

FIRM TRADE IN CATTLE

LIGHT MONDAY RUN OF BEEF STEERS MET GOOD ACT-IVE CLEARANCE.

NOTHING CHOICE ON OFFER

Cows and Heifers Met Good Demand Prices Steady to Strong—Bulls, Calves and Stockers Steady.

A strong market was noted for all grades of beef steers at this point this morning, although general conditions surrounding the trade were rather bearish.

Receipts of cattle on this market were extremely light, which tended to offset the reports of weakness at eastern points and salesmen found a ready outlet for their steer holdings.

Early wires from Chicago were tinged with bearishness, the opening being quoted slow and 10 to 15 cents lower than the unfavorable outlook at the primary market trading at this point had comparatively good tone.

The following prices on steers are quotable on the St. Joseph market: Choice to prime, \$8.00 to \$7.75; good to choice, \$7.25 to \$6.90; fair to good short-fed, \$6.35 to \$7.25; medium to fair short-fed, \$5.50 to \$6.35; common to medium, \$4.75 to \$5.50.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 2...1320...7.10 22...985...6.09 1...1190...7.00 1...1090...6.00

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED. The following quotations are current on the local market: Good to choice cows, \$4.50 to \$4.40; fair to good cows, \$3.75 to \$4.50; canners and culls, \$2.50 to \$3.25.

Helpers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 1...820...5.50 2...655...4.75 2...475...5.50 1...590...4.75

Bulls and Steers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 1...1530...5.00 1...1400...4.25 1...170...5.00 1...1350...4.10

HOGS AT LOWER LEVEL

BUYERS TAKE OFF A DIME GENERALLY—BIG CHICAGO RUN A BEAR FACTOR.

TRADING HAD SLOW TONE

Sellers Granted Declines Reluctantly—Tops Sailed at \$6.15, With Bulk of Sales From \$5.75 to \$6.05.

Depression in the hog market today was traceable directly to a burdensome run at Chicago, that point reporting 35,000 head, or almost two-thirds of the total supply in sight at the five leading markets.

The few pigs offered sold steady. Prices ranged from \$5.60 to \$6.15, with the bulk selling at \$5.75 to \$6.05. The bulk Saturday sold at \$5.59 to \$6.15, a week ago at \$5.65 to \$6.15, a month ago at \$6.05 to \$6.40, a year ago at \$7.55 to \$7.60, two years ago at \$8.10 to \$8.40, three years ago at \$5.10 to \$5.60, and four years ago at \$4.50 to \$5.15.

Stockers and Feeders. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 14...912...5.30 1...810...4.75 1...750...4.90 1...730...4.75

Yearlings and Calves. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 2...365...4.10 12...470...4.40 1...290...4.75 8...317...4.55

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. No. Av. Price. No. Av. Price. 5...370...4.30 2...645...3.75 5...537...4.15 2...898...3.65

Packers' Cattle Purchases. Swift & Co. 400 Hammond Packing Co. 300 Morris & Co. 200 Total 900

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET. Today's cash values: Receipts, wheat, 2 cars; corn, 56 cars, oats, 4 cars.

Wheat. No. 2 red 94 1/2 @ 95 1/2 No. 3 red 93 @ 94 No. 2 hard 92 @ 93 No. 3 hard 91 @ 92

LIGHT RUN OF SHEEP

SCANTINESS OF SUPPLY ENABLES SELLERS TO REALIZE STEADY PRICES HERE.

OTHER MARKETS LOWER

Buyers Wanted Steer Cheaper But Were Not Successful in Their Efforts to Lower the Cost Schedule.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON FARM.

Is It More of a Luxury Than the Automobile?

Fort Collins, Colo., Dec. 18.—Up to the present time the practice of lighting farm buildings by electricity has not been popular. A few of the more wealthy and progressive farmers have installed private plants for this purpose, but the majority of the well-to-do farmers who have considered it all have deemed it an extravagant luxury.

The conveniences of electric light for the farm house and outbuildings on the farm are undoubted, but its practicality is not so generally acknowledged, or I might better say, understood. In the vast majority of cases it has not even been considered.

Some of the reasons for this which appear to the writer, are as follows: First, the seemingly prohibitive cost of installation. Second, the fear of coming in contact with live wires. Third, the fear of its causing fire. Fourth, that it requires a man with electrical knowledge to install the lamps prior to its advent.

At present, complete equipment, consisting of engine, dynamo, storage battery, switchboard and all auxiliary apparatus, is sold for \$1,000 to \$1,500. A voltage higher than 30 volts is seldom used and a child can come in contact with that without fear of injury, and an adult can come in contact with that without serious injury.

The engine need be operated for a period of about eight hours at intervals of from two days to two weeks, depending upon the amount of light used and the capacity of the plant. The light being drawn between times from the storage battery.

GET CHEESE FROM BEANS. New York World: We were taught at school, or on the farm that the three necessary elements in the production of butter and cheese were first, the cow, second, the cow's milk, and third, the manufacture of butter, and cheese and other dairy products from the cow's milk.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES. Following are today's wholesale prices for beef, cuts as given out by Swift & Company: Dressed Beef, No. 1, \$11.50 @ 12.00; No. 2, \$11.00 @ 11.50; No. 3, \$10.50 @ 11.00.

MISSOURI LIVE STOCK

STATE RANKS HIGH IN PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS, STATISTICS SHOW.

VALUATION IS INCREASING

Surplus Shipped During 1910 Reached a Grand Total of Almost a Billion Dollars—Swine Value Greatest.

Jefferson City, Dec. 18.—A bulletin just issued by Commissioner Austin W. Biggs of the state bureau of labor statistics on the surplus shipments of live stock from the various counties of Missouri in 1910, indicates that this state holds high rank among the states which annually produce and ship large numbers of cattle, hogs, horses, mules, sheep and goats.

In 1910, says the bulletin, "the farmers of Missouri shipped from the several counties 4,773,911 head of live stock, valued at \$99,741,362. These were divided as follows: Total No. head Av. value Total value \$1,990,107 \$37 \$73,992,959

The above includes only the live stock shipped by freight and express from the various railroad stations, no account being taken of the thousands of head of cattle, hogs and sheep which were driven on foot to the several large packing centers, the shipment of these animals, the local consumption of these animals, conservative estimate of these three items will add 555,000 head of cattle, 1,190,000 head of hogs and 290,000 head of sheep to the above total, making a grand total for the entire state for the year in question of 6,478,911 head, with the enormous valuation of \$157,733,362.

Two public sales of pure bred hogs will be conducted at the St. Joseph stock yards during the early months of 1912, according to a statement given out at the office of the stock yards company this forenoon.

Another sale of Poland Chinas will be conducted here on January 2. On that date Robert I. Young, who owns a fine herd of Poland-Chinas on his place near the town of Linn, Mo., will dispose of a number of good sows and boars.

MURRAY-GLEITZ NUPTIALS. Wedding of Well Known Young Couple Occurs This Morning. A pretty wedding was solemnized this morning at the St. James Catholic church uniting in marriage Mr. Robert J. Murray and Miss Henrietta Gleitz.

PLANTING TIME IN TEXAS. Large Increase in Acreage of Vegetables Is the Report. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 18.—This is a season in South and Southwest Texas when onions, cabbage, cauliflower and some other vegetables are planted, not in hot houses, but in the open. In all parts of this territory reports come in that truck acreage will be largely increased this year and it is expected the cotton acreage will be increased correspondingly.

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