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## DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 99 Cars, 2,916 Cattle; 86 Cars, 7,197 Hogs; 11 Cars, 2,593 Sheep.

### MORE SNAP TO STEER TRADE

Activity Shown in All Branches On a Steady to Strong Basis of Prices.

### CORN FEED BEEVES SCARCE

An Active Steady Market for Cows and Heifers; Spots Looked Strong—Bull Trade Steady—Calves Active at Steady Prices, Top \$6.75—Desirable Stock Cattle Sold Steady to Strong; Common Grades Slow—Live Pork Market Continues on Down Grade—Not Much Change Noted in Live Mutton.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908. The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1908, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1907:

	1908	1907	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	454,111	522,770	79,069	...
Hogs	1,044,839	1,041,048	809,230	...
Sheep	514,500	500,015	176,010	...
Horses	19,990	22,873	2,988	...

LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT. The following shows the estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	8,000	28,000	15,000
Kansas City	6,000	20,000	10,000
St. Joseph	7,500	25,000	12,000
St. Louis	6,000	20,000	10,000
Total	45,000	100,000	50,000

RECEIPTS BY CARS. The following shows the number of cars of stock handled by railroads centering at the stock yards:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. B. & Q. west	23	...	...
C. B. & Q. east	44	...	...
C. & P.	20	...	...
Great Western	24	...	...
Missouri Pacific	9	...	...
St. Joseph & Grand Island	33	...	...
A. T. & S. F.	37	...	...
Total	198	...	...

## CATTLE.

Slightly More Active Tone to Demand For Beef Cattle.

There was more crisp tone to the cattle trade today, especially so far as attractive and useful grades of corn-belt steers were concerned. Offerings in the native line were confined only to a few scattered loads of medium down to common qualities, the bulk of supply being made up of western and southwestern. The west has already had some bad storms and in the natural course of things it can be but a short time until the packers will have to look elsewhere than to the ranges for their beef supplies and if the present volume of native cattle arriving at central markets can be taken as a criterion it will be but a few weeks at most until there will be a chilly void in storage rooms in the packing houses.

Buyers were on hand at an early hour today and the small run of attractive steers from corn-belt sections was soon on the way toward the abattoirs. Prices were steady to strong for everything at all attractive, but there was absolutely nothing choice offered, the best steers here being averages of around 1,300 lbs that sold at \$6.75 and they were not considered quite as good as cattle from the same fence lot at the same price yesterday. Bulk of steers sold at prices ranging from \$5.50 down.

The week's supply of cattle at the local point is running slightly under last week, but at five points the two days' total of 127,500 is around 5,000 larger than for the same time last week.

### Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers.

39.....1302.5 75 2.....1175.4 20 21.....1272.5 50 4.....765.4 00 20.....1239.4 60 5.....1058.4 00 19.....1041.4 30 2.....1110.4 00 9.....1020.4 25 2.....855.3 40 1.....1170.4 20

### COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Activity was the leading feature in the cow and heifer market today. Demand was more keen than yesterday and the movement toward the scales started early and continued fairly active until supplies were absorbed. In cases prices were regarded strong but most traders were content to quote the market active at steady prices. Canners were prominent in the run and there was decidedly more bite to this branch of the market, though values were not materially better.

Trade in bulls showed no marked change compared with Monday. Most of the offerings were of common quality, including a good many western. The market for calves was fairly active at steady prices. Receipts were moderate after yesterday's liberal run. Choice light veals sold at \$6.75.

Heifers. 1.....1220.5 00 3.....840.3 50

430.4 00	2....415.3 50	1....880.3 50	1....880.3 50
630.3 85	1....886.3 50	3....886.3 50	7....874.3 35
626.3 85	3....886.3 50	1....650.3 75	1....700.3 25
527.3 80	7....874.3 35	1....1010.3 75	1....1020.3 75
650.3 75	1....558.3 35	1....800.3 60	1....778.3 10
1010.3 75	1....700.3 25	5....834.3 55	1....760.3 00
1020.3 75	1....750.3 25		
800.3 60	5....778.3 10		
834.3 55	1....760.3 00		

1140.3 85	2....1060.3 00	1....1003.3 60	2....965.3 00
1250.3 55	2....965.3 00	9....1250.3 55	2....950.2 90
1140.3 85	8....1181.2 85	1....1093.3 60	3....1063.2 85
1090.3 60	3....1063.2 85	1....1150.3 40	7....968.2 85
1150.3 40	7....968.2 85	3....1160.3 40	10....897.2 75
1203.3 40	8....878.2 75	6....1210.3 35	1....880.2 75
1210.3 35	1....880.2 75	3....1096.3 25	4....1007.2 60
1096.3 25	4....1007.2 60	2....1093.3 25	3....986.2 60
1100.3 25	4....1017.2 60	1....1090.3 25	2....910.2 60
1090.3 25	2....910.2 60	2....1210.3 25	19....927.2 40
1210.3 25	19....927.2 40	13....1020.3 20	4....1010.2 30
1020.3 20	4....1010.2 30	2....1205.3 15	11....996.2 25
1205.3 15	11....996.2 25	7....1004.3 15	1....870.2 25
1004.3 15	1....870.2 25	6....985.3 15	1....880.2 25
985.3 15	1....880.2 25	2....1055.3 10	4....970.2 25
1055.3 10	4....970.2 25	4....1170.3 00	2....905.2 00
1170.3 00	2....905.2 00	3....976.3 00	2....800.1 75
976.3 00	2....800.1 75	1....1170.3 00	1....870.1 75
1170.3 00	1....870.1 75	2....996.3 00	2....630.1 50
996.3 00	2....630.1 50	20....946.3 00	

### PACKERS' PURCHASES YESTERDAY.

Cattle Hogs Sheep  
Swift & Co.....2,345 1,147 1,407  
Hammond.....974 1,306 231  
Morris.....1,137 1,379 378  
Total.....4,456 4,831 2,016

### STOCK CATTLE PURCHASES YESTERDAY.

Maxwell, Spayde & Co.....215  
J. V. Atkins.....128  
Charles Tramp.....66  
George Spencer.....64  
W. R. Roundtree.....38  
Joseph Baker.....32  
R. P. Donegan.....25  
Richard Sheehan.....14  
W. E. Kennedy.....5  
J. H. Milby.....3  
W. P. Wright.....1  
Country and order buyers.....112  
Total.....1,231

### OTHER LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Union Stock Yards, Ill., Oct. 20.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 9,000. Market slow, steady; cows weaker; feeders steady.

HOGS. Quality Continues Poor, Market Steady to a Dime Lower. Quality is a big factor in the hog market at present. Seldom if ever have hogs been as light in weight and common in quality as they are coming now. Yesterday's average weight was about the lightest in the history of this market and today's supply, it is estimated will run lighter still.

The market was slow in starting as all outside points reported a lower opening. Buyers here showed a disposition to pay steady prices for the more attractive and weighty offerings, but bid lower for the common and light weights, these constituting the bulk of supply. The market was finally started on a basis of steady to 10 cents lower compared with yesterday, the decline falling on the light, light mixed and common qualified medium weights while anything smooth in the light butcher line and fat heavy stock sold close to steady.

At prices prevailing today the market is 35¢ to 60¢ lower than one week ago and about \$1.60 lower than one month ago.

The volume of hogs being marketed does not vary much, five point figures for two days standing at 124,000 against 130,900 for the same time last year.

Prices ranged from \$4.75 to \$5.65, with the bulk selling at \$5.20 to \$5.55. The bulk yesterday sold at \$5.15 to \$5.40, a week ago at \$5.50 to \$6.00, a month ago at \$6.40 to \$7.00, a year ago at \$5.90 to \$6.90, two years ago at \$6.05 to \$6.50, three years ago at \$5.97 to \$5.15, four years ago at \$5.15 to \$5.35.

Pigs and Lights—100 lbs. and Under. No. Av. Shk. Price No. Av. Shk. Price  
70.....192.....5 80 84.....172.....5 00  
85.....187.....5 80 49.....171.....5 00  
103.....188.....5 80 55.....171.....4 75  
110.....178.....5 25 75.....147.....4 75  
105.....184.....4 05 26.....149.....4 40  
94.....173.....5 25 82.....120.....4 40  
107.....188.....120 30 85.....120 40 40  
70.....188.....100 30 85.....120 40 40  
33.....176.....5 20 39.....105.....20 25  
67.....191.....5 20 34.....88.....4 00  
83.....191.....5 20 70.....82.....3 85  
79.....158.....8 05 99.....102.....8 05 25  
101.....155.....4 05 15 24.....88.....3 85  
91.....178.....4 05 15 39.....78.....3 85  
49.....184.....5 10 8.....88.....3 65  
85.....178.....4 05 87.....88.....3 65  
94.....146.....5 00 1.....60.....3 00

Heavy and Mixed—400 lbs. and Upward.  
69.....302.....5 65 68.....222.....40 5 40  
67.....292.....5 65 85.....217.....40 5 40  
65.....278.....80 5 45 221.....40 5 40  
77.....280.....5 60 25.....221.....5 40  
57.....292.....5 60 92.....217.....160 5 40  
38.....255.....5 60 77.....219.....200 5 40  
183.....227.....180 5 45 99.....102.....8 05 25  
62.....294.....5 65 68.....91.....5 35  
153.....224.....80 5 55 54.....233.....200 5 35  
182.....247.....120 5 55 82.....201.....5 85  
183.....227.....180 5 45 99.....102.....8 05 25  
53.....200.....80 5 50 62.....700.....80 5 35  
83.....217.....5 50 55.....229.....5 85  
63.....285.....280 5 50 75.....231.....120 5 35  
71.....249.....200 5 50 99.....102.....8 05 25  
74.....244.....200 5 50 99.....102.....8 05 25  
23.....282.....5 45 87.....213.....200 5 30  
81.....226.....80 5 45 81.....208.....120 5 30  
70.....225.....80 5 45 99.....102.....8 05 25  
32.....258.....5 45 84.....201.....160 5 25  
78.....263.....120 5 45 81.....214.....280 5 20  
148.....219.....80 5 40 28.....225.....5 20  
56.....227.....80 5 40 85.....224.....40 5 20  
72.....218.....80 5 40 87.....216.....5 15  
78.....228.....5 40 48.....256.....160 5 15  
78.....233.....40 5 40 84.....217.....40 5 10  
168.....222.....120 5 45 99.....102.....8 05 25  
125.....217.....120 5 40 25.....200.....5 00

Stockers and Feeders. Not many stock cattle were included in receipts today, and anything of desirable quality sold with fair freedom. Demand centered in the good, fleshy feeders and offerings answering this description found ready takers. Good qualified yearlings and two-year-old steers, however, sold to pretty good advantage, but common and medium stockers were only bought under protest at steady to weak prices.

Dealers are carrying a good assortment of young cattle, embracing practically everything from stock calves to desirable heavy feeders.

The showing of stock cows and heifers was rather scant and prices were firmly held.

Yearlings and Calves. 1....430.3 50 1....570.3 20  
1....610.3 25 2....350.3 00  
2....205.3 25 1....430.3 00  
9....638.2 25

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. 3....730.2 90 5....960.2 65  
1....960.2 85 2....750.2 50  
2....990.2 75 5....478.2 50  
5....664.2 70 3....910.2 50  
2....580.2 70 18Kan 621.2 35  
1....500.2 60

RANGERS—NATIVE DIVISION. A better feeling pervaded the market for range steers today. Buyers were in good season and competition was materially keener than opening day of the week. Supplies moved readily from the start at steady to strong prices. Some steers sold a nickel higher than yesterday and other sales were regarded strong. Early sales ranged largely from \$4.00 to \$4.50.

The cow market was moderately supplied and activity was the prominent feature of the trade. Spots looked strong but generally prices were steady with opening day of the week. No change could be detected in the market for bulls. Calf values held steady.

Good healthy feeding steers were in request and some sold a shade higher. Common and ordinary stockers were slow sellers.

Steers. 110Kan136.4 30 1Tex.1240.4 00  
7Col. 836.4 15 1Col.1250.4 00  
41Kan164.4 10 1Tex.1050.3 50  
86W. 1084.4 05 19Tex. 874.3 30

Local Supplies Moderate, Trade Steady to Strong. Local receipts of sheep and lambs today were moderate, the estimate calling for 2,500. The five point total was 56,000, a decrease of 5,100 compared with last Tuesday. However, aggregate supplies for two days this week show an increase of approximately 15,000 compared with same period of last week.

Local receipts consisted of five cars of Idaho lambs and a few loads of mixed native stuff. Nothing of top quality was offered. The ruled steady to 10¢ higher. Idaho lambs selling at \$5.05 were duplicates of yesterday's \$5.00 styles. Feeders at \$4.65, however, were only steady and the few odd lots of sheep offered did not sell much different from yesterday and the small offerings were well absorbed before the close. There was nothing in reports from outside markets to indicate improvement in the general situation.

661 Idaho lambs, p.....73.5 05  
167 Idaho lambs,.....78.5 05  
2 nat lambs,.....95.5 00  
610 Idaho lambs, fdrs. 62.4 65

Butter Fat. The Blue Valley Creamery Co., St. Joseph, Mo., quotes butter fat today at 28¢ for No. 1.

## SUNDOWN OF ZONE

Less Than Half Generation Since Meridian of Central Kansas Was Limit.

### DAY WHEN DODGE WAS TOUGH

And Verdant Tenderfoot Furnished Sport for Sunbrowned Cowboy and Western Tough

### WEST WAS AN UNCERTAINTY

Early Efforts at Farming a Failure—Adventurous Spirits Crept on Across Arid Plains, Through Deep Canyons and Over Mountain Peaks—Discovered a Country West of Rockies, Rich in Soil, Ideal in Climate and Naturally Adapted to Fruit—From Crude Start Grand Valley Has Become Famous For Its Fruit.

### TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS GOING TO STATE LEGISLATURE.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 20.—The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, which held its semi-annual convention in this city, passed resolutions petitioning the thirty-first legislature to enact a scalp bounty law, providing for the extermination of the wolf and other carnivorous wild animals in the state. B. L. Crouch with two other members of a committee to be named by him, was appointed to confer with the executive committee of the Cattle Raisers' association, and the Texas Swine Breeder's association, to the end that a plan of co-operation in the movement looking to this legislation may be perfected. A resolution was passed asking congress to refrain from meddling with the present wool tariff schedules, was also passed by the unanimous vote of the convention. B. L. Crouch of Corpus Christi and George Richardson of San Angelo were elected vice presidents of the association. The other officers held over until the annual meeting, which will be held at College Station in July. The convention was held at Elk's hall and was of two days duration. About thirty-five members of various states were present. In the absence of the president, Charles H. Schreiner of Kerrville, B. L. Crouch presided over the session.

### HAS A GOOD ORCHARD.

Dan Speaker Near Sylvia Has Lots of Fruit This Year.

Hutchinson, Kan., News: The Sylvia Sun prints the following about the Dan Speaker orchard, a short distance north of Sylvia: One of the prettiest sights we have seen for some time was last Tuesday when Mr. Dan Speaker took us through his apple orchard one-half mile north of Sylvia. He has 25 acres, about 1,000 trees, simply loaded with apples of the following varieties: Ben Davis, Grimes Golden, Smith Spica, Red McIntosh and Gano. Mr. Speaker had nine men picking apples Tuesday, and they had about 350 bushels in one pile in the orchard that evening. The yield is immense. One tree alone produced over 30 bushels that were picked from the tree last Tuesday, saying nothing about those that the wind had blown off. It is estimated that the entire orchard will yield nearly 3,000 bushels of apples.

### WANT LOWER FREIGHTS.

Train of Twenty-Five Cars From Famous Tarrasas Ranch.

A train of cattle from Old Mexico, consisting of twenty cars of steers and five loads of calves, was marketed here yesterday. The cattle were raised on the famous Tarrasas ranch in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, one of the largest ranches in the world. They were bought by W. J. Bricker and were loaded on the cars last Wednesday.

The steers sold at \$3.40 and the calves at \$5.15, with a small cut out at \$4.00. Most of the steers were of the old time yellow and dun color, carrying big horns. The shipment attracted considerable attention at the yards.

### FARM FOR SALE.

Half section near Oklahoma City, Okla. Fine apple orchard, 1,500 trees; fenced and cross fenced. Half mile from station. For particulars call on or address W. E. Thompson, Drovers & Merchants Bank, St. Joseph, Mo.

### HERE'S A TALL CORN STORY.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 20.—"Buck" Campbell of the Waukomis Hornet deserves a place in the front rank on tall corn stories. He says that he has a stalk of corn at the Hornet office which he himself raised that is sixteen feet tall. It is twelve feet to the first ear and the brace roots extend up the stalk for seven feet. The seed from which it was grown was sent to Mr. Campbell last year from the canal zone.

### SEALER FOUND A FORTUNE.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 20.—A new seal rookery, located on an uninhabited island, not marked on charts or maps, has been discovered by Rinta Midsumo Midzushima, a Japanese sealer of Hakodate, according to advices received by the steamer Kagra Maru, which has arrived in port.

The island rookery is said to be an exceedingly rich one, and the discoverer made a small fortune by a raid on the rookery. The situation of the find is some miles north of the Russian port of Saghalien, and a party which went to the island in January is expected back at Hakodate in the near future.

## KANSAS FARMER KILLED.

New Machine Pits Him a Foot Deep in Mud and Water.

Cottonwood Falls, Kan., Oct. 20.—W. S. Romigh, a prominent farmer, aged 85 years, and one of the oldest settlers in this county, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon at Spring Creek crossing at the west edge of town.

Mr. Romigh had just purchased an automobile and was learning to run it. The machine had run off the stone culvert and turned completely over and lay on his breast. His head and shoulders when found were a foot under mud and water. Robert Myers, coming from Eldorado, discovered the body. Mr. Romigh taught the city school here in 1868-9, was county surveyor at one time, was editor of the Courant and Reveille for several years and served as county attorney. He was defeated two years ago for county attorney on the Democratic ticket. He has lived on his farm, one mile west of this city, for many years.

### 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
	ed	est	est	est	est
WHEAT—					
Dec.	95 1/2	96	97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
May	102 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4
CORN—					
Dec.	64	64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
May	68 1/2	69 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
OATS—					
Dec.	48	48	47	47 1/2	48
May	49 1/2	50	49	49 1/2	50
PORK—					
Jan.	15 02	15 20	14 97	15 05	15 05
May	14 92	15 10	14 92	14 95	14 95
LARD—					
Jan.	9 05	9 20	9 05	9 10	9 10
May	9 07	9 20	9 02	9 12	9 07
RIBS—					
Oct.	8 55	8 55	8 25	8 25	8 07
Jan.	8 02	8 15	8 00	8 05	8 05

### ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Today's cash values: Receipts, wheat, 6 cars; corn, 5 cars; oats, 0 car.

Wheat. No. 2 red.....99 @ 1 00  
No. 3 red.....97 @ 98 1/2  
No. 4 red.....55 @ 97  
No. 2 hard.....93 1/2 @ 99  
No. 3 hard.....91 1/2 @ 97  
No. 4 hard.....87 @ 95

Corn. No. 2 white.....61 @ 67  
No. 3 white.....60 @ 66  
No. 4 white.....57 @ 64  
No. 2 corn.....61 @ 65  
No. 3 corn.....60 @ 64  
No. 4 corn.....57 @ 63

Oats. No. 2 white.....46 1/2 @ 48 1/2  
No. 3 white.....45 @ 47  
No. 2 oats.....45 1/2 @ 47  
No. 3 oats.....45 @ 45 1/2  
Bran.....90 @ 91  
Corn chops.....1 33 @ 1 35  
Shorts.....1 06 @ 1 10

The above cash quotations are based on actual sales each day and are furnished by T. P. Gordon, Board of Trade building, St. Joseph, Mo.

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	ed	est	est	est	est
WHEAT—					
Dec.	95 1/2				



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### PAUSE AND INTERROGATE.

It won't do any harm for the country to pause and ask itself whether inferior quality of hogs may not be a big factor in this bear raid on prices for live pork.

### BEEF SUPPLY WILL SOON GET TEST.

Colorado reports big snows in many parts of the state. The coming of these storms will check the run of range stock to market and the country will soon be up against a real test of the beef supply.

### CAN STAND WIND NOW.

Blow, wind, and crack your cheeks! Likewise, blow your liver and gizzard out! The rain last night settled the dust nuisance for a day or two and humanity won't mind the wind much. In addition to making life more endurable, the rain will also help some in the wheat fields.

### NO MORE MYSTERY IN WIRELESS.

Wireless telegraphy will cease to be a mystery to people who visit the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle next summer. A full working plant which will have communication with California and distant Alaska points, will be installed upon the exposition grounds.

### UNCLE SAM AT SEATTLE.

The various departments of the United States government have sent word to the officials of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition giving in detail the features of Uncle Sam's exhibit at the great Seattle fair. It will be the most comprehensive and unique display made by the government.

### LIGHTEST IN HISTORY.

Average weight of live hogs on the St. Joseph market last week was 198 lbs. This is the first time in the history of the local yards that the average has dropped below the 200 lb mark. The weight was 6 pounds lighter than the previous week and 42 pounds less than corresponding week a year ago. Quality of hogs coming, instead of improving as was predicted as soon as the feeding of new corn was possible, is deteriorating.

### INSPECTION OF MEAT.

Inspection of meat products is now thorough and consequently the public is better protected than ever before. All the big abattoirs are swarming with inspectors, and there is little chance to get anything through that isn't up to the standard, even if packers were inclined to. On the other hand, they are glad to co-operate with the inspectors and have their products go out to consumers in the best possible condition. The packer who can put his meat on the market in the best shape will be the most popular with the public. It is foolish to think that they would want to sell meat that was unwholesome or deleterious to public health. It would simply be a boomerang that would come back and do them a thousand times more harm than they would get out of it. At the packers' convention held in Chicago last week the following resolution was passed:

"We desire to renew the statement of our belief that this association should heartily indorse the meat inspection and pure food laws. Any measure which tends to further guarantee the healthfulness of the products, when properly administered, should and does receive our loyal support. Our national authorities have worked zealously to carry out the purposes of these laws, and the meat packers have given their co-operation in every possible way."

### FARM PRODUCTS IN 1908.

The figures presented as to the volume of the agricultural income of the United States for the current calendar year are by all comparison the most emphatic commentary on the prosperous condition of that branch of American industry, says the Wall Street Journal. It is estimated that the 6,250,000 farms of the country will this year yield a total amount of wealth valued at \$8,500,000,000. If the investment capital of American farm be conservatively estimated at \$25,000,000,000, the gross value of the products will be 34 per cent of the total capital investment.

The significance of this figure lies in the measure of economic strength in agriculture. This strength is shown not simply in the increment of the product of labor and capital upon land, but also as a measure of purchasing power in the hands of the rural people. As the population of the farms of the country comprises one-third of the entire population it is apparent that this fact is of the utmost significance in determining the return of prosperity to other fields of enterprise.

Neither commerce nor manufacturing can long remain stagnant with such a flow of wealth coming into the hands of so large a proportion of the population. In other words, the progress of wealth through the operation of the American farm is one of the inevitable influences which is making for a return of the world to its usual degree of activity.

An influence such as this exerts in two directions. First upon the domestic enterprise outside of agriculture and, secondly, upon foreign trade. It equips the farm with resources through which it creates a demand for products, for capital and funds to carry on larger work. It stimulates finance by the accumulation of funds, first in rural hands and then through investment or loans in financial centers, where it is directed into channels which offer the best inducements. In this way the whole world has come to feel the leaven of the series of American crops, which during the past ten years may be estimated at a total of \$61,000,000,000.

## UNIFORM GRADING

Grain Men's National Association Prepares a New System.

### DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

Address of President Culver Urges Uniform Grading by the States.

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—The preparation of a uniform system for the grading of grain, to be recommended for use by state grain inspectors, warehouse commissions and boards of trade in all parts of the United States, was begun Saturday by the Grain Dealers' National Association, in session at the Southern Hotel. The work was entered upon spontaneously following an address on uniform grades by E. H. Culver of Toledo, Ohio, president of the Chief Grain Inspectors' National Association. The programme regularly planned for the afternoon was abandoned by general consent that this work might be prosecuted. The work was still in progress when adjournment came late in the afternoon. At the morning session Hiram N. Sager, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, delivered an address on the subject "Trading in Grain Futures an Imperative Necessity." He said in part:

When grain immediately after harvest is moving freely to market, the buyer must of necessity either protect himself against a possible decline in values by purchasing on a very wide margin of profit, or else insure himself against loss by at the same time selling the grain for either immediate or future delivery. It is practically impossible to sell all the enormous amount of grain which is being produced in the United States at the present time. The markets are extremely unfavorable. For example, take Russia: There are no speculative markets in that country and at times wheat rots in one section while people starve in the next.

President Culver of the Chief Grain Inspectors' Association pointed out that the only method of preventing the United States government from taking measures for making grain grading uniform in all the markets of the country was for the present agencies to adopt uniform grading rules.

**Differences in Opinion.** President Culver, at the conclusion of his address, presented a set of rules for grading grain, which had been approved by his association at its meeting the day before and printed. In his address Mr. Culver had directed attention to the fact that the different grades given a particular lot of grain by different inspectors arose from the indefiniteness of the rules under which the inspectors acted. "The rules contain such words as 'customary,' 'warehouseable,' 'sufficiently,' 'reasonably,' 'merchantable,' 'unfit,' 'moderate,' 'prime and choice.'" Mr. Culver said: "The inspectors will place different constructions on these words, and for that reason will give a different rating to the same lot of grain." The rules submitted by him eliminated almost entirely such indefinite words, prescribing definite weights per bushel and definite percentages of impurity for the various grades. Thus, "No. 1 white winter wheat" was prescribed to include "all varieties of pure, soft, white winter wheat, sound, plump, dry, sweet and clean, that weighed not less than 58 pounds to the measured bushel."

Barley and the printer rules for grading become distributed through the convention hall than delegates in all parts were on their feet clamoring for the floor to protest against the rules as they applied to their special product. The corn dealers were especially clamorous against the weight given to a moisture test for their product.

### Adopt Uniform Rules.

The weight limit prescribed to fix the grades of wheat and oats elicited protest from dealers in these cereals. Some declared that the weight limit was too high, others insisted that it was too low. Finally E. M. Wayne of Delaware, Ill., pleading that the convention should place itself on record as approving uniformity in grading rules before it considers the rules in detail, moved for the approval of the principle of uniform rules. This motion was adopted. It was then decided to consider separately the grading rule applying to each grade of grain.

The grading rules for durum wheat velvet chaff wheat, Pacific Coast wheat, mixed wheat and rye were adopted without opposition. Two St. Louis grain men, T. J. Ballard and John Dower, spoke in favor of placing a higher weight per bushel in red winter wheat, arguing that the inspection rules at St. Louis would not tolerate a lowering of the wheat. The hardest fight was on the rule for grading No. 2 white oats. Almost an hour was occupied in reaching an agreement with regard to this grade. All finally agreed on No. 3 white oats shall be 90 per cent white, shall be sweet, shall not contain more than 2 per cent of dirt and 5 per cent of other grain and weigh not less than 24 pounds to the measured bushel.

A genius is supposed by many to be a long-haired individual with wild ideas and little brains. When you drop the average beefsteak, it's pretty tough on the floor.

## IN WOMAN'S REALM

### Onions Absorb Odor of Paint.

Everyone knows that an onion has a distinct and unpleasant odor, whether cooked or raw. But everyone does not know that this odor of an onion will draw to it every other disagreeable odor and clear the house atmosphere in a day. The onion leaves then be thrown away, and with it goes the disagreeable smell that came about in a house that has been closed for the summer.

And this is also a good thing to know: That it will absorb all the odor from fresh paint and turpentine. If the house has been freshly painted and cleaned this month for the winter's occupancy, the people moving into it will be miserable with the smells that come from walls and floors.

After the fresh country these odors will be unendurable. One onion should be cut into small pieces and placed about the room in two or three saucers. Allow an onion to each room and let the saucers remain there over day and night. If every bit of odor hasn't gone in that time put a few fresh pieces in for the next day.

### Rice Pudding.

Here is a rice pudding that is easily prepared with a double boiler: Cook one-half cup of rice in three cups of sweet milk until soft, then add one pint of milk (hot), add to this the yolks of three eggs well beaten with six tablespoonsful of sugar and two teaspoonfuls of lemon extract; set on the stove until you beat the whites of eggs to a stiff froth with five spoonfuls of sugar; pour the pudding into a baking dish, spread the beaten whites over and bake until a light brown in the oven. It will only take two or three minutes.

### Brine Pickles.

A very convenient method of putting pickles down in brine is to first use a jar in which is a separate brine which is used for soaking the pickles for the first 48 hours. This removes so much of the green juice which forms a "scum" over the pickles. The brine can be removed and the pickles placed in a barrel containing fresh brine. The first brine may be used several times and the pickles in the barrel will have a much finer flavor than they would if the brine had not been changed.

### Things Worth Knowing.

If you haven't a shoe horn, drop your handkerchief into your shoe before inserting the foot, then pull tight, and it will slip on easily.

Potato water is excellent for cleaning mud stains from nearly any kind of cloth of garment.

Warts may be removed by touching them with caustic daily until they disappear.

To remove paint from linens rub with turpentine, then clean with French chalk dampened with alcohol.

Pure olive oil is excellent for cleaning a black chip hat.

Turn the wooden chopping bowl upside down when not in use and it will never split.

Lemons hardened from long standing may be made usable by covering a few moments with boiling water.

Stains may be removed from tinware by scouring with common soda, then washing thoroughly and drying.

Always warm the baby's bed with a hot water bottle before putting him to rest for the night. It restles this will make him sleep.

### Ancient Women's Hats.

The subject of hats is one that is likely to create envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness among women who are not in a position to indulge their love of the beautiful, for the new hats are really lovely and much to be desired. Their shape is likely to prove trying until the coiffure is adapted to them, for they are entirely guiltless of bandeaux—settling, in consequence, very close to the hair. Felt is relegated almost entirely to morning wear; and for occasions of ceremony satin, faille and ottoman will be the accepted headgear.

Most of the shapes give the effect of excessive flatness, but in reality most of them show a downward sweep of the brim suggestive of an inverted soup plate, or an upward sweep at the side, on the order of the old Gainsborough hat. The fancy of facing the hat brim with some contrasting color is a happy one, for it permits the wearing of the most trying of the new shades, allowing one's own color to come next the face.

### PHOTOGRAPHS HEART BEATS

New Machine Invented by Dutch Physiologist Diagnoses Disease.

Paris, Oct. 20.—Paris medical circles are much interested in the invention of the Dutch physiologist, H. Einthoven, who has constructed an apparatus which enables heart pulsations to be photographed.

This delicate instrument, the sensibility of which is finer than that of the human ear, is an ingenious combination of the stethoscope, microphone, phonograph and galvanometer. When auscultation is performed by Dr. Einthoven's invention, a photograph record of the oscillations of a sheet of aluminum shows the nature of the heart beats. Photographs of normal heart beats are very different from those of diseased organs. An experienced operator would be able to tell by examining the photographic tracings not only whether the heart was sound, but what was the specific affection.

### THE USEFUL HEN.

"Country constables who make a living arresting speeding automobiles wouldn't have half so much trouble stopping the scorchers if they used a little ingenuity," says one of the offenders. "Chains across the road and moving vans blocking the highway

### Take, for example, the new amethyst—a most wonderful color,

much duller than the name amethyst implies, and more suggestive of chardonnay, or dead thistle. It is a color that is extremely flattering to some and equally damaging to others.

Another color that is most beautiful to look at, but not always possible to wear unrelieved, is the old-time lute color, which is neither gray nor fawn, but a mixture of both. It is very lovely faced with peach color in a reincarnation of one of the Directoire shapes—a wide scoop brim tied under the chin with ribbons, and a high crown trimmed at one side with a cockade of ostrich plumes.

It's worth remarking that the hats this year are in close keeping with the gowns and coats—a gratifying condition of affairs that does not always exist in the world of fashions. Only too often hats of one period are worn with gowns of another in a totally irrelevant manner. But this season the modistes and couturiers have worked together with remarkable unanimity, and the result is very pleasing.

### Trouble for Stout Women.

When the stout woman starts out this winter for the first time wearing underneath her sheath skirt those knickerbockers that are to take the place of petticoats, from necessity in her case, there is no doubt but that she will be very conscious of the fact and most uncomfortable, but like a good many other things that women are compelled to do in the sacred cause of fashion she will get used to them and probably before the end of the winter will count them a great deal nicer than any petticoat she ever wore.

### Women Learn Gardening.

Lady Warwick has one of the largest institutions in England for the training of women in knowledge of gardening. Castle Warwick, where there are 340 acres of land beautifully wooded. Women are taught the care of trees and plants in a most scientific manner, and training is given in dairy work, poultry and bee-keeping, jam-making, household book-keeping, carpentry and domestic economy.

### To Clean a Clogged Sink.

If the pipe of your kitchen sink becomes clogged, place your hand over the drain, being careful to hold the sides of the hand and tips of the fingers firmly on the sink. Allow water to the depth of one inch to run into the sink, then raise and lower the palm of the hand until you think the impediment has been removed. After this, pour a quart of scalding water and soda down the pipe. This will carry away any waste that remains.

### Egg Plant on Gratin.

Boil a large egg plant in slightly salted water until tender. Peel it, mash smoothly, add one level teaspoon of butter, a little finely chopped thyme or summer savory, half an onion finely minced, two hard boiled eggs cut in bits, and two tablespoons of fine bread crumbs. Mix well, turn into a buttered baking dish, sprinkle two tablespoons of grated cheese over the top, and over this some buttered crumbs. Bake in a quick oven until lightly browned.—Mary Foster Snider.

### To Fill Floor Cracks.

To fill up cracks in floors, take one pound of flour, three quarts of water and one tablespoonful of alum. Tear up newspapers in pieces and soak them for some time in the mixture; then boil all together until well blended. Fill up cracks with working this "dough" in with a knife. When dry it will harden like paper mache.

### First Woman to Fly.

Mme. Berg, wife of the European manager of the Wright brothers, was the first woman to make an ascent in an aeroplane. She declares that when the machine started she did not feel any more anxiety than when she sat in her automobile and watched the motor begin to work.

### Splendid Picnic.

To two dozen green tomatoes take one head cabbage, one dozen large cucumbers, twelve onions, six large green peppers, two dozen small cucumbers, chop fine and put altogether in a jar, stir in a handful of salt, let set over night. Drain and cook ten minutes in one quart water, add one cup vinegar. Drain again. Put in a jar, scald one gallon vinegar, 3 pounds sugar, one-half pound white mustard seed, two tablespoons ground mustard, three of cinnamon, one each of cloves, black pepper, allspice and ginger, pour on and stir well.

### \$2,500 FOR KILLING QUAIL.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 19.—Probably the largest fine ever assessed in a magistrate's court in this state was imposed on R. F. McMurty of Summer county this week.

McMurty was arrested by a deputy game warden while attempting to dispose of fifty quail before the opening of the season in Tennessee. He was fined \$50 for each bird, making a total fine of \$2,500.

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- Fancy Black Voile—\$1.50 \$2.00
- Black Thibet—56-inch, per yard \$1.50
- Black Velvet, for costumes, \$1 and \$1.50
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**Division Freight Agent C. A. Walker's Territory Shows the Largest Gains.**

Hutchinson, Kan., Oct. 20.—The business of the Hutchinson railroads during the month of September, this year, as compared with last September, shows a big gain. All of the roads show an increase and the Santa Fe shows that it had more than fifty more cars of salt this year during September than last. In all there were more than 600 cars of salt shipped out of Hutchinson this September, Says the Daily News.

During the month of September there was an increase of about 20 per cent in the amount of wheat hauled as compared with September, 1907. In building material there was a big gain over last year and in milled products there was an increase of almost double over a year ago.

In the "L. C. L." list, which means less than car lots, there is a gain of about 35 per cent over a year ago. This consists of shipments from the wholesalers and jobbers and it is a showing that proves that this part of the business of Hutchinson is also growing. There has been some falling off in handling slack coal, because the manufacturing plants are using gas and oil instead of coal now. There is also a falling off in live stock shipments because the plant of the Hutchinson Packing company is not in operation now.

But, there is a general gain. The Santa Fe, on the freight division which Division Freight Agent C. A. Walker is in charge, shows a wonderful increase over a year ago. It is the best freight division on that road, for gain, in the past year. This shows that this part of the country tributary to Hutchinson is doing a little bit better than any other portion on the system.

The Santa Fe has sixty-nine people on the station pay-roll now. This does not include the division freight agency, or the roadmaster's departments which have several men which are not now included. They all get pretty good pay and the company, as do the other roads in Hutchinson, pays out a good sum of money here every month.

Along with other good things in this part of the state and the west the railroad business is always on the increase. There are few towns along the railroads in this part of Kansas but show a growth in receipts for both passenger and freight business. It is a good sign of the times.

New York Sun: In the East few of us really understand why the West is so self-conscious, self-reliant and self-sufficient. In an article in the October North American Review Mr. J. B. Case, president of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, touches on the light. His theme is the future of Western trade, and he tells the East some things it ought to know, for the East is very well satisfied with itself, too, and not as well informed about the expansion and aspirations of the West as it should be for its own interests.

To speak of the West as being independent of the East would be going too far, but Mr. Case shows that it has developed so many resources in the good times of the last decade that if a dividing wall were to be built along the Ohio river, the West could exist to thrive without the aid and countenance of the East. For the West now has capitalists and financial centers, as well as factories and department stores, and if it still borrows money from the East, it also lends money to Western people, underwrites Western enterprises, and recently in one instance weathered a panic with less suffering to consumers. In a sense, indeed, it is the East that is dependent upon the West, since the East may be said to subsist on the products of the great agricultural West. There is one passage in Mr. Case's article that in times when the automobile is the hall-mark of prosperity will give the Eastern man a comprehensive idea of the growth of the West.

"It is stated by the dealers in automobiles that more cars were sold last spring to the farming sections of the prairie states than in any other part of the United States. In one town, 200 miles west of the Missouri river and half as far from the mountains—a town of little more than 3,500 inhabitants—were seventy-two automobiles. Counties that one year ago had less than half a dozen machines now have seventy-five to one hundred."

In what way has the West waxed so rich that it can afford to treat itself to the luxury of Westwardness? The West does not live by farming alone. The smokestack is a common and conspicuous object, and industrially the West is making great gains. It has learned to produce many of the things it uses and wears, and with which it furnishes and embellishes its homes. Local capital has started thousands of industries in the prairie states, as well as in the Middle West, and Western men buy their products, not only because the manufactured article is often cheaper, cost of transportation being a cheapening factor, but because they feel a pride in Western enterprises. To quote Mr. Chase again:

"California's manufacturers turn out a product worth more than that of Ohio, Maine or Michigan; Oregon has as great a production from its factories and shops as Michigan; Missouri has more than Vermont, Kansas more than Virginia, Colorado more than Indiana, and so on."

In the Pacific and Rocky Mountain states alone the annual production of manufactured goods is estimated at \$1,000,000,000. Even the prairie states are now dotted with factories. Mr. Case says that "today the aim of every town between the Mississippi river and the Pacific is to secure some sort of enterprise that will give employment to its laboring classes." In almost every county seat you may find a department store carrying a miscellaneous stock of goods. The West has even gone into the manufacturing of automobiles, and sells them at home in competition with Eastern makers. It should not be forgotten that 70 per cent of the area United States lies in the trans-Mississippi country and that it contains 20,000,000 people very proud of their homeland, industrious and resourceful and no longer envious of the East.

Co-operation in a large sense is characteristic of the new West. All its people are pulling together for the common goods. Three bodies interested in mining, irrigation and commerce meet every year to compare notes. "The direct object of these organizations," we are told, "is to build up the struggling enterprises of the West. The purpose is to unite in one effort the politicians, the capitalists and the business workers who live between the Mississippi and the Pacific." Hence the vast reclamation projects and other enterprises dry nursed by congress, ultimately to pay for themselves if the West continues to prosper. The farmers also resort to co-operation, building elevators and planning to control the prices of their grain. They, like the miners and lumbermen and the manufacturers, are interested in cheapness of transportation, and the movement to construct north-and-south railroads and develop available water routes is general all through the West and is backed by a powerful public opinion. Mr. Chase predicts that "the increase in shipping from Galveston, Port Arthur and New Orleans during the next ten years will be greater than from any other ports in the United States." What the opening of the Panama canal will mean to the West its people are never tired of anticipating.

**TO KILL WEEDS THE FARM SPIRIT**

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**Chemicals Applied by Means of Sprinkling Apparatus Does the Work.**

Rock Island Magazine: The matter of destroying the weeds and grass that grows in the road bed, between the rails and out to the grass line on each side is of itself quite an item of expense in ordinary track maintenance. It has been determined from statistics gathered on one district of the Rock Island that this expense amounts to approximately \$35 per mile per annum. The attention of Mr. F. O. Bunnell, engineer of tests, was called to this item of expense by a general superintendent and it set him "a-thinking." He knew that certain chemicals would destroy vegetation, and the question to be determined was how much of the chemical it would take, how and when to apply it. His first experiment was on a space of a few square feet covered with weeds and grass in the alley back of his home, applied in a solution with water and with a toy sprinkling can, the results were so gratifying to Mr. Bunnell that he laid the matter before the management and was directed to proceed with an experiment on a much larger scale.

Substituting the tank of a 1000 class engine with a special sprinkling apparatus is attached, for the toy sprinkling can, and a mixture of two ounces of the chemical to a gallon of water, the test was made August 21st and 22d on the Newton-Monroe branch of the Iowa division under the personal supervision of Mr. Bunnell, assisted by division forces. The equipment consisted of an engine and the above described tank with enough empty stock cars to make up a 75 per cent air train. The valve allowing the solution to flow through the sprinklers was opened at M. P. 325, just outside the limits of Newton and a run of three miles was made. On taking a gauge of the tank it was determined that a flow of 700 gallons per mile had been obtained. The speed of the train was then reduced and a flow of 1,000 gallons per mile was obtained on the next mile. This was about the amount that had been determined upon for effectual work, but it was difficult to maintain a rate of speed slow enough to obtain this amount, so the outfit was returned to the shops and the offices in the sprinklers enlarged. On the second trip a second application of 1,000 gallons per mile was made on two miles of the territory covered the day before, and two more miles were covered at the rate of 1,700 gallons per mile. The applications then stood as follows:

M. P. 327 to 328 1 application 700 gals  
M. P. 328 to 327 1 application 700 gals  
M. P. 328 to 329 1 application 1000 gals  
M. P. 329 to 331 1 application 1700 gals

An inspection was made August 31st and the success of the experiment far surpasses expectations in the first mile where only 700 gallons were distributed all the foliage of the weeds and the blades of grass were found to be dead and dried up. That the chemical was still at work was evident, and the stalks of the hardest weeds alone showed any remaining life. Where applications were heavier the destruction was more marked, each particular weed showing its own peculiar color as after a heavy frost. Rag weeds were black, foliage and stalk entirely dead. Smart weed, foliage brown, burned to a crisp and stalk with but very little moisture in it. Fox tail and other grasses showed a color of light brown straw and rapidly settling down as after a frost. The line of demarcation was clearly shown on both sides of the track between the dead and living vegetation, and there remained no doubt as to the effectiveness of the chemical to do the work desired.

The circumstance under which this test was made could not have been more adverse for success. The Newton-Monroe branch is used for very light traffic only, the track has never been other than mud or soil ballast and for much of the distance covered was a solid mat of weeds and grass between the rails. The season was also against the experiment, all vegetation was at its fullest growth, tough, woody and deep rooted. Another feature which adds greatly to the effectiveness of the chemical, a long hot day, was also lacking, yet in spite of all these circumstances the fact that the weeds and grasses were effectually killed, remained.

The economy in using this method of getting rid of weeds in roadbed, instead of "scuffling," is self-evident. It has been clearly demonstrated that one application of a maximum of 1,000 gallons per mile of the strength used at this test, if applied in the spring while the weeds and grass are young and tender, will very probably rid the track of the pest for the season. If it is not effectual in ridding them entirely a second application can be made for, approximately, \$15 per mile, with suitable tanks and appliances. The great saving of manual labor, which is the very worrying question with the maintenance department, is one of the chief benefits to be derived.

**Teachers and Pupils in School Should be interested in Agricultural Matters.**

**GREAT FACTOR FOR THE BOYS**

**Successful Plan Found in Visits to Model Farms in Vicinity of Schools.**

It is known to many of our readers that a few of the county superintendents in various states have of their own accord been endeavoring to introduce into the rural schools not so much the study of agriculture, but the spirit of agriculture, without which the study is comparatively useless. Among these is Cap E. Miller, of Keokuk, Iowa. We asked him to furnish us a statement of the methods which he has adopted, which he does in the following communication:

"The teachers and pupils in the schools of this county have been interested in agricultural education for a number of years. Each year our boys and girls have planted seeds, watched the plants grow, have cared for the plants, have studied the plants, keeping notes on growth and tendencies of the plants. These notes have been used as the foundation for composition and language work in our schools. The products and seeds from the plants have been brought to school and have been studied and examined in connection with language work. Many of the teachers have arranged for school fairs, where these products are placed on exhibition and where the best compositions and essays are read. The parents have taken a keen interest in this phase of education, for it makes them feel that our teachers are interested in farm work and life.

"When our boys and girls study a plant for a whole summer under the direction of their teacher and county superintendent they are able to write a life-history of the plant which is astonishing to adults. They learn many things not found in books. It teaches them to rely on their own figures and investigations. There is a logical order in the study of plant life which has a good influence. Our boys and girls have received the benefit which comes from this study. We have used these life histories in place of orations, and the scheme works well.

"Our boys have an organization known as the Agricultural Club and our girls have an organization known as the Home Culture Club. These boys and girls hold township and county meetings from time to time. They have secured the help and cooperation of some of the most able and noted speakers in the state and nation. These speakers have talked to them on various subjects connected with the home and school. The parents are always glad to get a chance to attend these meetings. These speakers have brought messages of instruction and enthusiasm and inspiration to the meetings, and in turn a new spirit is found in our rural schools and in our farm homes.

"Our teachers have used bulletins from the state college of agriculture and from the United States department of agriculture to good advantage. These bulletins, together with the outlines from the county superintendent, have given them the source from which to work. It would take a volume to tell of some of the unique things which have been done by some of our teachers in connection with agricultural education. This phase of education has furnished a means in a number of cases for teachers to get hold of the bad boy. It has helped to do away with truancy, for it has made our schools and school work interesting and attractive. It has helped to connect the home and school more closely than ever before.

"One of our most successful plans is to arrange each year for a few visits to prominent but attractive and up-to-date farm homes. Here we meet, and under the instruction of teachers from the college of agriculture or other institutions of learning we study live stock, soils, buildings, machinery, and products on a real farm. On this great day we study weeds and conduct judging schools or contests in domestic science, corn, and live stock. Hundreds and thousands of our farm people turn out to see the boys and girls take part in these annual short courses. Parents, teachers, and pupils all go home with new interest in farm work, farm life, rural schools and farm homes.

"Agricultural education has been a wonderful factor for good in making our boys and girls realize that the farm is not a place to be dreaded but a place for growth and progress, a place for freedom and happiness, a place of opportunity and possibility."

**How to Help Our Friends.**

We often attempt to regulate the lives of our friends through imposing our own wills upon them. This we do under the impression that our conception of truth is superior to theirs, and that we see more clearly than they do. This is really but a form of selfishness, and binds all who indulge in it, both the strong and the weak. Of course there is a point where a kind and friendly desire to help another may be productive of good. But when the desire to help another involves the subjugation of his spirit and understanding, then that desire becomes a selfish one. For you cannot force a knowledge of truth upon anyone. Only love and patience and living the truth yourself can bring it to the consciousness of your friends.—From the Nautilus.

**A Noble Lover.**

"Darling," said the American heiress, "it is not true, is it, that you want to marry me for my money?"

"No, dearest," answered the duke de Ragges et Patche, "but I don't hold it against you."



# DR. COOK IS ALIVE

WIFE OF LOST EXPLORER RECEIVES LETTER FROM HIM.

Brooklyn Man Expected to Make Dash for North Pole Overland with Sledges and Dogs in January, 1908.

New York.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook of Brooklyn, an explorer, who is trying to reach the north pole by a new route through Nansen Strait and whose friends were fearful that he had met disaster in the frozen north, has been heard from.

A letter written last December by the explorer was received the other day by his wife, who is living in Brooklyn, stating that he hoped to start for the goal in January. No word had been received from Dr. Cook since last October, and his friends announced recently that an effort would be made to send a ship to find him. The letter received was written at Comand, Wosetsholme Sound.

Dr. Cook says: "I have this opportunity to send a letter to Upernavik by Rasmussen during this moon and I must hasten to report our progress to the present."

"I have a hundred dogs and as many more as I desire, with 15 of the best of the tribe assembled here for the attack over the new route across Ellesmere Land, out by way of Nansen Sound and back by Kennedy Channel, thus using to good advantage the drift and musk-oxen so abundant in Ellesmere Land. All of my equipment is ready and we hope to start for the goal late in January. With men and dogs well fed and under normal conditions, like my predecessors, I feel confident, as our equipment means perfection. When we return we will push southward at once to Cape York and Upernavik."

Dr. Cook, accompanied by John R. Bradley and several Eskimos, left North Sydney, Nova Scotia, early in July, 1907, on the American auxiliary schooner yacht John R. Bradley, which landed the party at Smith's Sound. The expedition was provisioned for two years, and was equipped with dogs and sledges.

## HEN IN TRAP COSTS \$100.

Starts Bitter Neighborhood Feud in Grangeville County, Idaho.

Grangeville, Idaho.—One bustling, hungry hen, owned by H. D. White, which was caught in C. R. Lewis' steel trap last spring, has already cost Mr. Lewis over \$100, and a neighborhood row of such proportions has grown up that it is probable that further costs will pile up.

White had Lewis arrested last spring on a charge of stealing chickens, and the jury assessed Mr. Lewis one dollar and costs. Lewis retaliated recently and had White arrested on a complaint that White's chicken had damaged Lewis' garden at least eight dollars' worth. White responded with a cross-complaint claiming eight dollars damage for chickens which he alleges Lewis stole from him. The jury found a verdict in favor of White and assessed damages at 25 cents, but Lewis must pay the costs of the case, which, coupled with costs of the former trial, bring the total up to \$100. The trial was bitterly fought and interesting testimony regarding the neighborhood feud was brought out by the attorneys. Whether both men are satisfied remains to be seen, but relations are so strained that it is probable that the chicken quarrel will remain a live one.

## KILLS 500 RATS IN A DAY.

Army Transport Being Cleared of Rodents by a Professional.

Newport News, Va.—Wm. H. Heitler of New York has been employed by the federal government to exterminate the rats that infest the United States army transports Meade, Sumner and Ingalls, which are now anchored in this harbor. Heitler and his assistant arrived here and immediately began their work. The transports are not in commission, and since they have been moored at Finch's pier, in the James river, they have been overrun with rats and many thousands of dollars' worth of material and government supplies have been destroyed. Several efforts have been made by the officers to exterminate the rodents.

Heitler's first day's work has resulted in the extermination of more than 500 of the rodents. He is using specially prepared traps in connection with poisonous gases to drive the animals from their hiding places. The rats in these transports are not bubonic plague rats, nor have they been suspected of carrying diseases. They are the ordinary dock rats.

Woodchuck Brings Luck. Pontiac, Mich.—Chasing a woodchuck under a barn, a man on the farm of Judson Furman, near Wilcox, brought to light \$100 worth of burglars' plunder, jewelry and other articles.

The plunder is about half of that taken from general stores in Wilcox and Milford in May. The farm hand started to dig in the hay in a barn about half a mile back on the Furman place to uncover the woodchuck, when he brought a satchel to light. He at once called the county officers. The woodchuck got away.

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### EXPLAINED PRESENCE OF SHOT.

Leadens Pellets Had Been Intended for Uncle Ephraim.

Polk Miller of Richmond blew into the editorial office of the Almanack like a fresh breeze from the south a few days ago and was promptly asked, of course, for the latest darky story in Virginia. He said it was about substituting a wild turkey for a tame turkey. One of his friends bought a turkey from old Uncle Ephraim and asked him, in making the purchase, if it was a tame turkey.

"O, yais, sir, it's a tame tu'key ol' righ'."

"Now, Ephraim, are you sure it's a tame turkey?"

"O, yais, sir, dere's no so't, o' doubt 'bout dat. It's a tame tu'key ol' righ'."

He consequently bought the turkey, and a day or two later when eating it he came across several shot. Later on when he met old Ephraim on the street he said: "Well, Ephraim, you told me that was a tame turkey, but I found some shot in it when I was eating it."

"O, dat war a tame tu'key, ol' righ'," was Uncle Ephraim's reiterated rejoinder, "but de fac' is, boss, Ise gwine to tell yer in confidence dat dem ere shot was intended for me."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

### The Three Weeks' Grin.

"How long do you expect to be gone?" asked the manager of the family hotel to the man who was going away for a vacation.

"A little more than two weeks," the guest replied.

"We have planned to stay three weeks, Jim," whispered the man's wife. "Why didn't you tell him so?"

"Just because it is three weeks," said the man. "I didn't want all those folk hanging around the desk grinning at me like Cheshire cats. That is what happens the minute anybody says anything ringing in the title of that confounded book."

### No, a Native.

Lawson—I thought you said your friend was from Vermont?

Dawson—So he is. What of it?

Lawson—Why, I've been listening to him now for an hour, and he hasn't said "Egosh" but twice.

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Per 1-2 Hundred \$1.20; Per 1-4 Hundred \$0.60.

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New Soft Shell Almonds, just arrived, on sale Wed. . . . Per qt. 10c

Our Own Make of Doughnuts, sell regular at 10c per dozen; on sale Wed., at . . . . . Per dozen 6c

Just received a shipment of genuine Sweet Peas, not the smallest size, but particularly fine flavored goods, on sale Wed. . . . Per can 10c

Jelly-con, any flavor, on sale Wed. . . . . 2 packages 15c

Small bottles Maple Blend Syrup, sells regular at 10c per bottle; on sale Wed., while they last, at . . . . . Per bottle 6c

Purity Brand of Sugar Butter, for layer cakes, icing, table use, etc.; put up in fancy tin pails, on sale Wed., at . . . . . Per pail 25c

Just received first shipment of new genuine Santa Clara Prunes, fancy stock and good size; on sale Wed. . . . . 3 lbs for 25c

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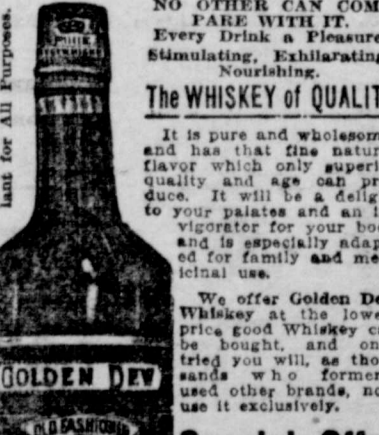
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