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PACKERS CHANGE ATTITUDE

There is less outspoken bear opinion running loose in packing circles regarding hog market futures than recently and much of the talk coming from that quarter has been substantially modified, says a Chicago exchange.

Packer hogs have advanced 50 per cent per cwt. in two weeks and packers seem to have an appetite for them on that basis. Bullish influences can easily be detected and not the least of these is export demand, which continues on a broad scale, that outlet having absorbed 19,589,000 pounds of lard last week, against 2,579,000 pounds a year ago.

CHOICE BEEF A LUXURY

Wholesalers are marking the price of corn-finished beef a notch higher every week, says the Breeders' Gazette. An article that was superabundant a few months back is becoming rare. Choice bullocks are quotable at \$3.75 this week, and cattle equally good and at \$6.25 @ \$6.50 in the summer.

HOW HE DODGED THE ISSUE

Minister, Preaching Funeral Sermon for Worthless Man, Talked of This Glorious Age. One of the hardest things a minister is called upon to do is to deliver an address at the funeral of a man for whom there is really nothing good to be said.

THE HONEY INDUSTRY

A profitable industry is being developed on many of the government irrigation projects in the production of honey, and press reports from recent state and county fairs indicate that the quality of this honey is superior. The flavor is exceptionally fine and the color clear and sparkling.

HE WAS WILLING TO WATCH

Burglar Wanted His Pal to Tackle the House With the "Load-ed" Key. The man with his coat collar turned up, and his derby pitched down over his eyes, was slouching along in the shadow of the building, suddenly beckoned to the man on the other side of the street.

ATTENTION, STOCK CATTLE BUYERS! Your Assistance and Co-operation Needed in Combating Advanced Freight Rates. The notice of the different railroads in regard to the stock cattle rates to points east of the Missouri river would be advanced to the regular tariff rates after the first of October was taken up by the different live stock exchanges, and as a result the ruling was suspended until December 13th by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

bee from the standpoint of its value in the pollination of fruit cannot be overestimated. White clover and small fruits, and in the plains region many varieties of wild flowers, also furnish sources of supply. The bee industry is a lucrative side line for the regular farmer, but there is also a wide field for the bee man on these projects where everything tends toward specialization and where the farmers organize for the standardization and marketing of their crops.

All Have Artificial Legs

Loss of a leg is essential to a job with a Chicago firm. All but two of its 102 employees in the factory and in the branch offices wear one or two artificial legs. The institution manufactures artificial limbs, and the employees leave their work to show the newly fitted patients how well they can walk, run and jump with the artificial article.

Sheep as Burden Bearers

In the northern part of India sheep are put to a use unthought of in European countries. The mountain paths among the foothills of the Himalayas are so precipitous that the sheep, more sure footed than larger beasts, are preferred as burden carriers. The load for each sheep is from 15 pounds to 20 pounds.

Telling the Age of Eels

The scales of the eel tell its age. On each may be observed at intervals several more or less clearly marked lines parallel to the margin. These mark lines of growth, one for each year of the life of the fish. Three years, however, must be allowed for the innermost ring, as the eel has no scales until the third year.

Four Hundred Years Before Peary

The north pole is the place of greatest dignity in the world; and the people who dwell near it "have a wonderful excellency, and an exceeding prerogative above all nations of the earth." How blessed we may think this nation to be; for they are in perpetual light, and never know what darkness meaneth, by the benefit of twilight and full moons, as the learned in astronomy do very well know, which people, if they have the notice of their eternity by the comfortable light of the Gospel, then are they blessed and of all nations most blessed.

and began to back up. "You can go to it," he said. "I don't want in on it."

"Are youse nutty?" "Now, I ain't nutty. But de feller wot lives dere is a low down sneak widout no feelin' fer nobody, an' I don't want nothin' ter do with 'im. No, I don't know him, but I'm next ter his game. He sticks that key in dere to ketch suckers like you. Dere's a wire on 'dat key, an' a million-volt battery attached to dat wire. I wouldn't touch it if yer'd gimme de First National bank. But go ahead—I'll be acrost de street watchin' wot happens."

Nothing happened.

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By Martha McCulloch Williams  
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"I think," Margaret began tentatively, frowning the least bit, "that it seems to me—we can't very well do anything else."

"Can't—eh? Why not?" Aunt Elisabeth sniffed.

Margaret looked carefully over her head, as she answered, "are you willing to have me accept a—gratuity from the man I have refused to marry?"

"The more fool you for refusing!" Aunt Elisabeth exploded. "Don't talk to me of gratuities—I hate your long words same as I do your high-strung notions. Thomas Allen has no more real right to this place than you have—it is just his luck in having a saving mother, while you had a spendthrift father—"

"Leave him out—please," Margaret said, her voice hard but tremulous.

Aunt Elisabeth ran on: "Your great-uncle, who made the money, certainly wanted it to keep up the dignity of the family—"

"I know it," Margaret interrupted. "That is partly why—oh, Aunt Elisabeth, can't you see, don't you understand, I can't marry Thomas, knowing I am not his free choice?"

"You mean he asked you because he thought he ought to?" Aunt Elisabeth cried, sitting straighter. "Of all foolishness! The will never said a word of such a thing! And Thomas isn't the man to be tied up by any dead man. He wants you—because he wants you. Patience knows why—I don't!"

Margaret began to dimple. When she provoked Aunt Elisabeth to the point of sarcasm she knew the end was near. Tears always flowed.

After the shower Aunt Elisabeth made a practice of forgiving her niece all the unkind things she had said to her. Now she was on the verge of weeping, yet struggled to add:

"I certainly—don't see why! Jenny Ware is much prettier, and a lot

### HOUSE WITH NO STAIRS

Pittsburg Man Plans New Residence Embodying Some Very Unique Features.



She Looked Through Dimming Eyes.

more amiable—then, then she'll have more money of her own—one of these days."

"Please say that to Thomas—be's coming this evening," Margaret entreated, her eyes beginning to twinkle.

Aunt Elisabeth had her handkerchief out—she put it back in her pocket, eyeing Margaret sharply.

"How do you know?" she demanded.

Margaret dimpled more than ever. "I asked him—and he said: 'Yes—with pleasure,' she returned airily, then her face suddenly grave: "I had to do it, aunty—it was the only way to make him understand."

"You are the most provoking creature! Will you please tell me what you mean?" Aunt Elisabeth blustered, the handkerchief again in play.

Margaret answered steadily: "Why I—that is we—can't go on living on his money. Not through ingratitude—I take care of us, in spite of everything. It is because—because—I want to marry a—marry somebody else—and live as befits the Allen name. We can do it so long as he insists upon giving me half his income."

"I hate to say it of my sister's only child—but you are an idiot! Yes, an idiot!" Aunt Elisabeth said over her shoulder, marching toward the door.

Margaret sighed with relief as it shut behind her elder, got up, walked to the window, and looked through dimming eyes at the gay autumn world without. A good glad world, the only one she knew—yet she must quit it, go among strangers and make her place. She had no fear—nothing is so truly invincible as ignorance. Moreover, she had read, and credited fully, popular fairy tales of young women who had found independence, even competence and trips abroad, by exercise of such talents as cake-making, embroidery, even fine sewing, and the knack of raising squabs or broilers. She had made up her mind, after explaining fully to Thomas, to ask the loan of a thousand dollars—enough to start a chicken farm. She knew she would get it for the asking—she thought she knew further he would be glad to give it outright. He had a conscience—had Thomas. She wished it

### IS DEAN OF ALL INDIANS

Sitting Elk, Mighty Warrior Who Never Killed White Man, is Oldest Redman.

Oldest of all Indians in the United States, Sitting Elk, former chief of the Ogalalla Sioux, is visiting in Denver, the guest of the white man, against whom he always refused to make war.

For almost a century he has been a leader among his people, but, wiser than other chiefs, he early realized that the red man was doomed and at every opportunity he counseled peace with the paleface.

He could well afford to do so, for his people know he was no coward.

"I have never killed a white man," he proudly boasts, "but I have fought many battles, and I have done many brave deeds in my long life of ninety-six years. I was but seventeen when I waylaid and killed my first enemy. That was a very brave deed. Since then I have killed many, many enemies."

Sitting Elk is a total abstemious. He smokes cigarettes, but insists he has none of the other bad habits of the white man. He is childless, the last of his line, but he expects to live for many years more—to be hale and hearty long after he has passed the century mark.

Sitting Elk moves tall and stately among his kinsmen, and puffs his pipe with a complacency unafflicted by thoughts of any immediate journey to the happy hunting grounds.

Bright of eye, keen of mind, the old warrior dons patent and feathers for his appearance with the younger members of his tribe in the headlong dashes across the amphitheater at the stock yards, and rides with an abandon which defies the spectator to single him from the reckless redskins who have but one-fourth his years to their credit.

### LOSES TASTE FOR MOSQUITO

Fish Imported to Kill Insect Change Their Diet and Turn to Shrimp.

Citizens of various American districts have been endeavoring to rid their neighborhoods of mosquitoes by stocking their ponds with little imported fish which eat the mosquito larvae. That the plan has its drawbacks is indicated by the following from the Hawaiian Star: "A war of the races is going on in local fresh water and brackish waters and there has been slaughter in the ranks which threatens the extinction of at least one species of Hawaiian fresh water fishes. The tender and toothsome Opu nakea, the little fish which a comparatively short time ago one might buy already cooked and wrapped in leaves in the fish market or from peddling natives, is becoming so scarce that its entire disappearance seems to be only a matter of time. The frogs and the topminnows are accomplishing its downfall, these voracious enemies greedily devouring its spawn."

"The topminnows or mosquito fish, as they are called, are thriving amazingly in the local ponds, but, like the mongoose, have diverted their tastes from the food which it was intended they should subsist on. The mongoose found chicken more to its taste than cane rat and the topminnow's diet seems to have changed from 'sketeer to shrimp. It is true that where there is nothing to eat but mosquito larvae the minnows devour them fast enough, but when shrimps and 'sketeers both figure on the bill of fare both are treated impartially by the ravenous little fish."

"Out Moanalu and Kalihii way, in the streams which empty themselves into the sea and in which shrimps abound by the million a short time ago, practically none are now to be found. The topminnows have killed them off. In the fish ponds thousands of transparent husks lying along the shore tell the tale of the havoc wrought by the mosquito fish among the opu."

### TO TUNNEL ENGLISH CHANNEL

Scheme Is Being Revived in Spite of Refusal to Pass Last Bill.

The scheme for a tunnel between England and France is being revived in spite of the emphatic refusal of the last bill which was presented in 1907. But great changes have been brought about since then in relation to the military opposition to the scheme, for the coming of the aeroplane and its rapid development as an implement of war have to some extent removed the idea of danger from invasion by tunnel.

If it "aeroplanes can cross the channel together, as they did a few weeks ago, there is little reason why an army of them may not do so in the near future if they wished. A tunnel also might under certain circumstances be a help in time of war rather than a danger, as much of our food supply could be brought through it.

The chief advantage, however, of the tunnel would be an increase of trade and tourist traffic between England and France as well as countries beyond France. At present the borings at each side are well over a mile and it is estimated that the whole work could be completed within five years, as there is no hard rock to be pierced. The adoption of electricity instead of steam would also remove one of the original drawbacks.

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