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DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 145 Cars, 4137 Cattle; 56 Cars, 3546 Hogs; 16 Cars, 3697 Sheep.

CATTLE RUNS STILL LARGE

But Come Mostly From Range Countries, No Prime Natives Are Arriving.

MARKET STEADY TO WEAKE

Packers Using Large Supplies of Rangers at Good Prices—Native Cow Stock Not in Large Supply. Best Kinds Steady—Stocker Trade Steady—Hogs Take Skyrocket Spurt of 10 to 20 Cents—Fat Sheep and Lambs Steady.

Receipts from January 1, 1910.

The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1910, and for the corresponding time in 1909:

Table with columns for 1910, 1909, Dec., Inc. for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Horses.

Live Stock in Sight.

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

Table with columns for Market, 1910, 1909, Dec., Inc. for Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Horses.

Receipts by Cars.

The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads at the five principal western markets:

Table with columns for Market, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Horses.

CATTLE.

No Change in General Market Condition, Few Natives Coming. And still there is no material show of a let-up in number of cattle moving to the markets from the range countries, but the corn belt sections either have not the cattle or owners are holding back to let the rangers have full sway in the markets. The total of cattle at the five market points for today was 43,990 and makes a two days total of 127,000 or only slightly less than for the same time last week and a year ago. The falling off is not sufficient to cause any change for the better in market conditions. On the local market there is a decrease of 1500 head for two days compared with the same time last week and 2500 less than for the like period last year.

In the article of this morning there was the same lack of fat fed beefs that has been noted for several weeks; in fact, there was not a load of fully fat corn fed steers in sight in first round of this morning. There was the same slow tone to the opening trade that has been apparent for the past week or two days but when the buyers got to going they went on about a steady basis of prices compared with the opening market of the week for the better grades of the range offerings and the few loads of native steers that were in fair beef condition. Later in the day the market showed a weak tone and some of the sales were considered a shade lower. Sales of native steers were on a basis of \$5.50 to \$5.50 for the classes of beefs here but some of the right kinds would sell up to \$7.75 or better. Sales of natives largely in a range of \$4.50 to \$5.50 but with the better grades selling up to \$6.00 and better. It speaks well for the trade that the packers are using these big supplies at the central markets without forcing prices to a lower level.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. 23.....1237.6 25.....1220.5 24.....1085.5 25.....1170.5 1.....660.5 2.....1040.5 0

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED. There was more of a showing of stock on the market this morning than was the case yesterday but a large part of the supply was made up of stock from the western ranges. There were but few loads of native cows or heifers here but with the liberal range contingent the buyers started out to fill orders on a lower level. First rounds of bidding were at around a dime lower than prices at which the bulk of the trade was done on opening day of the week and for the most of the day the market was steady to shade lower deals although in many instances of the good kinds of fat cows prices realized were as high as at any time lately. Principals weakness of the day was shown in the canner grades.

veal is still active and prices for all of the good and useful grades of calves continued to hold steady.

Table with columns for Heifers, 5000, 4000, 3000, 2000, 1000, 500, 250, 100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, 1/128, 1/256, 1/512, 1/1024, 1/2048, 1/4096, 1/8192, 1/16384, 1/32768, 1/65536, 1/131072, 1/262144, 1/524288, 1/1048576, 1/2097152, 1/4194304, 1/8388608, 1/16777216, 1/33554432, 1/67108864, 1/134217728, 1/268435456, 1/536870912, 1/1073741824, 1/2147483648, 1/4294967296, 1/8589934592, 1/17179869184, 1/34359738368, 1/68719476736, 1/137438953472, 1/274877906944, 1/549755813888, 1/1099511627776, 1/2199023255552, 1/4398046511104, 1/8796093022208, 1/17592186044416, 1/35184372088832, 1/70368744177664, 1/140737480355296, 1/281474960710592, 1/562949921421184, 1/1125899842842368, 1/2251799685684736, 1/4503599371369472, 1/9007198742738944, 1/1801439748547888, 1/3602879497095776, 1/7205758994191552, 1/14411517988383104, 1/28823035976766208, 1/57646071953532416, 1/115292143910664832, 1/230584287821329664, 1/461168575642659328, 1/922337151285318656, 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AN UNWASHED VILLAGE.

If you are really looking for the land of the "great unwashed" it appears that the proper thing to do at present is to buy a ticket for Palmer, Massachusetts.

The latest from Massachusetts that will get in fact is getting her fair name into first page positions, is an effort from the town council of Palmer, in that history-making state, that prohibits residents therein from taking a bath in water furnished by the water works apparatus of that town.

Besides feeling a twinge of far-fetched sorrow for the residents of Palmer and the political effect it might have on the town if not the state, there is a suggestion in this situation that might be brought out here into the west and posed on the banks of the Missouri river.

And herein lies the suggestion that might be drawn from the situation in the Massachusetts town. When the public utility company gets its franchise for the tearing up of streets and stringing poles, pipes or whatsoever all over the town the inference is that it agrees to furnish the town with an adequate service in that particular line.

"THE NEW FARMING."

Zounds! s'death! Likewise dirks, daggers and dynamite!!! Here is one of the real things. One of the facile farmers of the editorial columns of the St. Joseph Gazette has discovered something Kansas discovered and exploited the same thing four years ago and it is nothing short of a full-fledged surprise party that anyone in, for and pertaining to St. Joe, Mo., should discover and publish the same idea within four years of the time that it happened in Kansas.

"At last, a method of farming has been devised which will appeal to that hardy class of citizens which includes the yegmen, safe blowers and others of like tendencies. One objection that has been urged by many against farming is that it is monotonous, that it lacks the excitement some humans crave.

"But now this can no longer be argued. Over in Kansas they have added the element of danger that it is believed will hold many to the soil. When the husbandman is enabled to leave his home and kiss his wife and children good bye, with no assurance that he will not come back minus an arm or leg or that his remains may not be scattered about the farm in atoms, the hazard is added that will appeal to the most desperate.

The new discovery made by study and instructors of the Kansas



Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Two Dreams

Found the Treasure

THERE was once upon a time in England long ago," said daddy one evening, "a poor peddler who wanted very much to become rich.

"One night he said to his wife: 'I wish I could find the great sum of money which the old king is said to have buried somewhere in this town. Many people have searched for it, but no one has ever been able to find any trace of it. It is said that there is enough money buried here to make a man rich for life.'

"Don't listen to such foolish stories," said his wife. "That night the peddler had a strange dream. He dreamed that if he went to London bridge and stood there watching the river flow past he would hear some very good news. The next night he had the same dream, and the third night it came again, so he said to his wife:

"Wife, I am going to stand on London bridge and see what happens.' His wife tried to coax him not to go, saying it was a waste of money, but he would not listen to her and went to London.

"For three days he stood on London bridge, looking down at the water. London was a busy place, and many people passed over the bridge to and fro, but none of them stopped to say anything to the poor peddler. At the end of the third day he was just about to leave with a sad heart when a man stopped him and said:

"Friend, what are you doing here? I have watched you for three days. You do not try to sell anything, and you do not beg. You only look down at the water. Now you are going away. Why did you come here?"

"The poor peddler was glad to have some one to talk to him, so he told the stranger the story of his three dreams. 'Why,' said the man, 'that is certainly strange. You dreamed that if you came and stood on London bridge you would hear good news, while I dreamed only last night that if I went to a certain town—and he named the peddler's own home—and would dig under an oak tree behind a certain house—and here he mentioned the peddler's own house—I should find a great store of money there. But, of course, I do not believe in such silly dreams.'

"But the peddler did believe. He hurried home and dug in the place the stranger had named. Sure enough, there he found the treasure which the old king had buried years before, and for the rest of his life he was a rich man."

agricultural college is that dynamite plovling can be successfully carried on. In fact there are said to be large areas in Kansas, underlaid with what is known as hard pan, which can be successfully farmed only if the sub-soil is shaken up by means of the explosive. Not only does the breaking of the lower soil allow the water to soak in and again appear on the surface when needed in the dry sections, but swamp lands are made tillable when the hardpan is cracked and water allowed to drain through it.

"What is needed now is some philanthropist who will buy up large tracts of this hard pan land and colonize it with dynamiters—those who are fond of the dangers lurking in the sticks of explosives. The more they cause the earth to quake the more alfalfa and wheat they will be enabled to raise.

"Plowing with sticks of dynamite may not appeal to the timid man, but there are those who would be in their natural element at this kind of work."

LESSON FOR THE WEST.

One of the surprises of this year's census is furnished by a comparison of the changes at Des Moines, in our sister state of Iowa, and Springfield, in that back-number state of Massachusetts, says the St. Joseph Gazette.

Ten years ago, Des Moines and Springfield were less than 100 apart in population. This proximity has kept both cities watching one another pretty closely in the interim. It resulted in considerable rivalry for one to outstrip the other in the race ending with the current year's census.

When both sets of figures were given out, it was learned that Springfield had increased the difference of less than 100 to 2,552 greater population than the Iowa capital. The Des Moines boosters haven't been able to figure it out.

Possibly a little acid test on the figures of 1909 might, as it did in Missouri, reveal some explanation. But, besides that, Springfield industrial interests have had a wonderful decade of prosperity. The home of one of the first factories to put on an automobile has grown wonderfully—from one to three factories, and each factory has developed an army of employes.

FARMERS AND PRICE OF WHEAT. A report received on the grain exchanges this week says that 225 farmers in York county, Nebraska, have agreed among themselves not to sell another bushel of the 1910 crop of wheat until the price reaches a dollar a bushel at their stations. Correspondence received by the Commercial West this week from Spokane, says that farmers in Columbia county, Washington, are paying \$25,000 a month, in storage charges and interest, to hold their grain in warehouses at railroad stations. They are carrying 2,000,000 bushels, and speculators or "other" speculators, are carrying an additional half-million bushels. In the wheat-growing counties of southern Washington and northern Oregon there still remains, it is estimated, from 15 to 25 per cent of the 1909 crop of wheat. Walla Walla alone reports half a million bushels. Holders of this wheat now have a loss of 25c or more a bushel in the price alone, and with interest, storage and shrinkage added, the loss is probably one-third of the price the farmers might have obtained last fall.

The folly of such speculative transactions on the part of farmers—whose business, by the way, is farming and not that of speculation—is now plainly apparent. As yet, perhaps, the folly of the 225 York county, Nebraska, farmers is not so apparent, but it

probably will be before spring. While there can be no logical argument against the practice of farmers marketing their wheat gradually throughout the year rather than in rushing it along during the fall and early winter months, the obstinate refusal to sell when the price is high, or to hold for an arbitrary price, is to display a lack of business sense; for nine times out of ten it will mean actual loss. At the present time all foodstuffs are soaring at artificial heights. Prices are at famine levels, but salaries and wages are not. It is as certain that an adjustment will take place as that streams find their normal level again after the spring freshets; and the adjustment will not be by the raising of salaries and wages. This high-price area is as unnatural as any other kind of epidemic; and farmers who pledge themselves to hold their wheat for a dollar are as wrong in an economic way as the man are politically wrong who are still voting for Andrew Jackson.—Commercial West.

He Also Was a Dead One.

Governor Stuart, brown and soldierly, returned recently from his inspection of the National Guard at Gettysburg. He is a commander in chief who faces warfare as a stern duty, but prefers to go to war in a Pullman, with his "peacock" staff safely ensconced in comfortable seats about him.

"Duty is duty." That is the Stuart motto. So he did what the manual required of the commander—slept in camp, near the Casino, inspected the regiments, reviewed them, and was a real soldier in the mimic battles. One of the stories told at the Union League by the governor to his chums about the terrible conflict, is as follows:

"It occurred after the great onslaught on the Reds. Scores of 'labeled' dead were on the ground. Officers were down under the rain of invincible bullets shot from noiseless and smokeless guns. The sun wept upon the scene of carnage. The wounded were carried to hospitals, past dying and dead companions. It was terrible.

"Standing in front of his tent a captain was seized by a sobbing father, who in great agony cried out: 'Why didn't you tell me my son was killed?'

"How could I? I was killed myself."

How He Found Out.

There was silence for a moment. Presently she spoke, and the tone of voice she elected to use was tremulous and pleading.

"Gustavus, dearest, do—do you ever drink?" Reluctantly he admitted that there were occasions when he glanced carelessly upon the wine when it was ready.

"Ah! dearest," she continued, with anxiety depicted on her lovely features, "what do you suppose papa would say if he should discover that his only daughter's future husband drank?"

"He discovered it yesterday afternoon," responded Gustavus, with some of the same old reluctance.

"Oh; and what did he say?" she inquired, breathlessly.

"He said—the manly young fellow's voice trembled—"he said, 'Well, Gustavus, my boy, I don't care if I do; mine is the same, with just a dash of bitters.'"

There was silence for a moment—possibly two moments.

On with the Dance.

She—"I'm afraid I'm tiring you rather." He—"Oh, not at all. I used to be attendant to the elephant house at the zoo."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

EXPLORING BARKING ABBEY

Workmen Excavating for New Street Find Subterranean Passage Leading From Old Edifice.

In the course of excavations for a new street at Barking a subterranean passage was discovered which had evidently led from the old abbey.

A workman, while digging at a depth of ten feet, drove his pick into some soft stonework, and after the subsequent collapse of earth the passage was revealed. It was found that the pick had been driven through the arched ceiling of a stone-built passage some eight feet six inches high and about six feet wide. Exploring parties have investigated the interior by the aid of candle light. The walls were found to be damp and clammy, and the floor was covered with a thick carpet of spongy substance, into which the feet sank slightly. For a distance of nearly 20 yards the passage is clear, and at either end of this stretch it is blocked, in one case by a fall of earth and in the other case, presumably, by the character of the structure itself. Two smaller passages turn off the first passage, and in one of the side turnings there were found half a dozen human skulls and a quantity of bones. Among the latter is a number of jaw bones of horses or other large animals. All the bones and skulls are charred, and the walls of the passage also show traces of fire.

The Abbey of Barking is reported to have been built in A. D. 679 by Erkenwald, who afterwards became Bishop of London, and whose sister Ethelberga became first abbess at Barking. It was the first nunnery established in this country. In A. D. 870 the Danes destroyed it by fire, and it lay desolate for a century until restored by King Edgar. Many members of royal families were among the abbesses. From the fact that the main passage runs in the direction of Barking creek, a short distance away, it is believed to have afforded a channel of communication from the abbey to the waterway and thence to the Thames.—London Standard.

HEARD IN JUVENILE COURT

Judge Is No Match for Colored Mammy, Who Outwits Him at Every Turn.

The Judge of the juvenile court, leaning forward in his chair, looked searchingly from the discreet and very ragged pickaninny before his desk to the ample and solicitous form of the culprit's mother, says the Youth's Companion. "Why do you send him to the railroad yards to pick up coal?" demanded his honor. "You know it is

against the law to send your child where he will be in jeopardy of his life."

"Deed, judge, I doesn't send 'im; 'n nobber has sent 'im, deed—"

"Doesn't he bring home the coal?" interrupted the judge, impatiently.

"But, judge, I whips 'im, judge, eb'ry time he brings it, I whips de little rascal till he can't eat, 'deed, I does."

The careful disciplinarian turned her broad, shily countenance reprovingly upon her undisturbed offspring, but kept a conciliatory eye for the judge.

"You burn the coal he brings, do you not?" persisted the judge.

"Burns it—burns it—cose I burns it. W'y, judge, I has to get it out ob de way."

"Why don't you send him back with it?" His honor smiled insinuatingly as he rasped out the question.

"Send 'im back, judge!" exclaimed the woman, throwing up her hands in a gesture of astonishment. "Send 'im back! W'y, judge, ain't yo' feet done been told me I didn't oughter send my chile to no such dang'rous and jeop'ardous place?"

Know the Remedy.

"I'll be darned if I didn't have to laugh good 'n hard at one uv them there autty-lunatic, although I didn't feel much like snickerin' at the time," said Farmer Chinfutz to the other soap-box warmers in the cross roads store; "an' here's the answer: On my way down to the county seat the boss balked good 'n stubborn fer a spell an' in the midst uv my rippin' an' snortin' along comes a big red autty-mobile with a real friendly feller behind the goggles. When the feller found out that my outfit was stationary fer the time bein', what do you s'pose he uv an' done? Grabbed a monkey wrench, an oil can an' a hammer, crawled under my wagon, made a noise like a b'lier factory, an' may I be tottally honswaggled if that there boss' mane didn't stand up like a porky-pine an' he made tracks so fast 'im thinkin' uv trainin' him fer the ring speakin' at next county fair, b'gosh."—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

An Optimist.

Young Ben (to mother, who has just been invited to join the Optimistic Club of America)—Mamma, dear, what is an optimist?

Fond Mother—An optimist, my son, is a poor woman who lives in a million-dollar mansion, keeps one hundred servants or more, has two or three agents who do nothing but hunt up some new way for her to spend her income, and can, in spite of all this, look into the future with a sweet smile and a brave heart.—Clark's Book Herald.

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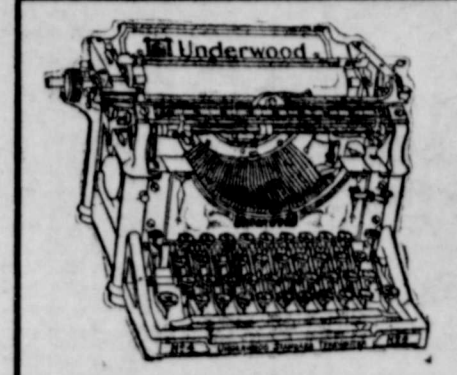
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By Gerald Prime

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"I think we've found her, my boy." "Found what?" Bob Hunter asked. "The girl designed by Providence to become your wife."

The younger man drew the oars into the boat, shifted his feet into a more comfortable position and took out his pipe. "Don't speak a word for three minutes—till I light up," he said, "and then I'll tell you what I think of you."

The other, sitting at the stern and trolling with the air of one who has no expectation, wound the boat end of the fishing tackle about his right leg and raised an umbrella. The promise of sport was too remote to counteract the immediate effect of the sun's ardor.

The boat went on drifting down the feeble current and the young man, with his pipe now in active service, did not resume his oars at once. He made sure that his pipeful of weed was properly alight and then proceeded to fulfill his threat.

"Dan Hunter," he began, removing his pipe from his mouth and pausing to convince himself that it was not about to trick him, "if you were not my father—the very giddiest parent a man of my years and discretion ever had—I should be tempted to call you an old humping."

"Perhaps I am," he said. "Anyhow, Bob, I defer to your judgment." "Perfectly right that you should," Bob went on severely. "I was wrong, though, in calling you old. You are the youngest person I ever saw for your age—forty-two last April. That is because you paint pictures for a living. With my twenty-one years and self-supporting position in the automobile business, I am your senior by a dozen years. I don't mind that. I don't mind that you are the bow-

"I hear you talk, Dan," the young man laughed between vigorous draws of his pipe, which was not behaving its best. "One who did not know you might think that you were contemplating something serious."

"For instance, Bob?" "Well, providing me with a brand new stepmother."

"Better stop that business, Bob," counseled his father seriously. "Suggestion plays strange tricks now and then."

"Then I wish suggestion would get busy. Only let me choose her and everything will be well."

On the morning of the day appointed for the breaking up of the camp Bob and Miss Terriss were in earnest conversation in a secluded corner of the veranda.

"It's come to a climax," croaked Mrs. Veckton to herself and to any one else who happened to be within hearing.

"Do you recognize this hand?" Hope asked serenely, holding an envelope before Bob's eyes.

"I ought to," he returned promptly. "Dad must have helped himself to my stationery."

"It contains a proposition to become your stepmother," she continued, without looking at him and entirely without embarrassment.

"Noble old Dan!" he cried rapturously. "He's the suit of the earth!" "What would you advise me to do?"

"Accept unconditionally." "I shall impose one condition," she said with a flush that made her charming. "You are to leave off calling him Dan. It isn't respectful."

"As an earnest of his intention to comply with her terms he kissed her. "What did I tell you?" demanded Mrs. Veckton, who accepted what she saw as a confirmation of her wisdom in such matters.

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### PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS AND CORN.

When one undertakes to make a study of pig feeding he is confronted with an array of official experimental data which is formidable, if not bewildering. There is no doubt that some stations have published results of feeding tests which cannot be accepted as ground for any very definite conclusions. Occasionally the careful reader can see the circumstances that limit the usefulness of the results, or detect methods that might invite error, but sometimes apparently conflicting results are obtained in different localities for which there is no evident reason. There are, for example, widely differing results from the use of various slaughterhouse products. Thus the Wisconsin station lost several pigs and others suffered from acute indigestion when fed on corn and beef meal in the proportion of two to one by weight, but when the same beef meal was fed to other pigs of the same age, together with corn, shorts and skimmed-milk, the beef meal practically one pound to seven of grain, the growth and general development was satisfactory. In most of the experiments which have come to my attention the tankage of blood meal has been used incomparatively small amount—as a supplement to a corn ration, the basis of comparison being an all-corn diet. The results of all these trials, whether in winter or summer and in both eastern and western states, show that an exclusive corn diet is costly per pound of gain made, and gives less development of frame than any mixed diet with which it is compared. This seems to hold good until hogs are at least six or eight months old or approaching 200 pounds in weight. When pigs have been fairly well grown before exclusive corn feeding is begun, such feeding may be the most economical and satisfactory means of finishing them for market.

This is far from saying that corn is an unfit food for growing pigs. The Illinois station has concluded that there is no reason for wholly withholding corn from any class of farm animals. Where corn is cheaply produced, it should always have a place in the ration of both growing pigs and the driver, the beef steer and the milk cow. The breeding sow and the growing pig, the fattening fowl and the laying hen. Excessive amounts should be avoided in many cases and supplementary foods provided in practically all cases, though many fattening animals will need little of these. We have heard much of feeding for fat and lean, but a carefully carried-out experiment at the Arkansas station seemed to show that development of lean meat or muscle in hogs was closely related to growth of bone or frame, and that increased size of muscles was to be obtained by the course of feeding which gave the best growth of frame and greatest increase of strength of bone. The tendency to elaborate fat from a large part of the food consumed largely a breed characteristic made permanent by selection. There is no evidence that a variation in the nutritive ratio of the food will give more muscle and less fat in the ordinary yard hog except as the mineral elements are also varied, so as to influence bone growth. "Feeding for lean" thus resolves itself into feeding for rapid growth and large frame.

The Arkansas experiment referred to was primarily to determine the influence of breed and feed on the development of fat and lean. The test of breed was, however, made subordinate to the test of type. Thus in every lot there were hogs of two or more breeds of the same type. The experiments covered six points as follows:

1. A comparative test of lard and bacon type of hogs when fed similarly on a ration with a wide nutritive ratio.
2. A comparative test of the same kind when fed on a narrow or highly nutritious ration.
3. A cross comparison between pens containing lard hogs on wide and narrow rations respectively as to increase in weight for food consumed as compared with—
4. Similar observations for those pens containing hogs of the bacon type.
5. A test similar to the above on younger pigs by which the influence of age on food requirements might be shown.
6. A check pen containing animals of all the breeds fed on a medium or balanced ration.

All the pigs were fed twice a day as much as they would eat without waste, and a mixture of hard-wood ashes and salt was kept before each lot. The rations were over-nitrogenous in the one hand and over-carbonaceous on the other, but extremes which would endanger health or appetite were avoided. The narrow ration was of corn chop, bran blood meal and tankage, with a nutritive ratio of 1:3. The wide ration was of four parts corn chop to one of bran, ratio 1:8.1. The medium ration was of corn chop, middlings and bran, ratio 1:5.

The first four lots as above noted, contained five hogs each. The lard hogs were Berkshires, Poland Chinas and O. I. Chesters. The bacon hogs were Large Yorkshires and Tamworths. The breeds of the two types were mixed in each pen. The conclusion was: The main fact revealed by these experiments, namely, that the bacon type of hogs as compared with the lard type possesses a markedly inferior capacity for utilizing carbonaceous rations and a slightly greater capacity for utilizing proteid rations, as is accord with views generally entertained as to the influence of breed (or type) on the final products of food elaboration—in hogs the deposition of fat or increase of frame by growth. In other words, it was shown that the lard type could not use a ration containing too much corn as economically as could the breeds of the lard type, but the difference was very much less in the pens on narrow rations, the lard hogs having the power to use all their surplus protein in the development of fat, and the most typical "fat back" in the lot was a Berkshire on a nitrogenous ration.

In the case of the young pigs, Tamworths were apparently capable of more rapid growth than any of the other breeds tested when fed a highly-nitrogenous ration but while all the pigs showed the bad effects of the wide ration, the Tamworths made the poorest showing of all when so fed. With all breeds the narrow ration proved most economical in cost of the gains made. Now the important point to be noted is that the narrow, nitrogenous ration was more than half corn by weight being made of nine parts ground corn, four parts bran, two of blood meal and one of tankage, and as this is a narrower ration than is advocated for practical feeding, it follows that we speak advisedly of corn supplements for hog feeding rather than of corn substitutes. It will almost invariably pay to use a supplementary feed with corn but it is a misfortune to be compelled to find a substitute for corn.

Of special interest to northern farmers who can grow barley more

easily than corn, is a series of planned feeding experiments at the Montana station. Here several tests have been made with various supplements to an all-grain ration, but the grain ration has been in each case a mixture, with or without, in most cases barley has constituted an important part of the basis ration. In one case the grain ration was four parts of barley to one part of oats, but ground, and one lot of pigs was fed one pound of digester tankage to eight pounds of this grain mixture. Another lot had skimmed-milk in the proportion of three pounds to each pound of barley and oat mixture. A third lot were fed oat clover and grass, the test being started on June 4 with the pigs in pens. The pigs averaged 85 pounds each in weight at the beginning of the test, which was continued for 80 days.

In this case it was found that the greatest gain to dry matter consumed was made with the tankage supplement, the average daily gain being somewhat faster with the milk ration. The daily gains were 1.7 pounds per head on the oat mixture, 1.5 pounds on the tankage. Because of the high cost of the tankage—\$90 per ton in Montana—this ration was not very economical, as the gain cost \$4.11 per 100 pounds, but at present prices of pork even this cost would leave a profit in the feeding, and in a region where prices were on a different basis, the tankage would be a paying supplement to a ration of barley and oats, and if paying with these grains of course it would be more profitable with corn.

In a series of experiments at the Virginia station, meat meal was used in a different manner. Here the basis ration was mostly corn, with middlings equal parts, and two parts of middlings to one of corn meal. The meat meal was fed with corn in varying amounts, but the gain cost \$4.11 per 100 pounds, but at present prices of pork even this cost would leave a profit in the feeding, and in a region where prices were on a different basis, the tankage would be a paying supplement to a ration of barley and oats, and if paying with these grains of course it would be more profitable with corn.

The absolute gains per day are perhaps of more interest than the cost, under the circumstances. The pigs were high-grade Berkshires. On corn meal alone the average gain was a pound per head per day. With 95 pounds of meal to 10 of meat meal, the average daily gain was 3.02 pounds, and exactly the same gain was made on 85 pounds of corn to 15 of the meat meal. It seems that about 10 per cent of meat meal or tankage supplies all the protein that can be profitably fed in this form.—W. A. Sherman in Country Gentleman.

### WATER FOR HOGS.

The hog is not a heavy drinker, yet it consumes quite a little water every day, and it requires more in hot than in cold weather, not only for maintaining a normal temperature, but for good digestion and health generally. The hog will drink more frequently than perhaps any other farm animal, taking only a small amount at a time where it has constant access to water.

Not only does the hog require a good and constant water supply for drinking, but it should have water available during the hot weather. Any farmer who has dealt with hogs knows that the animals soon become excessively heated with a small amount of the physical exertion. The hog does not sweat as do some other domestic animals, hence it naturally takes to water to wallow in for cooling its body when hot.

Nature knows best, and if it were not best for hogs to wallow in water, they would not do it. The water is not only cooling to them, keeping them in better health and appetite, but it makes them more comfortable in other ways, and is conducive to their thrift and well being. When the water is muddy, the mud and straw matting hair and body prevent insects from biting them, and no doubt has a tendency to kill the lice so often infesting them.

Where a constant water hole cannot be provided for the hogs in pasture, there should at least be some cool shady places where they can root out rations in the moist, cool soil for their comfort. Experienced hog-growers know that pigs and hogs of all kinds will make better growth on green pastures with grain than with any other kinds of supplementary feeds. One reason for this is that the green forage plants are full of water and vegetable juices for satisfying the thirst of the animal for cooling them, and for making the heavier feeds more digestible.

Water is one of the greatest known solvents, and it is economy in the animal system can scarcely be overestimated, especially with the hog. When the animals are slopped heavily every day, they will not require so much water, but some pure, fresh

### Razors of Centuries Ago.

We wear things and use things daily of the origin of which we have not the slightest idea, and were we to be asked to be at a loss to answer. This was illustrated in a store window not far from Herald square.

One of the men remarked while looking at the picture that he wondered how the Romans kept their faces smooth and whether they ever had shaved; and, if they had shaved, were their razors like? Neither of the men could answer the question, and so they immediately consulted various authorities on the subject and found to their surprise that razors were used for shaving in a very early part of the world's history. The Egyptians used some kind of a razor, though the Levitical code expressly forbade the shaving of the beard.

It is believed the primitive shaving instruments were made of sharpened flints. Savages in the remote islands scattered throughout the Pacific still use two pieces of flint of the same size for this purpose, and pieces of shells or sharks' teeth are also used.

### Prompt Punishment of a Liar.

Years ago the courthouse in San Francisco fronted the old Plaza. A trial was in progress, and counsel for the defendant was cross-examining the plaintiff. An earthquake shook the chandeliers and dislodged some of the ceiling. Judge, jurors, witnesses and spectators rushed for the door, but finding that the seismic disturbance was over, they returned.

"You can proceed with the cross-examination of the witness," said the judge.

"Pardon me, your honor," said counsel for the defendant, "but after the exhibition of the displeasure of the Almighty at the lies this witness was telling I do not care to further invoke Divine wrath. I will ask him no more questions."

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