

DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 150 Cars, 4250 Cattle; 76 Cars, 4114 Hogs; 5 Cars, 736 Sheep.

NO PRIME BEEVES ON OFFER

Trade on Kinds Here Was About Steady, Little Change During the Week.

LIBERAL RUN OF WESTERNS

With Big Showing of Cows—Native She Stock Active and Steady For Canner and Canner Grades—Stocker and Feeder Trade Holds Steady—Good Hogs Hold Steady, Packers Lower—Sheep Steady to Strong.

Receipts from January 1, 1910. The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1910, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1909:

Table with columns: Receipts, 1910, 1909, Dec. Inc. Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Horses.

Live Stock in Sight. The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets:

Table with columns: Market, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Year ago.

Receipts by Cars. The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads entering at the stock yards:

Table with columns: Direction, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Total.

CATTLE

No Change in Market, Supply All Western and Cheap Native. There was a smaller proportion of fat steers from the corn states this morning than for any previous day of the week.

While there were fewer and steers here than on former days of the week and none of them up to the standard of top getters here yesterday and Tuesday, the supply appeared to be up to the demands of the trade and there was no hustling around on the part of the buyers that suggested they were afraid of not getting all of the cattle they wanted.

Stockers and Feeders. Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$4.60 to \$5.25; medium to good grades \$4.00 to \$4.50; good to fancy stock steers \$3.50 to \$4.00; and common to fair \$3.25 to \$3.75; stock heifers \$3.00 to \$3.75 for fair to sturdy good kinds, stock cows \$3.00 to \$3.50, and stock calves \$2.25 to \$3.00.

Cows, Bulls and Mixed. In the stock line there was quite liberal proportion of offerings, with the westerns predominating. There was a fair demand for the canner and cutter grades and prices for these held fully steady, but for the better kinds there was somewhat of a dragging tone at the start and bids were considered weak, but with the final trade falling close to steady and a good clearance being made before the closing hour.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. 28...1276.6 25...1192.5 30...1311.1 26...830.4 30...1170.6 25...940.4 28...1129.6 30...925.4 24...1129.5 30...749.3 25...1328.5 25...1010.3 25...1182.5 30...940.3 25

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. 23...864.5 05...860.4 30...895.4 05...880.3 30...623.4 30...925.3 190...955.4 00...745.4 25...855.4 00...610.4 30...765.4 05...740.25 20...416.5 50...440.3 25 45...368.5 00...593.3 75 1...520.4 50...385.3 50 8...788.4 35...670.3 50 11...895.4 25...420.3 25 1...480.4 25...620.3 25 1...470.4 25...512.3 25 2...585.4 30...510.3 25

Feeding Bulls and Stags. 40...1275.4 75...900.3 50

Rangers—Native Division. 108Kan1149.5 40 63Kan1129.5 25 22Kan 960.4 80 65Kan1057.5 15 21Colo 926.4 40 15Colo1196.5 10 28Colo 966.4 60 65Kan1073.5 15 22Colo 840.3 85 42Kan1052.5 10

HEIFERS

Table with columns: Price, Quantity, Grade.

COWS

Table with columns: Price, Quantity, Grade.

BULLS AND STAGS

Table with columns: Price, Quantity, Grade.

VEAL CALVES

Table with columns: Price, Quantity, Grade.

STOCKS AND FEEDSTUFFS

There was some trade in the stocker line yesterday afternoon. It was not large enough to make much of a bid on the part of the stocker division but it served to encourage the local dealers to some extent and they were in the yards this forenoon willing to take all useful offerings at around steady prices compared with yesterday but somewhat lower than on earlier days of the week.

RANGE OF PRICES

Table with columns: Day, Price, Grade.

SHEEP

Moderate Supply On Sale, Market Steady to Strong. Only a moderate supply of sheep and lambs showed up at the local market this morning, but arrivals were practically all of better grades and volume of marketing seemed ample enough to fill packer orders.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET. Today's cash values: Receipts, wheat, 1 car; corn, 14 cars; oats, 0 cars.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET. Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers.

Will Clean Ouchita River. Arkadelphia, Ark.—The contract for building the government snagboat to be used in cleaning out the Ouchita river has been secured by T. A. Askea and he has begun work upon the craft.

CARRY THE NEWS TO KAWILLE.

Among other things that Kawille digs up and hands out as cause why there is no market worth while in St. Joseph, has been circulated out in the panhandle country in Texas. It is to the effect that cattle shippers from that country cannot get into St. Joseph without unloading to feed.

While on this subject of cattle from the panhandle country it is noted that on Tuesday Hall & Collison of Bovina, Texas, had a shipment of 8 cars of cows here that sold at \$4.10 and on Wednesday two cars of the same cows sold here at the same price.

OTHER LIVESTOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO, CHICAGO. Oct. 27.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, \$900. Market dull weak, cows steady, feeders weak.

KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 27.—Special to The Journal: The Drivers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, \$900. Market steady to 10c higher.

SOUTH OMAHA

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EAST ST. LOUIS

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Oct. 27.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, \$900. Market steady.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-11003 New Corby-Forshee Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

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PEACE COST ALL HE HAD.

Wealthy Missourian Refuses to Fight Suits, Loses His Fortune. The first in Foreman's fortune occurred when his wife secured a divorce. At that time he owned 420 acres of unincumbered Missouri land.

Then Came the Lawyers. The cause and effect of the attorneys. Again the court directed that a portion of the Foreman estate should be sold, after Foreman had paid no attention to the claims of the attorneys.

AVIATORS SAFE

Landed Over Week Ago on High Mountain in Wilds of Far Northern Canada. Easily Make New Record And Covered Distance of Nearly Fifteen Hundred Miles From Starting Point.

NEW RECORD FOR DISTANCE

Trying Trip to Civilization, Through Dense Forests and Over Hugged Mountain Country—Trip Described As Beautiful One—Food Supply Ran Low But Balloons Treated This As a Joke—in Quebec Today.

Chicoutimi, Que., Oct. 27.—Thoroughly fatigued and showing plentiful marks of an arduous week of struggling through the dense wilderness of Northern Canada, Messrs. Hawley and Post, the intrepid aeronauts who, according to available data, sailed the America II nearly 120 miles farther than any other balloon in this big balloon game for the Gordon-Bennett cup, arrived here last evening.

FREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

Santa Fe Railroad Makes Offer For Buchanan County Boy. One young man in Buchanan county will receive \$50.00 in cash from the Santa Fe railroad for the purpose of paying his expenses to the Short Winter Course in Agriculture at Columbia, beginning November 1, 1910.

RECORD LAND PRICE.

Three Hundred and Twenty Acres Near Stowartsville Bring \$150. Plattsburg, Mo., Oct. 27.—The record for price paid for big tracts of Clinton county land has been made in the recent sale of 320 acres lying six miles south of Stowartsville and three miles west of Ferris by H. Clay Berryman to Dennis Connor. The price paid for the half-section was \$150 an acre, the highest ever paid in Clinton county for any considerable tract of land if not the highest ever paid for any Clinton county land.

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BUILDING TO COST \$1,000,000.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Los Angeles Investment Company has purchased the lot on the northeast corner of Broadway and Eighth street for a consideration of \$475,000. It is the purpose of the Los Angeles Investment Company to improve the property at the earliest possible date by the erection of a modern steel building of fourteen stories and basement, to cost \$1,000,000.

AMUSEMENTS

At the Toofle—Saturday matinee at 1:30. Oct. 28, "Widowmaker" at the Lyceum—Last half of week, "The Passing Parade." Cattle and hogs like Champion feed. Best meals, best rooms, Transit House.

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PRIDE IN THE WORK.

Live stock husbandry represents a high type of constructive effort, and swine breeding offers as much satisfaction and gain as any other branch. It may profitably engage the attention of the man who raises hogs merely for financial motives, but a breeder who attains a foremost place in his calling has an interest in his business not inspired solely by rewards in money. The compensations in swine raising are ample for the man who desires to make his work a profession, as hundreds who have a just pride in their achievements can testify.—Coburn's Swine in America.

UNPLEASANT KNOWLEDGE.

"No wonder some feeders are feeling uneasy," said "Eddie" Egan to a Breeder's Gazette scribbler. "They made the mistake of getting in when the whin cattle market was at the high point of the summer, afraid there would not be enough to go around. Now they realize that they could have bought cheaper by waiting and nothing makes the average man dissatisfied with a bunch of cattle more readily than the knowledge that they cost high. His first impulse is to cash in, take his loss and start out with a new set on which he can figure a profit. It is a condition that is throwing a lot of short-fed steers on the market at present in ruthless competition with western cattle which naturally get the preference."

MOTTO FOR HOG RAISERS.

Some knowledge of hogs and their raising is essential, but an inexperienced man with an open mind may accomplish much. He has many sources of information—his neighbors and other breeders who have had practical experience, the standard and current literature on swine, the work of the state and national agricultural departments and stations, the agricultural press, meetings of breeders, farmers' institutes, and others. No one knows everything about swine husbandry, but anyone with a desire for knowledge can find abundant opportunity to learn. An excellent principle worth recalling in this connection is that wrong practices once acquired are difficult to overcome, just as wrong traits bred into a herd require a long time for eradication. Slow, but sure, is a good motto for the swine-breeder.—Coburn's Swine in America.

MISSOURI'S OVERFLOW LAND.

Missouri has its land problem like states farther west. In the western states the water is taken to the land by the construction of expensive canals and dams. In Missouri the problem is to get the water off the land—to properly drain it, says an exchange. The Missouri waterways commission, recently appointed, has reported that this state has 2,750,000 acres which are of little use now on account of overflowing each year. Properly drained, however, these lands will become the most productive in the state and add millions to the value of the products of the state each year. It is a notable fact that Missouri's gain in rural population has been in the low counties in the southeastern part of the state, where the reclamation of the swamp lands is already well under way. There land which formerly sold for a few dollars an acre now brings \$100 an acre and is the most productive to be found, growing more cotton to the acre than any other land in the United States. Missouri has plenty of land for hundreds of thousands of people who have gone farther west and it is more desirable than the western land.

The waterways commission of the state will ask the next legislature for an appropriation of \$50,000 to \$100,000 to employ experts to devise some way of reclaiming the overflow lands.

Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Town Musicians

ONCE upon a time," said daddy one evening, "there were four animals which had formerly been useful to their owner, but they had become old and of no more use, so their owner decided to kill them in order to save the expense of feeding them. The animals were a donkey, a dog, a cat and a rooster. When the poor animals heard their owner talking about killing them they became very sad. The donkey said: 'I know what we can do. All four of us have fine voices. I can bray, the dog can bark, the cat can meow, and the rooster can crow. Let's run away to town and make our living as musicians.'

"That seemed to be a good idea, so the four ran away and set out for town. When evening came they had walked a long distance and were tired and hungry, but they had no food and no place to sleep but in the woods. Then the donkey said to the rooster, 'Climb up into a tree and look around.'

"When the rooster came down he said he had seen a light a little distance off. The light was in a house belonging to a band of robbers, but the animals did not know that. When they reached the house the donkey put his forefeet on the window, the dog climbed on his back, the cat on the dog and the rooster on the cat. They saw a lot of men seated around a table.

"Then the donkey brayed, the dog barked, the cat meowed and the rooster crowed all at once and made a terrible noise that frightened the robbers so they ran away into the woods. Then the animals went in and had a grand feast. After that they went to sleep.

"Toward midnight the robber captain, who had lost some of his fright, came back to see what had soothed his men. When he entered the room he started to light a match at the cat's eyes, which he mistook for live coals. Then the cat jumped at him and scratched his face, the dog bit him in the leg, and the donkey kicked him, while the rooster crowed as loudly as he could. He ran away, terribly scared.

"When the robber captain went back to his men he said: 'We had better not go back to our house any more. In the kitchen I found an old witch with shining eyes, who scratched me with her claws; then a man near the door stabbed me in the leg, and another man in the yard hit me with a big club. And there was a judge there who cried: 'Bring the knave here. Crack his noodle too!' Those are very dangerous people in our house.'

"After that the four animals lived in peace in the robbers' house. They found there money and food enough to live on until they all died of old age. And the robbers never returned."

The legislature should grant this request without opposition. It will be money well spent. The United States government could afford to reclaim the lowlands of the state and of adjoining portions of Arkansas, and the money to be returned to the government, the same as is done now in the irrigation projects, by the owners of the lands that are benefited. The waterways commission also reports that Missouri has in the Ozarks, streams that can generate more water power than the streams of any other state in the union. When these two resources alone are thoroughly developed they will add tremendously to the wealth of the state and help Missouri to recoup its rural population.

Decorations of the Table—When this game was finished the young people were invited to the dining room, where the usual Halloween feast was laid. Over the tablecloth was laid yellow crepe paper decorated with old white and black cuts—this paper was laid in strips across the table, the ends coming in front of each place, and two long strips were laid the length of the table. At each end was a large pumpkin filled with bright red apples. Two pumpkins in terms made of paper were also hung on the chandelier. The "ghosts" who had helped with the other games waited on table.

The place cards were made out of black cardboard, the eyes, nose, mouth and name being made with white ink. The refreshments were served on fast colored paper plates, which were decorated with old witches, owls, and black cats, and consisted of apples, doughnuts, individual square pumpkin pies, little cakes with fancy faces on them, popcorn, chestnuts, and marshmallows.

When they had finished the refreshments they counted their apple seeds and threw the apple peel over the old customs. After her guests had gone Madge told us that they all had been much nicer than any Halloween party they had ever attended before.

NEW ALTITUDE RECORD.

Drexel Soars to Height of 7,105 Feet at Aviation Meet.

New York, Oct. 25.—The third day of the international aviation meet at Belmont Park, Long Island, made up for all the damp, cold and disappointment of the first two days. A new American record for altitude was set down to the credit of J. Armstrong Drexel and the competition in other events was at all times full of zest. Drexel soared to an altitude in his record flight at 3:49 p. m. five minutes before the second hourly altitude contest closed. In great circles he crept into the air, pointing higher and higher into the glare of the setting sun to a height of 7,105 feet. His descent was swift but unhurried and he landed in the middle of the field. The best previous American record was 6,175 feet, made by Walter Brookings at Atlantic City and Drexel's own best record, made last summer in Great Britain, was 6,740 feet at the time a world's record. The world's altitude record is 9,186 feet, held by Henry Wynneman, a Hollander.

There was some confusion of just what honors Drexel was entitled to for his splendid performance today. He had risen five minutes before the second hour for altitude flights closed, and he was not entered in the grand altitude event. According to the rules the measurement of altitudes will come to be made at the end of the hour. Drexel did not reach his full height until long after the hour had elapsed. Walter Brookings also went up for altitude in a "baby" Wright biplane—a machine precisely like the new headless "Aiers" that the Wrights brought out this summer, but with a sharply upward cant toward the planes, thereby enabling the aviator to point up more sharply and climb faster. Brookings went up 4,882 feet and won second altitude honors for the day.

Next to the performance of Drexel the crowd took most enjoyment in the appearance of models never seen in America before. They were the new Wright design, the "Aiers," and with all their ten machines aloft at once. China is spending \$200,000,000 on the rehabilitation of her army and navy.

WORK IS PROGRESSING.

Building Two Towns Where Dam Builders Will Live Several Years.

Ritcon, N. M., Oct. 25.—Long before the visitor reaches the construction camp at Elephant Butte he is conscious of the fact that the neighborhood where important things are being done. Approaching Engle he observes the sharp outlines of the newly graded road in the early autumn toward the far blue where the Jornada leads itself in that foothills of the Caballeros.

Leaving the railroad and starting across the country he sees from afar clustering tents and the rising smoke from scattered camp fires. These are the camps of the railroad contractor, who is in the early stages of the road, which is the center and heart of all this activity, which has been the center of the New Mexico and West Texas for several years, over which so many hard-fought battles have been lost and won, and which for a time at least has focalized the gaze of the whole nation. It has seen few changes during the past months. The same little tent city lies there in the basin, looking strange and peculiar in the early autumn sun, and above it looms the rugged outlines of the couchant elephant, slumbering gray and changeless, like the great mountains of the west. To the left stretches a line of tents, known as the "straw" row, in which are the temporary quarters of the men, and to the right are the permanent quarters, locally known as "Chihuahua," and against the hill to the left is the "little Juárez."

The center of the town, the center of an intricate system of roadways like the goal of a labyrinthian puzzle. They stretch out from it in every direction, crossing, crossing, crossing, and finally disappearing over the brink of the basin. Along these roads squads of men are at work, leveling, filling and grading on the hill to the right, and on the left a group of men are clearing ground and taking grades for the foundations are being laid for a school building, a new town, in which are to be located the permanent offices and house of those in charge of the work. One mile from the center of the town, on the left, in a flat on the river, another town has been laid out, where houses will be erected for the workmen. Both towns are to be equipped with modern conveniences and be made thoroughly sanitary so that those who must make their homes here during the next five or six years will be able to enjoy the comforts of life. In the old town there will be four, five and six room houses, constructed of adobe, pebble-dashed, and finished with a view to both durability and appearance. Plans have been accepted for the homes of the workmen. Both towns will be supplied with water from a system of small excavations at intervals in the river bed. Here the diamond drill men are at work putting down test holes to bedrock. Fifty of these will be drilled in the river bed at this point, not only for the purpose of determining the nature of the bed rock, but whether or not the material was of such a nature as to be used in construction work.

Difficult Grading. That portion of the railroad, grading extending outward from the camp, was the most difficult. Although it has been completed, Contractor Brant is on the last and most difficult stretch of the contract work, named the clearing of the road down Ash Canyon, and bridging the same. Clinging to ledges overhanging the canyon hundreds of men are working like ants. Dotting the hillside the crews of two, three and four laborers putting down drill holes, and over the hill from some distant point comes an endless procession carrying on their heads, poles, and other things, and the great blasts are set off, in a single moment changing the face of the landscape, sending boulders weighing many tons crashing down the canyon, but leaving a little wider ledge on which the men may work, and incidentally creeping forward a yard or two in the direction of the bridge. Uncle Sam's official family, now resident at Elephant Butte consists of H. J. Gault, construction engineer; S. H. Stanton, electrical engineer; J. B. Burke, bookkeeper, and C. M. Wells, field clerk.

Of these, S. T. Olson, H. S. Stanton and C. M. Wells, their families with them and have snug attractive homes in the tenthouses back of the officers' row. Mrs. Olson has the distinction of being the first lady to take up residence in the camp, and will doubtless occupy the first house now being constructed in the new town. Two bright stately boys keep things lively in the Olson home and help to make it the center of attraction for the entire camp.

SURVEY OF MINNESOTA.

Conservation Impossible Until More Is Known of Lands.

The first essential in the conservation of the resources of Minnesota is a knowledge of the extent and nature of these resources. There is but one way to arrive at the matter, and that is for the state to order and make a complete survey of the land, timber, and mineral still in its possession. There is but one appropriate time to begin that work, and that time is in the next few days, before the further riches are being used by the present grab-bag policy. No one now living is to blame for the inception of this existing policy, or for the present state of affairs. It belongs to the days of the timber thief, big and little, the ore pirate and the land stealer. As we view things it is out of date as a business measure, and even in principle. It fosters graft, it makes for speculation rather than settlement, it favors the strong, and it crushes the weak.

We lose sight of many things by holding them too close to the eye. This the state has done and is now doing when it estimates the total of its growing stock fund, and misses the simple fact that under present methods of administration of the state land, the fund grows only by wringing blood money out of the settler through a system of opening up that does not develop markets, that does not provide roads, nor schools, nor society, that does not acquaint the settler with the possibilities of his land, and that does not give him and upon the children the uneven but no less gigantic tax of creating all these things, to the enhancement of the values of adjacent state lands.

Farm, Stock and Home stands squarely upon the ground that the present land policy of the state is wrong, first because it overlooks altogether the matter of human needs and both economic and social development, and, again, because it is not based on business principles. Let a would-be settler go to the state asking for the sale of a certain tract of land. The administrative rules may not allow him to bid upon this one day within the ensuing year. Will the real settler as a rule stand around for that day to come, bringing with it a chance that some one will bid upon the tract before him? Suppose he does, and asks the state what his prospective farm is—the lay of the land, the kind of soil, the crops he can raise, whether he can market these crops. Can the state tell him? Not at all. It knows no more about the real values of its land than does the average settler. Let us see how much as do the pulp interests, the land companies, the steel trust. To auction off land under the present administration of knowledge as to its agricultural possibilities is worse than wrong—it is foolish. There should be a state soil, timber and mineral survey of the state lands, to be conducted by competent men, not political appointees. The Forestry Board, the State School of Forestry, the School of Agriculture, the State Agricultural Society, each should be represented on a commission empowered to survey and open up tracts adjacent to existing settlements. Such a commission should have the power, after making its survey, to specify the terms upon which the land should be sold. The timber should be sold to the land, under close restrictions as to its cutting and sale, and the land should be on the market, at a list price, every day in the year. This may not be politics, but it is good common sense, and that commodity is peculiarly essential to any conservation that is not primarily political in character and purpose.—Farm, Stock and Home.

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FOR MEXICAN COLONY. Idea of Community Settlement Working Out Satisfactorily. El Paso, Tex., Oct. 25.—The idea of establishing colonies where poor people may obtain homes is spreading rapidly in the United States. The Orthodox Catholic church in the city of Chihuahua, an archbishop of the Orthodox Catholic church is working out a solution of the "back to the soil" problem, which has been occupying social workers for years. At Candelaria, a way station on the National line, Archbishop Joseph Rene Villate, head of the Orthodox Catholic church in America, is establishing a colony where the population of the foreign quarters of the large cities of the United States and the immigrants from foreign countries may find a home, ten acres of land and a chance to be something more than a fruit peddler or a day laborer. Through Archbishop Villate the Orthodox church has purchased 50,000 acres of land surrounding the Candelaria settlement in northern Chihuahua, and there the archbishop has established a town, laid the corner stone for an Orthodox church and established a school for the colonists who are to settle the land and cultivate the soil.

Archbishop Villate sailed from Europe October 1 to arrange for the first pilgrimage of colonists from Europe for the new settlement. Although he is being backed in his venture by the church of which he is at the head in America, Father Villate does not intend to confine the colonization scheme to the members of his church, but has invited the people of all cities and countries to come and settle on the land. Artesian wells have been drilled in different parts of the district and each rancher will have a ten-acre tract upon which he can raise his crops and also an acre of ground in the town of Villate, where he will erect his home and live as a part of the community.

Saw Needs of People. Archbishop Villate conceived the idea of establishing his "back to the soil" colony, while a special worker among the foreign population of Chicago and at Green Bay, Wis., where he was a missionary for seven years. Seeing the natives of France, his own native home, working at the most menial tasks when they had been accustomed to cultivating the vineyards of the French districts, Father Villate started on a search for a tract of land where the other foreign colonies similarly located could be taken care of, they could till the soil and earn their living under better conditions than those of the city tenement districts. The tract of 50,000 acres was purchased by the archbishop after he had visited a number of places in the west and southwest. Because its climate was similar to that of the warmer countries of Europe and because of the fertility of the soil, the land was purchased in northern Chihuahua and operations started in June. A well was sunk, the ground cleared and temporary houses built. Having been granted a leave of four months Father Villate will visit the settlement and was in charge of the work of preparing for the settlement of the immigrants, who are expected to arrive from France, Italy and other countries of Europe, and also from Chicago, New York and other large American cities. While he is abroad Archbishop Villate will visit the patriarch of the Orthodox church at Antioch, where he will explain the colonization plan to the head of the church and will ask for his assistance in securing colonists for the tract.

Sells Land at Cost. The plan of colonization is not to be a money-making scheme, as the land is sold in plots of ten and twenty acres to the settlers at cost, and no one but actual settlers can purchase it. While an Orthodox church is to be established at Villate, which is to be the center of the colony, religious and political toleration will be one of the cardinal principles, and anyone will be welcomed to the settlement, the only restriction being that they buy a tract of land and settle and the laws of the Republic of Mexico be obeyed. Archbishop Villate, who is a native of

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France, having been born in Paris. He is a graduate of the University of Montreal, and has been decorated by the French and Belgian governments for his humanitarian work among the natives of these countries in America. He will have a residence at the colony and will be in charge of the church affairs of the new settlement. IMPROVING SANTA FE SPRINGS, Los Angeles, Cal.—Plans to expend about \$150,000 in the improvement of the Santa Fe Springs, located thirteen miles southeast of Los Angeles, on the Whittier line of the Pacific Electric, are being made by the Los Angeles city government. The improvement of the property, it is intended to erect an attractive hotel, sanitarium, bathhouse and plunge. Plans for the buildings now are being prepared and work will be commenced within thirty days, a representative of the syndicate stated to-day. LOS ANGELES RICHEST COUNTY. Los Angeles, Cal.—The annual report of the state comptroller shows that Los Angeles retains its place as the richest county in the state. The total value of real estate in Los Angeles is \$115,938,215; in San Francisco it is \$28,995,453. The improvement on real estate for the two counties are valued respectively at \$116,500,000 and \$145,200,000; personal property at \$72,000,000 and \$49,800,000. Los Angeles' grand total is more than half a billion—\$531,400,559. San Francisco's total valuation is \$515,425,000. The annual posting of British India totals over 725,000,000 letters and over 97,000,000 newspapers

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Her Feminine Prerogative

By CONSTANCE MORTON

"Then you won't go with me, Rose?" The girl's face flushed warmly and then paled as she realized the importance of the question. "Oh, Dick—why must you be in such a horrid business? The Bermuda is so far away from home and I will miss my people so much!" "I thought it was to be your home—our home," he said steadily. "Of course—but I have spent all my life here and I shall miss my friends—and couldn't you get a position in one of the company's offices in New York—then we could go to housekeeping at once? Do say you will, dear Dick!" His eyes evaded the pleading in her blue ones and he turned away with a little shrug of the shoulders. When he spoke again his voice was coldly indifferent.

"I won't plead with you, Rose—I won't beg you to come with me; but you have said you loved me and you have promised to marry me. We have been engaged a year and now there is no reason why we should not be married—only you are afraid to go alone with me. You are afraid you will be lonely with only me, eh?" "I will go the next trip, Dick—the very next," she promised brokenly. "I will get more used to the idea of going out there among so many strange people; don't be angry with me, now. I love you—indeed I do—only—" "Very well, Rose; I will wait, but you know I have been waiting a year now. Remember you are not taking a lasting farewell of your people. We shall return four times a year and the society down there is delightful and the climate is paradise most of the time." "You will be back again in three months, Dick, and I shall be ready for you—remember that," she promised, and Dick Hayes had to be content with that answer. He was to sail on the twentieth and it was now the fifteenth of the month. Business demanded most of his attention up to the very hour of sailing and he found little time to run up the

Hudson to the suburban town where the girl lived. Rose was charming in her devotion to him, and as the days sped she grew wistful with the dread of parting from him. On the 18th he did not come at all, but her dearest friend, Ella Dunning, came up from the city to spend the night with Rose. When they retired every topic of interest had been worn threadbare. Rose displayed the dainty trousseau tucked away in drawers and chests and then the lights were put out and they crept into bed to lay awake and gossip after the manner of girls. "We thought you would be married this time, Rose," suggested Ella. "It seems a shame to let poor Dick go back to the islands all alone. When is it really to be?" "The next trip home, Ella," returned Rose, rather pettishly. "You wouldn't want to go away down there and leave all your people behind. I want to get used to the idea. No one seems to understand how I feel!" "If you feel the way you ought to, dear, you would rather be alone with Dick down there than here with everybody but him! That's the way I'd feel—I know I should!" "I hope you'll be put to the test, Ella! I shall go the next trip. It's all arranged and I know it will be lonely so far away from New York!" "You are spoiled!" laughed her friend, pinching the soft cheek. "Dick ought to come up here to Sweetcliff and carry you off. Once on the high seas with him, you would not come back for anything in the world! That's the way I'd feel about a man if I cared enough about him to promise to marry him!" Rose sniffed scornfully in the darkness. She felt quite secure in the possession of Dick Hayes' love and loyalty, and she knew if she kept him waiting 25 years he would be madly patient until she lifted her pretty finger. "It's too bad you didn't decide to go down with Dick this trip, dear," pursued Ella, after a little pause. "I met Louise Payne yesterday—you know her brother is in the same office with Dick down there in Hamilton, and Louise is going to sail day after to-morrow. She will join her mother in

SCIENTIST ON FLIRT

Girl Is Not Normal Who Does Not Use "Safety Valve."

Professor Joseph V. Brettweiser, Psychological Expert at Columbia College, Agrees With Stanley Hall of Clark College. New York.—"A girl is not normal who does not use the safety valve of flirting once in a while. At the age when girls flirt (in their teens), they are at an age when nerves are unsettled and not stable. A new world is opening to them—a new world of throbbing life—and unless they used the safety valve they would become morose and perhaps have a physical breakdown that would ruin their health."

Thus spoke Prof. Joseph V. Brettweiser, one of the psychological experts at Columbia college, inventor of the chronoscope, a wonderful instrument that measures thoughts and all mental activity. He was discussing with a reporter what Stanley Hall, president of Clark college, had said about flirting. "I think that Dr. Hall has made an apt simile when he calls flirting a girl's safety valve. She would not be a girl if she does not flirt a little."

"It is a development that holds true, not only in the girl's life, but in the history of the race. In the modern development of the race the flirtation has come to be expected from the woman. It is the way she has of exhibiting her charms to the one whom her heart seems to pick out as its possible mate. "In primitive times men took the wives they chose by force. The wives were mere captives, held by their husbands. But today she has more voice in the choice of her mate, and while society has not yet given her the privilege in such matters as in business control, she has to use her charms to attract the one whom she believes she cares for."

"It is the same in religion. There are many expressions of religion that are either direct physical expressions or perversions. Take the ascetic—he persecutes his normal life and becomes a devotee to some fixed idea. Take Simeon Stylites as an example. He stood upon a pillar until the worms ate him up. Monks and nuns who isolate themselves from society and their fellow men get substitutes for this in their wonderful faith. They miss nothing of the world."

"The increased freedom of women is beginning to be expressed in various ways. If freedom reaches the place where woman has just as much freedom as man, flirtation may lose some of its picturesque, but the feeling of contentment in love and home would not be lessened in the least. "I disagree with Dr. Hale when he terms flirting rudimentary paranoia. Paranoia is a form of perversion, and flirting, instead of being perverted, is a normal thing, to my way of thinking. At a certain age a girl, or even a boy, awakes to certain facts. These make strong mental impressions. Then it is that the novelty of masculine admiration appeals to them and they just flirt."

"It does not harm them, it does them a world of good. You can better understand this when you realize that in so doing they are assuming a freedom that after a time is not new, nor a novelty, and thus cannot injure them. For instance, take girls who have been shut up in boarding schools and denied the pleasures of a little social life and also girls who are tied to their mothers' apron strings. They are always the worst if given a taste of worldly life."

TAKES LILIES FROM WIDOW Kaiserin Then Rewards Poor Woman With Four-Leaf Clover and Best Wishes. Berlin.—When passing the hut of a fisherman's widow on the coast of Pomerania, the kaiserin admired in the tiny garden some madonna lilies, which were the only flowers growing there. The old woman, hobbling out of her cottage, plucked all the flowers, tied them in a bunch and presented them to her majesty. Delighted with this hearty gift, the empress walked into the hut, sat on one of the rickety chairs in the tiny but well-kept kitchen, and inquired about the widow's family. One of her sons, she soon learned, was dead; the other was in the gold mines of Australia.

"I am glad," added the poor woman, "for your majesty to have the flowers. Lilies are for happiness, and are unsuitable for a widow." The kaiserin then gave the old woman a little four-leafed clover, saying: "I give you in exchange this four-leaf clover that I have just found. I hope it will bring you luck and will bring your son back to you." Ban on Spooning. Pittsburg, Pa.—By scanning city phone bills for the year the mayor's office has come to the conclusion that \$12,000 paid out last year was for spooning stenographers and clerks making love to each other over the wire. Mayor William A. Magee has announced that the first city employe caught making love over the phone or permitting any outside sweetheart to hang phone talks on the city will be discharged.

RATS WREAK RUIN IN CANADA

Manitoba Farmers Compelled to Use Draastic Measures to Rid Province of Pest.

Gretna, Man.—The invasion of rats is becoming a serious matter, and unless strenuous efforts are made to stop their northern trek, they will reach Winnipeg before the end of the year. For miles in both directions they have crossed the boundary into Canada, and now it is no uncommon thing for a farmer to kill 20 or 30 of the rodents in a single day without going on a special hunt for their scalps.

Reports show that they are doing a vast amount of damage along their line of march, and estimates sent to the department of agriculture show that the loss already incurred through them this year will total over \$5,000,000. Farmers have been supplied with liberal quantities of rat virus, but the use of this poison has not taken the pains to use it properly.

Traps which will catch the animals alive will be used, and every male caught will be killed, while the females will be allowed their liberty. It is an established fact that polygamous rodents, lacking a supply of mates, vent their spleen upon their young, either eating them or killing them in large numbers. The supply of females diminishing, the males attack each other and the consequent strife proves fatal to the race and the object aimed at by those ridden by the pests is swiftly accomplished.

Instructions are now being issued broadcast by the officials of the department and it is hoped that in this way the invasion will be checked and within a year at the latest the rat will have disappeared from the province of Manitoba.

LORNA DOONE NEVER EXISTED English Ex-Lord Justice Discredits One of Favorite Legends of Devonshire. London.—Millions of people have read Blackmore's great tale of Ex-moor, and have supposed that once upon a time Lorna Doone and Jan Ridd really lived. One of the greatest jurists in the world now suggests that they all have believed a myth.

The skeptic is Sir Edward Fry, ex-lord justice and a member of the Somerset Archaeological society. Sir Edward Fry is an expert judge of the value of evidence, and he holds that there is no evidence that there ever were any marauding Doones on Ex-moor. It was at a meeting of the Somerset Archaeological society that Sir Edward Fry set out to demolish the legend of Lorna Doone. While admitting that, on the face of it, the story was perfectly probable, he said that while old writers referred to the traditions of other bandits, such as the Gubbinses of Dartmoor, no writer mentioned any Doone tradition.

"No piece of historical evidence has ever been produced," said Sir Edward, "to show that the band existed, although their long-continued misdeeds were of a nature to produce a whole library of penny chapbooks, such as formed the reading of country people in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. "Lorna Doone," is a magnificent story, but the efforts to give it basis of fact provide painful reading for those who desire the progress of historical studies."

It will be interesting to see what Devonshire people think of the legends. CAUSE OF VARIABLE STARS Suns Coming Out of Perihelion Flare and Subsiding on Encountering Nebulosity. Vallejo, Cal.—Announcement is made by Prof. T. J. See, U. S. N., the noted astronomer, in charge of the naval observatory at Mare Island, that he has succeeded in establishing the general cause of variable stars. For the last two years Professor See has been occupied with extensive researches in comical evolution, which have given an entirely new aspect to the nebular hypothesis and have become known under the name of the "capture theory."

The main cause to explain the round form of the planetary orbits and other heavenly motions is a resisting medium of nebulous material which is shown to be diffused everywhere in space. After careful investigations Professor See finds that cluster variables are stars attended by planets which revolve in close proximity in short periods, and that after passing through perihelion they plunge into a resisting medium of nebulosity, so that the light suddenly blazes up and afterward dies down gradually. According to Professor See, this accounts for the abundance of variables in certain clusters and their almost total absence in others.

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Expenditure of \$5,000 Year Doesn't Always Produce Results Desired by Men Who Seek to Set the Fashions.

New York.—Discussing the latest fashions for men at the Wearing Apparel, Style and Fabric show opened at the Madison Square garden, A. Reginald Von Keller, a fashion expert, said New York's two best dressed men were Worthington Whitehouse and Huntington Bull. The latter man is master of hounds of the Meadowbrook Hunt club.

"Plenty of men who spend \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year to dress are not from a critic's viewpoint what you would term well dressed men," said Keller, who arranged the "head to foot" exhibit. "John Jacob Astor is a well dressed man, but Mr. Whitehouse is really the leader of fashion. He carries his clothes well and the keenest critic could find no fault with the garments he wears, beautifully adapted for every occasion."

The very newest thing in fashions this year, Von Keller says, is the monogram waistcoat, of which he showed a sample one of white satin. A lavender monogram about two inches deep was embroidered on the lower left hand side.

"There is always something new in men's clothing," said the expert, "for men's fashions change just as often as women's and are much more expensive. Waistcoats with buttons of precious stones run up to \$500. The new shade in men's business suits is a chocolate brown."

Von Keller said American men no longer go to Europe to buy clothes, but that many European men of wealth and fashion who visit here take home Fifth avenue tailored suits.

Miss M. C. Reed, in charge of a Broadway house's exhibit, said American women, to avoid the difficulties of custom-house inspection here, bought their gowns in New York before sailing for Europe. She said most of the importation of gowns now was done by firms rather than by individuals.

Miss Reed's exhibit consisted of the new helmet shaped hat of black velvet with large blue plumes and handsome colored chiffon gowns for evening wear, constructed on the empire style, which she said would prevail largely this year.

"Is it true that men are growing smaller as an offset to woman's increasing size, as dressmakers say?" was asked of Von Keller.

"No," he said indignantly. "Women may be growing larger, but men are not growing smaller. If you doubt it, try to fit the average twentieth century man into some fourteenth century armor in the various museums. You will find it impossible."

Anxiety was expressed by exhibitors about the garment workers' strike. Pessimistic ones said that if the strike was not settled soon Mrs. Knickerbocker would have to look to Philadelphia, St. Louis and Chicago for her new fall suits.

SAYS WE ARE TOO IMPATIENT

Archbishop of Canterbury Preaches on "Short Cut" Solutions of Every Day Problems.

London.—The archbishop of Canterbury, preaching in Lambeth church, said that though the world is better than it was, the present day faults were great. Impatience and hurry were what he thought we suffered from every day in every department of life. People were striving for what, in common talk, were called "short cuts" toward solutions they wanted to reach. Anxious problems were being faced in a spirit which was surely a new spirit and a dangerous one—a spirit of impatience.

It was wholesome, he declared, to be hotly intolerant of wrong, but intolerance or impatience of wrong would not usually solve great perplexities. By itself patience had the foremost place in any sustained effort to mend these things. Today's temptation was speed rather than thoroughness.

Swallows Turtle Egg.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A turtle egg which continued its process of incubation after being swallowed, may cost the life of William Douglas. On June 18 Douglas ate some turtle soup. Several days later he became ill and when operated on a turtle egg the size of a small hen egg was removed with the life within the egg unimpaired. Serious inflammation has resulted.

Who Lost This Love Note.

Winsted, Conn.—A man living in Riga, N. Y., has had the following "ad." inserted in the Millerton newspaper:

"Found, lady's jacket, lost from some automobile. Note found in one of the pockets reads: 'Oh, how I'd like to hug this coat if only for a minute, but how much nicer it would be if you were only in it!'"

Farmer Finds \$350 Pearl.

Ridgeley, Tenn.—John Chambliss, a farmer at Sandy Ford, took a day off and went mussel fishing. He found a pearl weighing 22 grains which he has sold for \$350. It is the third large one found near here since April.

FLY RAISE PLUME PRICES

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Ornament Becoming More Fashionable and Last Three Years Have Seen Greater Demand Both Abroad and in America.

London.—Ostrich plumes, always an expensive item of woman's millinery, are generally growing more and more valuable. During the last three years the price of these feathers has risen 50 per cent., was the information imparted by a West end merchant. A feather that a few years ago cost only \$50 is now worth \$75.

"The ostrich plume is the most fashionable feather this year," he said, "and very few other varieties are worn. More ostrich feathers are being sold than ever before.

"We are making one form of feather nearly two yards long in some cases, to be arranged round the crown of a large hat. Other large plumes are sold in sets of three. The most fashionable colors are shaded grays, chinchilla, which will be worn on chinchilla toques in the winter, and blues, from royal to navy. But the feathers now sent over are of a much better quality than formerly. There has been a great increase in the supply from ostrich farms. With the demand for feathers, ostriches, too, have become more expensive, and the farmer now has to pay \$5,000 a pair for birds.

"As for the reason of their popularity and increased cost, ostrich plumes have had a great vogue this summer in Paris. American women, too, have helped to make plumes more expensive. At the April auction one-half of the whole quantity put up for sale was purchased by American buyers to take over to the United States."

Hand-painted hats are also becoming something of a fad with the "smart set." They are made in soft white felt, with beautiful flowers and foliage, feathers or any other kinds of ornamentation painted on them. Oil colors are used, and, according to Heath's, the Oxford street hatters, the headgear is to all intents and purposes indestructible.

"We have one," the manager said, "which is covered with great red decorative poppies, and they are painted so realistically that they really look like freshly gathered flowers.

"An ordinary flower trimmed hat can only be worn a short time by the well-dressed woman, because the decorations get knocked about or are ruined by the weather, but the painted hat will last for the whole season, and more, with proper care."

The married man who is wont to tremble at the tremendous collection of hat and bonnet boxes which his wife insists on taking with her when on a holiday tour regards the painted hat as a godsend, for it can be folded up and packed away like his own Panama, and, moreover, it is calculated to cut down the millinery bills by half or more. If the wife's taste does not lean to flowers or feathers, she can have lizard, snake or chameleon designs painted on the felt, or even goldfish swimming in a shady pool.

CHILD'S WRIST TELLS AGE

Prof. Rotch of Harvard Says It is Best Test for Development of Mind and Body.

Cambridge, Mass.—Prof. Thomas Morgan Rotch of Harvard University is working along the lines set by Dr. Maximilian T. E. Grossman to determine the actual development of a child's mind and body, not by his or her years, but rather by different tests on a child's wrists and arms.

Dr. Rotch believes that there should be an anatomic standard set for practical use in athletics and in the schools. Dr. A. W. George has found the most practical and reliable index of development is represented by the hand and wrists.

Professor Rotch believes that young children should be classified by their anatomic age rather than their chronological age.

"You can tell a horse's age by looking at his teeth, but in the child the truth is to be found in the wrist," he says. The formation of the many little bones, that together make up the wrist, is the index of the development of the child. Whether his years number four or ten, the number of bones in his wrist will determine whether he is in reality a 4-year-old or a 10-year-old in strength of body and mind.

The baby's wrist shows two tiny bones in the mass of cartilages; the child that is just finishing childhood to enter upon the next period has a wrist "full of bones," so to speak.

Glaciers Increase Speed.

Juvelau, Alaska.—The great glacier in Rainy Hollow, near Haines, Alaska, is moving at the prodigious rate of 12 feet a day. Huge masses of ice are falling with thunderous noise over the precipice, at whose brink the glacier discharges.

A Much-Named Society.

London.—"Strauburgersmunster-Jurmalatageinoderheremal e b e-stelgungverein," or "Once or Several Times Daily Ascension of Strauburg Cathedral Tower society," is the title of a society which has just been formed in Strauburg.

NURSERY AT WINDSOR CASTLE

Schoolroom in Victoria Tower Well Situated for Light and Air—Delightful Views.

London.—The two suits of rooms at the top of Victoria Tower, Windsor Castle, are fitted up and ready for the children of the King and Queen. There are a schoolroom dining room, day and night nurseries, rooms for governesses and attendants, bathrooms and kitchen.

The former are beautiful apartments and are immediately above the rooms of the King and Queen. The children's apartments are magnificently situated for light and air and they command most delightful views. When the sun is shining it throws a flood of light into the nurseries.

Being at a considerable altitude these children's apartments catch the health-giving air from Windsor Park, and there are no more beautifully situated schoolrooms in the world. Everything about them is light and bright. There is nothing sombre, the walls being covered with very light papers.

The schoolroom is fitted up with little tables and chairs and the furniture is all in keeping. It much resembles a drawing room, except that there are all kinds of children's books and school requisites.

Here the royal children, Prince John is the youngest, and he celebrated his fifth birthday a few days ago, will do their lessons and learn about the great empire of which Windsor Castle is the centre. Immediately below the windows on one side is the beautiful east terrace, with its sunken garden and fountains, and a fountain playing in the centre and statuary all round. On the south side are the magnificent Long Walk and Windsor Park and some of the grandest scenery in England.

There are nicely fitted up bathrooms and close by is a special kitchen which serves the children's needs. There will be a staff of servants and attendants to look after the welfare of Princess Mary and the little princes, and there is nothing wanting to make the rooms quite ideal apartments for children.

The rooms of course are never shown to visitors and are kept quite private. The Queen of Spain and her brothers received their early education here and Queen Victoria's children had their nursery and schoolroom in the same tower.

LOSE HAIR BY LARGE HATS

London Specialist Tells Women of Dangers Which Lurk Beneath Mammoth Shades.

London.—The gigantic hat has been monarch of all it surveys, and ridicule and rage have left it as firmly fixed to be fashionable forever.

But danger is now said to lurk beneath its mammoth shade, and there is every likelihood that hat boxes will shrink to normal proportions.

A West end hair specialist has come forward to assert that if women keep their hats large they will lose their hair.

"As grass turns yellow under a mushroom, so women's hair will lose its color and deteriorate under the gigantic hats which are now the mode," said the specialist.

"There is every possibility of the fair sex going bald unless a revolution in hats is effected.

"First of all, these enormous mountains of millinery shut out the health-giving sun and air.

"Secondly, they present such vast surfaces to the wind that they tug against the detaining hat pins like a kite on a string."

PARROT IS GREAT TRAVELER

Seagoing Polly Has Crossed Ocean Many Times and Is Known to All Captains.

New York.—Joe, a gray parrot that first saw the light on the west coast of Africa, has crossed the Atlantic so many times that he is known to nearly every captain in the Cunard service. He arrived here on board the Mauretania, occupying the starboard imperial suite of the steamship with his owner, Albert C. Bostwick, Mrs. Bostwick and her five children were aboard.

Fourteen times Joe has crossed the Atlantic, and so has attained the title of "the seagoing parrot." Because of his acquaintance with steamship officers he is no stranger to the captain's bridge. He can stand on his head, roll over and turn somersaults, besides being able to engage any one in repartee.

Mr. Bostwick, together with Artemus Holmes, who also arrived here on board the Mauretania, was a participant recently in tennis tournaments in Italy, where they won the doubles championship. Mr. Bostwick won 13 prizes in France and England.

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EXTENSIVE DRY FARMING.

New System Largely Practiced in Panhandle and Other Texas Sections.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 25.—Dry farming on an extensive scale has taken possession of the Panhandle and other semi-arid sections of the state of Texas, according to Commissioner of Agriculture E. R. Kone, who has just returned from an extended tour of the Panhandle, where he and Mayor Sam H. Dixon, his chief clerk, have been carrying on the organization of farmers' institutes. They spent twelve days going over the Panhandle and organized a number of institutes, all with a view of dry farming. It has been demonstrated without a shadow of a doubt that practically all classes of products can be produced by this system, as well as in sections where rain is an indispensable adjunct to raising crops. It appears that not only Texas, but residents of the great west, are beginning to realize the value of dry farming. Col. Kone on September 25 left the state and attended the International Dry Land Congress and Farmers' Congress, which held its fifth annual session at Spokane, Wash., Commissioner Kone said this was a most successful meeting, there being between 500 and 900 active and practical farmers present, and that thirteen nations were represented. The congress was in session four days. Some excellent papers were read on various phases of dry farming, which seems now to be in vogue in the west and other sections in that part of the United States.

BIG PRODUCTION OF OATS.

Paola, Kans.—The largest oats crop per acre harvested in Miami county was raised by John Downs, who lives several miles northeast of Paola. Mr. Downs had not eight acres planted and harvested 650 bushels of oats. His crop would have made over eighty bushels to the acre if his hogs had not gotten into the field and destroyed much grain.

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