know, but we do not know how prohibition laws are going to operate in the states of Georgia, and Alabama."

"Pardon me," interrupted Chairman Jenkins, "but I heard an answer to that query, made by a southerner only this morning. He said: 'the inauguration of prohibition laws in Alabama and Georgia will work like a charm. This will mean that a white gentleman can get a drink whenever he wants it, but a nigger can't get a drop.'"

Representatives Clayton of Alabama and Brantley of Georgia, laughingly protested that this was not so. "Surely, Mr. Chairman, your friend did not speak that way of Alabama," questioned Mr. Clayton.

"I'm quite positive he was not referring to Georgia," added Mr. Brantley. "He said Alabama and he said Georgia," replied Mr. Jenkins; and even some of the prohibition representatives joined in the laughter that followed.

Kansas Union Officers Chosen.

Topeka, Feb. 7.—The State Society of Labor closed its meetings here Wednesday with the election of officers as follows: President, Charles H. Danner, Fort Scott; vice president, W. L. O'Brien, Topeka; legislative committee, W. O. VanPelt, representing the railroad organizations, Pittsburg; Joseph L. Shaw, representing the mine workers, Pittsburg, and James Skahn, representing the building trades and miscellaneous organizations.

DIFFICULT TO GET CORN.

Little Corn to Be Had at Any Price in Clay County, Nebraska.

The difficulty of securing, rather than the high price of corn, is the serious problem confronting feeders of live stock in Clay county, Nebraska, according to A. W. Hall, of Edgar, who was here yesterday with two cars of cattle and hogs. Mr. Hall is county assessor of Clay county and is in close touch with conditions in his section of country. He owns a big farm near Edgar and alfalfa is the principal crop raised upon it. He usually feeds 150 cattle and 200 head of hogs annually, but this year his feeding operations were restricted owing to the scarcity and high price of corn. "Scarcity of corn, rather than high prices is the main problem of feeders in my section," said Mr. Hall. "Corn is hard to secure at any price. There is a big supply of hogs on hand and quite a few cattle. Feeders have no alternative but to market their stock unfinished under present conditions." Mr. Hall grew eloquent in his praise of Nebraska in general and his section in particular from an agricultural and live stock standpoint. "Clay county is the home of more cattle, hogs, horses and poultry breeding associations than any other section in the state and I believe I may safely say in the United States," said Mr. Hall. "We produce good crops of wheat, alfalfa and corn, last year being an exception in the raising of corn. Clay county was the banner wheat county of the state last year. A big acreage of wheat was put in last fall and the crop is looking fairly good. It has been rather dry this winter for wheat, but we had a good snow last Friday, which helped the situation. Good land ranges in price from \$75 to \$100 and higher and the farms are all well improved."

Histo., repeats itself.

It is interesting in this day and generation to know that the lawyer for the defense in the Brown-Bradley case is of the opinion that a woman who is interested in politics must be an abnormal creature. "I have no taste," said Napoleon, "for women who meddle in politics." "You may perhaps be right," replied Mme. de Stael, "but since people have taken the freedom to cut their heads off on account of politics, they ought at least to be allowed to understand why."

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WEDNESDAY'S BUSINESS

CATTLE.

Strong Market for Fat Weights Bees Light Steers Steady.

Receipts of cattle have continued moderate for the expired half-week at all leading points and the result is noted in a stronger undertone to the market for fat beef cattle. Today the local offering of steers that carried anything like attractive dressed beef merit found ready outlet at prices that were fully strong and in some instances around a dime higher. This applying to steers of medium to strong weight and carrying quality enough to sell around and over the \$5.00 mark. On the other hand light weights and steers that lacked fat were not more than steady and were slower sellers than the more weighty and fatter styles. Offerings included a very good kind of heavy steers; in fact a choice kind that sold at \$5.75, the second highest of the week. Other good styles of medium weights sold in a range of \$5.00 to \$5.55 and the sales indicated the strength of the market. In the less attractive styles, the trade was about steady with fair killing light and medium weights selling in a range of \$4.40 to \$4.90, while common light weights sold as low as around \$4.00 to \$4.25.

Local receipts for the week to date are about the same as for the previous week, while the 104,000 at five points shows a small falling off compared with the first half of last week.

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists various cattle prices.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

An improved tone was manifest in the trade in cows and heifers today. Receipts were moderate and the demand was strong. The market opened in good season and continued brisk until everything had been cleared up. Good cows were scarce and competition was active for this class of stock. A load of decent beef cows sold at \$4.00 and offerings suitable to sell above the figure were scarce, but there was a fair showing of sales in a range of \$3.20 to \$3.90. Medium grades of killing cows sold with considerably more freedom than yesterday. Bulk of offerings in this class sold at \$3.00 to \$3.50. Canner and cutter grades were not numerous, but this end of the trade was rather quiet and prices barely steady. Good heifers were active sellers in a range of \$3.75 to \$4.25 with mixed lots selling up to \$4.75. Common to medium grades were easier to move than yesterday in a range of \$3.00 to \$3.55. The market was brisk for all classes of killing cows and heifers and prices were generally quoted strong to 10c higher than yesterday.

The supply of bulls was moderate and the market ruled steady. Calves were in fair supply. Trade ruled fairly lively at steady prices.

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STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

Free supply of stockers and feeders was small today, a fortunate circumstance in view of the indifference displayed by buyers. There was some inquiry for fleshy, strong-weight feeders, but holders were generally loath to interest killers in this class of cattle and few took their way into the stocker pens. Demand was slack for the light stocker stuff that comprised bulk of receipts and offerings met a slow outlet at weak and unsatisfactory prices. As yet there is little outside inquiry for stockers and feeders and supplies continue to pile up in the stock cattle division. Except in good weights feeders prices have declined 15c to 25c since middle days of last week, but the reduced values have failed to stimulate any material inquiry. Stocks on hand at present are large and any want of the country can be supplied on this market.

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HOGS.

Trade Opened 5 to 10 Cents Higher, But Developed Dull Spot.

With an estimate of 11,000 hogs for the local point and a total of \$4,500 reported in eight mornings the trade opened 5 to 10 cents higher than yesterday. But, with less than one-third of the local supply sold the market came to a sudden stop about 11 o'clock and for a time both buyers and sellers took to the warmth of the scale houses. Later the trade got to going again with a part of the early advance lost, but with activity enough developing to afford a fair clearance in seasonable hour. Pigs were scarce and prices nominally steady.

As has been the case for some time past the quality of hogs was fairly good, but with mixed droves carrying long light ends. The proportion of unfinished hogs is larger than it should be, but will perhaps not slack up any until prices for live hogs go permanently higher or the supply in the country has been depleted.

Supply for the expired half-week at the local point is about 3,000 less than for same time last week, while the aggregate at five points for same period is 245,000 and indicates a shrinkage of 42,000 compared with first half of last week.

Prices ranged from \$4.20 to \$4.50, with the bulk selling at \$4.30 to \$4.45. The bulk yesterday sold at \$4.25 to \$4.40, a week ago at \$4.10 to \$4.20, a month ago at \$4.50 to \$4.60, a year ago at \$6.97 to \$7.05, two years ago at \$5.60 to \$5.65, three years ago at \$4.65 to \$4.85, four years ago at \$4.85 to \$5.15.

PIGS AND LIGHTS—1907'S AND UNDER.

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THURSDAY'S BUSINESS

CATTLE.

Moderate Mid-Week Supplies, Trade Only About Steady.

Supplies of cattle were not large at any point today, in fact, have been moderate all week, and yet there was an air this morning suggesting that packers have plenty of beef on hand for immediate needs, and were in no hurry to get into action on steers. One cause of slow appearance, however, of trade was found in late arrival of trains, as buyers did not care to get busy until they could get some idea of the kinds of cattle as well as the number on sale.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

There was some improvement noted in the market for stocker and feeder steers today. A better demand was in evidence and the moderate fresh supplies were absorbed in season on a steady to firm basis of prices. There was a pretty fair movement to the country yesterday and a considerable hole was cut in the supply in the stocker division. This, with a fair attendance of country buyers on the yards this morning, created a firmer tone to the trade. Fleshy feeders were in good request, but buyers found this class of material very scarce.

Useful classes of yearlings and light stockers sold with considerable more freedom than yesterday of the preceding day and prices were steady to strong and in cases 10c higher. Trashy light stock received scant attention from buyers and trade was rather draggy in these classes. Outgoing trade yesterday was large enough to encourage dealers to predict a good clearance of the stocker pens before Saturday night.

Few stock heifers were on offer today. Trade was quoted steady to firm. Receipts of cattle at this point for four days are about the same as for the like period last week, but at five points the aggregate total of 123,000 shows a small falling off compared with last week.

DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.

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With 10,000 hogs here and a total of 76,000 in sight at five leading points the trade here had a bearish tint during the entire forenoon and it was late before trade got to going in anything like good volume. Sellers held out for several days with yesterday's general trade, but buyers were all on bearish order, bid and stuck for lower prices and finally succeeded in establishing the market on a basis of 5 cents under the average prices of yesterday. On this basis the trade became fairly active about noon and a fair clearance was made in a reasonable hour. There were not many pigs offered and prices were quoted steady at around \$3.50 for choice quality weighing around and slightly under 100 lbs.

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Cows and heifers were again active and a fair clearance was made in a reasonable hour. There were not many pigs offered and prices were quoted steady at around \$3.50 for choice quality weighing around and slightly under 100 lbs.

No change was noted in quality of hogs coming. There are still more unfinished light and medium weights coming than there should be at this season, but there is quite liberal showing of nice, smooth medium and heavy weights.

Prices ranged from \$4.15 to \$4.50, with the bulk selling at \$4.30 to \$4.40. The bulk yesterday sold at \$4.30 to \$4.45, a week ago at \$4.15 to \$4.25, a month ago at \$4.50 to \$4.60, a year ago at \$6.90 to \$7.00, two years ago at \$5.70 to \$5.80, three years ago at \$4.70 to \$4.90, four years ago at \$4.85 to \$5.15.

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The fleet will leave Friday night at 11 o'clock. The torpedo boat flotilla will accompany the battleships through the strait as far as Cape Pillar, at the west end, from which point the smaller vessels will take an inside passage to the north. At Valparaiso the fleet will steam close in shore and salute the town. The Chilean cruiser Chacabuco will precede the fleet out of the strait. The vessels expect to arrive off Valparaiso Friday, February 14, about 2 p. m.

John Hicks, the American minister to Chile, who came to Punta Arenas on the Chacabuco, entertained the American admirals and captains at breakfast Wednesday on board this vessel. Commander Hodges of the British cruiser Sappho, was also a guest. No toasts were offered by the officers, but Henry L. Jones, secretary of the American legation at Valparaiso made a brief address, closing with the statement that he expected some day the sailors of the British, Chilean and American navies would claim and attain dominion over the seven seas.

While the officers were being entertained in the ward room of the Chacabuco, 200 American and 20 British bluejackets were given a splendid breakfast on the lower deck. Great enthusiasm prevailed and the sailors drank to the health of their respective nations and their commanding admirals.

Tuesday afternoon there was a dance on board the Chacabuco at which the society of Punta Arenas was well represented. Four hundred guests danced until six o'clock in the evening.

Punta Arenas is having a feast of music. Every day bands from one or another of the American warships play on the plaza.

**Pruned Postal Estimates.**  
Washington, Feb. 7.—In the fact of prevailing business conditions on which postal revenues are based, and in view of the large increases granted last year, I think it is extremely probable that the committee will this year recommend a general increase of salaries of postal employees outside of the regular classification advances. This statement was made by Chairman Overstreet of the house committee on postoffices and post-roads. That committee Thursday concluded the hearings on the postoffice appropriation bill. The bill as it stands carries a total appropriation of \$212,000,000, which is about \$19,000,000 less than the estimates submitted by the department.

**New Berry for America.**  
New York, Feb. 7.—Conrad Skarstedt, a prominent Swedish horticulturist in New York, having come from Sweden with the object of attempting to introduce into America the Ligon berry, which is similar to the American cranberry. The berry is one of the popular fruits of Sweden and Mr. Skarstedt believes that it will prove no less popular in America if he is successful in introducing it. He will promote farms for its culture and factories for preparing it for market.

**Raised an Issue of Fact.**  
Washington, Feb. 7.—In a speech in the senate Thursday Senator Culbertson declared that the secretary of the treasury by his report to the senate has raised an issue of fact as to whether national banks in New York used the \$75,000,000 of public money deposited with them for speculative purposes or whether this money was used to meet the demand of outside banks for reserve purposes.

**A Verdict Against Dayhoff.**  
Topeka, Feb. 7.—In the district court Thursday before Judge Dana the jury awarded Mrs. G. G. Burton a verdict of \$3,000 damages against ex State Superintendent of Public Instruction L. E. Dayhoff. Mrs. Burton who represents a series of school books, in her petition asked for \$12,000 damages claiming Dayhoff had injured her character by editorial attacks in his paper "The Kansas Educator" in 1906.

**Franco in Madrid.**  
London, Feb. 7.—A despatch from Madrid says that Senhor Franco, the former Portuguese premier, has arrived there from Lisbon.

## NO PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

Organized Labor Is Actively Interested in Political Conditions.

But John Mitchell Thinks the Organizations Will Not Make Any Partizan Movement.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 7.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, when asked Thursday in regard to rumors to the effect that there had been inaugurated during the recent mine workers convention a movement to endorse the candidacy of certain aspirants for the presidency of the United States and for other political offices stated that so far as he knew there was no foundation for these rumors. He said, however, that the members of the union, together with all trade unionists affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, were interested actively in the election to all executive, judicial and administrative offices of men who were known to be sympathetic to the reasonable demands of the wage earners of the country. "It follows, therefore," said Mr. Mitchell, "that they would oppose the candidacy of aspirants for political honors who are known to be unsympathetic or antagonistic to the labor movement."

"This activity on the part of the organized and to a less extent on the part of the unorganized workers of our country, is not a partizan movement. I think there is little possibility of the labor organizations entering the political field from a party standpoint."

## The Fleet Ready to Move.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Admiral Evans does not expect to leave Punta Arenas with his battleships until the evening of the seventh instead of the morning as was expected. His dispatch on that subject to the navy department Thursday says he was ready to go ahead on the evening of the fifth but in order to return courtesies extended by the Chileans, his departure had been delayed until Friday evening. There is a stretch of clear, wide water from Punta Arenas to Cape Horn, in the Magellan Strait. This can be covered safely in the dark. Then there are long, tortuous passages and while traversing these, the admiral will have about 20 hours of daylight, which it is expected will bring him well on towards Cape Pillar, at the Pacific end of the Strait. The torpedo boat destroyer flotilla will go with the battleships until Cape Pillar is reached, when they separate.

## Making Bad Indians.

Washington, Feb. 7.—When the Indian appropriation bill was taken up in the house Thursday on its merits and for the consideration of the amendments much opposition was expressed by Mr. Smith, Arizona, to the section making appropriation for collecting and transporting Indian pupils to and from schools not on the reservation. He offered an amendment to limit the appropriation to the transportation of such pupils only within the state in which they live. He believed, he said, in the principle that the Indian child should be educated not with the view of helping himself, but of helping his people and charged that in many cases where Indians had gone back to their reservations from non-reservation schools they became the worst Indians of all.

## Will Try Two Flying Machines.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The board of ordinance and fortifications Thursday considered the bids submitted last Monday for supplying the army with a flying machine of the heavier-than-air type. There were 41 bids received, but a larger number of these had been eliminated by General Allen, the chief signal officer, who opened them, on the ground of informality or impracticability. The board Thursday selected two of the plans proposed as worthy of trial and recommended to the secretary of war an allotment of money to defray the expenses thereof.

## McLean Arrived in Tangier.

Tangier, Feb. 7.—Kaid Sir Harry MacLean, commander of the sultan's body guard and next to the sultan, the most influential man in Morocco, has arrived here under an escort from the bandit Raisuli, who has had him under bondage for the past seven months. He was brought here in accordance with the agreement which the British government finally succeeded in making with Raisuli for his release. In return for which Great Britain will pay \$100,000 to Raisuli and guarantee him protection and immunity from arrest.

## For Road Improvements \$30,000.

Washington, Feb. 7.—In addressing the house committee on agriculture Thursday Director of Public Roads Logan W. Page, of the department of agriculture, said that his office would ask for about \$30,000 additional appropriation to carry on the education at work now well under way in various states.

## Cabled Morse to Return.

New York, Feb. 7.—At the request of United States District Attorney Stimson, Albert S. Boardman, counsel for Charles W. Morse, late Thursday cabled his client at Liverpool asking that Morse return to this city. Mr. Boardman believes that the banker will take passage on the first steamer sailing west after the arrival at Queenstown or Liverpool of the Cunard line steamship Campania, upon which his attorney says, Morse sailed from here last Saturday.

## Want to Farm King's Park.

London, Feb. 7.—A little band of unemployed men who have marched all the way from Manchester started on the last leg of their journey Thursday afternoon. Their destination is Windsor, where they propose to take possession of a portion of the great royal park, build cottages and farm the lands which surround the castle of the king.

## WAS A GOLD BRICK

The Government Has Paid \$120,000 for a Useless Cost Ascertainingsystem for Public Printer.

## PRESIDENT ORDERED IT OUT

Suspended Official Surrounded Himself With Pomp and Elegance Amid Entwinement With Scarlet Tape—To Take the Lid Off.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Concurring in the recommendation of Acting Public Printer Rossiter, the president Thursday cancelled the contract of the government with the Audit System and ordered its ejection from the government printing office at the end of six days. The Audit System is the corporate name of the cost-ascertaining method which was installed more than a year ago by Public Printer Stillings. Under its operation the government has paid about \$120,000 for the privilege of calculating the cost of government printing and binding. Representative Landis of Indiana, chairman of the joint committee which is investigating the government printing office, says that the Audit System, as it has been installed and operated in Washington, "is a gold brick thinly plated with the genuine stuff."

Mr. Landis is authority for the statement that the joint investigation committee proposes to take the lid entirely off and delve to the bottom of the many charges, some of them definite and distinct, others of a public rumor character, which eventuated Wednesday in the suspension by the president of Public Printer Stillings and his succession by W. S. Rossiter, of the census bureau.

Mr. Rossiter has been directed by the president to make an impartial survey of conditions there and to recommend methods for reducing the office to a business basis. This task, an extremely arduous and complex one, he plunged into Thursday and his judgment three weeks he will be able to submit an intelligent report to the White house. Thursday afternoon he made a brief preliminary report, recommending the discontinuance of the Audit System.

Among the charges which the joint investigation committee will inquire into pursuant to the suspension of Public Printer Stillings is that his administration has compassed remarkable extravagances. Chairman Landis, who visited the government printing office Thursday to call on Mr. Rossiter, found himself ushered into surroundings which a multi-millionaire might fancy. In the public printer's offices massive furniture, costly pictures, appointments of elegance little in keeping with a printing and binding plant. The committee, with the help of Mr. Rossiter, will endeavor to find out why, roughly speaking, it has cost the government \$50 to turn out a job which commercial houses would do for \$15. The committee may inquire into such reports as these: "That 45 cents a pound has been paid for quantities of inks worth less than 20 cents a pound. That the store rooms of the government printing office contain at the present time more paper stock than under other administrations was used up in half a dozen years; that so great was the pomp with which Public Printer Stillings surrounded himself that persons having business with him were frequently required to make appointment a day ahead, and never could gain his presence without running the fire of unformed lackeys and threading a maze of scarlet tape."

## Coaling Station at Magdalena.

Mexico City, Feb. 7.—The concession granted by Mexico to the United States granting the privilege of the establishment of a coaling station at Magdalena bay is now in force, and it is expected that the two barges provided for under the concession, will be anchored in the bay before the arrival there of the fleet which is now rounding South America.

## Speech Making Ends.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—Political speechmaking came to an end in the house Thursday and actual consideration of the Indian appropriation bill was resumed. A bitter fight was waged on the proposition to abolish non-reservation schools and the subject was discussed throughout the afternoon.

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St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 7.—Florida republicans stood conspicuously in the limelight Thursday as being the first to hold their convention to select delegates to the National convention, and it is said here that the strenuous and exciting scenes enacted are a forecast of similar scenes in other southern states, caused by the efforts being made by the anti-Roosevelt republicans for control in the National convention.

The convention Thursday was one of the most remarkable in some respects ever held by any political party. It was really two conventions held at the same time in the same hall. The progress of business was frequently interrupted by knock-down and drag-out fights.

The officeholders faction was called to order by the chairman of the state committee and they proclaimed themselves as the regular party, but they did not succeed in carrying out the pre-arranged programme. The Taft sentiment was too strong for the leaders to hold in check and resolutions were adopted endorsing William H. Taft for the presidency. On the other side of the hall the contesting convention took conservative action and chose delegates untrammelled by instructions, positive assurance being given by Joseph N. Stripling, who led the movement, that despite the fact that they were branded as bolters by the other convention, the delegates they named would be seated in the National convention.

## Here is "Gen." Coxe's Again.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 7.—"General" J. S. Coxe, of Mount Vernon, O., who lead an "army" of unemployed to Washington in 1895, arrived here Thursday to take part in the convention of itinerant unemployed which will open its session Friday. The "general" announced that he has been making money during the past few years and will use it to take out a special train over the country to advertise a bill he has prepared. The bill provides that states, counties, townships and cities be permitted to issue bonds without interest, the bonds to be deposited with the government, which will permit the issuance of paper money to cover the face of the bonds.

## Oppose the Aldrich Bill.

New York, Feb. 7.—The Merchants' association of New York, representing the wholesale and retail commercial interests of the city, Thursday announced its decision to oppose the Aldrich financial bill which has been presented in congress. In announcing the decision President Clarence Whitman, said the association has not committed itself to any substitute currency measure. "At present," said Mr. Whitman, "we are more interested in preventing the adoption of some dangerous makeshift measures, of which the Aldrich bill is a fair sample."

## For Maximum and Minimum Tariff.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Senator Beveridge introduced a resolution declaring "that the tariff should provide for maximum and minimum rates of duty; the first to apply to all countries that will not grant to this country special advantages in their markets and the second to apply to all countries that will grant to this country special commercial advantages in their markets." Both maximum and minimum rates are required to be arranged according to the principles of protection.

## A Northern Pacific Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 7.—A resolution was introduced Thursday by Senator Heyburn, calling upon the president to furnish information concerning the Northern Pacific Railway company's alleged negotiations in taking over the property of the Northern Pacific estate and placing a value on it at a figure many millions in excess of its actual cost. The president is requested to inform the senate whether any investigation of the doings of the company has been made.

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