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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 79 Cars, 2,338 Cattle; 125 Cars, 9,842 Hogs; 10 Cars, 1,988 Sheep.

MODERATE CATTLE SHOWING

Trade Opened Slow and About Steady, Exceptions a Shade Stronger.

STEERS MOSTLY MEDIUM

Butcher Stuff About Steady—Choice Cows Still at \$5.00—Good Heifers Scarce—Bulls Steady to Weak—Calf Values Still Soaring—Stock and Feeder Trade Quiet, Steady—Heavy Supply of Hogs and Prices on Declining Basis, Loss Is 5¢ to 10¢—Sheep Dull, Lower.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.

The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1908, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1907:

	1908	1907
Cattle	567,826	604,462
Hogs	2,272,544	1,847,963
Sheep	678,174	749,100
Horses	22,238	26,743

LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.

The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the live stock markets:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	5,000	25,000	25,000
Kansas City	5,000	14,000	3,000
South Omaha	3,000	9,000	4,000
St. Joseph	3,000	9,800	2,000
East St. Louis	2,500	18,500	1,500
Totals	20,500	80,300	35,500
Yesterday	40,500	168,700	43,500
Week ago	20,200	85,000	23,500
Month ago	20,200	77,000	45,000
Year ago	19,500	87,500	25,400

RECEIPTS BY CAR.

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

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. & O.	82	85	20
C. & M.	20	24	7
Missouri Pacific	16	16	2
A. T. & S. F.	2	2	2
Total	126	134	31

CATTLE.

Few Fat Steers Offered, Trade Steady to Strong.

Offerings of cattle today did not afford enough fat steers to give the market much of a test, but the few offered met a fair demand at steady to firm prices, although there was nothing specially attractive in the small run. Receipts for the week at this point are 2,300 less than for last week and the five point total of 152,400 is 15,999 less than last week. This falling off has not been sufficient to cause any improvement in market conditions. In fact, all changes in prices have been toward a lower level and still lighter receipts will be necessary for any improvement in the market from now until after the holidays.

There were no steers here today that were good enough to sell as high as \$6.00 and the bulk of trade was in grades ranging down from about \$5.50 with common and inferior light lights going as low as \$4.25. A few yearlings on fancy order here a few weeks ago sold at \$7.00 to \$7.20 and a good class of heavy beefs went at \$7.00 with a fair showing of passably good beefs of all weight making \$6.00 to \$6.75; fair light and medium weights have been going at \$5.00 to \$5.50 and common to fair lots at \$4.25 to \$5.00.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers.

1,530-7.50 36-1262.5 50
1,470-6.00 21-1281.5 50
1,100-6.00 20-1183.5 25
82-1257.50 1-1080-4.75
6-1095-5.60 52-945-4.25
1-1294-5.60 1-1000-3.50
1-1200-5.50

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

A steady market in cows and heifers was the general verdict this morning. Some early bids were regarded weaker, but in most cases salesmen were able to work out their holdings at about steady prices. It was a slow, sticky deal in medium and common cows, however. Some outside competition was noted for good, fat cows and heifers. A load of heavy cows sold at \$5.00, but quality was exceptional. Most of the good dressed beef cows sold at \$3.65 to \$4.65; fair to good butchers kinds at \$3.00 to \$3.50, while a good share of the cutters landed at \$2.75 to \$3.00. In canners it was mainly a \$2.10 to \$2.60 deal, a few old shells selling around \$1.75. Choice heifers were scarce and the fair to good kinds sold mostly at \$3.50 to \$4.50.

PACKERS AGAIN PLAY FOR CHEAPER FOK.

Supplies are running too heavy at all points for live hog prices to be sustained on a steady or strong level. Soft weather and holiday season are both unfavorable to any strength in values or an active demand for pork and with supplies at primary points running above normal the packers are forcing prices down without much trouble. Today there were 75,000 hogs reported at five points, making a total of 335,000 for the week to date or 24,000 less than for the same time last week.

BUYERS STARTED OUT BEARISH AND BID FULLY 10 CENTS LOWER THAN PRICES OF WEDNESDAY.

Sellers held for a steady basis and there were a few hogs bought at weak to 5 cents lower, but before trade got to going in any

considerable volume prices had settled to a 5¢ to 10¢ lower basis and it was at this decline that bulk of trading was done.

Quality was about the same as it has been coming. Doves were largely mixed weights but with a fair showing of good kinds of medium and strong weights.

Prices ranged from \$4.85 to \$5.65, with the bulk selling at \$5.15 to \$5.55. The bulk yesterday sold at \$5.10 to \$5.55, a week ago at \$5.20 to \$5.60, a month ago at \$5.40 to \$5.80, a year ago at \$4.80 to \$4.40, two years ago at \$4.25 to \$4.20, three years ago at \$4.82 1/2 to \$4.90, four years ago at \$4.85 to \$4.55.

Pigs and Light—100 lbs. and Under.

No.	Av. Shk. Price	No.	Av. Shk. Price
79-192	-5.80	84-178	40.5 15
50-185	-5.90	25-163	-3.15
80-194	-5.90	89-190	120.5 15
87-198	80.25	47-186	100.5 10
25-190	5.25	13-193	-3.10
31-199	-5.25	80-192	-5.10
81-190	-5.25	66-160	160.5 05
45-185	-5.25	101-166	-5.05
78-182	40.25	58-198	-5.05
72-198	40.25	34-148	-5.00
40-197	-5.25	81-152	-5.00
55-198	-5.20	63-161	-5.00
51-191	5.20	74-138	-5.00
71-189	-5.20	29-139	-4.75
01-195	-5.20	45-165	-4.50
105-193	-5.20	106-99	-4.50
87-188	5.15	9	96.1 40
68-189	40.15	48	92-4.40
78-182	120.5 15	11	100-4.40
83-173	-5.15	5	96-4.35
80-181	5.15	10	96-4.35
63-183	40.15	20	99-4.35
79-174	-5.15	17	100-4.35
85-148	-5.15	42	92-4.35
81-185	40.15	22	96-4.35
100-187	40.15	72	83-4.40
88-171	-5.15		

Heavy and Mixed—600 lbs. and Upward.

59-301	-5.05	65-207	40.5 40
63-329	-5.05	63-202	200.5 30
27-345	-5.05	70-238	160.5 40
31-330	80.5 60	68-236	-5.40
68-241	-5.55	63-230	-5.40
77-287	-5.55	71-221	120.5 40
70-288	40.5 55	83-228	120.5 40
62-271	-5.55	69-244	-5.40
70-282	40.5 55	74-254	80.5 40
65-288	40.5 55	62-243	80.5 37 1/2
49-217	80.5 25	84-228	120.5 40
62-312	40.5 55	80-244	-5.35
27-301	-5.55	70-234	-5.35
50-351	210.5 55	79-218	-5.35
80-342	-5.55	80-215	-5.35
61-318	120.5 55	81-243	120.5 35
73-272	-5.52 1/2	72-222	160.5 35
80-258	40.5 60	85-229	40.5 35
64-287	-5.50	71-244	80.5 35
80-227	-5.50	84-216	-5.30
66-283	-5.50	55-233	40.5 30
53-287	80.5 60	88-201	-5.30
60-279	240.5 42 1/2	80-202	120.5 25
77-228	-5.40	84-207	120.5 25
87-230	-5.40	82-209	80.5 25
51-214	-5.40	74-202	200.5 25
75-204	20.5 40	85-202	40.5 25
25-286	-5.40	85-212	190.5 20
68-233	100.5 40	62-208	-5.20
65-258	80.5 40		

Swift and Company's—4,600

Morris Packing Co. 2,386
Hammond Packing Co. 2,322
Total 9,218

Range of Prices.

This Week	Last Week
Monday	\$5.60 \$5.00 \$6.00
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Wednesday	4.95 \$6.70 4.50 \$6.65
Thursday	4.85 \$6.65 4.50 \$6.65
Friday	4.10 \$6.65
Saturday	4.10 \$6.65

Average Weight.

Dec. 8	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 17
206	212	205	205	204
205	205	205	205	204
210	210	210	210	205
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PACKERS' HOG PURCHASES.

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MARKET IN HANDS OF BUYERS—TRADE DULL AND LOWER.

The live mutton market is faring badly at the hands of buyers who are in complete control for which condition shippers are largely responsible. Receipts have been too heavy and unseasonable weather has had its effect on the demand. A dropping off in demand is usually expected just preceding the Christmas holidays and demand centers in good, fat stuff to a large extent. This season a lot of poor and half-fat lambs have been sent in, attracted by last week's high prices. The logical result of such a combination of circumstances has been to place buying interests in the role of price dictators, a position held by sellers recently when receipts were light and demand strong.

Local arrivals today numbered 2,000 and the five point total was 32,200 against 29,600 a week ago. Lambs predominated in the run, sheep being very scarce. Some choice lambs were included and the general quality was pretty desirable. With points farther east reporting dull and lower openings, local buyers started out demanding liberal concessions all along the line. Sellers refused to consider early bids and trade was at a standstill during first hours of the session.

Despite sellers' efforts the day's business was done at a big decline. Lambs were anywhere from 25¢ to 40¢ lower than yesterday's close. Comparison with Monday values were off 50¢ to 65¢. The top was \$5.50 and that price took cracker-jacks. Fortunately the run of common and medium lambs was small, for these kinds were practically unsalable. Not enough sheep were offered to test the market, but the trend was plainly lower.

Only strenuous cutting down of receipts can save the market from

ANIMAL INDUSTRY

Outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease Reviewed by Secretary Wilson.

At Once Established and Combat of Disease Vigorously Pushed.

A SUCCESSFUL QUARANTINE

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VALUE OF BUREAU ATTESTED

In Prompt Detail of Trained Veterinarians Into Field of Infection—Disease Cornered and Stamped Out in Comparative Short Time—Value of Meat Inspection Becomes More Apparent Each Year—Inspection Withdrawn For Violation of Regulations.

IN PROMPT DETAIL OF TRAINED VETERINARIANS INTO FIELD OF INFECTION—DISEASE CORNERED AND STAMPED OUT IN COMPARATIVE SHORT TIME—VALUE OF MEAT INSPECTION BECOMES MORE APPARENT EACH YEAR—INSPECTION WITHDRAWN FOR VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS.

In his report of twelve years at the head of the bureau, Secretary Wilson

For the first time in six years the most important points in poultry management. Some of the topics that will be touched upon are the importance of the poultry industry, selection of poultry farms, building poultry houses, feeding for meat and egg production, selection of breeding stock, incubation, brooding, raising chicks, caponizing, killing, dressing and marketing of poultry, preparing for the show, diseases and parasites, etc.

CHICAGO, Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 17.—The Live Stock World reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 8,000. Market steady to strong; cows weak; feeders strong.

Hogs—Receipts, 35,000. Market strong; top, \$5.85; bulk, \$5.40 to \$5.30.

Sheep—Receipts, 23,000. Market 10¢ to 20¢ lower.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 5,000. Market 10¢ to 15¢ higher; top \$6.80; cows and heifers strong to 15¢ higher; stockers slow; calves firm.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000. Market steady to 5¢ lower; top, \$5.75; bulk, \$5.00 to \$5.55.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000. Market dull, 75¢ lower than Monday; lambs \$6.50.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 17.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Journal-Stockman reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 3,000. Market stronger.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,000. Market steady; top, \$5.60; bulk, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,600. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 17.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 2,200, including 400 Texas. Market steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,500. Market 5¢ higher; top, \$5.80; bulk, \$5.40 to \$5.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,200. Market dull.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

Today's cash values: Receipts, wheat, 6 cars; corn, 3 cars; oats, 0 car.

Wheat.

No. 2 red	1.05	61	06
No. 3 red	1.04	61	03 1/2
No. 4 red	97	61	00
No. 2 hard	1.01	61	02 1/2
No. 3 hard	97	61	01
No. 4 hard	92	61	99

Corn.

No. 2 white	57 1/2	57 1/2
No. 3 white	57 1/2	57 1/2
No. 4 white	56	57
No. 2 corn	56 1/2	57
No. 3 corn	56 1/2	56 1/2
No. 4 corn	55	56

Oats.

No. 2 white	51	52
No. 3 white	49 1/2	51
No. 2 oats	49	50
No. 3 oats	48	49
Bran	95	96
Corn chops	1.10	61
Shorts	1.05	61

The above cash quotations are based on actual sales each day and are furnished by T. P. Gordon, Board of Trade building, St. Joseph, Mo.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, Board of Trade building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Options.

Options	Open	High	Low	Close	Close Year
WHEAT—Dec.	101 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2
May	106 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2
CORN—Dec.	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
May	61 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2
OATS—Dec.	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
May	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2
PORK—Jan.	15.70	15.70	15.62	15.62	15.65
May	16.05	16.05	16.00	16.00	16.02
LARD—Jan.	9.12	9.12	9.10	9.10	9.10
May	9.37	9.37	9.36	9.36	9.35
RIBS—Jan.	8.15	8.17	8.12	8.12	8.12
May	8.45	8.47	8.42	8.42	8.42

NEW FEEDING STATIONS.

Secretary Wilson Makes Changes to Prevent Spread of Disease.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—In order to prevent the spread of splenic fever in cattle Secretary Wilson has issued an order, effective immediately, covering changes in feeding stations for non-infected cattle in transit. Cattle from outside transported by rail through the quarantined area may be unloaded within quarantine limits for rest, feed and water. In certain properly equipped non-infectious pens set apart for them at Fort Worth, Texas; Dodge, Texas; Dennison, Texas; Muskogee, Okla.; Laredo, Texas; Los Angeles, Colton, Cal.; Sapulpa, Okla., and other points from time to time authorized.

Two white muskrats have been trapped by T. Wilson, an employe of the canal company of Bristol. They are very rare specimens.

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SHORT COURSE IN POULTRY

Iowa State College Will Provide Feature for Students in January.

Ames, Ia., Dec. 17.—A ten days' special course in poultry husbandry will be given by the Iowa State college at this place Jan. 4 to 16, 1909. This is the first short course to be offered in poultry husbandry by this college, which is so widely known for its winter short courses in stock and grain judging. The poultry work will be given by the poultry department, the buildings for which have been recently completed. The course comes during the vacation of the college year, allowing the instructors to use all their time and equipment for the special course students.

The poultry farm, where much of the instruction will be given, contains nearly twenty acres, upon which several modern houses have been erected. One building contains a feedroom, carpenter shop, incubator room, egg room, marketing room and living rooms for the attendants; is steam heated and electric lighted. Another is a curtain-front continuous house divided into pens capable of housing 250 fowls. This building contains several varieties of poultry, all of which are standard bred, and among which is the first pen of Single Comb White Leghorns at Madison Square garden last winter. Further equipment consists of eight portable combination brooder and breeding houses, fattening houses, incubators (both electric and lamp heated), trap nests, charts, photographs, crumming machine and models.

In the ten days available for instructional work lectures and laboratory work will be given upon the most important points in poultry management. Some of the topics that will be touched upon are the importance of the poultry industry, selection of poultry farms, building poultry houses, feeding for meat and egg production, selection of breeding stock, incubation, brooding, raising chicks, caponizing, killing, dressing and marketing of poultry, preparing for the show, diseases and parasites, etc.

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MAKING TRENTON FAMOUS.
Trenton, Missouri, entertained the State Poultry association one day last week and enjoyed it so much that they now want to make it an annual event. The Missouri hen is one of the things that is making Trenton famous, says the St. Joseph Gazette.

A BOLL WEEVIL SPECIAL.
Prof. Holden's "Iowa idea" of sending out a corn special train to tell farmers how to grow corn to the best advantage is being taken up in the south. Word comes from Jackson, Miss., that a special "boll weevil" train having aboard experts of the Mississippi agricultural experiment station and the United States department of agriculture will begin a tour of the state. The lecturers will attempt to arouse farmers of the state to the importance of adopting a policy of crop rotation, to minimize the ravages of the weevil.

THEY DON'T REMEMBER HISTORY.
It is not the deliberate and premeditated intent of this column to get "sassy" about it, but the fellow who looks for improving or reliable live stock markets at this season of year simply, persistently and inexorably refuses to remember market history from one December to the next. These steers that are only half-fat, causing trouble on the market at present and selling at unsatisfactory prices would not cost much to carry for another month or six weeks. They would then be in better condition and there is a great big chance that they would sell at much better prices.

PLENTY OF BACKERS.
Omaha Journal-Stockman: Dr. Wiley of the bureau of chemistry, charged with enforcing the provisions of the pure food law, is having troubles of his own. So long as he was after the packers he had smooth sailing, as the packers got no sympathy from any source. When he got after the dairy people and the millers he found plenty of opposition. The doctor insists that it is perpetuating a fraud to label Wisconsin butter as Elgin butter and charge for it accordingly. He also insists that bleaching wheat flour with nitrogen peroxide is a menace to the public health. Dr. Wiley is inclined to be spectacular and exacting, but he will find plenty of backing in his fight for pure bread and butter.

MORE MISSOURI OPPORTUNITIES.
The St. Joseph Gazette is running a series of editorials upon Missouri and her opportunities for agricultural development. The third of the series appeared in that paper this morning and applies specially to this northwestern part of the state. The editorial is as follows:

In recounting the possibilities in the way of reward for intelligent industry in Missouri, a subject that has been discussed in this newspaper for some weeks, it is not necessary to go outside the northwestern part of the state to find evidence of the profit awaiting farmers who will take up the production of a higher type of horses. It is only about five years ago that an effort was made to stimulate the breeding of improved types of draft and driving horses in this territory. Horsemen who had driven over the country marveled at the poor class of horses in a section so admirably fitted by climate and feed conditions for the production of the highest type of horses. Farmers read of the horse market being high but found they could not realize the high prices talked of when they put their horses on the market. "Why?" they asked. "It is because you don't have the right kind of horses," said a horseman.

Inquiry developed the fact that the market demanded a big, well bred and well conditioned horse and there has been no time in the past four or five years when this kind of horse did not command a high figure. A horse, to "get the high dollar," to use a horse market expression, must not only be of the breed that makes big horses but he must be properly fed and schooled. A few northwest Missouri farmers began to study market requisites in both breeding and conditioning and in not a solitary instance has well directed effort failed of its just reward.

A well known St. Joseph horseman, in talking on this subject a day or two ago, said: "It is only a few years ago that right here in St. Joseph almost any plug of a horse was good enough for express and trucking purposes. But this is rapidly changing. Well bred, smooth, big draft horses are now part of the advertisement of many big wholesale and manufacturing concerns in this city. They have as good horses as are found anywhere and whenever the farmer and feeder brings that kind of a horse to this market he gets a big price."

The same man says that he can notice a vast improvement in the quality of horses coming from northwest Missouri territory during the past four years, although the farmers have not yet fairly started. This section of the country is admittedly the equal in climate, water and pasturage of Kentucky for the production of horses, yet the horse industry is another one of the undeveloped resources of Missouri. There is no demand for the poorly fed scrub horse on the markets of the country but there is no danger of over supplying the demand for the big draft and express horse and there is no better opportunity anywhere for profitable investment than is offered in the horse business here in northwest Missouri.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

Simple and Useful.
Alcohol will remove candle grease. Keep the tacks in bottles. It saves opening many boxes to find a particular kind.
When cleaning house use plenty of turpentine in the scrub water. It means certain death to moths.
A great many blemishes on wall paper may be removed with a rubber on a lead pencil.
To remove fly specks from varnished surfaces use equal parts of water and skim milk, warmed.
Place a box of lime in the closet in which jams, preserves, etc. are stored away. It will prevent mold from gathering on the fruit.
Discoloring china baking dishes can be made as clean as when new by rubbing them with whiting.

Keep Silverware From Tarnishing.
If pieces of gum camphor are placed in a box with silverware that is not in daily use it will prevent the articles from tarnishing. It may also be used in the canteen flannel cases now so much in vogue.
To Stuff Pillows.
A satisfactory way to fill art pillows where one can not afford feathers is to fold a newspaper in several thicknesses (say eight or ten) the size of your pillow, then put thick pads of good batting on each side of paper. Stuff pillow with this and it will stand up and be as firm as if stuffed with feathers.

Hardy Ferns.
Put small piece of raw beefsteak in dirt in which ferns are growing and watch results—marvelous.
Klondike Blankets.
The warmest and cheapest comforter is made by purchasing one large cotton blanket or two small ones. Cut and sew according to size of bed. Put between an ordinary layer of cotton batting and tie on both sides with yarn. The closer the wool is tied and the larger the knots the better. Once tried and you will never buy or make an ordinary calico comforter.

To Take Off a Tight Ring.
When a ring has become too tight for the finger, as it often happens among growing children, instead of using the old method of filing, take a piece of common twine, insert one end under the ring towards the hand, the other end wind closely around the finger until over the joint. Now proceed to wind with the end back of the ring, and if done correctly the tightest ring will come off easily.
Soak Lamp Wicks in Vinegar.
Soaking lamp wicks in vinegar twenty-four hours before placing in lamp insures a clear flame.
Hint for Washing Hair.
To avoid tangling the hair when washing it, first separate it into two parts by running the comb from the forehead straight down the back of the head. Then divide each of these parts into two and make four small braids instead of one large one. When the washing is done, if each braid is taken out and combed by itself there will be few, if any, tangles. This is an especially good idea in washing a child's hair.

To Avoid Chapped Hands.
Take a small salt bag and put about a cup of oatmeal into it, tie it tight, and place in a small dish beside your soap dish, and when the children have washed and dried their hands with the towel, have them dust the backs thoroughly with puff.
Dry Hair for Pompadour.
If you wear a pompadour try this method after washing your hair before it is dry: Divide the hair across

en off I don't know how much soft timber. What is left of his purchase he values at \$60,000.
"It is reported that a guide up there who had a rocky little farm that would not grow buckwheat has sold it for \$30,000 and has quit work for the rest of his life.
Suspicious of Adirondack Land.
"There is no reason why any of us should be working if we'd only been gifted with a little foresight, but we were all mighty suspicious of Adirondack land. I remember that fifteen years ago a man gave a mortgage for \$200 on 13 acres of land near Deer river. After a few years the mortgage was transferred to another piece of property.
"Within the last six months the timber on the Deer river tract has been sold for \$3,500, and the land itself brought \$1,500, making \$5,000 for what was not considered good for \$200.
"It's within my recollection that 25,000 acres of Adirondack land, a whole township almost, was offered for \$2 an acre. After the sawing timber was cut on a lot of this land went to the state for taxes and could have been bought for \$1.50 an acre. Much of it is now worth \$20 an acre and the whole property is valued at over \$200,000.
Wouldn't Even Pay Taxes.
"It was not at all unusual twenty or twenty-five years ago for vast areas in the Adirondacks to revert to the state because they were not thought to be worth the taxes. There is an entire township in the vicinity of Upper Saranac Lake that a company got by cancelling taxes to the extent of about \$30,000.
"There was some irregularity about it, though, and the state, after an action, took back most of the land, allowing the company, however, to retain over 300 acres and paying it \$150,000 besides. That township contains over seventy lakes and is worth today at least \$500,000.
"It's appalling to think of the fortunes I haven't made. About 1880, or possibly later, all the land around what is now the thickly settled portion of Saranac Lake, was offered for sale at \$30 an acre; the land is worth at least \$5,000 an acre.
"On the other side of the village there was a farm of fifteen or sixteen acres and a house worth at most \$1,

from ear to ear; then comb the front portion back over a coil composed of tissue paper; fasten securely in place with hairpins. This will give it a nice "set" and a nice full pompadour will be the result.
Novel Weather Stripping.
An old inner bicycle tube makes the best kind of weather strip for a door if some thin strips of wood are nailed partly over it.
Fashion Notes.
Suede belts without decoration of any sort are popular for girdles and are the newest trimming on wide brimmed outing hats.
There is a growing inclination toward plainness in tablecloths, but they may be monogrammed in white, as may also, the napkins.
Soft cordings are seen among the new indoor dress trimmings and are used to simulate buttonholes, finish panels, and outline brassiers.
Soft messaline petticoats of the new color fitting style come in black and colors and are finished with full ruffled bouffants.
There is a growing tendency for the costume that is of one color from neck to hem; but hats do not of necessity either match or contrast.
While fur fashions are not absolutely settled, the favorites probably will be sable, chinchilla, fox and ermine, in the order named.
The variation of the usual plover ruff is one composed of white and gray maline, from the collar of which spring minute tails of brown fur.
New cloak gowns, which may be worn as an outdoor garment or as a princess robe, come in broadcloth in black, navy blue, violet, and smoke color.
A simple but most effective way to make the hair wave in the big ripples which continue to be fashionable is to dampen it and tie it down with bands of baby ribbon.
As to belts, fashionable women will wear house frocks of white silk or cloth, encircled with a wide, soft belt of colored velvet, four inches wide and worn quite plain.
In place of the becoming ribbon choux which finish the ties of automobile bonnets over the ears, there are often seen big discs of fur, matching the fur coats or neckpieces and muffs.
A novelty in footwear that provides for the display of coquettish hosiery is found in the new black suede boots, which are slipped from top to instep on either side of the front seam.
The latest automobile coat model from Paris is one having a back with a straight center seam and sides which widen gradually from beneath the arms' eyes, where they join fronts in exactly the same manner.
Not a few of the handsomest automobile coats are made of fur, such as pony, broadtail mink, and Russian sable. A handsome Bernard model is fashioned of mink. It has a cutaway front, a light directoire back, easy sleeves and a smart rolling collar. There are a variety of automobile veils, and decidedly popular are the long, directoire scarves. These are made long enough to cover the head and fall to the hem of the skirt. Another new model is made of radium silk with two long chiffon scarf ends and a chiffon veil, which drops down and fastens at the back.
Other handsome coats are fashioned much after the same model made in rough broadcloth. Though gray, brown and green are popular colors, those in dull ecru are especially modish. Nearly all the coats, whatever the material may be, have the long and loose sleeve. Some are perfectly plain, while others have plenty of braid and buttons.

FARMS ARE VALUABLE.
Appreciation of Past Few Years in Adirondack Country.
"If eighteen or twenty years ago I had invested \$5,000 in land around Lower Saranac lake I might now be more afraid of an income tax than I am," said a real estate agent who deals in Adirondack land to a Rochester (N. Y.) Herald reporter. "You can hardly exaggerate the appreciation of values through the Adirondack region."
"Timber land, of course, is valuable, and especially so now, that you can sell for pulp wood the small soft timber which was formerly of no account, but it is only in the last few years that any value has been attached to lake frontages. Nowadays the lake shore is in great demand for camp sites."
"In Upper Saranac lake there are a few of the finest camps in America, a good site of five acres costs about \$50,000. Within thirty years one could have bought the same land for \$50 and would have been thought a spendthrift for doing so."
"In Upper Saranac lake there is an island that less than twenty-five years ago was sold for \$400. Recently it brought \$20,000.
Where Greatest Advances Are.
"But it is in the Lower Saranac region that the rise in values has been most general. I know of a man who owned a farm of 160 acres, or perhaps less, a portion of which ran to the lake. He sold off his frontage for \$50,000 not long ago and had almost all of his land left. The whole farm eventually brought him over \$100,000."
"On the north side of the lake an insurance company took 100 acres or so on a debt. It offered it for \$1,500 and couldn't sell. Afterward the company got something like \$30,000 for the tract."
"As the result of a partition suit a farm of eighty-five acres on the river above Saranac Lake village was auctioned off at \$1,500. I dropped out at \$1,500. The purchaser gets as much as that or more for a single lot of a quarter of an acre and after selling off about \$25,000 worth of lots, still has most of his farm left."
"Another man bought a tract of 900 acres for \$4,500. He charges \$1,000 for a lot 165 by 400 feet and has tak-

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600. An Albany firm had a mortgage on the property for \$4,000. It bought off the other claims and sold the farm for enough to clear about \$20,000.
"Aside from lake frontage, it is pretty difficult now to buy Adirondack land for investment. On the northern slope there is almost no timber land for sale; that is, none near a railroad. The state owns several hundred thousand acres and William Rockefeller, Dr. W. Seward Webb, A. A. Low and a few large corporations hold almost all the rest."
UNCLEAN DAIRY MUST GO.
The old-fashioned unclean dairy must go. It cannot compete with the modern dairy. The time is coming, and soon, too, when milk from a dirty dairy cannot be sold. Most of the dairy and creamery companies now make provision in their farmer contracts for uniform feeding and clean dairy and the local newspaper reporters keep pretty close tab on the dairy farms and the milk companies and the demand for pure milk is becoming more emphatic all the time.

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First Result from Session of Conservation Commission.

VIGOROUS STEPS NEEDED

Report of U. S. Geological Survey Shows Startling Condition.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The first tangible result from this session of the national conservation commission has been in favor of the agricultural interests of the country, and the action in question is of widespread national significance.

The report prepared for the commission by the United States geological survey on the phosphate consumption and supply of the United States showed such a startling condition of affairs that vigorous steps were immediately taken by the government, the president ordering the withdrawal from entry of the extensive area of phosphate lands recently discovered in the western states.

At the present rate of production, it was stated, the known available supply of high grade phosphate rock in the United States will last only about fifty years, and it was pointed out that a large proportion of this is exported for the benefit of foreign farm lands and at the expense of our own.

Phosphoric acid, as of course well known, is one of the three substances which must exist in the soil to insure plant growth. President Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin stated that it had been shown as the result of agricultural experiment station work in Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois that in fifty-four years certain cropped soils of these states have been depleted of one-third of their original phosphoric acid—1,080 pounds, or twenty pounds per acre, annually.

The rapid rate of increase in the domestic use of phosphate taken in connection with the limited supply is a matter sufficiently serious, but the feature which should arouse the greatest concern and call forth the most vigorous protest is the exportation of nearly half the output. From this exportation the United States received practically no benefit, whereas every pound of American phosphate is needed for American farm lands.

The following figures show the steadily increasing production of phosphate rock in the United States:

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ed on the same co-operative basis with the state authorities as in the other states. It now seems clear that the present outbreak had its origin near Detroit and that the infection in the other states came from that source.

While it will not be surprising if a few additional diseased herds are found in the localities where the contagion is known to exist, it is hoped that all centers of infection have at last been located and that there will be no further extension of the infected territory.

The expense of this work will be heavy, and I shall have to ask congress to make an appropriation sufficient to cover it. For the present the expenses are being paid from the regular appropriation for general expenditure of the bureau of animal industry, but this appropriation is not large enough to stand the drain which is being made upon it without seriously affecting the regular work of the bureau during the remaining portion of the fiscal year.

As foot-and-mouth disease is strictly a contagious disease and has not been known to exist in the United States since 1903 until the present outbreak, it is supposed that the infection was introduced in some manner from abroad, though in just what manner the department has not yet been able to determine.

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pounds of meat-food products processed under their supervision. There were condemned on reinspection during the year 43,344,206 pounds of meat products which had become sour, tainted, putrid, unclean, or, in the case of fats, rancid, since inspection at slaughter.

There was an increase of 12.8 per cent in the quantity of meats and products certified for export as compared with the previous year. Certificates to the number of 122,295 were issued, covering 1,545,761,808 pounds.

Need of State and Municipal Inspection. The federal law has no power over products prepared and consumed within the limits of a state, and a large amount of the meat supply—almost one-half the entire slaughter of the country—comes within this class. The department has found that the worst sanitary conditions exist at many abattoirs where such meats are produced. It is only natural that suspicious and diseased live stock, such as would fall to pass the government inspection, find their way into these small establishments, to be thereafter sold and consumed within the state.

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LAUGHTER GREETS MESSAGE

Senator Foraker Wants to Secure Data on Brownsville Affair.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The president's Panama canal message was read in the senate yesterday and its reading was received with loud laughter by some of the senators.

Senator Foraker endeavored to have the senate adopt a resolution calling on the secretary of war for detailed information concerning the men employed, instructions given and expenses incurred in the investigation by detectives into the Brownsville affair.

The postal savings bank bill was the subject of speeches by Senators Carter and Depew, both of whom advocated the measure. The bill was made the unfinished business of the senate, displacing the joint resolution for the repeal of the commodity clause of the interstate commerce law.

STILL ON PENAL LAWS.

Adopts Amendment Against Liquors in Mails.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Except for a few moments spent in the transaction of routine business and the passage of two bridge bills, the house of representatives yesterday devoted its entire time to the further consideration of the bill to revise the penal laws of the United States.

The Garrett amendment, which came over from Tuesday night, and which prohibited the sending through the mails of intoxicating liquors, was defeated by a decided vote. Without opposition an amendment by Mr. Houston of Tennessee was adopted, making it an offense to deposit in or ship through the mails intoxicating liquors.

SAY ARMY OFFICER STOLE

Quartermaster is Alleged to Have Confiscated Goods.

Toledo, O., Dec. 16.—The police were notified yesterday by army officers at Fort Wayne, Detroit, that Quartermaster Sergeant Wm. Miller, Seventh United States infantry, had been arrested on suspicion of having stolen army supplies.

SAILORS ALLOWED LEAVE.

No Disorders Occur at Panama With Citizens.

Panama, Dec. 16.—Many men of the Pacific fleet, most of whom are from the California and Colorado, were given shore leave yesterday. No disorders occurred, the men seeming to get along with the people of the city.

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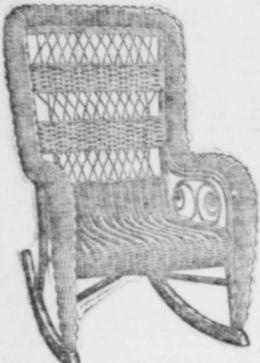
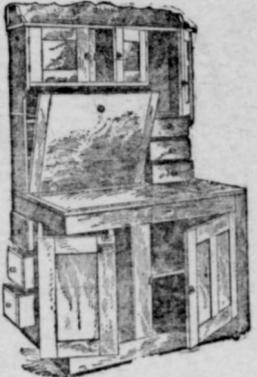
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