

STEER TRADE REACTS

MARKET VOID OF MONDAY'S SNAP AND PRICES SHOW WEAKER TENDENCY.

CHEAPER GRADES GO DOWN

Cows and Heifers Steady to 10c Lower - Bulls Firm - Calves Higher - Stockers and Feeders Steady to Easy.

Country shippers forwarded a few too many cattle to the five leading markets today to allow the maintenance of Monday's inflated values and the trade showed a reaction toward cheaper prices. Chicago had double the number of cattle offered there a week ago and a slow and lower opening trade. At the five markets the total supply reached 47,900 head, which exceeded the aggregate offering at the same points a week ago.

HOGS SUFFER REVERSE

LIBERAL RECEIPTS AT ALL MARKETS AND BUYERS HAMMER PRICES DOWN.

EFFECT DECLINES OF 5 TO 10c

More Sales at Nickel Than at Dime - Break - Quality Fair But Weights Light - Trade Closed Weak.

Hogs had a set-back today, the loss corresponding very closely to the advance of the preceding day. A sharp increase in receipts caused the reverse. Aggregate supplies at the five leading markets gave a total of 84,000 head, a gain over last Tuesday's 33,900. This market received in the neighborhood of 11,000 head, an advance against 4,844 of a week ago and 10,741 a year ago. Chicago opened 5@10c lower and reports from other outside points were more or less bearish.

WILL ST. JOSEPH GET IT?

American Royal Show Association Will Decide on Location Friday.

Whether or not the American Royal Live Stock Show will continue to hold their annual exhibitions in Kansas City, or move their headquarters to some other city, will be definitely settled at a meeting of the stockholders of the association which will be held in Kansas City Friday forenoon.

SHEEP HOLD UP WELL

FAIRLY GOOD SUPPLY FINDS OUT LET AT FULLY STEADY PRICES.

TOP LAMBS REACH \$6.65

Fed Western Wethers Land \$4.65 - Market Held Today's Keen Edge On Anything Possessing Quality.

The country responded readily to yesterday's sharp advance in prices and contrary to commission men's advice, but in accordance with the trade's general expectations the largest one-day supply of the current year put in appearance. Early estimates called for 5,000, but a good share of the cars reported and gate count figured right in the neighborhood of 6,000, consisting of a varied assortment of lambs and sheep that represented practically every classification.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

A. M. Babbs and John Tankhauser, of Humboldt, Neb., were in with cattle today.

DR. MALESTER OF COLUMBIA SAYS ITS ESTABLISHMENT WOULD BE GREAT EVENT

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Business Unprofitable.

"For the past six years the horse business has been so unprofitable that stables have been closed and horses that might have produced a great breeding standard in Missouri have been sold at a sacrifice and scattered."

McCord Well Pleased.

Bladen, Neb., Man Highly Satisfied With the Sale of His Cattle.

A. E. McCord, of Bladen, Neb., expressed himself as highly pleased with the result of a shipment of butchers' stock marketed here by the St. Joseph stock yard. McCord's consignments, included in Mr. McCord's consignment, was one choice heifer, weighing 1250 pounds, that sold at \$6.50, the top of the higher market by a good margin.

STOCKS AND FEEDERS

There was no noticeable change in this branch of the business today and for the most part a limited fresh supply was disposed of at prices that were fully steady all around.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists various grades of beef and shipping steers with their respective prices.

Representative Hog Sales

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists various grades of hogs with their respective prices.

Nebraska Farmers Realize It Will Be Good For the Crops.

"You don't hear any kicking about the snow out my way," commented George Ireland, a prominent farmer and stockraiser of Atlanta, Neb., who was on the St. Joseph market Monday with a car of cattle and a mixed car of cattle and hogs.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO. CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 9.—The Live Stock World reports: Hogs—Receipts, 13,000. Market 10c lower. Top \$6.60, bulk \$6.30@6.50.

HE WAS SOME COW-BOY.

Wore Chaps, High-Heeled Boots and a Rattlesnake Skin Hat Band. A youth from up in Nebraska created a good deal of attention at the stock yards yesterday. He had evidently been reading up on some Wild West literature and he was all tugged up in cowboy style.

FEW CATTLE BEING FED.

According to R. M. Strong, a heavy shipper of Wilcox, Neb., who was in yesterday with three cars of stock, cattle are scarce in his section of Nebraska. "Not many cattle are on feed in my locality," said Mr. Strong.

STRUCK A GOOD MARKET.

Bunch of Nebraska and Kansas Stockmen Were Pleased. Six Nebraska and Kansas stockmen called in a body at The Journal office yesterday afternoon. They had struck a good, strong market for their cattle and hogs and were all feeling good over the results of their shipments.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Today's Receipts. Cattle 13,000, Hogs 84,000, Sheep 14,000.

Range of Hog Prices.

Table showing price ranges for hogs: Monday \$5.75 @ 6.20, Tuesday \$5.50 @ 6.00, Wednesday \$5.50 @ 6.00, Thursday \$5.50 @ 6.00, Friday \$5.50 @ 6.00, Saturday \$5.50 @ 6.00.

CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS.

Quotations on Cottonseed, Linseed and Alfalfa Products. Cottonseed meal—Carlots, per ton, \$23.50; ton lots, \$23.

TOPPED THE HOG MARKET

Frank Lillbridge, of Hanover, Kas., Realized \$6.40 for Heavies. Frank Lillbridge, of Hanover, Kas., was on the market yesterday with a load of good heavy hogs that sold at the high point of the day, \$6.40.

FEW CHANGES ARE MADE.

Swift Interests Elect Officers at Annual Meetings Yesterday. The annual meetings of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company and Swift St. Joseph corporations in which Swift & Company hold interests, which were held yesterday, resulted in few changes in the personnel of the various organizations.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Tootle-Tonight, Blanche Ring in "The Fall Street Girl," Saturday matinee and night, "The Heart Breakers."

AT THE LYCEUM.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, with matinee Monday and Wednesday, "The Smart Set," with S. H. Dudley, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with matinee Saturday, "The Chorus Lady."

HEIFERS

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Lists various grades of heifers with their respective prices.

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HARD ON THE FEED PILE.

This kind of weather is hard on the feed pile, says the Omaha Journal-Stockman. Unprotected stock consume a lot of feed that is utilized for producing warmth and comfort instead of flesh and fat.

MUST RAISE CATTLE.

Orange Judd Farmer: There is no longer any question after considering our impending beef famine, that the corn belt farmer must go back to breeding and raising beef cattle.

MISSOURI MUST ADVERTISE.

A comparison of the Missouri population census with that of agriculture, forest and mining products conclusively demonstrates that the state has been suffering from an oversupply of self-effacing virtues.

OUR OUTPUT OF EGGS, LUMBER, WHEAT, ZINC, BLEND, STANDARD-BRED HORSES, COAL, NILES, COTTON, RED APPLES AND SPRING CHICKENS.

Our output of eggs, lumber, wheat, zinc, blends, standard-bred horses, coal, niles, cotton, red apples and spring chickens bankrupts description and challenges comparison with that of any like area between the Garden of Eden and Death Valley.

PROMISING MOVEMENT IN THIS DIRECTION IS FAST TAKING SHAPE.

The first convention of the State Federation of Commercial Clubs will be called to order in Jefferson City in three weeks.



Coral for the Italian Fishermen

Daddy's Bedtime Story

Polly got the prettiest red necklace for Christmas," said Evelyn. The children had been to see their cousin that afternoon.

PROTECTING GAME BY LAW

First Act in Effect in South Carolina in 1799. New York Sun: Game legislation in this country has had an interesting history. Deer were the first game animals to be protected.

HOG IS A FIRE ALARM.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 9.—A red Duroc-Jersey sow's concern for the safety of her litter of pigs saved a motor garage full of cars from being burned.

EXCHANGE DIRECTORY.

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

REGISTERED BULLS TO BRAZIL

Herd of 24 Being Inoculated Against Texas Fever Before Shipment. College Station, Tex., Jan. 8.—There are at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas twenty-four registered bulls that are being inoculated against Texas fever.

CATTLE STARVE AND FREEZE

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DESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

Many Come From China, but Are Mostly of the Vegetable Kingdom. There is one class of immigrants from China to whom our country accords an enthusiastic welcome.

URINARY DISCHARGES RELIEVED IN 24 HOURS

SANTA CAPSULES MIDY. Each Capsule bears MIDY on the wrapper.

5 MORE MESSAGES COMING

President Has at Least This Many Suggestions for Congress. Washington, Jan. 9.—President Taft will send at least five more messages to Congress.

PROTECT YOUR CATTLE FROM BLACKLEG

Take No Chances. Blacklegoids are Simplest, Safest and Surest Preventive.

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"She's a regular peacock about it, too," chimed in Jack. "You'd think it was diamonds instead of just red beads."

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Ohio protected the muskrat in 1829, and New Hampshire in 1842, prompted evidently by a desire to be rid of certain undesirable animals.

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RARE BARGAINS IN DRAPERIES

In order to avoid invoicing an accumulation of Lace Curtains, Portieres, Fancy Nets and Drapery Materials of all kinds, we will offer them this week at 65c on the dollar.

Table listing various drapery items like Tapestry Portieres, Korean Cloth, and Fancy Piece Goods with their respective prices.

THE BRADY CARPET & DRAPERY COMPANY

Missouri's Only Exclusive Dealers in Carpets, Rugs, and Draperies.

Last Discount Day Wednesday, Jan. 10

Pay your gas bill Wednesday and save the discount. No discount after the 10th.

St. Joseph Gas Co.

Keegan's Old Monogram Whiskey advertisement featuring a bottle illustration and text: Special Price \$3.00 Per Gallon.

Old Keebro's Bourbon Whiskey advertisement with text: A really high-grade whiskey, fully matured and aged in bond.

Protect Your Cattle From Blackleg advertisement featuring a cow illustration and text: Take No Chances. Blacklegoids are Simplest, Safest and Surest Preventive.

Parke, Davis & Company advertisement for urinary discharges relief, featuring text: URINARY DISCHARGES RELIEVED IN 24 HOURS.

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Kelly Versus Kelly

By Dorothy Douglas

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Kelly entered his office briskly, hung up his coat and prepared to glance through the mail. Because Kelly was big and good to look at and in many other ways an attractive lure for feminine hearts, there were a number of small, scented missives lurking among legal-looking documents and business letters.

These he put aside until the contents of the more important communications had been digested. Kelly drew a cigar from his pocket. The day promised to be more or less dull. A young lawyer can only wait for clients. Kelly lit his cigar and when it was drawing well he elevated his feet to the desk and picked up the smaller envelopes.

As he glanced over his own name written in various feminine hands he smiled tenderly, cynically, reminiscently and finally questioningly. The writing on one neat, unsealed envelope was not familiar to Kelly's eyes.

He opened it first, and read the contents: "Dear Mr. Kelly—Your fiancée, Helen Ware, has made me promise to look you up as soon as I reached New York. I arrived only yesterday from Omaha and have taken the first opportunity I had for communicating with you. Since I am to be Helen's bridesmaid I might make the wedding more sociable if some of us had met you. I am to be in New York for three weeks and hope you will find time to call me up in the near future, so that I may write Helen that I have had the pleasure of meeting her future husband. Phone, 009 River. Sincerely yours,

VIRGINIA TRACY." A cynical smile was master over surprise in Kelly's face. "Another bunco game!" he muttered. "Letter sounds jolly though—guess I will see the game through." Without a doubt in his mind as to the class of girl who had written him the letter, Kelly called the number, 009 River.

When he hung up the receiver he had made an engagement to call for Virginia Tracy at six o'clock that same evening. He turned to his other neglected feminine correspondents, but try as he might to forget the in-



Kelly Lit His Cigar.

cident of the girl from Omaha he could hear only a rather shy voice that had answered his call at 009 River. Since business was far from pressing, Kelly spent much of the day wondering as to Virginia Tracy's appearance.

Toward five o'clock he turned homeward. He could not recall in his own history having been so particular as to the set of his evening clothes. He was to take Virginia Tracy to dinner and the theater.

Kelly and the girl from Omaha were sitting at a small table in the restaurant before the young lawyer realized the full extent of his luck. The eyes that shone through the candle light at his were big and gray and appealing; they looked sharply at him now and again as if in apology for their nearness to him.

During their short drive down in the taxi she had talked swiftly and nervously about Helen Ware, Omaha, and the approaching wedding. It had been quite unnecessary for Kelly to do more than agree in a noncommittal way, to anything she chose to say. He had found himself enjoying the musical voice even though he doubted the source of her words. He chided himself for a silly idiot. All bunco girls were soft and innocent and alluring! That was their stock in trade.

WRECKED ON ROCK ISLAND.

Fifteen Persons Hurt When Freight Crashes Into Passenger Train.

Passenger train No. 72 on the Rock Island was wrecked six miles east of St. Joseph last night at 9 o'clock, when a freight plunged into the rear end, resulting in the injury of fifteen persons. The condition of none of those hurt is considered very serious. The engine of the passenger train, which left the city two hours late, went dead at the foot of a hill near the Platte river and before a flagman got out to protect the rear of the train, the freight, which was following close behind, crashed into the dining car. The engineer and fireman of the freight stuck to their posts and were not injured. Among those injured was Elmer E. Sutton, a prominent stockman of Weatherby, Mo., who was on the local market yesterday with three loads of cattle and hogs.

The injured are as follows: Mrs. Rhoda Tolson, 35 years old, Weatherby, Mo., arm and leg bruised; hospital, Miss Helen Krake, 59 years old, 1222 Fairmont street, injured internally; Ensworth hospital, Mrs. Minerva Woods, 59 years old, 1916 Angelique street, Ensworth hospital; Mrs. Hattie Hansell, 62 years old, Mrs. Hattie, Mo., leg crushed; Ensworth hospital, E. J. Brown, 55 years old, mail clerk, St. Joseph, serious internal injuries; Ensworth hospital; M. O. back hurt. Earl Bundy, waiter in dining car, cuts on hands and head. Mrs. T. B. Moore, St. Joseph, neck strained. Mrs. John E. Owen, Panhandle theater, St. Joseph, sprained internally. E. A. Carrol, 342 Dewey avenue, back hurt. L. H. Stubbs, 501 North Twenty-fifth street, back and neck hurt.

When the rear end of the passenger train was sighted by the engineer of the freight he immediately shut off steam and applied the reverse lever, but before the wheels could grip the rails the crash came. A relief train, with physicians and nurses, and wrecking crew left St. Joseph within an hour after the wreck occurred and the injured passengers were brought to this city.

There was a letter for her from Helen Ware. After Virginia had conquered the emotions that had arisen at sight of Helen's writing she broke the seal.

"Dearest Vinny: This is just a scratch to tell you that I am almost sure I gave you the number 302 instead of 203 for Jim's office. I hope you haven't written yet as there are probably a dozen Kellys in each of those great office buildings."

The letter dropped from Virginia's nerveless fingers. The whole awful mistake dawned on her. A storm of weeping burst over her. What had her companion of the evening before thought of her? There was no question in her mind save that, and Virginia flushed at her own reflection when she realized it.

The question was answered before nine o'clock when Virginia descended for breakfast. A dozen of the most exquisite pink chrysanthemums awaited her. In the box she found a note. Kelly had spent a restless night, being unable to forgive himself for having taken so mean an advantage of a girl from the west. His apology was absent. Virginia found room for a smile in her eyes as she read Kelly's note.

"It wasn't entirely his fault," she whispered into the biggest of the chrysanthemums. "If I hadn't put the wrong address on, he couldn't possibly have done—what he did."

"And what did he do?" Virginia questioned herself. A quick little laugh followed. "We know—but we won't tell," the flowers nodded.

SAYING "HOWDY" IN MOROCCO

Only Inquiry That is Omitted Seems to Be the Classic "Have You Used —?"

The native Moors are not content with the salutations which pass muster with English when acquaintances are met in the street. "Hallo, old man! How are you? Going strong—that's right. So long!" This sort of thing does not commend itself to the Moroccan.

Here is the kind of conversation, says Health Culture, that takes place at every meeting of any two friends or acquaintances, say Mr. Abd'l-Kahder and Mr. Bool-Hamara:

"Peace be with you this morning."
"And with you be peace."
"How do you do?"
"Without any ill!"
"Are you well?"
"Thank Allah!"
"And is your health good?"
"It is good."
"And you have no ill in your body?"
"I have none."
"And your bones, how are they?"
"They are indeed strong."
"And your little bones?"
"There is no ill to them."
"And the marrow in your bones, is it well?"
"And your limbs, are they well?"
"They are sound, praise be the prophet."
"And the whole of your body, is it well?"
"It is well."
"And your forehead, how is it this morning?"
"By your life, truly it is well."
"And how is your nose?"
"It is free from any harm, I am grateful to you."
"And your ears, are they well?"
"They are well, may the prophet be blessed."
And so on and so forth, until almost every part of the human system has been alluded to.

A Sign of Age.
"I guess he must be getting old."
"Why?"
"He's quit thinking that he can sing."

Hard Work.
Doctor—[I forbid all brain work.
Poet—[I not write some verses?
Doctor—Oh, certainly!—Christian intelligence.

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MILLIONS IN PEANUT CROP

Grower From Oklahoma Tells of the Rapid Increase and the Profits.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Growing of peanuts is one of the most profitable of all crops to the farmer, and its planting is increasing in leaps and bounds, says a bulletin of Capt. H. C. Muse of Sapulpa, Okla., declared to be one of the largest peanut growers in the world. Capt. Muse formerly owned a farm in Southampton county, Va., on which he grew peanuts. Several years ago he moved to Oklahoma. He was in Memphis recently on his way back home from a trip to the Dominion State, and talked enterprisingly to a reporter on this subject.

"The peanut crop never amounted to much in this country until after the civil war," began Capt. Muse. "During the war the Yankees who were campaigning in Virginia got to eating them, and found a dainty that they had never heard of before. When they returned to their homes after the war they got to talking about the little peanuts they found in the South, and a demand was created.

"Peanuts commenced to be sold then and a nice trade was built up. But the peanut never really got its popularity until about eight years ago, when the doctors discovered it. They found that it was one of the most digestible foods when properly masticated and especially good for insomnia. For instance, if you can't sleep at night eat a good portion of peanuts and you will be astonished how rapidly you will doze off.

"Virginia is the original peanut state but of late years it has been found that the nuts can be grown in practically every state in the South. The peanut flourishes best in a sandy soil. Oklahoma and Texas are rapidly coming to be noted for their production of the planting of peanuts. The demand for peanuts is so far greater than the supply. This is so because they are being used in the manufacture of olive oil.

"A good peanut farmer can get as high as 250 bushels from an acre. The ordinary crop is about seventy bushels. Peanuts may be very nutritious for animals and is used especially for valuable stock. The cost of cultivating the crop has been greatly reduced during the past few years because of the invention of machinery made especially for harvesting peanuts. Peanuts sell for about 6 cents per pound unshelled.

"There were about 680,000 acres of peanuts in cultivation during the year 1911. A few years ago there was scarcely \$0,000 acres in cultivation. Few peanuts are being imported nowadays in comparison with former years."

TREBLES ROADS IN 25 YEARS

Kansas Shows March of Progress by Map Depicting First of Its Lines.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 9.—A curiosity of more than ordinary interest in that it shows some wonderful progress in Kansas has just been found in the office of the Kansas Public Utilities Commission.

In clearing out some old books and records for storage a railroad man of Kansas of 1885, compiled from official figures by the railroad commission of twenty-five years ago, was found.

In the twenty-five years Kansas has nearly trebled its railroad mileage. When the map was made in 1885 there were 4,759 miles of railroad of all kinds. Now there is 11,562 miles of steam railway, and more than 190 miles of electric interurban railway in operation.

When the old map was made there was no Missouri, Kansas & Texas, no Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, no Kansas City, Mexico & Orient, no Kansas City Southern, all important railway lines of the present day, and comparatively few people in the state can actually remember when these lines did not exist in Kansas.

There were only two railroads going across the state. The Santa Fe had its line, but many of its branches were not built then. The Union Pacific was built across the state then, but it did not have the Lincoln branch. The Missouri Pacific then had no line west of Ottawa. Now it has the Colorado main line through the center of the state. The Central branch was then a separate railroad.

The Missouri Pacific owned what is now the Katy main line, from Kansas City to Parsons and from Parsons to Junction City. When the Katy was taken away from the alliance with the Missouri Pacific it obtained this property.

When the map was made in 1885 there were twenty Kansas counties without railroads. There were really three counties, as at that time three counties took the place of five counties in Southwest Kansas.

At the present time there are five counties in the extreme southwest part of the state without railroads, and before another year these five will have a railroad, as construction work is now going on for the new Santa Fe line into that section.

CONVICT LABOR FOR ROADS

Two Texas Counties Can Obtain Stripless Prisoners at 50c a Day.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 9.—Dallas and Tarrant county roads may be built by men from the state prison if an offer made by Gov. Colquitt to these counties is accepted. In a letter to the county judge of each county, the governor proposes to furnish prisoners for road building at 50 cents a day and their keep. Of the 50 cents half will be retained by the state and the other half sent to the family of the prisoner.

If the proposition is accepted the men will work in ordinary clothing and will not wear stripes. They will be put on honor and there will be none of the shotgun surveillance of the convict camps. The men for work on the roads will be selected from volunteers and most of them will be prisoners who have only a short time to serve.

It is believed that by accepting this proposition the counties can save from \$20 to \$1,000 a mile in road construction and if the plan works well in the counties named it will be extended.

This plan of Gov. Colquitt's follows the action of the prisoners in volunteering to go into the cane fields and save the crop after the freeze and their commendable action at the time the prison at Huntsville was on fire. The feature of paying half of the money earned to the families of prisoners commends the plan to many, and it will probably be accepted.

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CLERK DUPES MANY

Berlin Youth Loses Cash for Later Profits.

Housewives Were First Victims in "Cheap L. Scheme"—Small Capitalists His Prey—Also Lived Double Life.

Berlin—Hans Miller, a copying clerk in the law courts at \$7.50 a week, has discovered a new high road to fortune, his progress along which has, however, been suddenly stopped by the police.

His stories were supported by plausible manners, remarkable readiness in lying, and a number of ingenious expedients. For instance, he was wont to inform the wives of his intended victims that through some mysterious association of which he was a member he was able to purchase provisions at specially advantageous rates.

If they expressed a desire to share in these benefits he would buy the goods asked for at current rates, pass them on to the delighted housewives at a fraction of the same, and for the time being defray the difference out of his own pocket.

He was also profuse with opera and theater tickets, which he professed to obtain by virtue of his high connection, but which he really bought at the box office, like any ordinary mortal.

By such devices he won the confidence of small capitalists and induced them to intrust him with money for his patent transactions. His first investments were always prepaid with handsome profits, which increased their avarice, their confidence and their speculations.

This system of Muller proved enormously remunerative, for his takings from it, so far as discovered, amounted to \$100,000 in a year. When he was arrested he had \$25,000 on his person.

A curious feature of the case is that while in the circle of his victims he was under an assumed name, boasting of his important connections, and spending money right and left, and at the same time was living with his mother and sister the careful and modest life of a copying clerk.

SOCIETY MAN WEDS NURSE

A. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer of Stockbridge, Mass., Marries Miss Mabel Watts at Pittsfield.

Pittsfield, Mass.—A Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, a member of the Van Rensselaer family of New York city, was married in this city to Miss Mabel Louise Watts, a trained nurse, of North Adams.

The wedding is the culmination of a romance which began early last summer when Miss Watts was called to Fair Acres, the Van Rensselaer home at Stockbridge, to nurse the groom during a severe illness.

Mr. Van Rensselaer was convalescing, he rented a furnished house in this city and Miss Watts remained with him until his complete recovery. Then he proposed to her, according to their friends, and was accepted.

Mr. Van Rensselaer is about sixty years old and his bride less than half that age. He has lived in Stockbridge for many years, and is prominent socially.

The marriage took place in the Methodist parsonage. Miss Watts is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon F. Watts, and was graduated from the Bishop training school for nurses of this city.

DREDGE BRINGS UP COINS

Hundreds of Dollars Lost Overboard From Wharf by Excursionists and Others.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Employees on the government dredge in the harbor at San Pedro have been gathering a harvest of coin amounting to hundreds of dollars. While the dredge was operating at the Fifth street landing, deepening the channel from twenty-five to thirty feet, two of the men who kept watch on the discharge pipe recovered \$135.

Another picked up \$40 in various denominations out of rubber coupling on one of the pipes in which the coins had lodged.

No work has been done at that point for years, and in the meantime purses and money have been constantly lost off the wharf by excursionists and others.

FORTUNE GONE; IS WAITER

Man Found in New York Dance Hall Was Traced Around the World.

New York—How a man spent an inheritance of \$50,000, then disappeared and was traced almost around the world was told in the undefended divorce action of Mrs. Hazel W. R. Ash against Frank Ash, Jr. The case was before Justice Stapleton in the supreme court in Brooklyn. The plaintiff, it was testified, disappeared two years ago and was found in a Chicago dance hall, where, under an alias, it was asserted, he is now employed as a waiter.

DUNCANS RETURN TO EUROPE

Angry Because Greek Costumes Fail to Make Hit in This Country—Attract Much Attention.

New York—The Raymond Duncans and their shivering little son Menalkas have sailed for Europe. The fond and most affectionate of good-bys at the pier were interrupted while tearful huggers and kissers took a glance at their costumes.

Mrs. Duncan is a Greek. Both she and her husband try to make themselves believe that they and poor little Menalkas of the blue shins are very ancient Greeks. Mr. Duncan wore a white tunic over a green robe. Mrs. Duncan wore a green tunic over a purple robe. Menalkas did not have any tunic. His robe, which ended above his bare knees, was also green.

The Duncans have been in California among the Kiklat Indians, studying basket weaving and teaching the red men how to weave their own clothes and make a trial yell like the frog chorus in Aristophanes.

They founded a weaving institute for destitute women and also spent much time in Chinatown in San Francisco learning things about Chinese potteries.

Mr. Duncan said they were going to Paris to keep some lecture dates, and that they would return to this country to settle up their affairs. After that, he said with firmness but sadness, never again for America. Mr. Duncan holds that Americans do not regard art seriously enough. He has been of that opinion ever since the Gurry society arrested him here a year ago for not putting enough warm clothes on Menalkas.

The Duncan family has attracted more or less attention in New York and in some western cities the last year or two, where they have appeared as advocates and demonstrators of a "dress reform," the principal departure from present customs being to wear sandals, no trousers or speak of robes of gay colors and figures. They are greatly disappointed, it is said, by the indifference shown by society and their consequent failure.

RENEWS SEARCH FOR PLANET

Astronomers on Mount Wilson, California, Join in Hunt for "Ceres," Wandering Since 1801.

Pasadena, Cal.—Spurred on by the report that scientists all over the world were searching for the lost planet Ceres, astronomers at the Mount Wilson observatory have joined the search, and from now on much time will be devoted to the local station in an effort to be the first in discovering the lost planet.

With the powerful equipment on hand for the scientific work, and a location that is probably second to none in the world, the local men of science have every confidence in locating the lost planet. A search will be started and continue until the wanderer is either located or the impossibility of its discovery determined upon.

At present little is known of the planet, with the exception of what is recorded in astronomical history. It was discovered first by Piazzi, January 1, 1801, and its peculiar shape has made it especially interesting.

"We are always looking for new things up here," said a professor at the observatory. "Naturally, we are all interested in this lost planet and there is no doubt but that a vigorous search will be made from this point for the mysterious oval-shaped wanderer."

"From what history tells us, it is one of our nearest neighbors and its rediscovery would be of unusual importance. As far as is known it is the only planet of its shape ever reported, and the fact that it is oval allows much room for scientific study should the planet be rediscovered."

It is believed that if not located before that time the new planet will be brought out with the completion of the powerful 100-inch telescope at the observatory.

PULITZER NEARLY LOSES OUT

Carefully Prepared Speech Came Near Not Being Delivered—St. Louis Member Comes to Rescue.

Macon, Mo.—Maj. B. R. Dyar of Macon was a member of the State constitutional convention at Jefferson City in 1875 and the other day related this anecdote of the late Joseph Pulitzer at that occasion.

"Mr. Pulitzer and myself were two of the younger members of that notable convention. He was primed for a big speech on some particular matter, but when his time came it happened that Mr. Pulitzer was not in the room. The subject on which he had fortified himself was taken up, passed on and the convention proceeded to other business. Presently Mr. Pulitzer came in somewhat out of breath and began firing off the speech he had stored up when he was interrupted by the chairman."

"Mr. Pulitzer," said the chairman, "we have reached that subject and it was acted on while you were out."

"Mr. Pulitzer looked around in dismay. He was evidently surprised to learn that the speech he so carefully prepared had been summarily cooked. Then a member from St. Louis, realizing the situation, got up and moved that Mr. Pulitzer be allowed to make his speech."

Tell the Truth. Chicago—"Don't lie to your wife" is the maxim for a happy marital life laid down by Judge Goodnow after several years service on the bench of the court of domestic relations.

RUSH TO NEW OIL FIELD.

Capitalists and Scientific Men Invade Casper, Wyo.

Casper, Wyo., Jan. 9.—This town is now overrun with oil men from all sections of the country as the result of a new oil field in the vicinity of Salt creek, in Natronja county. This is in the central part of the state.

The development of this has turned a half arid sheep pasture into what is believed to be one of the largest oil fields in the world. Over \$4,000,000 already has been spent upon the work. One of the remarkable features of this field is a huge lake of petroleum formed by wells whose flow of oil is so strong it cannot be controlled.

The existence of this region has been known for a half century. The old overland wagon trail passed through the district, and one spot was known for its oil soaked clay. Drifters used the clay to lubricate their wagons, and also built campfires with it, burning out the oil and leaving the clay.

Strangely enough no one ever investigated the possibilities of the region till recently. Now the United States geological survey has issued in its advance sheets a report which states that the country's future supply of oil suitable for refining will come from Wyoming.

The cost of sinking wells in this region is low because of the comparatively shallow depth and the absence of water from the grounds.

"HOODOO COYOTE" IS SHOT

Patrolman Wounds Animal That Has Been Sought for Weeks.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 9.—After efforts that lasted over several months the "hoodoo coyote" was shot and wounded by Patrolman Morelock after it had terrorized the vicinity of Sixth and Gilson streets since the early days of summer. The coyote escaped into a hole beneath a warehouse, but it is thought that its career is finished.

Howling at night, it disturbed the residents near Seventh and Hoyt streets, a little distance out of the business district, and persons living in the vicinity have a number of times complained of its presence.

For more than two weeks Sgt. Kiehl of the second night relief, lay in wait for the animal with a shotgun, but although he fired at it on several occasions, failed to catch it. Following his efforts Patrolman Niles, who walked a beat in the vicinity, carried a sawed-off shotgun for some time on his rounds, but did not shoot the animal.

HOSPITAL FOR INDIANS.

Maj. H. C. Casey Starts Movement for an Institution to Treat Cherokees.

Vinita, Okla., Jan. 9.—A well equipped, modern hospital for the benefit of Cherokee Indians is to be established at Vinita. The undertaking was planned by Maj. H. C. Casey, who for many years in the United States Indian service. It is intended that the hospital shall provide treatment especially for the cure of tuberculosis and diseases of the eye, with which the Cherokees seem peculiarly afflicted.

Bishop Thurston of the Episcopal church now in the eastern states is laying out a plan for the hospital. The plan outlined by Maj. Casey, Judge Luman F. Parker, son of the late Frank Parker, general counsel for the Erie railroad company, and whose wife is Cherokee, in a few weeks to ask wealthy friends to assist in the building and equipment of the hospital.

LARGEST OF LOCOMOTIVES

Huge Engine for Pennsylvania Road Has Sixteen 56-Inch Driving Wheels.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9.—The largest locomotive in the world was turned out here for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company a few days ago. It is designed for use on the heavy mountain grades in Western Pennsylvania. The monster engine, which is as long as one of the steel passenger coaches of the company, is to be used in hauling heavy freight trains across the Alleghenias. If the engine proves satisfactory it is to be adopted as the type for mountain-grade service.

The engine has two sets of driving wheels on each side, each operated from a separate cylinder, and all told it has sixteen driving wheels, 56 inches in diameter, and four cylinders of 25-inch stroke. The engine is 100 feet long from tip of pilot to the end of the tender. It weighs 234 tons, 120 tons heavier than any engine now in use by the company.

PLANS TALKING PIGEONS.

Judge to Cross Carriers With Parrots and Send Oral Messages.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Judge Edgar M. Phelps, of Davenport Neck, New Rochelle, can go Supervisor-elect Edward Carson one better in ideas for training pigeons to carry messages.

Carson says that he intends to have his carrier pigeons convey messages from his constituents to the Supervisor's chamber in White Plains after he takes office on April 1. Judge Phelps said that he would soon begin experiments for breeding carrier pigeons and parrots to carry oral messages, which he considers safer than the written kind, provided the bird is not captured on the way and made to talk to the wrong politician.

If Judge Phelps succeeds in producing a cross breed, his greatest trouble will be to teach the birds to keep secrets.

ALASKA PRODUCTS A RECORD

Reach \$38,000,000, an Increase of \$6,000,000 Over Preceding Year.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 9.—Alaska products for the year just ended reached a total value of \$38,000,000, an increase of more than \$6,000,000 over the preceding year. The total figures have just been compiled from authentic sources by the industrial department of the Alaska Steamship Company.

The increase is about evenly divided between fisheries and mines. The products of the mines amounted in the year to \$20,400,000; the increase is due to new copper output and a natural gold gain. The products of the sea, including fish, furs and by-products, reached a total valuation of \$16,500,000. The largest item is the value of canned salmon of all grades, which totaled \$14,125,000.

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