

STEERS TREND HIGHER

MARKET SLOW IN SPOTS BUT GENERALLY STRONG TO A DIME UP.

SUPPLY MOSTLY WESTERNS

She Stock Ruled Strong With Very Scant Run on Sale—Calves and Bulls Steady—Stockers Rule Firm.

There was a fair run of cattle on sale at the local yards today, following the Thanksgiving holiday, estimates calling for 1,000 head. About a fourth of the supply was yarded in the Texas division, while the balance of the supply was made up of short-fed steers from southern and central Kansas, with a fair showing of native butchers' stock. Offerings of native corn-fed steers were very meager as to quantity and plain as to quality. Trade in all classes was generally quiet, but a decidedly strong undertone. There was a little slowness noted in establishing the market but when a movement was started it did not take long to effect a complete clearance at prices quoted strong to 10c higher than Wednesday.

The week's trade in beef steers has been rather irregular but is closing with prices on an improved basis as compared with the close of the previous week. There has been a sharp slump in receipts, due to a general curtailment of supplies on account of the Thursday holiday, the live leading markets receiving approximately 53,000 fewer cattle this week than arrived during the preceding week. At this point total marketing shows a falling off of around 4,300 head for the week.

Steer trade did not start out the week in very promising condition, slowness was indicated at the Monday market and prices were quoted steady to weak. Tuesday, however, a better feeling developed and prices were pushed up a dime in most cases, with spots showing greater appreciation. Wednesday with a very light crop of steers offered the advance of the previous day was fully maintained, with some sales even showing a slight advance. With the strong to 10c higher market today prices now current show a margin of around 15c to 20c over those in force at the close of last week on the general run of steers.

Gains noted, however, are the result of light runs at all points and the opinion prevails that it will not take much of an increase in general to opening early next week to bring about a reaction in the trend of trade. The International Live Stock show will be in full blast at Chicago next week and this may be the cause of greater anticipation to too many cattle for immediate demands on that market. What the general market most needs right now is a period of moderate supplies to allow packers to work off a lot of medium and cheap beef accumulated in the recent heavy liquidation of short-fed steers. If this relief is granted there is reason to believe that an improved range of prices. On the other hand if the country continues to overcrowd the market with warmed-up and short-fed cattle a break from current levels is indicated.

No strictly good or choice heaves have been on sale here this week. The best here have sold at \$7.90 to \$7.25, with a good showing of \$6.50 to \$7.00 offering finding outlet at \$6.25 to \$6.90, and warmed-up classes on down as low as \$5.00 to \$5.25.

The following prices on steers are quoted on the basis of better than average Choice to prime, \$8.00 to \$8.90; good to choice, \$7.25 to \$8.00; fair to good short-fed, \$6.50 to \$7.25; medium to fair short-fed, \$5.75 to \$6.50; common to medium, \$4.75 to \$5.75.

Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers.

No. Av. Price No. Av. Price
1....1150...6 50 1....1100...5 40
2....1195...6 25 1....900...4 50

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

A very light supply of butcher stuff was offered today. Mixed yearling market was quoted strong to 10 cents up on all grades. Nothing of choice quality was on sale. Bulls and calves sold steady.

Light receipts of butcher grades all the week at this market has been mainly responsible for the decidedly better feeling on all grades throughout the week. In general, there has been a rather uneven and spotted affair, some sales showing 35 cents advance, while others have only quoted 10 cents higher. Considering the heavy supply there has been a good showing of good cows and heifers and they have met with a strong demand at all times and are quoted 15 to 25 cents higher with some of the better sales showing 35 cents advance. Canners and cutters have shown the least appreciation, being quoted mostly 10 cents up with some sales of fair cuts higher. In general, heifers and steers have been extremely scarce and are from 15 to 25 cents higher as compared with sales at the close of last week's session. Some of this class of stock of choice quality and corn fed would sell in the neighborhood of \$7.00, or better. There has been a fairly liberal supply of bulls offered this week and they are quoted higher. Bologna and medium bulls are strong to 10 cents higher and good to choice corn fed kinds are selling 10 to 15 cents above the same time last week. Calf buyers have been rather slow bidders and bearish in their motives and the general market is quiet weak to 25 cents lower than the close of last week's session.

The following quotations are current on the local market:
Good to choice cows, \$4.35 to \$5.25; fair to good cows, \$3.50 to \$4.25; canners and cutters, \$2.65 to \$3.40; choice to prime heifers, \$5.50 to \$7.25; good to choice heifers, \$4.75 to \$5.50; fair to good heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.75; common to medium heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.40; choice to prime calves, \$4.50 to \$5.25; fair to good calves, \$4.00 to \$5.25; common to medium calves, \$3.00 to \$4.00; veal calves, \$4.75 to \$5.25; common and heavy calves, \$3.00 to \$4.50.
Heifers.
No. Av. Price No. Av. Price
....745...4 25 1....710...4 25

Cows.

No. Av. Price No. Av. Price
1....1160...5 10 1....1020...3 45
1....1140...5 00 1....1170...2 60

HOGS SELL STRONGER

MODERATE SUPPLY CHANGED HANDS ON STRONG TO 5c HIGHER BASIS.

QUALITY FAIR TO GOOD

Best Hogs Land Top of \$6.30, With Bids of the Supply Clearing at a Spread of \$5.90 @ 6.25.

Hogs sold largely on a strong to 5c higher basis today on a run estimated at 5,000 head. Packers attempted to put up their droves at a cost even with that of Wednesday but early bids elicited new responses in the usual had best action and the market was a fairly brisk tone to the movement and at noon the bulk of the supply was out of first hands. The good medium and heavy weight hogs, as usual, had best action and the strength on light lights and light mixed was not very marked; in fact, some of these were quoted little better than Wednesday.

Receipts aggregated some 50 loads, or around 5,000 head. The five markets reported a total of 51,500 head. Quality of the offerings at this point was on the fair to good order. Best hogs topped at \$6.30.

Prices ranged from \$5.90 to \$6.30, with the bulk selling at \$5.90 to \$6.25. The bulk Wednesday sold at \$5.90 to \$6.25, a week ago at \$5.10 to \$6.50, a month ago at \$5.90 to \$6.25, a year ago at \$7.15 to \$7.25, two years ago at \$7.35 to \$8.15, three years ago at \$5.30 to \$5.75, and four years ago at \$4.70 to \$5.80.

Representative Hog Sales.

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
80	265	60	240
63	274	62	275
59	250	120	305
81	274	80	272
31	273	101	270
76	234	82	255
63	262	100	269
68	249	100	250
54	286	80	275
62	280	100	279
67	272	80	273
60	235	100	271
79	235	100	271
59	245	80	271
60	247	60	267
82	278	40	270
76	277	60	272
83	282	20	270
80	248	60	268
28	244	80	276
77	232	80	268
71	219	40	270
83	248	60	272
82	248	40	270
76	206	60	270
105	203	60	273
80	221	60	270
87	204	40	270
74	201	60	270
73	201	120	615

Pigs—110 Pounds and Under.

63	108	50	26	87	47
23	105	50	25	80	47
20	102	40	25	78	45

Odd, Ends and Wagon Hogs.

5	374	80	625	188	570	
7	304	60	6	130	575	
6	263	60	6	101	575	
6	226	60	7	158	575	
6	280	60	4	126	575	
1	270	60	5	94	475	
2	389	60	10	5	94	470
18	232	60	8	3	160	460
20	185	60	6	60	460	

Packers' Hog Purchases.

Swift & Co. 2,850
Morris & Co. 1,308
Hammond Packing Co. 916
Total 5,074

Range of Hog Prices.

This Week	Last Week
Monday	\$5.60 to \$6.45
Tuesday	\$5.65 to \$6.45
Wednesday	\$5.60 to \$6.50
Thursday	\$5.75 to \$6.50
Friday	\$5.50 to \$6.50
Saturday	\$5.50 to \$6.50

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Cattle—Receipts, 21,000. Market 10c higher than Wednesday. Top \$6.60, bulk \$6.15 to \$6.49.
Sheep—Receipts, 20,000. Market 10c higher, best lambs \$6.25.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 1.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 4500. Market steady to 5c up, top \$7.50, cow \$6.90, heifers steady to 10c higher, stockers and calves steady.
Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market steady to 5c up, closed weak. Top \$6.30, bulk \$5.75 to \$6.25.
Sheep—Receipts, 4000. Market strong to 10c higher, lambs \$6.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 1.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 1300. Market active, stronger.
Hogs—Receipts, 5200. Market 5c higher. Top \$6.20, bulk \$5.90 to \$6.10.
Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Market 10c to 25c higher.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 1.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 2200, including 500 southern. Market strong to 10c higher.
Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market 5c higher. Top \$6.52 1/2, bulk \$5.10 to \$4.40.
Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market 10c to 15c higher.

FORT WORTH, Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 1.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 5400. Market steady.
Hogs—Receipts, 3000. Market 5c to 6c higher.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Today's Receipts.

Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
476,128	518,855	42,779
1,711,194	1,386,961	47,488
883,125	921,887	161,462
49,071	24,047	15,454

Receipts from Jan. 1 to Date.

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

1911	1910	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	476,128	518,855	42,779
Hogs	1,711,194	1,386,961	47,488
Sheep	883,125	921,887	161,462
Horses	49,071	24,047	15,454

Live Stock in Sight.

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

Cattle	Hogs	Sheep	
Chicago	6,500	21,000	20,000
Kansas City	4,500	11,500	4,000
South Omaha	1,300	5,000	5,000
South St. Joseph	1,100	10,100	1,600
East St. Louis	2,200	10,000	2,000

Receipts by Cars.

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

C. & O. West	C. & O. East	Missouri Pacific	Great Western	Illinois Central	St. Joseph & Grand Island	A. T. & S. F.
25	3	3	9	9	2	16
Total	58	115

WESTERN PACKING.

Special reports to the Cincinnati Price Current show the number of hogs packed since Nov. 1 at under-mentioned places compared with last year:

Nov. 1 to Nov. 29—1911	1910	
Chicago	635,000	473,000
Kansas City	340,000	185,000
South Omaha	140,000	100,000
St. Louis	330,000	185,000
St. Joseph	175,000	90,000
Indianapolis	177,000	110,000
Milwaukee	45,000	55,000
Cudahy	71,000	28,000
Cincinnati	68,000	48,000
Cincinnati	47,000	29,000
Cincinnati	42,000	30,000
St. Paul, Minn.	85,000	78,000
Cleveland, Ohio	73,000	60,000
Louisville, Ky.	29,000	21,000
Wichita, Kan.	55,000	38,000
Detroit	55,000	43,000
Nebraska City	12,000

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Today's cash values: Receipts: wheat, 12 cars; corn, 61 cars; oats, 1 car.

Wheat	Corn	Oats
No. 2 red	95 @ 96	48 @ 48 1/2
No. 3 red	94 @ 95	48 @ 48
No. 1 hard	91 @ 92	47 @ 48
No. 2 hard	97 @ 97 1/4	47 @ 48
No. 3 hard	95 @ 96	47 @ 48
No. 2 white, new	66 @ 64 1/2	48 @ 48 1/2
No. 3 white, new	65 @ 63 1/2	48 @ 48
No. 4 white, new	62 @ 60	47 @ 48
No. 2 mixed, new	65 @ 63 1/2	47 @ 48
No. 3 mixed, new	62 @ 60	47 @ 48
No. 2 yellow, new	61 1/2 @ 60	47 @ 48
No. 3 yellow, new	62 1/2 @ 61	47 @ 48
No. 4 yellow, new	62 @ 60	47 @ 48

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1095-1098 New Corby-Forsce Building, St. Joseph, Mo.:

Options	Open	High	Low	Close	Yes
WHEAT	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Dec.	94	95 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
May	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
CORN	63 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	64
Dec.	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	65
May	65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	66
OATS	47 1/2	47 3/4	47 1/4	47 1/2	47 3/4
Dec.	48 1/4	48 1/2	48 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/2
May	49 1/4	49 1/2	49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/2

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri and Kansas: Fair to night and Saturday; not much change in temperature.
Nebraska: Fair tonight and Saturday; somewhat cooler in east portion tonight.
Iowa: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; somewhat cooler tonight in north and central portions.

If our mistakes teach us nothing it were hardly worth while to make them.

Though we may never have lost any of our money we are looking for money all the same.

Packers' Cattle Purchases.

Swift & Co. 500
Morris & Co. 200
Hammond Packing Co. 100
Total 800

LAMB VALUES ADVANCE

DESIRABLE CLASSES SELL READILY AT 10c MARGIN OVER WEDNESDAY'S LEVELS.

FED WESTERNS TOP AT \$5.70

Sheep Relatively Scarce in Day's Run of 1,500, Also Strong Higher Figures—Ewes Sell Up to \$3.50.

All the principal markets were moderately supplied today, and this point was expected to shrinkage in receipts. Early estimates called for 2,000, but cars came in loaded "single deck" and gate count disclosed around 1,500, consisting of eight cars of mixed natives and warmed-up westerns, practically all lambs. Quality taken as a whole was decidedly the best seen at this point for some time past, and this phase of the market probably had more to do with the slight upward in prices than anything else, as packers were evidently hungry for something good in either lambs or sheep, and the comparatively high percentage of sheep and lambs included in today's supply that came under that classification was the signal for prices to advance to the highest notch for two weeks. Salesmen put good lambs up a quarter at the start but willingly split the difference when packers demanded action. A string of handy weight, corn-finished westerns went up to \$5.70, and were called a dime higher and it was on this basis that the cream of the lamb delegation changed hands. Sheep came in on a dime advance wherever quality warranted. Best ewes sold at \$3.50.

Although a week in which a holiday appears is not usually a very good market period, the week closing today at this point has been a decided exception to the rule. Of course, receipts show a marked decrease under the previous six days and a year ago, but the market was worked more hard on the buying interest. For the week some 4,200 head have registered locally against 12,700 the previous week and 4,238 for the same week a year ago. The five markets aggregate receipts for the week figure up to 140,000 as compared with 246,000 for last week and 245,500 for the corresponding week a year ago. A good percentage of the week offerings have been warmed up westerns, with the result of sprinkling of natives. Starting off the week with a 10c advance, salesmen have worked diligently, with the result that best lambs are selling a full half-dollar higher than last week's close. Sheep are anywhere from 25c to 50c higher, as compared with last week's market. The supply of ewes have changed hands at \$2.85 and \$3.00, although the appearance of a band of well-finished stuff today was the signal for a top of \$3.50. Lambs have cleared generally in a range of \$5.00 to \$5.25 during the greater part of the week, but quality was decidedly lacking on all days, and quotations for the best of the week usually ran a quarter to a half dollar higher than top sales. Today witnessed the making of a \$5.70 top on a string of short-fed westerns, with quotations for something strictly choice extending to \$5.90. Following is the week's quotations:

Choice fed western lambs	\$5.50 to \$5.75
5 to 6 year old western lambs	\$3.50 to \$5.25; fed western ewes, \$2.00 to \$3.50; fed western wethers, \$3.35 to \$4.00; fed western yearlings, light weight, \$4.35 to \$4.60; fed western yearlings, heavy weight, \$3.85 to \$4.15; choice native lambs, \$5.50 to \$5.75; fair to good native lambs, \$4.75 to \$5.50; native lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; native ewes, \$2.00 to \$3.50; native wethers, \$3.35 to \$3.75; native yearlings, \$3.85 to \$4.15; \$4.35 to \$4.60; native yearlings, heavy weight, \$3.85 to \$4.15.
99 western lambs	74 5 70
205 western lambs	74 5 70
138 western lambs	74 5 70
46 western lambs	81 5 60
290 western lambs	79 5 60
144 western lambs	78 5 50
138 native lambs	62 5 40
63 native lambs	64 5 00
63 native lambs	62 5 00
11 native lambs	20 4 50
15 native lambs	59 4 25
10 native lambs	53 4 00
13 native ewes	99 3 50
13 native lambs	84 4 50
93 western ewes	113 3 25
27 western ewes	99 3 25
12 western ewes	111 3 25

Packers' Sheep Purchases.

Swift & Co. 745
Morris & Co. 300
Hammond Packing Co. 300
Total 1,351

PIMBLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO.

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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	\$19.50 to \$20.00
No. 1, 18.00 to 19.50	No. 2, 15.00 to 17.50
No. 3, 10.00 to 13.50	Chover
19.00 to No. 1, 17.00 to 18.50	No. 2, 14.00 to 16.00
No. 3, 10.00 to 13.50	Clover—Choice
14.00 to 15.00	No. 2, 11.00 to 12.50
11.00 to 12.50	No. 3, 11.00 to 12.50
No. 2, 10.00 to 11.50	No. 3, 9.00 to 10.00
Alfalfa—Choice	\$18.50 to 17.00
No. 1, 15.00 to 16.00	No. 2, 13.00 to 14.50
No. 3, 11.00 to 12.50	Packing hay—\$5.00 to 7.00.
Lowland prairie—No. 1, \$5.50 to 10.00	No. 2, \$3.00 to 6.00
No. 3, \$2.00 to 5.00	Total 800

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Brown & Boren, extensive range cattlemen, were represented on the local market today with a 10-car shipment of quarantine steers, shipped from Ada, Okla.

A. T. Durant, a well-known Colorado cattlemen, was here with cattle on sale at this point today. Order your hogs from Self & Binawanger, 427 Edmond street.

W. L. Holland, a prominent Missouri farmer and feeder of King City, was on hand today with one car of steers of his own feeding.

L. A. Graff, a regular patron of this market, was here today with a five-car shipment of steers from New Salem, Kan.

Al. Bright handles Ko-Pre-Ko Kake.

Thos. Wallan, another prominent Kansas cattlemen, was here with a two-car shipment of steers from Vine Creek.

J. O. Fleming, of Vine Creek, Kan., was represented on the local market today with a two-car shipment of cattle.

Best beds in the city, 50 cents per night, Transit House.

Fred J. Bowen, an extensive range shepherd, had five cars of steers on sale at the local market today from Vine Creek, Kan.

Al. Bright, Exchange Bldg., So. 2d, Joseph handles the kinds of cow

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LOOKS FOR HIGH PRICED CATTLE

"I can see nothing ahead of us next year but high prices for cattle," remarked a leading packing house buyer to the Omaha Journal-Stockman. "Our investigation of conditions throughout the feeding sections of the country indicate that the number of cattle on feed this winter is unusually small and that a large percentage of these will be marketed half fat. The scarcity and high price of corn explains it all."

"At the same time, I believe that the prospect for making money in cattle feeding was never better and if I can find a good place I think I will put about 1,000 head up for the winter. The cattle can be bought now and there is no difficulty in getting the hogs to follow them. With hogs fattened as they are in Nebraska and Iowa and selling for over \$5.00 there ought to be good money in this end of the deal soon."

"It is the same old story over again. When feed is scarce and high the farmers want to sell it instead of feeding it, and right there is where the farmers miss it. A year of abundant and cheap feed is always a year of low priced cattle and hogs as feeders have found to their sorrow. The reverse has also proven true as many of the long heads in the business have realized more than once."

"Of course the packer has really no better right to forecast prices than anyone else, but if experience goes for anything and unless present indications are entirely misleading, next year will see plenty of high priced cattle and hogs and the man who has permitted his feed yards to stand empty on account of high priced feed will have occasion to regret his lack of foresight."

LIME FOR THE CORN BELT.

Lime is being used more and more every year in the corn belt. Farmers are becoming aware of what it will do on certain types of soil, says Wallace's Farmer. To avoid mistakes in the use of lime, the corn belt farmer should know certain things about the way it acts upon the soil. He should know the difference between ground limestone, burned lime, and slaked lime. He should have a general idea of what soils will be benefited and what soils harmed by the application of lime. He should know how much lime to use and at what time of the year to spread it.

The average corn belt soil upon which a stand of clover or alfalfa may be secured without much trouble needs no lime. When a soil grows clover with difficulty it is time to investigate to see if lime is not lacking. If sorrel and red-top are growing in great abundance on the land, it is time to suspect a lack of lime. Heavy clay soils, peat soils, and poorly drained land will all of them generally respond to lime applications. The simplest and surest way to tell whether a soil needs limestone is to buy a dime's worth of blue litmus paper at the drug store and put it, together with a lump of the soil, in a glass of water, for three or four minutes. If it is found that the paper, on being washed off, has turned red, the soil needs lime.

All of the three common kinds of lime—ground limestone, burned lime and slaked lime—are good. Extensive experiments, though, have proved that the finely ground limestone is better than the other two. Its effect is not noticeable so quickly, but it does not tear down the humus in the soil as the other two do. Burned lime makes the elements of soil fertility more quickly available to plants than the other two forms, but in so doing it tears down much of the humus and organic matter of the soil, as well as setting free considerable amounts of nitrogen. On very rich soils containing much organic matter, this objection is not a serious one. On



Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Mermaids No Longer Sing For Mortals

"THERE was once a mermaid," began daddy as Jack and Evelyn snuggled down for their bedtime story.

"This mermaid lived in a beautiful coral cave at the bottom of the sea, and she had everything any mermaid ought to want. Her garden of seaweeds contained every plant that grows in the ocean, and her cave house was elegantly furnished with sea moss furniture.

"The mermaid had a lovely golden harp on which she could play charming tunes. The other mermaids and the mermen praised her playing, and even old Father Neptune, the king of the ocean, told her that she was a credit to Queen Amphitrite, his wife, who gave the mermaids their music lessons.

"Now, this little mermaid, whose name was Coralie, was very fond of music, but she was also fond of play.

"There isn't a fish in the ocean that hasn't heard me play," she complained. "I don't see why Father Neptune won't let us serenade the mortals who sail about the sea on ships. I'm sure the poor things have never heard music like mine."

"Humph!" grunted an old codfish. "You'd best let mortals alone. They never see anything in the water, but they must set themselves about getting it with nets and fishing lines and things of that sort."

"Oh," said Coralie, "that's all very well for fish, but I'm a mermaid." "One evening as she floated along in the moonlight watching a big ship that steamed swiftly through the water she noticed a little face peering out of one of the round windows in the side of the ship.

"Hello," she called, and a little head was pushed out of the window. "Who are you?" called the little girl on the ship.

"I'm a little mermaid. I can sing very sweetly, little girl, for those who are kind to me," replied Coralie.

"Sing for me, then," cried the little girl. "The little girl's face was kind, and so Coralie lifted her harp and sang her very prettiest.

"Thank you," said the little girl when the mermaid had finished. Coralie dived quickly under the water, afraid, after all, that a net or a line might be waiting for her.

"Queen Amphitrite was waiting for her. A little fish had been to the ocean king and queen with tales. Queen Amphitrite took the harp away from Coralie and from all the little mermaids and locked them in her strong mother-of-pearl chest, and now they are only given out when there is to be an ocean concert, so no little mermaid is able to warble for mortals."

poorer soils, large quantities of manure or vegetable matter should be used in connection with burned lime to provide the organic material so necessary in a fertile soil.

Lime may be applied to the soil at almost any rate. Ten to twenty tons to the acre will do no harm. On the average soil, though, which is slightly acid, one to two thousand pounds per acre every four years is enough. The fall is generally the most convenient time of year to apply. Lime harrowed in on fall plowed land is especially effective. Other things being equal, we would prefer to apply lime before a small grain or a legume crop rather than before corn or potatoes.

Lime spreaders are not yet in general use in the corn belt. By their use lime is spread most effectively, but a fairly good job of spreading may be done by dumping from the wagon in piles and then shoveling out over the land by hand. If the piles are placed thirty-three feet apart each way, and there are one hundred pounds in each pile, the application will be at the rate of two tons per acre. Those who wish to apply considerable lime should send to either the Illinois or the Ohio experiment station for directions for making a home-made spreader.

From one point of view we are sorry to see the time coming when lime must be more extensively used on corn belt farms. It means that by our wasteful systems of farming, we have upset the soil balance. We fear that many farmers will use lime—no with poor judgment. On certain types of soil they will be surprised at the great increase in yield which the limestone will bring about, and rejoicing thereat will continue the use of limestone, only to find after several years that their soil is then poorer than it was to start with. Farmers must know that limestone is not a true fertilizer. It is a tonic; a corrector of acidity, and an aid in making an attractive soil home for desirable bacteria. Lime used alone year after year on the average soil means ruin. Lime should be used in connection with manure, clover, and on some soils rock phosphate.

TOTED MAILS FOR 49 YEARS.

New York Carrier, Now Eighty-Three Years of Age. Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—A list of old-age pensions for civil-service employees of the government has been given an impetus by the revelation of the number of veterans in the postal service in the national capital. Data also has been obtained from New York, where there are hundreds of men who have passed the best years of their lives in the gray uniform.

Robert Turner of New York is used to illustrate the matter. Turner has been forty-nine years in the postal service. He is still working in the branch postoffice on Lexington avenue. He was appointed to his position in May, 1862. Turner is now 83 years old. There are several other employees at the Lexington avenue office who have been in the service thirty years or more. They are Verner Ross, thirty-seven; F. F. Rockwell, forty-three; A. M. Cookman, thirty-three.

At a mass meeting held Sunday night distinguished men spoke in favor of a government pension for old employees. This question has been agitated in Washington for many years, but most of the members of congress have been opposed on principle to civil-service pensions. A proposition is now before congress for the pensioning of employees by assessments on all the employees in the civil service.

The United Kingdom has about 25,000 newspapers.

FEATHERS ENRICH MISSOURI

Product of Poultry Yard Commands Attention as Plumage Gains Favor.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 1.—In a chapter in the 1911 Red Book, the annual report of the state bureau of poultry statistics, Commissioner Austin W. Bizer, all devoted considerable space to Missouri as a poultry state. In advance sheets he gives complete figures for the feather production of the state in 1910 and shows that this "by-product of the poultry yard" has played an important part in helping Missouri retain the title, "Poultry Queen of the Union."

In 1910, he says, "the feathers which were plucked from the poultry of Missouri amounted to 1,289,197 pounds and were worth \$369,969. This is only the amount shipped and does not include the thousands of pounds used at home in the making of big soft pillows and downy feather beds, which so many of the women still delight to make, and which, when placed on the 'snare bed,' make one who is fortunate enough to be permitted to rest his weary body thereon, sink deep into the luxurious depths and dream again of his boyhood days, and of the time he spent on the farm when every night he was tucked into just such a bed by his mother."

"Allowing for the feathers thus used at home, which for the most part came from ducks and geese, it is estimated that the production for the year amounted to 1,266,499 pounds, valued at \$358,242.

"Of the feathers shipped about 59 per cent came from chickens, 25 per cent from turkeys and the rest from ducks and geese. Chickens and turkey feathers are shipped, for the most part, by produce dealers, who buy the fowls from the farmers and dress and pick them. Chicken feathers are worth from 5 cents to 12 cents a pound, turkey feathers from 10 to 12 cents, and duck and goose feathers 25 to 30 cents, the goose feathers being the most valuable.

"The protective value of the barn yard fowl is applied to diversified uses in human arts and industries. In the making of pillows and feather beds the feathers of the chicken, when plucked from the quill, often are mixed with a small percentage of duck and goose feathers.

"The use of bird feathers, which are so highly valued in the millinery and feminine head dress, rapidly is giving way to the plumage of the ordinary hen, rooster and turkey cock, the neck and tail feathers of these fowls bringing 75 cents a pound. This is especially true of the white feathers, which are greatly in demand and which always are kept separate from those of other colors by the pickers and shippers. Many a woman who is proud in the possession of a feather box or a hat with 'stunning' feathers she would be surprised to learn that these 'creators' of some of her common friends, the chickens and turkeys."

TALK BY SIGN LANGUAGE.

From the New York Sun: Two women living on Stuyvesant Heights in Brooklyn have a unique way of communicating with each other. Each lives in a two-story flat, one directly across the street from the other. Several times a day these two friends stand in their respective windows and talk to each other by means of the deaf and dumb alphabet.

Connecting the two apartments is a small but strong wire entering the wall of each through a tiny hole in the side. At each end of the wire is a little bell, so that when one friend wants the other she simply gives the wire a pull and in a moment they are busily talking on their hands.

SALTING BABIES.

From Harper's Weekly: A curious custom obtains in Asia and in some parts of Europe, which may be described as "salting newly born." Those who favor this custom believe that evil spirits are driven away by salt, and that if salted the child is strengthened for life. The Russians Armenianly entirely cover the bare skin of the child with fine salt, leaving the victim in pickle at least three hours. Afterward the body is washed in warm water. In parts of Asia Minor the new-born child is placed in brine and left there for twenty-four hours. Children of Greece powder their children with salt, and the same custom is in use in parts of Germany.

Stranger: "Can you direct me to a bank?" Villager: "Sorry, sir, but I'm not a bank director."

EXCHANGE DIRECTORY.

Following is a list of the commission firms and stock cattle dealers engaged in business at the St. Joseph stock yards.

- Commission Firms. Butler, James H., rooms 337-35. Byers Bros. & Co., rooms 292-294. Clay, Robinson & Co., rooms 329-333. Crider Bros. & Co., rooms 303-307. Daily, C. M., rooms 317-19. Davis & Son, rooms 295-17. Drinkard, Emmert & Co., rooms 309-15. Emmert Com. Co., rooms 392-4. Kansas City Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 229-32. Knollin Sheep Commission Co., rooms 219-23. Lee Live Stock Commission Co., rooms 219-13. Missouri Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 291-293. National Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 333-49. Nichols, Blanchard & Gilchrist, rooms 326-28. Frey Bros. & Cooper, rooms 318-22. Stewart & Co., rooms 226-28. St. Joseph Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 212-14. Shay, R. O., Commission Co., rooms 295-297. Wood Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 312-14.

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- Alkins, J. V. & Co., room 301. Adcock, George, room 302. Baker, Joseph, & Son, room 319. Baker, James, room 215. Dawson & Reynolds, room 291. Gillette, M. H., room 318. Maxwell, Spayde & Co., rooms 306-9. Mincey, E. P., room 224-26. Milby, John, room 319. Roundtree, W. R., room 316. Rockwood, Geo., room 319. Timmerman, W. O. Wright, Perry. Sheep Dealers. Lyon, J. E., room 219. Order Buyers. Morlock, W. H., rooms 236-34. Maxwell, Spayde & Co., rooms 296-2.

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Table with columns for Nov. 30 1911, Oct. 31 1911, Nov. 30 1910, Nov. 30 1909. Rows include: Mess pork (new) made since Oct. 1, 1910, 0, 6, 8 1/2, 6; Mess pork (old) made previous Oct. 1, 1910, 919, 1,130, 530 1/2, 881; P. S. lard in storage tanks and tierces made since Oct. 1, 1910, 2,768, 1,539, 663, 1,028; P. S. lard made from Oct. 1, '09 to Oct. 1, '10, 1,410, 2,371, 1,543, 670; P. S. lard made previous to Oct. 1, '10, 2,759, 2,371, 1,543, 670; Other kinds of lard, tierces, 148; Short rib middles and rough or backbone—Short rib middles made since Oct. 1, '10, 698,926, 708,980, 98,000; Short rib middles and rough or backbone—Short rib middles made previous to Oct. 1, 1,456,826, 14,900; Short clear middles, lbs., 325,000, 229,000, 23,000; Extra short clear middles made since Oct. 1, '10, 963,600, 287,828, 225,525; Extra short clear middles made previous to Oct. 1, '10, 1,661,354; Extra short rib middles, lbs., 825,779, 1,004,779, 179,575, 102,136; Long clear middles, lbs., 92,539, 92,304, 9,999; Dry salted shoulders, lbs., 189,898, 78,653, 15,156, 4,600; Sweet pickled hams, lbs., 5,297,850, 4,069,720, 3,297,170, 4,084,650; Sweet pickled shoulders, lbs., 104,200, 48,290, 39,000, 39,000; Sweet pickled shoulders, N. Y. style, 4,938,265, 5,399,810, 1,953,823, 987,791; Sweet pickled bellies, lbs., 1,065,256, 1,381,600, 676,800, 1,135,300; Sweet California or picnic hams, lbs., 1,131,250, 524,950, 70,770, 686,000; Sweet pickled long clear shoulders, 2,423,350, 1,821,900, 1,782,050, 1,665,500; Sweet Pickled skinned hams, 1,498,265, 5,399,810, 1,953,823, 987,791; Other cuts of meats, 1,414,901, 1,670,246, 462,267, 955,943; Other cuts of meats, dry salt, 393,000, 431,056, 191,000, 411,000; Other cuts of meats, pickled, 28,000, 30,500; Total weight cuts of meats, 21,043,358, 19,767,834, 10,304,892, 10,369,495.

LIVE HOGS. Received, 194,479, 183,514, 111,939, 138,088; Shipped, 1,365, 1,987, 271, 1,230; Drives out, 195,412, 131,609, 111,801, 130,34; Average weight, lbs., 194, 267, 278, 207.

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Voorhies, Ia., Likely to Go Under Hammer for Taxes.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 29.—The spectacle of an entire town going under the hammer of a sheriff may be witnessed in Blackhawk soon if the Iowa and Minnesota Townsite Company does not pay its taxes. The town is Voorhies, in the northern part of the county.

When the Northwestern Railroad built its new line through Blackhawk county the Minnesota company bought most of the townsite along the line. The lots at Voorhies did not sell readily. Some few residents settled at the point where the road built its side track, but the larger percentage of the lots are owned by the company.

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By A. Maria Crawford

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They had gone to the country club for dinner and he had thought to himself at the table that the girl had been blessed with every feminine attraction of beauty and charm.

When they were alone, he moved his chair so that he could watch her face in the light from the west window.

He pressed the spring and her own face smiled up at him.

Again the telephone rang sharply and Dr. Thrane answered.

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her as he dropped a tablet into a tiny glass of hot water. "Close your eyes," he ordered as he sat down beside her and pushed back the sleeve from her hand, white arm.

While Eileen slept Thrane idly poked up a magazine on a table near him. It fell open where a telegram had been thrust in.

At the same time that Eileen wakened, her mother came in, thanking Thrane profusely for allowing her a few hours of sleep.

"I had this made for you, Marshall," she said, and slipped a velvet case toward him along the arm of her invalid chair.

"This week has been terrible, Marshall. I wanted to die."

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Entertaining, Skillful and Humorous, He Has Been Supplanted by the More Business-Like Modern Tonsorial Artist.

The tear of regret may glisten for a moment in the corner of the eye of some elderly man when he revisits in imagination the barber shop of long ago. That was in the day when in the middle west popular prejudice held fast to the opinion that the negro was a natural barber, the American negro the best barber in the world. He knew more about family trees than any college of heraldry—if there is such an institution—could possibly know and how long and interesting he would talk of your folks' folks in Lexington, Ky.

"Let me rest yo' hat, and yo' coat, sah. Yes, sir, Judge G. was heah this mornin' and Col. B. got out of the cheer only a few minutes ago." With a sigh of anticipated comfort you sank into the chair and stretched out your legs. "Yes, sah, yo' really do jee. a shave, sah. It's a pleasure for me to shave you. Yo' beard is just as it should be. Now and then I ge' a rough neck with squirrel whiskers that upsets me fo' a whole day."

Perhaps you may recall a story in an old text book about a very different kind of a barber, that began after this fashion:

"A prating barber who waited upon a certain king, came one day to trim his hair and asked him: 'Sire, how will you have it done?' 'Silently,' said the king.

It is not necessary to continue that story the Indianapolis News remarks. One may know at once that the barber of this churlish king was not a negro. He was probably a more tonsorial artist, wholly devoid of the delightful charm of entertaining that he possessed in so high a degree by the black knight of the razor—one might now, alas, call him the disinherited knight, as so many have come in to crowd him from his place.

Only one superfluous question would he ask, and that was from long established habit: "Does she pull, sah?" Yet he well knew that in his skillful hand the keen blade was as light as gossamer, for as he afterward admitted he had "boned and stropped her down finer'n a gnat's heel." How deftly he would spread the cool lather over the rough and razor-like cheek and chin! With what tender care he avoided the wart that nestled on your upper lip, close to your nose, and never say a word about this blemish on a very handsome face!

But you did not get out of the chair in any such brief time as this tale has required in its telling. By no means. How he would dally about you, comb and shears in hand, clipping here and there an infinitesimal bit of hair which, in his critical judgment, spoiled the symmetry of his work. And, at last, as though loath to let you go until his sense of the perfection of his work had been satisfied in every artistic detail, he would still detain you for a last lingering, regretful inspection, following you to the door and watching your shadow as it lengthened in the afternoon sun.

What a gentile humor he had, what a knowledge of human nature, white and black? The newspaper, even then, was well enough in its way, but not to be compared as a news teller to him who gave the gossip of the dear old town with a racy flavor and picturesque beauty that proclaimed the master. The new barber has a finer shop and sometimes a foreign accent, is more matter of fact and business-like, but—candidly, you know he is not—well, he's not the old barber.

Germany and Heine.
Lord Haldane in his recent university address, "Great Britain and Germany: A Study in Ethnology," had words of reproach for Germany concerning her treatment of Heine. He pointed out that Germany in the end of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century had her Elizabethan age, so far as literature and philosophy were concerned.

How much poorer would the whole world be but for this period of German life, in which she for the time outstripped every other country! Yet even then she indulged in tendencies which needed correction, and if she had listened to Heinrich Heine they might have been corrected and the outlook enlarged. And now the revanche was in progress, much as Heine predicted, and, looking at the German railway bookstalls he could see that the spirit of Paris was advancing on Berlin. It need not have been so, and it should not have been so, and Heine told of a better way. Had his counsel been listened to there would have been no Nietzsche period—so at least it seemed to a foreigner.

Suspicious Move.
"That woman views me with considerable suspicion."
"Why should she view you with suspicion, Mrs. Wopp?"
"Well, you see, we have been living in the same apartment house for the last seven years and once in an unguarded moment I bowed to her."

Both Had to Guess.
"Ethelinda writes a very peculiar hand," said Maude.
"Yes," replied Myrtle. "It's just a lot of straight lines and angles. When you read it you have to guess at the spelling, the same as she does."

BRITISH MAYORS ILL PAID

Some of Them Govern Large and Ancient Cities, but Get Very Small Salaries.

The following information refers to cities of the approximate population of 235,000, that being the population of the city in the United States whence the inquiry came as to the salaries of mayors in the cities of the United Kingdom:

The English city nearest in population to the foregoing number, as far as my investigation went, is Newcastle, the mayor of which receives \$2,500 per annum. Additional remuneration is sometimes given to cover expenses on exceptional occasions. There is also an annual allowance of \$750 for horses and carriages.

The population of Dublin (in each instance I am following the British census of 1901), is 290,000. The lord mayor of Dublin for some time received about \$18,000 a year, but in November, 1910, this salary was reduced to about \$5,000 a year. Bradford, with a population of 280,000, makes no allowance to its lord mayor. On exceptional occasions appropriations are made, but no portion of the same is ever used personally by the lord mayor.

Bristol, with a population of 325,000, allows its mayor \$5,000 annually and \$500 toward defraying the expenses of a private secretary. The cost of the upkeep of the municipal coach, men's wages and livery are defrayed directly out of the public funds.

Edinburgh, having a population of 213,000, allows its lord provost, corresponding to a lord mayor of an English city, the sum of \$5,000 a year.

Sheffield, with 380,000 people, allows nothing whatever to its chief municipal executive. A special committee has recently been appointed to examine into this question and to report as to the desirability of providing some remuneration.

Leeds, with a population of 429,000; Belfast, with 348,000, and Hull, with 193,000, make no allowance for the remuneration of their mayors or lord mayors, as the case may be. In Hull, however, at the time of the coronation of Edward VII, an allowance was made to the lord mayor of \$10,000.—United States Consul General, London.

New Metal for Armor-Plate.

A series of tests have recently taken place with a metal which, it has been discovered, possesses qualities of great resistance against the penetration of super-caliber projectiles, and, says the London Standard, its first practical use has been offered to the British admiralty. If the result of the experiments that have been made prove satisfactory, and the admiralty decide to employ the metal on the armor plating of their warships, it will mean that the thickness of the armor will be reduced, with a consequent lessened displacement in the vessels. The metal is known as molybdenum, and it is used to alloy with nickel in steel. Experiments have been carried out on government firing grounds under official supervision, and it is stated that the process has proved to be superior by 15 or 20 per cent. to the recognized armor plate standard. The metal is found in small quantities in Canada, South Africa, Norway, and Sweden, and the pure specimens are worth about \$1.75 a pound. It has wonderful hardening qualities when treated with nickel, and the results of the trial to which it is being subjected is awaited with considerable interest by the engineering world.

Just Putting Him Wise.

A tall, thin man stood on the deck of a battleship and watched the target practice just outside of the mouth of Chesapeake Bay one morning last April. Near the tall man, who was dressed in civilian clothes, stood a young ensign in natty uniform, his chest stuck into the foreground like that of a pointer pigeon. Ensigns, as a rule, feel indescribable contempt for civilians, civilian clothes and civilian brains.

There was the heavy boom of a discharge from one of the other battleships and a shell, going wide of the target, kicked up a cloud of foam far out to sea.

"That shell," remarked the civilian, "fell far to the left."

"The hell it did!" contradicted the ensign, and continued to gaze toward the horizon.

The tall, thin man regarded his companion in silent amusement for a few moments, and then remarked: "I suppose I'd better introduce myself. I'm the secretary of the navy."

Whereupon the ensign, remembering the naval regulations against profanity, and lost his appetite for three days.—Popular Magazine.

Bird Chokes a Horse.

While in pasture at Seymour, Conn., a horse owned by George Miller, a farmer here, was choked to death by a swallow. The bird, in blind flight, swept into the animal's mouth, momentarily opened for an apple on an overhanging branch. The horse tore frantically about for several minutes, vaulted a fence, and was dead when reached by William Owens, a farmer, who witnessed the incident. The bird, also dead, was found wedged in the horse's windpipe.

An Advantage.

"The automobile presents another advantage over the horse," said Mr. Chuggins, thoughtfully, "that people do not commonly appreciate."

"What is that?"
"When a motor car plays out it goes to the junk pile. Nobody thinks of chopping it up and trying to export it as beef."

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No. 1, medium	\$4.25@3.50	No. 3	15¢@10¢
No. 1, small	\$3.50@2.50	No. 4	5¢@3¢
No. 2	2.50@1.50		
No. 3	1.50@1.00		
No. 4	75¢@30¢		

RACCOON—Central		FOX—Red and Grey	
No. 1, large	\$2.00@1.25	No. 1, large, Red	\$2.00@4.00
No. 1, medium	\$1.25@1.00	No. 1, medium, Red	\$1.00@1.50
No. 1, small	90¢@65¢	No. 2, Red	\$1.25@1.50
No. 2	50¢@30¢	No. 3, Red	\$1.25@1.50
No. 3	30¢@20¢	No. 4, Red	50¢@25¢
No. 4	20¢@15¢	No. 1, large, Grey	\$2.00@1.50
		No. 1, medium, Grey	\$1.50@1.10
		No. 1, small, Grey	50¢@25¢
		No. 2, Grey	25¢@20¢
		No. 3, Grey	20¢@15¢
		No. 4, Grey	15¢@10¢

SKUNK—Central		WOLF—Prairie and Timber	
Black prime	\$2.00@1.25	No. 1, Prairie, large	\$1.00@1.00
Short prime	\$1.25@90¢	No. 1, Prairie, medium	\$1.00@1.00
Narrow prime	85¢@70¢	No. 1, Prairie, small	\$1.25@1.75
Broad prime	40¢@25¢	No. 2, Prairie	75¢@50¢
Head upprime	35¢@20¢	No. 3, Prairie	50¢@30¢
Four upprime	25¢@15¢	No. 4, Prairie	30¢@15¢

POSSUM—Central		MUSKRAT—Central	
No. 1, large	65¢@40¢	No. 1, large	50¢@35¢
No. 1, medium	40¢@25¢	No. 1, medium	35¢@20¢
No. 1, small	25¢@15¢	No. 1, small	25¢@20¢
No. 2	15¢@10¢		
No. 3	10¢@5¢		
No. 4	worthless		

CAT—Continued		BEAVER—Central	
No. 2, Wild	25¢@25¢	No. 1, large	\$6.50@5.00
No. 3, Wild	20¢@15¢	No. 1, medium	\$4.50@3.50
No. 4, Wild	20¢@10¢	No. 1, small	\$3.00@1.75
No. 1, House, large, black	25¢@10¢	No. 2	\$2.00@1.50
No. 1, House, medium, colors	10¢@5¢	No. 3	\$1.50@1.50
		No. 4	90¢@40¢

OTTER—Central		BADGER	
No. 1, large	\$15.00@14.00	No. 1, large	\$1.00@1.50
No. 1, medium	\$12.00@10.00	No. 1, medium	75¢@50¢
No. 1, small	\$8.00@7.00	No. 1, small	50¢@30¢
No. 2	\$5.00@5.50	No. 2	25¢@15¢
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For New Parliament Building.

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