

FEW STEERS SHOW UP

MEAGER VOLUME OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED REFLECTED NO QUOTABLE CHANGE.

QUIET TRADE IN COW STUFF

Butcher Classes Strong to 15c Higher for Week—Calves and Bulls Higher—Stockers and Feeders Show Gain.

Characteristic Friday conditions prevailed in the fat cattle market today, receipts being limited and trade necessarily of meager volume. Only one full load of steers and a few odd ends were at hand and these were absorbed at normally steady prices.

Mild unevenness has featured the week's trade in fat steers, but closing prices are well in line with those of a week ago. The market opened Monday generally steady but a fairly liberal supply came in on the following day and in sympathy with a decline in prices at Chicago and other outside markets, local prices were forced fully 10c lower, exceptions ruling 10c to 15c off.

Activity and strength throughout reflects conditions governing trade in stock cows and heifers this week, small supplies at all times prompting buyers to keep busy. At the close today prices in general are about steady with week ago, although some of the choice cows and strictly good heifers are a shade higher.

Stockers and Feeders. Price No. 1, 190.00 to 195.00. No. 2, 185.00 to 190.00. Yearlings and Calves. Price No. 1, 397.00 to 400.00. No. 2, 390.00 to 395.00. Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. Price No. 1, 448.00 to 450.00. No. 2, 440.00 to 445.00.

NEW NICKEL AND BILLS.

Washington, Dec. 6.—With the end of the preparation of the new nickel and bills, the design and size of American currency almost in sight, Secretary MacVeagh of the treasury department expects to give the order for printing of the new notes to Director Ralph of the bureau of engraving and printing about Feb. 15, almost at the end of his administration. It will require three months to accomplish the change, which consequently will not be consummated until well along in President Wilson's term of office.

FEARS THE FRIGATE BIRD.

The booby bird never leaves the broad seas, where his harsh cry is heard from the Hebrides to the Faroes and from the cliffs of Scotland to the coast of Norway. He revels in the storms and screams above the roar of the sea. The booby has green feet, yellow eyes and a defiant head covered with a yellow cap. Each of its wings is three feet long and its beak is so stiff and so strong that it fears no enemy but the frigate bird. The frigate bird is the terror of the booby of the sea, though he ignores it until the booby. Owing to the breadth of his wings, the frigate cannot fly; he is forced to remain in the air. But as he cannot get fish in the air and he requires a fish for his nourishment, he presses the booby into his service. When hungry he swoops down upon the booby and gives it a vigorous thrust in the throat. Then the booby's mouth opens and the fish caught in it drops out. The frigate has only to give one peck at the booby's throat to get his dinner. It happens occasionally that the booby attacked by the frigate has nothing in its mouth. When the frigate pecks in vain he belabors his slave with his beak and drives him, bruised and terrified, into the sea to catch fish.—Harper's Weekly.

CROSS DAVIS AND JONATHAN

Mo. Fruit Experiment Station Succeeds After Twelve Years' Effort. Columbia, Mo., Dec. 6.—After twelve years experimenting the Missouri Fruit Experiment Station at Mountain Grove has successfully crossed Ben Davis and Jonathan apples. Mr. Evans, director of the station, has specimens of each variety to the department of pomology, Washington, D. C.; Prof. S. A. Beach of Ames, Ia., a representative of the American Pomology Society, and Prof. J. C. Whitten, head of the horticultural department of the Missouri experiment station. The specimens sent to Professor Whitten were put in cold storage at once. They will be placed on exhibition during farmers' week, January 13 to 17.

HOGS UP, THEN REACT

MARKET OPENED 5c HIGHER, BUT CLOSED WITH ADVANCE WIPED OUT.

LATE MARKET RULES SLOW

Bulk of Sales Showed Spread of \$7.60 at 7.75—Top \$7.75—General Quality of Good Average—Pigs Hold Steady.

Hogs sold fully 5c higher on early rounds but trade weakened later, the extreme close being no better than steady with yesterday's average. A moderate supply was on sale here, estimates ranging from 5,000 to 5,500 head. The five markets all told reported 20,000 head, or 5,000 less than a week ago. First wires from outside markets were favorable to the selling side and some light trading was done at the outset at prices averaging all of a nickel higher than yesterday. It was only a flash in the pan, however, later reports from competitive centers indicating a reaction toward lower prices, and trade ceased off until at the close there was little if any strength apparent in prices as compared with the general level of trading established yesterday. Top was \$7.75 on full loads. Bulk of day's business was transacted at prices ranging from \$7.60 to \$7.75. Quality was about the same as it has been running here of late and good for this season of the year. Pigs held to a steady basis, most of the lighter weights selling at \$5.00 to \$5.15, with 100 lb. kinds on up to \$7.25.

Prices for hogs averaging 140 lbs. and up ranged from \$7.00 to \$7.75, with bulk selling at \$7.60 to \$7.75. The bulk sold yesterday at \$7.60 to \$7.75, a month ago at \$7.75 to \$7.95, a year ago at \$5.80 to \$6.20, two years ago at \$7.50 to \$7.55, three years ago at \$8.15 to \$8.45, and four years ago at \$5.10 to \$5.45.

REPRESENTATIVE HOG SALES.

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Rows include various hogs and pigs with prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$7.75.

ODDS, ENDS AND WAGON HOGS.

Table with columns: No., Av. Price, No., Av. Price. Rows include various hogs with prices ranging from \$6.00 to \$7.50.

PACKERS' HOG PURCHASES.

Table with columns: Firm, Price. Rows include Swift & Co., Hammond Packing Co., Morris & Co. with prices ranging from 1,080 to 1,252.

RANGE OF HOG PRICES.

Table with columns: Day, Price. Rows include Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday with prices ranging from \$7.40 to \$7.85.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Chicago Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 6.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady; top \$7.75. Hogs—Receipts, 18,000. Market 5c above Thursday's average. Top \$7.75, bulk \$7.55 to \$7.70. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000. Market steady to strong.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Today's Receipts. Cattle 16,715. Hogs 5,338. Sheep 5,586.

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 TO DATE.

The following table shows the local receipts from January 1, 1912, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1911:

Table with columns: 1912, 1911, Inc. Rows include Cattle, Hogs, Sheep with values ranging from 461,672 to 26,858.

LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.

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

Table with columns: Market, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Rows include Chicago, Kansas City, South Omaha, So. St. Joseph, East St. Louis with values ranging from 3,600 to 10,000.

RECEIPTS BY CARS.

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

Table with columns: Railroad, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Rows include C. B. & Q., Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Grand Island, Santa Fe with values ranging from 3 to 34.

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Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market steady to 5c higher. Top \$7.90, bulk \$7.50 to \$7.60.

SIoux CITY.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 6.—Special to The Journal: The Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 400. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 200. Market steady.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1605-1608 New Corby-Forsce Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Ribs, St. Joseph Cash Grain Market with prices ranging from 84 1/2 to 38 3/4.

STRENGTH IN MUTTON

SMALL WEEK-END RUN MEETS WITH BROAD DEMAND AND READY CLEARANCE.

LAMBS TREND HIGHER

Market Closing Around 10c to 15c Higher Compared With Week Ago—Best Lambs Sold at \$7.75 This Week.

Live mutton supply received at this point was characteristic of the usual week-end run in size and assortment, only four decks or around 600 head of mixed natives putting in appearance. Demand still retained the keen edge of yesterday and prompt clearance was in order for the scant crop, with best lambs selling stronger and sheep steady, compared with yesterday.

An audit of the week's marketing of sheep and lambs, both at this point and at the principal middle-western market centers, brings to light a substantial increase in receipts, compared with the week preceding and a year ago. Locally, a total of 15,000 sheep and lambs have registered, as compared with 12,000 last week and 11,737 for the same period a year ago. Aggregate marketing at the five points gives a total of 250,000, against 213,400 for last week and 224,500 for the same week a year ago. Strong demand and moderate receipts during the first half of the week was reflected in a material expansion in values of both sheep and lambs, prices advancing 15c to 25c on the general run of fat muttons. However, some reaction has taken place on closing days and prices in vogue at the week-end are around 10c to 15c higher than a week ago. As usual bulk of the week's receipts have been from corn belt territory, including a comparatively liberal showing of good fat lambs. Best lambs this week sold up to \$7.75, with bulk of the good kinds changing hands at \$7.50 to \$7.65, while some of the medium to good natives were sold at \$7.25 to \$7.50, and as low as \$7.00. Fat ewes were wanted at \$4.00 to \$4.25, those figures taking bulk of the week's supply. Few yearlings of ewes have been available this week and a premium of prices has been hard to get.

Good to choice western lambs are quotable at \$7.40 to \$7.75, fair to good western lambs, \$7.00 to \$7.35; western ewes, \$4.00 to \$4.25; western yearlings, \$4.25 to \$4.50; western yearling wethers, heavy weight, \$4.75 to \$5.25; good to choice native lambs, \$7.25 to \$7.60; fair to good native lambs, \$6.75 to \$7.25; native ewes, \$3.85 to \$4.25; native wethers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; native yearlings, light weight, \$3.75 to \$4.25; native yearlings, heavy weight, \$4.25 to \$4.75; native yearlings, \$3.25 to \$3.75; native yearlings, \$2.75 to \$3.25; native yearlings, \$2.25 to \$2.75; native yearlings, \$1.75 to \$2.25; native yearlings, \$1.25 to \$1.75; native yearlings, \$0.75 to \$1.25; native yearlings, \$0.25 to \$0.75.

PACKERS' SHEEP PURCHASES.

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PIMBLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO.

213 So. 6th St., St. Joseph, Mo.—ADVS.

CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS.

Quotations on Cottonseed, Lined and Alfalfa Products.

Ko-Pres-Ko-Cake—Ton lots, \$24; car lots, \$22.25. Cottonseed meal—Carlots, per ton, \$27.40; ton lots, \$29.20. Alfalfa meal—Per ton, choice, \$16 at 19.50; No. 1, \$17 at 18.50; No. 2, \$16 at 17; standard, \$14.50 to 15.50. Lined meal—Carlots, per ton, \$30; ton lots, \$32.50. Alfalfa hay, \$17.50; less quantities, \$1.80 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, Loin, Round, Plates.

CAPPER GOOD ROADS HEAD

Editor of Topeka Capital Is Elected President of Kansas Association. Independence, Kan., Dec. 6.—Arthur Capper, editor of the Topeka Capital, was elected president of the Kansas State Good Roads Association at its final session here yesterday. Newton was chosen as the meeting place for the convention next year. The other officers were elected: Executive committee, H. G. James, editor Independence Reporter; T. W. Whitney, Council Grove, and J. H. Edwards, Sedan.

FRISCO TO TEACH FARMERS

Month's Institute Begun by Lectures in Ozark Region. Springfield, Mo., Dec. 5.—The Frisco railroad, through its agricultural department, began a month's institute for farmers of the Ozark region here today. Lectures by competent authorities will be given in the forenoon and afternoon of each week day during all of December.

IN WESTERN KANSAS

ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY COBURN FINDS CROPS THERE VERY PROMISING.

SOME CONSPICUOUS FARMERS

Irrigation by Pumping Has Accomplished Much for That Section of the State—Want More Experiment Farms.

Topas, Kan., Dec. 6.—Irrigation by pumping is becoming the rule in the western part of the state. Last year Secretary F. D. Coburn of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, sent his assistant, J. C. Mohler, to Western Kansas to investigate especially irrigation by pumping, and also to get first-hand information and information from the farmers and stockmen themselves as to agricultural conditions in general.

This trip proved so satisfactory that Mr. Coburn recently commissioned Mr. Mohler to make a similar tour through that part of the state for the same purpose. Western Kansas is in good shape and its people are in prosperous circumstances, according to the report brought back by Mr. Mohler. "On an eight-day trip to Western Kansas, covering much the same ground as a year ago, marked progress in irrigation by pumping and decided improvement in agricultural conditions were noted," said Mr. Mohler. "Aside from short wheat in some portions, the year's crops were good, the main thing is an abundance of feed, the fall-sown wheat, where up, looked fine, and the farmers as a whole seem cheerful and optimistic. The year's crops there were excellent. This year's crops there were excellent. The improvements on many farms would be credit to any community. Farms bearing evidence of greater thrift and advancement in live stock and forage, as sorghum and millet, in spite of a general verdict that they can't raise corn, excellent yields were realized in many places, in some instances not amounting to forty bushels in Sherman county.

"One man who has made a conspicuous success in farming in Sherman county is T. A. Patterson. He has been at it there for five years, and has the best-tilled farm it ever has been my privilege to look upon. He is a scientific dry farmer, located seventeen miles northwest of Goodland, on one of the roughest quarters in the country. This year he raised 125 bushels of potatoes to the acre, and thirty bushels of corn, without irrigation. "Pump irrigation is making headway throughout Western Kansas. In Thomas county a striking demonstration of this method of irrigation is afforded by the farm of Mr. J. H. Patterson, per acre, this season. In this county, too, are the Mahler and Coffin windmill plants, marking new departures in successfully utilizing the underflow with the cheap water of the underflow, in Gray county, the Gilbert Bros., now have their project in working order, pumping 22,500 gallons per minute with the cheap water of the underflow, in which collects the underflow. This water, along with that diverted from the Arkansas river, is conveyed to the land through the historical Silesia canal, which has been in operation for many years ago, and extending through Ford and part of Gray and Edwards counties.

WINTER WEATHER ARRIVES

Sudden Drop From Balmly Temperature to Near Zero Mark. From balmly, spring-like weather yesterday morning, a sudden drop in temperature, above zero, last night was the sudden change sprung by the weatherman on St. Joseph and immediate locality within the past few days, tonight and tomorrow, with slowly rising temperature is the prognostication of the local weather observer for St. Joseph and immediate territory.

FOR AGRICULTURE WEEK.

State Societies to Meet in Annual Winter Session. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 6.—The annual meetings of organized agriculture will be held at Lincoln, January 29-30, 1913. This mid-winter congress of agriculture is the largest feature in agricultural circles. Twenty state societies representing diversified branches of agriculture, will unite with the state agricultural college and experiment station and the two hundred twenty-five farmers' institutes of the state in five days of agricultural study and uplift. It is expected that not less than 3,000 men will be in attendance. Every phase of agricultural progress will be discussed by speakers of national prominence. The Lincoln National club will co-operate with the various organizations in conducting a typical Lincoln welcome to the people whose labors are the foundation of state-wide prosperity. The societies represented in organized agriculture give to Nebraska the most efficient force to be found in any state, and this great convention is expected to reach the high water mark of interest and profit for those who attend. Frank G. Odell, secretary of organized agriculture, Lincoln, will give any desired information.

CHAMPION AT CHICAGO.

First Prize Load of Baby Beaves Sold at \$14 Per Cwt. Chicago, Dec. 6.—The grand champion load of cattle in the car lot show at the International Live Stock show, sold at \$14 per hundred pounds, in the auction ring yesterday. The lot was the Ed. P. Hall exhibit of Angus yearlings. They won \$85 in premium money in the show. The grand champion individual steer, Canadian bred and fed, sold at 50 cents per pound.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday and in extreme northwest portion tonight. Kansas: Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature. Nebraska: Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature. Iowa: Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday and in west portion tonight.

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SHORT FEEDING PROFITABLE.

Feeders are generally coming out in good shape on their short fed cattle this fall as weather conditions have been favorable and prices have held up well, comments the Omaha Journal-Stockman. It looked like a rather risky proposition in the summer paying \$3.50@5.50 for decent feeding steers but these cattle have turned out money makers and after all that is the main thing. The point that must not be overlooked, however, is that no one can tell when he puts in a bunch of cattle to feed whether they will make money or not. Probably they will show a good profit three times out of five and it does not follow that because cattle were bought low that they will show a profit. Frequently it is the higher priced feeders that show the largest gains. The thing to do is to feed every season whether prices are high or low. It is the steady year in and year out feeder who has the good farm and the good bank account to show for his work.

OPENING THE PANAMA CANAL.

Pure sentiment, it appears, is to dictate the time set for the passage of the first vessel through the Panama canal. All estimates of the length of time required have always been based upon the intention of the canal management that no vessel—even the very largest—should be more than twenty-four hours making the trip. Always one day has been recognized as the unit of time in making estimates of the capacity of the canal. If the very largest vessels that the locks can accommodate—950-foot vessels—should be longer than twenty-four hours getting through it will be because unforeseen accident prevented quicker time being made. It will be characteristic of Goethals to leave affairs in such shape that after a few trial trips several hours will be saved from the outside estimate of twenty-four hours.

But to revert to our opening sentence relating to the probable date upon which the first vessels will be sent through. Col. Goethals promises that everything will be ready to put the canal to its ultimate use the first of next July, but the proposition to defer the trip until Sept. 23—nearly three months—no one ought to seriously oppose, we think, since the latter date will be the four hundredth anniversary of the day when Balboa and his escort first set eyes upon the Pacific ocean: when the ocean and he "stared at each other with a wild surmise, silent upon a peak in Darien."

It would seem to the strict utilitarian a trifling thing to do—as foolish, for instance, as to complete a business block and for some purely sentimental reason defer opening its doors for weeks after its completion. But every employe of the government upon the isthmus will have plenty to do during those three months. It will be at least two years after the canal has been in use before the enterprise will have been completed in all its details. The building of coaling stations, oil depots, approaches, and the fortifications, cannot be completed under a couple of years. It does not mean that a man or a ton will be idle even for a day to postpone the passage of the first vessel through the canal three months.

And every student of history who has sentiment and imagination would rather the first vessel would pass through from ocean to ocean the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific by Balboa than to have it sent through three months before. It would make the event and its significance all the more eloquent.—Exchange.

Mulching isn't to keep the strawberries from freezing, but to keep them from thawing after the ground is frozen.



Daddy's Bedtime Story

Why Santa Claus Passed by the Giant Boys

JACK and Evelyn wanted a Christmas story. "It's going to be Christmas soon, daddy," said they. "We'd rather have a Christmas story than any other kind." "All right, children. I'll tell you about the little giant boy's Christmas," daddy agreed. "Once on a time there was a little giant boy who lived near the edge of Giantland. One day in the woods he had met a little lost boy from Manland. The little boy had been out in the woods looking for Christmas greens. "Dear, dear," the giant boy said, "would you tell me what you mean by Christmas?" "So the little boy from Manland told him all about Christmas and Santa Claus, and the little giant boy thought Christmas was a fine idea. "But we don't have it here," he said. "I wish we could get Santa to come to visit the little boys in Giantland." "Oh, that's easy," replied the little lost boy. "Just write a letter to Santa. He lives at the north pole. He'll be sure to come to see you then." "Then the little lost boy took the road through the woods that the giant boy said led to Manland, and he was never seen around there again. "That evening the little giant boy told his father and mother about Santa. He also wrote a note to the old gentleman asking him to please come down their chimney that Christmas. "Santa was pleased when he got that letter, but when all the other young giant boys and girls began writing to him he was a good deal worried, because he'd never visited Giantland and felt that the toys which he made for children of ordinary size would scarcely do for giant children. "However, Santa made up his mind he would do the best he could. "On Christmas night he stopped his sleigh on the roof of the giant boy's house. When he saw the big chimney Santa Claus was almost tempted to turn back. "He managed to scramble down, but when he saw the giant boy had hung up his mother's stockings instead of his own he just put his pack on his back and started up the chimney again. The pack full of toys would scarcely have filled the toe of the stocking. "The little giant boy was angry when he got up and found the stocking empty. "There, now," he cried: "It's all a humbug about Santa Claus! You see, there isn't any Santa Claus, after all!" "And all the other little giant boys agreed with him, for Santa never came back."

THE COFFEE INDUSTRY.

Brazil Biggest Producer and United States Biggest Consumer.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—The Secretary of Agriculture will soon issue Bulletin No. 79, of the Division of Research, Bureau of Statistics, on the coffee industry. It contains a record of the history, origin, and cultivation of the tree; world's production, trade and consumption by countries; per capita consumption in specified countries; prices on New York market for a series of years; tariff rates in various countries; substitutes and adulterants. The bulletin is of more than usual interest, in view of the extensive use of coffee in the United States.

In the world's production of coffee, Brazil holds the preeminent place. In 1909 the exports from Brazil amounted to 1,720 pounds; they have steadily increased until in 1909 they were more than 2 1/4 billion pounds. The area in Brazil suitable for coffee cultivation covers about 1,155,000 square miles, or an area larger than the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Texas and California; but the area under cultivation is small compared to that which could be cultivated, but little over two million acres being in coffee in 1905. About three-fourths of the world's output is grown in Brazil, and the state of Sao Paulo alone produces one-half of the world's supply.

The history of the valorization scheme by Brazil is of great interest, not only to those interested in coffee, but to students of economics. In 1906 the State of Sao Paulo borrowed more than seventy millions of dollars in 1906 and bought and stored nearly one billion pounds of coffee for the purpose of maintaining prices on the various markets, these having become very low, due to over-production. Since the buying and storing of this coffee the government through a committee has sold between three and four hundred million pounds.

Venezuela and Columbia rank next in amount produced, each growing in the neighborhood of one hundred million pounds annually. Mexico, the Central American States, and the Dutch East Indies, also produce large quantities. The only coffee produced in the United States is grown in Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands.

The United States received coffee from 45 different countries in the past five years, the great bulk coming from South and Central America and Mexico; lesser amounts were imported from the Dutch East Indies and French West Indies and one and one-half to two and one-half million pounds from Arabia (Aden).

In the total amount of coffee consumed, the United States leads all other countries by a wide margin. The imports amounted to over one billion pounds annually in three of the last ten years. Germany, France, Austria-Hungary, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, and Norway each import large quantities. Netherlands, Cuba, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Belgium each have a larger per capita consumption than the United States. The co-operative per capita consumption of coffee and tea in the United States and the United Kingdom, 1866-1910, shows an increase of 87 per cent in the consumption of coffee and a decrease of 11 per cent in that of tea in the United States, while the United Kingdom shows a decrease of 36 per cent for coffee and an increase of 82 per cent for tea. In other words, the United States consumption of coffee per capita is about 15 times that of the United Kingdom, while the consumption of tea in the United Kingdom is about six times greater than in the United States.

The price of Santos No. 1 coffee on the New York market rose from 5 1/2 @ 7 1/2 cents per pound in 1902 to 12 1/2 @ 14 1/2 cents in 1911, an increase of more than 100 per cent in the ten year period. The import and export duties levied on coffee in the principal countries and their possessions show a wide range. The tariffs on this produce range from free admission in some of the principal consuming countries to absolute prohibition from entry in some of the producing countries. The principal countries admitting coffee free of duty are the United States, Netherlands, German Southwest Africa, and several of the British Colonial Possessions.

Cherry cultivated in Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, France and the United States, is used perhaps more than any other adulterant. In France the manufacture of chicory

WANT TO LIVE 10,000 YEARS?

Mental Science Teacher of St. Paul Says It Is Possible.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 5.—Within forty-eight hours after taking the proper thought everybody in the Twin City or anywhere else may be made the sure road to a million-dollar fortune, and there is no work attached to the process either. Simply do that which comes easy to you, think right hard that you'll need the coin of the realm, and you'll get it.

So declared Prof. M. F. Knox, founder of the Mental Science College of Bryn Mawr, Seattle, Wash., in Minneapolis the other day. Prof. Knox, who offers free expert advice on how to overcome poverty and accumulate riches, how to educate men and women for successful careers, how to live happily for two or three thousand years, how to cure diseases without drugs and how to clinch the suffrage vote, has been spending three days in the Mill City lecturing each night on mental science at the West Hotel.

He also lectured at the Merchants' Hotel in St. Paul. There no charge attached to the information passed out by the lecturer. So the public may learn without cost how to "live long and prosper." Just to demonstrate the value of mental science Prof. Knox proposes to live until he tires of life. Ten thousand years will have elapsed before he departs this life, according to his recent plans. He also wishes others to join him in immortality. Death, he says, is wholly unnecessary.

"There is no future life," declared the professor, "nothing only now, and the nations should make the best of it. Mental science is not religion. We have no religion. This is the only existence man will have. Religion is needed to keep the masses from eating each other up on the streets of Boston, but the intelligent do not require it."

"Do not confound mental science with Christian Science. The latter is an old Hindu religion. I invented mental science, and my college has been established fifteen years." Prof. Knox looks as though he was capable of inventing a science. He is venerable in appearance and has a long iron gray beard which wags when he talks.

"In search for health thirty years ago I discovered the principles of mental science," he said. "I discovered how to build up the body and the mind. I know I shall live forever."

The professor has a Ph. D. and LL. D. attached to his name on his literature. He explains that he obtained these degrees from his own college.

Sunday night he lectured on "How to Overcome Poverty and Accumulate Wealth."

The professor expects to establish a branch of the mental science college in St. Paul.

HEALTHIEST TOWN IS FOUND

Randall, Ia., Has Had But 4 Deaths in 20 Years.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 5.—The healthiest place in the United States has been discovered to be Randall, Ia., according to the state meeting of statisticians met in the last thirty years. Randall has had only four deaths. This applies to the territory contiguous to Randall, as well as to the town itself. It may be said that the territory of Randall has a population of 200, but the surrounding territory adds another 500, making the total 700.

FREE ON ONE CHARGE.

Sneed Is Acquitted of Murder of Capt. Al G. Boyce Sr.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 5.—J. Beal Sneed was found not guilty of the murder of Capt. Al G. Boyce Sr. Sneed shot Captain Boyce to death Jan. 15, in Fort Worth. Sneed had returned from Winnipeg, Canada, with his wife, with whom Al G. Boyce Jr., son of Captain Boyce, also lived.

Sneed claimed self-defense and also a conspiracy on the part of the Boyces to rob him of his wife. Al Boyce Jr. was killed by Sneed in Amherst, Va., Sept. 14 last. Sneed will be tried on this charge in February at Vernon.

The demonstration by Sneed and his attorneys over the verdict was spectacular. Walter Scott and W. P. McLean Jr., defense lawyers, were fined for throwing their hats over the chandeliers in the courtroom.

OSAGE ORANGE FOR POSTS

New Mexico Takes Up Cultivation of Tree Commercially.

Pawhuska, Okla., Dec. 5.—Gas and oil and agricultural possibilities of the Osage Nation you ago became far more important than the cultivation of the Osage orange tree and the industry of growing these trees for hedge and post purposes has been transferred to New Mexico, where it promises to become important commercially. The Osage orange resembles the holly's berry but is harder and makes better and more lasting fence posts.

THE BEST CUTS OF MEAT

Ames Domestic Science Experts Have Booth at International.

Ames, Dec. 5.—Porterhouse steaks and ribroasts are good, but they are not the only choice cuts of meat and the carcass of a fat steer and the domestic science experts of Iowa state college are going to prove it to the visitors at the International Live Stock show in Chicago this week. They will be in charge of a booth in the big exhibition hall where they will demonstrate the value of cheaper cuts of beef and mutton and show how to use them.

After he had consulted with the International management, Dean Charles F. Curtis of the agricultural division of the college was asked to arrange for such a demonstration. He put the work in charge of Miss Catherine J. Mackay, head of the home economics department of the college, and Miss Ruth Michaels, an assistant.

"There are many nutritious cuts of meat in the beef and mutton carcass," says Miss Mackay, "and many of those that are considered cheap have more good food value in them, all things considered, than the high priced cuts. In these days when meat prices are so high, every housewife ought to learn how to buy meat economically and how to serve the cheaper meats attractively. The meat bill may be cut in two and the family fed on as much meat as ever."

FEATS OF SURGERY.

Cutting out a man's tongue, making a nose of a finger, saving one leg with the bone of another, killing dogs apparently and bringing them back to life, making a cat live without its head—these were some of the surgical feats performed at the various hospitals in New York the other day for the education of the 2,000 surgeons attending the clinical congress of surgeons in session there.

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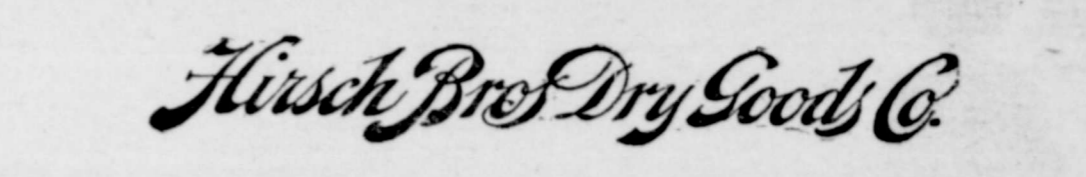
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TO IMPROVE THE MISSOURI. It is almost certain the rivers and harbors built to come before congress at its next session will contain an appropriation for continuing work upon the project for a permanent channel in the Missouri river. The plan of creating a six-foot depth in the Missouri the year round was definitely approved last winter. Hence it is very unlikely this winter's measure will overlook the Missouri.

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"See that scale out there," said the butcher, laying down his knife and jerking his finger toward a large scale that was standing outside the butcher shop. "Well, I suppose you have the same idea that most of my other customers have. They think I keep it there to weigh meat on. I don't. I will let you into a secret and tell you why I placed the scale there. It is to weigh my customers on."

"You would be surprised if you knew how many of my customers desired to be weighed. Most of them are women and they always bother me at my busiest time, which is Saturday. They think when they come in here and buy a pound of steak or chops that in return for their custom I ought to lay down my work and go outside and weigh them."

"Every one knows how sensitive a woman is about her weight. If you tell a woman that she is gaining weight you might as well tell her not come around and deal with you any more. They worry a great deal about it. I find that it pays to be discreet when you are weighing a woman. You can judge from their conversation how much they think they weigh, and never shock a woman by telling her she weighs more."

"Don't pay any attention to the scale if it shows that the correct weight is five or ten pounds more than the amount the woman said she weighed. Use your head and you will be able to retain customers. Other butchers have lost customers because they made the mistake of telling correct weights."

"Most women go to the country in the summer to gain weight. The best plan when they come home is to tell them they gained a few pounds. The first thing a woman does when she comes home is to come around here and have me weigh her. To make her feel happy and to satisfy her that her trip to the country has been beneficial to her health I add a few pounds to the amount the scale registers. There are many women who do gain weight while they are in the country. To those I always tell the correct weight because, if one of them thought she was getting too heavy, she might cut down her purchase of meat."

"In the winter I pursue a different course. Most women like to think they are getting slimmer in the cool months. When they come around to be weighed I slice off a few pounds from the figures on the scale and send them away feeling fine. How do I remember their weight? No, I do not keep a record of it. I don't have to. The women do it for me. A woman's weight is one of her chief sources of worry and she keeps her weight in mind and daily informs me of it. With a little quizzing just before they step on the scales I am able to find out just what they think they weigh, and the rest is easy."

"The scale also helps me to improve my business. Now and then a new customer drops in. She may be new in the neighborhood or she may have been dealing with some other butcher. If I decide that the new customer is a critical person I tell her my meat is the best in the vicinity. Then I request her to step out to the scale and find out her weight. I take a few pounds off her correct weight. When she has been patronizing me for a month I weigh her again. This time I add a few pounds and she goes home with the impression that she is growing heavier without getting stout. She gives me the credit. That is the secret of how I manage to keep my customers dealing with me so long."

No Honor at All.
A section foreman on one of the great lines came under the notice of the president of the road, who had been observant of the manner in which the track had been maintained. Having graduated from an humble position, the officer knew what it meant to get a pat on the back.

He called the section boss to the side of his car, gave him a drink of whiskey without any claws in it and a perfect cigar, says the Chicago Post. Then he told him how he appreciated his work and adjured to keep it up. The district dignitary stowed away the perfect to smoke of a Sunday, and after he had consumed it took a sph on the handcar to put it all over the foreman of the adjoining section. The latter listened to the narrative with poorly assumed control. "Was the sec-gar lighted when he gave it to ye?" he inquired. "Not on yer life—why so?" "Well, because he snt for me three months ago—alongside his car—and thrun wan at me, but it was burnt!"

Foresight.
When it had been raining a day or two, Noah was seen to take a sample of the water in a bottle. "How now?" the scoffing neighbors cried, around the ark. "It would be a joke," answered Noah, "if the ark were not to contain pairs of germs of all the ills to which posterity will sooner or later find itself heir." But such distinguished foresight was more than the neighbors could fathom, and they exploded forthwith in gales of derisive merriment.—Puck.

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REMARKABLE GROWTH HAS BEEN MADE BY KHARTUM.

In Fourteen Years It Has Risen From Ruins to Have a Population of Sixty Thousand and Stately Public Buildings.
Fourteen years ago the present capital of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan was reduced by Lord Kitchener's army to a heap of uninhabited ruins. Today Khartum is one of the most important cities in Africa; with its environs, it has over sixty thousand inhabitants.

A beautiful esplanade runs for miles along the bank of the Nile, on which are many handsome stone and brick buildings surrounded by gardens and groves of palm trees. The most interesting of these are the cathedral, consecrated last January, the Gordon Memorial college, and the governor's palace.

There is direct railway and steamship connection with Europe, through Cairo, a branch line to the Red Sea, and another to El Obeid, capital of the province of Kordofan. This will probably soon connect with the French railways, and so complete a transcontinental route to the Atlantic. When the Cape to Cairo line is completed, Khartum will be the principal railway center of the continent.

The value of its exports and imports increased in three years from twelve million dollars to nearly twenty-one million. It is the great trade emporium and the educational center of a country almost ten times as large as Great Britain. In the Gordon Memorial college students are in training to become teachers in vernacular schools, judges in district courts, engineers or surveyors. There is an industrial workshop, in which smithwork and carpentry are taught.

The college also has research laboratories, where economic products of the country and its diseases are studied. The principal cause of this unexampled growth is the position of Khartum, at the junction of the two great rivers that form the Egyptian Nile. The Blue Nile rises in the mountains of Abyssinia, and is the sole source of the floods that are the life of Egypt. The White Nile takes its rise from the great lakes of Central Africa and the snows of the fabled mountains of the Moon.

Under a dispensation of peace and order the rich natural resources of the country will be rapidly developed. Much of the region is admirably adapted to the raising of cotton. There are very extensive forests, capable of supplying, among other things, the very valuable product, rubber. The vast swamps on the White Nile are to be drained and made cultivable. When all these things have been accomplished, the new-born Khartum will undoubtedly become the leading city of Africa in wealth and population, and in industrial and educational activities.

Port in the Ocean.
"When the harbor at Cape Lookout off the North Carolina coast is completed the means for which were provided by the last session of congress, Beaufort and that part of the Carolina coast will be the most important point on the South Atlantic coast," said E. J. Rogers, a railroad man of Beaufort, at the Raleigh.

"The work has already begun, surveys now being under way. This harbor when completed will give vessels a safe port practically in the ocean, Cape Lookout being about ten miles from the mainland. It will unquestionably be the most available harbor on the Atlantic coast. Beaufort has a harbor that will accommodate vessels of any draught, but the bar at the entrance to the harbor keeps away ships drawing more than twenty feet. Before the war Beaufort harbor was the largest port on the south Atlantic coast, but it has done comparatively little since the war."—Washington Post.

Bible in Japanese.
When the bible was translated into Japanese an equivalent to the word "baptize" could not be found, and the word "soak" had to be used instead. So that Japanese biblical students are acquainted with a person named "John the Soaker," and with a doctrine of "soaking for remission of sins." In that case the mistranslation is due to inadequacy of language. It is often due to ignorance. A schoolboy once rendered "Miserere, Domine!" into "Oh, heart-broken schoolmaster!" And another recovered from German the text, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" in the form, "The ghost, of course, is ready, but the meat is feeble."

Needle in a Haystack.
"A bottle of hay" was formerly much used in Derbyshire, England, and probably is so still, to denote a bundle of hay, which was taken from a rick to fodder cattle in a field. When it was difficult to find anything that had been lost, the farmer folk were wont to say: "You may as well hunt for it as for a needle in a bottle of hay." Sometimes the rope tied round the hay had a piece of wood with an eye in it at one end, through which the rope was passed to tie up the bundle, and a sharp point at the other end, and this piece of wood may have been called a needle; if so, a needle of this kind may have been referred to in the proverbial saying.

BRAIN REMAINS ACTIVE
EXPLANATION OF THE WORKINGS OF SOMNAMBULISM.

Authenticated Cases of Remarkable Performances Are Many—One Man Made Long Journey in Safety While Asleep.

Various stories are told of acts committed by persons asleep, and, while these bear all earmarks of having been done with both body and mind active and awake, the performer, on his awakening, is unconscious of their execution. We herewith give a few of the most interesting and seemingly incredible of these authenticated tales: "A certain member of a foreign university, having devoted himself during his waking hours to the composition of some verses, which, however, he had not been able to complete, seems to have been honored with more success in a visitation from his muse during his nocturnal slumbers; for the following night he arose in his sleep, finished his poetic performance, and, exulting in his success, returned again contentedly to his couch, all in a state of unconsciousness." "A rope-maker in Germany often fell asleep while at work, and either continued his work in the proper way or uselessly remade cordage already finished. Sometimes when walking long distances he would similarly be overtaken with sleep and go on safely, avoiding horses and carriages and timber lying in the road. On one occasion he fell asleep just as he got on horseback, yet he went on, rode through a shallow river, allowed his horse to drink, drew up his legs to prevent his feet being wetted, passed through a crowded market place, and arrived safely at the house of an acquaintance. His eyes were closed the whole time, and he awoke just after reaching the house."

"In the college where he was educated was a young seminarist who habitually walked in his sleep, and while in a state of somnambulism used to sit down to his desk and compose the most elegant sermons, scrupulously erasing, effacing or interlining whenever an incorrect expression fell from his pen. Though his eyes were apparently fixed upon the paper when he wrote, it was clear that they exercised no optical functions, for he wrote just as well when an opaque substance was interposed between them and the sheet of paper. Sometimes an attempt was made to remove the paper, in the idea that he would write upon the desk beneath. But it was observed that he instantly discerned the change and sought another sheet of paper as nearly as possible resembling the former one.

"At other times a blank sheet of paper was substituted by the bystanders for the one on which he had been writing, in which case, on reading over, as it were, his composition, he was sure to place the correction suggested by the perusal at precisely the same intervals they would have occurred in the original sheet of manuscript. This young priest, moreover, was an able musician, and was seen to compose several pieces of music while in a state of somnambulism, drawing the lines of the music paper for the purpose with a ruler and pen and ink, and filling the spaces with his notes with the utmost precision, besides a careful adaptation of the words in vocal pieces."—The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette.

FINDS BIG BUNCH OF LOOT
Search for a Dollar Whip Discloses Stolen Property Worth \$2,000.

York, Pa.—In trying to locate a dollar whip, which had been stolen from the buggy of Michael Dougherty of Chancetown, Detective Charles White-unearthed at the home of Adam S. Kecey of Spry, about two miles from this city, stolen property to the amount of \$2,000, which had been carried away from the Pullman Automobile works. The plunder consisted of all parts of the machines.

Kecey broke down and confessed his guilt and said he had been selling the loot for junk. In default of bail he was sent to jail. The accused man has a wife and five children.

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MUD HUTS VANISHING

HOUSING COUNCIL REVOLUTIONIZES LIVING CONDITIONS IN RURAL IRELAND.

COTTAGES REPLACE SHACKS

Rent for 3 Cents Per Week—Move to Keep Workers on Land, Check Disease and Raise Farm Wages.

Dublin, Dec. 6.—Twenty years ago the taunt that the Irish people lived in mud huts was justified by the facts. Today there are few of these old mud cabins left, and in five years more it will be hard to find one in the whole of Ireland.

These reflections are prompted by reading a report which has just been issued by the National Housing and Town Planning Council, an English organization whose purposes are revealed by its name, which early this year sent a deputation to Ireland to study the working of the Irish laborers' acts. These acts, in less than thirty years have revolutionized the housing of the agricultural working class in this country. The conclusion reached was that the Irish people in Ireland had set an example to the whole civilized world in providing proper and sanitary living accommodation for its people.

The first of the series of acts which made this revolution possible was passed in 1883, but little was done until 1891. Like much other legislation in this country the acts were merely permissive, which means that they made it possible for the local authorities to improve the housing of their people if they desired, but did not impose it on them as a duty. In 1904, however, the law was amended to compel the local authorities to take action, and in 1906 the law was further strengthened by providing for grants in aid from the national exchequer.

Between 1883 and 1906, 20,434 cottages were built, which works out at less than 1000 cottages a year. Between 1906 and 1912, 13,867 cottages were built, and in the middle of this year 5429 were under construction, making an average of about 3500 a year.

The cost of this building has amounted to about \$49,999,900 and the average cost of each cottage has been about \$900. The cottages are usually built, one-story affairs of brick or stone, with slate or galvanized iron roofs, with one large living room and three bedrooms. They are owned by the local councils and let to laborers actually employed on the land at rents varying from 3 cents a week in some parts of Connacht to 36 cents in parts of Ulster. The average for the whole of Ireland is 26 cents a week. In addition to this the tenants pay the "rates" or local taxes, which vary from 25 to 35.50 a year. These are not economic rents in the sense that they are not calculated on the basis of a commercial return on the money invested. In a strict sense, however, they are truly economic, as they have contributed to a wonderful improvement in the health of the people and to the almost total disappearance of syphilitic disease. They have also helped the employing farmer by checking the flow of emigration and of migration to the towns, thus keeping a supply of labor on the land.

But the figure of the number of cottages built under the acts do not tell the whole story. The building of these cottages has stimulated the private landlords to improve the accommodation offered to the people, and in many cases made it absolutely necessary for them to do so if they want to keep their people on the land. Farmer after farmer who insisted on housing his laborers in the old mud hovels has seen his men move to another district, where the cottages were available, and has been forced to bring his own cottages up to the new standard.

Under the latest act only 64 per cent of the cost is borne by the local authorities, the government contributing the other 36 per cent. Some sentimental persons are bewailing the fact that the new cottages are not as picturesque as the old thatched-roofed hovels. This is true no doubt, but they are healthier, and there isn't a laborer in Ireland who regrets the change. The writer was much impressed by the new cottages during a motoring trip through County Down, with the change in the appearance of the countryside. Almost everywhere one passed a group of painted cottages of the old mud hovel type by the roadside.

Ten years ago these were all occupied. Today they are roofless and falling into decay. Beside them stand the new cottages, each with its half-acre of garden land, its neat out-houses and its well-kept path in front. In some cases the old cottage has been turned into a cow byre or pigsty, but in the majority of cases it is considered good enough even for the use of a pigsty. In the old cottages had been erected for the domestic animals. Feet of the old cottages had any flooring other than the hard, beaten earth, and as many of them were below the road level, these earth floors became a breeding place for mud in wet weather. In the old days the possession of a "board floor" was a sign of unusual wealth in rural Ireland. Today it is found in every cottage. In the same way in the old days the priest's house was as a rule the only one in the village with a slate roof. Today one seldom sees thatch except in the cottages of well-to-do persons who stick to it for its picturesque qualities and can afford to keep it in proper repair.

An interesting statement in the report is that the new cottages have had the effect of raising agricultural wages. They have created in the laborer a new self-respect and a desire for a better life, which has resulted in a demand for more money with which to satisfy it.

While the principal operators have left the field, a few of the smaller ones are still investigating and hope to make a strike that will prove profitable.

ILLINOIS OIL HUNT FAILS
Morgan County Prospectors Pull Up Pipe Lines.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 5.—Efforts to find oil in the Morgan county area have failed and the pipe lines laid some time ago are being taken up. The prospecting has been thorough but while the traces of oil and gas have been considerable, it is believed that they are not extensive enough to warrant going ahead with the installation of machinery.

WHAT TOADS ARE WORTH
They Are the Greatest of All Exterminators of Insects.

the insects which levy an annual tax of more than \$5,000,000 upon our agricultural resources.

There is no reason why the farmers of the country should not hatch and rear their own supply of toads for local service. With a pond or even a small pool, and a few toads, they can keep their crops safe from the ravages of insects. Toads are not bred of their own accord in any desired number up to the limit of the food supply available in the shape of insects. But one thing absolutely essential is that they shall be protected against their natural enemies, and by no means the least destructive of their enemies are small boys, who, through mere thoughtlessness, kill toads whenever they get a chance.

It is estimated that an average toad is worth to the farmer \$5 a year for cutting weeds, and for destroying insects. But this is only one item. The amount a toad will eat is astonishing. A large specimen has been known to devour hundreds of rose beetles at a single meal. One toad has been known to eat 1000 of the common household centipede—to satisfy his appetite, another fifty-five army worms, and yet another thirty-eight grasshoppers and caterpillars. Still another toad was seen to eat thirty-five large, full-grown celery worms in three hours, while another accepted eighty-six flies fed to him in less than ten minutes.

It is a common thing when the occupants of an ants' nest are swarming and the insects are entering in large numbers to see an enterprising toad sit at the entrance of the burrow and snap up every ant that comes out. The slaughter he accomplishes under such circumstances is frightful. But, of course, most ants are not reckoned as insects injurious to man, and the toad unquestionably destroys some species which are beneficial to the farmer. Upon the whole, he is immensely useful in devouring countless numbers of the very worst bug foes of the crops.

A BABY SHOW AT DENVER
National Western Stock Show Announces a Departure in Exhibits.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 5.—Several weeks ago a prominent scientist declared in a paper in the National Western Stock Show that the progress was being made in the development of hoes than of humans. In order to secure some data in this direction, the National Western Stock Show has decided to introduce in the show a department of eugenics. The Stock Show association will include in this section of the show an exhibit on heredity, including the Mendelian law of heredity, a child's welfare exhibit and a child's health exhibit. The latter department is in fact a baby show, but not the old-style baby show, where the best looking and happiest baby carried off the prize, but a competition where the babies will be judged for physical perfection. There will be three divisions in this contest: One for babies from the country, which includes towns up to 2,000 population; another division for cities of 2,000 to 10,000 population. The babies entered in this contest will be first examined by a corps of women physicians and will be scored according to the standard recently adopted, and on Friday of show week they will all be gathered in the stock show in the ring, where the judging will take place.

SAVE SKUNKS, SAYS EXPERT
Are Big Insect Eaters, Pennsylvania Zoologist Declares.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 5.—Pausing between swarms of locusts and a devouring a tree for peach yellow, H. A. Surface, State Economic Zoologist, rose to the defense of the lowly skunk and declared that it is high time that the state of Pennsylvania enacted a law protecting that animal from destruction. Until now, the common variety of Pennsylvania had presumed that the skunk was able to protect itself, but it seems that the scientist and the farmer deem otherwise. "The skunk is one of the most valuable animals we have in destroying insects in the earth, on the surface or which crawl on the surface," said Surface. "It is quite true that the skunk destroys the eggs of ground-nesting birds, but the good it does the farmer in destroying insects far outweighs the harm it does in eating a few eggs."

Surface's remarks came as he read a letter from R. J. Wiley, a farmer, at Falls, Lycopom county, in which Wiley tells of the good the skunk does and how it is trapped unmercifully by men who sell the skin and by-products.

CORN AND APPLE EXHIBIT
Mammoth Show of Nebraska Products at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 6.—The state Horticultural society and the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association have joined forces for a great show of apples and corn at Lincoln, during the week of organized agriculture, January 20-24, 1913.

The corn show is expected to surpass all previous shows of the National Horticultural congress and judging teams from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri will compete for the prizes.

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..Hides Higher..

Every shipment is handled and remitted for within one hour after it is delivered to us. Below Prices Are Guaranteed for the Week Ending Dec. 14

Table listing prices for SALT CURED HIDES (No. 1, No. 2), Green pony hides and glue, Sheep pelts, Green, Dry, according to wool, per pound, DRY HIDES (Dry flint butcher, heavy, Dry flint fallen, heavy, Dry flint, under 10 pounds, Dry salt, heavy, Dry culls), TALLOW (Tallow, No. 1, Tallow, No. 2), and Beeswax.

FURS THESE PRICES ARE FOR PRIME SKINS EARLY CAUGHT & UNPRIME SKINS BOUGHT AT VALUE

Table listing prices for MINK-DARK-Central, MUSKRAT-Central-Fall, WOLF-Continued, CAT-Wild and House, CIVET-Central, and BADGER.

James C. Smith Hide Co. Consignment Dept., St. Joseph, Mo. "The St. Jo House" Branches—Wichita, Kan.; Topeka, Kan.; Grand Island, Neb., and Joplin, Mo.

STOMACH TROUBLE RUINS A LIFE Entire System Runs Down if Food Is Not Properly Digested to Nourish It.

Nebraska Woman Tells How United Doctors Relieved Her After Others Had Failed.

The first requisite to a happy life is a well-nourished healthy body. No one can be really happy who is unhealthy. Neither can any person have good health unless their body is well nourished. It is not enough to be well fed. To be nourished, the food must also be digested, otherwise the body will be poorly nourished, no difference how much food is eaten.

Look for Sign—KEGAN BROS. We Pay the Express. Kegan Bros., Box 81, Sta. A, St. Joseph, Mo., 1212 South Sixth Street.

Farmers and Stockmen Take Notice (WE SOLICIT YOUR TRADE.) When in St. Joseph stop in and see us. We are open all night, and located across the street from the Union depot. Whisky that we ship under a guarantee that it is 6 years, 100 per cent pure straight Kentucky Bourbon. We pay the express. Kegan Bros., per gallon \$3.95. Our Agent, per gallon \$3.50.

LIGHT PLANT TO FLOAT AWAY Steamer Stalled in Shoal Water Furnished Power for Town.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The electric light plant which has supplied the town of Ocos, Guatemala, for the last four years, is about to up anchor and depart.

\$15 PICTURE BRINGS \$20,000 Californian Sells Dutch Masterpiece to British Museum.

Monterey, Cal., Dec. 5.—A painting picked up in a Monterey second-hand store by the Danish artist, Hugo V. Pederson, for \$15 has been sold by him to a British museum for \$20,000, the picture proving to be an old Dutch masterpiece. Pederson succeeded in restoring the canvass.

St. Joseph Stock Yards Co. St. Joseph, Mo. We Are in the Market Every day for Cattle, Hogs and Sheep.

WE are especially bidding for Range Cattle and Sheep, both for slaughter and feeding. Located on fourteen railroads, and in the center of the best corn and live stock district in the United States, we are prepared to furnish a good market for all kinds of live stock. Our packers furnish a daily market for all kinds of cattle, ranging from Cannors to Export Cattle. Look up your R. R. connections, you will find them in our favor. Advertise in "The Journal." It Pays \$1,400,000.