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## DAILY MARKETS

**Official Receipts, 61 Cars, 1506 Cattle; 98 Cars, 6897 Hogs; 1 Cars, 154 Sheep.**

**STEERS STEADY TO STRONG**

**Smaller Supply at All Points Than Looked for Stimulated the Demand.**

**NOTHING TOPPY OFFERED**

**Better Tone Was Displayed in Market For Butcher Grades of Steer Stock. Prices Strong to Dime Higher—Small Supply of Stock Cattle Sold Steady to Strong—Another Nickel Taken Off the Bulk of Hogs—Lamb Sold Fully Steady.**

**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.....	162,588	111,778	6,888
Hogs.....	362,284	312,882	45,502
Sheep.....	143,107	104,170	3,978
Horses.....	19,674	7,851	6,593

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

	Chicago	St. Louis	Kansas City	Omaha	St. Joseph
Cattle.....	17,000	20,000	15,000	10,000	5,000
Hogs.....	4,500	10,000	15,000	10,000	5,000
Sheep.....	1,500	2,000	1,500	1,000	500

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

	C. & O.	W.	St. P.	Mo. P.	Ill. C.	Rock I.	W. & A.	St. L.	St. J.	St. M.	St. N.	St. O.	St. P.	St. R.	St. S.	St. T.	St. U.	St. V.	St. W.	St. X.	St. Y.	St. Z.
Cattle.....	31	28	29	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hogs.....	31	28	29	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sheep.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

**CATTLE.**  
More Life in Early Steer Trade, Receipts Drop Off.  
While general conditions surrounding the cattle trade today were very little improved, the local market opened with a somewhat better feeling in evidence. Local receipts were about the lightest of the week. The early estimate called for 1800 but this was later reduced to 1600 and about that many arrived. A train of 20 cars of cattle did not get in until late so that buyers had a rather limited assortment to choose from when the market opened. Combined receipts at the five leading centers fell short of the run of last Wednesday. First reports from outside markets, however, were generally of bearish tone. The moderate local supply again ran largely to beef steers. Medium to pretty good heaves made up a fair percentage of the offerings but there were very few lots on the choice order. Local buyers were stirring around at an earlier hour than on the previous day and there was indication of a broader demand from eastern buyers. A few of the earlier sales were quoted steady to a shade stronger. The whole market showed better form than on Tuesday. Buyers took hold more freely and practically everything was cashed before the noon hour. Prices were steady to strong on all grades of steer stuff but activity was the most encouraging feature of the trade. Local receipts were active bidders on the medium and weight classes while local packers bought freely of the handy weight and light steers, thus affording a satisfactory outlet for all kinds offered. Not many steers registered above the \$6.00 line, while the best here went at \$6.15. Fair to good steers sold largely at \$5.90 to \$6.00. Several lots made \$5.10.

**Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers.**  
No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price.  
26... 1233... 6 15 12... 1154... 5 80  
9... 1251... 6 15 2... 1190... 5 80  
15... 1371... 6 15 11... 999... 5 75  
67... 1271... 6 15 12... 918... 5 75  
1... 1230... 6 15 10... 1062... 5 70  
20... 1374... 6 15 20... 1292... 5 80  
22... 1215... 6 10 20... 1172... 5 80  
21... 1286... 6 10 40... 1158... 5 70  
15... 1292... 6 09 13... 923... 5 65  
34... 1248... 6 10 22... 1046... 5 70  
5... 1256... 6 09 3... 1100... 5 65  
20... 1191... 6 09 4... 920... 5 65  
4... 1155... 6 09 10... 1082... 5 65  
14... 1112... 6 09 2... 960... 5 60  
16... 1317... 5 99 19... 1167... 5 65  
12... 1041... 5 99 10... 773... 5 60  
14... 1405... 5 99 8... 904... 5 50  
14... 1095... 5 85 4... 845... 5 50  
5... 1255... 5 85 2... 1302... 5 50  
21... 1183... 5 85 5... 840... 5 40  
6... 1241... 5 80

**COWS, MILKS AND MIXED.**  
As on previous days of the week the run of butchers was small in proportion to general receipts. Only about 15 loads of cows and heifers were included in first arrivals and later trains did not add many loads to the supply for this division. Opening trade displayed better tone than on the previous day, due to the light run. There was some competition from order buyers and country butchers and local packers were in the market with fair orders to fill. The result was a good, brisk opening trade with prices

## HOGS.

**Plenty of Hogs Moving, Prices Off Another Nickel.**  
All markets well supplied with hogs today gave further evidence of a disposition to liquidate matured hogs before early spring work begins on the farms. The five markets reported 82,900, of which this point received 7,000. A decline of 15 to 25c on the two preceding days caused no material curtailment in supplies, the total falling only slightly under last Wednesday's figures and showed a net increase over a year ago. Feeling in the trade was weak all around and buyers succeeded in putting up their droves at a cost generally a nickel under Tuesday's average market. Trade was without particular feature save that demand was broad at the lower level and a clearance was effected in good season. In general quality was much the same as yesterday.

**Heifers.**  
15mx. 738... 5 00  
9mx. 874... 5 75  
1... 1109... 5 65  
17... 784... 5 65  
8... 945... 5 40  
6mx. 718... 5 40  
4... 822... 5 40  
1... 1079... 5 35  
18mx. 728... 5 35  
11... 508... 5 35  
8... 741... 5 35  
5... 790... 5 30  
1... 600... 5 25  
8... 743... 5 25

**Cows.**  
1... 1500... 5 35  
1... 1170... 5 25  
1... 1180... 5 25  
1... 1460... 5 25  
7... 1210... 5 25  
1... 1570... 5 25  
1... 1320... 5 25  
6... 1290... 5 25  
1... 1100... 5 20  
3... 1060... 5 10  
2... 1225... 5 10  
1... 1200... 5 10  
1... 1240... 5 10  
1... 1110... 5 00  
1... 1120... 5 00  
2... 1110... 5 00  
2... 1180... 5 00  
2... 1135... 5 00  
1... 1320... 5 00  
3... 976... 5 00  
1... 1280... 5 00  
2... 1200... 5 00  
1... 1150... 5 00  
2... 1312... 5 00  
7... 1117... 5 00  
3... 1220... 4 85  
1... 1160... 4 85  
5... 1082... 4 80

**Bulls and Stags.**  
28... 1280... 5 50  
18... 1410... 5 50  
1... 1440... 5 50  
18... 1370... 5 35  
18... 1260... 5 25  
58... 1682... 5 25  
1... 1492... 5 10  
3... 1760... 5 00  
1... 1610... 5 00  
28... 1070... 5 00  
1... 1110... 5 00  
1... 1170... 5 00  
1... 1800... 5 00  
1... 2230... 5 00  
1... 1550... 5 00  
1... 2130... 5 00  
1... 1590... 5 00

**Veal Calves.**  
3... 140... 8 25  
1... 150... 8 25  
1... 140... 8 25  
1... 170... 8 25  
5... 176... 8 00  
3... 143... 8 00  
2... 140... 8 00  
5... 140... 8 00  
1... 130... 8 00  
1... 150... 8 00  
1... 220... 8 00  
1... 220... 8 00  
1... 140... 8 00  
1... 150... 8 00  
3... 156... 8 00  
4... 120... 8 00

**STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.**  
Trade in the stocker and feeder division this morning was a brisk lively affair with prices unevenly stronger and in some instances where quality warranted small advances were noted but not enough to be quoted and generally speaking it was a good strong market with everything moving as quick as it was shown. Supplies were limited and trade necessarily confined to narrow limits. Although most of the regular buyers have quite an assortment of cattle on hand, the result of the slack country demand so far this week, they were all out in seasonable time this morning looking for more cattle and were ready buyers at the stronger figures. Nothing especially desirable was shown this morning outside of one string of heavy feeders, which were put over at \$5.70. Stock heifers met a vigorous demand and the few offerings available in this line this morning changed hands at strong prices.

**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 \$5.50, and common to fair \$3.75 to \$4.50; stock heifers \$4.00 to \$4.65 for fair to strictly good kinds, stock cows \$3.25 to \$3.75, and stock calves \$4.25 to \$5.50.**

**Stocker and Feeder.**  
19... 1090... 5 70  
18... 957... 5 50  
16... 1040... 5 50  
4... 517... 5 35  
5... 502... 5 35  
3... 420... 5 30  
3... 580... 5 40  
2... 475... 5 40  
8... 1010... 5 25  
3... 736... 4 25

**Yearlings and Calves.**  
4... 517... 5 35  
5... 502... 5 35  
3... 420... 5 30  
3... 580... 5 40  
2... 475... 5 40  
8... 1010... 5 25  
3... 736... 4 25

**Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers.**  
3... 580... 5 40  
2... 475... 5 40  
8... 1010... 5 25  
3... 736... 4 25

**Stocker and Feeder.**  
16... 1070... 5 60  
11... 918... 5 65  
13... 979... 5 60  
36... 1028... 5 60

**Yearlings and Calves.**  
2... 635... 5 40  
5... 508... 5 25

**Feeding Bulls and Stags.**  
1... 560... 5 10  
1... 560... 5 10  
1... 750... 5 00

**Packers' Cattle Purchases.**  
Swift & Co..... 600  
Morris & Co..... 600  
Hammond Packing Co..... 300

**CHICAGO.**  
CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., March 15.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 17,000. Market dull steady to 15c lower, cows and

## HEIFERS STEADY, FEEDERS SLOW.

Heifers—Receipts, 35,000. Market opened 5c lower, closing steady. Top \$7.15, bulk \$6.85 to \$7.05. Hogs—Receipts, 16,000. Market strong to 5c higher.

**KANSAS CITY.**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 15.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram report: 1909. New York. Cattle—Receipts, 6500. Market slow, mostly steady, cows and heifers slow steady, stockers steady, calves steady to weak.

**SOUTH OMAHA.**  
SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram report: 1909. New York. Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market steady, lambs \$6.00.

**EAST ST. LOUIS.**  
EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., March 15.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2800. Market steady.

**GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.**  
The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by the Board of Trade, 119 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., and are subject to change and correction as may be found necessary from a further examination of the original reports.

Options	Open	High	Low	Close	Close
WHEAT—					
May	96 1/2	97 1/2	96 3/4	97 1/2	97 1/2
July	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/4	96 1/2	96 1/2
CORN—					
May	49 1/2	49 3/4	49 1/4	49 1/2	49 1/2
July	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/4	48 1/2	48 1/2
OATS—					
May	31 1/2	31 3/4	31 1/4	31 1/2	31 1/2
July	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 1/4	30 1/2	30 1/2
PORE—					
May	17 3/8	17 7/8	17 1/4	17 3/8	17 3/8
July	16 4/8	16 7/8	16 1/4	16 4/8	16 4/8
LARD—					
May	9 02	9 12	8 92	9 02	9 05
July	8 95	9 07	8 85	8 95	8 97
RIBS—					
May	9 45	9 57	9 45	9 45	9 45
July	9 00	9 12	8 90	9 00	9 00

**ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.**  
Today's cash values: Receipts wheat, 9 cars; corn, 12 cars; oats, 9 cars.

**ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.**  
Local quotations corrected to date by local dealers.

**MORRIS MEN ORGANIZE.**  
Employees of Packing Plant Form a Men's Club.

**TOPPED BEEF MARKET.**  
Wm. Flocke of Hebron, Neb., Sold Steers at \$6.25 Tuesday.

**OTHER LIVESTOCK MARKETS.**  
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## CENSUS SUMMARY

**Preliminary Statement on Manufactures for State of Missouri by Census Bureau.**

**INCREASE THIRTY PER CENT**  
**Five Year Period Shows Splendid Growth of Industries in the State.**

**TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCTS**  
**Factories of State Turned Out Products in 1909 Worth Above Five Hundred and Seventy-Two Millions of Dollars—This Represents Value of the Current Week's Production at the Plants and Was More Than a Hundred Millions More Than in 1904.**

**SHEEP TRADE.**  
Market in Good Condition, Prospects For Higher Prices.

The outlook in the live mutton trade is decidedly promising according to salesmen's views of the situation. They say that "with conservative marketings the rest of the current week prospects are that the local market will close up some higher than last week. It has been hoped on this paper of late that it is the demand for the dressed product and not the size of marketings that would have the most influence on the price schedule of the near future. During the past week sellers were able to advance prices on all classes of mutton around 10 to 25 cents. With a supply of 10,000 on sale the opening day of the current week was expected by packers to take it off in chunks but were agreeably disappointed. Improvement in the dressed mutton trade in the east during the latter part of last week served to put the local talent in a buying mood with the result that they bought up the big Monday's supply at steady figures on the basis of last week's advance. Since then marketings have been held down to moderate proportions. How long the liquidation of Colorado stocks will continue is largely a matter of speculation, but if reports from the principal feeding sections count for anything it will be at least a month or so before a subsidence of the movement can be chronicled. Quality of such shipments so far is proving attractive to buyers and the art of supplying readily at prices prevailing as though they considered them well worth the money.

**TEMPERATURE IN TUMBLE.**  
Cold Blast From North Struck This Section Last Night.

Those who were basking in the happy conviction that winter was over and that spring had arrived got an unpleasant surprise when the temperature took a sudden tumble last night. After the mild weather of the past few days the drop in temperature to close to the freezing point was keenly felt. A strong, blustering wind from the northwest accompanied the lower temperature and it was a common sight to see men chasing their headgear down the street in a cloud of dust today. Weather Observer Helden says the present cold snap will probably be of short duration. Some apprehension was expressed today for the safety of the fruit crop, as a result of the return of cold weather.

**AFTER STATE POULTRY SHOW**  
St. Joseph Making Strong Bid For Big Exhibition.

Strong efforts are being put forth by the convention committee and local business and commercial interests to land the 1912 Missouri state poultry show for St. Joseph which will be held next January.

The state poultry show, which is fostered by the state of Missouri, is one of the biggest in the middle west. St. Louis and Kansas City have each entertained the show and the convention committee feels that Northwest Missouri should get the next exhibition and pressure is being brought to bear to have the authorities name St. Joseph as the place for holding the 1912 show.

The matter will be decided within a few days.

**STEEPS BROUGHT \$6.20.**  
W. A. Apperson and C. E. Clapp Sold Two Loads at This Price Yesterday.

C. E. Clapp and W. A. Apperson, of Tecumseh, Neb., were on the market yesterday with a partnership consignment of two loads of fat steers weighing 1425 pounds on an average that sold at \$6.20, the highest price paid for full loads on that day. Mr. Clapp superintended the feeding of this bunch of cattle. Mr. Apperson's farm near Tecumseh, Neb., the cattle made a good gain during the time they were on feed.

The Germans prepare an excellent substitute for tea from the leaves of the common strawberry plant.

## ITEMS IN BRIEF.

B. S. Petrie, of the grain and live stock firm of Wray & Petrie, doing business at Arispe, Ia., was at the yards today looking after the sale of a car of cattle and a car of hogs.

W. W. McDaniel, a regular patron of this market, came in today from Rockport, Mo., with one car of hogs. Elvon Pierce, of Bedford, Ia., contributed one car of hogs to today's receipts.

See Al. Bright for Molasses Feed. C. H. Rolf, the extensive feeder and shipper of Westboro, Mo., was here today with one car of cattle. Henry Kahle, a successful farmer and feeder of Westboro, Mo., marketed one car of cattle here today. L. J. Josting of Tarkio, Mo., was here today disposing of one car of cattle. Change of management at Transit House. Try our meals. Wm. Broerman of Westboro, Mo., who markets here quite regularly, was in today with one car of cattle. Raskin Kendall, the big feeder and shipper of molasses, disposed of two cars of cattle here today. Transit House caters to stockmen. Chas. Koch of Farragut, Ia., had one car of cattle in for today's market.

W. C. Lauman, who operates around Farragut, Ia., was here today with one car of cattle of his own feeding. The Hawkeye state was represented here today by H. W. Smith of Mt. Airy, who had one car of cattle on sale. There is a profit in feeding Excello Feeds. Triplett & Hale, big feeders and shippers of Troy, Kan., marketed one car of cattle here today. Wise Feeders use Excello Feeds. Ellis Farmers & Grain Co. of Ellis, Neb., was represented here today with one car of hogs. L. A. Knight had two loads of sheep on the market Tuesday from Plainview, Texas. Best meals, best rooms, Transit House. The Farmers' Shipping Association of Prosser, Neb., had in a shipment of hogs. Joe Buck of Essex, Ia., contributed a shipment of stock to the day's receipts. Harrison Bros. of Bedford, Ia., had in two loads of hogs of their own feeding today. Farm Bargain—I have a small farm, improved, fenced hog tight, all in grass, one mile from a good town, for sale a few days only. Call or write Dr. Robinson, The Real Estate Man, 918 Corby-Forsce Bldg., St. Joseph, Mo. G. W. E. Scott of Savannah, Mo., was an arrival on the hog market today with an arrival.

Dean & Hanrahan and Wilkinson & Smith of Westboro, Mo., shipped in hogs for today's market. L. C. Wolf of Hollingsburg, Kan., swelled receipts of hogs here today to the extent of one car. Champion Molasses Feed by actual test has proven by far to be the best feed fed with ensilage. No feed equals it. P. R. Growner, a prominent stockman and mayor of Chaney, Mo., disposed of a mixed shipment of stock on the local market today.

Buy Champion Feed for quick results. Call on Mr. Champion Feed Co., Tarkio, Missouri. PIMBLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO., 213 South Sixth street, St. Joseph, Mo.

**AMUSEMENTS.**  
At the Schubert-Todd—Wednesday, March 15, Mary Mauninger in "A Man's World".  
At the Lyceum—First half of week, "The Time, the Place and the Girl".  
At the Majestic—Best picture show in town with two first class vaudeville acts.

**FIELD NOTES.**  
The North-Robinson-Dean Company will hold a great sale of draft horses at Grand Island, Neb., on March 28, 1911. This sale will include about 80 head of Percheron, Belgian and Shire stallions and mares, listed as follows: 10 imported stallions weighing from 1500 to 2500 pounds each, 15 American bred Percheron and Shire stallions coming 3 years old, 3 American bred Percheron and Shire stallions coming 2 year old, 5 American bred Percheron and Shire stallions coming one year old. A 60 per cent breeding guarantee will be given with each stallion. This sale will also include 20 imported and American bred Percheron lions coming 2 years old, 5 American bred Shire mares, 2 to 5 years old. These mares are nearly all showing in foal and every one is guaranteed to be a breeder. This is the best and most satisfactory offering of registered horses ever put up for public sale in this locality. Every one is a good one. The name, number and extended pedigree, with a certificate of registry of each horse will be furnished on day of sale. Our terms are cash or bankable notes due in eight months from date. Two well known auctioneers in charge—Col. Z. S. Branson and Carey N. Jones. No catalogue will be issued.

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
Missouri: Fair and cooler tonight, Thursday fair with rising temperature.  
Kansas: Fair tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature.  
Nebraska: Fair tonight and Thursday, warmer in north portion tonight, Iowa: Fair tonight and Thursday, warmer Thursday and in northwest portion tonight.  
Sleep used as basis of burden in North India carry 29 pounds each. It is announced that the mule

## Value Added by Manufacture.

The value added by manufacture represents the difference between the cost of materials used and their value after the manufacturing processes have been expended upon them and they have become products. In 1909 the value added by manufacture was \$219,342,000, and in 1904, \$187,291,000, an increase of \$32,051,000, or 17 per cent. The value added by manufacture in 1909 formed 33 per cent of the total value of products, and in 1904, 43 per cent.

Miscellaneous expenses include rent of factory or warehouse, and amount paid for contract work, which will appear separately in the final reports, as well as such items of office and other expenses as can not be elsewhere classified. In 1909 the amount was \$27,856,000, and in 1904, \$49,522,000, an increase of \$21,666,000, or 17 per cent. The average miscellaneous expense per establishment in 1909 was approximately \$7,000, and in 1904, \$8,000. The salaries and wages in 1909 amounted to \$109,694,000, and in 1904, \$85,646,000, an increase of \$24,048,000, or 28 per cent.

The average number of salaried officials and clerks was 24,432, and in 1904, 17,119, an increase of 7,314, or 43 per cent.

The average number of wage-earners in 1909 was 132,780, and in 1904, 132,167, an increase of 15,793, or 15 per cent.

The preliminary statement of the general results of the census of manufactures for the state of Missouri and the city of St. Louis was issued by Census Director Durand. It consists of several parts, and the neighborhood of St. Louis, by state and city totals prepared under the direction of Mr. William M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufactures, Bureau of the Census.

Steam laundries are given separate presentation because the Thirteenth Census was the first in which they were canvassed, and therefore there are no statistics for prior censuses with which to compare. During the past few years the figures are preliminary and subject to such change and correction as may be found necessary from a further examination of the original reports. The Thirteenth Census, like that of 1904, with reference to manufactures differs from the Twelfth Census, in 1900, in that the two later censuses excluded the hand trades, the building trades, and the neighborhood industries, and took account only of establishments conducted under the factory system. In the last census, also, as in that of 1904, statistics were secured for factories having a product for the census year of a value less than \$500, except that reports were taken for establishments in the same town or city. The reports were taken for the calendar year ending December 31, 1909, wherever the system of bookkeeping permitted figures for that period to be secured. In the fiscal year of an establishment differed from the calendar year a report was obtained for the operations of that establishment for its fiscal year falling more largely within the calendar year 1909.

The summary for the state shows an increase at the census of 1909 as compared with that for 1904. In the order of their importance, from a percentage standpoint the principal items rank as follows: Number of salaried officials and clerks, 43 per cent; cost of materials used, 40 per cent; number of establishments, 30 per cent; salaries and wages, 28 per cent; capital, 17 per cent; miscellaneous expenses, 17 per cent; value added by manufacture, 17 per cent, and average number of wage-earners employed during the year, 15 per cent.

There were \$372 manufacturing establishments in 1909 and 6,644 in 1904, an increase of 1,908, or 30 per cent. The capital invested as reported in 1909, was \$442,847,000, a gain of \$62,470,000, or 17 per cent, over \$379,377,000 in 1904. The average capital per establishment was approximately \$66,000 in 1909 and \$55,900 in 1904. In this connection it should be stated that the inquiry contained in the census schedule calls for the total amount of capital, both owned and borrowed, and invested in the business but excludes the value of rented property, plant, or equipment which was employed in the conduct of manufacturing enterprises. In the final bulletins and reports the rental paid for such property will be shown separately.

The cost of materials used in 1909 was \$252,745,000, as against \$252,258,000 in 1904, an increase of \$487,00

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POINT TO CHEAPER PORK.

Figures on receipts of hogs at the markets would certainly seem to point to cheaper pork to the consumers before the year has progressed far. At the local stock yards for the year to date there have been slightly more than 325,000 hogs received and the number is 41,999 larger than for the same time last year. The supplies at all of the leading markets show a corresponding increase and it should mean not only cheaper fresh meats to the consumers but prices for bacon, hams and other cured hog products should come down. The increase does not imply that supplies are yet up to a normal standard as a year ago was when the markets were making new high records and these never come when supplies are liberal. It is noted that, according to country reports that come to the yards, the crop of spring pigs promises to be the largest for several years and this means big supplies of hogs for the markets of next fall and winter.

PACKERS WIN "BACK SET" CASE.

National Provisioner: In the municipal court in Chicago this week, in a test case brought to settle the question of the weighing of dressed small-stick carcasses with "back-set" sticks in, the court decided that this trade custom was not fraud on the part of the packer, and that it was not a violation of law. It was proved to all the witnesses that this custom of weighing carcasses with the sticks in was of long standing and well recognized, and not only that, but that when such sale was made the bill stated that the meat was thus weighed, and 1907 there could be no misrepresentation. Incidentally, it was shown that the weight of the wood in other businesses or showings was negligible, compared to the total meat weight.
It may not be that this decision will be adopted everywhere as a precedent, but the decision serves to bring out the petty character of this particular kind of prosecution. This crusade against "fraud" in weighing skewers and "back-sets" with meat has been one of the most ridiculous of all the attacks on the meat trade.

NATIVE PLANT INDICATOR.

Extensive tracts of land, including thousands of acres that are doubtless capable of producing crops, remain unoccupied in the United States, especially west of the ninety-eighth meridian. In places where no attempt at tillage has been made the would-be settler is often at a loss to know whether the land in view is adapted to a particular crop or even whether it has any agricultural value. In such places the character of the natural vegetation is usually studied as an index of its crop-producing possibilities, but mistakes are often made in using this indicator without sufficient consideration.

As the result of investigations carried on during the past three years in the Great Plains area, the U. S. department of agriculture has issued a bulletin (No. P. I. 201) containing definite determinations of the correlations between different types of vegetation and the physical characteristics and crop possibilities of the land occupied by each type. The chief object of the bulletin is to show how the errors resulting from hasty and inconsiderate conclusions may be avoided, and how new lands may be classified with reasonable accuracy on the basis of natural vegetation. The publication is not a report of a land survey, but rather a discussion of methods which can be utilized to advantage in making such a survey.

The work has brought out clearly that the general conditions, whether favorable or unfavorable to crop production, are indicated by the native plant cover.
Walnut Cake.—Two eggs beaten well, one cup of white sugar, two-thirds cup sour cream, one teaspoon of baking powder (heaping), sifted with one and one-half cups of flour, a pinch of salt. Bake in five layers. Filling: One-half cup white sugar, two-thirds cup sweet cream; mix and spread between the layers.
Poor Man's Cake.—Poor Man's Angel Food.—One cup of sugar, one cup and a quarter of flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Sift together three times. Then add one cup of scalding milk and whites of two eggs beaten stiff.

Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Unruly Son

NE evening daddy began his bedtime story for Jack and Evelyn by saying:
"Evelyn, you and Brother Jack are very good children now, I know, and you have always been good. But I wonder whether you will treat me when I am old as the young man in the story I am going to tell you treated his poor old father?"
"We'll always be good to you, daddy," said Evelyn. And she and Jack gave daddy two of the great big "bear hugs" which daddy says remind him of the grizzly bear in the zoo. So daddy smiled and began his story as follows:
"There was once a young man who had a wife and a young son. With him he had living his old father, who had become so aged that he could no longer do things for himself as he had been accustomed to do all his long life. He had to be attended and fed almost like a young child. When this old man had been young he had worked hard for his family, and he deserved all that they could do for him. But the son with whom he lived and the wife of the young man did not like to wait on the poor old man. They thought it was too much trouble to see that he had his meals regularly, and they often grumbled about what they called his carelessness in eating. You see, he was quite old, and his hand was not strong or steady and slipped often, spilling some of his food or dropping the china dishes and breaking them. One day the young man said:
"Father, I cannot pay for all the dishes which you break. Hereafter you must eat out of this wooden bowl." And he gave the poor old man a wooden bowl very rudely cut out of a block of wood. It was not nice looking.
"As I have told you, the young man had himself a young son. This boy was a sharp, observing little fellow, who noticed how his father treated his grandfather. He did not say anything at the time, but he sat down and seemed to be thinking deeply. A few days afterward he got two pieces of wood and began carving at them with his knife. When his father and mother saw him doing this they asked him what he was about.
"O'h," he answered, "I am beginning to work now to cut out two troughs for you two to eat out of when you are old and weak, as grandpa is now."
"When the man and his wife heard this they became ashamed of themselves. It hurt them to think that their son had noticed their bad conduct. They went to the old man and took away the wooden trough, saying:
"We are sorry, father, for what we have done. Hereafter you shall eat from the best china we have, and we shall not be impatient with you."

IN WOMAN'S REALM

LITTLE HINTS.

Roller Towels.—Roll two towels on the roller, one inside of the other. The outside one to serve as a cover should be a trifle longer than the inside one to wipe on. In this way one can always have a nice, clean towel hanging in the kitchen.
Peach Butter.—To make peach butter out of dried peaches: Slew the peaches until perfectly tender and mash with a potato masher; add two cups of sugar to one pound of peaches and stew until of the desired consistency. Add cinnamon if desired. This makes a good rich butter, is inexpensive, and easily made.
Boiled Dinner.—To save time and gas when making a New England boiled dinner slice the corned beef and put it into a large kettle, let simmer for an hour, then add small turnips, carrots, and potatoes. Cut cabbage into quarters and place on top. Let all simmer until done. Roll the beets separately in their skins; this keeps them from bleeding. When done peel and add them to other vegetables for a few minutes. The result will be a steely flavored dinner.
Raisin Hint.—When seeding raisins rub a little butter on the knife and fingers. This prevents sticking and enables one to get along much more rapidly.
Quick Rising Yeast.—Boil six medium size potatoes in enough water to have two quarts when done. Have ready three tablespoons of sugar, two tablespoons of salt, one tablespoon of lard made smooth with a little cold water, and when potatoes have boiled long enough to mash fine pour over cups above while hot. When cold add one yeast cake that has been previously soaked and let all stand about twelve hours. One quart of this makes four loaves.

KITCHEN HELPS.

Always keep a dish of crackers in your warming oven and you'll never have soft, tasteless crackers.
When polishing the stove add a little sugar or sirup to polish and it will not burn off so quickly.
If one will stir cornmeal into the boiling water lumps will be less apt to appear, so I've found it.
Cut bars of laundry soap in half, place other end for top to dry out, and the soap will last longer.
To prevent tomato soup from curdling add hot tomatoes (with soda) to the thickened milk.
Always keep a screw driver on hand, on which to hang small articles used often. It will save many steps. Cabinet and shelf combined.
A box, omitting lid, about length of kitchen table and eight inches square, lined, all (except one long side, next to where lid would fasten) with white oil cloth, makes a handy place, if hung on wall, above table for spices, baking powder, etc. Cover top with colored oil cloth, allow enough to hang over for curtain and to cover ends. Brass screw eyes on each end are handy to hang kettle holders.
Home made wax stand can be made from a box three feet long and eighteen inches square at ends, making a door on one large side. Stand on end, using other end for top to rest basin on. Build up sides eighteen inches also back the same lining with white oil cloth. Put in a few brass screw eyes to hang washings on, also a clothes press hook (twice) on outside, first covering outside with green burlap. Pail for waste water can be placed in box out of sight. Looks neat.

CAKES.

White Cake.—Cream three cups of sugar with one cup of butter, add one cup of cornstarch, one-cup milk, whites of twelve eggs, and three cups of flour, with three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Flavor with vanilla and bake in four layers, filling: Boil until thick the yolks of five eggs and one and a half cups of sugar and a half cup of milk; take from fire and

BUILD PIKE IN RECORD TIME

Expect to Complete Road from Monte Ne to Vinita in Three Days.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 15.—Building ninety miles of turnpike in three days from Monte Ne, Ark. to Vinita, Ok., is the undertaking that W. H. (Coin) Harvey, the sage of Monte Ne, has pushed to a definite conclusion. That the road will be built is now assured. This road will be one of the four leading into Vinita. One road will lead from Muskogee, another from Tulsa, and the third from Bartlesville. It is likely that a fourth will be built from Hot Springs, Ark. via Rogers, Bentonville, Centerton, Hiwassee and Noel, Mo. It was originally planned to build the entire road in one day, but the plans have since been changed so that all of the grades can be used on each division, thus facilitating matters. The road will traverse four counties: Benton in Arkansas, McDonald in Missouri and Delaware and Craig in Oklahoma. The work will begin each day at sunrise and end at sunset. No one who works on the road will receive compensation, each workman donating his services. When completed every telephone and telegraph pole, three or four along the road will bear a white circle, and from this mark the road receives its name. "The great white way." After the road has been worked in constructing concrete culverts, macadamizing and building bridges. The bridges will have a capacity of 40 tons. A 30-ton steam roller will be purchased. A 50-foot steel bridge over Cabin Creek at Vinita will be erected and over Horse Creek in Delaware county, Ok., a 50-foot steel span with high concrete piers and extensive approach will be built. Four small bridges near Sulphur Springs, Ark., each costing about \$500 will be erected, as well as three or four others. It is expected the work will cost \$20,000. All tolls have been subscribed \$700 and guaranteed \$2500 in addition to building the bridge at Horse Creek. The commissioners of Delaware County, Oklahoma, have no fund with which to build the bridge, but J. T. Doherty, president of the Citizens' Bank at Grove, has agreed to take the county scrip at par in order that the commissioners will have funds to erect the structure. Vinita has guaranteed \$3000 and also will build the Cabin Creek bridge. Sulphur Springs has subscribed \$1400 and guarantees \$3000. J. C. Peery of Noel, Mo., has subscribed \$500. The entire grade will be four per cent.

RICH ORE VEIN UNCOVERED.

Idaho Springs, Colo.—Since the Bellman vein was cut in the central tunnel several months ago, it has been the scene of a succession of rich strikes and unusual developments that have brought up the property to a point where it is one of the best mines in Clear Creek county. The main Bellman vein is a mass of ore many feet wide, all of mill dirt, with streaks running up into hundreds of dollars in value. A few days ago a 2-foot vein of \$150 ore came into the heading of the west lateral, which is believed to be the Crown Point ore shoot, one of the richest ever opened in Clear Creek county.

The Ocean.

Of all natural stores of water the ocean is, of course, the most abundant, and from it all other water may be said to be derived. From the surface of the ocean a continuous stream of vapor is rising up with the atmosphere, to be recondensed in the upper regions and precipitated as rain, snow and sleet. Some eight-elevenths of these waters return directly to the ocean, the rest, falling on land, collects into pools, lakes, rivers, or else penetrates the earth, perhaps to come to light again in springs and wells.

SELECT AMERICAN ARTISTS

They Are the Best Ones to Paint Portraits of Americans, as General Sheridan Discovers.

Americans are learning that the men to paint portraits of Americans are American portrait painters, although the number of foreigners who come over here and succeed in getting commissions, mainly through dealers who exploit them shows no signs of diminishing. It is being borne in on the minds of the sitters and their families, however, that the artist of another people is likely to make his sitter look like a type of his own land, rather than of the sitter's land. They are beginning to realize that the old portraits which they admire were painted mainly by artists of the same blood as their sitters. A sculptor commenting on the matter recently said:
"Some people learn that very quickly, but the others have slow eyes. Yet to show you that it does not at all take an artist to perceive it, let me tell you what Gen. Phil Sheridan said to me. I was going to make a bust of him. Said he:
'I've been painted, it seems to me, by everybody, and what have they done to me? I've been painted by an Italian and he made me look like an Italian. I've been painted by a German and he made me look like a German. I was painted by a Jew and he made me look like an Israelite. Now do it!"

You see, the general learned the lesson quickly—but maybe that's why he was a general."

REFUSED TO CUT HIS RATES

Kentucky Livery Stable Proprietor Wouldn't Rent a Rig to Any Man for Less Than a Quarter.

William D. Campbell is a business man through and through. Coupled with his business instincts is a horror of being charged extortionate prices by country livery stables. He stopped one day in a small town in Kentucky and concluded that he would like to take a drive. He also made the mental reservation that he would pay no unreasonable price for the horse and buggy. "Look here!" he said to the owner of the livery stable, the only one in town. "I want to take a little drive, but I am not a drummer, and am not a millionaire. I want that drive; but I think you might make a reasonable arrangement about the price of the rig. Understand that clearly!"

"This ain't no cut-rate town in the livery business," responded the proprietor. "I won't cut rates for nobody."

That sounded threatening to Campbell, but he thought he would take a chance and inquire the amount of the charges. "Well," he said soothingly, "what do you think is a fair charge for an hour's drive?"

The proprietor looked him over carefully. "I tell you, stranger," he said hesitatingly, as if doubting whether Campbell would come across with the figure named, "I won't hitch up for no man for less than a quarter!"

Mow Machinery Breathes.

An English writer on engineering subjects, Merryn O'Gorman, calls attention to the fact that a piece of machinery, such as an automobile, laid aside after being used, is in danger of internal rusting through a kind of respiration which affects cylinders, gear boxes, clutch chambers, interspaces in ball bearings, and so forth. Every inclosed air space "breaches" by drawing in air when a fall of temperature contracts its walls, and expelling it when the walls expand through heat. The moisture introduced with the air is deposited in the cavities, and may produce serious damage through rust. The popular belief that oil will protect the inaccessible parts of unused machinery is fallacious, since nearly all oils take up about three per cent. of water in solution.—Youth's Companion.

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He was a visitor from Philadelphia. Occasionally he takes a flyer over to the big city, being fond of the places where the electric lights are not doused at 11 p. m. He was confiding to a group of chance acquaintances over a Broadway bar the fact that a rich uncle had recently died and left him quite a considerable legacy. He was quite jubilant over his good fortune, but at the same time he explained that he couldn't touch the principal, that it was tied up in bonds or something and that he only got the interest on the money.

"Do you think," he said, "that a fellow on an independent income could live comfortably in New York and not worry very much about adding to it?"

"That would depend upon the amount of his income and the way he wanted to live," replied one of the group, an actor who had gained considerable notoriety by reason of his various matrimonial entanglements. "If it isn't an impertinent question, what is your income?"

The visitor from Philadelphia said it was about \$2,500 a year.

"Well," drawled the actor, "\$2,500 a year might be a whole lot of money over in your town, but take my word for it, in New York it wouldn't keep you in allimony!"—New York Times.

CATCHING EAGLES A TRADE

Regular Occupation in the Fall for Hunters for the Fan Trade in China.

Catching eagles is a regular trade in China, and, like most things in that ancient kingdom, is regulated by long custom.

Every year, in September or October, according to the date of the new moon, a company of eagle catchers set out from Shantung into the regions where eagles are to be found, each man having perched on a bamboo his decoy eagle and carrying a huge basket that holds his net and his provisions for the hunt.

The method is simple and does not speak too well for the sagacity of Chinese eagles. The birds are enticed into the nets by the smell of dried fish and the sight of the decoy eagles feasting on this bait. The strings of the net are carried 200 yards or more from the hidden hunter.

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sells in China for from \$60 to \$75. From this the prices descend to as low as \$1.

Mr. Miller Was Short.

Henry Miller dropped in at the St. Regis a couple of days ago and, being hungry, ordered rather an elaborate luncheon. When the check was presented he found he was in financial straits. He had but \$1.45, which sum was considerably less than the amount of the bill.

"Why, I haven't enough money to settle," said Mr. Miller to the waiter. "I'll get the head waiter," said the man who had served the actor.

The head waiter came over and Mr. Miller explained that his financial embarrassment was only temporary. The head waiter did not seem pleased. "What is your name?" he asked.

"Henry Miller."

"Are you Miller, the transfer man?"

"No."

"What is your business, please?"

"I'm an actor."

"Oh," said the head waiter, "I'm sorry, but I'll have to insist on payment now."—New York Telegraph.

Forty Years a Teacher.

Mrs. Ellen Richards, who was in St. Louis recently as president of the National Home Economics association, has just completed her fortieth year as a teacher in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The women students gave a luncheon to commemorate the event and there were eulogies by the professors upon her work as a chemist, "as a social seer and as an evangelist." Over a thousand dollars has been raised to be called the Ellen Richards fund, and to be used as she desires. She was lately given the Ph. D. degree by Smith college.

An Icy Prime Minister.

The prime minister is a man of ice and iron. The Asquith I look down upon is a thunder cloud with a silver lining; his face the thunder cloud and his white hair the silver lining. White hair softens the features of other men, but it hardens his. He is a man of snow with a marble mouth and a jaw of steel, a man of ice with frozen eyes and a frozen voice. A frost-bitten man with a wintry mind and an Arctic soul. A lonely man with a bitterly desolate face and a rare smile like glacial sunshine.—James Douglas: "Adventures in London."

Draw the Line.

"Maybe she won't like me any more but I can't help it."  
"What happened?"  
"Her pet people was under the mis- tletoe and I failed to take the chance!"

MILLIONAIRES MUST UNITE

Humorist Calls on Them to Stand Together Against the Arrogance of the Laboring Classes.

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Then, fellow-millionaires, scorn the assistance of all these turbulent elements, let us deprive them of their jobs by sowing our own wheat, kneading our own bread, making our own clothes, and building our own houses.

Make no mistake; I call for a general strike. Let the mob manage as best they may. If they starve because we will not give them work, their blood will be upon their own heads.

Millionaires of the world, unite! You have nothing but your property to lose, and you have a fresher, fairer, finer world to gain!—Puck.

Roughing It.

James J. Hill, at one of the Conservation congress banquets in St. Paul, told a railway story.

"When sleeping cars first came in," he said, "the bedclothes in the berths were very scanty. On one of these early cars one night after everybody had turned in and the lights were low a loud voice called from an upper berth:

"Porter, get a corkscrew!"

"The porter came hurrying down the aisle.

"Boss," he said, in a scandalized tone, "we don't allow no drinkin' in the berths. It's against the rules."

"Oh, it ain't that, porter," the voice answered. "I just want to dig out a pillow that's sort of worked its way into my ear."

Slow.

Innkeeper—Going to make an early start to see the glacier today, I see. Do you know, it moves at the rate of only one foot an hour?

Tourist—Yes, but my wife is so slow getting ready that I'm afraid we'll miss it after all!—Puck.

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