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## BEEVES SCORE UPTURN

MARKET CLOSING WEIR IN FAIR TONE WITH PRICES BETTER THAN WEEK AGO.

## ADVANCE IS 10 TO 25 CENTS

Handy Weights and Best Heavies Show Greatest Gain—Cows and Heifers Higher—Veals Up—Stock Cattle Stronger.

Usual Saturday conditions prevailed in the cattle market today. The usual meager week-end supply got in and prices were without quotable change in any division of the market. Business in beef cattle was virtually at a standstill.

Beef steer trade this week has been on a healthy basis. The snowstorm of last Saturday caused many of the west-bound trains to delay early this week with the result that cattle supplies were held down to meager proportions on the first two days.

With Wednesday's market showing a strong upward trend, the heavy weight of the week's receipts and the fact that the market is in a position to receive a good week's supply, the market advanced today with prices better than a week ago.

Handy weights and best heavies showed the most pronounced showing of strength in the good steady and heavy weight and best heavy beef steers.

The following prices on steers are quoted on the basis of Joseph market choice to prime, \$7.50 to \$8.25; good to choice, \$7.25 to \$7.50; good to fair, \$6.75 to \$7.25; medium to fair, \$6.50 to \$6.75; common to medium, \$6.25 to \$6.50.

## DRRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.

No. Av. Price No. Av. Price  
6... 1298... 7... 25... 990... 6.00  
6... 1039... 2... 50

## COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

For the week of cows, heifers and mixed steers and heifers has been in good shape with values on a higher level than the week before.

## STOCKS AND FEEDERS.

The usual small week-end assortment of stock and feeding cattle put in appearance today.

## WORLD'S 1911 WHEAT CROP.

Total Yield is Estimated at 3,445,316,619 Bushels.

Washington, March 9.—Preliminary estimates of the wheat crops of the southern hemisphere, announced by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, have been received at the department of agriculture, showing the production in Argentina and Chile exceeding that of the previous year, while in Australia and New Zealand it was less.

The wheat production of Argentina is estimated at 170,562,533 bushels; Chile, 38,550,590 bushels; Australia, 75,353,228 bushels; and New Zealand, 4,487,331.

## HOG TRADE WAS ACTIVE

A MODERATE WEEK-END RUN CLEANED UP AT STRONG TO 5c HIGHER PRICES.

## SHIPPING DEMAND A FACTOR

Tops Sell at \$6.62½, With Bulk of Sales in a Narrow Spread of \$6.50 to \$6.60—Quality Was Good.

Closing day of the week brought out but moderate supply of hogs at the leading centers and a strong tone continued to feature the trade. Receipts here were estimated at 5,900 head. Strength at other points was reflected in an active demand locally and sellers were able to establish the market on a strong to 5c higher basis as compared with yesterday's general trade and the movement was fairly brisk as long as there was anything on sale.

Excepting for a bad break Thursday under local receipts that were the heaviest in history with one exception, the hog market has had a good healthy tone this week with prices on an advancing schedule.

## FORT WORTH.

Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reports report: Cattle—Receipts, 190. Market nominal, steers \$6.00.

## ST. JOSEPH.

Special to The Journal: The Live Stock Report reports: Cattle—Receipts, 190. Market steady.

## BIG CROWDS GREET SPECIAL

Good Roads, Dairy and Poultry Train at Maryville Yesterday.

Maryville, Mo., March 9.—The Burlington's good roads, dairy and poultry special train pulled out of Maryville at 9 o'clock for St. Joseph last night after a strenuous day for the lecturers who are traveling with the train and who represent the Missouri agricultural colleges.

The good roads special was packed in the Burlington yards here last night for three hours, while the lecturers with their charts and stereopticons, came here to speak to the good roads gathering in the auditorium of the Maryville Business College, Curtis Hill, state highway engineer, was the principal speaker.

Col. J. A. Corby, president of the St. Joseph board of health, accompanied the train on its tour of the Hopkins branch and was an interested listener as he returned to his home state dairy commissioner, spoke, which was at every station between St. Joseph and Hopkins, Hopkins included.

The train over to the good roads, dairy and poultry enthusiasts greeted the special. The lecture cars were filled at every stop and Dr. Cutler had enthusiastic audiences in the high schools before which he held his lectures yesterday. It was one of the best days for attendance that the special party has had since leaving Hannibal on last Tuesday.

Curtis Hill's talks on good roads met with hearty approval and his talk here last night was the big feature of the meeting.

The Burlington's good roads, dairy and poultry special will cover the Hannibal and Ridgeway and back today, stopping at Burlington, King City, Albany, Bethany, and Ridgeway. The train will be broken up into two sections.

The current week has not been a record breaker in the amount of business transacted, but there has been enough country buyers on hand to prevent any great accumulation of cattle in the west-side pens, and in a general way trade in this department is in a decidedly better condition than a week or ten days ago.

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## LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Today's Receipts:

Cattle	189	Head
Hogs	78	5,888
Sheep	1	719

## RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 TO DATE.

	1911	1912	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	100,404	97,840	....	2,564
Hogs	65,725	70,670	....	4,945
Sheep	11,112	12,711	....	1,599
Horses	12,143	12,343	200	....

## LIVE STOCK TO SIGHT.

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

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	200	12,600	2,000
Kansas City	200	10,000	2,000
St. Louis	200	7,500	100
St. Joseph	200	5,000	700
East St. Louis	200	7,500	....
Totals	1,000	38,400	3,800
Yesterday	1,100	45,200	5,100
Week ago	1,100	42,200	5,100
Month ago	2,200	41,200	5,100
Year ago	1,300	38,800	3,300

## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

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

	Open	High	Low	Close	Year
WHEAT					
May	104½	105	103½	104½	109½
July	96½	99¼	95	96¼	98
CORN					
May	71¼	72½	70¾	72½	71½
July	71¼	72½	70¾	72½	71½
OATS					
May	53¼	53¾	52¼	53¼	52½
July	49½	49¾	48½	49½	48½
PORK					
May	15.70	15.95	15.65	15.95	15.72
July	16.10	16.20	15.97	16.20	16.07
LARD					
May	9.32	9.37	9.27	9.37	9.27
July	9.47	9.55	9.45	9.55	9.45
RIBS					
May	8.75	8.82	8.72	8.82	8.72
July	8.85	8.90	8.82	8.90	8.82

## ESTIMATES OF CROPS.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Issues March Report.

Washington, March 9.—The March crop report of the United States department of agriculture, issued at 2:30 p. m. yesterday, and made up from reports of its correspondents and agents throughout the country, gives the following estimates:

Wheat—Quantity remaining on farms March 1 was about 122,925,000 bushels, or 19.6 per cent of the 1911 crop, against 141,700,000 bushels, or 25.9 per cent of the 1910 crop, on farms March 1, 1911, and 140,214,000 bushels, or 23.4 per cent of the 1905 crop, on farms March 1, 1910.

Corn—Quantity remaining on farms March 1 was about 84,969,000 bushels, or 34.9 per cent of the 1911 crop, against 1,165,278,000 bushels, or 40 per cent of the 1910 crop, on farms March 1, 1911, and 977,561,000 bushels, or 38.3 per cent of the 1909 crop, on farms March 1, 1910.

Oats—Quantity remaining on farms March 1 was about 28,988,000 bushels, or 31.4 per cent of the 1911 crop, against 442,665,000 bushels, or 37.3 per cent of the 1910 crop, on farms March 1, 1911, and 365,440,000 bushels, or 36.3 per cent of the 1909 crop, on farms March 1, 1910.

Barley—Quantity remaining on farms March 1 was about 24,760,000 bushels, or 15.5 per cent of the 1911 crop, against 32,498,000 bushels, or 19.3 per cent of the 1910 crop, on farms March 1, 1911, and 42,802,000 bushels, or 24.6 per cent of the 1909 crop, on farms March 1, 1910.

Telephone Efficiency Increased.

MEXICAN DESTROY RANCH.

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## SHEEP AND LAMBS GAIN

SHARP BULGE IN BOTH CLASSES OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF WEEK'S TRADE.

## CHOICE LAMBS UP TO \$7.10

Price List Boosted 50¢ to 75¢ Over Close of Last Week, Despite Increase in General Receipts.

Three cars of Nebraska lambs arriving too late to participate in yesterday's market were offered today. Packer demand was fairly good and salesmen had little trouble in clearing the short crop at prices fully steady yesterday. Best lambs sold at \$6.50.

With the moderation in the weather railroads have been running close to schedule, with the result that many sheep shipments delayed by last week's storm have hit the market in a bunch, and a substantial increase in receipts as compared with last week and a year ago is the result.

Local dealers are holding a steady price list for the week ending today. Locally a total of 17,909 sheep and lambs have been registered, as compared with 16,896 for the previous week and 15,321 for the same period a year ago.

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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, \$20 to \$21.50; No. 1, \$18.00 to \$19.50; No. 2, \$14.50 to \$17.50; No. 3, \$11.50 to \$13.50. Clover mixed—Choice, \$18 to \$19; No. 1, \$16.50 to \$17; No. 2, \$14 to \$16; No. 3, \$11 to \$13. Prairie—Choice, \$16.50 to \$17.50; No. 1, \$15.50 to \$16.25; No. 2, \$14 to \$15; No. 3, \$12.50 to \$14. Packing hay—\$5.50 to \$8. Lowland hay—No. 1, \$12.50 to \$13. No. 2, \$11 to \$12. Straw—\$5.75 to \$7.50.

## CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS.

Quotations on Cottonseed, Linsaid and Alfalfa Products.

Ro-Prog-Ko-Kake—Carlots, per ton, \$25; ton lots, \$25.50; alfalfa meal—Per ton, choice, \$23 to \$24; No. 1, \$22 to \$23; No. 2, \$19 to \$21; standard, \$18 to \$19. Linsaid—No. 1, \$23 to \$24; No. 2, \$21 to \$22; ton lots, \$23; 1000-lb. lots, \$20; less quantities, \$24 to 26 per 100 lbs.

## WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

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

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
Ribs	17	14	10½
Loins	18½	14	12
Rounds	11	10	9
Chucks	8	7	6½
Plates	7	6	5½

## GOOD SEEDS.

An object this year and while it lasts we quote you Choice Early Orange Cana Seed (good germination test) sacked, F. O. B. Endicott, at \$2.00 per 100 pounds. Fairchild Bros., Endicott, Neb.

## AMUSEMENTS.

At the Tootle—Monday night, Al G. Fields' minstrel.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri: Increasing cloudiness with probably rain or snow late tonight or Sunday; rising temperature Tuesday; fair and warmer tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness with probably rain or snow in afternoon or night; warmer in east portion.

## HOW TO FATTEN HOGS

### RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTS AT NORTH PLATTE (NEB.) STATION MADE PUBLIC.

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—The Nebraska experiment station has just issued Bulletin 123, which includes the results of several years' work in fattening hogs on alfalfa and corn, and on alfalfa, corn, and other grains and all products of a North Platte station. The results of feeding alfalfa hay in the rack, chopped alfalfa and alfalfa-meat, and of feeding various proportions of corn and alfalfa are compared. This bulletin follows Bulletin 121, which shows the cost of keeping brood sows, the cost of the pig when it has reached the weight of 50 pounds and the cost of growing pigs during the summer.

### ALFALFA USED WITH CORN

Part I gives the results of fattening hogs on corn and alfalfa hay. In the experiments reported, the hogs were fed the following ration: Three parts corn and one part alfalfa and one part alfalfa-meat. The results of the experiments are given by weight.

Corn and alfalfa hay in a rack, 3 parts corn, 1 part alfalfa-meat, 1 part alfalfa, 1 part alfalfa-meat, 1 part alfalfa, 1 part alfalfa-meat.

The hogs were given all the feed they would eat twice daily. Part of the ration was given in the morning and part of it four times. There were ten spring sows used in each lot. The feeding period began about November 1, when the hogs weighed 125 pounds each, giving nearly 100 pounds for three months, at which time the average weight ranged from 130 pounds to 140 pounds.

The prices used in computing the results were the average prices for corn and alfalfa for the North Platte sub-station during the six years preceding 1911. The price of corn was 47 cents per bushel.

The corn was ground for all the hogs. The chopped alfalfa and alfalfa-meat were mixed with the ground corn. All feed was moistened in the trough. The hogs were fed from the first of February to the first of May or three months.

The rations are arranged above according to the profit on the pigs fattened in each ration. The most profitable was the ration with alfalfa hay in a rack and 3 parts corn. The first three rations stand closely together.

Where alfalfa was fed in the rack or where chopped alfalfa and alfalfa-meat were fed in the proportion of one pound of alfalfa to nine pounds of corn, a pound of alfalfa was worth more than a pound of corn.

## BIRTH AND DEATH RATE LOW

Report on State Vital Statistics is Given Out.

St. Joseph had the lowest death and birth rate in 1911 of any of the large cities of the state.

## PORK PACKING.

Special reports to the Cincinnati Price Current show the number of hogs packed since Nov. 1 at undermentioned places compared with last year:

	1911	1912
Chicago	125,000	75,000
Kansas City	35,000	45,000
St. Louis	110,000	100,000
St. Joseph	35,000	30,000
Indianapolis	18,000	15,000
Milwaukee	9,000	8,000
Cincinnati	8,000	7,000
Ottumwa, Iowa	8,000	10,000
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	8,000	9,000
St. Paul, Minn.	25,000	18,000
St. Paul, Minn.	15,000	12,000
Cleveland, Ohio	15,000	12,000
Louisville, Ky.	4,000	2,000
Wichita, Kan.	4,000	6,000
Detroit, Mich.	10,000	8,000
Nebraska City, Neb.	2,000	....

## TOTAL LIVE STOCK MOVEMENT.

The following table indicates the round total of receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at five leading markets for the week ended today, together with aggregate totals and comparisons:

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Kansas City	200	10,000	2,000
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Total	1,000	38,400	3,800
Two yrs. ago	79,600	213,200	104,900

## ITEMS IN BRIEF.

D. H. Beavens, of Home, Kan., was on the local market today with a car of hogs of his own feeding.

Peter Meyers, one of Kansas' largest live stock shippers, sent in three cars of hogs for today's market, billed from Bremen.

Wagner & Thurman, of Davenport, Neb., increased today's porcine supply with two cars.

Excelsior 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.

Wilkinson & Son, extensive sheep feeders of Doniphan, Kan., disposed of three cars of lambs on today's market.

H. Koeler, of Edgar, Neb., sent in a car of hogs for disposal on today's market.

For the best values in whiskies, try Hilgert's, 207 So. 5th St.

F. R. Growney, of Conception, Mo., contributed a few sheep to today's market. He is an extensive shipper who never passes up the St. Joseph market.

Haye, a prominent feeder and shipper of Glenville, Neb., had two cars of hogs on today's market.

E. Schroder, of Carleton, Neb., who patronizes the local market quite frequently, had a car of hogs on sale today.

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

Ferguson & Spence, extensive live stock shippers of Manover, Kan., were represented on today's market with a consignment of hogs.

Try Hilgert's 25c merchants lunch and be convinced it's the best in the city. 297 So. 6th St.

J. H. Cain, of Beatrice, Kan., accompanied a car of hogs to the local market today.

If it need of feed, call on our agent, Ed Edwards, Room 318 Exchange Building, So. St. Joseph. CHAMPION FEED CO., TARKIO, MO.

J. B. Temple, of Axtell, Kan., was among those who had hogs in for today's market.

Meyers & Lichty, regular patrons of this market, had a car of porkers on sale today, billed from Sabetha, Kan.

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

T. W. Dunning, of Blair, Kan., sent in a car of hogs for today's market.

Ira Donald, of Maryville, Kan., had a car of hogs on sale today.

For Sale—An extra good jack. A great bargain for quick sale. Apply to the St. Joseph stock yards.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story - Where Children May Skate To School



'W' E had a fine time on the pond today, daddy,' said Jack. 'Evelyn and I tried our new skates, and they are the best ever.'

'You lived across the ocean in the little country named Holland, the land of the Dutch, that is what you could do,' said daddy, smiling.

'Well, Holland is cut up by canals. Once the country was nearly all swamp or water. But the people built great walls of stone to keep the sea from coming in on the land where it was very low.

'All over Holland you will see windmills. The clever Hollanders have harnessed the wind to do their work. Giantlike windmills help them pump the water out of the marshes.

'Every one skates in Holland. In winter it is the best way to get about. Horses and wagons are dear, and the people are too thrifty to spend a penny that they can help.

'Their outdoor life makes them strong and rosy. They wear queer old-fashioned clothes, such as one sock in pictures of long ago. They have wooden shoes on their feet, and the women wear quaint white caps.

'But skates are still more useful in Holland. When in the winter the little Dutch children's fathers or mothers wish to go to market with a basket of eggs or better they get on their skates and, balancing the basket on their heads, go skimming off to town as lightly as birds.

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FINE DRAMA SEASON

Attractions at Plunkville Reviewed by Editor.

Opening With Greater Barnstormers' Minstrels, the List Included Prof. Svengali, 'East Lynne,' 'Jesse James' and Others.

'The dramatic season just ended,' said the Winesap County Weekly Yindicator, 'was the most successful in the history of Plunkville, both from an artistic and a financial point of view.'

'Early in October the season was ushered in with the Greater Barnstormers' Minstrels, with 15 performers in high top silk-knives and beautiful pink dusters, who played the most ravishing circus marches in the court-house yard.

'In November a hypnotist and entertainer called 'Prof. X. Svengali,' occupied the boards at the opera house. Professor Svengali put Sam Tucker, the tinner, into a trance, and made him stand on his head in the corner and sing the 'Doxology.'

'In December we witnessed that soulful and lachrymose drama, 'East Lynne,' put on with great eclat and a whole lot of terrific success. Deacon Shucks, who hasn't cried since his wife ran away with the leader of the Bass Center choir, broke into profuse tears.

'About the middle of January the Plunkville Thespian and Terpaichron Troupe rendered 'Kate, the Convict's daughter,' for the benefit of the South Sea head hunters. Miss Sadie Sebree, our talented milliner, who took the immortal role of Kate Kipper, made a pronounced hit and admits that, when it comes to finished tapers and red-light situations, she has Mr. Bernhardt backed off the boards.

'The spring attractions included 'Ten Nights in a Barroom,' 'Jesse James,' a Shakespearean elocutionist who put everybody to sleep faster than Parson Buckner does, and a man without arms who played the bass viol with his toes.

'For the next season Manager Tobe Scraggles will maintain the same high standard. He has already engaged 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' a siddling quartet, a moving-picture show, a patent-medicine entertainment and an ossified man. During the summer many notable improvements will be made.

'A new tin cornice will be erected and the interior will be repainted in exquisite tints of flamingo red, paris green, Helen pink and chrome yellow, with many striking fresco decorations representing Venus, General Grant, Cleopatra, the Muses and Little Bo-peep. For next season the same competent staff will serve the public.

'New Find of an Old Race: Fanning Island, in the mid-Pacific ocean, which was recently purchased by a British Canadian syndicate for use as a coaling station, is the scene of remarkable discoveries, the news of which was brought by the steamship Makura, which arrived at Vancouver, B. C., on Dec. 12.

'This type of animal once lorded it over the denizens of forests and morasses of the coal period, a sort of gigantic tadpole, with wide flat head, no neck and a heavy flattened tail.

'According to the scientists, the eryops is a comparatively large and specialized member of the ancient amphibians, and skeletons of the reptile have been found in the upper beds of the coal formation of Pennsylvania, but more abundant traces of the specimen have been found in the red shales which overlie the coal regions of Texas.

'Supplanting Mr. Howells: Prof. Brander Matthews, at a dinner in New York, said of literary criticism: 'A good deal of it, too, is bladed. A good deal of it is like Mr. Walton's. Mr. Walton's daughter, a college girl, wrote, at the age of 18, a novel which her father brought out for her at his own expense.'

'In Control: 'A man always likes to feel that he is in a position to reward his friends and punish his enemies.' 'That's true,' replied Senator Sorghum; 'sometimes I am tempted to take a position as janitor of a big building.'

NOTED FRENCH CAFE ENDS

Boulangier's Downfall Began in Durand-Zola's 'I Accuse' Letter Written There.

Paris. — Another famous Paris shrine where gourmets from all over the world ate, drank and made merry is gone. The doors of Durand's restaurant, near the Madeleine, closed a few days ago. For half a century the place had been celebrated for its viands and its good cooking. It had been the steady resort of many of the most distinguished residents of the French capital, and it sustained until the very end of its existence its time-honored reputation.

Prospective changes in the buildings on the block have caused the closing of Durand's. The proprietors announce they will seek another location. One has not yet been found. Meantime there is to be a little Durand restaurant inaugurated in the fashionable Etouffe quarter.

The restaurant that has just gone out of existence was the scene of an incident that nearly changed the history of modern France. General Boulanger, 'the man on horseback,' was dining there one day when his admirer, who had plotted a coup d'etat, came to lead him to the Elysee palace to proclaim him martial president. But Boulanger, after starting, weakened and turned back.

His star declined from that single moment of indecision, and since then the French government has never been seriously threatened with overthrow. It was at a table in Durand's restaurant also that Emile Zola, the novelist, signed his noted letter entitled, 'I accuse,' the letter which marked the beginning of the end in the Dreyfus case, forcing the authorities to grant justice to the soldier who was imprisoned on Devil's Island as a spy.

SLAIN GOOSE BRINGS JOY

Gander That Wanders in Front of Machine Makes a Feast—Autolst Buys Bird.

Darby, Pa.—A fat old gander that waddled too slowly across the Westchester pike in front of the automobile of Richard Purdy of Darby, with the usual result, brought belated but none the less appreciated holiday cheer to a poor family in Darby, exemplifying the old adage that it is all wind that blows good to nobody.

The irate owner of the bird appeared just in time to see it struck and demanded payment, insisting that the goose weighed 20 pounds, at 25 cents a pound, he demanded \$5 for it, but after he learned that Purdy was a butcher, he dropped the price to 14 cents, wholesale, and on second judgment said that he thought the bird might weigh a little under 20 pounds.

The farmer was walking away with both the goose and the money, when Purdy called him back and reminded him that the goose was not his property any longer, took it, had one of his companions bleed it and on his arrival in Darby presented it with his best wishes to a deserving family, who accepted it with profuse thanks.

TRUTHFUL; SHE FAILS TO WED

Young Woman Wouldn't Swear to Age of Which She Was Doubtful.

St. Louis.—Truth was stronger than Cupid at Clayton, the St. Louis county Gretna Green, the other day. Miss Ida Lorenz and John F. Osborn, both of O'Fallon, Ill., went there to get a marriage license. Both seemed to be of legal age, and Deputy Recorder Ahlers filed out the papers.

The young woman seemed embarrassed. 'I can't swear that I am eighteen, though I believe I am,' she said. 'My parents died when I was a baby and I have no birth certificate.'

'Though Osborn pleaded with her, Miss Lorenz could not be induced even to swear that to the best of her knowledge and belief she was of legal age. She and Osborn departed without the license.

MOTHER WAS HIS NEMESIS

Unrelenting California Woman Finally Obtained Conviction of Her Son's Slayer.

Redding, Cal.—A mother's implacable determination to avenge the death of her son resulted in the conviction of Daniel Fleming, formerly a Southern Pacific railroad policeman, for the murder of George Vallier, a youth of Tacoma, Wash. Fleming was found guilty of manslaughter after the jury had been out more than twelve hours.

Vallier and a companion, Harry Goble, were found unconscious on the roof of a sleeping car of a Southern Pacific train that drew into Redding from the north in August of last year. Both had been badly injured on the head. Vallier died on the way to a hospital, and Goble, after several weeks in a hospital, they were assaulted by Fleming for stealing a ride.

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By Charles William Downing

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To his astonishment it was George Trimble

productive as these bottom lands," she said enthusiastically. "Now, Cynthia, that proves what I said. He's chock full of how-to-do-it, but he ain't never done it yet."

him, but largely because he was very busy with his theories and his new farm. The summer was ideal from the farmer's point of view. Sunshine and shower followed each other as opportunely as if they had been at the beck and call of these tillers of the soil.

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DUCK LOCATES GOLD MINE

Bird Dies and Gives Secret to World When Nugget Size of a Pea is Found in Crop.

San Francisco.—Pure, glittering gold, in nuggets as big as peas, lies in the beds of the streams of the San Mateo foothills.

FINISHED TRIP ON SUBWAY

Father Finally Got Tired of Acting as Bureau of Information to His Small Son.

It was evident to the other passengers on the roof of the Fifth Avenue bus that the fat little man in the front seat had been to New York before, but that his small son seated at his side was viewing the sights for the first time.

MAY NOT ASK WOMEN'S AGES

California Legislature May Pass Law for Their Benefit.

Los Angeles, Cal.—According to the ideas of County Clerk Lelande women will not be required to give their exact age when registering again. The present register terminates in January and every voter must register again for the coming two years.

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### STARTING THE APPLE TREES

MATTER OF PRUNING IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

By Dr. J. C. Whitten, Professor of Horticulture, University of Missouri.

Although apple trees may be set in the autumn, it is usually best to set them in the early spring.

At the time of planting, the root system of young trees should be pruned just enough to remove any mangled or broken roots; to make a smooth, instead of a ragged wound, and to shorten long or straggling roots to six or eight inches in length. It is better to cut off part of a long root than to double it up in the hole at the time of planting. It has been advised in pruning large roots to hold the tree in the hand with the top downward, so that the wound will be made on the lower surface of the root. Experiments, however, have shown no advantage in this method over that of cutting from the top downward, so that the wound occurs on the upper surface of the root. The essential point is that the soil should come in close contact with the wound, in which case the wound callouses and emits new roots regardless of the position of the wound; the side branches or limbs above ground should be shortened somewhat to balance the reduced root system, but a straight central trunk or leader should be maintained. If a tree is forked, one side of the fork should be cut to a few inches in length. If limbs occur below the head (place where the tree should branch) they should be cut off as close to the trunk as possible, unless they are so large that the cut will make a dangerous wound. In this case they should be shortened to a few inches in length to prevent their making new growth. The stubs remaining should be entirely removed next season.

One year old trees that have not branched after transplanting, will throw out a few branches at their tops, thus forming heads at that height. To prevent their heading too high, they may be cut off about six or eight inches above the height at which it is decided to have the head formed.

As a rule, low heads are preferred in this section. Some extensive apple growers prefer to head their trees as low as one foot from the ground, while others still advocate the old method of heading them high enough so that a team can walk under the branches. The majority prefer to head their trees about two feet above the ground. The tendency is toward lower, rather than higher heads, as were formerly recommended.

The subsequent annual pruning of apple trees is a matter of considerable importance. Most of the pruning is usually done during the winter. The fruit grower usually has more time at command in winter than in summer. Judicious pruning may be done at almost any season, however, except perhaps during the short period when the trees would bleed in spring. And it is highly desirable to remove dead, broken, injured or diseased parts whenever they occur.

Those in this state who prune usually prune too much rather than too little. Others make an equally serious mistake of pruning none at all. While some pruning should be done annually, the aim in this climate should be to make strong, compact, dense heads rather than open ones. More pruning should be done during the first few years while the trees are shaping than later.

One of the first considerations is to maintain a straight central trunk or leader, if possible. A branch near the center of the tree should be selected for the leader and kept in the ascendancy by pruning all other branches that tend to outgrow it. If forks occur in this leader, one side of the fork should be severely cut back in order that the other side may be retained as the leader. Trees growing in this way are not likely to split down when heavily loaded with fruit.

The symmetry of the trees should be maintained by cutting back any branches that grow too far to one side. If branches grow to each other and rub, severely enough to cause injury, one should be cut out to avoid interference. If branches are numerous enough to crowd each other severely, some may be removed. There is more danger in opening up holes in the heads of the trees and letting in too much sunlight to scorch the trunk and main limbs than there is of having the branches too thick. Where the upright growing limbs of young trees appear to be very dense, they will usually be weighted down by the first crop of fruit sufficiently to open up the head of the tree. Whenever there is doubt as to whether or not a branch should be removed, it is, perhaps, safer to leave it on. Water sprouts, which are the bane of existence to some fruit growers, will not usually form in trees if the tree head is maintained in this way. Water sprouts are often an indication of too much pruning than too little.

It may be observed in almost any orchard in this section of the country, that the branches on the north sides of the trees tend to outgrow those on the south side. The influence of the sun and hot winds from the south and southwest seem to be too strong for the best development of the branches. The trunk and main limbs often suffer from these causes. This uneven growth in the sides of the tree is more marked in some varieties than in others, but it more or less observ-

able in all. It will be understood from this that the pruning may be more severe on the north side than on the south side of the trees. It is frequently advisable to shorten the northern branches somewhat. In removing surplus branches, it is often safe to cut one from the north side when a similar branch should not be removed from the south side. Particular care should be taken to encourage the maximum growth of southern branches, while the northern may be cut more severely without damage. In this connection, some growers advocate setting a tree so that it will lean toward the southwest. This plan is finding few advocates during recent years, as the branches of the tree grow in the same direction, even though the trunk leans, and this results in an upright head on an inclined trunk, which is undesirable. The above caution against thinning the limbs too much should not be construed to mean that apple trees should not be pruned. The apple orchard should be gone over each year and all trees pruned that require it. A surplus branch should be removed while it is young, so that the wounds will be as small as possible. A little pruning each year is better than to allow the trees to go without for several years, then to remove a large amount of wood at once. If a neglected orchard is to be pruned, the work should not be done all at once, as there may be too much sunlight admitted to the trunks.

### SPRAYING APPLE TREES

SIMPLE DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING THE BORDEAUX MIXTURE.

By Dr. J. C. Whitten, Professor of Horticulture, University of Missouri.

Apple trees should be sprayed with the Bordeaux Mixture just before the buds burst in spring; just before the flowers open; as soon as the blossoms are gone; and twice at intervals of ten to fourteen days subsequently. This will do away with most of the scab and skin blotch and other fungous diseases.

The Bordeaux Mixture is made by combining four pounds of lime and four pounds of copper sulphate with fifty gallons of water. The lime should be first slaked and mixed with 25 gallons of water. The copper sulphate should be dissolved by suspending it in a sack so that it just touches a tub of water. The four pounds of copper sulphate should be mixed with 25 gallons of water and then poured into 25 gallons of lime water. This mixture should be strained through excelsior, clean straw, or some other strainer, so that it will not clog the nozzle, and it will then be ready for use.

To simplify the work, the copper sulphate may be dissolved (say one pound to each gallon of water) and four gallons of this solution may be used for each fifty gallons of the Bordeaux Mixture. The lime also may be slaked in large quantities and the equivalent of four pounds of dry lime used in each fifty gallons. The lime water and copper sulphate solution should not be put together until they are to be used. It should also be remembered that they should not be mixed too strong, but that half the water should be added to each before mixing.

For canker worm, codling moth, and other biting insects, Paris Green or London Purple are effective. These or some equivalent arsenical poison may be added at the rate of five ounces to each fifty gallons of Bordeaux at the time these insects appear. For borers, the trunks of the trees may be wrapped with papers, corn stalks, mosquito netting, or wooden veneer wrapper. These wrappers also keep off rabbits and protect the trunks from sunscald. It is fair to state that some growers have reported injurious effects from the use of wooden wrappers. We have used them for years on some of the trees of the Station orchard, and have seen them used in many of the largest orchards of the state, and have observed no injurious effects from their use provided they were kept loose on the trees so that they would not prevent proper growth.

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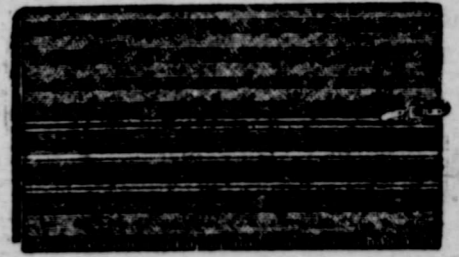
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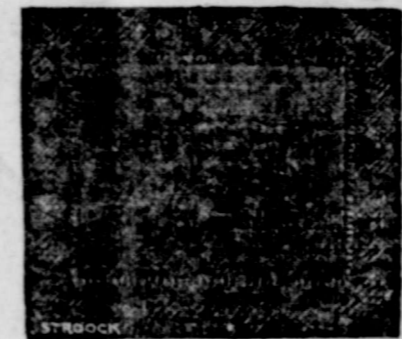
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