

STEER PRICES EASE OFF

LIBERAL RUN OF CATTLE AT WESTERN POINTS CAUSES BREAK IN TRADE. MOST STEERS 10c DOWN. Some Late Business 10c Lower.

Table of cattle prices including 'Bulls and Steers', 'Feeder Cows', 'Veal Calves', and 'Cows, Bulls and Mixed'.

FIRM DEAL IN PORKERS

GENERAL MARKET STEADY TO STRONG—FEW SPOTS POSIBLY 5c HIGHER. MODERATE LIFE TO TRADE. Quality Not Quite as Good as Saturday—Top Bid \$8.75, With Spread of \$8.45@8.65 Catching Bulk of Sales.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Today's Receipts. Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Receipts from Jan. 1 to Date. The following table shows the local receipts from January 1, 1912, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1911:

LAMBS HIT TOBOGGAN

HIGHEST RUN OF THE YEAR IN THE WEST HAS DEPRESSING EFFECT. VALUES 15 TO 25c LOWER. Closed Weak at the Fall Decline—Good Range Lambs Go at \$7.10—Local Supply Aggregates 7500 Head.

ITEMS IN BRIEF

John Amen, of Ragan, Neb., furnished two cars of cattle for the day's receipt. Hofflinger Bros., big feeders and shiners, had in their usual load of stock today.

AUTO SALES INCREASE

NEBRASKA HAS ONE MACHINE FOR EVERY 15 PERSONS IN STATE. NEW YORK LEADS, HAS 92,407. California is second in Number With Total of 78,003—Missouri Has 20,579—Only Estimate in Kansas.

Liberal receipts all along the line precipitated a breaking market on the general run of beef cattle today. The five markets had the second largest run of the year, reporting a total of 78,100 head, or about the same as were on sale two weeks ago. The total was 14,000 head in excess of last Monday's total but fell 6,000 short of the aggregate supply a year ago.

Quality was counted and interiority rather than in today's market for steers and feeders, buyers discriminating against the plain, ordinary, light-weighted steers and medium-weighted steers.

Local receipts of hogs were approximately 4,500 head, an increase of 1,600 over last Monday and a gain of 500 over the corresponding day a year ago. The five market total, around 4,500, was practically the same as last Monday, but 12,000 less than a year ago.

The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets today and comparisons: Chicago, 23,000; Kansas City, 25,000; South Omaha, 14,000; St. Joseph, 4,600; East St. Louis, 1,500.

Contrary to traders' expectations a big swarm of northwestern range lambs hit the principal middle western markets today. The run, both here and in the aggregate at the five markets, being the record for the season.

Try the stock yards lunch at Transit House Cafe, best meal in the city. 257 So. 6th St.

Our readers will find an announcement in this issue of a new cooking and lighting plant for country homes that is practical and gives the country housewife the cooking luxury of the city.

The following prices are quotable on the St. Joseph market today: Choice to prime cows, \$2.75@3.50; good to choice, \$2.50@2.75; fair to good, \$2.25@2.50; common to fair, \$1.75@2.25.

Stock cow and heifer trade lacked special feature, a fair demand feature. The department, and quite a showing of these classes selling steadily with last week's close.

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MAY USE OXEN AGAIN.

According to a Topeka dispatch the Kansas farmers who have lost so heavily from the horse plague may use their cows and steers to do their fall plowing and seeding.

HOW TO STORE ROOT CROPS

Different Vegetables Require Different Conditions to Keep Well.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 23.—Where one has a good cellar, practically all vegetables and what are stored there, though by practice, it has been found that outdoor pits and sheds are much better for nearly all winter vegetables as well as apples.

GET UNCLE SAM'S AID—MAYBE.

There is a rumor that the government is about to distribute \$25,000,000 among United States depositories for assisting the movement of the crops.

VALUE OF THE SILEO.

Chicago Drovers' Journal: An Iowa feeder who resides in the western part of the state and owns the only silo in his district was at market recently with a drove of fat steers which sold near to the top price of the trade.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story



Yes, Jack and Evelyn liked horses; old Dobbin was one of their favorite pets. They never went out to the barn without taking him a lump of sugar or an apple.

"Dobbin's a smart horse," daddy said, "but you mustn't think he's the only clever horse."

"A frier'd of mine, who was brought up on a farm in Kansas, told me about a horse that he had when he was a boy."

"Its name was Blue Jeans. Perhaps you wonder why it was given this name. It was because the horse's coat was a very odd shade of bluish gray."

"Blue Jeans had not only a blue coat, but blue blood. Some of her family had been fine racehorses. She was what is called a Kentucky thoroughbred."

"When they were thirsty they would trot up to the trough and drink it there was water there. If the trough was empty they would stand waiting for some one to come and pump water into it."

"Blue Jeans never wasted time waiting for any one. Should she want a drink and find no water in the trough she would go back to her hay or oats or grass until some one came out of the house."

"Oh, please give me a drink!" And you may be sure she always got it. When the water had been pumped into the trough Blue Jeans would toss her beautiful head and, with a little whinny that seemed to say, "Oh, thank you very much," plunge her nose into the water and drink her fill."

"In the summer the flies bothered the horses a good deal. The other horses would stamp their feet coarsely when a fly lighted their legs. Not so did Blue Jeans. She would hold out the leg so she could get a look at the fly. Then with the other foot she would make a dab at the place the fly seemed to be. Sometimes she got the fly and sometimes she didn't, but Blue Jeans all ways looked to see where it sat before she tried to kill it."

"Blue Jeans had many other clever ways that seemed to show that she was a thinker. Some horses are like this. They are able to pick up a good many clever tricks for themselves, but, if any one takes the trouble to teach them, he can learn many wonderful things."

"Business must be followed by utilization of the by-products, and the stalks are a great by-product of the corn field. In letting the cattle and sheep run through the stalk fields in the fall and winter the farmer is feeding them only a portion of the real nutritive value of the stalks. Were the stalks and the ears cut in silage making time and put into the silo the whole corn crop would be utilized."

"What would the farmer think of the packer if he stripped the hide off a bullock and converted only the beef into the merchantable product."

IOWA HAS GOOD CROP YEAR

Grain Fields in '12 Will Produce Yields Valued at \$400,000,000.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 23.—With a wheat crop more than double that of last year and an oat crop practically double, Iowa grain fields will this year produce fully \$400,000,000.

The Iowa farmer confronts a prosperously such as he has not known since the year of 1911. In addition to the \$400,000,000 produced by his fields there is a total of more than a half billion dollars which his herds will yield him.

Dr. G. M. Chappel, director of the Iowa weather crop service, is authorized for the statement that the oats crop this year will reach a total of 214,500,000 bushels, while the total yield of spring and winter wheat this year is estimated at 17,461,300 bushels.

The magnitude of these figures may be better understood when it is realized that for 1911 the oats crop was only 120,208,300 bushels and the wheat crop was only 8,277,800 bushels. Nor does the pleasing prospect stop here, last year Iowa cornfields produced 251,368,600 bushels, while this year there is every indication that the yield will reach 425,999,000 bushels.

The amount the farmer will get would be sufficient to pay one-third all the interest-bearing public debt of the United States; sufficient to build equip and arm fifty battalions of the size and fighting strength of the Kansas, Connecticut or Louisiana, the headquarters of the United States navy. The total is all the more remarkable when it is considered that it is twenty-five times the amount paid by the United States for the Louisiana Purchase, which included not only Iowa, but Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and portions of Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Louisiana.

ROBBERS MAKE GOOD HAUL

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 23.—A package containing \$55,000 disappeared in transit from the First National bank in this city to officials of the Louisville & Nashville railroad at Flomaton, Ala. The money was part of a \$750,000 payroll intended as payroll, and was in bills of small denominations.

Details of the robbery, which is said to have taken place Wednesday, did not become known yesterday. Reports were current that the west-bound Louisville & Nashville train leaving here Wednesday morning had been held up at Flomaton, but this was emphatically denied late yesterday by railroad officials here.

The money was put up in two sealed packages in the train, and the other \$25,000, and the other \$30,000. These packages were delivered to the Southern Express company and in turn to the Louisville & Nashville mail car at Flomaton to be used in paying off the men as the car came south to Pensacola. On being opened in the pay car, it is said, the larger package was found to contain a roll of pages from a magazine instead of the money.

PREDICTS HIGH PRICED EGGS

Houswives May Have to Pay 5 Cents Each for Henfruit Next Winter.

Columbus, O., Sept. 23.—Eggs at 5 cents apiece is the price which housewives may have to pay next winter according to Professor F. S. Jacoby, head of the poultry department at Ohio State University, in the attributes of the present season.

"Last spring was not a good one for hatching and this fact also will cause a shortage of laying hens this fall," says Professor Jacoby.

"In New York, eggs now are selling at prices which they do not command usually until late fall. Instead of being plentiful, the United States stocks are being drawn on to fill the present demand."

EXCHANGE DIRECTORY.

Following is a list of the commission firms and stock cattle dealers engaged in business at the St. Joseph stock yards.

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Remarkable Savings in Curtains

Our entire \$25,000 stock of Draperies will be offered for one week only, beginning today, at a saving of from 30 to 50 per cent.

Select Now, Make a Deposit and We Will Reserve the Bargain

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The Brady Carpet & Drapery Co.

Missouri's Largest Dealers in Draperies.

Some Horse Sense Regarding the New Horse Disease

We do not claim or advocate any specific CURE for this new disease that is causing such wide spread havoc among the horses and mules in this country.

THE NEW DISEASE CAN BE PREVENTED

We have made a new powder that we call P-E New Special Horse Powder. We are shipping this powder out on an absolute guarantee.

WE HAVE CONFIDENCE TO GUARANTEE IT

We want the hearty co-operation of the men who feed the horses and together we can prevent the disease without a question.

PAXTON-ECKMAN CHEMICAL CO.

LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING SOUTH OMAHA, NEB.

LACK OF BARLEY FELT.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 23.—A \$1,000,000 a year awaits the farmers of every grain growing country in the United States in return for more scientific and business like management of the farms.

IOWA GRAIN RATE HELD UP

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—The interstate commerce commission today suspended freight rates on grain proposed by the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads from points in Iowa to Chicago and the East.

COOK WITH GAS

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 23.—Six blooded cattle owned by Howard Gould were ruled out of the first cattle show of the Pennsylvania Cattle association, of which President Taft is president.

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CANCER GERMANS BUY NOTHING ON CREDIT. "People in Germany have much more money to spend than here in America, even though the ratio of population there is much greater than in the United States," said William R. Steinway, just before sailing for Germany the other day. "The German way is to pay cash for what one can afford, and there is absolutely no such thing as living beyond one's means, as we do here. Moreover, there are very clearly defined class distinctions, recognized by the people themselves, who never dream of trying to go above their station."

MIRACLE OF SLUMBER

BEST OF ALL MEDICINES, AS WELL AS CHEAPEST.

American Nervousness, So Prevalent a Complaint, is Charged to the Habit of Doing Without Sufficient Natural Rest.

The railroad man who had been 36 hours without sleep was good natured about it, though it was evident that he was verging on a nervous condition that might well render him incompetent. There is an occasional person who can dispense with sleep in an astonishing manner, the New York Mail observes. Yet it is not certain that such persons really do escape the penalty. It has been asserted that Napoleon's later failures of judgment were the result of an unerving that followed his earlier "four hours enough" sleep, which he boasted and practiced.

It is being said by medical observers that the "American nervousness" is not a little attributable to the social day demand, the hours after business, directly cut down from the sleep segment of the 24 hour day. It is probably true that no other country is so exacting on the full business day. That we insist on it. It must begin promptly and early. But the social demand is quite as imperative. Shall not a man go out with his wife in the evening, after she had been left alone all day?

She is quite ready. She took a nap after lunch, at the very hour he was busied downtown. The church is run by the evening meetings. So is politics. And it may be said that we spend our money mostly in the evening, except what the women spend in the shops. Can a man take time for sleep when he is spending his money? No more than when he is earning it. The result is that there is always a lack of sleep.

There is no medicine like sleep. There is such a miracle wrought by sleep, changing our fears into hopes, our despondency into courage, our thickheadedness into clear vision, that it is shameful to put sleep aside. The wine of longest vintage cannot illuminate the soul like a full night's sleep, and the wine is so costly and the sleep so cheap! The high cost of living has touched about everything, but it has not raised the price of sleep.

We have all made so many blunders by decisions when the windows of the mind were darkened by fatigue that we should learn the lesson. It is sleep that wipes away the mists. Teach the children the value of sleep. Insist on "early to bed." Get back to the Puritan habit, which certainly made giants. There is too much going on evenings for the children. It is very largely the cause of the "social unrest" of which we complain—too little sleep twenty years ago and since.

Blame "Bunty" for This One.

Ever since "Bunty" came to town to pull a few strings Scotch stories have been in the air hereabouts, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. This is told by John Dunsmore, who has a Highland ancestry as well as a Highland name. "It was a hot Sunday afternoon in Edinburgh," said Dunsmore, "the Kirk was full of men and women as the preacher thundered. But by and by they all dropped off to sleep except one simple-minded boy seated in the organ loft.

"A stiff-necked and perverse generation," shouted the minister, "Ye'er feet ha' ta'en hold on the road that leads down to hell. Ye'er eyes are blinded and ye'er ears are deaf, and ye'er flesh is e'en glen over to the Evil One, for there is not one of you all in this house of worship that is not asleep, exceptin' for the bit ladie in the organ loft."

"Ye'er richt, parson," said that individual in reply, "and I'd be asleep myself if I were not daft."

Utilizing the Castle. One of the young men attached to the American embassy at London brought back with him a story that has to do with a feature of the Dufferin estate, near Belfast—a historic ruin in the shape of a castle that had been a stronghold of the O'Nells. It appears that one day Lord Dufferin visited it with his steward, one Mulligan, and that he drew a line with his walking-stick round it, at the same time instructing the steward to build a protecting wall on that line. Then Dufferin went to the continent, feeling quite secure as to the preservation of the historic feature. Upon his return to Ireland he visited the estate. The castle was gone. He rubbed his eyes and looked again. Then he sent for Mulligan. "Where's the castle?" he asked. "The castle, me lord? Sure, I pulled it down to build the wall with."

Germans Buy Nothing on Credit. "People in Germany have much more money to spend than here in America, even though the ratio of population there is much greater than in the United States," said William R. Steinway, just before sailing for Germany the other day. "The German way is to pay cash for what one can afford, and there is absolutely no such thing as living beyond one's means, as we do here. Moreover, there are very clearly defined class distinctions, recognized by the people themselves, who never dream of trying to go above their station."

TURN DESERT INTO GARDEN

Turks Plan to Expend Millions to Reclaim Waste Lands.

London, Sept. 23.—The plans for turning the desert regions of Mesopotamia into an agricultural paradise are being pushed by the Turkish government in spite of its extreme troubles. The irrigation scheme, which originated in the brain of Sir William Wilcocks, will involve the expenditure of \$150,000,000 before it is complete.

The dam which is to control the flood waters of the river Euphrates is under construction by a British company, and the Turkish government is now anxious to proceed with the initial stages of the irrigation works. The success of the plan will enable enough grain to be grown to affect the cereal markets of the world. In ancient times the whole of the European delta was irrigated, and the rank growth of grain excited the wonder of Greek travelers.

According to the sometimes graceful Herodotus, the land yielded three hundred fold and there is no doubt that at the time of the Greek historian's visit the delta was the chief granary of the world. The tradition can be relied upon its fertility was of even greater antiquity, for it was here that popular belief located the "Garden of Eden."

It is a matter of history, moreover, that from the delta, wheat found in its wild and uncultivated state, was taken and gradually transplanted all over the world.

The land which gave birth to the world's staff of life is now a barren waste threaded with the ruins of the great dykes and ditches built by the Chaldeans. The ruin of the greatest of ancient irrigation works was accomplished in the eleventh century by the forebears of the Turks, who are now seeking their restoration.

CATTLEMEN WANT MONEY

Texas Association Asks Reparation From Railroads—Other Hearings.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Chairman Prouty of the interstate commerce commission is hearing here the protest of shippers against the notice given by 109 railroads that they intend to increase the rate on furniture in carload lots from 79 to 85 cents a hundred pounds.

Among the states involved in the proposed increase are Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Testimony also was begun before Chairman Prouty in the petition of the Michigan Hardware Manufacturers' association asking that the transcontinental freight bureau, operating from Chicago to the Pacific coast, be required to establish an 80-cent rate on hardwood lumber from the interior Michigan peninsula. A reparation of \$1,000,000 of the 85-cent rate in force for two years is asked.

The cattle raisers' association of Texas also argued their case against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad for the reparation in view of the ruling of the interstate commerce commission against increases on cattle rates since 1902. The Texas association asks over \$200,000.

POOR ROADS ARE EXPENSIVE

Only 7 Per Cent of 2,100,000 Miles of Public Thoroughfares Improved.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—There are 2,100,000 miles of public roads in this country. Only 150,000 miles, or 7 per cent are improved. All the rest can be fairly described as bad roads. The waste of our natural resources, reckoned as it is, is nothing compared to the money waste brought about by this condition of our highways.

It costs the French peasant an average of 12 cents a mile per ton to haul his produce to market. It costs the American farmer an average of 25 cents a mile per ton, or 199 per cent more than the Frenchman. During the year 1905-1906, haulings of farm produce to shipping points amounted to between forty and forty-five million tons weight. The average haul was 3.4 miles. If the farmers could have done their hauling over French roads, instead of their own inferior ones, they would have netted \$53,999,999 more on their crops.

But all the hauling to shipping points is not done by farmers by any means. The interstate commerce commission tells us that in all something like 250,000,000 bushels of wheat for shipment every year. The willingness to move this immense volume of freight over poor roads, as against good roads such as France enjoys, costs the country a cool unnecessary \$307,999,999 a year.

These figures and facts come from the office of Lagan Waller Page, the United States director of public works.

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TEXAS CATTLE BRANDS

MORE THAN 8,000 BRANDS ON RECORD IN THE LONE STAR STATE.

LETTERS GENERALLY USED

Smaller Brands Succeeding Old-Time Custom of Designing Covering Whole Side of Criterions.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 23.—The big Texas ranches often stretching for miles and miles and including under their wire fences more acreage than European kingdoms and principalities have their heraldry as well established as that familiar to the knight of old. The heraldry is the brands, and there are more than 8,000 on record in Texas, as shown by the records of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas. These brands are often better known than the name of the owners and many brands stand for honesty in breeding, honesty in weight and honesty in dealing just as the heraldry of knighthood stood for honor, for bravery and for noble deeds and accomplishment. The announcement of a certain brand is offered for sale is often sufficient to guarantee that no precautions against fraud of any kind are taken.

In the record of brands every letter of the alphabet is represented and most letters are found in three or four positions. An exception is "O," which has but one position in any position, and therefore can be used only once. True there is the "O" flattened at the sides, but then it is called a "mashed O," or a link or a goose egg. "N" is another letter that is not susceptible of many positions, for horizontally, it is "Z." "I" is another letter with a limited use. It is seldom seen except in combination with other characters, and is usually called a bar. "C" and "K" are examples of letters that are used in four positions. For example, an ordinary "K" makes one position. Turn it to an angle of 45 degrees and you have the "tumbling K," on its back, horizontally, the "lazy K," and reversed a fourth position. There are lazy and tumbling brands in all letters except O and I.

The letter is perhaps the oldest brand known in any cattle country, usually having its beginning in the initials of the owner. Finally all the letters but one are eliminated.

But when the cattle business becomes general and instead of 100 ranches there are thousands, new brands must be devised. The seeker for a brand naturally wants to get an insignia different from that of other ranchmen, else the brand would fail of its purpose. So in the later days the letters were finally all taken up and the necessity of individual and unique brands has led to many a "strange device."

It is worth mentioning that ranchers often take their names from their principal brand and that of their owner. For example, we hear of the "Spur" ranch, the "Turkey Track" ranch, the "Tumbling K" or the "Lazy K." Every ranch has its principal brand, and some have many others. Ranch owners who trade extensively, and who are constantly acquiring cattle with different brands, have a number of insignias on record, on the ranchman's sons and daughters have their special brands and the dedication of a new brand is not an unusual form of celebrating a birth on the range.

But back to peculiar brands. The owner has a pig pen, which just means a square with its sides extending to form the exterior angles. Crescents are common. Only one ranchman has a hatchet for a brand.

A bow and arrow signifies a name to one big Texas ranch. J. J. Kimberlin's ranch has a crutch on the hip and a coffee pot on the side. The coffee pot insignia is not so intricate as you might imagine, consisting of only eight lines.

Wine glasses are not uncommon as a brand and the J. W. Friend county has a gourd. A rocking chair is the brand of H. B. Opp in Sutton and Menard counties.

Lee Brothers have for their brand the graceful fleur de lis. Anchors are common, but only the John W. Franks ranch in the Osage reservation boasts of a hash knife, a hat, the Masonic square, a key, a turkey track, a bell, crossed walking sticks, an hour-glass, a tree, a boat, a slipper, a flag, an apple, a flower, ladders, rakes and other brands. Branding causes cattle to lose in weight, and the larger the brand the greater the suffering of the cattle and the greater the loss of weight, so the old-time custom of great brands, covering the whole side of a cow, is passing away. Hides are more valuable today, also, and the big brands injure the leather.

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Importance of the Worm in the Economy of Nature Was First Revealed by Darwin.

The discovery of a new species of earthworm may awake but a languid interest in the layman's mind yet those minute studies of the humble works of nature that result in bringing to light previously unrecognized inhabitants of the soil really possess a very high degree of interest, since they often indicate unsuspected processes whereby the earth is kept in a condition to be the home and nourisher of man.

Darwin surprised the general reading public by his revelations of the indispensable role played by the humble earthworm in cultivating the soil. He showed how the strength of a pigmy was changed into that of a giant by the virtue of numbers and of industry, so that the richest soil was turned over and over again by the labors of earthworms and thus kept in a fertile condition.

When, however, Darwin discovered the importance of the work done by worms, he was not aware of the existence of more than eight or ten species in Great Britain. Now, owing to the labors of students who have devoted their time to the study of earthworms in that country, at least twenty different species are known, and a vast amount of interesting information has been gathered concerning their character and habits.

It might be thought that there is not much difference among worms, but, as a matter of fact, there is a very large difference that exists among many more pretentious forms of animal life. Short worms and long worms; worms that climb trees, and others that never leave the ground; worms whose color is green, brown, rose red and iridescent, and some that are described by the enthusiastic and admiring naturalists as "neat and pretty," figure among the various species that have been classified.—Harper's Weekly.

ORIGIN OF THE ELKS' CALL

"Hello, Bill" a Cheery Salutation First Heard at Minneapolis Reunion of 1897.

Eleven o'clock is Elksdom's "hour of recollection," when a toast is drunk "to our absent brothers." The custom is said to have originated with George McDonald, one of the original Elks. The mottoes of the order are "To do unto others as we would they should do unto us," and "The faults of our brothers we write upon the sand; their virtues upon tablets of love and memory."

The call of one Elk to another, by which he is recognized in any forest (of palms or otherwise) is "Hello, Bill." William Goddard of Minneapolis lodge, No. 44, is the original "Hello, Bill" of Elksdom, and this cheery salutation, which has found its way around the world, originated in Minneapolis during the Elks' national reunion in that city in 1897. Goddard was chairman of the finance committee and a member of practically every other committee having in charge the arrangements for the reunion. Others might slight their work, but Billy Goddard was always to be found at committee headquarters.

When any visiting Elk sought information it was a constant repetition of "Go over and ask Billy Goddard." "Billy," can tell you. "See Billy; he knows." And the visiting Elk fell naturally into the formula, "Hello, Bill. I was told to see you." The phrase caught on. It spread like a prairie fire over the convention city. Elks who never before had seen each other's faces greeted each other on the streets and in the hotel corridors with a cheery "Hello, Bill," and now when one Elk meets another, from the bright lights of Broadway to far away through Skagway, Alaska, the most distant of Elk towns, it's "Hello, Bill."—Hampton's Magazine.

Ultra Violet Rays Purify Air.

At a recent meeting of the Comparative Pathology society at Paris M. Daniel Berthelot brought out the fact that ultra-violet rays could be used for purifying the air in submarine boats. Such rays are produced in great quantities by the quartz mercury vapor lamp, and their sterilizing power is now well known. The secret of the great power of the ultra-violet rays is simple, according to him, for they correspond to the highest temperatures that we know. In fact, the temperature of the mercury vapor lamp which produces them is even higher than that of the sun. He mentions also an interesting point—that is, if we expose to the rays a mixture of carbonic acid gas and ammonia they combine and give rise to formic amide, which is the base of protoplasm and living matter.

Too Much "Ette."

Elizabeth Murray was talking last winter at a tea at the Colony club in New York about charity.

"At this time of the year," she said, "it is a wise charity to give warm, soft, woolen underwear to the children of the poor. This saves poor children from the hardships of flannel."

"I heard of an East Side mother the other day who bought a shirt of flannel for her little boy. The shirt was very cheap; but after the first washing she brought it back to the dealer again.

"I think, sir," she said, "you ought to change this. When I washed it the flannel all came out and only left the ette."

WELCOME THE "GRAD"

SWEET COLLEGIANS PROMISE DOMESTIC REVOLUTION.

New Method of Dish-Washing May Be Only the Beginning of Better Things—Vast Field for Her Ingenuity is Before Her.

"There's something new under the sun, after all," remarked the troubled tourist. "Here's a woman college graduate who says the college woman can devise new methods of washing the dishes."

"If that's the case, then she's got the helpful husband beaten a mile, for up to the time of this new discovery he has had the record for new methods of dish-washing by the simple expedient of turning the hose on them. It was a quick and fairly efficacious way of disposing of a whole tubful of dishes at one fell swoop and bade fair to revolutionize house-keeping methods. It was invented, I think, by a man whose wife left him to tend the flat while she took a two weeks' vacation. Now, however, if the college woman is out inventing new dish-washing methods, mere man will have to sidestep. His occupation's gone. I don't know what these new dish-washing methods may be, but my advice to bachelors is to put in their applications at once to all senior classes in women's colleges and try to get a wife and a new dish-washing method at one and the same time. As a dish juggler the sweet girl graduate ought to lead the world.

"It seems to me that the college woman of today is going in the domestic field. It looks like a soft thing for her husband. He won't have to settle a single dispute. All he'll settle will be the bills. The high cost of living hasn't worry him in the least. Let his college wife settle that. All he'll have to do is to worry if he is laid up and can't attend to his job. She'll go down to the office and settle the business for him. She'll probably settle the blonde stenographer first, and attend to the details later.

I see that up in York state a mail carrier was unable to deliver his letters and his wife went out and covered his district for him. There you have it. That's just what the new dish-washing college graduate wife is going to do—because she can settle everything.

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Saw Point of Resemblance.

Rev. Denis O'Donoghue, whom every one in Indianapolis knows and loves, and who is now bishop of the diocese of Louisville, is as fond of telling a joke on himself as he is of springing one on some one else. The bishop is nearly bald and when he is traveling and desires to remove his headgear he usually pulls on a silk skull cap. The bishop's friends tell of a little train incident that happened to him while traveling between Indianapolis and Chicago.

Just behind the bishop sat a traveling man who appeared to be deeply interested in his reverence. However, he did not speak to the bishop until the train began to slow up at a small station. The traveler was to alight at this station. Gathering his grips he started for the door. Then he turned back and stopped at Bishop O'Donoghue's seat.

"Pardon me," he said, with an anxious countenance, "but aren't you Bill Nye?"

Bishop O'Donoghue, who was always an admirer of the famous humorist, thought the joke was too good to keep and promptly told it on himself.

New Yorker's Design Accepted.

The Perry Memorial commission has approved the design of J. H. Friedlander of New York for a permanent memorial at Put-in-Bay, O., to commemorate the centennial of Perry's victory at Lake Erie, which will be celebrated in 1913. Mr. Friedlander received highest honors in a competition in which fifty-four designs were received, and the award carries with it a contract to supervise the erection of the memorial, upon which \$500,000 will be expended. The memorial will be in the form of a Doric column, 320 feet high, with a spectators' gallery and light at the top. It will stand on a plaza, at one end of which will be a historical museum, while at the other end will be erected a building to symbolize the 100 years of peace which have prevailed between the United States and England.

Couldn't Fool Him.

"Sir," faltered the office boy; "kin I git off to go an' see the hockey game this afternoon."

The boss looked at him sharply. Then he brought his flat down hard on the desk.

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