

DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 61 Cars, 1860 Cattle; 87 Cars, 6337 Hogs; 8 Cars, 1987 Sheep.

ACTIVITY IN CATTLE TRADE

Supply Was Moderate All Around and Prices Strong to 10c Higher.

BUTCHER DEMAND IS GOOD

Fat Grades of the Stock Strong, Canners Active and Steady—Demand Readily Using Supplies of Stock Cattle—Veal Prices Hold Strong—Better Turn in Hogs, Prices 5 to 10 Cents Higher—Live Mutton Steady.

Receipts from January 1, 1911. The following table shows the receipts from January 1, 1911, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1910:

Table with columns for 1911, 1910, Dec, and Jan. Rows include Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Total.

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 Chicago, Kansas City, South Omaha, and East St. Louis. Rows include Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Total.

CATTLE

Cattle Ran Moderate, Market Active After Slow Start.

The actual beginning of the Lenten season today did not cause any unfavorable turn in the fat cattle market. The Lenten argument as a bear factor in the beef trade seems to have petered out and under moderate receipts this week the market is showing a healthy and rather buoyant tone.

The run turned up a very fair percentage of fat steers, packers' count showing around 30 loads under this classification. Advice from outside markets were more bullish and sellers started out demanding strong and higher prices.

Prices ranged strong to 10c higher than yesterday, when the market was fully established. Light and medium weight cattle showed more strength than did the heavy grades, some of the latter selling only steady.

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Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers. No. 1, 11.11; No. 2, 10.90; No. 3, 10.70; No. 4, 10.50; No. 5, 10.30; No. 6, 10.10; No. 7, 9.90; No. 8, 9.70; No. 9, 9.50; No. 10, 9.30; No. 11, 9.10; No. 12, 8.90; No. 13, 8.70; No. 14, 8.50; No. 15, 8.30; No. 16, 8.10; No. 17, 7.90; No. 18, 7.70; No. 19, 7.50; No. 20, 7.30; No. 21, 7.10; No. 22, 6.90; No. 23, 6.70; No. 24, 6.50; No. 25, 6.30; No. 26, 6.10; No. 27, 5.90; No. 28, 5.70; No. 29, 5.50; No. 30, 5.30; No. 31, 5.10; No. 32, 4.90; No. 33, 4.70; No. 34, 4.50; No. 35, 4.30; No. 36, 4.10; No. 37, 3.90; No. 38, 3.70; No. 39, 3.50; No. 40, 3.30; No. 41, 3.10; No. 42, 2.90; No. 43, 2.70; No. 44, 2.50; No. 45, 2.30; No. 46, 2.10; No. 47, 1.90; No. 48, 1.70; No. 49, 1.50; No. 50, 1.30; No. 51, 1.10; No. 52, 0.90; No. 53, 0.70; No. 54, 0.50; No. 55, 0.30; No. 56, 0.10.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED. Activity and strength were again manifested in this division of the trade. The smaller portion of the day's receipts consisted of butcher classes and with a broad general demand the market showed an encouraging degree of life right from the start. First rounds of bidding were at prices generally steady with the previous session but buyers needed all the material available and after dickering a little for a steady schedule burned and bought up bulk of the meager crop at strong to 10c higher rates. Practically all kinds of butcher and beef cattle met free sale at the former level and even cutters and canners, which proved rather

hard to dispose of on previous days of the week, met a more satisfactory demand, although here prices did not show noticeable improvement. The market for hogs generally runs of cows and heifers has been in very good shape this week, and 15c to 25c advance in prices has been secured during the day on a strong tendency.

Bulls were steady to strong on a skimpy supply, made up mostly of medium and common quality. Market for yearlings ruled active and prices had a strong tendency.

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STOCKS AND FEEDERS. The moderate supply of stocker and feeder cattle included in today's cattle run cleared without any delay, all classes of this cattle finding ready sale at prices that were fully a dime higher as compared with yesterday's general average. Although yard dealers had quite an assortment of stale cattle in the pens yesterday, there was a good attendance of country buyers present who succeeded in making a dent of considerable proportions in their holdings. All regular buyers were out in seasonable time this morning looking for fresh supplies and showed little tendency to get back on account of the higher price schedule. On the contrary they were ready buyers at the advance and operators without restriction as long as the supply lasted. Under these conditions trade naturally displayed plenty of life and at noon a good share of the desirable offerings were yarded in speculators' pens. Bulk of today's supply was heavy feeders. Best of these kinds offered changed hands at \$5.40 to \$5.65. One string of light weight stockers averaging around 875 pounds went at \$5.25; medium to good grades \$4.50 to \$5.25; good to fancy stock averages \$4.75 to \$5.50, an common to fair \$3.75 to \$4.50; stock heifers \$4.00 to \$4.65 for fair to strictly good kinds, stock cows \$3.25 to \$3.75, and stock calves \$4.25 to \$5.00.

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Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. 6... 550... 4 65... 2... 890... 3 90... 6... 578... 4 60... 1... 870... 3 75... 3... 843... 4 60... 2... 845... 3 75... 2... 630... 4 50... 2... 820... 3 50... 4... 495... 25... 2... 879... 4 00

Packers' Cattle Purchases. Hammond Packing Co. 500 Swift & Co. 400 Total 900

HOGS. Opening Trade 5 to 10 Cents Higher, Closed a Nickel Up. After a series of declining prices the hog market today showed better form. Reaction was logical, as the severe breaks of Monday and Tuesday caused a diminishing in receipts, while at the same time lower prices have tended to create a broader demand. Receipts were lighter all around today and this at once checked the downward movement in prices and sellers were able to recover a little of recently lost ground. Early wires from outside markets were generally of bullish tone and buyers showed a disposition to grant better terms without much haggle. Accordingly it did not take long to get trading started at prices 5 to 10c higher than yesterday's general market. A good volume of business was done on this basis but along toward the close the market lost some of its early edge and a nickel advance was all that was quoted on bulk of the later dealings. The market on paper will perhaps figure around a dime higher than yesterday but there was a larger percentage of desirable light weight hogs in receipts than were offered yesterday.

Price ranged from \$6.80 to \$7.15, with the bulk selling at \$6.85 to \$7.00. The bulk yesterday sold at \$6.80 to \$6.90, a week ago at \$7.20 to \$7.30, a month ago at \$7.25 to \$7.45, a year ago at \$5.50 to \$5.70, two years ago at \$4.20 to \$4.50, three years ago at \$4.25 to \$4.35, four years ago at \$6.75 to \$6.85.

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FAVOR CHEAPER PORK.
 Hog market conditions are right now more favorable to cheaper prices of pork to the consumer than they have been for almost two years. All winter long the country has been saying that supplies were short in feed lots, and the winter run has not been up to normal by many thousands of head. But of late it has been developing that the country has more hogs than it had been willing to admit. Old-fashioned winter runs have been the rule for the past couple of weeks and prices have actually gone below a \$7.00 basis. The crop at the local yards yesterday sold at the lowest level seen here since April, 1909. Hogs are big and good and this is not considered as showing that the supply has been closely marketed. There ought to be some cheapening in the prices for pork chops to the consumer as a result of present conditions of the live hog supply and market.

REDUCTION IN SHEEP.
 Sheridan Post: "There has been the biggest reduction in the sheep holdings of the west in ten years," according to R. P. Hicknell of Pocatello, Idaho. "The terrible winter of 1909-10 and the equally bad drought of last summer were responsible for the heavy liquidation during the past season. No lambs to speak of are being carried over in any of the western range states. This will also apply to dry sheep. Breeding stock was also cut down heavily. To reflect the compulsory liquidation is the fact that Wyoming has not over one-half as many sheep as one year ago. In Johnson county, Wyoming, alone, 160 bands were wintered last winter. This year there were barely seventy bands. Taking the western range states as a whole, I do not believe that there are within 25 per cent of the sheep and lambs on hand there this year as compared with the past ten-year average. There is every assurance of a short supply of yearlings and wethers on the ranges next year, and a big reduction in the crop of wool. The supply of breeding sheep in the west is the smallest in years. Owners will hold on to what they have and try to hold more next year. The east will get few breeding ewes next season if climatic conditions are at all favorable. Of course, the number of feeders to come to the markets next year depends upon how Dame Nature bestows her favors. At the best, the supply will consist largely of old ewes and lambs."

NO PLACE LIKE MISSOURI.
 A few days ago gentleman who has been a resident in St. Joseph for many years, returned from an extended trip through the west. His journey covered a distance of several thousands of miles and extended over a period of about two months. He took in the principal cities of the Pacific coast, drove miles and miles through the new and boomed lands. He investigated irrigation methods and irrigated lands. He studied the modes of operating these lands that are made productive by artificial means of obtaining moisture. He inquired into farming operations in the rain belt of the Pacific slope and journeyed from these down to the semi-desert coun-

Daddy's Bedtime Story
 The Dog Which Went on Strike

WHAT does that mean, 'Went on strike,' daddy?" asked Evelyn. "It means refused to work any longer," answered daddy. "But dogs don't work, daddy," said Jack. "The dog in this story did," said daddy. "He was what was known as a turnspit dog. In olden times people used to keep a certain kind of dog with long, thick body and little, short legs to run or walk up and down on a wheel which was so arranged that it turned a spit or piece of iron on which meat was placed in front of a fire. In that way the meat was turned all the time so that it roasted evenly on all sides. People thought a great deal of their turnspit dogs.
 "There was a clergyman who owned a fine turnspit dog named Toby. He was a good, faithful dog, who worked hard all week, especially on Saturdays, when the beef was roasted to be eaten cold on Sunday. The dog was a pet of his master and used to follow the clergyman about wherever he went. One day he even followed him into the pulpit. But that made the congregation laugh, so that the minister had to have the dog taken out. The next Sunday he had Toby locked into a small shed, but the dog squeezed his way out through a window and went to church and into the pulpit again.
 "The following Sunday Toby was locked up in a place from which he could not possibly get out, and in spite of all his barking and howling, he was kept locked up until his master had returned from church. Then he was let out, and he seemed overjoyed to see the minister again.
 "All the following week until Saturday Toby worked hard at the turnspit, walking up and down the wheel, turning the meat until it was done. Nothing happened to make any one think anything was wrong, but on Saturday when it was time for Toby to turn the spit to roast the meat for the Sunday dinner no Toby was to be found. Hunt high and low, indoors and out, search as hard as they could, no trace could they find of Toby. It seemed as though the dog had met with an accident or had been stolen.
 "On Sunday morning Toby's master went, as usual, to the church to preach. He was sad, for he missed the little dog. But you may imagine his surprise when he entered the pulpit to find Toby's bright little eyes shining at him from the floor. Toby's tail wagged when the clergyman entered the pulpit, but Toby made no sound, for he seemed to know that if he wished to remain there he must be very quiet. And he was permitted to stay there, for the congregation could not see him. Every Sunday after that Toby went with his master to church, but he never again refused to turn the spit on Saturday."

THIRTEEN BABIES.
 In One Family and All Under Five Years Ago.
 Omaha, Neb., Feb. 28.—Thirteen children—two girls and eleven boys and three sets of triplets—all boys and all born within the last five years is the record of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, erstwhile of Alberta, British north-west, but now of Oklahoma, where they will make their future home.
 During the last few days, or since the members of the Scott family commenced to move, they have taxed the passenger equipment of a number of railroad systems and have given several passenger conductors nervous prostration, to say nothing of the anxious-faced station agents at transfer points.
 Frank Scott left Alberta last fall and went to Oklahoma, where he was lucky enough to get in a land drawing and win 160 acres. Now the family has followed, passing through this city.
 The mother and thirteen little Scotts left Alberta and came by way of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the thirteen riding 2000 miles on one first class ticket, which is considered a record by railroad men.
 From Alberta down to St. Paul, the Scotts had no trouble with their children, but when they got to St. Paul, the children scattered over five seats. Stopping in front of the mother, Mrs. Scott passed up one lone ticket, calling for the transportation of one person and no more.
 Looking about, with a wave of the hand, Conductor Jarvis asked: "Are these yours? If they are, you will have to pay for some of them. You can't carry the inmates of an orphan asylum on one ticket."
 Here Mrs. Scott proved that she was equal to the occasion and asked: "Don't they belong to me, the mother of all these children under 5 years of age shall ride free, when accompanied by a parent?"
 "Sure," responded the conductor, "but this is no family. It's a school on an outing, and you will have to pay half fare for a half dozen or more."
 To prove that it was a family and no picnic, Mrs. Scott went down into a suit case and brought out the family bible and opening it to the family record called the roll.
 "Over there are Arthur, Archer, and Austin, triplets, 4½ years old; in that seat are Arthur and Arnold, twins, 2½ years old; in the seat in front are Allan, Almon and Alvin, triplets, 2½ years old; across the aisle in that seat are Albert, Abdon, and Adolph, another set of triplets, 18 months old, and here in the seat with me are the babies, twins, Abel and Abner, 6 months old. I have been married nine years and have lost six boys, or two pairs of triplets. We are now going to Oklahoma, to start anew, where Frank, my husband has a farm, and there try to raise a family."
 Convinced, Conductor Jarvis passed the members of the family and brought all of them on to Omaha, the children on the rest of the trip being known as the "thirteen little A's."
 From here the Scott family was given a certificate by the depot agent, certifying that the mother having a full ticket for the children, the little ones were entitled to ride free.

WILL TRY PORK AND BEANS
 Vermont Hospital for Tuberculous to Give Two Weeks' Test.
 Boston, Mass., Feb. 28.—Impressed by the statement of Sir Hiram Maxim that Boston baked pork and beans are more effective than cod liver oil as a cure for tuberculosis, Doctor Philip C. Bartlett, superintendent of the State Hospital for Consumptives at Rutland, will begin serving this dish to the patients.
 "We will give beans and pork a two weeks' trial," said Doctor Bartlett, "and if the results are in accordance

IN WOMAN'S REALM

CLEANING.
 Cleaning Suit—Take a small pan of gasoline, set it in pan of hot water. Lay garment to be cleaned on ironing board. Take clean soft clothes brush or coarse cloth and dip in gasoline. Brush garment evenly all over, then hang outdoors to dry. Press on wrong side and your garment will look like new one; keep gasoline away from flames.
COOKIES.
 Sweet Crackers—One cup of sugar, one cup of lard, and two eggs creamed together. Five cents' worth of oil of lemon, also 2 cents' worth of baking ammonia, dissolved in one pint of sweet milk overnight. Pound and knead about forty minutes. Work in as much flour as possible. Roll thin out in squares, and stick several times with a fork. Bake in quick oven. Half of the oil of lemon is enough for one baking.
PALM HELPS.
 I had a palm which became infested with scales. After trying various kinds of treatment for their extermination I began washing it in suds made from soap. After three washings at intervals of a few days apart, I find the scales almost entirely gone, the palm looking fresh and green and making new growth. Another bath of the same occasionally will keep it in fine condition.
 Practically all the valuable rubies of ancient and modern times have been found in the Mogok valley of Burma, where much of the work is still carried on by natives in the most primitive manner.
 Headwear made of straw was in use among the ancient Greeks, but straw hats as worn today did not come into use in Europe until half a century

KILLED IN FREIGHT WRECK.

Emigrant Watching Goods in Transit Meets Death on Way.
 Jennings, Kan., Feb. 28.—When a Rock Island freight train was derailed and piled up near here because of a broken wheel, yesterday morning it was found that C. W. Van Cleave of Alta, Iowa, an emigrant traveling in the car with his household goods had been killed. The Van Cleave family was moving from their home in Iowa to new quarters in Colorado. Mrs. Van Cleave and the younger children had gone on ahead in a passenger train while Van Cleave had remained behind to accompany the furniture in the freight car. A grown son who was with him was not injured.

VICTIM OF BULLET DIES.

Mrs. Bennett, in Ante-Mortem Statement, Says Husband Killed Her.
 Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Jennie M. Bennett, shot, it is alleged, by her husband, James Bennett, at their home here two months ago, died yesterday morning at a hospital. She accused her husband of the shooting

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RENO STILL DIVORCE CENTER
 Reno, Nev., Feb. 28.—There is rejoicing throughout Reno on the part of many of the divorce colony over the news from the capital of the killing of the proposed new divorce bill pending before the legislature.
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MADEMOISELLE CARTIER

By ANTOINETTE PATTERSON

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For the last two or three years, Graham Hartley had been taking life none too seriously. An uncle—Graham's parents were both dead—was largely responsible for this. He had taken the boy immediately after his graduation from college, where he had done really well, home to his magnificent bachelor apartments; he had helped to develop his inborn taste for luxury and beauty of all kinds. Incidentally he had encouraged laziness.

Uncle and nephew had lived amicably together until one day, while they were traveling abroad, the latter fell madly in love with the pretty prima donna of the opera which was creating a furore in Paris.

On that first night for a full half-hour, Graham Hartley had gazed stubbornly through his opera-glasses at Mlle. Cartier, not only because she was pretty and charming, but because he seemed to remember having once seen her before. Suddenly it came to him; she was the little French girl who had been educated with a young cousin of his own in a convent near Paris, and whom, during the summer vacation three years ago, he had met visiting with this same cousin at a villa near Dinard. She had charmed them all then with her fresh young voice, and had added much to his regret when the time came for his return to the United States.

Graham Hartley, lost no time in slipping behind the scenes and sending in his card to Mlle. Cartier. She remembered him perfectly, and seemed glad to see him.

Hartley wanted to bring Uncle John, but Uncle John was obdurate. He had little enthusiasm for the theater at best, and a rooted objection to actresses. Had Graham known at the time of the one romantic episode of his uncle's life and how it had been irrevocably bound up with a woman of this profession, he would have understood things better.

As it was, he gave little thought to the matter, and soon, indeed, he

it. The great objection was that he must begin at once with night work, which would make it necessary for him to miss the evening performance at the theater. But there would be afternoon calls to console him, and matinees, until he suddenly remembered he would not be able to afford tickets to anything.

Hartley wrote an explanatory note to Mlle. Cartier, and, receiving one so kind and altogether satisfactory in immediate reply, he started light-heartedly to work that very night.

The same night Marie Cartier had returned as usual to her room in the inexpensive hotel where she lived. It was the room they generally let her have on account of the little balcony she had fancied just outside of one of the windows. A timid person might have been afraid of that little balcony because of the inducement offered to burglars. But Marie never thought about disagreeable possibilities. Her mind was full of happy thoughts involving a certain young man and all that he had come to mean to her. She sent her maid to the next room and stepped out on the balcony to be alone with the stars.

When Marie entered the room again a loose screw holding the window bolt slipped out and fell to the floor. She could not see it anywhere around. Perhaps it had rolled under the bed, which was in a dark embrasure of the room. Lighting a candle she went toward the bed, and then blew out the flame with the casual air of one who has suddenly changed her mind. She had seen, distinctly, something that looked very like the part of a man's foot under the bed!

Because she was a woman, her impulse was to scream; but, also, because she was a woman and grasped immediately the whole situation, she did nothing of the kind. Instead, she called quickly to her maid.

"Susanne, please unfasten this pin for me. I mean the one at the back."

Marie Cartier had inherited from her mother some very handsome jewels which, through years of poverty, she had cherished. "Susanne, I'm going to take this pin early tomorrow morning to the jeweler to have the clasp fixed and I want my pearl necklace examined at the same time. I wish you'd go downstairs and get the clerk to give it to you from the safe so I can put it with the pin tonight and run no risk of forgetting to take them both. But stop a minute"—as Susanne went to the door—"I have to write you an order."

Mlle. Cartier deliberately opened her desk and to the order for the necklace added:

"There is a burglar hiding in my room. Do not frighten my maid, but send two men up immediately to arrest him."

Then, for now that she was alone Marie was growing frightened, she tried to distract her own attention in every possible way. She slipped the ornaments and pins from her hair, and that she might not appear to be trembling, she took some steps of the little dance which, humming its accompaniment, waits time. "Would help never come? She fancied she heard the man under the bed stir. There was every possibility that he might suspect things at any moment rush out, seize her dear mother's most cherished pin, and make his escape by the balcony. To keep up her spirits, she began to sing more boldly.

Soon she heard footsteps; they were not passing her door; they were coming in. And again Marie Cartier walked out to the balcony to look up at the stars.

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Uncle John read through the lines and the article twice. Then he laid down the paper. Distinguished for pluck and coolness; yes, he had undoubtedly once—was it only yesterday?—said he would have no objection to Mlle. Cartier had she been noted in any way but as an actress. It was clearly his duty as a man of his word to live up to that assertion. Besides, he had missed his nephew. But that, of course, had nothing to do with it. Simply there was no way of getting out of what he had said.

Uncle John rang for his man "Barton, call Mr. Hartley up on the phone for me, please, and say I would like to see him once more."

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