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## NO CHANGE IN STEERS

BUYERS TOOK OVER MODERATE FRIDAY SUPPLY AT STEADY PRICE LEVEL.

## GOOD KINDS WERE LACKING

Cows and Heifers Dull and Prices Slightly Steady—Calves and Bulls Unchanged—Stockers and Feeders Are Quiet.

A creditable sort of market on steers was had today, considering conditions that have prevailed heretofore this week. The supply on offer was less than this market has been getting on recent Fridays and buyers absorbed the few loads of plain and medium steers comprising the arrivals in good season at prices showing no quotable change as compared with Thursday. Bulk of the sales ranged from \$7.15 to \$7.40.

The week just closing has been one of extremely unsatisfactory conditions in the fat cattle market. Though fewer cattle were sent marketward than last week or during the corresponding week a year ago, the tone of trade was distinctly bearish from start to finish. Warm weather has cut down the demand for beef and down east beef markets have been in bad shape, resulting in curtailed orders for cattle at the various western centers. Local receipts for the week were approximately 19,200 head, as compared with 11,865 last week and 12,447 a year ago. Aggregate marketing in the west totals 135,200 head, as compared with 152,800 a year ago and 153,300 during the corresponding period of 1911. Following the general trend of the market at other points, the local trade in steers ruled down and easier the greater part of the week, with prices at the week-end unevenly lower than a week ago. While there have been no strictly choice steers offered here this week, quite a few really good medium to strong weight kinds were available and these, along with the medium grades, suffered the deepest cut, the close on such cattle being considered \$2.00 lower than the week before, even more in extreme cases. The lighter handy weight and cheap short-fed grades show the least decline, \$1.50 to \$2.00 covering the loss on those grades as a general proposition. A drove of 1409 lb. Colorado steers brought \$8.15 on Wednesday, which stands as the week's top. The top last week was \$8.50. Bulk of the dressed beef steers marketed here this week sold at \$7.25 to \$8.00, with a few common killers down to \$6.75 or lower.

## DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
20.....	1237.75	15.....	838.65
21.....	1238.75	16.....	750.65
22.....	1159.75	17.....	890.50
23.....	1152.75	18.....	610.40
24.....	1102.75	19.....	610.40
25.....	1102.75	20.....	610.40

## COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

A heavy tone continues to prevail in this branch of the trade. Fresh receipts of cow and heifer stock are light but the market was rather sticky, sellers being forced to work hard to realize yesterday's prices. Heifers were especially dull, bulls and veal calves sold generally steady. Butchers' stock was not exempted in buyers' campaign for lower cattle rates this week. Comparatively little success attended their efforts to cheapen up on the lower grades of cows, canners, cutters and medium, but on the good to choice cows, the general run of heifers and mixed yearlings material declines were enforced. The trade was fairly well supplied with female killing stock during the week and with declines in fat steers and at other markets buyers were naturally inclined to bearishness. The movement was rather slow all week. In comparison with a week ago canners are closing weak to 10c off. Cutters and medium grades are down to \$5.25 are around 10c to 15c lower. The better grades of cows are from 15c to 25c lower. Really choice heifers, owing to their scarcity, sold to a fairly good advantage. As for the general run of heifer stock the close was dull at 25c to 30c lower prices, and about the same break is quotable on mixed heifers and steers unless of extra desirable qualifications.

Bulls are closing weak to 10c lower than a week ago, with exceptions 10c to 15c lower on the medium grades. Veals close 25c to 50c higher than a week ago.

## HEIFERS.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
2.....	500.65	8.....	743.50
3.....	560.80	9.....	815.75
4.....	675.25	10.....	860.75
5.....	830.50	11.....	820.50
6.....	605.25	12.....	660.50
7.....	480.25	13.....	660.50
8.....	720.60	14.....	620.50

## COWS.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
1.....	1170.50	7.....	1030.50
2.....	1025.25	8.....	1040.50
3.....	1282.60	9.....	1130.50
4.....	1116.40	10.....	1000.50
5.....	910.60	11.....	920.50
6.....	960.60	12.....	920.75
7.....	1090.50	13.....	1000.75
8.....	1090.50	14.....	1110.75
9.....	1220.50	15.....	920.50
10.....	990.75	16.....	1030.75
11.....	1104.50	17.....	1070.75
12.....	970.50	18.....	1110.75
13.....	1250.50	19.....	767.80
14.....	970.50	20.....	820.75
15.....	1160.50	21.....	890.75
16.....	1210.50	22.....	1050.75
17.....	900.50	23.....	1030.75
18.....	1070.50	24.....	791.75
19.....	1061.50	25.....	819.75
20.....	1010.50	26.....	770.75
21.....	880.50	27.....	820.75

## BULLS AND STAGS.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
1.....	1410.50	5.....	1240.50
2.....	1460.50	6.....	1180.50
3.....	1430.50	7.....	1160.50
4.....	1360.50	8.....	1230.50
5.....	1380.50	9.....	1230.50

## VEAL CALVES.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
1.....	118.10	3.....	210.50

## HOG TRADE STRONGER

FAIR FRIDAY OFFERING MOVED READILY AT STRONG TO 5c HIGHER RANGE.

## THE QUALITY WAS GOOD

Bulk of Sales Confined to Narrow Spread of \$7.30 to 7.35—Top, \$7.40—Pigs Sold Fully Steady.

A fairly good Friday supply was in sight at the live hog market. Activity in the trade aggregating \$2,000, showing an increase of 20,000 over a week ago. The local run figured approximately 5,700 head, an increase of 2,000 over last Friday. Activity ruled the trade and prices tended higher from the start. The bulk of the supply was cashed at strong to 5c higher rates compared with yesterday, tops selling at \$7.40, with a good share of the sales ranging from \$7.30 to \$7.35. The quality was of good average. A good clearance was made before the noon hour.

A steady deal was noted when it came to cashing in pigs. The supply of such stuff was limited.

Prices for hogs averaging 140 lbs. and up ranged from \$7.20 to \$7.40, with the bulk selling at \$7.30 to \$7.35. The bulk yesterday sold at \$7.20 to \$7.32, a week ago at \$7.25 to \$7.35, a month ago at \$7.50 to \$7.77, a year ago at \$5.95 to \$6.20, two years ago at \$7.60 to \$7.65, three years ago at \$3.10 to \$3.20, and four years ago at \$3.90 to \$4.20.

## REPRESENTATIVE HOG SALES.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
68.....	292.20	74.....	248.50
69.....	267.80	75.....	248.50
70.....	282.20	76.....	248.50
71.....	227.75	77.....	248.50
72.....	227.75	78.....	248.50
73.....	227.75	79.....	248.50
80.....	227.75	81.....	248.50
81.....	227.75	82.....	248.50
82.....	227.75	83.....	248.50
83.....	227.75	84.....	248.50
84.....	227.75	85.....	248.50
85.....	227.75	86.....	248.50
86.....	227.75	87.....	248.50
87.....	227.75	88.....	248.50
88.....	227.75	89.....	248.50
89.....	227.75	90.....	248.50
90.....	227.75	91.....	248.50
91.....	227.75	92.....	248.50
92.....	227.75	93.....	248.50
93.....	227.75	94.....	248.50
94.....	227.75	95.....	248.50
95.....	227.75	96.....	248.50
96.....	227.75	97.....	248.50
97.....	227.75	98.....	248.50
98.....	227.75	99.....	248.50
99.....	227.75	100.....	248.50

## STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
14Col.	903.60	2.....	770.60
5.....	960.60	80.....	770.60

## YEARLINGS AND CALVES.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
2Col.	755.60	7.....	440.60
3.....	685.60	8.....	440.60
4.....	685.60	9.....	440.60
5.....	685.60	10.....	440.60
6.....	685.60	11.....	440.60
7.....	685.60	12.....	440.60
8.....	685.60	13.....	440.60
9.....	685.60	14.....	440.60
10.....	685.60	15.....	440.60
11.....	685.60	16.....	440.60
12.....	685.60	17.....	440.60
13.....	685.60	18.....	440.60
14.....	685.60	19.....	440.60
15.....	685.60	20.....	440.60

## FEEDING COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.

No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price
1.....	590.60	5.....	970.50
2.....	730.50	6.....	970.50
3.....	640.50	7.....	865.50
4.....	640.50	8.....	840.50
5.....	640.50	9.....	840.50
6.....	640.50	10.....	840.50
7.....	640.50	11.....	840.50
8.....	640.50	12.....	840.50
9.....	640.50	13.....	840.50
10.....	640.50	14.....	840.50
11.....	640.50	15.....	840.50
12.....	640.50	16.....	840.50
13.....	640.50	17.....	840.50
14.....	640.50	18.....	840.50
15.....	640.50	19.....	840.50
16.....	640.50	20.....	840.50

## PACKERS' CATTLE PURCHASES.

Swift & Co.	Price	Morris & Co.	Price
250	770.60	20	770.60
250	770.60	20	770.60

## FLOUR CASE REVERSED.

The Bleaching Process Not Injurious, Court Holds.

St. Louis, Jan. 24.—The United States circuit court of appeals here reversed the district court in the case of the government against the Lexington Mill and Elevator company of Lexington, Neb., in the "bleached flour" case. The lower court held that the electrical bleaching process was a violation of the pure food law, but the court of appeals remanded the case for retrial.

Judge Smith McPherson of Kansas City, before whom the trial was conducted, charged the jury that if it found that the bleaching process added anything to the flour, whether injurious or not, it should return a verdict in favor of the government. The higher court ruled that Judge McPherson erred in this instruction.

In the arguments before the court of appeals, the attorneys for the company said that a nitrate was added to flour in the bleaching process, but contended that a man would have to eat about 15,000 loaves of bread before he would get an ordinary dose of the chemical. Attorneys said that the bleaching process was so valuable to the millers of the country that were its abandonment enforced, the flour supply of the nation would be reduced greatly, while the flour was bleached naturally, or the wheat thoroughly ripening.

## HOG SALE TOMORROW.

Dawson & Willey to Sell 40 Bred Sows at South St. Joseph Sale Pavilion.

Phil Dawson, of Endicott, Neb., and W. E. Willey, of Steele City, Neb., will offer at public sale tomorrow, in the South St. Joseph sale pavilion, 40 head of bred sows, including 127 lbs. that are Big Top Expansion herds. The offerings will all be topsy and excellent representatives of this famous strain. Five young hogs will also be offered. If you are looking for breeding animals of the highest type, you should arrange to attend this sale.

## MARKETS SHORT-FED STEERS

D. R. Palmer Here Today With a Two Car Shipment.

Among those who sampled the Friday cattle market today and was not disappointed in his own was D. R. Palmer, of Nodaway county, Missouri. Mr. Palmer, who is a heavy feeder, brought in two loads of short-fed steers, averaging 127 lbs., that brought \$7.40, as high as any cattle sold on today's market. He still has several loads of cattle and hogs on feed to come forward later.

## NEBRASKAN TOPS MARKET

H. B. Erisman Realizes Highest Price for Hogs Here Today.

H. B. Erisman, of Auburn, Neb., received the highest price paid at the local yards today for hogs. He had in a load of choice strong weight butchers that brought \$7.40. There were 48 hogs, averaging 292 lbs., in the shipment.

## IN ICELAND A BREAD IS MADE BY BEATING THE FLESH OF DRIED CODFISH TO A POWDER.

## LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

The following shows the local receipts from January 1, 1913, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1912:

	1913	1912	Inc.
Cattle	33,911	40,391	7,380
Hogs	133,348	190,612	57,264
Sheep	34,472	51,320	16,848
Horses	3,104	927	47
Cars	3,260	4,330	970

## LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT

The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets today and comparisons:

Chicago	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	1,000	27,000	6,000
Kansas City	1,000	6,000	2,000
South Omaha	1,000	12,000	10,000
St. Joseph	800	5,700	700
St. Louis	1,500	11,500	2,000

## RECEIPTS BY CARS

The following shows the number of cars of stock handled by the railroads centering at the local yards today:

Cars	1913	1912
C. R. & Q. west	21	21
C. R. & Q. east	24	24
Rock Island	13	13
Great Western	18	18
Missouri Pacific	3	3
Grand Island	16	16
Santa Fe	4	4
Total	109	109

## ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

Today's cash values: Receipts: wheat, 13 cars; corn, 24 cars; oats, 7 cars.

Wheat: No. 2 red, 95¢ @ 1.08; No. 3 red, 95¢ @ 1.08; No. 2 hard, 85¢ @ 94¢.

Corn: No. 2 white, new, 49¢; No. 3 white, new, 48¢ @ 49¢; No. 2 mixed, new, 47¢; No. 2 yellow, new, 48¢; No. 3 yellow, new, 48¢.

Oats: No. 2 white, 35¢; No. 3 white, 34¢ @ 34½¢; No. 2 oats, 34¢ @ 34½¢; No. 3 oats, 33½¢ @ 34¢.

## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-1008 New Corby-Forshee Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Options: Opened, High, Low, Close, Yesterday.

WHEAT: May, 92½; July, 90½.

CORN: May, 51½; July, 52½.

OATS: May, 38½; July, 38½.

PORK: Jan., 18.60; May, 18.82.

LARD: May, 10.10; July, 10.10.

RIBS: Jan., 10.15; May, 10.15.

## SHIP WHEAT VIA GALVESTON

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 24.—The first shipment of wheat in ten years from Galveston to Italy is being loaded in the steamship Agreement. It contains 56,000 bushels. A second consignment of 70,000 bushels for the same port will leave here about February 1. Since September 1 receipts of export wheat at Galveston have been over 6,250,000 bushels, compared with only over 500,000 bushels last season.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For Missouri: Generally fair to night and Saturday; warmer in north portion tonight.

Kansas: Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight.

Nebraska: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; warmer in south portion tonight.

Iowa: Fair tonight with warmer in east and south portions; Saturday probably unsettled.

## THEATRICAL AMUSEMENTS

At the Toodle—Saturday matinee and night, "The Million." A Henry W. Savage comedy success, Sunday and Monday nights, "The Chocolate Soldier."

At the Lyceum—Today matinee and night, "The Spring Maid." Friday and Saturday, matinee Saturday, Lyman How's Travel Festival.

## LAMB MARKET WEAK

LIGHT SUPPLY TODAY HAD TO TAKE ANOTHER 10 CENT CUT IN PRICES.

## NO CHOICE GRADES OFFERED

Practically No Sheep on Sale and That End of Trade Was Nominally Steady—Week's Trade Was Erratic.

Four loads, embracing about 800 head of native and western lambs comprised the day's ovine offering at this point. Trade was a little slow and lambs were considered around a dime lower. Sheep were nominally steady, nothing worthy of note arriving in that line.

Local receipts of sheep and lambs for the week aggregate 13,000, an increase of 2,000 over last week and 500 compared with the same period a year ago. At the five markets total receipts this week of approximately 225,000 head show a loss of 3,000 from last week but a gain of 38,000 compared with year ago. It has been an erratic market all week. During the first half of the week lambs advanced fully 10c to 15c, choice classes selling up to \$9.00 on Tuesday and Wednesday. The following day, however, prices receded 10c to 15c and with another 10c break today lambs are closing around 25c under the high price of receipts, \$7.50 to \$7.75; fair to good, \$7.00 to \$7.50; choice, \$6.50 to \$7.00; fair to good, \$5.75 to \$6.25; poor to good, \$5.25 to \$5.75; choice wethers, \$5.00 to \$5.50; fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.00.

## PACKERS' SHEEP PURCHASES

Hammond Packing Co., 605

## CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS

Quotations on Cottonseed, Linseed and Alfalfa Products.

Ko-Pres-Ko-Cake—Ton lots, 25¢; car lots, 23.25¢.

## WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES

Following are today's wholesale prices for beef cuts as given out by Swift & Company:

Dressed Beef: No. 1, 21¢; No. 2, 16¢; No. 3, 12¢; No. 4, 10¢; No. 5, 8¢; No. 6, 7¢; No. 7, 6¢; No. 8, 5¢; No. 9, 4¢; No. 10, 3¢; No. 11, 2¢; No. 12, 1¢; No. 13, 1¢; No. 14, 1¢; No. 15, 1¢; No. 16, 1¢; No. 17, 1¢; No. 18, 1¢; No. 19, 1¢; No. 20, 1¢; No. 21, 1¢; No. 22, 1¢; No. 23, 1¢; No. 24, 1¢; No. 25, 1¢; No. 26, 1¢; No. 27, 1¢; No. 28, 1¢; No. 29, 1¢; No. 30, 1¢; No. 31, 1¢; No. 32, 1¢; No. 33, 1¢; No. 34, 1¢; No. 35, 1¢; No. 36, 1¢; No. 37, 1¢; No. 38, 1¢; No. 39, 1¢; No. 40, 1¢; No. 41, 1¢; No. 42, 1¢; No. 43, 1¢; No. 44, 1¢; No. 45, 1¢; No. 46, 1¢; No. 47, 1¢; No. 48, 1¢; No. 49, 1¢; No. 50, 1¢; No. 51, 1¢; No. 52, 1¢; No. 53, 1¢; No. 54, 1¢; No. 55, 1¢; No. 56, 1¢; No. 57, 1¢; No. 58, 1¢; No. 59, 1¢; No. 60, 1¢; No. 61, 1¢; No. 62, 1¢; No. 63, 1¢; No. 64, 1¢; No. 65, 1¢; No. 66, 1¢; No. 67, 1¢; No. 68, 1¢; No. 69, 1¢; No. 70, 1¢; No. 71, 1¢; No. 72, 1¢; No. 73, 1¢; No. 74, 1¢; No. 75, 1¢; No. 76, 1¢; No. 77, 1¢; No. 78, 1¢; No. 79, 1¢; No. 80, 1¢; No. 81, 1¢; No. 82, 1¢; No. 83, 1¢; No. 84, 1¢; No. 85, 1¢; No. 86, 1¢; No. 87, 1¢; No. 88, 1¢; No. 89, 1¢; No. 90, 1¢; No. 91, 1¢; No. 92, 1¢; No. 93, 1¢; No. 94, 1¢; No. 95, 1¢; No. 9

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Cattle market will strike bottom one of these days. It can't keep going one way forever.

If bear hope going to the country don't stop the liberal movement of cattle to market, it won't be because the dope isn't bearish enough.

It's a darn fool groundhog that will wait for February 1 to take his observation, with such weather as this on tap.

Because a man is in the civil service does not necessarily mean that he is overly civil. We've struck some that were not.

Present dullness in the stocker and feeder market suggests that the country is watching things in the fat cattle market pretty closely.

Like the Indian, the buffalo, the prairie chicken and the quail, the jackrabbit is becoming extinct in Kansas. There will be no more trainloads of jackrabbits sent East for free distribution among the needy.

The president of the new Chinese republic, with eight wives and twenty-five children, is described as one of the most courteous and democratic men of the age. 'Hah for China! A man with one wife here can't be too dad burned democratic.

The narrow spread between prices for common and choice steers now existing, is in biological condition and biological conditions are not apt to last long. Either the choicer kinds must go up or the commoner kinds go lower. One guess on which will happen is about as another. Trade talent admits itself puzzled.

CONVENIENCES OF PARCEL POST "Talking about the conveniences of the parcel post," says the Meriden Ledger, "how's this? A farmer's wife had ten pounds of butter on hand Saturday and was at a loss what to do with it. The day was extremely cold and the butter was hardly worth the long, cold drive to town. A bright idea—the parcel post. The ten pounds of butter was carefully turned over to the carrier that afternoon. The package was delivered to one of the grocers here, who gave the lady credit for the amount. The postage amounted to 15 cents which was an insignificant sum when the cold drive was taken into consideration."

BUSY LIFE ON THE FARM. Oscar F. Shaw, of East Canterbury, N. H., says that since April 1 he has fitted fifty cords of stove wood, cut twenty tons of hay and oat fodder, raised 249 bushels of potatoes and 175 bushels of corn; picked fifty barrels of Baldwins and 459 bushels of cider apples, made twenty-one casks of cider, raised five tons of pumpkins and a large quantity of garden vegetables, gathered 2,999 bushels of leaves for bedding and raised 159 chickens and 490 pounds of pork.

Judging from this, Oscar must have been busy at least part of the time. Some of these "back to the farm" agitators might do a little thinking about Oscar's achievement. His may be an exceptional case, but anyone who imagines that life down on the farm does not mean a certain amount of hard manual labor has got another thing coming. Farm life may not be what it was a decade or two ago, but there is enough work connected with running the average 160-acre farm to keep the farmer, his hired man, wife and children (if he has any) comfortably busy the greater part of the year.

POOR ROADS POOR INVESTMENT. There is no doubt, the Road-Maker says, that a great many manu-



He Did Not Ask Her to Look Pleasant.

Daddy's Bedtime Story When Little Kitty Had Her Picture Taken

MOST boys and girls like to have their photographs taken. Jack and Evelyn did. When grandma told them she meant to take them and the photographer's to have their pictures taken they could talk of nothing else for several days. "I hope you will have a good time," said daddy. "In getting a photograph taken you must be sure to look pleasant. But don't try to look pleasant too hard. There was little Kitty. She went to have her picture taken. She was a very sweet looking girl. "Kitty's mamma met a friend on the train, and the friend asked, "Where are you going today, little Kitty? "And Kitty answered, "I'm going to get my picture taken." "How lovely!" the lady replied. "They will be nice pictures, I am sure. You must have one for me. And don't forget to smile when the photograph man tells you to," the lady added. "Kitty promised. When they got off the train Kitty's uncle Jim happened to meet them. "Hello, Kitty! Where are you going?" he cried. "I'm going to get my picture taken," Kitty replied proudly. "You don't say?" Uncle Jim exclaimed. "Then, of course, I'll get one? And be sure it's nice. When the photograph man says, "Now, look pleasant," you must be sure to smile." "Just as they were going into the photographer's door they happened to pass grandma. "Hello," he said as he turned to walk back a little way with them. "Where away, my little Kitty? "Oh, grandma, I'm to have my picture taken," Kitty made answer again. "Dear me, that's just what I want! And be sure," cautioned grandma, "to look very pleasant when the man tells you to." "So Kitty followed her mother up into the photographer's room. She wanted very much to have a nice picture taken, and so she listened to hear him ask her to look pleasant, as every one had told her he would. He never mentioned it. "Presently the camera clicked, and the picture was taken. Then Kitty and her mother went home again. "When the pictures came home you should have seen how solemn and anxious Kitty looked in them. "They'll have to be taken over again," Kitty's papa said. "That doesn't look a bit like my jolly little Kitty. Why didn't you smile, girl? "Why," answered Kitty earnestly, "I was waiting for the man to say "Look pleasant." Then I was going to smile nice and hard."

facturing institutions that are now located in eastern and middle states would move to the middle west if road conditions were more favorable. The editor of the Road-Maker says he at one time secured the promise of a representative of a milk evaporating concern located in New York to establish a plant in an Iowa county seat, providing the people of the community would milk the necessary number of cows. A canvass of the situation satisfied them, upon this point, and the general manager had set a date to come and look over the proposition, when suddenly he cancelled all further consideration of the matter with the statement that he had been reliably informed that the roads in Iowa were apt to be so bad for a month or two in the spring and fall that the farmers could not bring the milk to town, and they could not consider the matter of establishing a factory—where they would be apt to have their machinery and help idle during the busy season.—Ottumwa (Iowa) Courier.

SOME PRACTICAL IDEAS. The Oklahoma boy of 13 who raised 192 bushels of corn on one acre at a cost of \$14.59, including \$5 for rent, sold his crop for \$296. It is in demand for seed at a special price, and it is to be remarked that he paid \$4 a bushel for the seed he used himself. Another Oklahoma boy, aged 15, raised 6999 pounds of cotton on two acres, and sold it for \$269. The seed brought \$299 more, making \$469 as the cash return from the two acres. It is no surprise to hear that 4999 boys and girls in Oklahoma have entered the corn and cotton contest begun a few years ago in the enterprising and victorious young state, whose productions have already put it among the foremost. A special effort is needed to give intensive farming a start. An acre set apart for an ambitious and earnest youth may seem a side issue, but its demonstration of possibilities is of great value.

Many a farmer plods along with much land but poor cultivation on his hands. Few have realized how much even one acre signifies. In the suburbs of Paris there are single acres that rent for \$1,099 a year. The soil is utilized all the time and every square foot kept under the highest possible culture. Otherwise it could not be a profitable way to employ time and so much capital. On the basis of the Oklahoma boy's experiment the corn crop of this country could be increased from three billion bushels to fifteen billions. The cotton test implies a like chance in that crop. It is said with truth that more workers are needed on the farms. A higher ratio of yield there is also something to be diligently, confidently, worked for. The cost of living can certainly be influenced in this way, and to the advantage of both consumers and producers.

1913'S FIRST FISH STORY. Tarrytown Fisherman Proved That He Got Three Bass With One Hook. Tarrytown, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Elliott Taxter, secretary of the Tarrytown Rod and Reel Club, made a catch of three bass on one line and when he displayed the fish and told the story later to the members there was a disposition to doubt his story until Edward Ackerly, president of the club, came to his rescue. Flash stories have to be proved to be believed, so Taxter still remains his

NEW ERA IN FARMING.

Agricultural Congress to Consider All Phases of Farm Life.

A new era in farm development is sure to follow the Interstate Agricultural and Industrial Congress which is to be held at St. Joseph, March 6, 7 and 8 and at which every phase of farm life and ways to be treated. It will, in fact, be a great farmers' institute.

President A. Ross Hill, of the University of Missouri, will be president of the Congress. President H. J. Waters of the Kansas Agricultural College, at Manhattan, Kansas, formerly dean of the Missouri Agricultural College, will be vice-president. Kansas Governor J. H. Moorehead, of Nebraska, has been invited to act as vice-president for Nebraska and the state of Iowa. The needs of farm life, vice-president from Iowa is also to have the same representation on the official program.

More than twenty-five experts are available for the congress. The Federal department of agriculture is to supply four speakers and the Federal health department one speaker, who will illustrate his lecture on "Rural Health and Hygiene."

W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central Railway lines, and one of the most eminent financial experts of the country, will be furnished at the county, Iowa, is one of the big attractions on the speaking program.

The congress is to be held in the Auditorium, which seats 4,500 persons with comfort. There will be no admission charges whatever and everything in connection with the congress will be free. Ample hotel and rooming facilities will be provided for the very reasonable rate to all attending the congress.

All farm organizations, women's club live stock associations, granges, county institutes, building and loan associations, retail associations and commercial clubs are invited to send delegates.

St. Joseph bankers, grain dealers, live stock men and business men are behind this gigantic movement to build up the agricultural resources of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska through such a program.

Reservations for the congress will be sent by special messenger to their proper destination as arranged for in advance.

A bureau of information will be maintained at the Auditorium, Western Union and Hasty Messenger service and other convenient means for the farmers and their families to boarding and lodging houses where they may obtain cheap entertainment for themselves and their families.

Secure such accommodations may be secured in advance of their arrivals here by notifying the Executive Committee, 114 South 5th street. St. Joseph, Mo. Reservations will be kept of the reservations and upon report to the bureau for information they will be sent by special messenger to their proper destination as arranged for in advance.

Two women speakers will explain the Farm Wife Problem and while both of these women were here, both splendidly educated and are fine speakers.

MAY BE BUREAU OF MARKETS. Fifty Thousand Dollars to Determine Feasibility of Plan. Washington, Jan. 24.—On account of additional work in connection with the enforcement of the pure food and drug laws, the department of agriculture, the annual department of agricultural appropriation bill submitted in the house carries a total of \$17,999,999 over last year's appropriation. Among other increases carried in the bill and indorsed in the committee's report are \$25,000 for meat inspection, \$75,000 for farm management educational work, and \$50,000 to be used in determining the feasibility of establishing a bureau of markets. Petitions for a market bureau have come from all sections of the country, according to the report.

An amendment to existing law proposed in the bill would give federal inspectors continuous jurisdiction over the transportation of live stock from quarantine sections. The inspectors now have jurisdiction only over transportation lines on which the stock is originally shipped.

GIRLS WANT CHEAP FOOD. Decreasing Cost of Living Is Problem Students Are Solving. Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 24.—Cutting down the cost of living in Kansas is the problem that K. S. U. girls in the northwest are solving. They are doing it by serving a series of five-course dinners to the members of the faculty, and the cost of the entire menu is not running over twenty cents a plate.

Planning a meal, marketing, preparing the food and serving four guests is the task set for each pair of girls in the contest by Dr. E. J. Day, head of the department. An indefinite limit of twenty cents is imposed upon the students.

This is a dinner laid before the members of the faculty by cracklers, breaded lamb chops, mashed potatoes, celery, jelly, hot rolls, pineapple salad, caramel ice cream, cake, coffee, mints.

SHORT GRASS REALTY BOOMS. Many Investors Buying Farms in Western Part of State. Norcatur, Kan., Jan. 24.—Real estate sales in the shortgrass country are remarkable considering the weather. In the month of December last a real estate firm in Norcatur did a business aggregating \$56,100, of which \$22,500 was cash and \$33,600 being in different trades entirely satisfactory to the sellers on buyers.

Most of these deals are for Western Kansas lands, Norcatur is in Decatur county, close to the Norton county line.

WOULD REDUCE EGG PRICES. Philadelphia Women Begin Sale at 12 Cents Below Prevailing Rate. Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—The Housekeepers' League of this city which recently brought about a reduction in the price of storage eggs began another crusade, having on sale "retail fresh eggs" for 27 cents a dozen. The eggs, it was said, "are western, southern and nearby and none more than two weeks old. They are sold from seventy-five stations throughout the city. The price is a reduction of about 12 cents from the previously prevailing rate.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

TOKEN OF THE WEDDING RING.

Gold Band Symbolizes the Purity of Affection, and Endless Love.

For ages the wedding ring has been a token of binding authority. The symbol of the purity of affection; the circle the endless love; the price paid for it takes the place of the ancient purchase money. If the ring is lost it is a warning that the husband's love will soon pass away, if broken, that he will die soon.

Tradition has been responsible for many stories concerning the wedding ring; one of these is that the first ring made by Tubal Cain for Prometheus. This ring was of iron and adamant perfect concord. The early Romans commonly used a plain iron ring, while the poorer English, even in the nineteenth century, used the ring for the church keys.

It has not always been customary to wear the ring on the third finger of the left hand but there is a reason for this modern convention. Besides being less used and therefore less exposed to danger, and being the weaker finger and therefore symbolizing the wife's dependence, the third finger of the left hand has been supposed from the days of the Egyptians to be connected directly with the heart by a vein called the "vena amoris."

Consequently it is most fitting that the wedding ring should adorn it.

YOU MIGHT TRY "Pressing a Fur Coat"—Of course, fur-lined coats cannot be ironed, as it spoils the skin, but wrinkles may be removed by thoroughly sponging the outside and hanging the coat on a form to dry out of doors.

Place for the Thermometer—If you have only one thermometer, sacrifice your curiosity as to the outside temperature and hang it in your living room, that you may preserve your health by keeping the room "just warm enough."

Handling Paper Patterns—Every woman who cuts out from paper patterns knows of the bother in pinning it flat to the cloth. Take a hot iron and smooth the tissue paper pattern over the cloth and it will remain flat without pins.

If a Lamp Is Too Full—Many still use oil lamps for night burning or the store room. If you fill them too full there is no need of soiling everything by tipping them up to pour out some of the oil. Take an old medicine dropper and remove some of the oil.

Sharpening a Knife—If you have no whetstone handy, you can sharpen a knife by using the cutting edge back and forth across the unglazed end or bottom of a crock, bean pot or any such stoneware jar.

To Remove Iodine Stains—If iodine is spilled on linen or cotton, pour boiling hot starch over the stain. Repeat this twice within an hour and the stain will disappear. This will remove nearly all kinds of ink stains also.

BIG CATTLE THEFT FOUND. \$50,000 Worth of Big Horn Wyoming Stock Stolen. Belle Fourche, S. D., Jan. 24.—Word of one of the largest cattle thefts in the state of Wyoming in many years, has just been learned by local cattle interests who have been asked to aid in the search. When the fall roundup on the range was made in the Big Horn, Wyo., country last fall it was found that more than 1,000 head of cattle were missing. They had been ranging on the Ten Sleep Big Horn forest reserve and were the property of Milo Burke, O. W. Arnett and A. Sutherland, all well known cattle men in the Big Horn country. The cattle had been stolen during the summer, but even when the loss was found, the owners made nothing public, but employed detectives and have been engaged in tracing the cattle. For some time it was thought that the cattle were still in the state and consequently every effort to keep the theft quiet was used, but this has proved unavailing and it is now believed that they have been gradually stolen and are gradually running over the line into South Dakota or some bordering locality. The value of the cattle amounts to more than \$50,000, so the owners felt much concern over their loss and are now appealing to outside friends to aid them.

BEGINS LIFE ANEW AT 75. Convict 55 Years, Connecticut Man Opens Cobbler Shop. Middletown, Conn., Jan. 24.—John Warren, seventy-five years old, who was pardoned last June after serving forty-three years in Wethersfield prison on a life sentence for murdering his wife, has opened a cobbler's shop in the town of Willimantic by means of which he hopes to be able to support himself.

Warren learned the trade at the prison, and is an expert at it. His chief complaint is the price of sole leather, which he finds so high that he fears it will eat up a large part of his profits.

Warren has great faith in his ability to make his living, although when he opened his shop he had only \$1 left.

He lives in his little shop, cooking his own meals. Warren has four brothers, all of whom would have been glad to take him in, but he prefers to be independent.

WANTS ANNUITY FOR PETS. Up to Public Administrator to Invest \$200 in Some Manner. Kansas City, Jan. 24.—How to invest \$200 so that it may yield an annuity large enough to make life easy for two dogs, two cats and a parrot, is a problem in finance that is worrying Samuel B. Strother, public administrator.

The death recently of Mrs. Anna Smith, a widow survived by the five pets, left this problem on the administrator's hands. Mrs. Smith lived alone and had no relatives in Kansas City.

The woman's heirs were notified that the small amount of money represented the estate. Strother has received word from the heirs asking him to use the money in complying with the request made by Mrs. Smith that her pets be cared for after her death.

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SCHOOL QUESTION BIG ISSUE. Speaker of Kansas House Urges Reorganization of System. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 24.—Reorganization of the rural schools is regarded by Edward H. Cunningham, speaker of the house, as the most important question which will come up for consideration in the Thirty-fifth general assembly.

Speaker Cunningham believes that with the solution of the school question the problem of permanent roads in the state is now confronted will work itself out on a satisfactory basis.

In the list of standing committees announced by Speaker Cunningham, it was observed that he had moved the committee on schools and text books from a minor position up to fourth place, ranking in importance just behind appropriations.

In explanation of this fact he made the following statement last evening: "The question of schools is the liveliest and before the people. So much depends upon the intelligence and understanding with which people discharge their various duties. The solution of all economic problems depends upon the amount of intelligence which we can apply to them.

"To raise the standard of intelligence we must widen the opportunity for education."

Mr. Cunningham is a firm believer in the plan of consolidation of country schools. His own county, Buena Vista, he states, leads the state in this respect, and in a practical test has proved that the plan is not only feasible, but the only one which will solve the question of better schools.

In connecting permanent roads and the school question he declared that consolidation was the only solution of the school question, and that consolidation of schools means the solution of the road question.

"Consolidation of schools," he said, "means the transportation of pupils. When parents become impressed with the fact that good roads are a necessity for the proper transportation of their children then they will naturally turn to the solution of the roads problem."

"Good roads alone, however, without school consolidation will not solve the school question. Permanent highways will make it possible for children to drive back and forth to the town high schools, but this is not the real object of the school problem."

"The environments of town schools are not to be compared with the environments of consolidated rural schools for children from the rural districts. It is not only a question of moral surroundings, but the consolidated school will keep them in touch with the farm and farm life."

NEW YORK DEATH RATE LOW. Lowest in Year 1912 Ever Known in the State. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 24.—New York state's death rate for 1912—14.6 per 1,000 population—was the lowest ever shown in the state. According to statistics for 1912, these figures indicate a saving of over 5,000 lives.

"Public health is a purchasable commodity," comments State Commissioner of Health Porter in submitting this information to the legislature in his annual report.

Contributing factors to the prevailing good health of the people of the state, Commissioner Porter says, include the successful operation of the cold storage laws and the laws governing the pollution of streams, an active campaign against tuberculosis conducted by the State Charities Aid association and educational campaign against preventable and contagious diseases.

ANTI-HORSE THIEF ASS'N. Farmers Near Okaloosa, Iowa, Form Organization. Okaloosa, Ia., Jan. 24.—Fifty farmers of this community have organized an Anti-Horse Thief Association as a final effort to stop the thefts of valuable animals that have been frequent occurrences in this county since Nov. 2. In most cases a matched team has been stolen and in each case the animals were highly prized.

The membership of the association is increasing rapidly and it is hoped that the fees so collected will be sufficient for the employment of detectives. Local officials believe the stealing is done by a regularly organized gang.

It was reported to members of the association that the county supervisors cannot appropriate money for special efforts to catch horse or other thieves and the sheriff has no fund for special work.

ROBBERED 6 OKLAHOMA BANKS. Man Arrested in Pueblo Confesses to Hand in Robberies. Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 24.—A young man arrested here under the name of Charles Clark confessed in police court that he is wanted in Oklahoma for six bank robberies, including the robbery of the Claremore State Bank on Nov. 1, 1912.

Clark says his real name is Homer Richards and that he was a member of a gang of bank robbers in Oklahoma.

It was thought that Homer Richards was the man killed at Cheryenne, Wyo., Jan. 9, in a street duel with Sergeant Talbot.

SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT NEXT. Two Trees Are Kept in Steel Cages to Keep Off Thieves. Oroville, Cal., Jan. 24.—James H. Gage, orange grower of Oroville, backed by a syndicate, has gained control of two trees which bear seedless grapefruit and will make an effort to make the new citrus product commercially popular.

The fruit is a cross between a navel orange and a grapefruit. Steps will be taken to propagate the fruit on a large scale and steel cages have been built around the trees to prevent buds from being stolen.

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