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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 18 Cars, 557 Cattle; 45 Cars, 3,336 Hogs; 31 Cars, 6,586 Sheep.

STEERS STRONG TO 10 HIGHER

Falling Off in Receipts at All Points and Trade Shows Improved Tone.

BEST BEEVES AT \$6.10 TO \$6.45

Steady to Firm Trade in Butchers' Stock, Supply Very Light—Calves Generally Steady—Good Inquiry for Useful Grades of Stock Cattle, Prices Strong—Hogs Big 5c Higher, Closed Easy—Sheep Opened Steady to Strong, Closed Lull and Weak.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.

	1908	1907	Dec. Inc.
Cattle	164,830	183,628	18,798
Hogs	794,322	682,101	162,221
Sheep	210,278	948,927	185,649
Horses	5,889	11,064	2,575

LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	15,000	80,000	15,000
Kansas City	6,000	5,000	10,500
South Omaha	1,800	2,800	9,500
St. Joseph	800	3,300	6,800
St. Louis	1,200	4,500	8,900
Totals	24,600	45,600	42,000
Saturday	2,300	16,500	17,500
Week ago	88,100	25,500	84,500
Month ago	48,300	66,100	41,100
Year ago	54,700	61,600	67,900

RECEIPTS BY CARS.

	1908	1907
C. B. & Q., west	50	10
C. B. & Q., east	7	7
C. R. I. & P.	10	10
Great Western	1	1
Missouri Pacific	1	1
St. Joseph & Grand Island	24	24
A. T. & S. F.	6	6
Total	109	69

CATTLE.

Surprisingly Small Monday Supply of Live Beef in Sight.

Has the country the cattle? Or is it dissatisfied with prices and refusing to sell? These are questions suggested by the surprisingly light supplies reported in sight today. The total at five points was only 25,500 or 10,000 short of the very moderate showing of last Monday and less than half as many as arrived at the same points one year ago today.

On the local market less than 1,000 cattle arrived and there were hardly enough fat steers to create a lively trade. Packers showed that they wanted cattle and were not long in taking the few loads offered at prices that showed a good degree of strength. While there was nothing approaching market topping quality on offer, there were a few loads of fairly good beefs of light to medium weight, but fairly good quality that sold at \$6.45 with the bulk being of qualities that sold at \$5.75 @ 6.15 and sales indicated the strength noted above. Some western hay fed steers were offered and sold mostly to the feeders. Common to fair light killing steers sold at prices ranging from \$5.00 @ 5.60.

The market apparently is in condition to use more cattle than are coming. DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS.

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
20	1855. 6 45	44	1170. 6 10
21	1370. 6 25	45	976 5 95
22	1222. 6 15	21	1080. 5 95

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Supply of cows and heifers on sale this morning was very scarce. Buyers were all out in good season wanting supplies and the slim run was soon cleaned up. Prices ruled steady to strong all along the line. A prime cow, weighing 1,460 lbs. sold at \$6.00, but bulk of all the cows changed hands in a range of \$3.50 @ 4.50, although a few \$4.75 @ 5.25 sales were noted. No good straight heifers were available, but some mixed heifers and steers brought \$5.90 @ 5.95.

Only a few odd head of bulls were scattered around and these brought steady prices. Calf trade was a small affair and was generally quiet steady.

HEIFERS.

29 lbs.	959. 5 90	2	945. 5 00
30	703. 6 05 <td>6</td> <td>761. 4 80</td>	6	761. 4 80
31	826. 8 05 <td>11</td> <td>910. 4 50</td>	11	910. 4 50
32	1040. 8 00 <td>7</td> <td>1070. 4 00</td>	7	1070. 4 00
33	731. 5 00 <td></td> <td></td>		

COWS.

1	1480. 6 00	11	1144. 4 25
2	1890. 6 00	12	1900. 4 25
3	1212. 6 00	2	1180. 4 25
4	1070. 6 00	1	1070. 4 00
5	1215. 4 90	5	1013. 3 90

SHEEP.

Early Trade Ruled Strong But General Market Slow and Weak.

Opening day of the week, despite the warnings of the trade, brought out a big run of sheep and lambs. Local receipts numbered 5,500, 2,500 more than arrived last week, while total receipts at five markets, 40,300, indicated a gain of 6,300 compared with first market day last week. As usual a big percentage of the offerings was Colorado lambs, but receipts included six doubles of Texas sheep, two cars direct to packers. Today's consignment was the first Texas sheep offered for sale on this market this year, and were a good lot of southwest grassers.

Trade in handy weight lambs opened up in pretty good shape, a number of sales on first rounds looking strong compared with the better finish of last week, or 10 @ 15c higher than the low point last Wednesday. Demand for sheep and weight lambs was dull from the start and the feeling weak. In fact, the general market had a weaker undertone as even handy weight lambs were slow sale after the early start and prices were not better than steady at last week's closing level. At the start best Colorado Mexican lambs sold at \$7.30 @ 7.40.

Trade dragged and at a late hour some stuff was lying around unsold. Late trading was on a weak to 10c lower basis compared with Friday's quotations. Several strings of weight Colorado lambs sold at \$7.00.

1025 Col-Mex lambs	76. 7 40
256 Col-Mex lambs	77. 7 20
268 Col-Mex lambs	80. 7 10
483 Col-Mex lambs	67. 7 10
741 Col lambs	89. 7 00
241 Col lambs	80. 7 00
592 Col-Mex lambs	88. 7 00
50 Col-Mex lambs, cls.	58. 6 00
1,050 Texas sheep	80. 5 25

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Union Stock Yards, Ill., April 20.—The Live Stock Market reports: Cattle—Receipts, 15,000. Market 10 @ 15c higher; cows 15c higher; feeders strong.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000. Market opened steady, closing 10c lower; top, \$6.05; bulk, \$5.80 @ 5.95. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000. Market, lambs steady; sheep 10 @ 15c lower.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 20.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 6,000. Market mostly 10 @ 15c higher; top, \$6.65; cows and heifers 10 @ 15c higher; stockers 10 @ 20c higher; calves firm.

SOUTH OMAHA.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., April 20.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1,800. Market 10 @ 15c higher; top, \$6.55. Hogs—Receipts, 2,600. Market shade higher; top, \$5.65; bulk, \$5.52 @ 5.57 1/2. Sheep—Receipts, 9,600. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., April 20.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1,200, including 500 Texas. Market steady to shade higher; natives 10c higher. Hogs—Receipts, 4,500. Market 5c higher; top, \$6.05; bulk, \$5.85 @ 5.95. Sheep—Receipts, 300. Market steady.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, Board of Trade building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Options	Open	High	Low	Close	Close
WHEAT	May	July	Sept	Nov	Dec

May	97 1/2	94 1/2	92 1/2	94	92 1/2
July	87 1/2	87 1/2	86	87 1/2	87 1/2
Sept	87 1/2	87 1/2	86	87 1/2	87 1/2

CORN	May	July	Sept	Nov	Dec
May	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
July	63	63 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2

OATS	May	July	Sept	Nov	Dec
May	53 1/2	53 1/2	53	53 1/2	53 1/2
July	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2

PORK	May	July	Sept	Nov	Dec
May	13 03	13 02	12 72	12 80	13 10
July	13 40	13 42	13 12	13 45	13 45

LARD	May	July	Sept	Nov	Dec
May	8 00	8 07	7 92	7 95	8 13
July	8 80	8 82	8 10	8 15	8 92

RIBS	May	July	Sept	Nov	Dec
May	6 92	6 92	6 80	6 85	6 97
July	7 17	7 17	7 05	7 10	7 22

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

Today's cash values: Receipts, wheat, 3 cars; corn, 8 cars; oats, 1 car.

Wheat	No. 2 red	95 @ 96
No. 3 red	92 @ 95	
No. 4 red	88 @ 92	
No. 2 hard	92 @ 97	
No. 3 hard	89 @ 93	
No. 4 hard	82 @ 92	
Rejected soft	75 @ 80	
No grade	70 @ 75	
Rejected hard	75 @ 85	
No grade	70 @ 75	

Corn	No. 2 white <td>62 1/2 @ 63 1/2</td>	62 1/2 @ 63 1/2
No. 3 white	62 @ 62 1/2	
No. 4 white	61 1/2 @ 62	
No. 2 corn	63 @ 63 1/2	
No. 3 corn	62 1/2 @ 63 1/2	
No. 4 corn	62 @ 62 1/2	

Oats	No. 2 white <td>49 1/2 @ 50</td>	49 1/2 @ 50
No. 3 white	48 @ 49 1/2	
No. 4 white	46 @ 48	
No. 2 oats	48 @ 49	

SKIPS AND CULLS.

POST-EASTER LAMENTATION.

Oh, these hard boiled eggs! Such a hurtiness in the inwardness—but then it was worth the trouble and doctor bill.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'EM.

The Chicago Live Stock World news "with unqualified satisfaction that "Old Bill" Hartman of the St. Joseph Stock Yard Journal intends to stick to dry farming." It is furthermore noted that just about the time Jim Poole, of the World, gets word to declare dry farming a failure, except in a wet season, along comes a crop saver and puts Jimmie to the end. The difference between J. Effervescent Poole and "Old Bill" on this dry farming proposition is that Jimmie gets his inspiration from imagination spurred on by deep rooted prejudice against any system of farming, except that practiced by his grandfather in Canada. "Old Bill" gets his ideas of dry farming from getting right out on the dry farms in a dry season and seeing results.

A TRUE STORY.

The latest anecdote the hog and his product is that the doggone hog is now, and has for some time, been going into pork, lard and ribs at a loss of 75 cents to \$1 per hog. This brings to mind a story of a couple of Irish youths who used to browse along Halstead street in Chicago. They were of a speculative turn of mind and finally took to the crippled hog as a means of gaining a livelihood. They invaded the Chicago stock yards with a few dollars in their jeans and began buying two or three crippled hogs per day, taking them to slaughter, and putting the average price of the hog on the hoof. In a few weeks it was noted that they largely increased their purchases. In less than two years they built a small packing house and extended their purchasing to all the "crips" they could get hold of and frequently called a bargain in full loads of hogs that were up on all four legs. These two Irishmen have been let the hog salesmen in the Chicago yards forget that "we are losing a dollar per head on every hog we buy." They touted this "dollar per hog loss" up until nine-tenths of the hog lard believed that the Irish lads were working for charity. One night, about ten years after the two lads invaded the stock yards, their little "crip" packing house went up in a cloud of smoke—and it cost the insurance companies 40,000 dollars of the realm to settle with the Irish lads.

HIS CASE HOPELESS.

Not only was it an ideal day for the display of Easter finery, but the farmer who could not look pleasant in contemplation of the prospect is a hopeless dyspeptic.

THIN YOUNG COWS IN DEMAND.

Activity of demand for thin young cows to go on pasture was a feature of the cattle trade last week. But for this inquiry the market in the lower priced cow offerings would have been in a bad way as packers are very meager purchasers of this class of stock. The generous rains of last week in this territory, insuring early and good pasture, will most likely portend further increase in the demand for good country cows and stock heifers.

DISCRIMINATION SUSPECTED.

There is a lurking suspicion in the mind of Frank J. Swenson, that the weather man is a frivolous, discriminating old guy. Following three days of raw, disagreeable weather for the big combination horse sale, old Sol came out yesterday beaming broadly, and the parade of "merry widows" and other Easer "fixins" was not interfered with.

REGULATING SPECULATION.

Three years ago in Germany a campaign against speculation led to the passage of drastic and arbitrary enactments, says the Wall Street Summary. Marginal trading in mining and industrial stocks was prohibited, through the abolition of monthly settlements, a register for traders was introduced, and futures in grain were prohibited. Without going into the details that describe the failure of each and every of these reformative measures it will suffice to say that the results have been barren and profitless. Germany, accordingly, has repealed the prohibition against time trading and has abolished the register. The "futures" law is still in force because the Agrarian party is numerically strong in the Reichstag; but that must go eventually, for it has added to the burdens of the farmers. Herein we are furnished most convincing proof of the folly of attempting to curb or restrain by arbitrary measures the natural laws of trade, which ever must be free and unfettered. Finance and business reverses in the early nineties led to the passage of these restrictive measures, and for twelve years Germany has paid the penalty imposed by prejudice, misinformation and mistaken zeal. In Washington and in Albany bills are pending to restrain marginal and futures trading. To the advocates of these measures we commend an investigation of Germany's experience.

MUCH PLANTING DONE.

A dispatch from Greeley, Colo., says that 1,400 acres of the 22,000 to be seeded to beets in that section this year, have already been planted. Many of the fields had to be irrigated before the seeds were planted, but in one district there was considerable seepage and there the plants are up. It will be the middle of May before the crop is in. Fields elsewhere in that district are in great need of moisture.

DO YOU EVER NOTICE THAT...

Do you ever notice that, whatever comes to us without any effort on our part is hardly ever worth having at all?

GARDEN OF EDEN

Grand Valley, Colorado, So Named by People Who Live in Great Garden Region.

Denver, Colo.—Between 5,000 and 5,000 cars of fruit will be shipped from the western slope this season. It will be the biggest crop in the history of the little empire near the Utah boundary—the biggest and most valuable crop ever harvested from a similar section of land in any part of the world.

The rich fields of the California fruit country, the long-famed vineyards of the Rhine, the fertile sugar lands of the tropics, produce crops which cannot compare in yield and in wealth with the highly spiced and highly colored fruits which the blossom-laden trees of the Grand Valley will lavish this year upon the men who brought them into bearing. writes Louis Meyer in Denver Times. Prosperity perches high over the delightfully scented air of the "Garden of Eden," as the people of Pallsade, Clifton and Grand Junction love to call their home. A paradise it is at this period of the year, with the gently blowing wind ruffling in the red and white and green of blossom and leaf.

Six thousand cars of fruit. That figure is not hard to grasp. Six thousand cars. Five hundred boxes of apples to the car. Twelve hundred boxes of peaches. Each box of apples is a bushel, standard weight. The average price of apples is \$1.30. Peaches about a dollar. A car of peaches, though worth less per box, is as valuable per car.

Four million dollars would be a conservative estimate of the value of the fruit crop which will be shipped this year from Grand Junction and Pallsade. Part of it comes from the northern tier of states, but it is handled through the two fruit centers.

The Colorado Midland has ordered 5,000 cars for the season's crop. They are a specially designed refrigerator and the railroad has purchased thousands of tons of ice to preserve the cargo on its way to the markets of the East.

But the fruit farmers of Grand Junction are not worrying so much about the future increase in the output of their land as to the marketing of that output. The railroads are sharing with them the responsibility and are determined to keep pace with the enterprising farmers of the little Eden.

The possibilities of the Grand Valley have not been realized, even by the men who have been pioneers in bringing the country up to its present productiveness.

"People back East don't believe us when we tell them what an acre of land here will produce," said more than one citizen of the Grand valley, "so all we can do is to bring them out to see."

"I am from the East and I didn't believe, I had read and doubted. I saw and I am convinced. I am more than convinced. The great majority of the people of the valley don't themselves realize the possibilities of their country. It is almost impossible to comprehend—to realize the productiveness of the fertile soil—coupled with nature's bounty of sunshine and water. The wonder is not at the stories of wealth which are told, but rather that the people of the Grand valley should be willing to share their riches with the rest of mankind. For the selfish man would be more likely to squander the wealth of nature to himself."

OATMEAL KING DEAD.

Dispatches announce the death of Ferdinand Schumacher, known as the "oatmeal king of America," at his home in Akron, Ohio, last week. He it was who founded the breakfast food business in this country, amassing a big fortune in the manufacture of oatmeal and other cereal products. He was past 80 years of age.

GASOLINE VS. DANIELSONS.

While P. J. Akers, the efficient caretaker of the lawn around the Exchange building, admires flowers, and is fond of greens, he objects to the bright yellow dandelions that have been attempting to invade the smooth green surface of the lawn, and today was busily engaged in exterminating them. His method is unique, but effective and might be applied with marked improvement to many lawns that are overrun with the succulent green leaves. He simply pours a small quantity of gasoline into the heart of the plant and the trick is done.

FOR SALE—Two choice grade Belgian stallions...

For Sale—Two choice grade Belgian stallions, coming three year olds, weight 1,400 pounds, located in southern Iowa, extra good individuals, price \$300. For particulars address room 309, Exchange building, South St. Joseph, Mo.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Geo. E. Shepard, Franking, Neb., disposed of a car of hogs here today. Rankin & Reesacker, Ridgeway, Mo., were here again today with hogs. Colt & Rhodes, Las Animas, Colo., marketed four cars of sheep here today.

A. L. Campbell, Upland, Neb., was on the market today with a car of hogs.

The Grafton State Bank, of Grafton, Neb., were credited with a car of hogs today.

Frubling & Bunger, Hildreth, Neb., marketed a shipment of stock here today.

A. H. Madison, Loomis, Neb., consigned two cars of hogs to the supply here today.

Ben Aldritt, the well known shipper from Friend, Neb., was on the market today with hogs.

A. F. Carrough, Rosemont, Neb., a regular patron, was credited with a car of hogs this morning.

W. D. Woolery, the well known stockman of Amity, Mo., was at market with a car of hogs today.

J. P. Severin, regular and extensive shipper from Bendena, Kan., shipped in a car of hogs for today's market.

Griffin & Denman, of Grand Island, Neb., regular shippers to the St. Joseph market, disposed of hogs here today.

W. H. Ruyle, the extensive shipper of Beatrice, Neb., was represented on today's market by a two car shipment of hogs.

W. W. White, of Irena, Mo., a prominent farmer and feeder of that section, visited the market today with two cars of hogs.

E. B. Trough, with three loads of hogs, and A. Olsen, with one load, were on the market today, hailing from Minden, Neb.

Bertrand, Neb., was represented today by Oscar Tregar, with two cars of hogs and W. T. Barnes with one load of the mortgage lifters.

Sterling, Neb., sent in two cars of cattle today, the shippers being J. Lindsay and Colmer & D., both well known patrons of this market.

L. A. Brown, of Atton, Ia., a well known figure in live stock circles in that section, was a visitor at the yards today, looking after stock cattle.

L. A. Graf, the extensive Nebraska operator, who doesn't confine his business to the Nebraska field, had five cars of cattle here today, billed from Denver, Colo.

H. C. Whitmore, a car of hogs; John Mollick, a car of hogs, and C. D. Quick, a car of cattle, were representatives of Indianola, Neb., who had stock on sale here today.

H. C. Sackett, of Haigler, Neb., was on the market today with a load of butcher stuff. Included in the shipment was a cow belonging to W. H. Larnard which sold at \$6.00, weighing 1,460 lbs.

PIMBLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO.

213 South Sixth street, St. Joseph, Mo.

BUTTER FAT.

The Blue Valley Creamery Co., St. Joseph, Mo., quotes butter fat today at 27c for No. 1.

GOOD CROP WEATHER.

Reasonable Temperature Is Predicted for Entire Mississippi Valley.

Washington, April 20.—The weather bureau has issued the following general forecast for the week beginning April 19:

Reasonable temperature will continue from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic coast. There are no present indications of temperature that will injure vegetation. In the Gulf states and lower Mississippi valley the excessive rains of the past week will give way to a period of more settled weather. Heavy rains are likely to occur in the Ohio valley.

For the states of Missouri, extreme upper Mississippi and Red river of the North valleys, where little or no rain has fallen, a season of showery weather will be inaugurated by the middle of the week. In the middle and north Atlantic states the week will open with rain that will be followed by rapidly alternating periods of showers and fair weather generally, in middle and northern sections from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic coast.

GIGANTIC FREEZING WORKS.

The Melbourne Glaciarium, or freezing works, at Melbourne, Australia, is being enlarged to a capacity for freezing 15,000 lambs per week. This will identify the works as one of the largest freezing works in the world. It is planned to have a tracking system direct from the freezing chambers to the river, where the frozen carcasses are placed on board lighters and loaded from thence to steamers.

Western slope and impress the hearer as the truth.

Grand valley is a gorgeous bouquet of white and green and pink and red. But the wealth of color is nothing to the wealth which in a few months will replace the beautiful blossoms. For most bouquets soon wither away and lose their fragrance and beauty. Not so with the bouquet of the fruit trees. When it fades away

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AT THE THEATRES TONIGHT.

Crystal—Advanced Vaudeville.

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Lyric—Renfrow's Stock Co.

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

John A. Milliken of St. Paul, Minn., has been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. Milliken, 1021 Ridenbaugh street, for the past two days.

The inquest over the body of Bert White, the negro who was shot and killed in South St. Joseph Saturday by George Easter, will probably be held at Heaton's morgue this afternoon. Easter is still being held at Central police station.

The Epworth League of the Hundley Methodist church will have charge of the services at the city mission tonight.

Henry Wild of Denton, Tex., formerly a St. Joseph resident, has been visiting St. Joseph relatives.

For the first time this year there were many visitors at the parks yesterday. Numerous parties were organized to hunt wild flowers and success was general.

An unusually heavy sale of one cent stamps was reported at the postoffice for the latter part of last week and the mails were burdened with Easter greetings.

Attention of the board of public works has been called to the condition of the sidewalk on the west side of St. Joseph avenue in places between the street car barns and Shady avenue. During the recent rains a lot of dirt was washed upon the bricks, in places completely covering the walk.

Workmen are busy in preparing to beautify the park ways in Dewey avenue, which are under care of the park board.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. H. Glenn Curtis and Miss Zula McCool. The wedding will be celebrated at the home of the bride's parents in Salem, Nebraska, on April 23d. The groom is traveling representative for the F. Endebeck Trunk company in this city.

STICK-UPS AT WORK.

Relive Man of His Money Near City Hall.

Undetected by their close proximity to the city hall, the seat of municipal government, two bold highwaymen, strongly answering the description of the famous long and short men who recently paid St. Joseph a lengthy visit, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning held up and robbed Carl McKillup of \$10 at Second and Felix streets.

McKillup, who lives at 1214 Frederick avenue, was walking east on Felix street, when he was suddenly confronted by two masked men, who stepped out of the shadow of the city hall, commanding him to throw up his hands, the two quickly went through his pockets and secured all of his available cash, consisting of two five dollar bills. He reported the robbery to the police.

FLEES FROM SCHOOL.

Parents Try to Locate 16-Year-Old Boy.

Searching for their lost boy, William Henry Trout, 16 years old, who, to escape school, ran away last August, Mr. and Mrs. Con Trout, 2002 North Eighteenth street, have had circulars printed, containing pictures of the runaway, which they are sending throughout the country.

Believing the boy would come back of his own accord, the parents did not take any steps to find him when he first went away. But the mother wanting her boy, has decided to try and find him. He is believed to be working on a farm somewhere, and his parents think that he feels ashamed because he ran away, and will not communicate with them.

The boy is described as being about 5 feet 3 inches tall, dark hair and eyes, and having a scar over his left eye. He left home on August 21, 1907.

It's all right to do away with the testing of seed corn if you are absolutely sure it will grow. However, as yet I have failed to discover any intuitive faculty which could be depended upon to determine this fact. Unless corn is tested no one knows its germination power.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Peoples.

Good crowds attended the afternoon and night performances at the Peoples' theatre yesterday, and were well pleased with what is one of the best bills which has been at this little house in some time.

Read and Earl, in a singing and dancing act, made a hit yesterday.

When it came to doing Dutch comedian work, assisted by a dancing girl, the audience at the Peoples' yesterday passed up the hat to Cook and Myers, who did some specialty turns which met with decided approval. Life's moving pictures were the climax to the bill, which is good throughout.

At the Lyric.

Manager Renfrow presents a very strong attraction for his Easter week. Commencing with the matinee Sunday afternoon the entire Renfrow company will appear in the sensational comedy drama "THE HERMIT'S CLAIM."

Which this play is at a western nature, it is far different from the usual border plays presented. The story and plot deal with events that took place at the time gold was first discovered in Nevada. The characters in the play are reproductions from the originals, and each act represents a scene in the Goldfield mining camp.

Mr. Renfrow is the only manager who has a right to produce this play at popular prices. He has selected a very strong cast headed by the versatile actress, Miss Minnie Remaley, who was leading lady with the Hopkins stock company for the past three years. Other new members will be Miss Marie Romerill, Mr. W. J. Wilkoff, Little Irma and the dainty child actor, Master Treadwell. The old favorites are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn, Mr. Bartlett, Fred Danon, who is doing splendidly in leading roles. Mr. Patterson and the charming songster, Miss Irving, will be seen in good roles. The management presents each lady with a beautiful souvenir at the Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

At the Crystal.

Each number a good bill in itself, the offering at the Crystal this week is above the average show which has been presented during the present season. J. A. Murphy and Miss Eloise Willard, who were seen at the old Orpheum here several years ago, appear in a one act skit entitled "The Phrenologist," which is amusing and entertaining.

The Great Rusticano Trio of Italian street singers won success at each performance yesterday.

As aerial artists, the Three Kobers proved themselves wonders.

Dan J. Harrington was good as a ventriloquist, and for a considerable space of time at each performance yesterday puzzled the audience with his changes of voice. The illustrated song by Frank Gray, "I'm Afraid to Come Home in the Dark," was well received.

BAD CHECKS.

Charged with the forging of two checks for \$5 each on Sam Taylor, a saloonkeeper in St. Joseph, and the passing of two spurious checks in Gower, Mo., his home, Albert Burnett was arrested yesterday by Police Detectives Grable and Hestington.

Burnett at first disclaimed any knowledge of the checks, and said his name was William King. His father called at the station later, and the boy broke down and confessed. He will probably be turned over to the state authorities.

WILL NOT CONSIGN WOOL.

Utah and Wyoming Growers Favor Holding the Clip.

Salt Lake, April 20.—Two hundred wool growers of Utah and western Wyoming, representing an ownership of over 2,000,000 sheep, held an enthusiastic meeting last week at the Army hall. The meeting was called by the Utah Wool Growers' association, and every sheep interest in the state was represented. The purpose of the meeting was to decide on the plans to be followed whereby the wool growers could secure the best market for their wool.

A resolution introduced by George Austin of Salt Lake, that no wool grower of Utah shall consign wool to commission brokers in the East, but that the wool grown in the state shall be either sold here or stored to await a better market, was unanimously adopted. Similar resolutions have been passed by the wool growers' association of Idaho and Wyoming.

The need for such action was felt by the wool growers because of the fact that the sheepmen of the west believe they have been defrauded by the commission men of the east, who have stored the wool for the growers and sold it at any time they saw fit, which has a tendency to create a lower market than would have been the case if the wool were kept in the west until the demand forced the market upward.

It was suggested that the county and district wool growers' associations form communities and appoint committees of members to handle their wool and to sell it at a time when the price was the best.

LOSSES OF FARM ANIMALS.

Condition April 1 Higher Than Average For Ten Years.

Washington, April 20.—Reports from correspondents and agents of the Bureau of Statistics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate that the general condition in regard to healthfulness of farm animals on April 1 was higher than the average of the past ten years, and, with the exception of swine, slightly higher than on April 1 last year. Losses from disease of swine during the past year were slightly heavier than during the preceding year, but smaller than the average of the past ten years. Estimates for other classes of farm animals indicate smaller losses in the past year than either the preceding year or the average of the past ten years.

TO RECLAIM SWAMPS.

Senators Propose New Use of Receipts of Land Sales.

Washington, April 20.—At the request of Senator Flint the senate has under consideration the bill to appropriate the receipts from the sale and disposal of public lands in Alabama, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin to the construction of works for the drainage on reclamation of swamp and overflow on lands belonging to the United States. The bill provides also that money from the drainage fund to be created may be loaned for the reclamation of swamp lands in states which have no public lands.

Opposition to the bill was made chiefly by Senators Teller and Bacon, the former charging that the measure was an "attempt on the part of the forest reserve people" to evolve a system of drainage. Mr. Bacon said that the proposition is one of the most stupendous projects for emptying the treasury of which he had ever heard. He said it did an injustice to states which have no public lands of their own. Senator "Flint" brought upon himself a sharp rejoinder by asking of the Georgia senator what his state had done with her public lands. Mr. Bacon replied that he would not assume that Mr. Flint was not aware that Georgia was one of the original thirteen states and therefore had no public lands, but on the other hand had given away Alabama and Mississippi as separate states of the Union. Continuing, he said, it would be bad policy to tie up the public lands receipts so that no part of the money could be used for educational purposes. After considerable debate the bill was made the unfinished business.

HEAVY RAINS IN TEXAS.

Much Railroad Track Washed Out. Million Feet of Logs Scattered.

Houston, Texas, April 20.—Owing to the heavy rains during the last twenty-four hours, Pine Island Bayou overflowed its banks at Voth, Texas yesterday, washing away 150 feet of the Texas & New Orleans railroad bridge at that point. The Santa Fe bridge four miles below Voth on the same stream is reported washed away and a temporary bridge on the Beaumont, Sour Lake & Western railroad over Trinity river is said to be in danger of going out. One million feet of logs belonging to the Keith Lumber Company have been washed down Pine Island Bayou and scattered. The county bridge at Voth has also been washed out. Several miles of the Gulf & Interstate railroad tracks have been swept away and the service temporarily abandoned. The East Texas Lumber Company is also a heavy loser in logs.

TO LABEL STOCK FOOD.

Washington, April 20.—Following the receipt of many inquiries in regard to the labeling of bran, seeds and medicinal mixtures for stock and poultry, the department of agriculture has announced a ruling of the proper labeling of these foods and mixtures.

The ruling states that cattle and poultry food containing jimson weed, or other poisonous weed seeds, will be considered adulterated in accordance with the requirements of the pure food and drugs act. It is ruled that "cattle food" and "poultry food" can only be used in labeling foods that are not mixed with conditional or medicinal substances. The latter substances must be labelled as conditional foods or as medicines or remedies.

FARMERS ARE OPTIMISTIC.

President of Frisco Road Paints Glowing Picture of Crop Prospects.

New York, April 20.—A Davidson president of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad company, who is in the city after a trip through the Southwest, said in an interview that he had never seen the country through which he traveled looking better. He found the farmers optimistic and preparing in many cases to plant a larger acreage than a year ago. He reported the condition of winter wheat excellent in the sections he visited.

There had unquestionably been an improvement in the volume of traffic offered to the railroads in the last six days, and this condition, he thought, would continue.

FAVOR TELEPOST.

Five Bills Pending in Congress Governing Telegraph Service.

Washington, D. C., April 14.—No less than five bills relating to the investigation and regulation of telegraph companies are now before congress. Their provisions range all the way from government ownership to reduction of rates and prohibition of the franking privilege now enjoyed by national legislators.

The service promised by the telegraph company, the Telepost, is the inspiration of a number of these proposals. The Telepost will carry messages for a cent a word between all points, delivering by messenger in the usual way. On "teleposts" delivered at destination through the mails the rate is half a cent a word. It will also carry free the filing time and time of arrival at the receiving office.

Members of congress to whom it has been demonstrated that a profitable business may be done at these rates say that they will press for reforms until some action is taken.

The bill fathered by Senator La Follette calls for a thorough investigation of the telegraph companies, with a view ultimately of taking them over as a part of the postal service. A step in this direction has already been taken in the adoption by the Larimer county of thirty farmers. During the coming summer the Agricultural college will hold a series of farmers' institutes in North Park.

It is better to plant one tree and care for it well than to plant a dozen trees and let them care for themselves.

STENOGRAPHERS

ARE KEPT BUSY

On Testimonials That Come to the Peerless Medical Institute From Cured and Grateful Patients.

MISSOURI TAKEN BY STORM

Free Consultation Will Be Withdrawn April 26 at High Noon—The Peerless Beauregard Empirically Refuses Further Extension.

"I wish you would tell the people that we positively refuse a further extension of free consultation and free treatment after 12 o'clock noon, April 26," remarked the Peerless Beauregard to a reporter at the Peerless Medical Institute at 924 1/2 Frederick avenue, Sunday afternoon.

"Just step in here a moment," remarked the genial gentleman. Then he led the way into a room in which three stenographers sat taking down testimonials. Files around the room contained the names and addresses of the patients who had testified, and in another file were the testimonials. "These are all testimonials from home people. By that I mean people living in the state of Missouri. The addresses are with the testimonials and the people can call or write the parties."

The following is a sample of the testimonials:

"I had to quit work at my trade as carpenter at 5 o'clock on the last day of August, 1907. My leg pained me so I just could not stand it, so had to quit my work. The limb was swollen to almost twice its natural size. I treated it with salves, liniments and washes without result. Then I saw several doctors, all to no purpose. The limb continued to get worse and broke out in sores. I commenced treatment with the Medical Experts April 3, and my leg is so much improved I can go back to work. Their treatments are all right, and I heartily endorse them." Signed by G. W. Davis, St. Joseph, Mo.

The Peerless Medical Experts will be busy men indeed between now and noon April 26, and it would be advisable to call at once. Their offer is certainly a most generous one, well in keeping with their manly, generous methods since becoming residents of St. Joseph.

John Walsh of 5119 Lake street called at the Peerless Medical Institute at 924 1/2 Frederick avenue and told a waiting room full of patients of his wonderful progress. Mr. Walsh had suffered three years with rheumatism. After one treatment by the Peerless Medical Experts his rheumatic pains all left him and he can't say enough in praise of the knowledge and skill of these wonderful men.

The big free shows given by the vaudeville performers under the direction of Peerless Beauregard and Marvelous Mitchell will take place every night at 8 o'clock on their large electric lighted stage on the vacant lot at Illinois avenue and Gordon street, South St. Joseph.

We want Rheumatic Cripples to come to us on this lot and we will make their pains vanish like mist before the morning sun. Marvelous Mitchell and the Peerless Beauregard will break your crutches. See these marvelous demonstrations. They have taken hundreds of people off of crutches and made them walk without the support of even a cane. What has been done for others can be done for you. Come at once; don't put it off! If you are deaf we will make you hear.

FOR MODEL FARM.

Further Experimenting For Possibilities of Colorado Soil.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Preliminary steps in a plan of action that will result in North Park becoming one of the greatest agricultural sections in the country were taken recently when K. J. MacCallum, county commissioner from Walden, visited the Agricultural college and held a conference with specialists of the various departments relative to the operation of the model farm.

The business men of Walden have organized a chamber of commerce to take up the matter of advancing the agricultural interests of their section and twenty acres have been donated for a model farm. It is proposed to put in charge of this practical and experienced farmer, one who is acquainted with the climatic conditions and soil of the section.

At the conference the seed selection was gone into and a plan was outlined for cropping the farm. It is planned to raise specimen grain, grasses, forage crops and small fruits best adapted to the altitude of North Park.

This section is noted for its high grade grass-fed cattle. There is about 1,000 square miles of excellent soil and with an abundant water supply and sunshine the prospects for making this one of the best agricultural sections in the county are considered bright. This will mean a great increase in the population for Larimer county of thirty farmers. During the coming summer the Agricultural college will hold a series of farmers' institutes in North Park.

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THORNLESS CACTUS Found Growing in Wild State in Southwest Texas. San Antonio, Texas.—When Luther Burbank a year or so ago announced that he had succeeded in growing a thornless cactus plant all the world wondered. Some time since explorers in the wild country penetrated by the Devils River in Southwest Texas discovered a thornless variety of cactus of the prickly pear type growing there in great abundance. Some of these plants have been transplanted in this country and are growing and multiplying rapidly. This variety of cactus even with the thorns is eaten by the cattle in times of drought and when the thorns are burned off makes a splendid food.

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MEETINGS IN SEVERAL CITIES CALL UPON CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION.

FAVORABLE TO THE UNIONS

President Gompers Declared the Supreme Court Behind the Times—A "Black List" for Members of Congress.

New York, Apr. 20.—The most important, perhaps, of the several labor mass meetings held throughout the United States Sunday was that addressed by President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor at the Grand Central palace Sunday night.

President Gompers in his address declared that the judges of the supreme court of the United States had shown themselves by training, environment and tendency behind the times, and urged the necessity of an immediate demand upon congress to enact legislation at this session amending the Sherman anti-trust law which the supreme court declared, forbids trades unions the right to boycott and to strike.

The resolutions further called upon congress to enact a general employers liability bill, an eight-hour bill for government employes and to hold each representative of congress responsible for his record on the labor measures during the present session.

Chicago, Apr. 20.—At a meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor Sunday resolutions were passed protesting against alleged hostility and indifference of congress to demands of working men. Included in the resolutions was a petition for immediate passage of the Wilson bill amending the Sherman anti-trust law and of the Pearce bill limiting the power of courts to issue injunctions in labor disputes.

Washington, Apr. 20.—Resolutions calling upon congress to enact legislation in which organized labor is interested were adopted at a mass meeting at the Columbia theater Sunday night.

A Wireless Motor Car. Omaha, Neb., Apr. 20.—Dr. Frederick H. Millener, an electrical engineer at the Union Pacific shops, Omaha, has succeeded in applying the principles of wireless telegraphy to an electric motor and Sunday a party of electricians were permitted to examine a wireless electric truck which has been in use in the Union Pacific shops for several weeks.

International Polar Congress. Washington, Apr. 20.—The American government is to participate in an international polar congress to be held next month in Brussels.

An Ambitious Gathering. Washington, Apr. 20.—To develop interest and instruct the popular mind on subjects pertaining to the relations of the United States with the other nations is the ambitious undertaking of the American Society of International Law, which is to hold its second annual conference here Friday and Saturday.

For Campaign Publicity. Washington, Apr. 20.—Congress is urged to action on legislation requiring the publicity of campaign funds in a petition which will be presented to the senate Monday by Senator Culberson of Texas, and to the house of representatives by Representative McCall of Massachusetts.

THEY SPLIT IN ARIZONA

TWO SETS OF REPUBLICAN DELEGATES SELECTED THERE.

One Faction Recommends Nomination of Secretary Taft While the Other Eulogized Senator Foraker.

Tucson, Ariz., Apr. 20.—The Republican territorial convention met here Saturday, Contesting delegations were present from Cochise, Maricopa and Gila counties. The contests were based upon the question of instructions for Secretary Taft, Governor Kibbey leading the faction of the Maricopa delegation favoring instructions.

Immediately upon the report of the credentials committee, seating the anti-instruction delegations, Governor Kibbey arose and withdrew, taking with him a majority of the delegates. The convention soon rallied from the disorder, however, and adopted resolutions endorsing the national and territorial administration, warmly eulogizing Senator Foraker, but did not instruct the national delegates. W. J. Kirkpatrick, of Tucson, was named as national committeeman.

The Kibbey faction proceeded to another hall where they organized a second convention, which was called to order by the governor as the regular territorial convention with representation from every county except Yavapai. The credentials committee seated the rejected delegations and regular delegates comprising more than half the total were accredited as members.

A DIPLOMATIC DIFFICULTY.

France and Turkey Disagree Over French Interests in Asia Minor.

Constantinople, Apr. 20.—The attempt of the Turkish government to regain control of coal mines at Ereğli, a town of Asia Minor, 128 miles from Constantinople, in which a French company is interested to the extent of \$15,000,000 has led to a serious diplomatic difficulty. The French government supports the concessionaires, who decline to entertain the question of a resale of the property until the Porte furnishes proof of its ability to bring forth the purchase money, which, considering the impoverishment of the Turkish treasury is manifestly impossible.

The Fleet Divided. Los Angeles, Cal., Apr. 20.—Sunday night for the first time since leaving Hampton Roads, the battleships of the Atlantic fleet were separated. In four harbors, a few miles apart, they were at anchor in divisions of four, and these positions they will maintain until next Saturday morning, when the 16 fighting craft, again united under the flag of Rear Admiral Thomas, will get under way for Santa Barbara, the next port of welcome.

Ex-Gov. Llewellyn's Daughter Suicides. Chicago, Apr. 20.—Jessie Llewellyn Call, daughter of former Gov. Llewellyn, committed suicide in her room in a hotel here Sunday night by taking poison. Despondency because of ill health is believed to have been the cause. Mrs. Call, whose former home was at Oskaloosa, Iowa, for several years has been employed on the Reporter staff of Chicago newspapers.

Many Men Were Idle. Albany, N. Y., Apr. 20.—Practically one out of every three union men in this state was idle at the close of 1907, according to a bulletin of the state labor department, made public Sunday night.

Race Track Gambling Unpopular. New York, Apr. 20.—A remarkable demonstration against race track gambling, that at times assumed the form of a personal tribute to Gov. Hughes, was made in Brooklyn Sunday.

Tough Job for the Wizard. Washington, Apr. 20.—President Taft's cabinet members are expected to have a tough job of it in the coming week.

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"It goes further," the petition says, "and demands the enactment of an anti-injunction measure with manifest intent to take away from our courts the right to issue restraining orders, seeking to protect the persons of our working citizens and the property of others. The enactment of a 'modified anti-injunction law' would erect a small obstacle; a radical anti-injunction law such as organized labor seeks would remove all obstacles and allow the members of the labor unions complete license to commit acts of depredation and assaults upon persons before the courts could restrain them."

A Far Eastern Division. Washington, Apr. 20.—The division of the far eastern affairs of the state department has just been formally created by a departmental order, issued by Secretary of State Root, although it has been in practical operation for some months. Huntington Wilson, third assistant secretary of state, who was an official of the American legation in Tokyo for nine years, has been designated as general superintendent of the division.

Thirty-Three Days from Manila. San Francisco, Apr. 20.—The army transport Buford arrived here Sunday from Manila, via Nagasaki and Honolulu, having spent 33 days on one of the roughest voyages ever experienced by a transport on the Pacific. She brought five companies of the Second Infantry and their officers. The soldiers under command of Col. F. W. Mansfield are en route to Fort Thomas, Ky.

"Ukase" Against "Merry Widows." Joplin, Mo., Apr. 20.—President Baker of the Joplin baseball team Sunday issued a proclamation and ukase requiring ladies to remove their hats in the grandstand during the progress of games at Miners park. The action was taken in behalf of those who have remonstrated against the display of "Merry Widow" hats, most fearfully and wonderfully made.

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CONDITIONS BAD IN HAITI

CITIZENS ARRESTED AND ALL TRACE OF THEM LOST.

President Alexis' Threat—Ragged Soldiers Paid 30 Cents a Month—Beg in the Streets.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Apr. 20.—While there have been many arrests of natives suspected of sympathy with the late revolution and political prisoners continue to be brought in in batches from interior points, there have been no more public shootings here. Indeed, the government denies that any more executions have taken place. This, however, is incredible, in view of the fact that many persons are known to have been dragged from their beds at night and that all trace of them has been lost.

In the executions of March 15 last, President Nord Alexis achieved the double purpose of obliterating as many of his foes as he could lay hands on and striking terror into the hearts of those who were beyond his reach. Since then his name, and that of his ferocious lieutenant, Gen. Jules Alexis Colcoz, who personally directed the shooting of the prisoners, including some of his own blood relations, are only mentioned in whispers. All Haiti trembles before them.

Alexis has made the significant statement that if he is not permitted to end his term of office unmolested he will, rather than submit to deposition, write his name on the scroll of fame in the blood of such a massacre as Haiti has not seen since the days of Dessalines, once known as Jean Jacques I.

No one doubts his ability to carry out this threat, which is understood to be intended as a deterrent not only to revolutionists, but to any attempt at foreign interference in the affairs of Haiti.

With order restored and their lives and property under the protection of ships of war, the foremost question in the minds of foreign residents is whether the time has not come for the adoption of a final solution of the Haitian question. All agree that Haiti, during her hundred and five years of independence, has not shown great capacity for self government and the affairs of the island have now reached about the lowest ebb in its history. Destitution prevails on every hand; ragged soldiers swarm the streets, begging piteously and even officers, bedizened in dingy gold and silver lace, beg cap in hand and are profuse in thanks for a dole of five cents. The soldiers beg because their pay, when they get it, amounts to less than 30 cents a month, and what else they are able to secure is small. A general receives 200 gourdes a month, equal to about \$27, so that in order to live he must add to his income as best he may.

Wipe Out Postal Deficit. Washington, Apr. 20.—"The postmaster general is calling the attention of congress to the fact that the establishment of a special local parcel post on rural routes would wipe out the postal deficit," says a statement given out at the postoffice department Sunday, "and would tend to make the rural free delivery self-sustaining, beside being a boon to the farmers and the retail country merchant. There are now in operation 39,038 rural routes serving a population of 15,000,000 people and should an average of five 11-pound packages be carried on each trip through the year, it is estimated that \$15,000,000 would be realized and the net return to the government would be more than sufficient to equal the deficit."

Great Hunting Club. St. Louis, Apr. 20.—The Alamitos Hunting and Fishing club composed of sportsmen from all over the country and which will bring together hunters and fishermen from all the world, is being organized in St. Louis, according to Norman J. Coleman, formerly lieutenant governor of Missouri, who is the president. Five hundred members will make up the organization and each has pledged himself to subscribe \$2,000 to pay for the tract of 250,000 acres of land composing the Hacienda Alamitos, a ranch 70 miles from the Mexican seaport of Tampico on which the club has an option.

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