

FAIR STEER TRADE DULL

BUYERS IN BEARISH MOOD AND PRICE PRICES DOWN GENERALLY A DIME.

GOOD HEAVY BEEVES SCARCE

Cows and Heifers Also Move Slowly With Prices Mostly 10c Off—Bulls Steady—Calves and Stock Cattle Lower.

Fewer cattle were in sight at the five leading markets today than a week ago, but despite this the trade carried a slow and weaker tone. Early estimates on the local supply called for 2,500 head but this was later raised to 2,700, as compared with a run of 2,300 a week ago and 2,301 corresponding day a year ago. The five markets reported a total of 46,200 head, as against 54,500 for the opening day last week and 54,100 a year ago.

Something less than half the total supply was in beef steers, early count showing around forty loads of steers out of 107 loads reported on that day. General quality of the steer offerings was rather plain. There were a few loads of pretty good medium and heavy beefs in the assortment but the big end of the supply was in the warmed-up and short-fed grades of common to only fair quality.

Feeling among the buying talent was bearish, all of the packers starting out with the avowed intention of receiving prices which they claimed were out of line with other markets at the close of last week. Steer values showed a sharp shrinkage at Chicago last week and reports from that market this morning were anything but favorable from the standpoint of selling interests. Bids on first rounds were all at a lower pitch and only a few steers changed hands in the preliminary negotiations.

The market had sluggish action throughout the session and prices were generally a dime lower than late last week, with the exception of the lower on plain, light cattle. Sellers put up a stubborn fight to hold holdings at last week's closing level but packers were equally set on cheapening the cost of their purchases. Resulting in a long drawn-out session of trading with prices on the bulk of the killing steers offered, showing a 10c cut and 10¢ to 15¢ in extreme cases.

Choice to prime, \$7.75 to \$8.25; good to choice, \$7.10 to \$7.75; fair to good short-fed, \$6.30 to \$7.00; common to medium, \$5.25 to \$6.00.

DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS

No. Av. Price No. Av. Price
14Col. 1368.7 23 23.1093.6 30
33.....1370.7 25 17.352.8 09
11.....1380.7 10 12.1078.4 05
23.....1224.6 75 35.1202.8 05
22.....1298.6 65 8.1107.5 50
22.....1216.6 50 17.1150.5 75
19.....1132.6 40 1.1060.6 00
13.....1238.6 40 4.1092.5 35
43.....1242.6 40 1.1020.5 75
6.....1225.6 35 7.1004.5 60
4Col. 1085.6 35 1.1000.5 50
11mx. 1220.6 35 5.864.5 50
2Col. 1150.6 35 2.817.5 35
4.....1232.6 35 2.820.5 35
32.....1115.6 25 5.1204.5 75
1.....1210.6 25 2.1140.5 75
23.....1065.6 20 3.930.5 50
5.....1172.6 15 2.1040.5 25

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

The supply of cows, heifers and mixed butcher grades today was fairly large in proportion to the general run of cattle received. The good to choice grades were scarce, common to fair classes comprising the bulk of the run. Trade had a slow, weak opening. Buyers were bearish at the start and all early offerings were considered lower by the selling interests. Later, however, buyers displayed more interest and salesmen were able to turn the more useful and attractive grades at prices about steady with the close of last week but on the medium and plainer offerings more or less weakness was evident, prices being somewhat weak to 10c lower, with exceptions 10¢ to 15¢ on the less desirable kinds of heifers.

The demand for bulls and stags was fairly good and it was not difficult to realize last week's closing prices on anything at all in this line. Some of the common bolters, however, were quoted slow and weak.

The calf market ruled uneven, opening slow and about steady, and closing weak to 2c lower.

The following quotations are current on the local market:

Choice to prime cows, \$5.25 to \$6.00; medium to fair cows, \$4.75 to \$5.25; medium to fair cows, \$3.00 to \$4.00; choice to prime heifers, \$6.00 to \$7.25; good to choice heifers, \$5.25 to \$6.00; common to good heifers, \$4.25 to \$5.00; good to choice bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.75; fair to good bulls, \$4.00 to \$4.50; veal calves, \$7.50 to \$8.25; medium calves, \$6.00 to \$7.00; common and heavy calves, \$4.00 to \$5.25.

Heifers.

No. Av. Price No. Av. Price
1.....700.6 20 1.1.....880.5 15
13mx. 1066.6 15 10mx. 835.5 25
21mx. 855.6 15 12mx. 632.5 10
4mx. 1060.6 10 1.....720.5 25
4mx. 828.5 75 20mx. 804.5 10
21mx. 848.5 60 7mx. 526.5 00
11mx. 885.5 60 1.....770.5 00
78mx. 816.5 55 2.....985.5 00
13.....1294.5 35 1.....700.5 00
1.....1030.5 50 2.....835.5 00
9mx. 827.5 50 1.....780.5 00
19mx. 914.5 50 3.....790.4 90
21mx. 908.5 50 1.....740.4 65
31mx. 778.5 45 3.....1093.5 00
21mx. 938.5 40 6.....712.5 00
6mx. 828.5 40 2.....920.4 60
11mx. 835.5 40 2.....825.4 60
9.....743.5 35 1.....610.4 60
9mx. 740.5 35 3.....1093.5 00
27.....811.5 35 1.....971.4 60
1.....820.5 25 4.....755.4 75
6mx. 812.5 25 2.....745.4 60
4.....820.5 25 1.....710.4 50

No. Av. Price No. Av. Price

1.....1360.5 50 2.....1100.4 35
1.....1130.5 35 20.....1102.4 60
4.....960.5 25 2.....1275.4 55
1.....1470.5 25 2.....1135.4 50
1.....1040.5 25 3.....1093.5 00
1.....1280.5 25 5.....1096.4 35
1.....1290.5 25 9.....1043.4 25
6ch. 955.5 25 6.....1033.4 25

HOGS ABOUT STEADY

PRICES ON THE BETTER CLASSES SHOW LITTLE CHANGE COMPARED WITH SATURDAY.

SOME WEAKNESS ON LIGHTS

Best Hogs Sell at \$6.27 1/2, With Bulk of the Supply Clearing at \$5.95 @ 6.20—Receipts Were 8,000 Head.

Hog prices were generally steady today with exceptions weak to 5c lower on lights. Chicago had a bulky run, 66,900 head being reported on sale there, while river markets were moderately supplied. The five leading markets reported a total of 95,000, or 12,000 fewer than a week ago, but the supply was 40,000 head in excess of the run for the corresponding day a year ago. The local run was estimated at 8,000, with other markets week and lower buyers at this point started out bidding around a nickel lower. A few opening sales were quoted weak to 5c lower than Saturday. After that the market firmed up and ruled generally steady on the better grades of hogs, with exceptions weak to 5c lower on the lighter classes. Quality was good, averaging even better than Saturday's, a drove of Good medium to heavy hogs predominated, the showing of lights being somewhat smaller than usual. Tops landed at \$6.27 1/2, against \$6.25 Saturday. Trains were in comparatively early and a fair clearance of the pens had been made at the noon hour.

Pigs were steady at last week's sharp decline, \$4.40 to \$4.50 taking the bulk of the pigs weighing under 100 lbs. Prices ranged from \$5.75 to \$6.27 1/2, with the bulk selling at \$5.95 to \$6.25. The bulk Saturday sold at \$6.00 to \$6.35, with the best at \$5.90 to \$6.05, a month ago at \$5.90 to \$6.10, a year ago at \$7.50 to \$7.70, two years ago at \$8.10 to \$8.30, three years ago at \$6.10 to \$6.50, and four years ago at \$4.20 to \$4.55.

Representative Hog Sales.

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
24.....390	6.27 1/2	68.....279	6.20
53.....322	6.25	73.....287	6.20
59.....364	6.25	74.....297	6.20
62.....255	6.20	75.....249	6.20
69.....249	6.20	76.....297	6.20
70.....297	6.20	77.....297	6.20
71.....297	6.20	78.....297	6.20
72.....297	6.20	79.....297	6.20
81.....297	6.20	80.....297	6.20
82.....297	6.20	81.....297	6.20
83.....297	6.20	82.....297	6.20
84.....297	6.20	83.....297	6.20
85.....297	6.20	84.....297	6.20
86.....297	6.20	85.....297	6.20
87.....297	6.20	86.....297	6.20
88.....297	6.20	87.....297	6.20
89.....297	6.20	88.....297	6.20
90.....297	6.20	89.....297	6.20
91.....297	6.20	90.....297	6.20
92.....297	6.20	91.....297	6.20
93.....297	6.20	92.....297	6.20
94.....297	6.20	93.....297	6.20
95.....297	6.20	94.....297	6.20
96.....297	6.20	95.....297	6.20
97.....297	6.20	96.....297	6.20
98.....297	6.20	97.....297	6.20
99.....297	6.20	98.....297	6.20
100.....297	6.20	99.....297	6.20

Stockers and Feeders.

Decidedly unsatisfactory conditions marked the opening of the week's trade in this line. The fresh supplies were abnormally large in proportion with the cattle receipts, and this connected with the fact that yard dealers were laboring under stress of business today, regarding the week's inducements in the way of a general cut of 10¢ to 15¢ in order to stimulate a demand. The decline recorded was applicable to everything consigned to the top of the market, regardless of quality or quantity, although a few late transactions with heavy feeders was not far from steady as compared with last week's close. Trade in the beef cut was void of interest and this was reflected more or less in this department, speculators evidently waiting to see what packer buyers were going to do before they would operate very extensively. Movement was inclined to drag from the outset, although by hinting at short supplies to come the rest of the week and by dint of much hard work sellers were able to make a decent clearance by the noon hour. Stock heifer and cow trade was the only redeeming feature of the stocker and feeder trade. Yard dealers had good orders for this class of stock, and this ready response for the few odds and ends offered at prices averaging around steady with last week's close.

Good to choice feeding steers are available at \$5.00 to \$5.50; fair to good grades, \$5.00 to \$5.50; good fancy stock steers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; common to fair stock steers, \$4.25 to \$4.75; stock heifers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; stock calves, \$4.00 to \$5.25.

Range of Hog Prices.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
.....\$5.75\$6.27 1/2\$6.27 1/2\$6.27 1/2\$6.27 1/2\$6.27 1/2
.....\$6.00\$6.00\$6.00\$6.00\$6.00\$6.00
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OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO Live Stock Yards, Ill. Jan. 29.—The live stock world reported: Cattle—Receipts, 35,000. Market generally steady; top \$5.40. Hogs—Receipts, 68,000. Market 5c lower. Top \$6.35, bulk \$6.10 to \$6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 35,000. Market mostly 10c lower.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 29.—

Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 11,000. Market slow, steady to easy; cows and heifers steady to weak; stockers steady to strong; calves slow. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000. Market steady. Top \$6.27 1/2, bulk \$5.75 to \$6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 12,000. Market 10c lower; lambs \$6.30.

SOUTH OMAHA.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 29.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 6,000. Market steady. Top \$6.20, bulk \$5.75 to \$6.00. Hogs—Receipts, 5,700. Market 5c lower. Top \$6.20, bulk \$5.75 to \$6.00. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000. Market slow, 10¢ to 15¢ lower.

EAST ST. LOUIS.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 29.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 100. Hogs—Receipts, 500. Sheep—Receipts, 400.

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CATTLE—Receipts, 4000. Market weak to 10c lower.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market strong. Top \$6.35, bulk \$6.10 to \$6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Market steady.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 29.—

Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2,000. Market slow, lower. Hogs—Receipts, 2,500. Market steady. Top \$6.25, bulk \$5.85 to \$6.15.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
.....192	.....191	.....191
.....55,228	.....42,994	.....12,634
.....215,520	.....116,229	.....174,061
.....56,283	.....47,487	.....8,410
.....3,633	.....4,711	.....1,078

Receipts by Cars.

The following table shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the local yards today: C. B. & Q., west.....155 C. B. & Q., east.....39 C. B. & Q., local.....21 Missouri Pacific.....21 St. Joseph & Grand Island.....19 A. T. & S. F.....5 Total.....242

BOY BADLY INJURED.

Little Son of T. M. Longmuir Hurt When Cartridge Explodes.

When Tom Longmuir, aged 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Longmuir, of 291 Indiana avenue, South St. Joseph, and his playmate, George Jeffries, found an undischarged army bullet Saturday, they tried to explode it. After striking it against a stone a number of times, they decided to put a denture and discharge it that way.

The fire was started near the Longmuir home, and when the blaze was the hottest the bullet was thrown in. A few moments later the cartridge exploded, scattering the burning debris all around. The boy, who was in a coat of the cartridge struck young Longmuir in the abdomen, making a gaping wound.

The boy's screams of pain brought his mother and neighbors. After being treated temporarily by Dr. F. G. Weary, the boy was taken to the Ensworth hospital. Drs. Weary and Saturday Geiger made an examination Saturday, and decided to operate on the boy before operating. The tin and pieces of his clothing caused the boy considerable pain Saturday night, and at 10 o'clock Sunday morning an operation was performed. The tin, cloth and debris removed, the wound was cauterized and sown up. Several muscles and ligaments were torn by the bullet.

While the wound is considered serious by the physicians, they do not anticipate any danger. The cartridge is believed to have been lost by one of the soldiers who attended national guard drill at Lake County several years ago. T. M. Longmuir, the boy's father, is office manager for the Hammond Packing company.

A \$37,000 WHEAT DEAL.

Marysville, Kan., Miller Contracts for 37,000 Bushels at \$1 a Bushel. Marysville, Kan., Jan. 27.—Capt. Percy Hutchinson, proprietor of the Excelsior Flouring mill of this city, has been paying \$1 per bushel for wheat the last week and during that time has contracted for close to 37,000 bushels, of which 20,000 bushels was bought from the mill. The contract neighborhood and the balance at various points near here. The mill is running day and night and at its full capacity, it is producing 1,200 bushels of wheat per day.

POULTRY NOTES.

The fowls must be fed at least twice a day. Exercise is necessary for both health and egg production. A box of crushed oyster shell should always be within reach. Split carrots, turning, cabbage in half, instead of chopping fine. Clear fresh water is necessary for the hens at all times and all seasons. The most profitable way to keep chickens of any kind is to feed them well. To obtain a supply of winter eggs we must have the chicks out early in the spring. Old fowls require less feed than young ones and it is a mistake to overfatten them. The walls and roosts should be kept free from mice, which suck the lifeblood of the fowls. Cement floors should be well covered with straw. The bare floor is too hard and too cold. After the second annual molt hens are apt to become eggbound, especially if well fed and fat.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Tootle—Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Frank McIntyre in "Snobs." Friday night, Saturday matinee and night, "Rebeck of Sunbrook Farm." At the Lyceum—Until Friday matinee daily, "The Winning Widow." Friday night, Saturday matinee and night, Lyman Howe's Travel Festival.

LIVE MUTTON LOWER

TRADE RULES SLOW AT PRICES 10@15c UNDER LAST WEEK'S LEVEL.

BOTH SHEEP AND LAMBS HIT

Best Lambs Offered Realize \$6.40—Wethers at \$4.50—Supply Estimated at 4,000—Values Off at Other Points.

Buyers of live mutton were under less pressure of demand than one week ago as a result trade carried throughout the day lacked the snap and vigor of last week's closing session. A fresh supply that under normal trading conditions would be regarded as a spot supply for a Monday arrived, the early estimate which appeared rather generous in comparison to the car report, calling for 4,000, consisting of a varied assortment of here and there and including the first shipment of clipped offerings received at this point this season. Not enough business was transacted during the opening hours to give a very firm idea as to conditions. The small set of buyers who 48 hours previous were following offerings from the unloading docks to the pens in order to get first bids at a price basis that would be looked at with respect to the future of fresh supplies today if such action cost them must effort. Some one suggested that trade was "congested." However, sellers did not stop at that and taxed their vocabularies to the limit in search of fitting adjectives to describe packers' actions. After hugging the stove the greater part of the morning sellers finally gave up all hope of securing steady rates and started fat offerings, both sheep and lambs, to the scales at prices averaging 10¢ to 15¢ lower, with here and there a spot showing greater decline. Movement was slow and lifeless, and at noon about half the supply was still in first hands, necessitating a matinee session. Best lambs cleared at \$6.40, with wethers at \$4.50. Nothing was done with ewes or yearlings at a late hour, although there was evidence that this class of stuff would sell at the maximum decline noted on lambs today.

243 western fed lambs..... 75 9 40
253 western fed lambs..... 75 6 40
253 western fed lambs..... 75 6 40
282 western fed lambs..... 75 6 40
78 western fed lambs..... 71 6 00
115 western shorn yearlings 74 4 75
115 western yearlings..... 79 4 75
192 western wethers..... 135 4 75
197 western wethers..... 129 4 50
12 western lambs..... 69 4 50
12 western yearlings..... 72 3 25
16 native bucks..... 196 2 50

Packers' Sheep Purchases.

Swift & Co.....2,500
Morris & Co.....2,500
Hammond Packing Co.....253
Total.....5,253

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Today's cash values: Receipts: wheat, 3 cars; corn, 50 cars; oats, 2 cars.

Wheat.

No. 2 red	..... 1 00
No. 3 red	..... 97 1/2 @ 99
No. 2 hard	..... 1 04 @ 1 10
No. 3 hard	..... 1 02 1/2 @ 1 09

Corn.

No. 2 white, new	..... 65 1/2 @ 68 1/2
No. 3 white, new	..... 67 1/2 @ 69 1/2
No. 4 white, new	..... 66 @ 68
No. 2 mixed, new	..... 67 1/2 @ 68 1/2
No. 3 mixed, new	..... 66 1/2 @ 67 1/2
No. 2 yellow, new	..... 64 1/2 @ 65 1/2
No. 3 yellow, new	..... 64 1/2 @ 65
No. 4 yellow, new	..... 64 1/2 @ 65

Oats.

No. 2 white	..... 51 1/2 @ 52 1/2
No. 3 white	..... 50 1/2 @ 51 1/2
No. 2 oats	..... 49 1/2 @ 50 1/2
No. 3 oats	..... 49 @ 49 1/2
Brnn	..... 1 35 @ 1 40
Corn chop, new	..... 1 26 @ 1 27

The above cash quotations are based on actual sales each day and are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-1008 New Corby-Forbes Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.

Local Quotations Corrected to Date by Local Dealers. The following quotations are furnished daily by the St. Joseph Hay Receivers and Shippers association for the benefit of Stock Yards Daily Journal readers: Timothy—Choice, \$21.00 to \$22.00; No. 1, \$19.00 to \$20.50; No. 2, \$17.00 to \$18.50; No. 3, \$14 to \$15.50. Clover—Choice, \$19.00 to \$20.00; No. 1, \$17.50 to \$19.00; No. 2, \$15.00 to \$16.50; No. 3, \$12 to \$14. Alfalfa—Choice, \$16.00 to \$17.00; No. 1, \$14.00 to \$15.00; No. 2, \$12.00 to \$13.00; No. 3, \$10.50 to \$11.50. Packer hay—Choice, \$19.00 to \$20.00; No. 1, \$18.00 to \$19.00; No. 2, \$16.00 to \$17.00; No. 3, \$13 to \$15.50. Packer hay—\$5.00 to \$7.00. Lowland prairie—No. 1, \$10 to \$12; No. 2, \$8 to \$10. Straw—\$6 to \$7.

CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS.

Quotations on Cottonseed, Linseed and Alfalfa Products. Ko-Pres-Ko-Kake—Carlots, per ton, \$22; ton lots, \$28. Cottonseed—Carlots, per ton, \$25.80 to \$28.40; ton lots, \$25.50 to \$30.50. Alfalfa meal—Per ton, choice, \$20.50 to \$21.50; No. 1, \$19 to \$20; No. 2, \$18 to \$19; standard, \$18 to \$19. Linseed meal—Carlots, per ton, \$33.00; ton lots, \$40 to \$45; 100-lb. lots, \$21; less quantities, \$2.20 per 100 lbs.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Following are today's wholesale prices for beef cuts as given out by Swift & Company: Dressed Beef, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3. Ribs..... 15 1/2 @ 12 1/2 @ 11 1/2 @ 10 1/2 @ 9 1/2 @ 8 1/2 @ 7 1/2 @ 6 1/2 @ 5 1/2 @ 4 1/2 @ 3 1/2 @ 2 1/2 @ 1 1/2 @ 1/2 @ 1/4 @ 1/8 @ 1/16 @ 1/32 @ 1/64 @ 1/128 @ 1/256 @ 1/512 @ 1/1024 @ 1/2048 @ 1/4096 @ 1/8192 @ 1/16384 @ 1/32768 @ 1/65536 @ 1/131072 @ 1/262144 @ 1/524288 @ 1/1048576 @ 1/2097152 @ 1/4194304 @ 1/8388608 @ 1/16777216 @ 1/33554432 @ 1/67108864 @ 1/134217728 @ 1/268435456 @ 1/536870912 @ 1/1073741824 @ 1/2147483648 @ 1/4294967296 @ 1/8589934592 @ 1/17179869184 @ 1

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IRRIGATION WORK.

In his annual report to Secretary Wilson, Dr. A. C. True, the director of the office of experiment stations, deals interestingly with the work of irrigation in which he says: "The widespread interest in irrigation, the large sums expended in securing water supplies, the rapid settlement of lands, and the great agricultural development under irrigation enterprises have necessitated the expenditure of much more time and funds in furnishing information to prospective settlers and in extending timely aid to those who are endeavoring to establish homes in the reclaimed portions of the arid lands of the west. The number of inquiries from eastern people for information concerning agricultural conditions in the different sections of the west has increased more than 40 per cent during the year. This demand has been so great that it has been necessary to have reprints of nearly all the bulletins of both the practical and state series described in former reports. During the year three additional bulletins of the state series have been published, leaving but five of the arid and semi arid states that have not been covered. "The thousand of settlers who have settled on irrigated lands during the past three years are for the most part ignorant of irrigation practice and methods, and both the most recent settler and the pioneer irrigator are continually confronted with new problems. To assist both the old and the new settlers, agents have been maintained throughout the entire year in 19 of the western states, and in 3 others during the spring of 1911. These agents devoted a large part of their time to traveling from place to place in their respective states collecting data, studying conditions, giving practical advice to irrigators, consulting with the officers of irrigation enterprises regarding the improvement of methods, and addressing farmers' meetings upon practical irrigation questions. The work of the agents has been supplemented to a large extent by the bulletins and circulars of this office and the farmers' bulletins of the department, three additional bulletins and two circulars having been issued during the past year."

MAKE FARM HOMES ATTRACTIVE

Kansas Industrialist: It would be strange, indeed, if the average boys and girls, reared on the farms, did not look forward to the time when they would make their home in the city. The common aim of the farmer is to remain on the farm only until he has accumulated enough wealth to enable him to live in the city; the farm being considered only as a temporary place of abode, a mine as it were, where he can go down and dig for a while, and come to the surface to live, if the children are taught to look upon the farm in this light they, naturally, plan to leave it, and make their living elsewhere in the beginning. Why not build a good house on the farm? Have it heated by a furnace; have it equipped with plumbing, the pressure coming from an elevated tank. Hot and cold water may be had, with bath, and all other conveniences enjoyed by the city dweller. Make the house modern in every sense. Have a lawn, for there is plenty of room. Watering may be done by simply turning a tap from the tank. There should be a substantial and attractive lawn fence, so that the live stock and poultry cannot get on the lawn. Shade trees should be planted densely enough to give plenty of shade. Not only should the house be well built, and have a neat appearance from without, but it should be well finished inside, and well furnished. Why doesn't the farmer have hard wood floors, oak finish, a piano, and a piano, if he does not have the



The River King and the Zebra

Daddy's Bedtime Story

The Zebra and His Elegant Black Stripes

GRANDPA had taken the children to the menagerie. There they had seen a zebra for the first time. "Why are there stripes on zebras, daddy?" asked Jack and Evelyn. "When we asked grandpa about them he said he didn't know." "Yes," added matter of fact Evelyn, "and he said to ask you. Maybe you could make up some yarn about it." "Now, I do not know why the zebras are striped, but as summer is coming and the swimming pool will again be an attraction for our Jack I will tell you the following story, which you may believe or not as you like. "Once there was a little zebra who was very fond of swimming. His mother had made him a beautiful striped bathing suit—stripes happened to be the style that season just as they are this year—and the little zebra was very proud of his yellow and black clothes. "His mother had hoped that if she made him a nice bathing suit he would remember not to stay in the water too long. Often lunch or dinner would be over before he would get back from his swim, and she found this trying, even if she hadn't any dishes to wash. "Instead of getting home earlier it was worse than ever. Indeed, the river king, who roared out the bathing rights to the jungle folk, thought that the zebra family got more than their share and talked of asking a larger rent. "Indeed, I won't pay it," Papa Zebra said. "If my son stays in longer than he should just chase him home." "The river king grumbled and said he hadn't time to go about chasing naughty youngsters out of his river, but if he caught Master Zebra in again after his hour he would attend to him all right. "It was only a few days later that the river king, sailing down the stream on his handsome water horse, came upon the zebra swimming with some of his companions. "Get out of there!" yelled the river king. But the zebra did not mind. "Then the river king raised his staff, at the end of which were three prongs, and he waved it three times at the zebra while he muttered some queer words. "The zebra stopped his splashing about. A very odd feeling crept over him. His bathing suit seemed to be sticking closer and closer to his skin. He dashed out of the water and straight home. "When he got there the bathing suit wouldn't come off. It never did come off, although all the zebras tried to help him off with it, and since they all zebras are striped."

good fortune to have a musician in the family. Every member of the family should have a bed room furnished in accordance with his own taste, and decorated as he or she likes, so that there may be something to call one's own, in which there is always a personal pride. If the home compares favorably with the best of the city homes, the children will take pleasure in entertaining friends from city or country. In general, prepare to live on the farm, not merely to exist there, and boys and girls will have a much better opinion of the farm and farming. They will not be eager to leave, if they see some good reason for staying.

ACTRESS ALSO MILKMAID.

On Wager Comedienne Milks 4 Cows in 21 Minutes. Denver, Colo., Jan. 27.—If Miss Ethel McDonough, the Orpheum's girl comedienne, gets tired of performing in vaudeville, she has another position awaiting her. She can milk cows at a Denver dairy. One day this week Miss McDonough, accompanied by a party of friends, went to the Sterling dairy, near River side cemetery, and milked four cows dry without stopping. A crowd of dairy hands witnessed her feat, and R. A. Lammers, the proprietor of the dairy, promises as well as any girl. Her friends laughed and then Miss McDonough asserted that she could milk four cows without a pause. She offered to furnish a dinner for the party if she tried it and failed. The six friends offered to buy her six dinners if she succeeded. After her rehearsal Miss McDonough donned a pair of overalls, riveted an automobile and took her friends out to the dairy. Four cows were brought out and the actress milked them all, without a pause, in twenty-one minutes. She was a little slow getting started on the first animal, for she said that she had not milked or several years and her hands were not in practice. The other three cows were swiftly pumped milkless, however. Last night Miss McDonough received the first of the series of dinners that she won by her skill at the dairy. Meanwhile, Mr. Lammers, the dairy proprietor, is urging the young woman to leave the stage and accept a position on his farm.

CUDAHY'S WILL BROKEN.

Estate in California Can Be Divided Between Heirs. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 29.—The trust which the late Michael Cudahy, the Chicago packer, sought to form by his will is void so far as the property in California is concerned, under the oral opinion of Judge Rives in the probate court here. This decision came as a surprise and is the result of a long legal battle on the part of the Cudahy heirs, who sought to have the property divided. Cudahy died in 1910, leaving an estate of many millions, most of which was in Illinois. The value of the estate in California, it was stated, was approximately \$500,000. In his will, according to the petition filed by the contestants, Mr. Cudahy undertook to prevent the sale of this property, known as the Cudahy ranch, for a period of five years, the income meanwhile to be used for certain purposes. The Cudahy Ranch company, organized here by the heirs-at-law, contested the will, asserting this property should be distributed free from the trust. Judge Rives in his opinion said he was forced to the belief that the trust was void under the California law, regardless of what the Illinois law might be upon the subject. A motor lawnmower does about five times the work of a horsepower.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Beware of too much starch in the winter diet. Use vegetables and fruit as much as possible. Dustless mops and dusters can be made by soaking some woolen material in paraffin oil over night. In the morning wring dry and hang in the shade half a day. Ribbon four or five inches wide makes a jewel bag that is satisfactory. It is lined with chamamois, and folded in envelop fashion and the flap held down securely by two clasps. This bag should be firmly stitched to the corset. Drying-frames.—Frames are made for drying children's drawers like those for shirts and stockings. They come in four sizes and cost from 69 to 79 cents each. A girl's sailor blouse may be finished with a large bow of the material placed where the points of the collar meet. This renders a necktie of any kind quite unnecessary. A harmless gun can be procured with which it is safe for little boys to play. The ammunition is hollow rubber balls that will not break windows nor do other mischief. The price is 50 cents. The "Cricket Stories" are wholesome reading for a little girl of nine. There are three books, relating the adventures in town and country of healthy, happy children, neither so good as to be unreal nor so bad as to be repulsive. Cut a pumpkin in half and remove the seeds and stringy pulp parts inclosing them. Then put the halves in the oven and bake without any further cutting. When it is done, with a large wooden spoon scrape the "flesh" out of the shell clear down to the rind and run through a colander.

POULTRY NOTES.

The first egg laid by a pullet is the smallest and the size increases gradually until about a dozen have been laid when they begin to decrease. Separate the cockerels from the pullets. They are of no earthly use, but on the contrary do harm. They should be castrated or sent to market. To relieve a cropbound bird fill a fountain syringe with warm water, insert the end of the hose without the nozzle into the bird's throat and fill the crop with water. Then hold the bird's head down and gently press out the contents of the crop. If your chicken house faces north board up the opening and transfer them to the south side and make them big enough to allow the sunshine to flood the floor.

TIME FOR FILING IS NEAR.

Rosebud Drawing Are to Be Notified Soon.

Dallas, S. D., Jan. 29.—The time is not far distant for successful drawers of numbers in the Mellette and Bennett counties and opening to receive notice from the government as to where they will be expected to report to offer their filings for the lands to be opened for settlement and, as usual, the lands from these points, but they are the regulation number of men called "locators" who know all about the new country, and are willing to offer their services to the " newcomers" to select filings from them. These filings are at the present time located at Gregory, Dallas, Winner, and Carter, and are carrying on their correspondence with the land office in this city, but they all want to be at the land office city when the harvest is on. A peculiar condition exists and the location "up in the air" and are apt to remain there until the government makes a move or two. The entire Rosebud country is in the Gregory land district, with the exception of Mellette county—the county to be opened, and it, with Bennett county, is now attached to the Chamberlain land district. It is reasoned by those who are up on matters of this kind that the government will have an executive order issued soon transferring the new territory to the Gregory district. This will have to be done or the filings will have to be made in Chamberlain. Then there is talk, and not all talk, either, that the government contemplates the consolidation of the Chamberlain and the Gregory offices and the establishment of a new district further west and more accessible to the homestead lands to be entered. In this anticipation the various towns of Gregory, Winner, and Chamberlain, Carter and Winner in Tripp county, and White River, the county seat of Mellette county, are all candidates for the new land office city. Again the Chamberlain land office, may remain in fact and be robbed of the counties to be located by attaching it to the Gregory district and the filings would be made in Gregory. Then there is a strong chance of the annexation feature being carried out and the Gregory office moved to Carter or Winner. In order to play safe numerous filings are being made in all the towns at a great expense, awaiting Uncle Sam's action. In the meantime the South Dakota department of agriculture is being urged to have action taken in the interest of the respective towns and the situation for them is not one to be envied. It is expected that the filing on lands will be commenced April 1 and that at least by February 1 the order should be issued through the department as to the plans for handling this immense business.

SURGEON'S GREAT DISCOVERY

Eggshell Lining a Substitute for Skin in Treating Burns.

Philadelphia North American: Discovery by Max Staller, surgeon at St. Sinal hospital, that the white lining of the eggshell is a valuable substitute for human skin in grafting operations, may revolutionize the methods of treating burns and scalds. Experiments have been made at the hospital for a period of more than three months and in every case the victims of burns have been benefited. Staller said that the lining of the eggshell is a substitute for human skin in grafting operations, may revolutionize the methods of treating burns and scalds. Experiments have been made at the hospital for a period of more than three months and in every case the victims of burns have been benefited. Philadelphia North American: Discovery by Max Staller, surgeon at St. Sinal hospital, that the white lining of the eggshell is a valuable substitute for human skin in grafting operations, may revolutionize the methods of treating burns and scalds. Experiments have been made at the hospital for a period of more than three months and in every case the victims of burns have been benefited. Staller said that the lining of the eggshell is a substitute for human skin in grafting operations, may revolutionize the methods of treating burns and scalds. Experiments have been made at the hospital for a period of more than three months and in every case the victims of burns have been benefited.

SETTLE QUANTINE MATTER

Threatened Trouble in Western Colorado Amicably Adjusted.

Montrose, Col., Jan. 27.—An amicable settlement between the Western Slope Wool Growers' association and the state and federal sheep inspectors, Drs. McMullen and Howe, has been effected, and as a result sheep in this section will not be placed under the threatened permanent quarantine which resulted from the acquittal in the county court here of Clyde Lathrop, charged with violating the law in shipping to Utah, Lathrop dip-dipped once, and the 2,000 sheep were moved to Mack, on the Colorado-Utah border. The verdict in favor of Lathrop caused the inspectors to believe a harrassing violation of the quarantine laws might follow and they recommended a permanent quarantine of the district. In conference with the state board of sheep inspectors it was decided to send a committee here to investigate. This committee visited Montrose, and in a conference with Attorney John C. Bell, counsel for Lathrop and District Attorney Worth, it was agreed that Lathrop's sheep must remain in quarantine at Mack until about April 1, when they are to be dipped twice under the supervision of the state inspectors. The sheep will be kept under guard by deputy sheriffs until then. Had a permanent quarantine been declared by the state board and the inspectors been withdrawn from this district, a great financial loss would have resulted to sheepmen, and both cattle and sheep owners now propose to co-operate with the state officers to prevent violation of the quarantine laws. Women, according to the law of average, live longer than men; their allotted span of life is 41.85 years, as against 39.91 of the opposite sex.

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FROST WARNINGS BENEFIT Government Forecasts Saved Shippers of Perishable Freight Much Money. Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—In dealing with the warning sent out by the Weather Bureau during the past year to protect the growers of perishable products against frosts, Prof. Moore says in his annual report to Secretary Wilson: "Special attention was given during the year to warnings for the benefit of shippers and growers of perishable goods. Forecasts were sent out daily from a number of our larger stations, giving the probable temperatures likely to be encountered by perishable goods shipped in any direction. "Substations were established in the cranberry marshes of Massachusetts, in the citrus fruit districts of Florida, and in some of the orchard districts of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, and California. During the first season special reports are sent from these substations to the forecast center, where they are used in the preparation of a special forecast in the afternoon or early evening, supplementing the regular morning forecast. By this means the growers are enabled to take such precautionary measures as are available to protect their crops. In Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Florida, and California the fruit growers sprays and fire when necessary, while in the cranberry regions the cranberry growers flood their bogs to prevent injury. In this line of work it has been the policy to furnish the individual with information particularly applicable to his orchard, rather than to have him depend upon a general forecast that would apply to a large section, but could not accurately cover the section in detail. Effort has been made to encourage the growers to organize and employ protective measures in saving the crops from frosts and freezes. Thus far the work has been successful beyond expectations. One example of the fruits of this work is instances of a letter from Mr. Thomas F. Mahoney, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Grand Junction, which was published in the Denver News of Dec. 18, 1911. In this letter it is claimed that the prompt action taken by the orchardists of Colorado's western slope on the receipt of the warnings of a severe freeze last spring resulted in the saving of \$2,500,000."

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FIND OLD INDIAN RELICS. Workmen Uncarth Curios of Aboriginal Tribe Near Davis, Okla. Davis, Okla., Jan. 27.—Relics unearthed yesterday by workmen at an amusement park on Honey creek, six miles southwest of Davis, bear mute evidence of the changes which have taken place in the Arbuckle mountain region in the last half century. No steps were taken to unearth the relics and the discovery was accidental. The "find" consists of curiously wrought pottery, knives, parts of guns and a bullet mold. These are heavy with rust and must have been made prior to 1812. Only small fragments of the firearms remain as nature has removed the wooden parts. Two of the guns evidently are muzzle loaders, while the third appears to be of the pattern used by the Puritans. The bullet mold was so rusted up it broke into two sections. Engineer Cox, in charge of the workmen, said he would probably turn the relics over to the Oklahoma Historical society, or send them to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. Old residents declare that near the crest of "Burning mountain," in the heart of the Arbuckle mountains, numerous relics of aborigines can be picked up and predict many interesting and valuable finds will be made when scientists take up the search.

ENCOURAGE SELF-RELIANCE. Diffidence is the fruit of self-reliance. The world is apt to take one at his own self-valuation. Discount yourself and so will others. Self-poise is a vital asset in life. A mean and low estimate of yourself may be due to your own superior knowledge of the subject.—Rev. C. B. Mitchell, Methodist, Chicago, Ill.

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TWO TOTS SAVE TRAIN.

Children Are Rewarded With \$200 for Their Act.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 29.—One hundred dollars each was the reward sent yesterday to 7-year-old Alleen Martin and her 14-year-old sister, Alma, who prevented a Southern Pacific passenger train from being wrecked by a broken rail near Alta, January 13.

The reward was sent by E. C. Calvert, vice president and general manager of the Harriman lines in California, and it was accompanied by a letter expressing the appreciation of the company for the quickwitted action of the girls.

Little Alleen, who is the daughter of the section foreman on the Alta branch, was walking along the track when she detected the rail, broken in three places. She knew that a passenger train was soon due and she telephoned the agent at Towle, telling him to notify the train crew. He told her that the train had passed, and she started down the track to signal it. On the way she met her sister and the two children succeeded in having the train stopped.

The train men said that had the train track the broken rail a bad accident would have resulted.

Holding the Fort
By DONALD ALLEN

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Moses Cosgrove had been a widower for three years when he decided to "look around." There were three or four widows whom he thought would fill the bill, but at length he settled on Mrs. Hannah Lee. In his own way he figured that he had only to drive over to her farm and say that he had decided to marry her, and the widow and the farm would be his.

Moses must have heard that the Widow Lee was a very obstinate woman. In fact, she defied many accepted things just to differ from her neighbors. She lamented the loss of her husband, but at the same time she said he didn't amount to much as a man because he wouldn't argue a point. If Moses had known his business as a suitor he would have dropped in on the widow and said:

"Widow Lee, I have decided to get married again, but I'll be hanged if I want you."

The widow at once would have brought forward forty different reasons why he did want her, and why they should be married, and the ceremony might have come off in two weeks. But Moses took the other way. Mrs. Lee knew him for a hard-working, successful farmer, and she rather liked him, but his assurance roused her opposition at once, and her reply was:

"Moses Cosgrove, I wouldn't marry you if you was the last man on earth!"

"But why?"

"None of your business! I am mixing bread just now, as you can see, and I haven't time to answer fool



"None of Your Business."

questions. You go and marry some woman who ain't got no mind of her own."

"But I want you."

"But you can't get me."

"See here, widow, I'm a determined man. When I say a thing I mean it."

"And I'm a determined woman, Moses Cosgrove. I've never been bossed yet, and I've never gone back on what I said."

"I'll come again."

"But it won't do you a mite of good."

"That was the beginning of what Moses called a six months' courtship, but which Mrs. Lee characterized as six months of pestering around. Every few days Moses would call to say:

"Well, widow, have you changed your mind yet?"

"Not by a jugful!"

"Better get at it soon. You are growing old and homely every day."

"And that's none of your business. If you pester me much longer I'll have the constable after you!"

"It ain't against the law to court a widow woman, and the constable can't interfere. I told you the first day I came here that we should be married sooner or later, and by the great gewillikins, it'll be so!"

"Never, Moses Cosgrove—never!"

"I am an obstinate man."

"And I'm an obstinate woman. If I said that soft soap was maple 'lasses I'd drink a quart of it rather than give in."

It was early spring when Moses Cosgrove began his campaign. Fall had come, and he had made no progress. He wasn't discouraged, however. There is such a thing as luck in courting a widow, and he was patiently waiting for luck to come his way.

One forenoon he started for town to sell a load of hay. At about the same time the widow started to deliver a load of oat straw she had sold to a cider mill on the other side of him. They lived a mile apart. On the highway between them was a swampy spot which had been corduroyed. The way here for a distance of ten rods was not over ten feet wide. If a vehicle was on the causeway another coming up must wait its turn.

As Moses Cosgrove approached the narrow way he saw something coming that caused him to grow out:

"I'll be hanged if that ain't the Widow Lee coming on a load of straw, and she means to get the way on me! Dam by cats, if she does!"

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When the bag-corners turn a dead-leaf brown and the upper surface is faintly yellow, slack the heat—either by turning out flame, pushing in dampers, or setting the oven door ajar. It is this lowered heat that prevents the possibility of scorching—a prevention which anybody who has ever cooked will appreciate.

The last and greatest reason for the bag is the bettering of the fish itself. A paper bag will not make stale fish fresh, nor that which is coarse and savorless tasty. But given good fish, it will cook it to the queen's taste, turning it out tender, flaky, flavoured, with all the goodness of the seasoning or sauce driven through and through it.

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SOME OF MY FAVORITE FISH RECIPES.

By Nicolas Soyer, Chef of Brooks' Club, London.

Cod Bourgeoise.—Take two slices of cod, season with salt and pepper, and lay them in a well-buttered bag. Place two mushrooms and two sliced tomatoes on top of the fish, add a chopped shallot, dot over with butter, squeeze over with lemon juice, seal up and cook for fifteen minutes.

Cod a la Valvaska.—Take a cutlet, spread each side well with butter, dip into seasoned flour, then sprinkle very thickly with grated cheese. A mixture of Parmesan and Gruyeres is best, but any kind, even Dutch, will do. Grease a bag well with butter. Put in the fish and add to it either a gill of good fish stock or flavored milk (i. e., milk in which a slice each of onion, turnip and carrot, and a bit of celery, have simmered for fifteen minutes). Seal bag and cook twenty to thirty minutes, according to the thickness of the cutlet, in a moderately hot oven. Turn out gently on to a hot dish. Pour the sauce over, sprinkle flaked shrimps on top, and serve. The shrimps should be made hot, not cooked, in a little roll of well-greased paper bag, separately.

Halibut a la Minute.—Season a slice of halibut about an inch thick with salt and pepper and roll in flour. Slice two tomatoes, lay them over the fish, squeeze lemon juice upon them, dot with bits of butter rather thickly, put into a thickly buttered bag, and cook fifteen minutes in a very hot oven. If the oven heat has to be slackened, cook for ten minutes longer—fish requires always to be well done.

Cod.—Slice three pounds of fish, season well with salt and pepper, add a small onion chopped, and a few sweet herbs. Mix to a smooth paste an ounce of butter or beef dripping, a large tablespoonful of flour, and three parts of a glass of milk. Any sauce can be used to flavor the paste, though none is necessary. Put the paste and the fish together into a well buttered paper bag, seal tight, and cook in a hot oven twenty minutes.

Stewed Eels.—Cut two eels in pieces two inches long. Add salt and pepper, chopped parsley, a small onion chopped, a teaspoonful of flour, and a pinch of sweet herbs. Put into a greased bag with two spoonfuls of milk, water, or stock, or either of them mixed 'alf and 'alf. Butter makes the dish much richer, but can be left out. Cook twenty minutes in a moderate oven and serve from the bag or a very hot dish.

Smoked Haddock.—Clean a smoked haddock weighing about two pounds, season it well with cayenne pepper, but no salt. Pour upon it two large tablespoonfuls of milk and a little white sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and a few bread crumbs. Add enough melted butter to moisten the crumbs, put the fish in a well-buttered bag, seal, and cook for twenty minutes in a very hot oven.

Stuffed Fresh Haddock.—Cop a cooked onion with three tablespoonfuls of breadcrumbs. Add an ounce of butter, salt and pepper to taste, a little chopped parsley and a beaten egg. Mix thoroughly, stuff the fish with the mixture, tie up, roll in flour, place in a bag well greased, dot the fish over with butter, seal the bag, and cook for twenty minutes in a hot oven.

Fish Croquettes.—Mix one pound of cold fish, free of the skin and bone, with two tablespoonfuls of white sauce and season well with salt, pepper, cayenne, and a little chopped parsley. Form into croquettes, roll them in eggs and breadcrumbs, place in a well-greased bag, seal and cook for twenty minutes in a very hot oven.

Willing to Remember.
Wife—Six glasses of beer you've had? Think of your seven children at home.
Husband—I will, Walter, bring another glass.—Flegende Blaetter.

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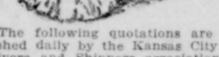
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POTATOES WORTH MILLIONS

Minnesota Spud Producers Gain by Shortage in Other Crops.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 29.—Because the 1911 potato crop of the United States is 16 per cent smaller than the year before, about 25 per cent smaller than in 1909, and the stocks in dealers' hands now are 22 per cent smaller than they were a year ago, government experts figure that Minnesota growers of the Irish spud will reap a harvest of about \$20,000,000 for their 1911 crop.

According to the government report, the high price of potatoes is not the only feature of the present situation—most of the fact that the yield is the smallest it has been in many years. It calls special attention to the fact that two years ago dealers had in stock 41 per cent more spuds than they have now. The last bulletin of the department of agriculture estimates the Minnesota 1911 crop at 25,875,000 bushels, but adds that the whole country is short 35,000,000 bushels, compared with 1910, and 85,000,000 compared with 1909. Twin City dealers say these figures show why prices are high in the state, though Minnesota produced between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000 more bushels than it did in 1910.

The shortage in the potato product has become so acute, in that commission dealers of New York and other Eastern cities have asked the government to remove the import duty of 25 cents on a bushel for the next six months and let England, Ireland, Scotland and Germany replenish the United States market.

Minnesota stood fourth among the spud producing states, according to the following table from the government report:

Crop 1911.	Crop 1910.
Wisconsin	32,450,000 28,600,000
Michigan	31,925,000 26,750,000
New York	27,750,000 40,200,000
Minnesota	25,875,000 12,423,000
Pennsylvania	15,129,000 24,200,000
Iowa	12,876,000 12,334,000
Ohio	12,350,000 17,220,000
Illinois	8,500,000 10,350,000
Nebraska	8,022,000 8,398,000
New Jersey	5,132,000 9,135,000
Indiana	5,162,000 8,148,000
Colorado	5,150,000 8,600,000
Kansas	1,769,000 4,674,000
New England States	30,925,000 41,870,000
Total	217,925,000 261,141,000

Minnesota potatoes are bringing \$1.35 in the Twin City, while the favorites of some of the Western cities have brought as high as \$1.50, both at retail. The condition here and over the country, according to the commission men, is due partly to the brake on shipping placed by the recent severe cold weather, so when the weather grows warmer they look for a considerable decline in the price.

FIRES SOMETIMES BENEFIT

They Are Occasionally a Gain to Those Who Own the Timber.

People who have read accounts of great forest fires may be surprised to learn that, in place of loss, such fires are sometimes a gain to the owner. The loss in lumber if cut within a few years is small, and the moving of underbrush reduces the cost of lumbering.

That a forest fire could in any way be a benefit and not an injury seems so contrary to the ordinary notion that the statement has been made that more timber is destroyed by fire every year than is converted into lumber. As a matter of fact, the report of the forest service declares the actual fire loss in national reserves for the last three years has amounted to only one-tenth of one per cent. From the same city lumber companies, the highest admitted loss from fire is 2 per cent in twenty years. Another company estimates its fire loss for fifty-two years at 1 per cent and another, during sixty years, has had an annual loss of one-tenth of 1 per cent. Twenty-eight companies report their loss since organization as "hardly worth mentioning."

The point of these reports, so surprising to those unacquainted with the lumber business is that the fires, while they kill the trees, do not consume the trunk. The less severe fires do not necessarily kill the trees. When fires do this by burning the underbrush around the trees and perhaps the tops of the trees. But the trunk of the tree, the log from which the boards are to be cut, is seldom touched. The killed timber makes as good lumber as the other, the only difference being that it is necessary to cut it within a limited time.

White pine or hemlock in the upper Mississippi valley must be cut the first or second winter following the fire or worms will injure the lumber. The two-year period applies in the "timber empire" and to the hemlock on the slopes of the Cascades. Western foresters need not be cut for three years and western fir for four years. Red cedar has no limit, and trees burned fifty years ago are now being turned into shingles.—Jonas Howard in Chicago Tribune.

THERE'LL BE RAIN A-PLENTY

Next Summer Will Be Favorable for Crops in Kansas, Says Frost.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 27.—John E. Frost, for many years a land man for the Santa Fe and now retired, says next summer will be a good year for the western part of the state; that there will be plenty of rainfall. And he bases his opinion on the fact that there have been heavy snows in the mountains of Colorado and that the mountains are now completely covered.

Mr. Frost spent many years in Western Kansas in the early days laying out townships for the Santa Fe and disposing of land to settlers. He studied the country and the seasons. He says he discovered that when there was little snow in the mountains in the winter there was light precipitation on the prairies of Western Kansas the following summer and that when there was heavy snow in the mountains in the winter there was a good rainfall on the prairies the following summer. He wished it for many years and is confident that the two things work in common.

"Next summer will be a favorable one for crops in Western Kansas," Mr. Frost said. "Why?" "Because of the snow in the mountains," he replied. "Ordinarily Kansas people think when there is heavy snow in the mountains it merely means high water in the Arkansas river the next spring but that is not strictly true. It does mean high water in the river but it also means good rains for the high prairie in the west. I don't attempt to say why it is but it is."

REQUIRES CHANGE AND REST

Average Woman Unable to Be Happy Among Surroundings That Have Become Monotonous.

A certain woman was restless. She was worn out, but it was not with physical work. Her husband was wiser, perhaps, than most husbands. He did not send her to the top of a mountain where she was the only inhabitant. He sent her to resort where there were many new people, with new personalities and new topics of interest. She needed contact with the world more than she needed a cool climate. Frequently men who brush elbows with a dozen persons each day do not appreciate the solitude of their wives. Sometimes when a man needs a rest to get away from miscellaneous humanity, contact is just what is needed by his wife. Frequently even if she has enough feminine society she lacks the society of men. Perhaps her husband never really converses, or is able to converse, with her. A man hidden behind his newspaper at the breakfast table is not a recreation of the comic paper; he is a too frequent fact. Too often his wife does not interest him because the sphere which is imposed upon her is too limited. Yet she may have been so confined to her own thoughts all day that she feels she will go crazy if she does not have some one to talk sincerely with, or some other human excitement. Birds often divide the care of the young, and when the female leaves the nest it is sometimes merely for change and rest. There are some who believe the French woman is more content than the average woman in other countries because she has a share in the family business. She is a partner, instead of a sort of upper servant.—Editorial in Colliers.

WHY A MAN LIKES A DOG

Of Course There Are Other Reasons, but These Are the Ideas of the Suffragette Lady.

"Why does a man like a dog?" responded the suffragette lady, fiercely, and repeated. "Why does a man like a dog? Well, there are numerous reasons, though a dog is not a reasoning being. A dog will lick the hand that beats it; a dog will eat a crust and a bone and bless the giver; a dog thinks whatever a man does is right and proper; a dog has no rights that a man is bound to respect; a dog asks no embarrassing questions; a dog is always grateful, no matter for what; a dog does not ask the man to stay at home nights; a dog is satisfied to love the man whether the man loves the dog or not; a dog submits to any and all impositions without protest; a dog does not consider itself a man's equal; a dog lets a man have his own way; a dog doesn't want to vote; a dog is just as glad to see a man when he gets in at three o'clock in the morning, almost helpless, as if he hadn't gone out at all; a dog has no mother in sight, and a dog can't talk back—can't talk back, mind you, nor won't talk back. That is why a man likes a dog."

Children on the Streets.

It has been proven beyond all possibility of contradiction that the greatest percentage of boys and girls who are brought before the courts for delinquency owe their waywardness to the education they have received on the streets at night. The school of the streets is a bad one in which to receive an education. It is one of the factors that must be carefully guarded. The remedy must be keeping the children off the streets at night or to make the streets fit places for children. It is almost impossible to do the latter. It is possible to do the former. The city streets are public property. Any one is entitled to walk the streets, provided they do not violate any statutory ordinance in doing so. The city authorities have no power to intervene. The moral character of the pedestrian counts for nothing. The parent of the child has authority to keep the youngster at home and the wise parent will exercise this authority.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Charming Old Boy.

"Probably nothing in the world is as wholesome as seeing an old man thinking himself young. Truly, a man is only as old as he thinks. Sometimes, though, this tendency amounts to almost a frenzy and becomes wholly irreconcilable and beyond all reason. A case in point is emphasized in a postal card received by the circulation department of this Famous Old Daily from an eighty-three-year-old subscriber down-state: "Dear Sirs: Why can't you send me the sporting extra instead of this five o'clock regular?" We have a mind that this youngster will rock the boat, splash the ladies, and cut up all manners of kid didoes on the trip across the River Styx!—Buffalo News.

One Old Thing.

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