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## DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 76 Cars, 2,135 Cattle; 148 Cars, 11,750 Hogs; 18 Cars, 2,763 Sheep.

## ACTIVE TRADE IN STEERS

Demand Lively and Prices Rule Fully Steady at Late Advances.

## BEST BEEVES SELL AT \$6.60

Cow and Heifer Market Steady to Firm—Canners Move Slowly—Bull and Calf Values Unchanged—Moderate Life to Stocker and Feeder Trade, Values Steady—Packers Score Another 5 to 10c Break in Live Pork—Good Lambs Sell Steady, Common Grades Slow, Weak.

## RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1908.

Receipts	Dec.	Jan. 1, 1908
Cattle	580,008	614,215
Hogs	2,330,105	1,901,371
Sheep	857,983	769,657
Horses	22,768	20,883

## LIVE STOCK IN SIGHT.

Chicago	St. Joseph	St. Louis
119,000	50,000	20,000
8,000	18,000	6,000
3,700	15,000	5,000
2,100	11,800	2,800
2,500	12,000	1,500

## RECEIPTS BY CARS.

C. B. & Q. west	C. B. & Q. east	C. R. I. & P.	Great Western	Missouri Pacific	St. Joseph & Grand Island	A. T. & S. F.
45	100	30	20	7	21	15

## CATTLE.

Active Trade at Steady Prices for Moderate Steer Supply. Final days of the year are bringing out larger supplies of live stock than trade was looking for, but the demand is proving quite good and prices so far as cattle are concerned are holding up very well. The half-week at this market shows an increase of 1.00c compared with the first half of last week and at five leading primary points the total of 37,000 is 10,000 ahead of record for the first half of the previous week.

## STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

There were no new features to the trade in stockers and feeders today. Supplies were moderate and demand was reasonably active for the desirable grades but rather indifferent toward plain, light stockers. As a general rule prices held steady at recent advances and a good clearance out of first hands was effected. There is a moderate movement of stock cattle back to the country and there is no big accumulation of stock in the hands of regular yard dealers. Most of the good feeders sold here today at \$4.40 to \$4.80, a few selling upward of \$5.00.

## FEEDING COWS AND STOCK HEIFERS.

Stock heifers continue to meet free outlet to the country and prices are at the highest point of the season. Feeder cows and stock heifers. There was no slackening in the demand for useful and attractive cows and heifers today. There was a good inquiry from all classes of buyers and trade had considerable activity with prices on a steady to shade stronger basis. Receipts were of moderate proportions and a clearance of the desirable grades was effected in good season. There was a scarcity of good, lumpy cows and heifers and not many sales were recorded above \$4.75. Trade in canners showed a lack of life and prices had a weaker tendency.

## COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

There was no noteworthy change in the market for bulls and calves.

4...	885.50	00	8...	790.30	90
6...	888.47	75	6...	875.35	85
14...	825.47	70	15...	727.30	80
14...	741.45	65	3...	546.37	75
2...	840.45	60	2...	870.37	75
19...	856.45	55	3...	680.35	55
18...	820.45	50	18...	743.35	50
5...	844.45	45	1...	830.35	50
3...	854.45	40	18...	713.35	50
1...	510.40	30	15...	617.35	45
10...	745.40	20	12...	787.35	40
1...	720.40	15	8...	851.35	40
3...	740.40	10	2...	730.35	25
3...	410.40	00	1...	670.35	25

## HOGS.

Enormous Mid-Week Run at All Points Breaks Prices. It is noted that sharp advances in prices are all that is necessary to start increased receipts of hogs. The country evidently has the goods, but is not willing as yet to make any sacrifice sales. Let prices get up, however, to an attractive level and the hogs are at once forthcoming, at least this is the case this week. Total hogs reported at five points for the week to date is 245,000, an increase of 61,000 over last week. Local supply shows an increase of 14,000.

Under these largely increased receipts the market is in breaking condition and another slice of 5 to 10 cents was taken off the medium and heavy weight styles today while light grades were hammered down a full 10 cents. Forenoon trade was slow at these prices but trade showed fair tone later.

There was a fair showing of weighty hogs of smooth quality, but mixed droves carried a preponderance of light weight.

Prices ranged from \$5.00 to \$5.85, with the bulk selling at \$5.40 to \$5.80. The bulk yesterday sold at \$5.40 to \$5.90, a week ago at \$5.15 to \$5.60, a month ago at \$5.25 to \$5.85, a year ago at \$4.35 to \$4.45, two years ago at \$3.30 to \$3.85, three years ago at \$4.97 to \$5.07 1/2, four years ago at \$4.35 to \$4.55.

## Pigs and Lights—100 lbs. and Under.

No.	Av. Shtk Price	No.	Av. Shtk Price
80...	188.50	136...	157.80
84...	194.50	137...	157.80
85...	181.50	138...	170.50
79...	184.50	87...	180.50
78...	180.50	25...	150.50
80...	197.50	50...	151.50
113...	184.50	45...	101.15
88...	190.50	45...	109.10
95...	195.50	45...	103.45
99...	195.50	40...	72.101
99...	189.50	40...	101.40
85...	181.50	40...	102.40
79...	191.50	40...	15.88
88...	174.50	5...	40.98
97...	175.50	5...	40.108
78...	176.50	5...	40.12
81...	192.50	5...	40.40
91...	180.50	40...	17.100
95...	182.50	40...	4.92
97...	187.50	40...	9.95
99...	195.50	40...	8.95
67...	192.50	35...	4.102
88...	170.50	35...	3.90
94...	170.50	35...	3.90
101...	172.50	30...	6.92
95...	180.50	30...	7.85

## Heavy and Mixed—200 lbs. and Upward.

No.	Av. Shtk Price	No.	Av. Shtk Price
48...	261.50	85...	227.45
85...	261.50	80...	245.50
60...	264.50	80...	248.50
40...	263.50	80...	233.10
72...	270.50	80...	235.50
78...	271.50	80...	240.50
50...	302.50	80...	201.50
49...	323.50	80...	211.80
34...	250.50	78...	284.12
65...	237.50	78...	284.12
68...	257.50	77...	218.12
59...	250.50	70...	205.80
56...	288.50	70...	214.12
63...	256.50	160...	160.50
100...	218.50	65...	71.22
83...	220.50	65...	70.25
89...	219.50	65...	71.25
85...	215.50	65...	71.25
71...	220.50	65...	70.25
72...	240.50	65...	72.20
75...	240.50	65...	71.25
76...	247.50	65...	71.25
78...	247.50	65...	71.25
81...	219.50	65...	71.25
67...	230.50	65...	70.25
70...	235.50	65...	71.25
82...	235.50	65...	71.25
88...	242.50	65...	71.25
85...	215.50	65...	70.25
56...	288.50	65...	71.25
72...	225.50	65...	71.25
70...	221.50	65...	71.25
78...	224.50	65...	71.25
67...	212.50	65...	70.25
61...	235.50	65...	70.25

## Olds, Ends and Wagon Hogs.

No.	Av. Shtk Price	No.	Av. Shtk Price
9...	316.50	1...	580.50
11...	277.50	40...	80.50
10...	218.50	40...	1.560.80
2...	295.50	40...	1.370.80
1...	520.80	40...	1.570.80
1...	410.80	40...	1.540.80
1...	530.80	40...	1.500.80
6...	188.50	40...	1.180.40

## Packers' Hog Purchases.

Swift and Company	Morris Packing Co.	Hammond Packing Co.
4,650	3,024	3,000

## Range of Prices.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25

## Average Weight.

Dec. 19	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23
197	197	197	197	197

## SHEEP.

Good Lambs Wanted—Trade Dull on Common and Medium Grades. Salesmen did not have much difficulty in finding an outlet for good lambs this morning. Such were wanted and sold at fully steady rates. Tops sold at \$7.50 against \$7.60 yesterday, but the difference was in the quality, not the market. A string of seven cars of western lambs sold at \$7.00. They were in good flesh but were full of burrs, detracting from their selling value. Not many sales were recorded above the \$7.25 mark. Estimates called for a local run of 3,000 and the five point total was 38,000. For expected half of the week combined marketing at leading points show a gain of over 40,000 compared with same period of last week, but in this comparison account should be taken of the holiday character of last week.

## Packer's Purchases Yesterday.

Swift & Co.	Hammond	Morris
774	6,534	1,612

## Stock Cattle Purchases Yesterday.

J. V. Atkins	Maxwell, Spayde & Co.	George Spencer & Co.	W. R. Roundtree	Charles Tramm
110	88	58	54	21

Peter Hansen 20  
W. E. Kennedy 19  
M. F. Donagan 11  
Joseph Baker 7  
M. Maxwell 7  
J. H. Milby 6  
George Rockwood 2  
Country and order buyers 290  
Total 696

## WARD THE COMMON AND HALF-FAT KINDS.

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## OTHER LIVESTOCK MARKETS

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## SOUTH OMAHA.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Journal-Stockman reports: Cattle—Receipts, 3,700. Market active, steady. Hogs—Receipts, 13,000. Market 10c lower; top, \$5.55; bulk, \$5.40 to \$5.60. Sheep—Receipts, 8,000. Market strong to 10 to 15c higher; lambs \$7.50.

## EAST ST. LOUIS.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 30.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2,500, including 300 Texas. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000. Market 10c lower; top, \$6.00; bulk, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Sheep—Receipts, 1,500. Market strong.

## ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

Wheat, 1 car; corn, 2 cars; oats, 0 car.	Whent.
No. 2 red	1.06 @ 1.07
No. 3 red	1.03 @ 1.04
No. 4 red	1.00 @ 1.03
No. 2 hard	1.01 @ 1.05
No. 3 hard	.99 @ 1.03
No. 4 hard	.96 @ 1.02

## CORN.

No. 2 white	No. 3 white	No. 4 white	No. 2 corn	No. 3 corn	No. 4 corn
57 1/2 @ 58	57 1/2 @ 57 1/2	56 @ 57	56 1/2 @ 57	56 @ 56 1/2	55 @ 56

## WHEAT.

May	July	Sept	Nov	Jan	Mar
107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2

## CORN.

May	July	Sept	Nov	Jan	Mar
61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2

## OATS.

May	July	Sept	Nov	Jan	Mar
51 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2

## WHEAT.

Jan	Mar	May	Jul	Sep	Nov
16.17	16.32	16.15	16.32	16.27	16.27

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## AN AWFUL DEATH ROLL.

American Consul Reported Among Earthquake Victims. Rome, Dec. 30.—One thousand thousand dead, Messina, Sicily, and Reggio and a score of other towns in Southern Italy overwhelmed, the entire Calabria region laid waste. This is the earthquake record so far as is at present known from the reports that are coming slowly into Rome on account of the almost complete destruction of lines of communication to the stricken places.

## OPEN THREE RESERVES.

United States to Conduct Three Lotteries in Idaho. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 30.—Three land lotteries will be conducted the coming year by the United States government in the state of Idaho, according to a semi-official announcement from Washington. The lands to be thrown open to homesteaders through lotteries will be the Couer d'Alene, Lemhi and the Blackfoot Indian reservations.

## FARM FOR SALE.

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

## PURCHASER STALLION FOR SALE.

One fine black Percheron stallion; good foal getter; gets good colts. Must be sold by February 15. Address W. E. O'Donnell, Cameron, Mo.

## EVOLUTION OF THE HOUSE

Why Do We Build Homes, Why Does Household Exist? Fort Collins, Colo., Dec. 30.—Why do we build homes, and why does the household exist? When we speak of the old homestead we connect it with the memories of childhood, youth, middle life, and old age. We think of all the good times, the weddings, holidays, and also of the deaths that may have occurred there. In the early days the house was really a home, and all the industries were carried on under its roof.

## POLAND CHINA MEETING

Standard Record Association Here February 9 and 10. The annual meeting of the Standard Poland China Record Association will be held in the South St. Joseph Live Stock Exchange building, February 9 and 10.

## A PLACE FOR A HOME.

Thirty million acres of rich, productive farming lands in the state of Texas await the coming of the industrial farmer. This vast undeveloped territory lies on the Plains of Texas. Deaf Smith county is located in the best part of the Plains. The salubrious climate, the fertile soil and pure air make this section an ideal place to build a home. The immigration of good farmers to this part of the state during the last three years has culminated in records. These people are from the best communities of many other states and are building their new homes in a most substantial way. The Panhandle has an air of prosperity wherever you see it.

## FOR SALE.

Ewes dropping lambs; 140 west-erns, 2 to 4 years old; lambs from Shropshire bucks. Rex Bradbury, Exchange building.

## BUTTER FAT.

The Blue Valley Creamery Co., St. Joseph, Mo., quotes butter fat today at 31c for No. 1.

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NOT A BAD SHOWING.

An increase of a quarter of a million in hog receipts over the previous year is not a bad showing by any means. And this is the record for this year in the St. Joseph market.

YOU MAY, OTHERS DON'T.

You may take yourself seriously, but as long as you undertake to build up large towns or gigantic commercial interests with postal card and cheap circular advertising, you will be regarded as a joke by people who do things.

HAVE YOU DONE ANY GOOD?

Well, you've only got one more day in which to complete your record for 1908. If you have not accomplished any good during the balance of the year, it is up to you to get up something more than a waterbury movement during the next twenty-four hours.

PROGRESS OF THE MINING INDUSTRY.

In his review of the progress of the mining industry in Nevada in 1907 Mr. Yale makes the following statements:

"There is a marked diminution of ore shipping in several important districts, where mines with large outputs now have their own reduction plants.

"The average value of all kinds of ore mined in Nevada was very high, though lower than it was in 1906. The gradual elimination of the leasing system in some of the great mines of Goldfield and other camps caused the decrease, as these lessees took out the best available ore only and the companies mine more systematically and take the ore as it comes. In many camps, however, the lessees still continue to work, and in some of the camps they are doing almost the entire work.

"There is an evident desire at Goldfield and in other districts to drop the high-pressure conditions of recent years and to reduce costs. In some large productive properties foremen and underground miners are being brought in from other districts, where they have become accustomed to the economies involved in mining low-grade ore, in which there is only a small profit. In milling, also, careful study is being made by experts to accomplish high extraction at low costs and with little waste.

"The metallurgists at the 20-stamp mill of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company have made some remarkably successful practical experiments in treating sulphides by cyanide at a greatly reduced cost. In fact, by September, 1908, the results accomplished were so successful as to obviate, probably, the necessity of shipping sulphide ores to smelters, as each mine can treat its own ores for less than the usual freight cost alone. The process employed is chemical, no mechanical appliances being necessary, and the plant is very inexpensive."

MUTTON BECOMING POPULAR.

Those who study food conditions assert that mutton is much more commonly used by all classes today than it was a generation ago. Rich and poor alike have gradually acquired a taste for it, and butchers are constantly in search of good animals to meet the demand. Good animals should be emphasized for nothing is much more unpalatable or undesirable than a piece of tough dry mutton, says an exchange. Mutton like other kinds of meat, to be juicy, tender and well flavored must be fat. Sheep and lambs that possess this quality always bring good prices on the market. One reason why there is a scarcity perhaps, is because farmers themselves have acquired a taste for mutton, and make it a part of their daily diet. There is not a question, however, but that money could be made through the fall fattening of sheep.

In the past it has been commercial men largely who have done the fattening of sheep. They buy them in large numbers; as soon as grains and corn come upon the market they begin fattening them for market. This costs them a great deal more than it would cost the farmer. He does not have to wait until the grains have been harvested and threshed, nor does he have to rely wholly upon these feeds which at best are expensive. He can begin feeding early, and without the use of any grain except corn, and even this, as it stands in the field. They can be finished and ready for market, while prices are still high. The expenses of harvesting the corn is saved by letting the sheep in where they can feed themselves. By no means, however, is the corn field the only place where feed awaits them. Cheaper even than this, are the acres of stubble fields and vacant lands, where weeds and aftermaths grow in sufficient quantity to put many pounds of flesh upon a band of ewes. There are also rape and clover fields to be called into play. All these inexpensive feeds are not accessible to the commercial feeder. Yet he makes money fattening sheep. How much greater profit ought to be made by the farmer when he is simply surrounded in the fall with feeds which are not only cheap, but would in many cases otherwise go unused? The chances for commercial feeders seem even less promising than usual this year, since feeds are high.

Commercial men usually use Westerns for feeders, as they can be purchased more cheaply, are more uniform in size and quality, perhaps sturdier, and can also be secured in larger numbers. If a farmer is so situated that he can feed a great many sheep or can cooperate with others in the purchase of a large number, it is probably advisable to get Westerns. If comparatively few are desired, however, it is usually better to get natives. Enough may be picked up in one day's drive throughout the country.

The good feeding steer is evidently getting the benefit of high-priced feed.

IN WOMAN'S REALM

Clean Springs With Mop.

Take an ordinary dish mop such as you can buy for 10 cents, moisten with kerosene, and you will find it much easier to remove dust from coils than by using a rag or brush.

To Keep From Inhaling Dust.

If, when you are ready to do your weekly sweeping, you will place a small piece of cold cream in each nostril you will not inhale any dust in the head, as it will all stick to the cold cream, and can be easily removed with a handkerchief. This is also good when riding in the dust during the summer, and again in the sharp winter weather, if you place some of the cold cream in your nostrils before going out in the air, it often saves a hard cold, and will be appreciated by any one troubled with catarrh in the head.

To Clean Bathtubs.

To clean bathtubs, washbaths, and white sinks use benzine of gasoline, saturate a rag and rub all over, and then rub dry with another cloth; if they are dirty repeat. This will save labor and also the porcelain on the tubs and sink; keep benzine in a glass jar and keep away from fire.

Fruit Butter.

A delicious fruit butter is made by using one-half peck of pears and two dozen of plums. Wash and cut pears in halves, and boil in little water; also wash and break open plums (do not use any worm eaten ones, as they spoil the butter); put on to boil. Boil pears and plums in separate kettles about twenty minutes, then rub through colander, then mix; add to each pint of mixture one-half cup of sugar, cinnamon to taste; boil until thick, then fill in stone jar and cover with paraffin.

Nut Jelly.

When making jelly, after it is cooked and ready for the glasses, add chopped raisins and any kind of chopped nuts; stir all together and pour into glasses to thicken.

Carrot Marmalade.

Take three pounds of carrots, steam until tender, add four pounds of sugar, the grated rind and juice of six lemons; is essential work of shells of almonds, chopped fine; cook from thirty to forty minutes. This will make a delicious preserve, equal to orange marmalade.

Tomato Mustard.

Wash and boil quantity tomatoes until thoroughly cooked. Mash and strain same through a fine sieve. To every two quarts tomatoes prepared in this way add two tablespoonfuls salt, one even teaspoon sugar, replace on stove, and boil. While this liquid is boiling add slowly one pound ground mustard, previously mixed thoroughly with good, sharp vinegar to the consistency of thick cream. Boil five minutes, stir constantly to prevent burning and lumping. Bottle and seal while hot. Let stand a week before using. Will keep a year or until opened. Keep in cool, dry place.

Combination Marmalade.

Six quinces, one peck of sour apples, two quarts of cranberries. Boil all together, strain, and add sugar, cup for cup. This pulp makes excellent marmalade.

To Prevent Scum Rising on Pickles.

Put pieces of horseradish root in a jar of pickles. This will keep a white event the man who cannot tell by the appearance of his stock how much food to use had better go out of the business.

HUMOR THE OLD SOW.

Iowa Homestead: It seems as though every second man you meet is tired of raising hogs. Most of the 1908 hogs that have been marketed before this date realized for their owner a clearly defined and distinct loss. We make this statement believing as we do that there is no profit in selling hogs at prices ranging from \$5 to \$5.50 per hundred pounds when they have been fed on corn ranging in value from 60 to 75 cents per bushel. Prices on hogs are relatively low because of the fact that the number raised during the last three months has almost been unprecedented.

However these things may be, we must go on and raise hogs, and seeing we cannot control the price we receive for them when they are sent to market, the next important thing is to control matters at our end of the line and keep down cost of production. We are right at the critical time now for the 1909 crop of pigs, because the way sows are handled during the next three months will determine very largely the hardihood of the little fellows when they come, and it will also determine to some extent their numbers.

Brood sows have no business running with fattening hogs later than the last of the year. After that time they must get something else besides corn if good results follow next spring. If two or three principles in their care and management are complied with, no excuses will be offered about pigs arriving weakly next March and April. If corn is to be made the principal food, then by all means feed some oil meal or tankage in connection with it. From one quarter to half a pound of tankage daily per sow, even if it is fed dry along with dry corn, makes very nearly a balanced ration. If oil meal is used, rather larger quantities will have to be fed because it is not so rich in tankage in flesh-forming material. We have had splendid success in feeding to sows dry oats mixed with dry bran. This seems like an unpalatable ration, and on paper it may not look right, but we know that it has given good results in our experience. Of course during cold weather sows ought to have a little corn because oats and bran are not heating enough. The proportions we will leave to the feeder but at the present price of oats it is just about as cheap to feed a mixture of half oats and half bran as to use these feeds in any other proportion. We shall not give the amount in pounds that sows should have, because we realize that not one of our readers in a hundred will go to the trouble to weigh the food, and in any

secum from forming on top; also gives them a nice flavor.

Vinegar for Fainting.

To get a person out of a faint soak a cloth with vinegar and apply to the nose.

Lots of people say parrots are dirty birds and that they can't keep a cloth around the cage because polly chews the string off. I broke mine by putting soap all around where she chews. Sometimes gasoline won't clean alone. Try soap with it.

Fashion Notes.

The Japanese sleeve has faded away. Velvet buttons are popular trimmings. Muffs are gigantic in size and in cost. Cloth top boots again are to be in vogue.

Paris declares that all hats must be dark.

Ching robes are the feature of the year. Squirrel pelts are in great demand for linings.

Black is in the height of fashion for opera gowns.

Many skirts are unlined, and cling as never before.

Startling effects in millinery are now discouraged.

Gold is a conspicuous note in present fashions.

Many of the best coats have detachable fur linings.

Director hat scarfs come in colors to match any hat.

New veils are so long as to be almost cumbersome.

Touches of color smarten many costumes of neutral tint.

Venetian beads have considerable popularity for trimming.

Ottoman and fallie are both favorites for street costumes.

New turbans are roomy, coming down on the head to the ears.

Louis XVI. designs are most popular among coiffure ornaments.

Some of the smartest shops are beginning to show small hats.

The Russian Cossack cap is one of the leading turban shapes.

All corsages this season are of the exact shade of the robe.

Net and lace are the most used waist materials of the season.

Two faced cloths are much in vogue for long automobile coats.

Boots with uppers in harmony with the costume are much affected.

The director glove is laced up the sides instead of being buttoned.

Traipse is two distinct tones, one being much lighter than the other.

Many new dancing frocks are made of tulle, embroidered with beadwork.

The extremes in hat, muff, and coiffure sizes were never more pronounced.

A three piece set of furs, strictly matched, can be worn with any costume.

The turban of fur is in the ascendancy, even over the wide brimmed hat.

One of the newest fancies is for stiff linen collars, trimmed with color.

Wise Beyond Her Age.

René La Montague, the crack polo player, tells this story of a very small miss, the five-year-old daughter of a prominent merchant of the Cedarhurst set.

Mr. La Montague was driving a small trap from the Cedarhurst Hunt club to his home in Rockaway, when he encountered the little miss, who was out for a walk with her nurse and a small baby brother, who occupied the perambulator. Being an intimate friend of the child's parents, he offered to give her a lift as far as her house. The Mr. La Montague was regaled with interesting items of family news which were slipped out in rapid succession until he pulled up in front of the house.

The child alighted, and as there was nobody a sight on the grounds, he asked her if she could get indoors safely. "Oh, yes," said the little tot, "and thank you very much."

Meet Upon the Level.

Once upon a time a certain community planned to give a dinner to a judge there. When the dinner came to scan the list of those invited he raised vigorous protest against one name, that of a man who had been the most brilliant lawyer in town, but who was now the town drunkard. They finally overcame his opposition, but the town drunkard had heard of it. He was the last speaker called upon. He arose and said: "Mr. Toastmaster—Fifteen years ago I had a practice in this town that amounted to \$12,000 a year. I had a wife and family whom I supported in comfort. I had my own horse and carriage. At that time the guest of the evening was on his way west in an emigrant wagon. He landed in this town and started in to make his living. Since then, Mr. Toastmaster," he cried with a pathetic break in his voice, "since that time I have been going steadily down, down, down, and our guest has been going up, up, up, until now we are just about on a level."—National Home Journal.

The Mental Jog.

"There is a certain type of person," said the business man, "especially in New York, who seems unable to understand what is said to him—or her—unless the statement or remark is prefixed by some catch word—usually the word 'listen.'"

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AROUND THE RAIL

CARELESS HELPER HAD TIED ROPE TO SCAFFOLDING.

Escape from Fatality Illustrates How Dependent One Workman May Be on His Fellow-Danger in "Green" Man.

"If a man stays green long," he concluded, "we can't afford to keep him. It ain't fair to the others. You see, in these jobs men depend on each other. A rope badly tied, a signal given too soon, a slip in a tight place, may send some other poor devil off into the open—head over heels."

Here's a story in point: A man named Dave McRay was working out on a 900-foot railroad bridge over a river. The bridge was built and the trains were already running across. McRay was down on a scaffold some 30 feet under the middle. His helper, a green country recruit, had tied the ropes that held it. There were two ropes, one from each end. The first rope the helper had tied round a wooden beam between the tracks, and next in a dreamy kind of a way he had tied the second round one of the rails. Then he slid down, and the pair began peacefully working.

Some moments later a train came thundering out. All of a sudden McRay heard a snort. He looked round, and saw the youth starting straight up at the track, with his mouth wide open, a calculating look in his eyes. His freckled face grew slowly white. McRay seized his arm.

"Say," he demanded, "wot's eatin' you?"

His helper looked round, gave one frantic shout, and dived for the river 70 feet below. Just then the train roared overhead, cut the rope in two, and down went McRay, grabbing the scaffolding tight. He hung by the other rope, and said a good deal. When the train had gone, he went up hand over hand to a steel truss, and from there, looking down, he saw the head of the youngster, who was swimming hard for the shore. He made quick calculations. Then he climbed up to the track and ran like a deer. But by the time he got to the river bank his helper was already ashore and had lit out over the fields. The bridge never saw him again.—Ernest Poole, in Everybody's.

SPRECKELS BURIED.

Funeral Services Are Held at Family Residence.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—The funeral of the late Claus Spreckels took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of the family, where hundreds of friends had called to pay tributes of respect. A brief service was conducted by the Rev. Julius Fuendeling of St. Mark's Lutheran church, and a few simple hymns were sung by a quartet. The remains were then carried to a funeral car and taken to the Spreckels mausoleum in Cypress Lawn cemetery accompanied only by relatives and a few friends.

These Women!

A woman gets one dozen pint bottles of beer, ten five-cent cigars, a loaf of rye bread and a dime's worth of cheese and bologna, calls it a Dutch lunch, invites 18 men as a surprise on her husband, and then leaves them to themselves, expecting them to get real tough.—Atchison Globe.

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BIG SWAMP TRACT

Valley of Cypress Creek Basin in Four Counties Will Be Drained.

GOVERNOR AIDS PROJECT

Thousands of Acres of Land Expected to Yield Large Returns.

Arkansas City, Ark., Dec. 29.—A big drainage project affecting parts of four counties—Chicot, Lincoln, Jefferson and Desha—will be given a great impetus Dec. 29 at a meeting here of property owners and members of the state legislature. The object is the proposed draining of the Cypress Creek basin and reclaiming thousands of acres of swamp land.

At this meeting reports will be received from the United States government engineers in regard to the practicability of draining the district into Red river. A route will be chosen and steps taken to form an improvement district and have the necessary measures drawn up to be enacted by the coming legislature providing for the levying and collection of taxes upon property owners to defray the cost.

RUNS A REPTILE RANCH.

Remote Desert Place Made Lively by Their Cultivation.

"I reckon the chap that sold me this land thought he had me suicided," said a tall lank individual in a little desert settlement of lower California, nearer the gulf than was comfortable, "but he missed his guess. You see," he said to Gia Juan, Mexico correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, "he sold me this ranch while I was in the east. Showed me pictures of the beautiful climate of California, palms and roses, and said that's what would come of the land when you got the water on it.

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Farmers and Planters Produce Own Supply Along With Their Cotton.

SHOO THE LABOR AGENTS

Stop Use by Them of Weevil Scare to Take Negro Workers Away.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 29.—The planters and farmers of Mississippi are up with their harvesting, have gotten their crops pretty nearly out of the way and are already advancing preparations for the next crop. An 875-mile trip through the state, covering the best farming sections, the cut-over pine lands, the fertile acres of the Delta and the mixed bottom and hill lands along the Yazoo and the Tallahatchee, shows the fleecy baled up about gins and warehouses and only about 8 per cent of the cotton crop yet unpicked.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Bank will be held and convened at the office of said bank, located in the Live Stock Exchange building on the property of the St. Joseph Stock Yards company, south of the city of St. Joseph, in the county of Buchanan, state of Missouri, on Monday, Jan. 11, 1904, at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting. I. A. VANT, President. J. L. FREELAND, Secretary.

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THE DONOVAN LOVING CUP



LAUD DONOVAN

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which I feel that I have swallowed. The links will not come up or go down. I can assure you, however, that one end of the chain is bound tight to my heart, and you have the other end. This (pointing to the loving cup) is a tribute. The gift is magnificent, but nothing in comparison with the sentiment which has made it possible.

"I don't believe that there are many people who have the privilege of living in a community like this. There is not a person here who has me for an enemy or for anything but a friend. You have been too good to me in the more than forty years that I have lived with you. I have received credit for work that has been done in South St. Joseph. In a measure I deserve it but the fullness of the gratitude should go to one who is no longer with us—Mr. G. F. Swift. His policies made the stock market at South St. Joseph possible. In no other instance had it been attempted to start a new market so near an old and successful one. He did not know what the word fall meant. He put up his money and put in his enthusiasm when this venture looked anything but prosperous.

"Speaking of the stock yards and the military tournament, or any other thing that may have been brought here through my efforts, I could not have accomplished anything without the help of the people who are right here. They have lived with me for more than forty years, and in the end they are here to minimize my faults and magnify my virtues.

"I can say nothing more and cannot think of anything greater than to find my eternal sleep in the bosom of this state and among those with whom I have lived for so many years."

WILD BEASTS ON FARM.

Denver Man Will Supply Animals to Zoological Parks and Circuses.

Denver, Colo.—M. F. Kendrick, of Denver, has established a reservation on which he will rear wild beasts for market. He plans to sell the animals to the states that are actively engaged in the preservation of wild game, but he does not intend to confine himself to this single source of demand. He believes that even were there no states interested in producing game the general market would warrant the founding of this novel reservation.

It was at the suggestion of Dr. William T. Hornaday, of the New York Zoological society, and other noted naturalists that Mr. Kendrick established the preserve, which will be conducted by an association known as the Kendrick Pheasants and Wild Game Association.

For several years the founder of the new enterprise has maintained a

pheasant exhibit at the city park in Denver, expending for that purpose several thousand dollars of his own money each year. It was his love for and surpassing knowledge of birds that inspired him to start the wild game preserve, on which many thousands of pheasants will be raised each year for the market.

For the first few years only animals that inhabit North America will be raised, but in time lions, tigers and even elephants will be supplied for the market. At present the farm will be stocked with deer, elk, antelope, buffalo, mountain goats, bears, etc.

The association has bought 1,600 acres of land nine miles south of Denver. A lake fifty acres in area will supply the water, as will also the Platte river, which flows through Skeleton Farm, as a part of the tract purchased is known.

An electric line now runs close by, and it is expected that the reservation will become as much of a resort for sightseers as is the famous ostrich farm near Los Angeles.

"It requires no more feed to produce one pound of buffalo or elk than the same of cattle and sheep," said Mr. Kendrick, "while the care and protection in housing are less, and the prices are high either on the foot or the butcher's block. Buffalo meat, retails at from fifty cents to \$1 a pound; elk meat brings nearly as much, and venison sells at about half these prices. The association will not lack a good market at good prices, even if all its product be not taken by zoological parks or game preserves."

Mr. Kendrick has been invited by the United States government to send to the national chemist the body of any bird or animal that has died of a disease with which he is not familiar and the government agrees to send him without cost a full description of the disease and its cure.

A Leading Question.

Superintendent McLaren of San Francisco's system of public parks was inspecting the work of restoring Union square to its former beauty, now that the little St. Francis has been removed.

"I'm for heavin' this un out; it's a hum little bush," remarked a gardener with a brogue.

"Which one?" inquired McLaren. "You don't mean this beautiful little Scotch heather? All it needs is more water and it will grow as tall as you are."

"You're not so tall yourself, Mr. McLaren."

"Not extraordinarily so."

"I say, Mr. McLaren," reflected the gardener, thoughtfully, "did you ever throw water yourself?"—San Francisco Chronicle.

Ending the Trouble.

"I thought you were engaged?"

"Well, I was—for a while."

"Did she throw you over?"

"Oh, no. I found out she had an artificial arm—so I broke it off."

OKLAHOMA CROP

Biennial Cotton Crop Report Details Cost of Production for Year.

STATISTICAL DATA GIVEN

State Board of Agriculture Compiles Figures on Farm Industries.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 30.—That the profits received by the Oklahoma farmer from his cotton crop average nearly \$10 an acre is the showing made by statistical data in the biennial report of the Oklahoma state board of agriculture, which is now in the hands of the printers. The figures on the cost of producing cotton are furnished by F. W. Gist, special agent of the United States department of agriculture, and published by special permission of Secretary Wilson.

The cost of producing cotton in 1907, is shown in detail as follows:

Cost of preparation of land an acre.....	\$ 1.40
Cost of planting an acre.....	.65
Cost of cultivating an acre.....	3.38
Cost of picking an acre.....	5.23
Cost of ginning.....	2.57
Total cost, an acre.....	\$12.23

Receipts an acre for lint and seed..... \$21.76  
Profit..... \$ 9.53

From this profit is to be deducted the rental value of the land, which is shown to be \$3, or \$5.49, or 30 cents an acre, according to whether cash rental or a part of the crop is paid, 30 cents being the average rental paid on school lands.

State's Products.

The following is a summary for the state of the acreage, production and value of the farm products:

The board makes a corrected estimate of the acreage, production and value of corn, wheat, oats and cotton for the present season as follows:

Acreage.	
Corn.....	4,241,613
Cotton.....	1,610,453
Wheat.....	1,328,158
Oats.....	456,532
Production.	
Corn.....	\$5,230,442
Cotton.....	492,572
Wheat.....	17,017,887
Oats.....	10,055,928
Value.	
Corn.....	\$47,865,357
Cotton.....	24,763,150
Wheat.....	14,716,513
Oats.....	4,199,415

Total value..... \$91,544,435

This compares with the following values for the same crops for last year:

Corn.....	\$35,409,961
Wheat.....	9,545,525
Oats.....	1,126,897
Cotton.....	33,748,822

Total..... \$79,811,201

This shows a net increase of 11,733,232 on the four crops for the present season over the last.

In the census returned by the township assessors the total population of the state is shown to have been 1,445,261, of which 760,635, or 52.6 per cent are males, and 684,626, or 47.4 per cent are females; 1,284,529, or 87.5 per cent are white; 111,969, or 7.7 per cent are negroes; 68,433, or 4.7 per cent, are Indians, and 333, or .1 per cent, are Mongolians; 250,372, or 17.3 per cent, are under the age of 5 years; 494,248, or 34.2 per cent, are between the ages of 6 and 20, and 700,641, or 48.5 per cent, are 21 and over.

Population Increases.

The total population shows an increase of 2.1 per cent over the federal census of July 1, 1907, which is thought to represent merely a normal increase for the period intervening.

The climatology of Oklahoma is taken up in detail, including a reprint of the official records of the weather bureau for the area embraced in the state of Oklahoma covering a period of ten years from 1898 to 1907, giving comparative data as far back as 1892 and the records for the present year for the first ten months.

According to this report, the mean annual temperature is shown to be 59.7 degrees; the maximum for ten years was 116, and the minimum 27 degrees below zero.

The mean annual rainfall is shown to be 33.88 inches, the highest annual being 49.54 in 1902 and the lowest 22.70 in 1901. May is the month of greatest rainfall, the average for that month being 6.23 inches. February is the lowest, with an average of 1.25 inches.

Other Statistics.

The average date of the last killing frost in the spring is April 7, ranging from March 24, in 1905, to April 28, in 1903. The average date of the first frost in autumn is October 26, ranging from October 18, in 1898, and 1905, to November 13, in 1902. The average length of season is six months and nineteen days, ranging from five months and twenty-eight days, in 1903, to seven months and fifteen days, in 1902.

For the first ten months of the present year the mean temperature is shown to be 63.4 degrees, the maximum 108, in June and July; the minimum, 2 degrees below, in February. The amount of rainfall for these ten months is 43.50 inches, or 9.62 inches more than the annual average, and greater than any annual average in the history of the state. The range of precipitation for these ten months is from 6.67 inches, at Hooker, Texas county, to 69.26 inches at South McAlester.

STOCK BREEDERS' MEETING.

Kansas Twentieth Annual Meeting Called Early in January.

Topeka, Dec. 30.—The twentieth annual meeting of the Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association will be held in the Capitol Building, Topeka, Kansas, January 11, 12 and 13, 1909, beginning Monday evening, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock.

The executive committee have arranged for a highly interesting and practical program of permanent interest to every branch of live-stock husbandry.

In addition to the set addresses and especially prepared papers for this annual occasion, important business matters will come up for general discussion along the line of needed legislation.

Among the attractions of the regular program the Kansas State Dairy Association officials have secured Prof. G. W. McKay, formerly of the Iowa agricultural college, for an address on the dairy industry; also C. H. Eckles, professor of dairy husbandry of the University of Missouri, for an address.

The Kansas Swine Breeders' Association will provide the talent for one session of especial interest to breeders of hogs, and Dr. J. W. Conaway, veterinarian of the Missouri experiment station, will discuss "Hog Cholera Vaccinations," and Dr. W. T. King, Olathe, Kan., of Kansas Veterinary Association, will give "Results of Successful Experiments in Hog Cholera." Prof. John E. Walters, of the Kansas agricultural college, will present a very interesting paper on "Cement Concrete in the Barn and Barnyard," which will be of practical value to every breeder.

C. L. Carter, of Cabool, Mo., president of the South Missouri Live Stock Breeders' Association, has consented to give an address of special interest to exhibitors of live stock.

The cattle interests will have special attention at the hands of our ex-president, Chas. E. Sutton, of Lawrence, and other noted breeders, including Chas. R. Thomas, president of the American Royal Show, also secretary of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association.

The horse interests will be handled as a general discussion, a symposium of the "Horse Useful and Otherwise," opened by T. A. Gierens, of the Lincoln Importing Horse Company, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Senator H. W. Avery, of Clay county, and others.

Another notable topic to be considered at this meeting is, "Rebuilding a Sheep State," by M. V. Carroll, secretary of the Missouri Sheep Breeders' Association, Sedalia, Mo., who will outline the experiences in Missouri in getting the sheep industry started up-grade for the benefit of the state and the farmer.

Full details of the twentieth annual meeting of the Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association, and other important state meetings at Topeka during "Farmers' Week," January 11-14, 1909, will be given in the combination program ready for distribution about the first of the new year, by H. A. Heath, secretary.

ARE LOSING THE EARTH.

Lumber Combine Means That Last of Free Forest Has Gone.

Milwaukee, Dec. 30.—In an address last night, speaking to the Business Men's Club, S. D. Raymer, Ph. D., declared that man is losing the earth and that the rich are cornering the world. He said:

"The other day at Washington I. B. Walker, of Minneapolis, admitted the formation of a lumber combine to control practically every stick of standing timber in the western Hemisphere." Sometimes an announcement was made in Chicago that the Weyerhaeuser, O'Brien, Cook and Hines interests were to form the nucleus of this great combine. Cook, one of the alleged 'combine' men, has denied that the Cook and O'Brien interests have consolidated with the Weyerhaeuser and Hines interests, but, as Walker's admission expressly states that it is not Mr. Weyerhaeuser, of St. Paul, nor Mr. Hines, of Chicago, nor the Walker interests, of Minneapolis, who are moving in the matter, but 'the great underwriting interests that financed the steel combination and other gigantic combinations,' we may accept Cook's statement as literally true and still be forced to believe the assertion of Walker.

"Think of it! Practically every stick of standing timber of the western hemisphere! The trees that were standing when Columbus sailed from Spain, that no man planted, pruned or protected, the seedlings of God, the dowry of the race, freely bestowed by the Creator—all 'owned' by a few men!

"Any man who has tried within the past few years to acquire timber land in Mexico or South America is prepared to believe that 'the great interests that founded the steel and other great combinations' have grabbed everything. For he has found every tropical forest within reach of man bought up, forestalled by big interests."

"On the heels of an election in which the Rooseveltian opposition to 'swollen fortunes' is supposed to have won, this great combine is announced, putting another necessity of life in the grasp of Morgan, Rockefeller, Rogers, Archbold, Flagler, Baer, Weyerhaeuser and their associates.

"We are losing the earth. God gave us. We are coming to be tenants at sufferance of the planet on which we live. Man did not make the forests, the mines, the rivers, the hills or the plains. God made them, and he made them for all men.

"The new lumber combine and its fellows are tremendous machines for reaping where other men have sown, for taking without earning, for eating bread in the sweat of other men's brows, for building higher the House of Have, and making lower, darker and more squalid the House of Want. 'How long shall we endure it?'"

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And a number of others, and if you want a bargain in a farm, it will pay you to come and see what we have to offer.

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Burying Cables in River Bed.

It seems odd that telegraph and telephone companies should be forced to bury their cables in the bed of a large river, yet this became necessary in places along the Ohio during the recent drought.

The river was so low that boys could and did play ball in the very channel bed, and the exposure left the telephone cables entirely unprotected. To avoid a repetition of the incident, therefore, the companies have dug trenches in the river bed, in which the cables have been securely covered.—Marine Journal.

Ancient Mining Center.

An Egyptian mining center—probably worked as early as 2500 B. C.—was in the eastern desert, between the Red sea and the Nile. The lately discovered remains described by C. J. Alford include small irregular stone huts, arranged in groups of two or three, to towns large enough for 1,000

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