

BEEF STEERS MOVE UP

LIGHT FRIDAY SUPPLY CLEARS AT A DIME ADVANCE IN PRICES.

NOTHING GOOD IN THE RUN

Cows and Heifers Also Sell to Better Advantage—Calves and Bulls Firm—Stockers and Feeders Unchanged.

A strong demand for beef steers was noted today and the few lots that showed up met a quick outlet at prices generally a dime higher than yesterday.

Weather conditions have played a prominent part in the week's live stock trade, prices fluctuating freely in response to the size of the daily offerings. On the opening day of the week a light run of beef steers was met by a vigorous demand and prices were elevated 10c over last week's closing levels.

Clearing of the few odds and ends of stock and finishing cattle included in today's supply was at prices that indicated no change as compared with yesterday. Demand was fairly active and the trade was practically over at 10 o'clock.

Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$5.50 to \$7.75; fair to good steers, \$4.50 to \$5.50; good fancy stock steers, \$4.75 to \$6.00; common to fair stock steers, \$4.25 to \$4.75; stock heifers, fair to choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; stock cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00; calves, \$4.00 to \$5.25.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO. CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 12.—The live stock market reports: Cattle—Receipts, 5000. Market steady to 10c higher.

KANSAS CITY. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 12.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Journal reports: Cattle—Receipts, 700. Market 10c higher.

SOUTH OMAHA. SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 12.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Journal reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1300. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS. EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 12.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2000. Market steady.

FORT WORTH. FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 12.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1000. Market strong.

HEIFERS. The Pan-American chamber of Commerce has been incorporated under New Jersey laws to maintain office in New York city for promoting trade relations between North and South American countries.

HOG PRICES ADVANCE

MARKET GENERALLY A NICKEL HIGHER, WITH SPOTS A DIME UP.

RECEIPTS ARE MODERATE

Quality Good—Tops Reach \$6.40, With Bulk of Sales Ranging From \$6.15 to \$6.35—Pigs Steady to Strong.

Hog prices worked their way a little further up the scale today, the market averaging fully a nickel higher than yesterday, with a few sales indicating a dime upturn.

Comparatively few pigs were available and they were in good demand at steady to strong prices. Pigs ranged from \$6.00 to \$6.40, with the bulk selling at \$6.15 to \$6.35.

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ITEMS IN BRIEF.

DeShon & Nash, of Kidder, Mo., were represented on the market again today by a shipment of hogs.

S. N. Parrett, of Coffey, Mo., had a load of cattle on offer here today.

A. D. McCorkhill, of Cameron, Mo., and Covarr, of Hildaway, Mo., were on the market today with a car of hogs.

M. Wason, of Easton, Mo., contributed a car of hogs to the day's receipts.

J. F. Wolf, of Bandyville, Ia., swelled receipts of hogs today by two cars.

Try the stock yards lunch at Transit House Cafe. Best meal in the city for the money.

A mixed load of stock was marketed here today by E. O. Neff, of Bethany, Mo.

Polly, Fair & Rankin and Lovell & Covarr, of Hildaway, Mo., were on the market with hogs today, each firm having two cars.

J. A. Cruzan, of Bethany, Mo., increased the hog supply to the extent of one car.

Champion Molasses Feed shortens feeding period, increases gain, reduces cost per pound of gain, equally good with ensilage.

G. M. Brown, Guyett & Brown and Guyett & Plummer, of Burlington Junction, Mo., contributed hogs to the day's receipts.

Bert Murphy, of Coln, Ia., had a two-car consignment of hogs on the local market today.

J. H. Sunderman, of Farragut, Ia., had a car of hogs on the market today.

A. Crabtree sent in a load of hogs for the market today from Watson, Mo.

C. C. Brown, an extensive shipper of Shambaug, Ia., marketed a load of porkers here today.

There is on feed at the Excello Mill, St. Joseph, Mo., 150 head of cattle which show for themselves. Feeders are invited to visit our feed lots and investigate our system of feeding.

H. O. Petty, prominent in feeding and shipping circles around Lincolnville, Ia., was here today with a car of hogs and one of cattle.

G. H. Barnes, of Tindell, Mo., marketed a car of lambs of his own feeding on today's market.

H. O. Bartley, of Robinson, Kan., increased today's hog receipts with one car.

R. G. Harper, Leona, Kan., was here today looking after the sale of a car of hogs.

C. C. Davis, of Highland, Kan., was on today's market with a car of mutton.

Excello Cattle Fattener has proven a great success. The cheapest and best feed that can be fed with corn, increases the gain, shortens time of feeding.

Johnson Bros., extensive feeders and shippers of New Hampton, Mo., sent in a car of hogs for today's market.

A. Owens, of Blytheedale, Mo., accompanied a car of hogs to the local market today.

James Sauer, of Frazier, Mo., had a car of hogs of his own feeding on sale today.

Lon Nash was here today with a car of hogs billed from Gover, Mo. Champion Feed saves corn.

J. P. Kenyon, of Nortonville, Kan., one of the good friends of the St. Joseph market, although living in Kansas City territory, was here Wednesday with a load of 24-lb. hogs that topped the market, selling at \$6.25.

On the same day W. G. Moxley, of the same point, marketed a load of 23-lb. hogs at \$6.17 1/2. Both Mr. Kenyon and Mr. Moxley were highly pleased with their sales.

TOPS THE CATTLE MARKET

Nebraskan Carries Off Top Figure on Steers, Heifers and Bulls.

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'T WAS A COLD, COLD NIGHT

Temperature Registers 24 Degrees Below Zero This Morning.

Previous low temperature records for the winter for St. Joseph and vicinity were shattered last night and this forenoon. The mercury began falling yesterday afternoon and continued to go down steadily until 8 o'clock this morning, when the local weather station reported the temperature at 24 degrees below zero.

Fortunately the stiff wind that rendered the weather almost intolerable yesterday went down during the night so that the severe cold this morning was not so keenly felt but at that it was cold enough for everybody hereabouts—and then some. The temperature moderated during the day and the mercury was well below the zero mark all day. According to Weather Observer Beiden of the local bureau this morning marked the crest of the present cold wave. The forecast for tonight and Saturday is for slowly rising temperatures for this vicinity.

FARMERS ARE AFTER SEED

Committee from Jefferson County Appeals to Governor Curran.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 12.—J. F. Jones of Oscar, and J. R. Turo and Cham Jones of Ryan, representing Jefferson county farmers, called on Governor Curran, asking that state aid be given farmers of that county toward getting seed.

Three bad crop years have left the farmers in a bad plight, the governor was told, and unless they could be provided for the situation might get serious. The state can do nothing without legislative action, the governor said, and he thought the Jefferson county people might solve the problem. The board of agriculture promised to interest seed companies in furnishing seed on long time notes. Appeal will also probably be made to the federal government.

CATTLE NOT DYING

EXAGGERATED REPORTS CONCERNING CONDITIONS ON THE COLORADO RANGE.

FEED IS BEING PROVIDED

Raising of Quarantine Regulations Does Not Encourage Removal of Stock Out of State.

Hugo, Colo., Jan. 12.—The first warm weather of the recent cold spell visited Hugo this morning. It is believed that it will prove to be the salvation of the stock on the ranges in this region. Few cattle have been lost as a result of lack of feed, the farmer near Hugo, twelve miles from here, has reported a loss of fifty head. Some stock may be shipped out of the quarantine section from the lower end of Lincoln county. There has been no intimation of such action near Hugo.

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It is expected that feed will arrive here with the coming of the first freight train. The warm spell was taken as an indication of a break in the weather. If it continues, there will be little fear of the welfare of the cattle near here.

Dr. W. E. Howe, inspector of the bureau of animal industry in Colorado, is at Pueblo and has begun an investigation of the condition of the cattle which are said to be starving on the ranges near Pueblo. The quarantine has been lifted and the stockmen have been given the privilege of sending their stock to Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri without obeying the usual dipping regulations.

Not so many cattle are being shipped as was first reported. The effort to feed the cattle has been successful in many instances. Few reports of losses have been received for several days.

The weather is warmer than for several weeks. Feed is being apportioned among the cattle on the ranges as fast as it can be supplied.

Dr. Howe believes that the situation has been little exaggerated. He says if there is intense suffering of great numbers he has had no proof of it. He says that the stockmen are not anxious to take advantage of the raising of the quarantine as first supposed. He said he would make a thorough investigation of the affair.

A number of stockmen owning cattle in the unquarantined section are shipping cattle to Pueblo and some will be shipped out of the state.

THESE COWS WERE BUSY

Excellent Records Just Completed at Kansas College Barst.

Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 12.—If a cow gives six thousand pounds of milk a year, most men are satisfied. That is a fairly good average yield. But here are two-year-old Ayrshires that surpass that figure by a long way. Their work was described last week by Prof. O. E. Reed, head of the dairy department, in the annual institute. Here are the records:

Canary Belle, 16,115 pounds of milk and 437 pounds of butter, 3.7 per cent test.

Fearnot of Okdale, 5,218 pounds of milk and 292 pounds of butter, 4.08 per cent test.

Johanna of Juneau, 7,681 pounds of milk and 325 pounds of butter, 3.72 per cent test.

Rose of Okdale, 5,976 pounds of milk and 368 pounds of butter, 4.42 per cent test.

Any one of these cows would support a family of five persons. Such cows probably could be bought for \$175 or \$200, but not at the college. The cost of feeding the ration, and the income may be exaggerated. It is the group by referring to the history of Johanna of Juneau, a model family cow; Johanna ate, every day, thirty pounds of silage, ten pounds of alfalfa hay, and nine pounds of grain, consisting of four parts of corn, two parts of bran and one part of cottonseed meal. This ration cost \$5 a month. It was fed as described only when the cow was giving the highest yield. One pound of the grain ration was allowed for every three pounds of milk, so that when Johanna gave twenty-seven pounds of milk day she received nine pounds of the grain.

Johanna gave 893 gallons of milk which sold in Manhattan for 32 cents a gallon, 8 cents a quart, or \$28.75 net. If her milk had been sold at 7 cents a quart it would have brought \$313.50. Deducing the feed bill the owner would still have \$418. Her milk was skimmed, though, for the calves, and the cream used for butter.

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For the Heroine

By Martha McCulloch-Williams (Copyright, 1911, by Associated Literary Press.)

Edson frowned as the girl took the vacant seat opposite him. He had come to Harney's often than he could well afford because the place was so much man-size. Women came there to be sure, but either in family parties, or properly escorted; that is to say, for the most part. He had once or twice before seen the lone female in search of a meal, but only once or twice.

This afternoon the lone woman was particularly upsetting. He had come rather early—the day had been blistering-hot—intending upon getting his pet table, just beside the fountain. There, it anywhere, one caught a breath of breeze; moreover the water-play made the air fresh, and the big skylight overhead was sure to be open. The girl table was hardly big enough for two. Why had he not seized upon Cram or Hardy and made them come in with him? Then he might have smoked his cigar, sipping his coffee while, at peace with all the world.

All this flashed upon him between lines of the sporting extra, in which he affected to be buried. But even a double-header at the local park could not last longer than through the interval of waiting. He had refused the regular dinner, ordering what he chose. The woman would be sure to go right through all the courses, also affront masculine appetite with iced tea and chocolate eclairs.

A covert glance told him his table mate had not the chocolate eclairs complexion. Her skin was fine and firm. Her hair looked alive—fine tendrils drooped on her brow and about the nape of her neck. She was quietly gowned, in a soft sheer gray something almost entirely lacking trimmings. The lack recommended her to Edson. He was an illustrator, with aspirations toward real art. "Good lines—and she knows enough not to

spoil them," he commented lightly, noting the while that the sleeves, neither too tight nor too loose, revealed something rare—a pair of perfect dimpled wrists. Neither gloves nor bangles marred them. Indeed the lack of superfluous throughout was refreshing. Edson began to feel that after all Fate had been kind—kinder than he deserved. Here was just the type he had been vainly seeking for a week—the girl in Graham's novel, about whom the author himself was so particular.

He wondered if he could recall her. If he had dared he would have sketched her outline upon his cuff. She did not seem to be watching him. Yet he was aware she knew pretty much what he did. She had answered graciously enough the few common-places he had ventured without in any way inviting their continuance. Evidently she had come for a dinner of herbs. Her meal began with cantaloupe and ended with sliced peaches—a double portion. In between there were green corn and a crisp salad. And by way of finale coffee, for which Harney's was rather famous.

The two came to coffee at the same time, though she had eaten delicately with a refined deliberation. Edson fingered his cigar a thought irresolutely. She smiled and said—the first time she had spoken unprovoked: "Light it, please—if you can say honestly it is good. Otherwise, please wait until I get away."

"I wonder if you really know a good cigar?" Edson answered, smiling the least bit. She nodded confidently. "My father taught me discrimination—in men and tobacco," she said. "So I have an inconvenient belief that neither is worth while, if mediocre." "Doesn't the belief make you rather solitary?" Edson hazarded. She shook her head—Edson went on: "Possibly, then, you are a woman's woman."

check. Even then it was no more than a glance. "I knew you anyway—your picture is so often in the advertising pages," she said with another little shrug. "I have to pay attention to them," she explained, "since advertising means my bread and butter."

"I see! A hopeless plutocrat—in spite of your dinner of herbs," Edson answered. She laughed softly, "I like only the herbs which cost real money," she said. "That reminds me—your cigar wants lighting. Make haste, please! I really be going in a minute, and am really curious as to the sort of weed your fancy."

"I would rather show you the sort of girl I fancy," Edson said boldly, looking straight at her. "I won't ask your name, much as I should like to know it—but since you are reasonably secure that I'm neither a pirate nor a kidnapper, I am asking you to go with me to an open-air 'As You Like It'—luckily I have cards."

"That will be very much as I like it," the girl said dimply. "I was just wondering what to do with myself." But she gave neither her name nor any clew to her identity—Edson was plucked into a deeper, keener interest by her evident reserve. It would be awkward, if he met people he knew—it was likely he might run across a lot. Notwithstanding, he was game—the girl could not elude him always—and she was truly the type of which he stood so sorely in need.

The play, given upon a big lawn full of immemorial oaks, was half over when there came a scud of rain. Yet it was not the big pelting drops which made his companion shudder—of that Edson was certain, although she had given no sign of recognizing anybody in the crowd.

He had seen Graham across at the far side—Graham with his eyes dreamy, yet his mouth set. Graham was not one of fortune's spoiled darlings—inheritor of a fortune, no less a genius and a gentleman. Apparently he had not seen Edson—yet as the rain came thicker, Edson heard him saying behind him: "Take this umbrella, Dan, while I call a taxi. No use in waiting—we are in for a real rain."

Then the astonishing young woman rose up, faced Graham, and said softly: "No need of a taxi, John—you know neither I nor my frocks ever minded a wetting."

"Elizabeth!" Graham gasped, catching her hands, and going all colors. She, too, changed color—a clear red swept her pallor, and made her vividly beautiful. "I have changed one way," she half whispered, moving nearer Graham under pretext of shelter. "I have found out it takes a really sensible girl to be the worst possible fool." "How?" Graham asked chokingly, while Edson stared. "By reading advance sheets of 'Two Women,' the girl said. 'You don't know it—but I am doing press work for it. Of course I recognized myself in it—and your point of view.' " "Odd, but I recognized you as the heroine—the model for her, I mean—the minute I looked at you across the table," Edson broke in. She laughed softly. "I went to your table to see if you would do it," she said. "I will tell you now my name—Elizabeth Bradley."

NICKNAMES ON THE OCEAN

Tradition Governs Them Among American and English Sailors and They Never Alter.

In the American and English navies, as well as in the merchant marines, are found nicknames that have been in use since before men dreamed that there was land on the other side of the western ocean. Tradition, most inflexible of all rules, governs them, and they never alter, whether the ship clears from the Golden Gate or from London Docks. Some of the nicknames are of obvious origin; others seem to gain force by their apparent lack of reason.

For instance, why should all men named Wright be called "Shiner"? Clark is invariably "Nobby"; Green is "Jimmy"; and a White is a "Knocker." "Spud" Murphy explains itself, as does "Dusty" Miller. "Lofty" and "Shorty" do not need to present cards to their mates when they sign on, and it is not worth while for the brunette sailor to resent it when a friendly chap calls him as "Nigger"—he can't whip the entire crew, one after the other.

SMOKING BY THE SMALL BOY

How the Question Was Smoothly and Easily Settled by One Wise Father.

"The question of smoking came up early in our family. Lawrence has always been greatly attracted by what he considers manly accomplishments. If he had been brought up in a Puritan atmosphere, he would have sown an abundant crop of wild oats—so great to him in the glamour of the forbidden thing. If it savors of fashion or luxury, it becomes almost irresistible.

"He was only fourteen when we noticed a suggestion of cigarette smoke about him. 'Have you been smoking, my boy?' his father asked in a tone suggestive of rebuke. Lawrence admitted that he had. 'I should be sorry if it stopped your growth or injured your heart, so that you could not go in for athletics at college,' his father went on in a casual tone. 'I would rather you did not, if you do care very much about it. I will give each of you boys \$100 if you will not smoke until you are twenty-one. Think it over for a few days. If you decide that you prefer to smoke, and if, after you have had a talk with the doctor, you are not afraid of what it may do to you, your mother will find a place for you to smoke.'

"A few words from our doctor treating the matter from a scientific point of view, helped Lawrence to decide that he would take the \$100. The other boys decided as he did; this ended it."—Woman's Home Companion.

SEASON FOR SPINNING TOPS

Boys of Malta Gather in the Streets by the Hundreds for the Sport.

This is the top-spinning season in Malta, and hundreds of boys are spinning them in the streets. The tops are like the common American toy spun with a string. There are a few whirling tops. The favorite game of the top spinners is as follows: The boys draw lots to see whose top is to be placed on the ground. Then the others try to hit the top on the ground with the spikes of their own tops when hurling them at the beginning of the spin. If they miss they pick up the spinning top in the palm of the hand and throw it at the top on the ground. If the top is missed the spinner loses and must place his top on the ground. The game ends when the top on the ground is knocked behind a line previously agreed upon. Then all the rest of the players have the right to strike the top of the loser by taking their tops firmly in their hands and stabbing the loser's top with the spikes of their own. Their number of stabs, usually about six, is agreed upon previously.

OKLAHOMA CATTLE SUFFER

Many Frozen to Death, According to Report Reaching Ft. Worth.

Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 11.—Suffering among the cattle of Oklahoma as well as among those of Northwest Texas, is reported, as a result of the severe weather of Saturday and Monday. Reports are coming in showing the recent cold weather has been disastrous to cattle herds in Western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. A story from Guymon, Okla., says that there has been a suspension of railroad traffic through that section, owing to snowdrifts, and in some of the smaller towns food supplies are running short. Reports to the Corporation Commission show that the Rock Island west of Sayre, on the line to Amarillo, is blocked by snowdrifts, and that two snowplows had been requisitioned from other roads in an effort to re-establish communication. The commission has no report on the Guymon line of the Rock Island, which was closed Sunday, according to private telegrams received. Hundreds of head of cattle have frozen and starved along the line between Oklahoma City and the Texas Panhandle, where the snow drifted into ravines, thus cutting the animals off from their food stations. In some sections feed has been taken to the herds when it has been possible to find them.

The microbe is tenacious of life, for, according to a French contemporary, Mignot found the bacillus leprosus placed on a sheet of glass lived for five years. Germs of potato disease sealed in a tube were living after a period of eight years. In 1879 Bail, of Prague, after a lapse of sixteen years, infected a mouse fatally with some bacilli. Nester investigated dozens of earth stored in a herbarium or over half a century, and found 81,200 living spores of the gram. Some earth wrapped in paper since 1824, and protected from atmospheric germs, showed on examination 19,996 bacteria to the gram. Eighty-seven years is a ripe age even for a microbe.

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STORY HER LEGACY

Girl Bequeaths Details of Own Suicide to Reporters.

Newspapermen Befriended Woman When She Was Arrested for Attempting to Slay Man Alleged to Have Jilted Her.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Her love unreturned by the man whom she had twice planned to kill, Miss Johanna Rasco, a waitress, opened the gas jet in her room at No. 143 1/2 South Spring street and was found dying. She was dead when the police ambulance arrived at the Receiving hospital.

Without intimating that she intended to end her life, the young woman told Mrs. A. B. Hassel, her landlady, that she was very grateful to the newspaper reporters for the assistance they had given her when she first got into trouble, and she asked that they be told "whatever they wanted to know about Miss Rasco."

Miss Rasco was arrested September 6 in a cafe on South Main street when she fired a pistol at William Rudolph, the manager, whom she declared, had jilted her. She was taken to the central police station, and there made a statement that Rudolph had jilted her. She was without funds or friends. A number of newspaper men secured the services of Attorney Frank Dominguez, and the young woman was released upon her own recognizance pending her trial. Rudolph charged her with assault with a deadly weapon. He appeared against her in the superior court about ten days ago, and she was found guilty and placed on probation. Mrs. Hassel, who accompanied Miss Rasco to the courtroom for her trial, discovered that the young woman had a revolver in her hand bag, and she learned that the girl was planning another attack upon Rudolph.

She left three notes, one to Rudolph, another to Mrs. Hassel and the third to Mrs. Margaret Wortmann, No. 132 South Flower street. Mrs. Wortmann is a sister of Miss Rasco.

To Rudolph she wrote that he was the only man she had ever loved, and that he might now live on in peace. She denies that she had ever wanted any of his money. She predicts punishment for him. The note to Mrs. Hassel declares that it is better for her to die. To her sister and the latter's husband, Miss Rasco wrote that it was better to see her dead than in the penitentiary, where she would go if she lived.

PASTOR BUILDS BIG FENCE

All Work on Stone Wall 100 Feet Long Done by Himself—Builders Praise Work.

Montclair, N. J.—Rev. Dr. Thomas Travis, pastor of the Watchung Avenue Congregational church, who is one of the few Montclair preachers who did not take a vacation, finished the construction of a stone fence about 100 feet long and two feet thick on the grounds of his new \$15,000 home in Watchung avenue. The labor was all done by his own hands, and builders say it reflects credit on his ability.

Dr. Travis is a great believer in outdoor work as a means of promoting health. A large wood pile at the rear of his grounds attests to his energies in still another form of manual labor. He also is an excellent gardener and spends much time looking after his plants and vegetables. Dr. Travis also is well known as a criminologist, having written a book on the subject. His denunciation of conditions in the Caldwell penitentiary, which is maintained by Essex county, Dr. Travis denounced the penitentiary authorities, saying they have not adopted modern means of reformation. He advocates outdoor work for inmates of penal institutions.

DON'T HAVE TO BE FAT

Surgeon's Knife is Latest Cure for Obesity—Woman Has Tried It.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Dr. W. Wayne Babcock at the Samaritan hospital here demonstrated the most up to date method of making a stout person slim and svelte, and allowing all women to glory in the straightest of "straight fronts," should they agree that such shall be the style. The technical name of the operation performed by Dr. Babcock for the edification of the surgeons attending the clinic is "resection of abdominal wall for obesity."

The patient was a woman. Twelve pounds of fat had been removed. The operation itself seemed to be simple. Dr. Babcock said that with a skilled surgeon such an operation was not dangerous to the patient. Great care had to be exercised so that no muscles were not severed.

Girl Teacher Lassoes Coyote.

Gillette, Wis.—Miss Alta Scott, a school teacher, while riding in the country, lassoed a coyote which her dog had scared up. The noose caught one foot of the animal, which the girl held until the dog attacked it. Then she dismounted, seized a big stone, and threw it, killing the coyote. The teacher's accuracy in throwing the stone is said to have been remarkable, as a dog and coyote were struggling in such a manner as to make it difficult to throw at the coyote without danger of striking the dog.

WOMEN SPOKE IN A CHURCH

As a Result, Louisiana Presbyterians Are All Torn Up—Appeal to General Assembly.

New Orleans.—Because women made verbal reports at an interdenominational meeting in the fashionable Lafayette Presbyterian church here factional strife has been started among Louisiana preachers of the Presbyterian sect and the shades of John Calvin are being invoked to call down wrath upon those who permitted such a violation.

The Rev. J. C. Barr, pastor of the church, and whose congregation includes many of the wealthier families in New Orleans, announced today that he would carry to the general assembly, the highest body of the church, the verdict which the state synod at its meeting this week at Ruston, La., found against him. The Rev. W. M. Alexander, pastor of the Prythian church, brought the charges. He said that the alleged violation of church rules was of the gravest importance, and the state body sided with him.

The synod raised its hands in horror at the mere idea of women not keeping silent in churches. True, the women who spoke were not preaching sermons, and the meeting was not strictly a Presbyterian meeting, but it was in a church and women broke away from the "keep silence in public" mandate.

Dr. Barr admits the charge in general, but says that the women were not speaking in the church. He says the congregation is the church and that the place of worship is merely the church building.

BABY SECURITY FOR DEBT

Mother Successfully Appeals to Court for Infant Held by Woman for Board.

Oakland, Cal.—Her baby held as security for a board bill, Mrs. Estelle E. Ramos of Berkeley applied to the superior court for an order compelling Mr. and Mrs. John Rudy of 2160 Sixth street, Berkeley, the people to whom the board bill is due, to give up the child. Mrs. Ramos won her petition before Judge Wells after a hearing that lasted only about ten minutes.

Mrs. Ramos recently secured a divorce from John W. Ramos and an order for \$25 a month alimony. Since then Ramos has been out of work, unable to find it, he says, while his wife declares he will not take employment offered him. Unable to secure anything from her former spouse, Mrs. Ramos herself went to work and placed her baby with the Rudy's with the understanding they should be paid for its keep out of the alimony.

POLICE FIGHT NUDE MANIAC

Ex-Pugilist Suddenly Goes Insane and Stampedes Crowd at Atlantic City, N. J.

Atlantic City.—Leonard Southbal, an ex-pugilist, whose head was injured in the ring years ago, suddenly became violently insane while standing at North Carolina and Atlantic avenues. His yells and queer actions caused a stampede. First he grabbed a thermometer, crushed the glass and swallowed it. He did the same thing with the glass bottom of a cigar lighter taken from a cafe counter.

Then Southbal ran outside, throwing off his clothing as he ran. A horse trough was his objective point. He calmly divested himself of every article of raiment and dived into the trough. The temperature at the time was below the freezing point and he had to break through a coating of ice.

It took five policemen ten minutes to overpower him. He is now in a straitjacket in a padded cell.

MANY BEG FOR COMMUNION

Horrors of the Great Famine of 1891 Are Being Repeated in Russia.

St. Petersburg.—The sufferings experienced in the famine of 1891 are being repeated in the province of Orenburg and the Turgai territory, in Asiatic Russia.

The starving inhabitants of these regions are flocking to the towns and villages, many of them begging for the administration of the last communion.

Crops in the province of Orenburg are 75 per cent below the average, and the bishop of Tchebyabinsk has issued an appeal to the government asking aid for the peasants.

Shuns All Churches 50 Years.

Middletown, Conn.—George H. Ward, the oldest newsboy in New England, who has just passed his seventy-third birthday, went to church Sunday for the first time in 50 years. He enjoyed the service so much that he will be a regular attendant hereafter.

BOOM BLACK ART IN LONDON

Witchcraft Act of 1736 to Be Used Against Fortune Tellers of Metropolis.

London.—This city is at the mercy of a veritable plague of fortune tellers, palmists and other self-proclaimed necromancers, who prey upon the rich and poor alike, particularly in the shopping districts. They have even become so fearless that they are advertising by means of sandwich men along the Strand, in Piccadilly Circus and in Regent and Oxford streets.

It seems impossible to convict them of obtaining money under false pretense of foretelling the future, and it is almost impossible to get evidence against them, as they receive no unrecommended clients. Their success among the superstitious and the credulous is due to the fact that their clients unconsciously reveal information concerning would-be visitors.

"It is all very well to say that the official police view is that, so long as fortune tellers and palmists do not dupe the poor, they should be allowed to take money from the rich. Catholic Wason, M. P., has communicated with the home secretary suggesting that these persons who pose as necromancers in any way can be proceeded against by the witchcraft act of 1736, which imposes penalties upon persons "who pretend to exercise or use any kind of sorcery, witchcraft, enchantment, or conjuration."

As to those particularly dealing with the wealthy, Mr. Wason adds: "It is all very well to say that the ladies who patronize these fortune tellers are above the superstitions of the ignorant and not likely to be duped, but I maintain that the practice is a grave danger to society. Suppose a woman asks—as many do—how long her husband is likely to live, and the fortune teller discovers that there is another man in the case, and the name of that man. Imagine the possibilities of the situation.

"The more humble fortune tellers are causing enough trouble in the province. Welsh miners have refused to go down to work because a local 'wise woman' has foretold disaster. In Newcastle it was proved that 25 girls had visited one fortune teller in a single afternoon. In the Isle of Wight it was proved that one woman had correctly foretold the future, but that did not save her from a fine. A disguised detective went to her to have his fortune told, and she informed him that he would shortly undertake legal proceedings in which he would be successful. She was right. He took out a summons against and successfully proved his case. But the fact that these provincial people were all penalized shows that the local authorities are alive to the danger. Why do the London police refrain from taking action against the West end fortune tellers?"

VISITED BY STORK 22 TIMES

Latest Addition Likely to Give Maine Couple Record for Country—All Are Alive.

Bangor, Me.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickey, of Canaan, Me., are maintaining their record for raising the largest family in Maine, if not in the country. Their twenty-second child was born several days ago.

All of the children are alive and healthy. The youngest is five days old and the oldest twenty-nine years. All of these children were born singly. Mrs. Dickey, who is forty-five years old, became a mother at fifteen. Mr. Dickey is fifty-three years old.

The Dickey's live on a sixty acre farm and fourteen of the children live at home. The eldest son is a clergyman in California. Mr. Dickey raises nearly everything the family eats and what he has to buy he always pays for in cash.

To maintain his family requires fourteen barrels of flour, 115 bushels of potatoes and other things in proportion every year. To keep them warm in winter twenty-three cords of rock maple wood are burned. Mrs. Dickey says the big family does not bother her at all.

PLUMBER SEALED IN CHIMNEY

California Worker Cuts His Way Out With a Chisel Handed to Him Through a Slit.

Niles, Cal.—While Neil Alberg, a plumber, was clinching rivets inside the chimney of a new factory here the other day the man on the outside was called away.

Another set of mechanics, who did not know Alberg was inside, riveted a rain protector over the top of the stack, sealing him inside.

When the thunder of the hammers died away the prisoner pounded frantically on the iron until he got the attention of those outside. A chisel was then passed through a slit into the smokestack and Alberg cut his way out.

Declines \$12,000 Pastorale.

Baltimore.—Rev. Dr. Harris E. Kirk, pastor of the Franklin Street Presbyterian church, announced to his congregation that he has declined a call to Calvary church, Philadelphia, because he believed his services were needed here more.

Dr. Kirk has given consideration to the call, and many members of his church had thought he would accept it. The salary is \$12,000.

82,546 Women to Vote.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The official count of voters eligible to cast ballots in the city election on December 5 totals 192,177. Of these 109,623 are men and 82,546 women.

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Horse hides, No. 2	\$2.50@2.00				
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No. 1, large	\$7.50@6.00	No. 2	30c@20c	No. 2, Wild	\$1.00@75c
No. 1, medium	\$6.00@4.50	No. 3	20c@10c	No. 3, Wild	75c@50c
No. 1, small	\$4.50@3.00	No. 4	10c@5c	No. 4, Wild	50c@35c
No. 2	\$3.00@2.50			No. 1, House, large, black	20c@15c
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SKUNK—Central		FOX—Red and rey		CIVET—Central	
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Short prime	\$2.50@2.00	No. 1, medium, Red	\$5.00@4.50	No. 1, medium	50c@35c
Narrow prime	\$1.50@1.25	No. 1, Red	\$3.00@2.50	No. 1, small	25c@20c
Broad prime	75c@50c	No. 2, Red	\$1.50@1.00	No. 2	20c@15c
Best upprime	\$1.00@.75c	No. 1, large, Grey	\$1.50@1.25	No. 3	15c@10c
Poor upprime	50c@.25c	No. 1, medium, Grey	\$1.25@.75c	No. 4	10c@5c
		No. 1, small, Grey	75c@50c		
		No. 2, Grey	50c@25c		
		No. 3, Grey	15c		

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RACCOON—Central		WOLF—Prairie and Timber		OTTER—Central	
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No. 1, medium	\$2.00@1.50	No. 1, Prairie, medium	\$3.00@1.75	No. 1, medium	\$12.00@10.00
No. 1, small	\$1.50@1.00	No. 1, Prairie, small	\$1.50@1.25	No. 1, small	\$8.00@7.00
No. 2	\$1.00@.75c	No. 2, Prairie	\$1.50@1.25	No. 2	\$4.00@3.00
No. 3	\$0.50@.25c	No. 3, Prairie	\$1.00@.50c	No. 3	\$2.00@1.50
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MUSKRAT—Central		CAT—Wild and House		BEAVER—Central	
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No. 1, medium	30c@25c	No. 1, Wild, medium	\$1.00@.75c	No. 1, medium	\$4.50@3.50
No. 1, small	30c@25c	No. 1, Wild, small	\$1.25@.75c	No. 1, small	\$3.00@2.50
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Mitigate Heat and Cold and Check Tendency of Earth to Excessive Dryness.

Forests contribute to the general health by breaking the force of steadily blowing winds. They mitigate the heat of summer by the vast amount of evaporation that occurs in their leaves by day. By night the corresponding condensation of moisture upon the leaves still further absorbs the heat on the evaporation of the moisture the next morning. They also promote rainfalls. Thus they check the tendency of the earth to too great dryness, which is almost as injurious to health as it is to vegetation, for epidemic diseases are sure to do their fatal work where the soil-water is below the ordinary standard.

Hence cholera often passes a wooded district and revels in a treeless one. There are numerous facts like the following: A certain road in India leads for sixty miles through a dense forest. Further on it runs for ninety miles through a barren plain. Hundreds of persons travel the entire road daily. Now, in the first or wooded section, cases of cholera seldom occur, while within the latter it has been of frequent occurrence. One year cholera raged in Allahabad. Soldiers whose barracks were on a hill suffered the most from the epidemic; those in barracks surrounded by four rows of trees much less; but not a single case occurred among the soldiers whose barracks were in a thicket. It was the same the next year.

NOT HERE TO BE MISERABLE

We All Have Our Troubles But Should Learn to Keep Them in Background.

If there is anything that is irritating it is the way that some people talk of their troubles, as if they were a kind of a treat—not cheerfully, but with a kind of gloomy joy; in a word, they are resigned. It is only mighty big humbugs that will say they are thankful for troubles. We may eventually live to see that they were right and best for us, but at the time it is sheer hypocrisy to waggle our heads solemnly and say: "Happiness is a snare, anyhow; it is foolish for anyone to expect happiness in this grizzly old world."

People who talk that way don't deserve happiness. We weren't put here to be miserable. The idea that life is for suffering and not enjoyment is fast being shelved. If the Lord approved of lamentations and tears, he would not have put so much in the world to make us hopeful and happy. There is nothing more common than trouble. We all have our troubles, but it is the wise ones of earth that

keep their burdens in the background. It is so common and cheap and selfish to be continually parading one's griefs and disappointments. Whatever our lot, we should all learn the wisdom of that helpful little prayer: "Help me to win, if win I may; but if I may not win, make me a good loser."—Mary Eleanor O'Donnell in Chicago Tribune.

The Fountain Source of Pies.

The Metropolitan club—usually called "The Millionaire"—experimented for a half dozen years with pastry. Try as they might, this important branch of the culinary service was not satisfactory. The cakes, or tarts, were not up to the standard. The pies were impossible.

Some months ago, a native of New England became chairman of the house committee. When the pastry ghost again walked, he said: "Leave that to me."

He went up to Winsted, Conn., and after much persuasion brought back with him two maiden ladies whom he had known for years. He turned them loose in the Metropolitan kitchen with the direction that they should take orders from no one but himself.

Today the "girls" are putting a hundred dollars a week in the Winsted bank, and the millionaires are sighing the other courses to get down to pie.—New York Sun.

Lure of the Author.

One wonders why so many novels are written. Yet consider the statement just made by the managers of the play adapted from "Ben-Hur." They have paid \$250,000 in royalties to the estate of its author and expect to pay much more before the public tires of it. The book itself has had a sale of over a million copies, never in a cheap form, and has probably earned another quarter of a million for the author.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," a little book of only 20,000 words, has paid to its author as book and play about \$10 a word, and "David Harum" produced a fortune for the heirs of the man who wrote it. Aside from the glory of satisfaction, every novelist, whether man or woman, is expecting to create some day a "Ben-Hur" or "David Harum."

From the Ash Tray.

Even the ash of hubby's cigar can be utilized. In what way? Why, as a polish for gold watches, bracelets and rings, let alone chains and a multitude of other trinkets. This comes from a prominent jeweler, so it must be nearly correct. He even goes to the extent of carrying with him a small case in which he preserves all the ashes from the cigars which he smokes. He says that the grain is so fine that it leaves no mark that is discernible to the naked eye.

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