

DAILY MARKETS

Official Receipts, 90 Cars, 2442 Cattle; 113 Cars, 8274 Hogs; 4 Cars, 637 Sheep.

FEWER DRY-LOT FAT STEERS

These Kinds Held Steady While Bulk Met Slow Outlet on Weaker Level.

SOME DROUTH STOCK HERE

Increased Proportion of Butcher Grades of Sheep, Only Best Dry Lot Offerings Steady—Stock and Feeder Trade Lower on Increased Supply of Thin Stock—Hog Trade Active on 5 to 10 Cent Advance—Live Mutton Prices Steady, Supply Largely Lambs.

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 Receipts from January 1, 1911, and Receipts for the corresponding time in 1910. Rows include Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and Horses.

Live Stock in Sight. The following shows estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal western markets:

Table showing estimated receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at five principal western markets: Chicago, Kansas City, South Omaha, South St. Joseph, and East St. Louis.

Receipts by Cars. The following shows the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the stock yards:

Table showing the number of cars of stock handled today by railroads centering at the stock yards, categorized by location and type of stock.

CATTLE

Good Steers Scarce; Other Kinds Plentiful and Slow Sellers.

The week opened with a fairly good run of cattle on sale at the local point. The term "good," however, applied only to numbers, not quality. It was a dry weather receipts comprising a lot of short-fed immature cattle with quite a sprinkling of grassers, including the first fair sized delegation of quartered stock received at the local point this season. Receipts at Chicago overran the Saturday estimate by 5,000 head and advices from there as well as from other outside markets were of a favorable tone. Twenty-five hundred cattle made up the day's local supply, the run being 1,100 in excess of that received one week ago and slightly heavier than a year ago. At the five leading markets around 45,300 head were on sale, comparing with arrivals of 47,600 a week ago and 45,300 corresponding day a year ago.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

Trade tone in the stocker and feeder market was decidedly more buoyant by the arrival of more than the usual number of stock and feeding cattle. Reports from other markets indicated a lowering of the price schedule, and local buyers realizing their advantage in a liberal supply proceeded to let out another stitch in the price list with the result that the opening was decidedly weak with instances where buyers purchased at a big time discount under last week's closing prices. Late trade developed further weakness and closing prices were fully 10 to 15 cents lower as compared with the week's close. Buyers were not particularly anxious for supplies even at lower cost and trade exhibited the characteristic dullness of the previous week. However, the market was not sticky and it required the full trading session for salesmen to make a clearance. The protracted drouth over the greater portion of the corn belt has put feeders in a panic mood, with the result that few outside buyers are showing up, and if rain is had within a few days it looks like stocker and feeder prices will sink to bed-rock. Good to choice steers are quotable at \$4.25 to \$4.75; medium to good grades \$4.10 to \$4.50; good to fancy stock steers \$3.50 to \$4.25; common to fair \$3.35 to \$3.65; stock hogs \$3.00 to \$3.50; fair to pretty good hogs \$3.25 to \$4.00; stock calves \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Stockers and Feeders.

20... 1092.5 50 5... 716.2 85 48... 1081.4 90 5... 783.3 35 8... 795.3 85 10... 776.2 75

Yearlings and Calves.

7... 651.4 10 7... 514.3 60 7... 525.3 80 10... 477.3 25 22... 527.3 75 7... 550.3 25 9... 529.3 75 1... 600.3 25 4... 622.3 75 2... 453.3 25 39... 482.3 60 6... 388.3 00

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers.

6... 1069.3 90 15... 499.3 25 17... 431.3 75 8... 814.3 25 9... 406.3 60 2... 525.3 63 4... 485.3 25 5... 810.3 60 3... 550.3 25 6... 570.3 60 9... 439.3 25 13... 462.3 50 3... 780.3 10 5... 598.3 50 11... 977.3 10 13... 470.3 50 2... 810.3 60 1... 1040.3 48 2... 980.3 90

COWS, BULKS AND MIXED.

General receipts today giving evidence of being a dry weather run. Included an increased showing of cows, heifers and mixed yearlings, most of which graded medium and common. The small sprinkling of good dry lot steers was well taken care of at prices not particularly changed from last week's closing rates. Buyers, however, were discriminating in their

QUARANTINE DIVISION.

Around 400 head of cattle were on sale in the southern division of the yards today, the first respectable showing of southern cattle seen here this season. Steers made up the bulk of the run. Quality was only fair, the most of the offerings selling at \$4.50 to \$4.90, with common light kinds going at \$4.45 to \$3.85. Only a few cows were offered and these sold around \$3.30. Prices were considered fully in line with those prevailing for southern offerings at other markets.

Packers' Cattle Purchases.

Swift & Co. 700 Hammond Packing Co. 400 Morris & Co. 400 Total 1,500

HOGS.

Prices Advance 5 to 10c, Market Fairly Active.

Prices for hogs at the local yards were on a 5 to 10 cent higher level than Saturday's average and trade was featured by moderate activity. Local receipts figured around 7,500 as compared with 9,178 last Monday and 3,332 corresponding day a year ago. The five markets had 72,600, 14,000 less than last Monday but 24,000 more than arrived the corresponding day a year ago. Lighter supplies gave the general trade a strong undertone and the local market was not long in getting started at prices 5 to 10c up from Saturday and on this basis a clearance was made before the noon hour.

Quality was quite good, taking the whole drove into account, but there was a somewhat larger showing of old rough sows. Some light unfinished stuff is being forced in by the dry weather but the number of this class of hogs is not yet a serious or disturbing factor in the market. Prices ranged from \$6.00 to \$6.25, with the bulk selling at \$5.95 to \$6.15. The bulk Saturday sold at \$5.95 to \$6.10, a week ago at \$6.00 to \$6.15, a month ago at \$5.90 to \$6.00, a year ago at \$5.75 to \$5.90, three years ago at \$5.50 to \$5.65, and four years ago at \$5.35 to \$5.50.

Heavy and Mixed—200 lbs. and Upward.

Table with columns for No. and Price. Rows include various hogs and mixed stock.

Pigs and Light—100 lbs. and Under.

Table with columns for No. and Price. Rows include various pigs and light stock.

Packers' Hog Purchases.

Swift & Co. 3,700 Hammond Packing Co. 2,000 Morris & Co. 2,000 Total 7,700

Range of Prices.

Table with columns for This Week and Last Week. Rows include various livestock prices.

SHEEP.

Trade Active Under the Influence of Light Supplies, Prices Steady.

No radical change in the rank and file of the live mutton trade was recorded today, and generally the price list was on a firm footing with last week's final session. Supplies were of the usual Monday dimensions. Estimates of 1,000 were posted and arrivals figured well up with the estimate, consisting of a three-cent shipment of southwestern clipped lambs and a car of native springers. No noteworthy consignments were included in the run and average quality was on a par with the daily runs of last week. Outside advices backed up sellers' arguments for steady prices, and with only a scant supply of killing stock on hand packers were forced to accept the inevitable, with the result that opening transactions showed no material change as compared with last week's close. Light supplies prompted packers to get in the trade

NEW MOVE IS STARTED.

Contemplates Taking Over of Express Business by Postoffice Department.

Washington, D. C., June 19.—The sub-committee on Postoffice and Post-roads today and took up for consideration the Lewis bill, which provides for transferring to the postoffice the express companies and adding them to the Postal system, and establishing a complete system for the quick transport of packages and the sale of products of the farm and truck garden, etc. At their last conference in Washington the representatives of the business men of the country and of the farmers' granges asked Congress to establish such a system, and representatives of those interests were present at the hearing before the committee today.

E. T. Allen Shows Necessity of Conservation, Reforestation and Protection From Fire.

Chicago, June 19.—"Our forests are useful and necessary, as they keep the flow of our streams even, preventing floods in the wet season and furnishing water for irrigation and power during the dry season; they pay taxes to support our roads, our schools and our government; they shelter our wild game and fish, and in many ways make our country healthier and pleasanter to live in," says E. T. Allen, forester for the Western Forestry and Conservation association. "In most of our western states, the public schools are supported largely by the sale of timber from state forest lands."

OTHER LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago Union Stock Yard, Ill. June 19.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 26,000. Market steady to 10c higher. Butcher and hogs weak to 10c lower, feeders 10 to 25c lower. Hogs—Receipts, 41,000. Market steady to 5c higher. Top \$6.40, bulk \$6.20 to \$6.30. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000. Market steady, lambs strong.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 19.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 11,000. Market strong to dime higher, top \$4.30. Texas Cattle—Receipts, 1,000. Market mostly dime higher. Top \$6.20, bulk \$6.00 to \$6.20. Hogs—Receipts, 5,000. Market steady to 10c higher, lambs 7c, Texas yearlings \$4.60.

SOUTH OMAHA.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., June 19.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers' Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 3,000. Market slow steady to easier. Hogs—Receipts, 5,000. Market steady. Top \$5.05, bulk \$4.80 to \$4.95. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., June 19.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 7,000. Half southern. Market weak to 10c lower. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market steady. Top \$6.45, bulk \$6.30 to \$6.40. Sheep—Receipts, 4,500. Market 10c higher, lambs \$7.65.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by P. Gordon, 1095-1009 New Corby-Forsee Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

Table with columns for Options, Opened, High, Low, Close, and Change. Rows include Wheat, Corn, Oats, and Pork.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

The following are today's market quotations for wheat, 3 cars; corn, 22 cars; receipts, 0 cars.

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, and Oats. Rows include various grades and prices.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Following are today's wholesale prices for beef cuts as given out by Swift & Company:

Table with columns for Dressed Beef, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3. Rows include various cuts of beef.

TULSA GETS BOTTLING WORKS.

Tulsa, Okla.—It is announced that immediately work was started on the erection of Tulsa's newest industry. It was announced by Charles E. Page, owner of Sand Springs, that the deal was closed for the moving of the Neodesha Bottling Works from Neodesha, Kan., to Sand Springs, W. E. Rhode, who has been looking after the deal with the Neodesha people, returned to Tulsa and stated all arrangements were satisfactory, and that the work of removing the factory would be started at once.

Whether a rose called by another name would smell as sweet depends altogether on the variety.

SAVE FORESTS

Far Western States Expect Aid in Movement From the National Irrigation Congress.

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INDORSE CRUCE'S STAND.

Oklahoma City Churches and Bible Classes Against Prizefight.

Oklahoma City, June 18.—The veto against the proposed Morris-Flynn fight at Sapulpa, July 4, announced Saturday by Governor Cruce in a letter to Sheriff J. W. Berry, of Creek county, in which the governor threatened to call out the militia if necessary to prevent the bout, was widely discussed in Oklahoma City churches yesterday. At the First Presbyterian church, a congregation numbering 2,000, rising vote indorsed the governor's stand. Resolutions pledging any possible assistance were passed by Bible classes and chapters of the Men's Brotherhood throughout the city.

ZINC IN NEW MEXICO.

El Paso, Tex.—A fine body of zinc carbonate in the Helen group of mines in the Victoria range, Grant county, N. M., Mr. Wyman has been very busy with a gang of workmen clearing out the mine and constructing 600 feet of track in the old tunnel in order to get at the body of the carbonate. It is estimated that 47 per cent and more is showing up in good quantities. Already a large body is in sight. Work is figuring on shipping ore next month and as the El Paso smelter does not handle zinc carbonate, shipment will have to be made to Kansas or Missouri.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Dick Heye of Glenville, Neb., who markets here quite regularly, was here today with a car of hogs.

Gilmore & Dickenson of Fairbury, Neb., regular patrons of this market, sent in a car of hogs for today's market.

G. A. Hamley, an extensive feeder of Stock City, today marketed a car of porkers here today.

D. H. Beavers, who operates around Home City, Kan., had a car of hogs in for today's market.

H. Moiler of Doniphan, Kan., was among those who had hogs in for today's market.

R. N. Wheeler of Bralox, Mo., a staunch friend of this market, was here today with a consignment of hogs.

J. W. Williamson of Latham, Neb., accompanied a car of hogs to the local market today.

Teague & Lyons, rated as one of Kansas' largest shipping firms, was represented here today with a car of hogs.

E. C. Anderson of Hildreth, Neb., had a car of hogs here today of his own stock.

D. H. Breitwieser of Upland, Neb., marketed two cars of hogs here today.

Jno. Seberg, a successful feeder and shipper of Upland, Neb., had a car of hogs on sale today.

J. H. Shroyok of Upland, Neb., came today with a car of hogs that sold well.

W. H. Rayle & Son of Campbell, Neb., marketed a car of hogs here today.

R. E. Denton of Bladen, Neb., an extensive feeder and shipper, had a car of hogs on today's market.

W. H. Rehler of Bladen, Neb., sent in a car of hogs for today's market.

Commercial Bank of Rosemont, Neb., was represented here today with a one-car consignment of hogs.

Henry Vickers, who markets hogs quite regularly, was here again today with a car of hogs from his feedlots at Ong, Neb.

Chas. Eberstine of Tobias, Neb., was among those who had hogs on sale today.

Goodell Bros., big feeders and shippers of Western, Neb., sent in a car of pork for today's marketing.

W. L. Lucas, a prominent farmer and feeder of Chester, Neb., had a car of hogs on sale today.

A. E. Blower, who feeds at Chester, Neb., marketed a car of hogs here today.

J. W. Houts of Napoleon, Neb., favored the local market today with a two-car consignment of hogs.

Ed. Smith of Mayville, Mo., marketed a car of mutton here today.

C. T. Jaquith of Bralox, Mo., had a car of cattle in for today's market.

E. A. Glebe, prominent in feeding circles at Rosemont, Neb., marketed a car of hogs here today.

F. F. Roepke of Oxford, Neb., had a car of cattle here today of his own feeding.

H. M. Strong of Wilcox, Neb., an extensive shipper of that point, had a mixed car of hogs in today.

W. W. Aton, who hails from Ragin, Neb., disposed of a car of hogs on today's market.

Martin Schmidt, an old-time friend and patron of this market, contributed a car of hogs and a mixed car to today's receipts.

A. Holdrege, of Riverton, Neb., disposed of two cars of hogs here today.

Farmers' Business Association of Holbrook, Neb., had a consignment of two cars of hogs on today's market. Roy Walner accompanied the shipment.

Sterling Grain & L. S. Co. of Sterling, Neb., increased receipts with one car of hogs.

Use Molasses Feed that has won by Champion Feed Co., Tarkio, Mo.

Loomis, Neb., contributed three cars of stock to the receipts today, a car of hogs and a mixed car from the Johnson Stock Co. and one car of hogs from P. E. Larson.

Change of management at Transit House, try our meals.

Palver & Son, extensive feeders and shippers of Kenesaw, Neb., had two cars of hogs here today.

Use Feeders use Exello Feeds.

Elwood Shipping Assn., of Elwood, Neb., had a car of hogs and a mixed car here today.

There is a profit in feeding Exello Feeds.

Farmers' Grain & Supply Co., of Minden, Neb., contributed a mixed car and a car of hogs to our receipts today.

Best meals, best rooms, Transit House.

W. D. Woolery, an extensive feeder and shipper of Amity, Mo., was on today's market with a car of hogs.

Transit House enters to stockmen.

Axtell, Neb., was represented on today's market by a car of hogs from J. F. Farrow.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Alhambra.—The Thomas Players in "Sowing the Wind," a splendid play that will run all week.

At the Majestic.—Best picture show in town with two first class vaudeville acts.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer in west portion tonight.

Kansas: Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer in north and west portions tonight.

Nebraska and Iowa: Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight.

Some people are good at finding fault, when generally speaking they are apt to overlook everything else.

The fellow who takes the bull by the horns ought to know pretty well his powers for holding on.

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LOOKS LIKE HIS INNING.

Stocks are in the red today. It looks like the regular is going to have an inning this year. Reports from the range indicate general dryness and shipments of cattle to the east will begin in volume earlier than last year when dry weather forced a comparatively early movement.

RANGE PROSPECTS.

Breeders' Gazette: Generally speaking, the range conditions are favorable. Grass rose early and has turned green, which means that the beef crop is well along in the making stage.

RAISING GOOD CALVES.

Often in traveling along a country road in summertime one sees a few little, rangy, pot-bellied calves crowding close together in a fence corner of a small, weedy lot, without a particle of shade to shelter them from the attacks of the pestiferous flies or shield them from the rays of the sun.

QUICK AND CHEAP.

Why Stave Silos Have Become Numerous. The main reason why stave silos have been preferred by the majority of farmers during late years is that they can be put up quickly and cheaply, and have preserved the silage satisfactorily.

CONSERVATION IS PERFECT.

Under System Supply May Be Made to Last Indefinitely. Boston, Mass., June 18.—For ten years the conservationists have been warning us of the end of our timber supply. We have heard that our forests at the present rate of cutting would not last fifteen years, and that our water courses were already drying.

MAINE NOW RAISING TIMBER AS FARMERS USUALLY RAISE POTATOES.

Conservation is perfect. It is not a satisfaction to record one beneficial result of those alarms. It had been generally supposed that the timber lands of Maine were being impoverished along with those of the rest of the country, that the Maine lumber industry was to be ended in a few years.

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Daddy's Bedtime Story

This Soldier Obeyed His Orders Too Well

"I HAVE a small bone to pick with you, Jack," announced daddy as the children settled themselves for the bedtime story. "Why didn't you come quicker when I called you from the orchard this afternoon?"

"Well, that's a real good excuse," said daddy, "and I'll forgive you, but you must remember after this that it is the place of a boy to mind his father as quickly and exactly as a soldier minds his general."

"I'll mind on the second after this," said Jack. "Now," said daddy, "I'll tell you a funny story about how a soldier minded too well. He came to General Butler's tent one morning and said, 'Sorry to report, sir, that your horse has fallen down the ravine.'"

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estimate of \$618,390, and the area burned was less than 1 per cent of the wooded land of the state. In 1909 came the first real test of Maine's forest fire protection. The appropriation had been more than trebled (\$84,000), making possible more frequent patrols and look-outs. The estimate of damage done to \$25,000. Last year it was only \$2,841. The United States government has copied Maine's system of preventing forest fires.

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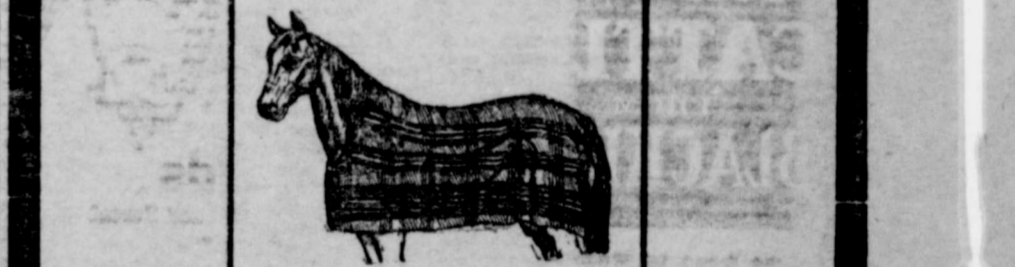
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Enormous Cigarette Consumption. South Africa smokes 650,000,000 cigarettes per annum, and well over 600,000,000 of them are retailed in six-cent packets.

Getting Out the Strength. Among the applications for the cookship in a Richmond household was a rather dashing young girl.

Potato Exploded. A potato, the size of a tea cup, caused extraordinary havoc in a home in Vancouver, Wash., the other day when it exploded in the oven of a range and shattered the cast-iron grate, blew open the oven door, and caused such a loud report that the maid thinking someone had shot at her rushed from the house screaming for help.

Blind Charity. "While I think I am rather inclined to give, yet I try to be discriminating; not to give to every beggar with an idle and obviously untrue tale, but," said the nearsighted man to a New York Sun reporter.

Passed Uncomfortable Night. To be forced to stand on his head all night was the trying experience which recently befell Charles Stokes, a laborer in Auburn, N. Y.

UNCLE HIRAM TO HIS NEPHEW

He Gives the Youngster a Little Advice as to When to Make Decisions.

"Don't," said Uncle Hiram to his hopeful young nephew, "make any momentous decision when you're tired. When we're tired we want to get the question settled and we're ready to make concessions, to give way, and the other man is sure to get the better of us."

"We often hear it said that it's a good thing when in doubt about anything to sleep on it, and this is sound advice. The general theory of the benefits to be derived from sleeping on a question is that sleep clarifies the mind, but in coming to a settlement about a thing the most important advantage that we find in sleeping on it lies in the renewed strength that sleep gives us. It renews our courage, makes us ready not to give way but to stand up and fight and fit and able to fight."

REVENGE ON WEATHER MAN. People Anxiously Looking for Right Conditions Chuckle When He Catches a Bad Cold.

A grin transfigured the face of the shipping clerk who had telephoned to the weather bureau for particulars on the day's atmospheric outlook. The grin conveyed a pleasing message to the manager.

Some Historical Stamps. Many intensely interesting historical events have been recorded in postage stamps so that a large collection of stamps often shows in a most striking manner how history was made.

Parrot Frightened Burglar. The cries of Oliver Twist, a South American parrot, which was awakened the other morning by a thief prowling in the home of his mistress, Mrs. M. Osburn of San Francisco, while she was absent, frightened away the burglar after he had gathered up articles worth \$23.

Feeding London's Zoo. It cost \$23,490 to feed the animals in the London Zoo last year, hay, clover, and fruit being the three biggest items. Among the items were: Hay, 161 loads; straw, 208 loads; tares, 1,188 bundles; maize, 360 bushels; rice, 1 1/2 tons; canary seed, 150 bushels; shrimps, 1,835 pints; and fish, 28 tons. There were 218 horses, costing \$1,505, and 152 goats; monkey nuts, 4 1/4 hundredweights; 97,884 bananas, 4,219 pounds grapes, 13,013 oranges, 923 1/2 pecks and 31 1/2 cases apples, 7 1/2 tons mangels, 21,348 pounds potatoes, 6,806 quarters bread, 4,986 fowls' heads, 494 pounds sugar, 5,858 mice, and 3,575 sparrows.

A Boston Casualty. Mrs. Kawler—But how in the world did you manage to hit that flat when the landlord is so set against families with children?

Both Had Grievances. First Professional Humorist—Why so sad, old man? Second Professional Humorist—I am the only one who takes myself seriously. "That's nothing. I am the only one who takes myself humorously.—Life.

SERVED HIS TIME AT SEA

Youthful Experiences of Sir Walter Runciman, Author of a Recent Book on Napoleon.

Sir Walter Runciman, author of the book on Napoleon, "The Tragedy of St. Helena," is a Scotsman. The sea early fascinated him, and at the age of twelve he ran away from home, strapped to a northeast coast port, and engaged himself as a cabin boy. His duties made his position anything but a sinecure and the treatment he received in it completed his disillusionment with reference to this particular vessel. The tyranny finally became unbearable and he managed to decamp at an Irish port. His love for the sea, however, remained, and before long he was serving on an American vessel, where he speedily became well liked.

CHICKEN ROAST IN SCHOOL. Iowa Rural Teacher Makes School-house Center of Social Life of the District.

It is as true as it is strange that in Iowa many rural schools are so attractive that city boys are sent out of the city to attend the rural school. I know one country school in which there are six children from city schools. A "chicken roast" is the latest school attraction that I have known.

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### SOME PREVENTIVES FOR HOG CHOLERA

Tens of Thousands of Missouri Hogs Have Been Inoculated Against Cholera in the Last Year.

The greatest problem of the hog raiser today is the constant danger of cholera. If it were not for this disease the hog business would be about the most profitable in the world. Cholera can not always be avoided, and it can not often be recognized until the hogs begin to die. But it can be controlled far better by up-to-date methods than it could a few years ago.

Tens of thousands of Missouri hogs have been inoculated against cholera in the last year with the serum made by the veterinary department of the Missouri experiment station. Dr. J. C. Conaway, who is in charge of the work, estimates that 85 per cent of all the hogs inoculated are saved from cholera. In many cases the serum is used in herds where hogs are already dying, but even then it saves most of those not too far gone.

The great results obtained with the serum have induced some men to go into the business commercially, so that now there are several "immunizing serums" on the market. As a rule these are either worthless, or worse, some of them having actually carried infection into well herds. The cost of making the real immunizing serum is so great that it is not yet a profitable commercial proposition.

The facilities for producing the serum at the college are increased and the work systematized so that more calls can be answered than formerly. Still, however, there are more calls than can well be answered.

The process of making the serum is rather interesting, but it is the purpose of this article to suggest some of the means by which cholera is spread, and how some of these may be avoided.

The germs of cholera do not fly through the air by themselves, but must be carried by some actual contact. A dog, cat, rat or any animal running through an infected hog lot and going into one uninfected may carry the disease with it on its feet. Birds may pick up grains of corn or other food in the lot with the diseased hogs and carry the disease.

Where a hog has died of cholera and the carcass has been dragged out to a ravine somewhere, there are a great many dangers. Crows or buzzards may come to pick on the carcass. They will take cholera wherever they go. Dogs may eat the flesh and scatter the germs far and wide. Other hogs may find the carcass and pick over it, thus certainly contracting the disease. Quail and probably other birds may also pick over it.

When a rain comes, the old carcass will be washed over and a large amount of the infection will be carried to the nearest stream, there to go down through the country, a danger to every herd that drinks that water. Much cholera is carried in this latter way.

The remedies for these various troubles suggest themselves. For the birds, it is not practical to screen them out, but some help can be gotten by a shotgun or a scarecrow. It will help if the lots are kept cleaner than is customary. A vagrant dog running over a neighborhood is a nuisance anyway, even if he did not carry cholera.

The matter of the disposal of carcasses is of great importance. A carcass should never be dragged out in the pasture and left to feed buzzards. It should either be buried deeply or burned. If cholera is suspected, the latter is much to be preferred.

Burning a carcass does not mean simply roasting it with a little fire of sticks, but actually burning and destroying it. This is the only absolutely sure way of getting all the germs. It will take a good-sized fire to burn a large carcass.

When this is done, there is danger of the hogs of the neighborhood all along the creek having cholera on account of the carelessness of one man.

It is often advisable to spread air-slaked lime in the pens to kill any germs that may be present or to prevent the spread of them.

In taking hogs to the railroad station there are many ways of spreading the disease. If the animals are driven along the road—as fortunately they are not, usually—the droppings of the herd may leave infection all along to be picked up by other hogs, even though the herd shows no active signs of the disease at the time. Hogs should always be hauled to the station in wagons with a tight floor, and it will help if air-slaked lime is spread over the floor before loading.

The spread of cholera from infected pens at the stock yards is too well known, as it has almost stopped the dealings in stock hogs.

The observance of some of these precautions will lessen the danger of spreading this dreaded disease. Every farmer owes it to himself and his neighbor to be as careful as he can.

Some men who don't know say that skim-milk is just like so much water. Just how much it is worth depends on what it is put into and how skillfully it is fed. For the average farmer it will pay big returns if put into hogs, and the dairy farmer already realizes its value for calves. It is certainly worth too much to be thrown away, as some dairies do. Even for chickens it is fine food.

### FIRM'S SIGN WAS CHANGED

Bulky Lumber Dealer Gave Way to Son When Latter Passed Him in Weight.

"When I knew John Fiske," said a Westchester politician, "he was in the lumber business on the West side of New York city, with his son as a partner. Both were heavyweights and both had the same name. John, Sr., for years had scaled about 360 pounds. He was a mammoth man, being more than six feet tall, very wide and very deep chested. His son was constructed in similar lines, but they were styled by their intimates as the 'heavyweight firm.'"

"Father," remarked the son one day, "I rather think that I've been gaining on you lately and I wouldn't be surprised if I weighed more than you do now."

"Foolish talk, my boy. I'll beat you by 100 pounds. You are heavy, but you are not in my class yet."

"Let's get on the scales and find out. What do you say?"

"Quite willing to submit to the test, they weighed. John, Sr., balanced the beam at exactly 362 pounds. John, Jr., scaled 365. Although astonished, John, Sr., merely said: 'I didn't think it, John, and you certainly don't look it, my boy.'"

"Separating, the young man gave no more thought to the incident, but the next day he was further surprised. The firm's sign had been changed. Hitherto it had read 'John Fiske & Son,' but now the deposed heavyweight had transformed it to 'John Fiske & Father.'"

### COULDN'T HEAR SCHOOL BELL

Fascinations of the Bright June Morning Made Boy Deaf to Call of Duty.

A big bumblebee lay helpless upon a plantain leaf under the morning glory vine—a sad example of the effects of too much intoxicating drink. He had imbibed honey-freely all the day before and now, past eight o'clock of a bright June morning, when his fellows had been at work for hours, he sprawled, half-paralyzed, a shocking sight to busy people.

I took a blade of grass and tickled him gently in his yellow push region. He raised one leg—he was lying on his side—and waved it toward me in feeble protestation. The gesture spoke plainly. It said: "Lemme 'lone, can't yer. Jus' wanta have lil' nap."

A little nap! A little nap, indeed, on that morning when all the garden was rustling and humming and whirring and twittering with life. The robin, who was the father of a hungry family living in the apple tree, was hunting worms on the lawn; the portulacas had been open for half an hour—ever since the sun had touched them; the fat toad who lived near the yellow lilies was awake and looking about with slyly twinkling eyes (he had probably been up all night, too); and the morning glories had been unfolded since daylight. The school bell rang. But I did not hear it. A school bell on such a morning? No, I did not hear it.—The Outlook.

### Disinfecting Theaters.

A committee of French doctors has been instructed to submit to the Paris police a scheme of regulations for minimizing the danger of the dissemination of infectious diseases at theatrical performances. It is proposed, in the first place, that every theater shall be disinfected after every performance by means of sawdust steeped in antiseptics. It is also recommended that windows and doors shall be kept wide open in the intervals between the performances, that the cushioned seats shall be sponged with antiseptics, that the cloak-room attendants shall undergo regular medical inspection, and finally that the air of the house shall be sterilized once a week by means of steam charged with formaldehyde. Pestiferous microbes certainly will need to be of a very hardy character to resist this drastic treatment.—Westminster Gazette.

### Jewel Box Alarm.

Paris is now interested in my lady's jewel box with burglar alarm works in it. When the burglar picks up the box, or tampers with it, the thing gets busy with more noise than an alarm clock. Tip's advice to any lady who is warned by an alarm clock jewel box that a burglar is in the room with her is to refuse to be wakened by it and to interfere with his enterprise. Same advice to men. That device lets Mr. Burglar get too near before setting up his clanging clamor. The less fooling anybody does with burglars at close quarters the better. The kind of burglar alarm to recommend itself to people who think their lives are more valuable than precious stones would be one that would tell you the dark-lantern visitor was coming when he was five blocks away from your house.

### Ants Plague English District.

An extraordinary plague of ants is causing alarm in the Durham, England, colliery village of Ryhope. One hundred and twenty miners' houses are infested with myriads of the pests, which swarm in the living rooms, causing serious discomfort and damage. The ants spread rapidly, and swarm about the cupboards and on the food in the houses. They are of a foreign species, and were brought to the village in consignments of Egyptian hay. The colliery owners have engaged experts to exterminate the pests. The infested houses are dealt with in turn, the ants being dug out in colonies and their nests destroyed.

### CULTURE OF ASPARAGUS

Professor A. C. Page, College of Agriculture, University of Missouri.

Any time of the year is the right time to begin planning for an asparagus plot. For the best results are gotten from this delicious spring vegetable when the plot is planned and prepared a while in advance of planting.

In selecting a place for asparagus, remember that it will need to be cut every morning during its yielding season, and that the one planting of it will likely last a lifetime. So it is essential to put it in a convenient place. A row of it along the fence in the garden will probably be convenient, if the place is not already occupied by rhubarb. It is very necessary that the soil for asparagus be exceedingly rich, but in a small planting this can be made artificially.

Having selected the place, the problem is to put the soil in the best possible condition, both of fertility and physical structure. Potatoes or some other cultivated crop is good to precede asparagus, as the ground will be well loosened up by it. Heavy manuring is absolutely necessary. The ground can not be too rich for asparagus. Put on a thick coating of manure, spade it in deeply and then put on more, and keep on as long as it seems possible to make it any richer. It is much more satisfactory to do this manuring at this time, before the plants are started; for after the plants are in there will be difficulty in doing much heavy manuring.

It is not so essential to have a very deep soil-bed, as the asparagus roots tend to grow horizontally instead of down. But the first foot of the soil should be spaded and raked repeatedly so that it will be mellow. If this is kept up from now till time to set the plants next spring, it should be in first-class condition.

This is not the season for setting plants, but a few words may not be amiss. It will usually be better for the man who wishes to have a home garden of asparagus to rely upon the seedsman or nurseryman for the young crowns. Usually there is some trouble in growing them from the seed. If there is any choice, pick the ones which are broad and well developed. In setting them, make furrows from six inches to a foot deep and set the crowns in the bottom of them. Sprinkle the dirt loosely about them, and cover them lightly with leaf mold or some mulch like straw. Add a little more earth over the top from time to time as they grow. Finally, by this process, the row will be level.

Asparagus should not be cut the first season at all. Let the leaves grow and store up plant-food for the next season's growth. Usually there should be very little if any cutting the second year. It takes some time for the plants to become well established. The third spring there should be a busy early morning job of cutting every day, and thus it is likely to be for many years if the plot is properly cared for.

In the fall and winter, cover the whole asparagus plot thickly with manure, and in early spring rake off all that has not washed into the ground. This will help to push the crop when the ground warms up.

Be careful not to cut too long in the spring. Some men have been known to cut asparagus all summer, as long as it would put out any kind of shoots. This is not economical, as it destroys the vigor of the plants. They should be left alone after the middle of June or the first of July and the tops let to grow. The plants will thus have a chance to store their roots full of plant food for the next spring's rapid growth.

There are few pests which affect asparagus. There is occasionally some trouble with rust, and there is asparagus beetle which sometimes bothers. There is also a black flylike insect which eats on the stalk of the plant. The beetles and fly can be trapped by letting a few plants grow up without cutting until they are infested with the bugs. Then they may be cut and burned. The rust may be combated by burning the dead plants in winter or sometimes by spraying in the summer after the cutting season. Care should be exercised not to spray on any plot that is being cut for use, as the sprays are poisonous. Lead arsenate solution is usually advised, although asparagus is not usually sprayed at all.

Now is the time to kill weeds. They have no excuse for being, except that they can't help it. They take up the ground and use the fertility. They scatter millions of seeds every year, partly on the ground and partly in hay and seed crops. Soil will never be better for having raised weeds, unless, perhaps, they are plowed deep under. It will pay big practical dollars to spend some time in getting rid of them.

Just as soon as the grain is off, run over the field with a disk to break up the surface layer. Fall plowing will be easier and there will be fewer clods. And if moisture is scarce, as it looks as if it will be, this will save all there is.

Some day when the other work is not pressing spend an hour or two in the pasture with the mower cutting out the ragweeds before they go to seed. A little of such treatment will make better pastures and a cleaner looking place.

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### CHIEF DUTY OF SHEPHERD

It is to Shear the Sheep, According to Children of Whom Dr. Jowett Tells.

Rev. Dr. Jowett, at a dinner in New York, said, apropos of his salary: "The cost of living is so high over here that I have decided, after all, to accept the generous salary that I first declined. I hope that this acceptance won't call to my congregation's minds, however, the story of the sheep."

"A minister, you know, was once addressing a Sunday school. It was a Sunday school of little children, and the minister in his address desired to compare himself to a shepherd, and his congregation to the shepherd's flock."

"What are these beautiful animals?" he said, pointing to a drawing on the blackboard.

"Sheep! Sheep!" chorused the children.

"And the cloaked figure in the foreground—what is he?"

"A shepherd!" the children cried.

"Exactly," agreed the minister, beaming with satisfaction. "And now, dear children, can you tell me what it is that the shepherd does for the sheep?"

"A score of little mouths opened wide, and a score of treble voices cried shrilly:

"He shears 'em!"

Hatred Degrades Us.

When our hatred is too bitter it places us below those whom we hate. —La Rochefoucauld.

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"He is trying to find some way to remove tattoo marks," said the missionary. "That is a sure sign that he means business. Tattooing is not necessarily incompatible with religion, but a lot of converts seem to think it is and are anxious to shed those marks along with their bad habits. Pagan designs that they picked up in tropical countries strike them as especially irrevocable."

"The average convert can worry along pretty comfortably with mermaids, anchors, and other emblems of the sea printed on his arms, but heathen gods and goddesses afflict his conscience sorely. In some cases his tattooing there is a repeated application of tannin that will remove the marks, but that is not always effective, and many a sincere Christian has to go through life with the picture of a heathen idol on his forearm."

Early School Books.

The horn book invented in 1450 and used considerably up to the close of the eighteenth century was the usual

textbook of the elementary school. A thin slab of hard wood was covered with parchment, on which was printed the capital and small letters, numerals and some elementary syllables and words.

Over this a thin sheet of transparent cow's horn was placed and firmly bound so that no moisture could penetrate. To this the Bible and the sampler on which little girls painfully stitched the letters of the alphabet, some "Godly saying" and a border of herring stitch, or some conventional pattern of impossible flowers and foliage and the legend "Mary Smith, her sampler," or the like, were about all that the children used up to the beginning of the eighteenth century.

Window Glass.

Utility is the mother of nearly all decorative features. Windows were first designed to give light. The history of glass shows that the useful has taken decorative prominence. In old colonial houses glass in small panes was used probably because it was cheap. The sash was divided by small pieces of wood called mullions. After many years glass came to be used in large sizes, and of recent years it has been the practice to have but a single sheet, often in a very large size of plate glass. These are permissible only where the view warrants their use. The average house or cottage is better without them, as they suggest the show window of a shop rather than a dwelling.

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