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STEERS ABOUT STEADY

OUTLET FOR MODERATE RUN OF FAT STUFF AFFORDED AT STEADY RATES.

COWS AND HEIFERS DULL

Trend of Prices to Lower Range—Bulls and Veal Calves Steady to Lower—Stocks Demand Holding Up Well.

There was no improvement in the market for beef cattle today and where any change was indicated it was in the direction of cheaper rates. Despite the weak tone the market has carried all week, receipts continue to run ahead of last week and a year ago.

A rather small quota of the receipts consisted of steers, butchers' stock forming the bulk of the offerings. Quality of the steers on display was not of very high grade, plain warmed-up and medium short-feds predominating.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

There was a fairly good Thursday showing of butcher classes on sale. The trade ruled irregular throughout. Demand was more or less lax and sellers were forced to resort to peddling tactics clear their holdings.

HEIFERS.

There was a fair showing of heifers on sale today. The trade ruled irregular throughout. Demand was more or less lax and sellers were forced to resort to peddling tactics clear their holdings.

COWS.

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BULLS AND STAGS.

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VEAL CALVES.

There was a fair showing of veal calves on sale today. The trade ruled irregular throughout. Demand was more or less lax and sellers were forced to resort to peddling tactics clear their holdings.

FURTHER LOSS IN HOGS

LOCAL RECEIPTS HEAVIEST OF RECENT MONTHS AND TRADE VERY DRAGGY.

PRICES DECLINE 20 TO 25c

Practically Nothing Doing Till Noon—Best Hogs Drop to \$7.35, With Most Sales at \$7.10 to \$7.25.

Hog receipts here today were heavier than on any day since February 8. Early estimates called for 16,500 head and the noon estimate was around 15,500 head, as compared with 11,997 a week ago and 12,298 a year ago.

YEARLINGS AND CALVES.

Yearlings and calves were in demand today. The trade ruled irregular throughout. Demand was more or less lax and sellers were forced to resort to peddling tactics clear their holdings.

FEEDING COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.

Feeding cows and stock heifers were in demand today. The trade ruled irregular throughout. Demand was more or less lax and sellers were forced to resort to peddling tactics clear their holdings.

PACKERS' CATTLE PURCHASES.

Packers' cattle purchases were in demand today. The trade ruled irregular throughout. Demand was more or less lax and sellers were forced to resort to peddling tactics clear their holdings.

BIG CUMBERLAND HAUL.

Burlington Special Brought in Record Run of Stock Today. The biggest haul of live stock ever made over the Cumberland branch line of the Burlington consigned to the Burlington in today. It required two trains or seventy-six cars to accommodate the lowa shippers along the Cumberland branch who wished to take advantage of the attractive rates.

BID \$4,300 FOR HORSE.

Detectives Allege Prisoners Ran Up Price to Find Who Had Money. New York, Dec. 12.—In order, according to the police, to find out those persons in the crowd with money, they picked their pockets, three well-dressed men bid fast and furiously for a horse named Jaro Horai at the Madison Square Garden horse sale. They boosted the price until the sum reached \$4,300.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO. Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 12.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 7000. Market dull, steady to weaker.

KANSAS CITY.

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LAMBS SOLD HIGHER

FAT SHEEP AND LAMBS SOLD READILY AT DIME ADVANCE.

TOPS SOLD AT \$7.90

Trade Ruled Reasonable Active From the Outset and Early Clearance Was Made.

A glance at the market map today disclosed a sharp contraction in receipts of sheep and lambs, packers having access to less than 5,000 head at the five primary markets, as compared with 37,200 for the same day the previous week and 44,600 for the corresponding day a year ago.

RECEIPTS BY CARS.

The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the local yards today: C. B. & Q., west, 143; Rock Island, 143; Great Western, 21; Missouri Pacific, 7; Grand Island, 17; Santa Fe, 9.

EAST ST. LOUIS.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 12.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 5500. Market active, steady to lower.

FORT WORTH.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 12.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 4300. Market slow.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Today's cash values: Receipts: wheat, 10 cars; corn, 12 cars; oats, 3 cars.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Following are today's wholesale prices for beef cuts as given out by Swift & Company: Dressed Beef, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 9c.

ROACH STEERS AT \$8.50

Load of Short-fed Beves Marketed by Missouri Feeder Sold at That Price.

TOPPED THE HOG TRADE.

Prominent Iowa Disposed of Load of Prime Bacon Hogs at Good Price.

WIFE PULLS PLOW.

Ohio Woman Gets a Divorce for Inhuman Treatment.

THEATRICAL AMUSEMENTS.

At the Lyceum—Tonight and Friday, moving pictures of "Camille" and "The Sign of the Cross" as played by Bernhard and Rejane.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri, Iowa and Kansas: Fair tonight and Friday; rising temperature; fair to clear Saturday.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Among those here from DeKalb county, Missouri, with stock today were noted C. M. Cundiff and J. A. Redman.

WILL DAM MISSOURI RIVER

Scheme to Include Manufacturing and Irrigation and Authorized Capital is \$190,000,000.

FIRE AT WESLEY HOUSE.

Social Settlement Home Scene of Stubborn Blaze This Morning. Wesley House, a social settlement home conducted by the Southern Methodist church of St. Joseph, suffered extensive damage by fire early this morning.

CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS.

Quotations on Cotseeded, Linseed and Alfalfa Products. Cotseeded meal—Carlots, per ton, \$27.40; ton lots, \$25.50.

IOWA LAMBS AT TOP.

H. D. Holaday's Offerings Here Today Brought \$7.90. Among the Iowa shipments that came in over the Cumberland line today were three cars of lambs.

BIG RUN OF HOGS.

Local Receipts Today Heaviest Since March. The heaviest run of hogs reached the St. Joseph market today that on any day since March 7, 1912.

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Load of Fat Muttons Fed and Shipped by J. H. James Made That Price.

DIVER RECOVERS VALUABLES

Goes Down Thirty Feet in Bay for Diamonds and Money. San Pedro, Cal., Dec. 12.—Several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry was recovered from the harbor at the foot of Fifth street by Diver E. J. DeWalt after a ten minutes' search of the bottom under thirty feet of water.

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EXPERIMENTS WITH PLANTS.

The Department of Agriculture has been exercising many of its energies and talents in the improvement and distribution of alfalfa.

THE SAME WITH HUMAN BABIES.

There is no place on earth where people are more kind-hearted and generous than in Kansas.

"Take the calf away from its mother at once."

"Let the calf stay with its mother at least a week."

"A quart of milk at feed time is enough at the start."

"Give it half a gallon at a time."

"A young calf should have at least a gallon of milk twice a day."

"Give it the milk just as it comes from the cow."

"Skimmed milk is as good as any for a calf."

"Mix shorts with the milk."

"Never mix anything with the milk."

"It always pays to raise a calf."

"It will cost twice as much to raise a calf as it will be worth."

Equipped with all this information it is unnecessary to say that the calf is doing nicely and its nurse will probably live through the ordeal.

Sounds a good deal like the advice the human mother gets on how to feed and bring up her young, doesn't it?

GIVE OLEO A SQUARE DEAL.

The butter interests have utilized many methods to maintain a monopoly of the market for their product.

One of the devices for keeping up the butter price has been the tax on dealers in oleomargarine.

Take Vermont as an example. There is a state tax there of \$100 per year on retailers who sell oleomargarine.

Daddy's Bedtime Story

When Evelyn Lost Her Red Mitten

DADDY said he wished to tell the children a queer story. "Do you remember what you did with that red mitten of yours last evening?"

This state tax is in addition to the federal tax of \$48 per year, and is a burden which most retailers cannot carry.

This is just what the butter people want, of course. It helps them to maintain high prices for butter.

But to get back to Vermont. The newspapers of the state are beginning to wake up to the situation as it affects the consumer.

The newspapers call attention to the protest of the butter interests against the repeal of the tax.

Such a tax is practically prohibitive—whichever, of course, was the reason for its being put there.

The consumer is waking up! Denoting permanency and stability are the municipal improvements and transportation facilities of Cleburne.

IMPORT MANY HIDES.

Present Year Will Set High Water Mark on Importations.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Importation of hides and skins in the year which ends with this month will exceed that of any earlier year.

This increase in importation of hides and skins, while due in part to increased activity among the manufacturers of the country, is also, in some degree, the result of a reduction in the number of cattle slaughtered in the United States.

The whole world is contributing to these requirements of American manufacturers of leather.

Of the \$100,000,000 worth of hides and skins imported into the United States in the ten months ended with

LATEST NEWS FROM HADES

John Armstrong Chaloner Gets Authentic Information From Departed Friend.

Washington—John Armstrong Chaloner, a member of the Chaloner family of New York, who is legally insane in that state, although legally sane in Virginia, says he has received a message from hell through his deceased friend, Thomas Jefferson Miller.

Chaloner says Miller informed him that "Hell is more an affair of the intellect, will power and aspiration than merely combustion."

In hell, morality is as enthusiastically and scientifically taught as mathematics and physics at any university.

Chaloner says Miller declared that on arriving in hell he found himself to have been Marshal Ney in life. He had assumed his stature and features, and had conversed with Napoleon Bonaparte, who later appeared before him in the costume of Michael Angelo.

Satan, Miller says, according to Chaloner, is a prince, a gentleman, a hero and a noble creature.

WHOLE HOUSEHOLD IN PAWN

Wedding Ring Included, Says Charles Rothweiler in Suit for Divorce in California.

Oakland, Cal.—Something turned up for Charles Rothweiler every minute after he found a note informing him that Mrs. Clara Rothweiler had gone to the country.

Mrs. Rothweiler is charged with all these things to gratify her alleged desire for strong drink.

REVEALS A SOCIETY SCANDAL

Berlin Women of High Social Position Are Found Mixing With Undesirables.

Berlin—A woman pianist was sentenced to a month's imprisonment in connection with a scandal recently unearthed by the Berlin police.

Detectives made an unexpected raid on a night cafe in the center of Berlin frequented almost exclusively by women.

Neighbors complained of the manner in which the establishment was conducted, and the police made a raid and took the name and address of everyone found there.

FAILS TO SAVE WIFE'S LIFE

Man Gives Up Blood in Effort to Aid Her, but Operation is Not Successful.

Milwaukee, Wis.—In a futile effort to save the life of his young wife at the Emergency hospital, Charles Smoot, twenty-four years old, residing at No. 4 Kassner place, went on the operating table and allowed a pint of his blood to be transfused into the arteries of the dying woman.

CAT CROSSES SEA IN STATE

Don Dai, English Prize Winner, Has Best Berth and Special Steward.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 12.—In a silken basket in the best stateroom on board the steamship Cambrian, in port from London, was Don Dai, the most valuable Persian chinchilla cat ever brought to the United States.

CLIMATIC ZONES ON FARM

Should Be Studied and Taken Advantage of, Says Expert.

"There are climatic zones on every farm that need to be studied and taken advantage of, just as slight peculiarities in plants and animals are studied and taken advantage of in breeding," says Eric R. Miller, United States weather forecaster at the University of Wisconsin in an article in the Journal of Geography.

Different soils have the power to produce local difference in temperature, continues Mr. Miller. This is a good radiator and a poor absorber heat by radiation.

The exposure of a slope to the sunshine is a factor of great importance for the intensity of sunlight is greatest on a surface on which it falls vertically.

The climate of this country is marked by greater variability than is that of Europe, so that it is often important to nullify the effect of unreasonable warm spells in spring.

A lake is of great importance in regulating the temperature of the land around for it takes more heat to warm a given quantity of water to any stated number of degrees than it does to warm the same quantity of any other substance to the same number of degrees.

The wheel of fortune has turned many a man's head.

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Pruning Apple Trees

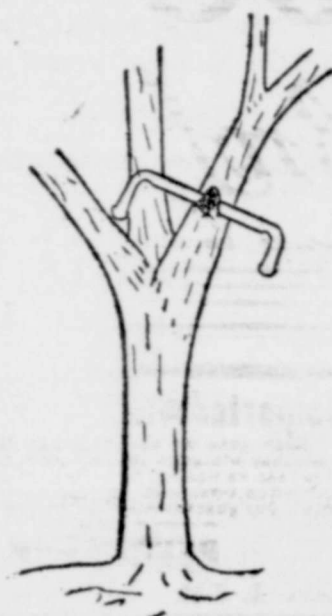
This Is An Excellent Time of the Year to Clean Up the Orchard

Next to spraying, thorough annual pruning is probably the most indispensable part of the care of the orchard. Pruning benefits the trees in a great many ways, the most important of which are:

- 1. It keeps out disease. 2. Regulates the vigor of the tree. 3. Regulates size. 4. Regulates shape. 5. Helps to regulate the bearing habit.

Pruning to Keep Out Disease. A close inspection of trees in any unpruned orchard as much as fifteen or twenty years old will show a great many limbs infected with the various forms of apple canker—sunken or rough dead places in the bark and outer wood. The limb may be entirely killed by this canker. The amount of canker injury may be influenced in two ways by pruning. First, a tree thoroughly pruned is not so liable to be infected with canker, for the reason that the canker gets in through wounds made by limbs rubbing together and made on limbs picking fruit. In each case, these conditions are more likely to prevail on unpruned than on well pruned trees. Second, so far as my experience goes, I have uniformly observed more canker on dense trees than on trees kept open enough to admit the sunlight to any wounds that may be on the bark. Infection is controlled by cutting out all small limbs infected with canker and by cutting out the dead portions of the large limbs, cutting into healthy wood and painting the limbs.

Pruning to Regulate Vigor. In sections of the state, trees that were standing still, making a very poor, weak growth, were thrown into a healthy, stock growth by severe



ALL CANKERS AND INJURED WOOD SHOULD BE CUT OUT AND ALL WOUNDS PAINTED

pruning. If the tree is making a slow growth, in some soils especially, it becomes in a manner barkbound, and it requires severe pruning to throw it into a healthy growth. Of course, too much pruning may be given and the tree thrown into too vigorous vegetative activity, in which case it is likely to set a very small amount of fruit. Pruning, then, is an invigorating process to an apple tree, especially winter pruning.

Pruning to Regulate Size of Tree. Cutting away a considerable amount of the tree each year, whether cutting from the ends of the twigs or cutting away large limbs, is a dwarfing process, under average conditions, whether the pruning is done in winter or summer. This matter has been carefully tested by experiment stations for years, and uniformly those trees that received a large amount of pruning for twelve or fifteen years are smaller than those that received little pruning. We have had occasion to observe this in the Missouri Experiment Station orchard and in other orchards of the state. However, there are exceptions to this rule. Thus, in very poor soils or in the case of trees on sod, they may become barkbound, and in this case a tree that is severely pruned may at the end of the year be larger than a tree that was unpruned. That is, in a poor soil the tree annually pruned is likely to be larger than the one receiving no pruning.

In some cases it is desirable to dwarf a tree—to keep down its size—especially if the trees were set close together. Trees twenty-five feet apart that are kept down in size by pruning are more desirable than larger trees thirty or thirty-five feet apart, since spraying, pruning and picking may be more cheaply done.

Pruning to Regulate Form. Whether the open head is more desirable than the tree with a central leader, there is a considerable difference of opinion among orchardists. The advantages of the open head are that all the fruits receive sufficient sunlight; that there is more fruiting wood for the same size tree; and that pruning, picking, and spraying can be done cheaper. The tree with the central leader is harder to cover in all these processes.

The advantages of the central leader are that the tree is less liable to break with a load of fruit; there is little chance for a limb to split down at the body of the tree; and if any limbs are broken, it is a less serious

injury because there are more limbs than on an open head tree. With a central leader form of tree where the leader is permitted to grow throughout the life of the tree the methods of care become quite expensive. There is a tendency for it to form forks at the top of the tree and if these are not corrected there will be a splitting of the top in years of heavy yield. With trees on poor soil this is of little importance. However, in well kept orchards on good soil when the leader reaches a height of about twelve feet it should be kept cut back. If kept in this way it is probably as desirable as the open head, and with some varieties more so.

In pruning a tree for the open head, at the time it is set out, five limbs at the most, started from the main stem, are all that are desirable. In shaping a tree to secure the central leader, the limbs should be spaced so that each limb will have room to spread where it joins the main trunk; so that it will not be crowded by others and have a weak union with the trunk.

Pruning to Regulate Bearing Habit. With varieties like the Ingram, as the tree grows older it tends to bear blooms on the end of every spur one year, and to set a very light bloom the year following. This habit is called alternating. With most varieties this does not begin until the tree is rather old. For the first four or five years of its fruiting life it will bear annual crops of medium size, while later it will bear alternately a heavy crop and no crop at all. If the frost kills the one crop, there are at least two successive failures. For this and for other reasons, it is more desirable to have a crop of medium size every year than a large crop every other year.

The ideal condition, then, is to keep the tree in a state of vigor equal to that of the tree that has been bearing three or four years, and has not come into the habit of alternating. The most desirable method of doing this is by pruning just severely enough to keep the tree in the condition of growth of the young tree. If this kind of pruning is practiced, it will probably be a simple matter to keep the tree from ever starting the alternating habit.

Pruning to Renovate an Old Orchard. In Missouri there are unquestionably many old orchards that in the right hands could be worked over into profitable bearing. No one should take hold of an old orchard, however, if he does not expect to spray, and wait a year or two, and sometimes several, for returns. Unless at least sixty per cent of the trees are in good condition and ten or fifteen per cent more can be brought into good condition, it will probably be undesirable to attempt making the old orchard profitable. The cultivation, etc., of the spaces where the trees are missing will be as expensive as if the trees were there, and the same is true of interest on the land, etc.

In working over the old orchard the trees that are hopelessly weak and injured should be cut out. All dead portions in all trees should be removed. The cankered areas should be cut from all limbs and the wounds pointed. The trees will usually have too many limbs and some of these should be cut out, so that spraying and other processes of care can be more conveniently done.

LIVE STOCK IN MISSOURI

Advantages of Location and Pasture Are Unequaled by Other States.

"Missouri's location and crops put her in first rank as a live stock state," says E. A. Trowbridge, assistant professor of animal husbandry of the College of Agriculture. "Located as she is, between the producing West and the consuming East, she is the natural ground for fitting the raw material for market."

"Kansas City is the doorway to the great Northwest. Cattle and sheep that supply the meat-eating people of America come largely from the West. They are shipped to Kansas City to be fattened in the corn belt. On the natural road to the consuming East, stands Missouri, with her large acreage of corn and hay and her un-equaled bluegrass pastures, ready to fit this stock for market."

"Missouri has had an important place in live stock production ever since the civil war. The men who bring their stock to Kansas City from the West, look to Missouri, largely, for pure bred stock to take home."

"In light horse and mule production, Missouri is second to no other state. The Missouri mule still holds its high rank. Texas has more mules, but they lack the quality of the Missouri mule."

"Missouri ranks well in the production of cattle, sheep and hogs. The breeders are striving for better quality and the feeders are working toward more economical methods of feeding."

Sudden changes in feed are liable to bring about disorders of the digestive tract. When changing from old to new corn only a small part of the ration should be changed at once. Derangements of the digestive system lead to a falling off in the appetite and a poorer utilization of the food that is consumed.

AGRICULTURAL WEEK.

Plans Being Rapidly Concluded for Big Meeting.

Lincoln, Dec. 11.—Detailed plans are being rapidly concluded for the twelfth annual convention of Organized Agriculture, which meets at Lincoln, January 20 to 24, 1913. This is the representative gathering of all the allied branches of agriculture composed of some twenty-five state associations and over 200 farmers' institutes and farmers' clubs. An attendance of 5,000 or more is expected, based on previous attendance.

The legislature will be in session and the farmers will have a good opportunity to see how their representatives are looking after their interests. The State Horticultural society and the Corn Improvers' association will put on a monster corn and apple show at the Lincoln city auditorium and the girls of the domestic science department of the state university will serve apples and corn products to the hungry in over 200 different ways. Prominent speakers, both from the state and from outside, will be in attendance to discuss various problems, and the Commercial club of Lincoln will provide interesting entertainment features for visitors.

APPLE HAS PEDIGREE.

Largest Grown in Michigan This Season Weighs 27 Ounces.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 11.—The largest perfect apple grown in Michigan during the season of 1912 was picked from a famous tree on the farm of J. G. Gibson of Hopkins, Allegan county.

The apple is a Macintosh Red, of the subacid variety, and captured the first prize at the Michigan Land and Apple Show here.

It is a blue-blooded fruit, having a pedigree that extends back 200 years, dating from the time its forebears were planted in Canadian soil by early French settlers.

The name is derived from the Scotchman who found the trees after they were abandoned by the French in the eastern part of Canada.

Up to within twenty years ago the original trees bore well. They are now extinct, having been destroyed in a fire a few years ago.

The monster apple is four and one-half inches in diameter and weighs twenty-seven ounces.

HEN SWALLOWS \$200 GEM

Ruby Dropped From Ring and Biddy Gobbled It Down.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 11.—A Plymouth Rock hen on display at the Western Wisconsin Poultry Show, valued at \$200, was worth twice that sum yesterday as the result of swallowing a \$200 ruby which dropped from a setting in a ring worn by Charles V. Keeler of Winamac, Ind., one of the judges.

The hen belongs to L. C. Danville of Momfort, Wis. While Keeler was about to examine the bird, the most valuable in the show, the gem dropped, and, quick as a flash, the hen gulped it down. Keeler offered Danville \$200 for the bird, and subsequently increased the bid to \$400, but the latter refused both offers and the loser left for home without his ruby.

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