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## BEFORE MARKETS

Official Receipts, 80 Cars, 2178 Cattle; 112 Cars, 7602 Hogs; 7 Cars, 1184 Sheep.

## BETTER CATTLE OFFERED

After Slow Opening Market Rates Fairly Active at Steady to Strong Prices.

## NICE HANDY WEIGHTS \$6.25

Butcher Market Quiet and Steady As to Prices On a Basis of Late Declines—Stock Cattle Speculators Carrying Big Supplies—Hogs Open Nickel Lower But Finish Steady—Sheep and Lambs on Stronger Turn.

Receipts from January 1, 1911. The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1911, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1910:

	1911	1910	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	51,488	63,983	2,374	....
Hogs	132,381	126,901	5,480	3,800
Sheep	55,884	40,239	....	15,645
Horses	5,784	8,042	....	2,258

### Live Stock in Sight—Estimated Receipts of Cattle, Hogs and Sheep at the Five Principal Western Markets:

Market	1911	1910
Chicago	5,000	30,000
Kansas City	4,000	8,000
South Omaha	3,000	10,000
St. Joseph	2,000	7,000
East St. Louis	1,800	11,000

### Receipts by Cars.

Class	1911	1910
Cattle	16,000	67,800
Hogs	44,700	91,100
Sheep	18,000	57,200
Horses	22,800	55,100

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## CATTLE.

### Steady to Strong Steer Trade, Better Class of Stock Meeting.

There was a small falling off in the supply of cattle in slight this morning as compared with a week ago but it was not of sufficient size to bring about any material improvement in the tone of the fat steer trade. A drop in temperature occurred last night, which was about the most encouraging development of the week. A period of serious weather would be about the best thing that could happen to the beef cattle market in its present unsettled condition. Greater receipts of fat cattle at this market today again included a pretty good proportion of fat steers and quality of the offerings was better than on any previous day of the week. There were no strictly choice heavy steers on hand but there was a fair showing of nice quality medium weight, which are not meeting with more favor than the big weighted kind. Opening trade was void of any showing of activity. After the hammering prices sustained on previous days of the week steers were offered at least realizing steady rates on their holdings, if not a little stronger figures. Buyers, however, displayed a spirit of indifference at the starting and bids in the opinion of most sellers, were on a weakened basis during the preliminary rounds. Sellers stood firm and successfully resisted any effort of buyers to put prices below yesterday's lower level. In fact after about the middle of the forenoon there was a fair amount of activity to the trade with prices ruling steady to strong in comparison with the previous day and on this basis a reasonable clearance was effected. There were spots possibly a shade higher in the case of the more attractive light and medium weight steers but the general market was a steady to strong affair. Two droves of heaves sold at \$6.25, the high point, one lot averaging 1257 pounds and the other bunch of horned records averaging 1469 pounds.

### Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers.

23UD1237	6.25	19UD1294	5.80		
17	14.60	6.25	17	12.56	5.80
11	15.46	8.10	16	12.20	5.75
27	12.81	6.05	6	10.99	5.75
49	13.17	6.84	4	11.37	5.75
13	12.75	6.00	14	12.12	5.75
20	12.10	5.95	12	9.95	5.75
35	14.81	5.95	12	11.78	5.70
63	12.63	8.85	19	12.96	5.60
21	9.50	5.85	11	12.80	5.50
19	11.05	5.80	11	11.70	5.50
47	12.27	5.75	14	11.81	5.40
13	8.29	5.45	14	9.93	5.30
5	8.76	5.40	2	8.45	5.30

### COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Having pointed prices vigorously for two days sellers in the cow and heifer division were inclined to hope for better things this morning, but the market failed to show much rallying powers. Supplies of the stuff were lighter than on former days of the week but were still large enough to answer all urgent needs of the buying interests. Reports from competitive markets indicate no improvement in the general situation and this of course did not tend to make buyers favorable toward any showing of strength in local prices. It was late before the market got a start and general tone of the trade throughout was rather quiet with prices holding about steady at the decline noted heretofore this week. As a rule heifers and mixed yearlings were slowest sale and these show generally a 25 to

35c decline from Monday's level, while the market on the rank and file of butcher cows is quotable 15 to 25c lower than the opening of the week. While the market this week has been pretty severe, the break here has only been in corresponding ratio to the lowering of values at outside centers and buyers are still insisting that prices here are relatively higher than at other river points. Bulls sold on about the same plane as yesterday, or 15 to 20c lower than Monday. Declines in calf prices at other points were reflected in a bearish turn in the local market today. Trading was slow at prices fully 25c below than yesterday, and instances of 50c slump were not altogether common.

### Heifers.

1	10.60	5.50	2	7.35	4.75
1	11.40	5.50	3	8.30	4.75
1	12.90	5.40	4	8.30	4.75
1	9.70	5.40	4	8.30	4.75
1	10.20	5.25	11	11.50	5.25
1	10.90	5.25	9	7.88	4.75
1	12.90	5.00	11	12.55	4.75
1	10.20	5.25	4	6.12	4.65
1	5.50	5.25	9	6.94	4.50
2	5.25	5.25	6	7.70	4.50
3	10.20	5.15	11	12.55	4.50
10	8.25	5.15	11	7.42	4.50
1	10.90	5.15	1	8.20	4.40
2	9.90	5.00	8	7.34	4.40
1	11.70	5.00	4	9.50	4.75
3	12.90	5.00	11	12.55	4.75
1	9.60	5.00	1	9.28	4.40
2	9.25	4.80	4	8.20	4.65
2	8.45	4.80	8	7.69	4.60
3	12.90	4.80	11	12.55	4.60
4	7.50	4.80	2	9.25	4.50
2	4.75	4.75	2	7.20	4.40
30	8.61	4.75	6	7.03	4.40
2	7.70	4.75	6	8.25	4.40
3	6.75	4.75	2	8.25	4.40

### Bulls.

1	11.30	5.05	4	10.77	4.25
1	12.70	5.05	1	13.60	4.60
1	13.20	5.00	4	11.45	4.50
1	12.90	5.00	1	12.55	4.50
4	11.97	5.00	1	10.80	4.40
3	12.50	5.00	1	12.00	4.25
1	14.20	4.85	8	11.02	4.45
1	13.60	4.85	10	10.50	4.40
11	11.51	4.80	3	10.56	4.40
1	13.20	4.75	4	11.35	4.40
1	10.50	4.75	6	10.33	4.10
1	12.10	4.75	8	10.32	4.10
1	14.7	4.75	1	8.25	4.00
1	11.30	4.75	4	9.90	4.10
1	11.40	4.75	2	10.60	4.00
1	14.40	4.75	2	9.80	3.80
1	12.30	4.75	2	9.00	3.50
2	12.15	4.65	1	12.60	4.40
4	12.15	4.65	4	8.82	4.00
1	11.30	4.60	3	10.80	4.40
1	13.20	4.65	1	8.60	3.50
1	12.30	4.65	2	7.65	3.25
2	10.80	4.60	1	9.30	4.00
8	11.25	4.60	2	10.80	4.00
1	14.7	4.60	1	10.60	4.00
4	12.05	4.60	3	8.45	3.25
8	11.60	4.50	4	10.67	3.90
4	12.10	4.50	2	9.55	3.75
1	13.6	4.50	1	10.17	3.50
11	11.29	4.40	2	9.75	3.50
2	12.80	4.40	2	10.05	3.50
4	12.15	4.40	3	10.80	4.00
4	10.42	4.40	3	9.90	3.40
1	10.30	4.40	3	8.43	3.25
2	10.70	4.40	2	9.15	3.25
1	11.35	4.35	8	8.39	3.25

### Bulls and Steers.

18	10.19	5.40	11	14.80	4.75
18	16.10	5.35	1	14.00	4.65
1	15.60	5.30	1	13.50	4.60
28	15.50	5.30	1	14.70	4.60
18	17.50	5.30	1	13.40	4.60
1	13.20	5.00	1	12.90	4.60
1	9.40	5.00	1	12.10	4.50
1	14.80	4.75	1	13.00	4.40
4	14.70	4.75	1	13.40	4.40
1	14.80	4.75	1	7.10	4.40
1	16.20	4.75	1	8.10	4.00
1	14.60	4.75	1	8.10	4.00

### Veal Calves.

2	17.0	8.00	5	15.2	7.50
1	13.0	8.00	1	19.0	8.00
1	14.0	8.00	1	27.0	8.50
1	16.0	8.00	1	21.0	8.50
2	20.0	8.00	1	15.0	8.50
4	17.0	8.00	1	19.0	8.50
5	13.2	8.00	2	8.5	8.50
1	17.0	8.00	1	22.0	8.50
2	15.0	8.00	1	9.0	8.50
4	14.0	8.00	1	19.0	8.50
2	15.5	8.00	2	27.0	8.50
3	12.8	8.00	2	26.5	8.50
1	15.0	8.00	2	43.0	9.00
1	14.0	8.00	1	19.0	8.50
2	16.0	8.00	1	39.0	9.00
4	16.0	7.50	1	34.0	8.50
1	12.0	7.50	1	31.0	8.50
3	15.6	7.50	2	28.5	8.50
1	13.0	7.50	1	27.5	8.50
1	19.0	7.00	4	33.2	8.60
2	16.5	7.00	1	47.0	9.00
1	19.0	7.00	1	27.5	8.40
1	11.5	7.00	1	19.0	8.00

### STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

Trade in the stocker and feeder division developed further weakness this morning. Country demand has shown no improvement as yet, in fact, a good share of the stocker and feeder cattle bought by speculators this week are still in the pens. Stock buyers are naturally more interested in unloading than as to increasing their holdings. Although supplies were only moderate today, all the regular buyers were backward as to taking fresh offerings and sellers experienced some trouble in getting bids during the opening hours. Buyers insisted on lower cost from the outset and after a good deal of wrangling as to values they finally succeeded in establishing the market on a weak to 10 cent lower basis for all grades of offerings. The decline noted today put stocker and feeder cattle of all weights and grades on a 15 to 25 cent lower level as compared with Monday. Stock holders were rather slow today at prices that are fully 10 to 15 cents lower than at the close last week. Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$5.25 to \$5.75; medium to good grades \$4.50 to \$5.25; good to fancy stock steers \$4.75 to \$5.25; and common to \$3.75 to \$4.50; stock heifers \$4.00 to \$4.50 for fair to strictly good kinds, stock cows \$3.25 to \$3.75, and stock calves \$2.50 to \$3.00.

### Stockers and Feeders.

18	12.48	5.55	13	8.29	5.35
7	10.20	5.45	9	8.90	5.35
22	10.09	5.40	4	7.28	5.25
19	8.81	5.40	10	8.36	5.25
13	8.45	5.40	8	7.21	5.25
9	8.68	5.40	4	7.95	5.25
21	8.70	5.25	27	9.00	5.25
2	9.00	5.25	27	7.67	5.20
3	8.20	5.25	6	7.16	5.10

### Yearlings and Calves.

10	6.85	5.25	3	5.60	5.00
3	5.83	5.15	2	6.00	4.75
2	6.65	5.10	9	6.12	4.70
3	5.6	5.10	7	4.57	4.70
2	4.40	5.00	7	4.83	4.50

### Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers.

17	8.36	4.60	2	5.90	4.40
2	4.52	4.60	2	8.18	4.40
9	4.68	4.50	4	7.95	4.25
1	7.30	4.50	3	5.90	4.25
6	4.91	4.50	2	8.45	4.15

## PACKERS' CATTLE PURCHASES.

Swift & Co.	500
Hammond Packing Co.	500
Morris & Co.	500
Total	1,500

## FEEDING BULLS AND STAGS.

1	920	4.45	1	1170	4.25
2	735	4.45			

## PACKERS' SHEEP PURCHASES.

Swift & Co.	500
Hammond Packing Co.	500
Morris & Co.	500
Total	1,500

## ROGS.

### Opening Trade Fully So Lower, Loss Regained on Close.

Packers were able to open the market this morning at prices a big nickel lower, but trading on the middle and closing rounds developed a stronger pulse and final sales were about a par with yesterday's average trade. A supply estimated at 7000 was on sale here and the combined total at the five markets was around 62,000 compared with 57,200 a week ago and 55,100 corresponding day a year ago. For the week to date the five markets show an increase of 7000 in receipts over the same period of last week and a gain of 70,000 is recorded when comparing with the similar period a year ago. Outside markets were all reported opening lower this morning and buyers here did not experience much difficulty in getting a movement started toward the scales at prices fully a nickel under yesterday's average, with a 10c out apparent in quite a few cases. Toward the middle of the session, however, demand began to show more life and final prices for the day showed most of the early loss recovered and the market back on about a steady basis as compared with the general market of the previous day. Quality of the offerings did not average up to that of yesterday's drive. Prices ranged from \$7.45 to \$9.00 with the bulk selling at \$7.30 to \$7.45, a week ago at \$7.80 to \$7.90, a month ago at \$8.35 to \$8.50, a year ago at \$5.95 to \$6.20, two years ago at \$4.25 to \$4.40, three years ago at \$4.30 to \$4.45, four years ago at \$5.90 to \$7.00.

### Heavy and Mixed—200 lbs. and Upward.

No.	Av. Wt.	Price	No.	Av. Wt.	Price
66	226	80.75	41	221	7.35
76	223	74.50	41	221	7.35
42	240	74.50	237	7.35	
30	200	74.50	237	7.35	
50	214	74.50	81	237	7.35
69	215	74.50	237	7.35	
76	219	74.50	237	7.35	
65	241	74.50	237	7.35	
24	235	74.50	237	7.35	
32	254	74.50	237	7.35	
76	231	74.50	237	7.35	
60	228	74.50	237	7.35	
77	204	74.50	240	7.35	
70	229	74.50	237	7.35	
50	232	74.50	237	7.35	
74	219	74.50	237	7.35	
65	221	74.50	237	7.3	



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A PROVED SENTIMENT.

The sentiment to "buy only St. Joseph made goods" has again broken out among one of the factions of "live wires" that want to lead the progress procession in this man's town.

RAILROADS AND SECURITIES.

Railroad men disagree as to the relation of capitalization to charges for transportation and other elements considered in the proposal for federal regulation of securities.

J. J. Mitchell, a Chicago banker who is director of four railroads, testifying before the government's railroad securities commission, said it did not occur to him that capitalization bore directly on charges for transportation.

It is difficult to give tenability to the theory of increasing rates for the purpose of creating funds for extensions and improvements, and so long as railroad experts, themselves, condemn the theory the public cannot be expected to endorse it with enthusiasm.

These railroad managers or stockholders who have been before this commission have generally agreed on the desirability of federal regulation of securities as opposed to state regulation, and undoubtedly this is preferable.

One central regulation would lead to lessen the hardship made possible with forty-six different systems of control.

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When in doubt, tell the truth.

People need to be shown. Conservation is to be commended to a certain degree but there is such a thing as being too conservative.

This will apply to communities as well as to individuals. It has sometimes been said of St. Joseph that she is altogether too conservative.

We believe in St. Joseph as a solid city with a bright future ahead of her. This city has a splendid credit among the financial interests of the whole country.

Wherever the city is known in the big money and industrial centers of the country, her credit is good for anything she may want to ask. We will not lay down for any city in the country when it comes to men of talent for pushing the city to a greater destiny. The talent is here.



The Wicked Giant

Daddy's Bedtime Story—How the Giant Lost His Life

THIS happened a long, long time ago, when there were giants and fairies and such folk all over the world, said daddy one evening to Jack and Evelyn. "The giant in this story was a wicked old fellow, about twelve feet high, who lived on an island all by himself.

Of course no one could live on the island with him, for he had the bad habit of catching people and eating them. So, you see, no one could live near him even. "Whenever he happened to feel hungry he used to get into his boat, row over to the mainland and catch some one to eat. The folks did not like this at all, but as they were so much smaller than the giant they did not know what could be done about it.

They tried to fight the giant with swords and spears and bows and arrows, for there were no guns in those days, but it did no good. The giant was too strong for them. Once when they knew that the bad big man was not at home they sent some men over to his island to bore a hole in the bottom of his boat so that when he should try to row over to the mainland the boat should fill with water and he should be drowned. But that did not do any good, for when the boat sank the giant simply swam to the land.

"Then the folks asked the king to help them against the giant. But the king said, 'I should like to help you, but our men are only small and the giant is too big for us.' One bright lady of the court, however, had an idea and said: "I think I can trap that wicked old fellow."

"How?" they all asked. "This way," said the clever lady. "You know I am considered a good singer, the best in this country. The next time the giant comes over to the mainland I shall hide myself in the bushes near the shore. As soon as he lands I shall begin to sing without showing myself. Of course he will want to know where the singing comes from, and he will go to the bushes. Then I shall lead him on and on, farther and farther, until I shall lead him over a pit which you shall dig for him. Of course he will be so busy listening to my singing that he will not think of looking out for a trap. You must cover the pit with earth so that I shall not fall into it myself."

"Every one thought it was a clever idea, and they all set to work digging a great pit near the seashore. They covered the hole over lightly with branches and earth so that it looked like solid ground. It would bear an ordinary person, but not a great big fellow like the giant.

"Well, the next time the giant came over all the people hid themselves in the bushes. The singer hid herself behind a great rock, and when the giant landed from his boat she began to sing. With her beautiful voice she led the giant on and on until he fell into the pit and was killed."

but it has perhaps not been developed to its fullest and it may be that it is necessary to bring in outside men of push in order to properly develop the latent talent of men who have been born and raised here.

In point here is a story: A gentleman recently landed in St. Joseph from a distant section of the country. He was sleuthing it on the hunt of investment in realty. He landed at the union depot, and of course did not find an inviting first view of the city. He wandered into the uptown district and did not notice that anyone was taking notice that there was a stranger in town who might buy a town lot.

His observations were to the effect that there was too much conservatism here for the good of the community. He finally wandered into a real estate office and in a conversation with the real estate dealer this stranger let it out that he was looking for a location for business and a home for his family, but that he had been wandering around and had made up his mind that St. Joseph was just an overgrown village and that he was going to get out on an afternoon train.

The real estate man asked the stranger what he had seen of the town, and it developed that the man had seen nothing but the street from the depot to the center of the business district. "You have not seen the town," said the real estate dealer. "But you have several hours before you can get a train and I am not busy. Come with me and I will show you some of the things we have here."

The stranger was taken out into Wyatt Park, to Krug Park, through the business district and then down to the stock yards and packing houses. He was shown what the city is and what it has. That man is living in St. Joseph today in a house that he bought through that real estate man and he is glad he came. There is such a thing as being too conservative.

PIGS IS PIGS, SAYS COURT. Court Holds Ordinance Barring Hogs From City to Be Void.

Jackson, Tenn., Feb. 1.—"Pigs is pigs," wrote Ellis Parker Butler, and the court of civil appeals of Tennessee has subscribed to the doctrine and written a sequel when in a learned opinion that high and honorable tribunal decided that a hog is an animal and not, per se, a nuisance, any more than any other animal.

It was in the case of J. B. Fulghum versus the town of Bolivar. The opinion was handed down by Judge E. F. Wilson. The facts were briefly reviewed. It appeared that Mr. Fulghum had been before the mayor on a charge of keeping hogs within the corporate limits of the city, in violation of a city ordinance.

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In a row and hook these hooks into the wire spring. This will be found much more comfortable and also give the couch a softer appearance.

COLD WEATHER HELPS. Magic Cold Cure.—Take 5c worth of whole flaxseed and boil together with three lemon-slices in it for one hour and a half. Then take from fire and strain. Then add one cupful of sugar to the juice and boil again for about one hour, turning the fire from under it and add the worth of glycerin. Take one tablespoonful three or four times a day after it has gotten cold and watch your cold disappear.

TEST SOIL THIRTY YEARS. Kansas Scientists Study Periods of Fertility. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 30.—An experiment that will not be completed for at least thirty years and probably not for a longer time than that has just been started at the Kansas agricultural college. L. E. Call, assistant professor of soils at the college, is going to find out just how long soils will continue fertile. He wants to find out why lands wear out and how long it takes to wear out.

The plans for the use of a considerable plot of ground for as long a time as necessary, a half century may be, are just being worked out. Only one other college in America has attempted a similar experiment. One plot of ground will be used continuously for corn, wheat, and alfalfa in rotation for the full period and no plant food will be added to this ground during the time of the experiment.

Will Test Land Again. At the end of the period the land will be tested to show what it has lost. Another plot will be sown to the same crops and plant food will be added to see if this will maintain the fertility of the soil. It will also be determined what the experiment will determine what effect continued rotation and continued growth of one crop on certain ground will do with the bacterial plants that live in the soil and convert the nitrogen into plant food.

Fifteen acres has been set aside for the experiment. The entire field has been divided into ten equal areas, each area being called a series, and each series is divided into twelve plots. Rotation of Three Crops. There are 120 of these plots, just enough for the rotation of the three crops in five, ten, twenty, and thirty year periods. On one plot the crop will be changed every five years.

For the next five years wheat will be grown on one and then come corn and then alfalfa, twice around in the thirty years. On another wheat will be grown continuously for ten years and then corn for a similar time. Each sixth plot is the "check" plot and on this one crop will be grown continuously for the entire experiment. Tests of the ground have been made and other tests will be made each year to see what has been lost or added to each plot and at the end of the experiment, about 1940, a complete test to show exactly the changes in the fertility of the soil during the thirty years will be made.

GATES' DITCHING MACHINE One of the Largest Made Taken to Magnate's Model Farm in Texas.

Port Arthur, Tex., Feb. 1.—The big forty-ton ditching machine from the Buckeye Traction Ditcher Company of Findlay, Ohio, consigned to John W. Gates of this city, has arrived from Ohio today, and will, during the fore part of this week, be unloaded from the cars, hauled through the town and carried out to the Model farm, where it will be put into commission to drain and reclaim some of the many acres of land of Mr. Gates in that section.

The ditcher is a monster in size, requiring two cars to transport it from the factory to Port Arthur. It will be propelled by a 60 horse-power gasoline engine; has a thread in front of something like 22 feet, great slanting wheels of the board-walk type, furnishing the gripping power; it has a cutter mounted on the rear of the machine and when in operation it is raised and lowered as necessary to make the maximum cut of a ditch 8 feet wide and about 6 feet deep; there are two sets of big drums, with carriers on each side to dispose of the cuttings in the form of embankments along both sides of the ditch being cut. It is the biggest machine of its character on the market.

George C. Nelson, an expert in operating such machines, is here, coming from the Ohio city, to see to it that the machine is properly unloaded from the cars, placed in position, and that it does the work claimed for it.

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The spectacle of the monster machine passing through the principal streets of Port Arthur in being taken out to the Model Farm, will be witnessed by local people some day this week, probably today or Thursday. It will be a novel sight, and will undoubtedly attract a keen degree of interest.

AUTO FOR INTERURBAN. Texas Taking Initiative in Move to Supplant Trolley. San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 30.—Texas has taken the initiative in demonstrating the use of the automobile for interurban service instead of the usual traction trolley line. Already from Sonora, far out on the Western plains, for several years an automobile line has crossed the big divide to San Angelo and the railroad. At Fredericksburg, a little German town high up in the mountains, is an automobile line that runs over a high mountain to connect with the railroad to San Antonio.

Now comes the announcement of a new interurban automobile line from San Antonio to Sutherland Springs, thirty miles southeast to San Antonio. There will be several round trips daily with big modern touring cars to connect this beautiful winter resort with the tourists staying in this city to go out there and drink of the mineral water, take the sulphur baths, as well as enjoy the trip through a beautiful country.

The result of this automobile development is a demand for better roads. It has educated the farmers to see the advantage in having good roads, and road improvement and road building is going on in nearly every community. While it is not generally known it is a fact nevertheless, that Texas will have one of the longest automobile roads in the United States when a few unfinished links are completed. This road will extend from Brownsville to Houston, by the way of Corpus Christi, Kingsville and other intermediate points. Connecting with this Corpus Christi will be another road to San Antonio. This will be completed during the coming summer.

With the completion of a few short stretches, another road will be continuous from this city to Laredo, 150 miles south. This auto way, when the unfinished links are completed, will be almost 1,000 miles in length. But long as this is, it is but the beginning of auto roadways in Texas. Already a line stretches across the state from east to west is projected and another from the Red River to the Gulf, crossing the state north and south. In no part of the country, perhaps, is the automobile playing such an important part in rapid transit as in Southwest Texas.

Maryville, Mo., Feb. 1.—When Hez Rasco was arraigned for trial Monday on the charge of murdering Mr. and Mrs. Oda Hubbell and their two children he was confronted by five attorneys for the state, each anxious to prove that he did in fact murder the Hubbell family the night of Nov. 29, although no human eye saw the deed. The state has, in addition to Prosecuting Attorney George Pat Wright and his assistant, M. E. Ford, retained the very cream of the Nodaway county bar. Prosecutor Wright will have the aid of Special Prosecutors J. Sherman Shinnberger, Wes A. Blagg and George Robb Ellison, a firm having the largest law business in northwest Missouri, excepting only the big firms at St. Joseph.

Judge Ellison Monday issued an order excluding all persons under 15 years old from the circuit courtroom during the hearing of the case. The murdered Oda Hubbell, for whose death Hez Rasco is to be tried, died Saturday at Barnard. Hubbell was 32 years old. He had been a resident of Nodaway county for 50 years.

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**That Interview**

By Donald Allen

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Miss Josie Morris was on a visit to her college chum and best friend, Florence Gray. Miss Josie had arrived at the dignified age of twenty, but was still referred to by her acquaintances as "that mischievous mix." On the contrary, Miss Florence, who was a year younger, had dignity enough for a woman of forty, and was not to be compared to a mix, a fox, a wolf or any other animal.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris had been called away from their home for a stay of four or five days. They did not doubt that Florence could manage things during their absence, but they did not take that little "mix" into consideration.

Something was wrong with the auto, and it was not to be taken out of the garage until the father returned. He hadn't left the house an hour before Miss Josie was planning to have it out. She pestered and protested and coaxed, and when the gardener had snally looked the machine over and said he guessed it was all right it not speeded up, Miss Florence reluctantly permitted herself to be coerced.

Off they started one afternoon, with the gardener at the wheel, and at the end of a mile they left the highway, dodged a telegraph pole, tore through a stone wall and brought up in a blackberry patch. No one was killed—no one badly injured. They were just shaken up; and the auto was just smashed.

The accident was heard of, and the city editor of the Eagle assigned a reporter to secure the details in an interview. The gardener, who had just had his scalp wound dressed, said that the thingumbob had suddenly got away from the thingumbob.

"Not at all," was the reply. "On the contrary, there was such a feeling of contentment that I cannot describe it. I seemed to be floating in the air on angels' wings. I could look down on earth and see an old woman frying eggs and bacon, and oh, how I longed for them; I tried to fly down for dinner, but I kept flying higher instead."

"By George! By George!" softly exclaimed the newspaper man. "I'll run that in under the subhead of: 'Bacon and Eggs and Grim Death.'"

Then he asked if she thrilled when the auto at length brought up in the blackberry bushes.

"I felt seven successive thrills pass over me," she replied, "and then I found myself picking blackberries to carry home for a pie. I was cut and bruised and shaken, but I did not feel it. I was languid. I was placid. I was content. If death had come it would have been painless. I think they ought to kill our murderers that way instead of by electricity. That's all."

The Eagle man went away with the "acop" of his life, and "that little mix" tumbled down on the floor and laughed until she had to be threatened with life imprisonment. The Eagle was watched for next morning, but not a line of that interview could be discovered. It was so the next day, and then the young man called. He was met by the conscious-stricken Josie, who blushing began to stammer excuses, but was interrupted with:

"Will you please tell the deaf and dumb young lady that I would like to speak to her for a moment?"

"But I am she."

"Yes, I think you are, come to look at you closely."

"And—you wanted to say?"

"I wanted to say that there were no thrills in that interview the other day until the last. I am going to put them into this at the very start. Where can I find your father?"

"In the city, but—but—"

"No, you don't understand, but I'll explain. I am going to him to ask for the hand of his deaf and dumb daughter, and tell him that I'll provide an asylum for her for the rest of her life."

"Sir!"

"And then I'm going to woo you until you consent to be my wife. No use talking. Just be deaf and dumb about it. I lost the acop, but I am going to gain you."



and that the first thing he knew he didn't know anything, except that the boss would surely give him the bounce when he returned.

This was not enough for the Eagle. It wanted thrills and sensations, and the gardener was sent into the house to see if they could be had. A personal interview was requested with Miss Florence Gray. She promptly replied in the negative, but just as promptly "that little mix" came to the front with:

"Oh, it will be delightful! All my life I have longed to be interviewed for a newspaper, but it has never come about."

"But father will be angry."

"Then, you needn't interview. I'll attend to it."

"But you'll make a great long story of it."

"Of course I will; and, oh, Florence, we can have some fun out of it at the same time. We can make it the greatest interview of the twentieth century!"

"What do you mean?" her friend asked.

"You needn't come in the room at all. I'll tie a bandage around my head and another around one of my ankles, and I'll pretend to be deaf and dumb. Get me a pencil and some paper. It will be barrels of fun."

"But—but—"

But she had her way about it. The reporter was shown into the parlor to find one of the victims of the accident nesting in a big easy chair, and he proceeded to say:

"I am for the Eagle, and I shall be much obliged for your story of the accident. Were you speeding?"

Miss Josie fetched a groan and wrote on a slip of paper:

"I am deaf and dumb. You must write out your questions."

"By George, but this is rather interesting!" exclaimed the reporter. "Deaf and dumb, and a staving looking girl at that! Too blamed bad. First and only interview with a deaf and dumb girl."

And he wrote out the question he had asked before, and she wrote in answer:

"No, we were not speeding. We were just passing a swamp, and I think a bullfrog came out and attacked one of the front wheels. I felt the machine give an awful shudder, just as a strong man does when he is shot and death comes to him."

"She can't mean that they were attacked by a bullfrog, and yet she says

so," murmured the reporter. "It'll make good copy, though. That will come under the head of 'A New Danger to Autotists—Beware the Bullfrog.'"

Then he wrote and asked her what she thought as the auto left the highway and she realized that a smash-up was imminent, and she replied:

"I thought of some popcorn I once bought at Coney Island. It was the best ever. I wish I could find some more like it."

"Here's ingenueness for you," said the reporter. "She must be all of nineteen or twenty, and yet she has the mind of a girl of ten. That will go under the sub-head of: 'Death Staring Her in the Face, and Yet She Thinks of Coney Island Popcorn!'"

Then he wrote and asked her if she could remember her sensations as the machine was plowing its way through the stone wall, and she answered:

"Most vividly. I thought I was in my room and turning handspikes over the bed and cartwheels around it. I had just turned a back somersault and kicked a globe off the chandelier when the auto stopped."

"By George, but she may be a circus or a vaudeville girl!" exclaimed the reporter. "No, she can't be. Her father is a church deacon and in the lumber business. Never heard of a girl turning cartwheels in her own room before. I'll make a daisy thing of this interview."

Then he asked her if at any time during the awful danger she felt the sensation of fear.

"Not at all," was the reply. "On the contrary, there was such a feeling of contentment that I cannot describe it. I seemed to be floating in the air on angels' wings. I could look down on earth and see an old woman frying eggs and bacon, and oh, how I longed for them; I tried to fly down for dinner, but I kept flying higher instead."

"By George! By George!" softly exclaimed the newspaper man. "I'll run that in under the subhead of: 'Bacon and Eggs and Grim Death.'"

Then he asked if she thrilled when the auto at length brought up in the blackberry bushes.

"I felt seven successive thrills pass over me," she replied, "and then I found myself picking blackberries to carry home for a pie. I was cut and bruised and shaken, but I did not feel it. I was languid. I was placid. I was content. If death had come it would have been painless. I think they ought to kill our murderers that way instead of by electricity. That's all."

The Eagle man went away with the "acop" of his life, and "that little mix" tumbled down on the floor and laughed until she had to be threatened with life imprisonment. The Eagle was watched for next morning, but not a line of that interview could be discovered. It was so the next day, and then the young man called. He was met by the conscious-stricken Josie, who blushing began to stammer excuses, but was interrupted with:

"Will you please tell the deaf and dumb young lady that I would like to speak to her for a moment?"

"But I am she."

"Yes, I think you are, come to look at you closely."

"And—you wanted to say?"

"I wanted to say that there were no thrills in that interview the other day until the last. I am going to put them into this at the very start. Where can I find your father?"

"In the city, but—but—"

"No, you don't understand, but I'll explain. I am going to him to ask for the hand of his deaf and dumb daughter, and tell him that I'll provide an asylum for her for the rest of her life."

"Sir!"

"And then I'm going to woo you until you consent to be my wife. No use talking. Just be deaf and dumb about it. I lost the acop, but I am going to gain you."

**QUELLED A MUTINY**

**Miniature White Elephants Subdued Turbulent Cingalese.**

Little Effigies Bought in Calcutta as Souvenirs for "Kiddies" at Home Pacify Savage Little Natives on Ship.

New York.—Two miniature white elephants, purchased in Calcutta for a couple of shillings by William Blake-man, a ship's carpenter on board the British freight steamer Parisiana raised that mariner to an important place on board the vessel on the voyage from the Indian port to New York.

"Some of the boys on the ship and I were walking around Calcutta one hot afternoon in July," he said, "and the walk took us through a street where there are a lot of curio dealers. In one of the little stores I saw two elephants, carved out of the wood of a coccinut tree, and I fancied that those two elephants, resembling the white elephants of Siam, would be about as handy a brace of souvenirs for my kiddies at home as anything that I could get in Calcutta. With the two elephants, one under each arm, we went into the street again and on our way to the steamer."

"We noticed that every time we met a little brown Cingalese on the street he would prostrate before us, or along side of us and salaam for all he was worth. We laughed a bit about it, but really thought little about the salaaming, although it did seem a bit queer all the way to the wharf. On the wharf the whole blooming lot of natives fell down as we passed through on the way to the Parisiana."

"It was about a month or so later, when we were going through the Indian ocean toward the Red Sea that some trouble broke out among the Cingalese on board because one of our boys had accidentally jostled a bit of nuttin that hung forward on deck for the native mess. Of course we all know that it is a serious thing for European hands to touch the food of the Mohammedan and we knew that it would be hard to pacify the Cingalese on board after their mutin had been spotted for them through contact with the hands of unbelievers."

"There was a great hullabaloo on the forward deck just as I came out of the forepeak, and the whole pack of brown fellows set upon me as the nearest and handiest man on which to wreak their vengeance. In times like these native chaps are not responsible, practically running amuck, and they swung bars and clubs right and left. I ducked back into the forepeak, intending to get my belongings and make a break for amidships, where I would have the protection of the officers, who were armed."

"When I came out again, carrying my two elephants under my arms, the Cingalese made for me again. Then, as they saw the little white elephants they suddenly dropped their bars and clubs and every man of them dropped flat on deck and salaamed as if their lives depended on it. I was lucky enough to remember the salaaming in Calcutta and I flashed the elephants which I had later found out had caused the respect of the city natives during our walk through Calcutta. The native sailors squirmed around and around on their stomachs to make sure that they would face me and the elephants as they salaamed and the rebellion on board the Parisiana was successfully put down without bloodshed."

The two little white elephants remained in a conspicuous place in the main saloon on the freighter in case of further emergency, but their services were not again required on the voyage.

**NEW PROJECTILE IS SUCCESS**

Tests Made Near Berlin, Germany, Show It Could Set Airships and Balloons Afire.

Berlin.—The trials with the new projectile apparently fired from a rifle, for use against airships, which were carried out at the experimental institution for hand firearms at Halensee, outside Berlin, are understood to have yielded surprising results. The projectile, which is described as a small shell, set fire to the balloons through which it passed, with results that would have been immediately fatal to any airship in like case.

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**MAY LET TOILERS SEE DRAMA**

Move Starts in St. Paul for "Ten-Cent Night" at Best Theaters to Benefit Poor.

St. Paul, Minn.—A movement has been begun in St. Paul to enable poor people to visit high grade theaters on certain nights for 10 cents each. Rev. David Morgan is fathering the plan, and conferred with T. B. McCormick, assistant manager of the Grand Opera House.

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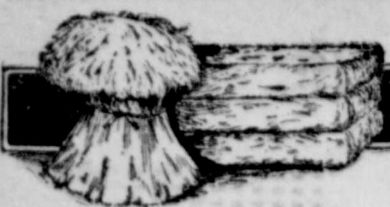
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That money sunk into very unlovely and very muddy ditches is money well spent has been thoroughly proven by the progressive farmers of Missouri. Figures gathered by the Missouri Waterway Commission in its recently completed study of drainage conditions show that optimistic Missourians have put the vast sum of \$5,500,000 into drainage ditches, and this money has been returned to them with profits Aladdin-like in their proportions.

Ten years ago there were 3,750,000 acres of land in this state which were totally under water or useless because of excessive moisture. Southeast Missouri, rendered low by the New Madrid earthquakes of 1811-12, was more extensively cursed with this excess of nature's greatest gift than any other part of the state.

Rivers in that territory were small and crooked and had but a slight fall, hence they were inadequate to carry off the continuously heavy rainfall of that region. The land continually resembled an overflowed street with the rainfall gaining steadily on the inefficient sewers; therefore it was but natural that Southeast Missourians became the pioneers in drainage work. By deepening and straightening their streams the flow-off gradually gained on the rainfall until there was no excess, and consequently no swamp lands.

Pemiscot, the southern-most county of this state, leads in the drainage work. This progressive county has added to its assessable wealth and tillable area 230,898 acres of land. This work cost about \$380,000, or about \$1.50 per acre, and has increased the value of the reclaimed area from practically nothing to from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per acre. The total increased value is placed conservatively at \$4,500,000, or a return of more than 1,000 per cent on the original investment!

Dunklin county farmers have spurned the fabled omea and have constructed thirteen drainage districts, totaling 160 miles in length and draining 150,000 acres, at a total cost of \$23,000. Cotton, wheat, corn and alfalfa have replaced mosquitoes and miasmatic dampness as the usual crops from these areas.

Mississippi county has snatched from the embrace of the swamps 200,000 acres, and has restored them to eager farmers, who have given good account of their stewardship. One hundred thousand acres in Stoddard county, 94,000 in Butler and 216,000 in Scott county have been, by engineering ingenuity, added to the wealth of the state, at a cost not exceeding \$3.00 per acre. These figures do not include the Little River drainage district—the largest in the world—which is now in course of construction, and which includes 500,000 acres of land lying in the counties of Cape Girardeau, Scott, Stoddard, Pemiscot, Mississippi, Dunklin and New Madrid.

This vast area—larger than many boasted European principalities—is to be reclaimed at a cost of \$4,000,000, or \$8.00 per acre. The increased valuation of the land will not be less than \$25,000,000, and the increase in the annual crop output not less than \$12,000,000. This is a cash return in land values of 625 per cent, and an annual return from the investment of \$0.00 per cent. The cost is higher per acre than in other drainage districts, because the problems met are more complicated and the work when completed will be more thorough. However, the work of educating people in these counties to the benefits of drainage has been well done, and the burden of \$8.00 per acre is gladly shouldered by the land owners.

In other counties drainage at a dearer rate has been accomplished. In Holt county 59,800 acres have been drained, at a cost of \$8.52 per acre; while the farmers of Marion county paid \$17.50 per acre to drain 10,900 acres.

St. Louis county, having the most valuable land in the state, because of its proximity to a large city and consequent availability for truck gardening, paid \$28,799 for draining 736 acres of land. This was at the rate of \$39.00 per acre, and no one has yet been heard to complain of this price, for the producing value of the district was increased \$30,000, or more than 100 per cent per annum.

Other counties in the state have harkened to the call of the world for more producing land, and have invested their money in ditch constructions, and it has netted them uniformly handsome returns. Atchison county has reclaimed 3,840 acres; Howard, 2,500; Lincoln, 4,800; Ray, 1,800; and St. Charles 4,065.

Opportunity has made men penniless.

BIG FAMILY ON \$1.35 A DAY

Tale of Comfort and Thrift is Unfolded in Pittsburg Court by an Officer.

Pittsburg.—A tale of comfort and thrift contrary to the usual ones of distress and woe was unfolded in the juvenile court the other day by Miss Nettle Oppenheimer, a probation officer, to the astonishment of the court and spectators. A family of twelve is supported on an income of \$1.35 a day, but how it was done has not yet been disclosed. Miss Oppenheimer unfolded the tale when she requested Judge Cohen to allow Antonio Elf, aged 10, to go home. He was arrested for being in the streets late at night.

"He has a splendid home, your Honor," said Miss Oppenheimer. "His mother, here," nodding toward the woman who stood by the lad's side, "is a splendid housekeeper, and they have ten bright children, of whom the oldest is a girl aged 13. All of school age attend school regularly, and there is no cause for complaint. Tony's arrest was accidental, and I'm sure the offense will not be repeated."

"You have investigated the home conditions thoroughly?" asked Judge Cohen.

"Yes, and it's one of the best homes I ever have entered."

"What work does the father do?"

"He's a laborer."

"How much does he earn?"

"One dollar and thirty-five cents a day."

A murmur of surprise was heard in the courtroom, and without further ado the boy was allowed to go home with his mother.

"I don't know how they do it," said Miss Oppenheimer later, "but they are very nice people and better home conditions could not be asked for. Everything is neat and orderly and there is no lack of wholesome food for the entire family. That man is a credit to any community."

URBAN CENTER PLAN HAILED

Proposal of Director Durand to Disregard Geographical Lines Would Swell Gotham.

New York.—The proposal of the director of the census that in future publications on city population urban centers shall be used as the proper units instead of the arbitrary political divisions indicated by city boundary lines is one that appeals strongly to New York, for it gives hope of enabling the city to surpass London and to claim first place among all the cities of the world.

Although this city has spread out almost evenly in all directions, its westward growth never has shown in the census returns because it has been beyond the boundary line of New Jersey.

Under the new plan all the population in the urban area of each large city, as determined by the experts of the census bureau, would be credited to that city. This would add about a million to the present official population of Greater New York, giving it 5,800,000.

While this would still be lower than the population of Greater London, which is now placed at nearly 7,000,000, the growth of New York is much more rapid, and if the present rates were maintained it would pass its European rival.

Aside from the prestige of being the first city in the world, however, there is little to be gained by additions to the size of the city. Popular sentiment, in fact, seems to be against any considerable additions to the present administrative area.

For the present, most persons hold, the problems of giving the greater city proper government are difficult enough without further complications, but the plan of the census authorities, which would give the city credit for the population logically belonging to it without adding to its actual area, is regarded with favor.

RIGS UP A WIRELESS PLANT

Blind Boy Living in New York Receives Messages From Distance of 800 Miles.

New York.—The handicap of blindness has failed to prevent John W. Ellis, a boy of 106 West Eighty-ninth street, from rigging up a wireless telegraph apparatus that makes it possible for him to hear the news of the world without leaving his room. As Ellis has been blind since his birth, it is a good deal easier to listen to what people say about things in general than it is to take the time to go over pages of raised and perforated lettering or have to ask friends to read aloud and let him know what is going on.

"I have not talked with many operators as yet as my cells do not generate enough power to make the waves I send long enough. I have listened, however, to messages from Norfolk, Washington and nearly all the other wireless stations from five to eight hundred miles away from New York. I receive the Marconi as well as the De Forest systems."

Ellis is now nineteen years old. He graduated from the Perkins institution for the Blind in Boston, and has been declared a prodigy, so far as comprehension of electrical and mechanical problems was concerned.

Relics of Dickens Sold

London.—Three relics of Charles Dickens, a lock of hair, a prayer book and an autograph letter, were sold at Sotheby's rooms the other day for \$50.

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Movement Is Revived for Memorial to Shakespeare.

Proposed to Erect and Endow to Memory of Giant in Literature Building in London Costing \$2,500,000.

London.—Martin Harvey has delivered a notable address in Leeds on behalf of the project to erect and endow in 1916 a theater in London as a memorial of Shakespeare. That would, he said, be three hundred years since there died in this country the most amazing giant in the literature of the world—an Englishman. What had we reared to honor him and to express our pride in our great fellow-countryman, to whom the civilized world had rendered homage? A trivial and unregarded little figure, borne above a fountain which trickled its small jet into a basin in Leicester square. That was the sole monument which was pointed out to the amazed foreigner who visited the land of Shakespeare's birth.

It was now proposed to erect and endow to his memory a national theater at a cost of \$2,500,000, and already a fifth of that sum had been raised. As a result it was believed that Shakespeare would at last receive in the land of his birth the homage that he now received only in Germany. The work which it was proposed to do in the memorial theater was already being done by private enterprise.

But it is impossible always to count upon a continuance of this happy state of things. Shakespeare's works alone could hardly be said to be his own memorial. Shakespeare wrote for the stage, and how were his works to be kept alive in those periods of vitiated public taste which had degraded dramatic art and swamped the stage with vulgarity and meretricious triviality? There had been such periods, notably that of the Restoration. The taste for higher forms of dramatic art was not likely to be the taste of the average man. What galled the actor manager of the present time was that the public supported works of little merit that were downright rubbish. The more public taste could be educated by such an institution as a national theater the better it would be for the actor manager.

Thus he believed that members of his own profession had no need to fear the project.

A special meeting of the trustees of Shakespeare's birthplace was held at Stratford-on-Avon lately. Sidney Lee presided, and there was a large attendance of trustees, among those present being Lord Hertford, Lord Redesdale, Lionel Cust and Archibald D. Flower.

The executive committee reported their proceedings as to the reorganization of the official staff at the birthplace and as to the need of improving the arrangements of the museums at Shakespeare's house and New place. The committee said it was especially anxious to carry out the trustee's recommendations that articles of remote Shakespearean interest or of small value should be withdrawn from exhibition at the birthplace; that the fit and pertinent objects should be methodically grouped together; that organized efforts should be instituted to fill, wherever practicable, gaps in the collection, notably among the books, prints, coins, weapons, domestic implements and other objects of Shakespeare's era which may be held graphically to illustrate his life, times of work; and that the New place museum should be reconstituted on a well considered plan, whereby its aims may be clearly distinguished from those of the birthplace museum.

GIRL REFUSES TO TELL AGE

Loose \$90 Month Job Rather Than Tell How Old She Is—Claims Personal Rights.

Kansas City.—Just because she would not tell her age to the civil service commission, Miss Vinnie Dods-worth, a stenographer, who has been employed at the city hall for a number of years, was disqualified by the commission from taking the competitive examination for stenographers. The rule of the commission makes it obligatory upon applicants to give their ages, but this particular woman felt that that was an attack upon her constitutional and personal rights. So she let a \$90 a month job go by default to a woman who does not care who knows her age.

SCORNS BIG SUM FOR DOG

Berlin Gamekeeper Plays Waiting Game for Highest Bidder for Talented Animal.

Berlin.—Royal Gamekeeper Ebers, owner of the talking dog Don, has refused an offer of \$15,000 for the animal. Formerly a simple rural forester, Ebers has become a Napoleon of finance since Don's talking talents burst upon the world, and is now playing a waiting game for the highest bidder. Don is kept chained inside his master's house in order to avoid the danger of abduction by swarms of music hall and circus managers who are besieging the premises, and the attention of photographers who want to reap a harvest by placing picture postcards of the dog on the market.

Wealthiest Girl in West

St. Louis, Mo.—Through the death of her brother Willard, Miss Lois Campbell, a St. Louis girl of seventeen years, is now sole heiress to the entire Campbell fortune, reputed to be about \$30,000,000. This will make her the wealthiest woman west of the Mississippi river. James Campbell, her father, is president of the North American company and one of St. Louis' wealthiest citizens.

What About This?

Chicago.—A chicken having human features and the cry of a baby has attracted crowds of curious persons to the meat shop of A. Bikins.

MAN IS THE OLDEST STUDENT

Unusual Spectacle of Pupil 93, and Teacher Over 80 Years of Age—Very Bright.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Without doubt, the oldest student in any university of the United States is Rev. David Jordan Higgins, a nonagenarian preacher and one time colonel in the United States army, who is attending the classes in philosophy conducted by Prof. J. H. Hoose, of the college of liberal arts, University of Southern California.

Rev. Mr. Higgins has had a brilliant career and a life filled with active events, and now, when within seven years of the century mark, he has returned to the ideals of his youth and is pursuing the study of philosophy according to the latest teachings.

An octogenarian teaching a nonagenarian is the spectacle presented at the university, a sight which probably finds no parallel in the world. That the former still preserves his mental activity sufficiently to engage actively in the teaching of this difficult subject, requiring the deepest study and the most clear-headed reasoning, is nearly as marvelous as the fact that Rev. Mr. Higgins at ninety-three is still sufficiently active mentally and ambitious physically to grapple with a subject that is almost entirely new to him, such has been the change in the systems and textbooks since he first engaged in its mysteries nearly three-quarters of a century ago.

Rev. Mr. Higgins was born in Maine in 1817. His early education was received in that state, but Wesleyan college was his alma mater.

Prof. Wilbur Flisk was then president of Wesleyan, and Rev. Mr. Higgins recalls many incidents connected with that noted teacher and scholar.

The aged student attends the class of Professor Hoose every Monday, and is busy nearly all the week with the pages of Rindolph Eucken, the son of Jena university.

Both teacher and student are exceptionally bright and vigorous for their years, and the only defect that Rev. Mr. Higgins suffers from is a slight deafness. He is too busy to speculate on his probable span of life, and is anxious to fill the remaining years with the bright light and consolation that the study of pure reason and philosophy only can give.

PETITION TO THE EMPEROR

Primitive Method of Peasants to Gain Ear of Austrian Ruler—Men Were Arrested.

Vienna.—A curious scene which might have come out of the middle ages was witnessed by the Austrian emperor early one morning recently, when his majesty arrived at the gate of the Hofburg on his way from Schonbrunn. Six peasants dressed in picturesque Slav costume were kneeling in number of installments. These were in supplication. When the carriage approaching one of them endeavored to throw a petition into it.

The men were arrested and proved to be Austrian Serbs, who had a curious story to tell. They represented fifty thousand peasants living on the frontier of Croatia, descended from the military colonists, who were settled there long ago to form a barrier against Servian raids. When in the sixties this so-called borderland was united with Croatia, the inhabitants were promised the ownership of the soil they had occupied on a kind of feudal tenure on the payment of a number of installments. These were completed many years ago, but the big landlords and the communal authorities nevertheless claimed to retain the ownership of the land, and a lengthy lawsuit followed.

In 1908 the highest Hungarian court decided in the peasants' favor, but the peasants have been unable to get the administrative authorities to carry out the judgment. Consequently they sent at last the deputation to ask for an audience of the emperor, but as this had not yet been granted they adopted the primitive method already described of calling his majesty's attention to their grievance. They have been released with a warning and the emperor has ordered the matter inquired into.

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