

DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 98 Cars, 2726 Cattle; 70 Cars, 4225 Hogs; 7 Cars, 745 Sheep.

MORE ACTIVITY IN STEERS Some Sales of Medium Weights Are Higher, General Run of Prices Steady.

NO CHRISTMAS GRADES COME

Cows and Heifers Open Slow, Some Grades Weak But Bulk Close to Steady—Demand Equal to Fresh Supply of Stock Cattle At Steady Rates—Hogs Take Sudden Upward Spurt of Fully 20 Cents—Sheep Slow But Steady.

Receipts from January 1, 1910. Table with columns for 1910, 1909, Dec. Inc. Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Horses.

Live Stock in Sight. Receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets: Chicago, 5,600; Kansas City, 4,600; St. Louis, 2,500; Omaha, 2,500; South St. Joseph, 2,700; East St. Louis, 2,500.

Receipts by Cars. The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the stock yards: C. & O., west, 85; C. & O., east, 50; G. & W., 10; Missouri Pacific, 8; St. Joseph & Grand Island, 5; A. T. & S. F., 3.

CATTLE

Better Tone to Steer Trade, General Run of Prices Steady. There was a little better tone to the market for fat steers this morning and some of the early sales of the medium priced grades of light stock were considered around a dime to 15 cents higher than the market for the same grades of steers on former days of the week.

Most of the steer supply for today was of the cheaper grades, although there was a load or two of right well finished though not the prime grades of steers on offer. The buyers were out in better season and steers were on their way to the scales at an earlier hour than on any former day of the week. Bids were started on a steady to easy basis but it soon developed that the packers were wanting the cattle and prices at which the market was established were generally at a full steady level compared with yesterday with some sales here and there that were considered a shade stronger than prices for the same kinds of cattle yesterday.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. 29...1291.5 25 7...1062.5 15 2...1325.5 7 1...1061.5 0 20...1276.5 6 5...1040.5 25 2...816.5 6 5 2...860.5 10 1...1180.5 6 5 20...1041.5 10 40...1335.5 6 0 19...1085.5 10 2...1108.5 6 0 4...1076.5 10 40...788.5 5 0 6...861.5 0 5 6...778.5 5 0 11...1001.5 5 0 15...1082.5 0 0 23...1245.5 3 5 11...1067.5 0 0 4...765.5 2 5 3...1193.5 0 5 4...1140.5 2 5 6...668.5 0 0 10...1108.5 2 5 18...788.5 4 0

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED. At the start this morning there was not as much life shown in the steer trade as was noted in the steer line. The supply of cattle for the day ran pretty well to cows and heifers and on first rounds the buyers made a play to get values down a little. There were a few early sales that were about steady but before there was any volume in the trade the bulk of the sales were of a grade lower compared with the trade of yesterday. There were a few lots of cows of right good fat quality here and several strings of fed heifers were on hand, these latter selling on a basis of \$5.00 @ 5.50, while choice fat cows were quotable as high as \$5.00 but the bulk were of the grade that sell ground and under the \$4.50 mark. There is a fair demand for stock heif-

ers and they were steady today, although lower than a week ago. Good fat heifers are quotable at \$4.75 @ 5.50; bulk are selling at \$4.40 @ 4.75, and common kinds at \$3.00 @ 3.50 @ 4.00. Best cows sell up as high as \$5.00 but there are not many coming that sell above \$4.75 and the bulk of fat cows are going at \$4.00 @ 4.50 with canners and cutters ranging down as low as \$3.25 and under. Top values continue to sell at \$5.25 and the bulk of veals at \$6.00 @ 6.25 but for heavy calves that are on stocker order it was no better than a steady market at late declines.

Heifers. 9...435.5 0 0 19...726.4 3 5 7...916.5 0 0 15...755.4 2 5 35...878.4 7 5 1...480.4 0 0 1...800.4 7 5 5...754.4 0 0 1...610.4 6 5 2...835.4 0 0 23...112.4 6 0 10...627.4 3 5 3...680.4 5 0 4...682.4 2 5 3...450.4 5 0 1...520.4 0 0 3...398.4 5 0 5...576.4 5 0 7...637.4 3 0 17...776.4 4 0 1...750.4 0 0 4...722.4 2 5 1...860.3 5 0 9...818.4 2 5 1...750.3 6 5 2...820.3 2 5 1...840.4 2 5 1...770.3 4 0

Cows. 2...1150.4 5 0 4...1235.3 7 5 1...1260.4 5 0 1...1230.3 7 5 1...1140.4 5 0 5...1034.3 7 5 1...1140.4 5 0 3...1160.3 7 5 49...1027.4 4 5 3...1100.3 7 5 1...1330.4 4 0 1...1100.3 7 5 4...1002.4 4 0 6...1066.3 7 0 1...1118.4 2 5 3...1008.3 7 5 15...1170.4 2 5 9...1008.3 7 5 2...1500.4 2 5 9...1108.3 7 5 1...1430.4 2 5 1...1190.3 6 5 3...1216.4 2 5 1...1120.3 6 5 4...1130.4 2 5 4...1110.3 6 5 19...1198.4 2 5 2...985.3 5 0 1...1050.4 2 5 2...1120.3 5 0 3...1010.4 2 5 4...915.3 5 0 17...1078.4 2 5 1...1200.3 5 0 10...1171.4 0 0 1...950.3 5 0 6...1048.4 1 5 5...1196.3 5 0 11...1072.4 1 0 4...1197.3 6 0 3...1085.4 0 0 15...990.3 5 0 3...1180.4 0 0 1...1200.3 5 0 10...1127.4 0 0 1...1290.3 5 0 2...1025.4 0 0 4...917.3 5 0 1...920.4 0 0 11...966.3 4 0 1...1140.4 0 0 1...1200.3 4 0 1...960.4 0 0 1...1050.3 4 0 1...1210.4 0 0 17...1034.3 4 0 3...1252.4 0 0 4...1005.3 4 0 1...1100.4 0 0 1...970.3 4 0 3...1122.4 0 0 5...984.3 2 5 1...1120.4 0 0 7...1047.3 2 5 1...1180.4 0 0 3...996.3 4 0 3...1000.3 4 0 2...1120.3 4 0 10...1067.4 0 0 4...1137.3 4 0 1...990.3 4 0 12...1129.3 3 0 2...930.3 1 5 3...1189.3 2 5 1...940.3 1 5 10...1170.3 2 5 3...1067.4 0 0 2...1110.3 2 5 3...956.3 1 0 2...1153.3 7 5 4...955.3 0 0 4...1057.3 7 5 1...740.2 8 5

Bulls and Steers. 1...1280.5 0 0 2...710.4 1 5 1...1500.4 7 5 1...1276.4 1 5 1...1620.4 4 0 3...1120.4 0 0 1...1450.4 2 5 1...1450.4 0 0 1...1680.4 2 5 1...1140.4 0 0 1...1450.4 2 5 2...1045.3 0 0 1...1580.4 2 5 2...1045.3 0 0 1...1120.4 2 5 1...820.3 6 5 2...1060.4 2 5 1...1160.3 6 5 1...1070.4 2 5 1...1200.3 6 5 1...1260.4 1 5 1...1234.3 2 5 1...1260.4 1 5 1...1050.3 2 5 1...1320.4 1 5 1...1123.3 7 5

Veal Calves. 1...180.8 2 5 1...150.8 0 0 1...180.8 2 5 1...200.7 2 5 1...140.8 2 5 1...210.7 0 0 1...150.8 2 5 1...80.7 0 0 1...170.8 2 5 1...110.7 0 0 1...120.8 2 5 1...100.6 0 0 1...130.8 2 5 1...110.6 0 0 1...140.8 2 5 1...120.7 0 0 1...150.8 2 5 1...100.6 0 0 1...160.8 2 5 1...110.6 0 0 1...170.8 2 5 1...120.7 0 0 1...180.8 2 5 1...130.6 0 0 1...190.8 2 5 1...140.7 0 0 1...200.8 2 5 1...150.6 0 0 1...210.8 2 5 1...160.7 0 0 1...220.8 2 5 1...170.6 0 0 1...230.8 2 5 1...180.5 0 0 1...240.8 2 5 1...190.4 0 0 1...250.8 2 5 1...200.3 0 0 1...260.8 2 5 1...210.2 0 0 1...270.8 2 5 1...220.1 0 0 1...280.8 2 5 1...230.0 0 0

Stockers and Feeders. This branch of the trade was necessary limited this morning. Packers were out early and bought up everything that could be utilized in the beef trade and with moderate supplies in the first place there was only a few odds and ends of stocker and feeder grades left after they had ceased operations. The country demand is still of sufficient volume to absorb supplies as fast as they accumulate and the supply being carried over by yard traders from day to day is light and they are naturally more interested in the poor condition of the dead mutton. Buyers were out at an early hour and were willing to pay steady prices for anything offered and the bulk of these kinds sold on that basis.

Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$4.00 @ 4.25; medium to good grades \$4.00 @ 4.50; good to fancy stock steers \$4.50 @ 5.00, and common to fair \$3.50 @ 4.25; stock heifers \$3.75 @ 4.25 for fat to strictly good kinds, stock cows \$3.00 @ 3.50, and stock calves \$4.25 @ 5.50.

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Sheep. Fresh Receipts Small, Market Steady to Shade Lower. Fresh receipts were light, around 800 showing up, but a big string of mixed stock has come over from yesterday making a total of 1500 on sale today, bringing the supply for the four days of the week up to 9,352, which compared with last week at the same time shows an increase of 4,379, but is 479 less than for the like period a year ago. At the five primary markets combined receipts for the week to date are 213,000 as compared with 197,700 for the same time the previous week and 276,300 for the corresponding time a year ago. Taken as a whole the general situation this morning was void of new features. Receipts were only moderate, demand from all sources was slack and trade is almost paralyzed as a result of the poor condition of the dead mutton market in the east, packers claiming that coolers are full and they have no place for fresh supplies. Reports from outside markets did not help conditions at the local market; in fact they only served to aggravate the already bearish feeling and on first rounds buyers bid lower but sellers thought offerings were worth steady prices compared with yesterday and as a result the amount of trading done during the early hours was not enough to speak of. One small bunch of lambs sold at \$6.00 and were called steady, while another string of wethers went at \$4.00 and also were called steady. During the late hour trade loosened up a bit and a final clearance was at steady prices, while the undertone was unmistakably weak.

Range of Prices. This Week Last Week Monday...\$7.65 @ 7.75 \$7.25 @ 7.40 Tuesday...7.40 @ 7.60 7.40 @ 7.60 Wednesday...7.35 @ 7.55 7.25 @ 7.40 Thursday...7.10 @ 7.75 7.25 @ 7.40 Friday...7.00 @ 7.45 7.45 @ 7.65 Saturday...7.00 @ 7.65 7.65 @ 7.75

Minneapolis Teacher Advocates Use of Carrots as Substitute For Eggs. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—"Carrots" and ice creams and cakes made with carrots instead of eggs are the solution of the high cost of living from the standpoint of being frugal around this town today, following Miss Frick's discoveries in trying to find a substitute for her class cooking at the cooking school. Mashed carrots are an excellent substitute for eggs in cooking, Miss Frick found after many experiments. The results are equally satisfactory and the man who knows the difference, while the saving in making plum puddings and cakes is wonderful. Local bakers caught the trick at once and the use of eggs behind the polished mahogany has given way to the carrot.

Hotel For Texas City. Galveston, Tex.—Texas City is soon to have a \$75,000 hotel. This announcement has just been made by the Texas City Company, which is to spend \$500,000 during the next few months in townsite improvements, including electric lights, waterworks and a sewerage system. Ground was broken last week, when the work of clearing up the land was commenced. The project has been under consideration for some time, but matters have just shaped themselves so that work can start. The location selected is on the bay shore, between Eighth and Tenth avenues.

Chicago. Chicago, Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 15.—The Live Stock World reports: Receipts, 5500 Market 10 @ 15c higher, cows 10 @ 15c higher, feeders strong. Hogs—Receipts, 19,000. Market—10

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Packers' Cattle Purchases. Swift & Co. 800 Morris & Co. 600 Hammond Packing Co. 300 Total 1700

HOGS. Big Bulge of 20 Cents in Prices On Moderate Run. A peculiar feature in the hog market these December days is that it does not take long to recover from a breaker. This morning there was an active demand for all the live pork in sight and sellers were not long in putting prices almost back to the highest point of last week. There were a few sales at the start that were not more than a dime higher than the finishing market of yesterday but before the market began going in 2000 big hogs the basis of business was established at 20 cents over the average prices of yesterday and the supply was soon taken at this advance. Supplies at this point for the week to date show an increase of 3000 over last week but are 14,000 less than for the same time last year. At the live-feeding market points there is a total of 271,000 for the week to date, an increase of 50,000 over last week but 56,000 less than for the like period last year.

Prices ranged from \$7.50 @ 7.75, with the bulk selling at \$7.60 @ 7.70. The bulk yesterday sold at \$7.40 @ 7.50 a week ago at \$7.35 @ 7.40, a month ago at \$7.35 @ 7.50, a year ago at \$8.00 @ 8.40, two years ago at \$5.15 @ 5.50, three years ago at \$4.30 @ 4.40, four years ago at \$3.22 @ 3.30.

Heavy and Mixed—50 lbs. and upward. No. 1, 230.40 @ 7.75 No. 2, 230.80 @ 7.65 No. 3, 231.20 @ 7.55 No. 4, 231.60 @ 7.45 No. 5, 232.00 @ 7.35 No. 6, 232.40 @ 7.25 No. 7, 232.80 @ 7.15 No. 8, 233.20 @ 7.05 No. 9, 233.60 @ 6.95 No. 10, 234.00 @ 6.85 No. 11, 234.40 @ 6.75 No. 12, 234.80 @ 6.65 No. 13, 235.20 @ 6.55 No. 14, 235.60 @ 6.45 No. 15, 236.00 @ 6.35 No. 16, 236.40 @ 6.25 No. 17, 236.80 @ 6.15 No. 18, 237.20 @ 6.05 No. 19, 237.60 @ 5.95 No. 20, 238.00 @ 5.85 No. 21, 238.40 @ 5.75 No. 22, 238.80 @ 5.65 No. 23, 239.20 @ 5.55 No. 24, 239.60 @ 5.45 No. 25, 240.00 @ 5.35 No. 26, 240.40 @ 5.25 No. 27, 240.80 @ 5.15 No. 28, 241.20 @ 5.05 No. 29, 241.60 @ 4.95 No. 30, 242.00 @ 4.85 No. 31, 242.40 @ 4.75 No. 32, 242.80 @ 4.65 No. 33, 243.20 @ 4.55 No. 34, 243.60 @ 4.45 No. 35, 244.00 @ 4.35 No. 36, 244.40 @ 4.25 No. 37, 244.80 @ 4.15 No. 38, 245.20 @ 4.05 No. 39, 245.60 @ 3.95 No. 40, 246.00 @ 3.85 No. 41, 246.40 @ 3.75 No. 42, 246.80 @ 3.65 No. 43, 247.20 @ 3.55 No. 44, 247.60 @ 3.45 No. 45, 248.00 @ 3.35 No. 46, 248.40 @ 3.25 No. 47, 248.80 @ 3.15 No. 48, 249.20 @ 3.05 No. 49, 249.60 @ 2.95 No. 50, 250.00 @ 2.85 No. 51, 250.40 @ 2.75 No. 52, 250.80 @ 2.65 No. 53, 251.20 @ 2.55 No. 54, 251.60 @ 2.45 No. 55, 252.00 @ 2.35 No. 56, 252.40 @ 2.25 No. 57, 252.80 @ 2.15 No. 58, 253.20 @ 2.05 No. 59, 253.60 @ 1.95 No. 60, 254.00 @ 1.85 No. 61, 254.40 @ 1.75 No. 62, 254.80 @ 1.65 No. 63, 255.20 @ 1.55 No. 64, 255.60 @ 1.45 No. 65, 256.00 @ 1.35 No. 66, 256.40 @ 1.25 No. 67, 256.80 @ 1.15 No. 68, 257.20 @ 1.05 No. 69, 257.60 @ 0.95 No. 70, 258.00 @ 0.85 No. 71, 258.40 @ 0.75 No. 72, 258.80 @ 0.65 No. 73, 259.20 @ 0.55 No. 74, 259.60 @ 0.45 No. 75, 260.00 @ 0.35 No. 76, 260.40 @ 0.25 No. 77, 260.80 @ 0.15 No. 78, 261.20 @ 0.05 No. 79, 261.60 @ 0.00 No. 80, 262.00 @ 0.00 No. 81, 262.40 @ 0.00 No. 82, 262.80 @ 0.00 No. 83, 263.20 @ 0.00 No. 84, 263.60 @ 0.00 No. 85, 264.00 @ 0.00 No. 86, 264.40 @ 0.00 No. 87, 264.80 @ 0.00 No. 88, 265.20 @ 0.00 No. 89, 265.60 @ 0.00 No. 90, 266.00 @ 0.00 No. 91, 266.40 @ 0.00 No. 92, 266.80 @ 0.00 No. 93, 267.20 @ 0.00 No. 94, 267.60 @ 0.00 No. 95, 268.00 @ 0.00 No. 96, 268.40 @ 0.00 No. 97, 268.80 @ 0.00 No. 98, 269.20 @ 0.00 No. 99, 269.60 @ 0.00 No. 100, 270.00 @ 0.00

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET. Today's cash values: Receipts wheat, 2 cars; corn, 17 cars; oats, 4 cars.

Table with columns: Wheat, No. 2 red, No. 3 red, No. 2 hard, No. 3 hard, No. 2 white, No. 3 white, No. 2 corn, No. 3 corn, Oats, No. 2 white, No. 3 white, No. 2 corn, No. 3 corn, Bran, Shorts.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET. Local quotations corrected to date by local dealers.

The following quotations are furnished daily by the St. Joseph Hay Receivers and Shippers association for the benefit of stock yards daily journal readers: Timothy—Choice, \$14 @ 14.50; No. 1, \$13 @ 13.50; No. 2, \$10.50 @ 12.50; No. 3, \$4.50 @ 5.50. Clover mixed—Choice, \$11.50 @ 12; No. 1, \$10.50 @ 11; No. 2, \$7.50 @ 10; No. 3, \$5 @ 7. Prairie—Choice, \$11 @ 11.50; No. 1, \$10 @ 11; No. 2, \$8 @ 9; No. 3, \$6 @ 7. Packing hay—\$4 @ 5. Straw—\$3 @ 3.50.

WILL STOCK UP LATER. Among the arrivals at the stock yards yesterday was John Bosserman, of Superior, Nebr. Mr. Bosserman is connected with the Superior Cattle Company, an outfit that ordinarily places its stock at the stock yards. It is a good and consistent patron of this market when the company has any cattle to sell. "No, we are not in the game here so far as our herds are concerned we have no cholera, but there is a good deal of it out in that country and it is stirring up some interest in this new epidemic disease being tried and promoted by the Nebraska Agricultural College."

Cattle Feeding Company Waiting For Lower Prices. Representative McLaughlin of California, the author of the resolution which brought the official exposition of the weakness of the military defenses, said: A foreign country could land 200,000 troops on the Pacific coast in thirty days, and the only intimation of trouble would be their blowing up of the mountain passes, thus preventing communication with the east. He did not give vent to any alarmist views, but talked confidentially of the need of congress as a prudent and effective act to take immediate action to guard against any possible trouble from Japan or China.

High Cost Living Solved. Minneapolis Teacher Advocates Use of Carrots as Substitute For Eggs. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—"Carrots" and ice creams and cakes made with carrots instead of eggs are the solution of the high cost of living from the standpoint of being frugal around this town today, following Miss Frick's discoveries in trying to find a substitute for her class cooking at the cooking school. Mashed carrots are an excellent substitute for eggs in cooking, Miss Frick found after many experiments. The results are equally satisfactory and the man who knows the difference, while the saving in making plum puddings and cakes is wonderful. Local bakers caught the trick at once and the use of eggs behind the polished mahogany has given way to the carrot.

Tops the Hog Market. Pawnee, Nebraska, Man Had Best Load of Hogs on Tuesday's Market. With a supply of around 11,000 hogs on Tuesday's market there was only one load that was good enough to realize the top price, there was 77 tons of shipment averaging 248 pounds and sold at \$7.60, the highest price paid for hogs on Tuesday's market. These hogs were fed and shipped by C. L. Linn, Pawnee, Neb., a regular shipper and staunch supporter of the local market.

Wood Distillation. Preliminary Comparative Report For 1909 Issued by the Census Bureau. Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—There was considerable activity in the wood industry during the calendar year 1909 in the industry of wood distillation, 1,265,000 cords of wood, as against 978,000 cords in 1908 and 1,282,000 cords in 1907. The average cost per cord reported for the 1909 consumption was \$3.21, or 8 per cent, over that reported for 1908, and of 6 cents, or 2 per cent over that for 1907. While a substantial increase is noted in this branch of the industry using yellow pine, fir, and other softwoods as material in the revival of activity was more marked in hardwood distillation, due undoubtedly to the material advance in the average value per gallon of wood alcohol over the two preceding years.

Weak on Coast. Secretary Dickinson Call Congress' Attention to Country's Lack of Protection. SECRET REPORT REJECTED. Woful Inadequacy of Men, Guns and Ammunition Is Pointed Out. SOMEBODY BADLY SCARED. Says An Enemy Could Land 200,000 Troops On Pacific Coast In Thirty Days and Blow Up All Mountain Passes—Want Big Appropriation For Strengthening Coast Defenses—Would Take Years to Dislodge Enemy Once It Landed.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A report from the war department showing how the country was inadequately protected against invasion from foreign governments, was sent to the house yesterday as a secret document and after several conferences and hurried telephone messages, was returned to the war department because the house could not receive a secret report. Members of congress who saw the document before its withdrawal say the members of the secret committee points out that the country is wholly unprepared, that there is a woeful inadequacy of men, guns and ammunition for a possible attack from foreign governments, and that a council of national defense, with a secretary of war at its head, should be created by congress.

Change of management at Transit House. Try our meals. ONE KILLED IN WRECK. Three Cars Drop From High Bridge in Oklahoma. David, Okla., Dec. 15.—One man was killed and thirty-one were seriously injured when a big string of a southbound Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train were thrown from a bridge into the Washita river, five miles from the wreck. A broken rail caused the wreck. Floyd Gunn, David, Okla., an Indian, was killed. A partial list of the seriously injured is as follows: Robert Etheridge, Mills county, Texas. H. Jackson (colored), porter, Cleburne, Texas. J. W. Oakes, Stockton, Mo. H. E. McNeely, Kansas City, Mo. Practically every one on the train was hurt, though many in a minor degree. The smoking car, the baggage car and the chair car plunged from the bridge, forty feet into the Washita river, landing bottom side up. The engine did not follow them and the Pullmans and other passenger cars kept the track. The engine, which was taken into the Pullmans, was then taken into the hospital at Cleburne, Texas. Two of the injured are expected to die. Cattle and hogs like Champion feed.

HOGS NOT NORMAL. Western Nebraska Man Talks of the Live Pork Supply. "Of course there are a few farmers out in our country who have a few hogs, but there is not near a full crop," said M. F. Powell, of Marion, Nebraska, who was here today with a shipment of hogs and cows from his feed lots. "You ride around our western Nebraska country and you will see a bunch of hogs here and there but you must see more of the country you would see more of the last fall and early spring pigs coming to market than there are. It is going to take some time to make up this shortage of three millions in the supply. On our farm we have about 2500 and that sounds big but it is only one farm and there are plenty of them that have no hogs. I think that is the way you will find it the country over. No, there is no cholera in our section, but they are having a sojourn of it east of us."

GREAT CROPS OF THE SOUTH. Record estimates the crops of the south this year at \$2,700,000,000. Cotton and corn seed alone being about \$1,000,000,000. The aggregate value of corn, wheat and oats in the south this year is between \$1,000,000,000 and \$800,000,000, prices for grain, ruling better in the south than in other sections, and tobacco and rice will add another \$100,000,000 toward the total with its value for live stock, poultry, dairy products, fruit and vegetables, hay, sugar and miscellaneous products easily aggregating \$700,000,000.

Items in Brief. M. E. Mix, the old reliable feeder of Oberlin, Kan., was on deck this morning with one car of hogs. Chris Nelson, a popular farmer and also a big shipper of Huskin, Neb., accompanied a consignment of mixed stock here today. Wm. Muller of Lenox, Ia., sent down stock for today's market. Sim Heffley of Easton, Mo., came in today with one load of cattle. Ludwig & Meier, energetic stockmen of Tarkio, Mo., had one car of cattle on sale at the local market today. C. Feldman of Sabetha, Kan., was on the market today with one load of cattle. W. H. Cloud, the heavy shipper and wealthy farmer of Inavale, Neb., was credited today with a five-car shipment of cattle. C. E. Turner, a regular shipper of Dearborn, Mo., had stock on today's market. H. C. Talbot, one of the largest shippers of Great Bend, Kan., arrived today with one load of good stock. Hilgert's Cafe, "The Stag," 207 S. 6th St., Beats them all! Try it. C. H. Jones, an enterprising stockman of Dearborn, Mo., was on today's market with a two-car shipment of cattle. A. E. Blower, well known by the local patrons, had stock here today. Al Bright handles all kinds cotton seed products, Insect meal, Cherrym, Stockmen's Grease, etc. He arrived today with one load of good stock. J. P. Severin, a good-natured farmer and also quite an extensive shipper of Bendena, Kan., was on the market today disposing of one load of cattle. W. H. Cloud, the heavy shipper and wealthy farmer of Inavale, Neb., was credited today with a five-car shipment of cattle. C. E. Turner, a regular shipper of Dearborn, Mo., had stock on today's market. H. C. Talbot, one of the largest shippers of Great Bend, Kan., arrived today with one load of good stock. Hilgert's Cafe, "The Stag," 207 S. 6th St., Beats them all! Try it. C. H. Jones, an enterprising stockman of Dearborn, Mo., was on today's market with a two-car shipment of cattle. A. E. Blower, well known by the local patrons, had stock here today. Al Bright handles all kinds cotton seed products, Insect meal, Cherrym, Stockmen's Grease, etc. He arrived today with one load of good stock. J. P. Severin, a good-natured farmer and also quite an extensive shipper of Bendena, Kan., was on the market today disposing of one load of cattle. W. H. Cloud, the heavy shipper and wealthy farmer of Inavale, Neb., was credited today with a five-car shipment of cattle. C. E. Turner, a regular shipper of Dearborn, Mo., had stock on today's market. H. C. Talbot, one of the largest shippers of Great Bend, Kan., arrived today with one load of good stock. Hilgert's Cafe, "The Stag," 207 S. 6th St., Beats them all! Try it. C. H. Jones, an enterprising stockman of Dearborn, Mo., was on today's market with a two-car shipment of cattle. A. E. Blower, well known by the local patrons, had stock here today. Al Bright handles all kinds cotton seed products, Insect meal, Cherrym, Stockmen's Grease, etc. He arrived today with one load of good stock. J. P. Severin, a good-natured farmer and also quite an extensive shipper of Bendena, Kan., was on the market today disposing of one load of cattle. W. H. Cloud, the heavy shipper and wealthy farmer of Inavale, Neb., was credited today with a five-car shipment of cattle. C. E. Turner, a regular shipper of Dearborn, Mo., had stock on today's market. H. C. Talbot, one of the largest shippers of Great Bend, Kan., arrived today with one load of good stock. Hilgert's Cafe, "The Stag," 207 S. 6th St., Beats them all! Try it. C. H. Jones, an enterprising stockman of Dearborn, Mo., was on today's market with a two-car shipment of cattle. A. E. Blower, well known by the local patrons, had stock here today. Al Bright handles all kinds cotton seed products, Insect meal, Cherrym, Stockmen's Grease, etc. He arrived today with one load of good stock. J. P. Severin

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PACIFIC COAST A FACTOR.

Omaha Journal-Stockman: In figuring on the cattle and beef markets this year the growing importance of the demand from the Pacific coast must not be overlooked.

LARGE FEEDERS STAY OUT.

Inquiry among stockmen coming to the stock yards of late develops the information that there are many of the large cattle feeders of the country who did not put any cattle into feed lots during the fall but are waiting for cheaper prices which they expect to arrive later in the winter.

OUR BANKING INTERESTS.

The coming of Northwest Missouri's bankers to St. Joseph today and the recent publication of the annual report of Comptroller Murray suffice to call local attention to the banking interests of the country in a particular manner.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS.

Old English Plum Pudding.—Take of raisins well stoned but not chopped one pound, currants thoroughly washed one pound, suet finely chopped one one pound, mix them, add quarter pound of flour or fine bread crumbs, three ounces of sugar, one and one-half ounces of grated lemon peel, a blade of mace, half of nutmeg, grated, one teaspoon of ginger, half dozen eggs well beaten; work it well together, put in a cloth, tie firmly, allowing room to swell; put into boiling water and boil not less than two hours. The cloth when about to be used, should be dipped in boiling water, squeezed dry, and floured, and when the pudding is done have a pan of cold water ready and dip it in for a moment as soon as it comes out of the pot, which prevents the pudding from sticking.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Turkey That Learned to Run



"I SUPPOSE you would like to have a story about a turkey," said daddy as the children snuggled into comfortable positions in his lap. "Once there was a young turkey that had a very old and very wise father. The father was old because he was wise for if he had been foolish he would have been killed on one of the many Thanksgivings that he had lived. For the first few years of his life he had escaped the ax and the chopping block by hiding during the last week in November. In recent years he escaped because it was known that he was too old and too tough to be good to eat even if cooked in a fireless cooker for days and days.

"This wise old turkey told his young son about Thanksgiving. 'For some reason,' he said, 'men and women and little boys and little girls, too, think that the proper thing to do on the last Thursday in November is to eat turkey. I don't know why they do it, because I don't see that turkey is any better than it is any other time, but it is a fact that more turkeys are killed for Thanksgiving than for any other day, not even excepting Christmas.

"Now, my son, if you would escape Thanksgiving you ought to begin training for a race and practice regularly each day. Learn to make as good time as you can around the pasture, and then when Thanksgiving comes you will be so speedy you can escape if the master tries to catch you.

"The turkey was young, but he was not foolish. He decided to follow his father's advice, and every day he was seen scotching around the pasture at his best speed. 'That fool turkey must be having a fit or else he thinks something is after him,' said the farmer. 'I never saw a turkey behave so.'

"The young turkey kept on practicing, and when Thanksgiving came he was fit for the race of his life. On the morning of Thanksgiving the farmer tried to catch him, but he disappeared like a gray ghost on a foggy morning, and the farmer then caught a foolish young turkey that had been idling away his time eating corn and could not run twenty feet in two minutes.

"And did they eat the fat turkey?" asked Evelyn. "Sure they did," said Jack before daddy could reply. "What's a turkey for?" "Well, I feel awful sorry for the poor turkey," said Evelyn as she snuggled down into a more comfortable position and closed her eyes. "I would hate to be caught and killed."

"But you are willing to eat the turkey," answered Jack. "I wish I had the drumstick right now."

"Go to sleep, and when you wake up in the morning you will be one day nearer the next turkey you are going to have," said daddy. "And you will be one day further from the last one you had too."

than ten years the deposits in our banks have more than doubled, a showing of which not only the bankers but the entire nation may well be proud. The development in our own state has been as marvelous as has that in the country at large, Missouri being now one of the financial centers of the nation.

The average banker may well congratulate himself upon the growing importance to the community of his institution. His position places upon him responsibilities carried by few men. And these responsibilities have tended to sober and dignify him until he has become, in a general sense, at least, the most trusted and confided in man in his community. When one compares the total sum of money lost during recent years through the bad management of incompetent bankers with the total amount of money invested in the banking business it is seen to be so small as to be unworthy of notice, a splendid commentary upon the business integrity and acumen of the average banker.

From 1910 to 2000, inclusive, Easter will fall twenty times within March and seventy-one times in April. The number of accidents to climbers in the Alps increases each season.

EACH TO HIS OWN PURSUIT

Disposition to Deprecate What is Not Ours Shows Deficiency in Appreciation.

The disposition to depreciate what is not ours is often shown with regard to pursuits in life. It is right and best that each person should follow some special occupation, in which he should strive for excellence. It is not supposable that he can know as much, or be equally interested in, any other pursuit. But, for this very reason, it is incumbent upon him to be modest and unassuming, willing to observe and ready to accord respect to that which is plainly out of his power to perform. On the contrary, how frequently are such avocations made the subjects of contemptuous remarks and slighting allusions! There are professional men who look down upon business as a mere money-making affair, and business men who look down upon the professions as offering no sure road to wealth. There are philosophers who despise the practical walks of life, and practical men who have nothing but contempt to give to philosophy. There are scientific men dealing only with established facts, who can accord no respect to ideas, and idealists who have no patience with the tangible details of science. There are men carrying the burdens of state who sneer at poetry, and poets who disdain all knowledge of politics. What does all this prove? Not certainly any superiority in one or the other, but a deficiency in the power of appreciation—not any peculiar depth in one direction, but a decided narrowness in another.

Very Prosy. Prof. Brander Matthews of Columbia, in one of his brilliant addresses on the drama, said of an unimaginative and prosaic dramatist:

"He it was, I am sure, who in his youth, on being asked in examination what Shakespeare meant by the phrase, 'Sermons in stones,' wrote in reply: 'When passing by a tombstone you may learn the name and the dates of birth and death of the departed one, and also from the inscription a valuable moral lesson from his or her life. Walking along a road you may see from the milestones the number of miles to the nearest towns, and thus acquire geographical information. Heaps of stones by the roadside indicate that repairs are to take place, and so inculcate a lesson in neatness.'

Bad Break. "Beautiful girl!" cried the impulsive young man on the shadowy deck of the lake steamer. "Nonsense!" laughed the pretty maid. "Beauty is but skin deep."

"Ah, would that thou wert a hippopotamus." "Sir!" The lapping of the waves grew fainter. It seemed as though he was sitting on an iceberg, so frigid were the surroundings. "That is, I mean—well, you know a hippo's skin—fudge! A hippo's skin is thick, deucedly thick, and if beauty is skin deep and you had the skin of a hippo, why—er—you'd be that much more beautiful. Do I make myself plain, Miss Evangeline?" "Yes, sir, you make yourself out to be the plainest dunce I ever saw. I shall never speak to you again."

IN WOMAN'S REALM

ORIGINAL HELPS. To Remove Ink Stains.—To remove fresh ink stains from carpet, rub lightly at first with a quantity of salt, removing the salt as soon as it becomes discolored. Repeat the process, rubbing harder every time, until the stain has entirely disappeared.

Care of Egg Beater.—An egg beater never should be left to soak in water, as the oil will be washed out of the gears, making it hard to run.

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Oculist's Second Attempt Procures for Him Decoration From Haitian Emperor.

During the reign of Emperor Soulouque in Haiti one of his generals wrote to an eminent oculist in Paris ordering a glass eye. The oculist flattered himself that a successfully constructed artificial optic would secure for him a decoration of honor by the Haitian government; accordingly, he devoted his entire skill to the production of a work of art.

Six months after the shipment of the eye to Haiti, the oculist received a small box from Haiti. In his imagination he pictured the golden testimonial to his skill, so it was with horror that when he had unwound the folds of cotton in the box, he saw returned his work of art. A letter accompanied the box. Among other things it said: "The eye you have forwarded me is of a tint that resembles that of the Spanish flag, and I am too patriotic to wear any but the color of my country."

Whereupon the oculist proceeded at once to the admiralty, where he ascertained the colors of the Haitian flag. He then immediately manufactured a scarlet and green eye, of the approved shades, and forwarded it to the emperor, who was much pleased with the effort and who duly decorated the oculist.

PARROTS GUIDED COLUMBUS

Talkative Birds Entitled to Consideration in Selection of Our National Emblem.

Before the eagle was selected as our national emblem, Benjamin Franklin urged the claims of the turkey. It was purely American, he said, while the eagle was not; it was a proud and generous bird, and it was good eating. If Franklin had known more about our early history, he might have spoken for the parrot.

When Columbus sailed westward over the unknown Atlantic he expected to reach Zipangu, Japan. After several days' sail from Gomera, one of the Canary islands, he became uneasy at not discovering Zipangu, which, according to his reckoning, should have been two hundred and sixteen nautical miles more to the east. After a long discussion, he yielded to the opinion of Alonso Pinzon, the commander of the Pinta, and steered to the southwest. Pinzon was influenced in his opinion solely by a flight of parrots, which took wing in that direction. It was good luck to follow in the wake of a flock of birds when engaged upon a voyage of discovery—a widespread superstition among Spanish seamen of that day, and the great navigator was thus guided to the new world.

Good Matrimonial Advice.

Preserve sacredly the privacies of your own house, your married state and your heart. Let no father or mother or sister or brother ever presume to come between you or share the joys or sorrows that belong to you two alone.

With mutual help build your quiet world, not allowing your dearest earthly friends to be the confidant of aught that concerns your domestic peace. Let moments of alienation. If they occur, be healed at once. Never, no, never, speak of it outside, but to each other confess and all will come out right. Never let the morning sun still find you at variance. Renew and renew your vow. It will do you good, and thereby your minds will grow together contented in that love which is stronger than death, and you will be truly one.—National Magazine.

Curious Marriage Custom.

The Kurds have a very curious and somewhat dangerous marriage custom which one would think would be more honored in the breach than in the observance. The husband, surrounded by a bodyguard of twenty or thirty young men, carries his wife home on his back in a scarlet cloth and is desperately assaulted the whole way by a number of girls. Sticks and stones are hurled at the bridegroom, who in the coming home with his bride can hardly be considered a very happy man, for the irate amazons often inflict on him marks which he carries to the grave. It may be that among the lady pursuers are some of the bridegroom's former "flames," who turn the mock attack into downright earnest to avenge slighted love.

Accounted For.

"Where are our poets of today?" thundered the orator, looking over the vast audience that had gathered in the district schoolhouse, waiting a breathless moment or two to let his words sink into the minds of his spellbound listeners. "Waal," replied Hiram Plunkett, from the rear of the room, "our best poet here is down to Hog Run cuttin' timber for a steam sawmill company, an' Marthy Baker, our next author in order, hed to stay away tonight, much to her vexation, becuz her pap's got the roomeritz."

Towser's Loss.

"Hallo, old chap," greeted the crowd at the club. "Back from your hunting trip? Bag anything?" "No," responded Chappy Badshot, wearily. "Well, no wonder. You're a back number. The idea of going hunting with a tailless pointer." "Oh, don't blame poor Beppo! He was a tail when we started."

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### LINES OF LEAST RESISTANCE

Fallacious Philosophy Upon Which Most Parents Act in Training Children.

Many youths are trained along the lines of least resistance. Their careers are watched so that they may not run against obstacles and disappointments. They get all the money, clothes, idling, pleasures they want, without making a single effort to possess them. "We want John to have a good time now, for after awhile he may not have it," is the philosophy upon which many parents act.

It is great folly. The boy who is put on the lines of least resistance and meets with few if any adversities, gathers little strength of mind or character. There is no gliding forward. There is no step in advance that does not involve an effort. The boy whose path is made smooth and easy for him is like the pupil in school who studies arithmetic with a key. He got his lessons, but he died, at last, in an infirmary.

Just mark it down, oh rich and loving parent that your boy, raised in ease and comfort and with every advantage ready at hand, provided by your bounty, will not amount to a hill of beans out in the world, where heroism is in demand and true worth is the test of manhood.

It is unfortunate for any boy not to have a struggle during the formation period of life, and a boy with a resolution to make his way is far better off than a boy with money to buy it. Stick a pin right there.

### OLD AGE IS INEXORABLE

Men Find It Out When They Attempt to Frisk About in Boy Fashion.

If you ever doubt that you're growing old and sedate, you fathers, just take the kids out into the woods and see the difference between yourself of today and yesterday.

You see them plunging about with whoops of joy, and generally living gladly.

And you—well, when you try to sit down your knees creak, and the leaves b reach you don't seem as they once did.

The golden sunshine filters through the trees; the rustle of small living things resounds through the woods; the perfume of rich ripening things floats to you, and within you something is struggling to break loose.

You don't know just what it is, but it hurts. You are too old now to run and whoop and carry on like those kids. It would be beneath your dignity, but something within you seems calling to you, and your old body can't respond.

You want to yell and run—that is, you believe you do, but it's no use. Something is holding you back.

So there you sit and watch the children playing, and their happiness is as once yours was.

And it makes the heart ache to think of it—some day they will be even as you—longing to break, loose into joy born of the autumn, but held back. Held back by something that we call old age.

### Women Divers in Japan.

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