

FAT STEERS SHOW LOSS

CURRENT WEEK ONE OF UNSATISFACTORY TRADING CONDITIONS AT ALL MARKETS. POOR OUTLET FOR FRESH BEEF

Prices Generally 10@15c Lower Than Week Ago—Cows and Heifers Steady to Lower—Stock Cattle Down.

It was the usual sort of a week-end deal as far as beef cattle were concerned today. Receipts were limited to very small proportions and trade was little more than nominal in point of volume without material change in values as compared with Thursday.

Other Live Stock Markets. CHICAGO. CHICAGO STOCK YARDS, Ill., Feb. 24.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 400. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 24.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 200. Market nominal.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 24.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Journal-Stockman reports: Cattle—Receipts, 100. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 24.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 300. Market steady.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 24.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 200. Market nominal.

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HOGS ON DOWN GRADE

TOPEKA TRADE WAS SLOW WITH PRICES MOSTLY 10c UNDER FRIDAY'S QUOTATIONS. TOP GRADES SELL AT \$6.20

Quality of Good Average—Bulk of Sales \$5.90@6.15—General Receipts Heavy For a Saturday.

Comparatively liberal week-end receipts all around and prospects of good runs early next week had a depressing effect on the market today.

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A BIG DRAINAGE PROJECT

Will Reclaim Lands in Northwest Arkansas. Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 24.—The most stupendous project ever undertaken in the state has recently assumed shape.

Nothing in the way of fresh supplies put in appearance at the sheep show today, and trade was at a standstill with the market nominally steady.

WIDER SPREAD IN LAMBS. Packers Apply Discriminatory Tactics Toward Half-Fat, Warmer-up Stuff—Top Lambs Reach \$6.35 and Ewes \$4.00 During the Week.

Ed. Phalen, of Northwest Arkansas, has been a prominent figure in the sheep industry for many years.

HE WAS SOME PORKER. He Came From Iowa and Tipped the Beam at 220 Pounds. What was probably the biggest hog that ever went over the scales at the local stock yards, was received here today.

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:

A DEEPER TILLING MACHINE. Believed It Will Make Dry Farming More Successful. Alliance, Feb. 24.—It has been the conviction of many people who have observed the progress of the state without irrigation in western Nebraska that to make a success of it—or to make the greatest success of such farming—there should be some means of breaking the ground to a considerable depth.

NEW SCALES INSTALLED. Stock Yards Co. Makes Improvement in Weighing Facilities in Hog Yards. Joy supreme filled the heart of local commission men and especially those connected with the hog division, as a result of the decided improvement made in that division, relative to the weighing facilities.

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ITEMS IN BRIEF

Wm. Bruchman, of Platte, Neb., one of Nebraska's most extensive shippers, was on the market today with two cars of hogs. This is his third shipment for the week.

G. W. Henry, of McCool Junction, Neb., regular shipper of that place, had his second consignment for the week on today's market.

R. G. Harper, of Lenoa, Kan., was here today with a one-car consignment of hogs. Champion Feed saves corn.

O. Stout, a prominent farmer and live stock feeder of Stone, Kan., was here today with a car of hogs.

J. W. Cain, of Herkimer, Neb., increased today's hog receipts with a one-car consignment.

D. Hays, of Glenview, Neb., accompanied a one-car shipment of hogs to the local market today.

Among those who had hogs in for today's market was A. Casbeer, an Ed. Phalen, and shipper of Baileyville, Kan.

Champion Melasses Feed shortens feeding period, increases gain, reduces cost per pound of gain, equally good with ensilage.

TRY ASIATIC ALFALFA

NO DOUBT OF PALATABILITY. Many Foreign Species Being Experimented With—Government Trying to Hybridize It With Common Growth.

Sloux Falls, S. D., Feb. 24.—Results of importance to the agriculturists of the United States are being accomplished in experiments on alfalfa culture by Prof. N. E. Hansen of the South Dakota College of Agriculture, at Brookings, S. D.

On three different occasions he made trips to Siberia as a representative of the United States department of agriculture to hunt types of alfalfa suited to the northwestern states.

Hansen has tested a large number of various alfalfas found in eastern Russia, Turkistan, western China, Siberia, Mongolia and northern Manchuria.

The recent legislature made an appropriation for the trial of the new hardy alfalfas in every county of the state. During the last year Prof. Hansen sent from the plant breeding greenhouse at the Brookings college many thousands of alfalfa seeds in different parts of South Dakota and elsewhere.

He planned thus to test the most promising alfalfas secured in south Russia and Siberia.

"As tested here at Brookings," said Prof. Hansen, "the most promising of these alfalfas will fall into two classes: First, that which shows seed freely soon after ripening. I think this tendency soon will be bred out by selection as in Siberia I noted plants full of seed after snow was on the ground, but as an addition to our alfalfas and rough lands unfit for cultivation, second—that which holds seed tightly in pod for a long period after ripening, which means heavy seed and a quick aftermath after cutting. These will probably hold their own for the main hay crop and prove hardy where the common alfalfas suffer at times from winter killing."

The question of the palatability of these new alfalfas has been raised by Prof. Hansen says he has seen stock over many thousands of square miles in Siberia grazing and keeping in good condition on these various alfalfas.

ESQUIMAUX IS AN INVENTOR

Exhibit at Affiliated Colleges Proves Claim of Scientist. Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 24.—The claim that the Esquimaux is a great inventor substantiated by the remarkable collection of articles which have been invented and made by that race, now being shown at the Affiliated Colleges, San Francisco.

The collection is arranged to show the Esquimaux as inventors and skilled mechanical engineers excel all uncivilized people. Included in the exhibit are the first forms of the oil heater and cook stove, water-tight boat, arch used for building purposes, and waterproof overcoat, as well as the first form of the harpoon.

Another of the new alfalfas secured in the desert of Mongolia, by Prof. Hansen, and known to experts as Medicago ruthenica, is yet under careful trial, owing to its peculiar flavor.

"Since it was one of the main wild plants for horses, camels, cattle, and fat tailed sheep in Mongolia," said Prof. Hansen, "where the temperature ranges down to 50 degrees below zero, often with no snow on the ground and with hot, dry summers, I imagine it will not be needed in South Dakota where we do not have such extreme temperatures. However, I understand progress is being made in hybridizing it with common alfalfas in the United States department of agriculture at Washington."

PIMBLEY PAINT AND GLASS CO., 215 Sixth Street, St. Joseph, Mo. BANNER ON THE HOBBLE. Horsemen in Session Take Drastic Action Against Their Use.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Members of the American Trotting Association at the biennial meeting of that organization recently made drastic rulings against the use of hobbles. The association ruled: 1. That hobbles will not be allowed on any horse 4 years old or under during the 1912 racing season.

2. That hobbles will not be allowed on any horse 5 years old or under during the 1913 racing season. 3. That hobbles will not be allowed on any horse 6 years old or under during the 1914 racing season.

This action, with a change of rule regarding points, was the principal business decided at the meeting. The new rule on hobbles is as follows: "In deciding the rank of a horse, the winner of two heats in a two-in-three race, or the winner of three heats in a five-heat race, shall be entitled to first money."

WEATHER FORECAST

For Missouri: Occasional rain or snow tonight and Sunday; colder Sunday and north portion tonight.

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PRIME BEEF SCARCE.

Already there is a great deal of complaint from high class hotels and cafes that it is almost impossible to get hold of any really prime beef, says the Omaha Journal-Stockman. Farmers are not producing very much of it and they will produce less and less every year.

HOME NEED FOR SYMPATHY.

We in America hear and read more or less of the "pauper labor" of Europe and we are moved to sympathize with the underpaid, overworked laborers beyond the big pond, but isn't there plenty of room for sympathy for the workers nearer home?

SHIPPERS ASK REPARATION.

Want Excessive Charges, Amounting to \$2,000,000, Returned. Washington, Feb. 23.—As a sequel to the interstate commerce commission's decision in the famous "Spokane rate case," that freight charges to and from Spokane were unreasonable and exorbitant, the shippers of the Eastern Washington monopoly have made a demand on various northwestern and transcontinental lines for \$2,999,999 reparation.

TO EXTEND SHORT COURSE.

Missouri College May Petition For Funds. Columbia, Mo., Feb. 23.—Believing that the one week branch short courses held in seven different localities this year decidedly successful, the college of agriculture is considering petitioning the legislature for an appropriation to carry on the work on a much larger scale.

TO MAKE GOOD ROADS.

Kansas County Will Pay Seventy-Five Cents a Mile for Dragging. McPherson, Kan., Feb. 23.—McPherson county will have the best roads in Kansas if the plans of the county commissioners are successfully carried out.

Daddy's Bedtime Story



Clever Buster, the Candy Loving Little Dog. Buster Had Taken His Share of the Chocolates. THE children had said: "Tell us a dog story tonight. We haven't had one for a good while."

IN WOMAN'S REALM

THE average of those studied being 3.5 members, including boarders. The average number of wage earners was 3.6.

THE GOOD WIFE'S CHICKEN.

This is one of the oldest and most popular ways of cooking chicken in France. Having tied up the chicken and turned the feet in, surround it with a strip of cooking bacon.

SPANISH MEAT PIE.

A slice of ham and a pound of veal cut into inch pieces. When it is nearly cooked, in a buttery enough hot milk to moisten. Chop fine three light onions; fry in butter to light brown.

MOCK CHERRY PIE.

Take two cups of cranberries, cut in halves and soak one-half hour in cold water to remove seeds. Stir one tablespoon cornstarch in a little cold water or mix with one cup of boiling water and boil one minute.

TO CLEAN BABY'S BOTTLE.

Mothers of bottle babies will find a great trouble at times in cleaning baby's bottle by the use of the tea leaves left over from teamkings. Simply put the leaves into the bottle with the water and wash as usual.

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FARMERS NEED MORE SILOS

Emigration Expert Says 40 Per Cent of Crops Now Are Wasted.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 23.—D. Clem Deaver, emigration expert of the Burlington railroad, has appealed to the farmers of the country to build silos and by ending waste add substantially to the profit from their corn crop.

"There is no other business on the face of the earth that will give a profit after expending 75 to 80 per cent of the possible income—but corn raising will."

ALASKA CLIMATE CHANGING

Present Winter Has Been Mildest Ever Known There.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 23.—It is now certain that the climate in Alaska is changing.

RABIES IN COLORADO SHEEP

Agricultural College Explains Symptoms When Affected.

Fort Collins, Colo., Feb. 23.—Recently there has been trouble near the northern Colorado boundary line, with rabies in sheep.

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Just now they are planning to hold a grand snake fight. Tired of dog fights and prize fights and being prohibited by law from having cock fights, they have determined upon the gentle diversion of chucking a big king snake and a hefty rattler into a sanded ring to do battle royal.

The king snake is filled with hatred for all other species of snake and will have a fight at every opportunity without provocation.

Hunters who have witnessed fights between king snakes and rattlers declare the sport will be more exciting than any prize fight that was ever held.

WORK ON DAM TO BEGIN SOON

Government to Spend \$200,000 in Brazos River Below Waco.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 23.—Preparations are nearing completion for early inauguration of work by the United States government on the lock and dam in the Brazos river below Waco at a cost of about \$200,000.

The Navasota dam, which is similar to the one to be built near Waco, probably will be finished within the next three months.

The idea is to dam the largest shoals with the eight dams and install other structures as conditions may require.

TRIPLETS QUEER, TWINS SAY

"No Joke," Says Jersey Father With Seven Young Hopefuls.

New York, Feb. 21.—Two boys and a girl arrived in the home of Frank Henrich, Waldo place, Englewood, and their twin sisters think the new arrivals are the queerest-looking little things they ever saw.

EXCHANGE DIRECTORY.

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

STOCK CATTLE BROKERS.

Alkins, J. V. & Co., room 391. Adcock, George, room 392. Baker, Joseph, & Son, room 319.

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By M. C. England

The June evening was balmy and fragrant. The last long rays of the setting sun slanted over the grass and up on the wide, vine-hung porch...

"I brought you those flowers," he was saying, an accusing finger directed toward the table where they lay, "not to be put over there and forgotten about, but to wear, or hold in your lap."

The youth stared at her suspiciously. "What are you blushing about?" he demanded, a dawning resentment in his voice.

She retorted indignantly. "I'll blush if I want to. And, besides, I'm not, anyway," she added incoherently. "You're always imagining something."

"Thank you," she murmured absently. He leaned back heavily, and the wind moaned in dirge-like cadence through the deepening gloom.

The youth's eyes burned with a dull fury. The fiery rim of the crimson sun shot an angry gleam at their feet. Suddenly he leaned forward, heedless of his hair.

"Right!" he interrupted hotly. "What right? Haven't I asked you to marry me every other night for the last three months? You know very well you're going to say 'yes' sometime. I was going to do it again to-night if you'd given me half a chance. I was only waiting till the moon came up."

"Then I certainly wouldn't have said 'yes' tonight," returned Miss Dimples indignantly. "You look sillier in the moonlight than at any other time."

PAPER BAG COOKING

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DINNERS COOKED IN ONE BAG.

By M. Soyer, Chef of the Brooks' Club, London. In my last article I gave menus for dinners for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday that could be cooked in one bag, the dessert, of course, excepted. Here I give menus that can be so cooked for the other days of the week.

Wednesday. Let the dinner be roast and stuffed breast of mutton. Take a lean breast of mutton four pounds weight, getting the butcher to bone it for you. Make a stuffing with two ounces of stale bread crumbs, a dust of salt and pepper, a finely-chopped onion, and a heaped dessert-spoonful of minced parsley, or, if pressed for time, a little finely powdered mixed sweet herbs.

Thursday. Chop the cold mutton left over from Wednesday finely. Dust it with pepper, salt, a little powdered sweet herbs, and add to it a large finely chopped onion. Sprinkle the whole well with seasoned flour. Add any cold gravy that may be over from the day before, and a couple of slices of lean flank of bacon and a tablespoonful of Worcester sauce, with the same amount of water. Grease the bag. Put in the mince. Cook gently for half an hour, turn out, and serve with baked potatoes.

Friday. A little fish once a week not only makes a nice change in the monotony of the middle meal, but is often a distinct saving both in health and pocket. Stuffed and baked haddock are delicious.

Saturday. On Saturday the housewife usually has a good deal of cleaning up and mending to do for the morning, so she will need something which does not require much preparation beforehand. Liver and bacon, always a highly appreciated dish, will meet the difficulty, and there is no fear of it "catching" in the bag if she should chance to be called away for a minute or two.

Sunday. To bring back Erring Husband. Mrs. Alice Edwards, East Columbus, Ohio, firmly believes her husband will return, as she confided to a neighbor, who inquired why his picture hung on the wall upside down. "If a wife deserted by her husband turned his picture upside down, he is certain to return," she declared.

NO HOG DISEASE HERE.

Kansas Farmer Uses Old Recipe As An Effective Preventive.

According to Emil Hass, an extensive farmer and hog raiser in the W. Kan. district, the highly contagious disease prevalent among swine in the corn belt this season, is not hog cholera. "The extremely cold weather," said Mr. Hass, "has resulted in many hogs taking cold, resulting in lung or bronchial trouble, which many farmers and even veterinarians are apt to diagnose as cholera."

A BOY KILLED 644 CROWS. Cottonwood Falls, Kan., Feb. 24.—Not everyone knows how to pick money from an elm shade tree, but a farmer boy of Matfield made several dollars in this way last week. He had a golden harvest last week. The trees have long been a favorite haunt for scores of crows. Each evening the trees became black with the birds as they went to roost in the branches.

PITY FOR THE OYSTER. Alabama Official Will Make Fight Against Serving Living Bivalve. Mobile, Ala., Feb. 24.—Just because an oyster can't let out a yell, can't even wiggle when some enthusiastic punches a dozen holes in it and then spreads on the table, and the salt and pepper, President John Craft, of the state oyster commission, has announced that he will appeal to the humane society to prevent the eating of live bivalves.

FARMER HUSBAND GETS O. K. Sioux City Judge Approves Plans of a Grass Widow. Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 24.—Farmers are a favored lot with Judge William Hutchinson of the district court. Permission was given Mrs. Ollie Beiz yesterday to remarry at once because she wishes to wed a farmer. The woman's divorce decree, secured two months ago, prevented her from re-marrying until a year had passed.

HOW TO KILL QUACK GRASS. One of the Most Serious Weed Pests Known in America. Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—The Department of Agriculture has recently issued Farmers' Bulletin No. 464 on "The Eradication of Quack Grass." Quack grass is known to most farmers all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific in latitudes north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. It is one of the most serious weed pests known in America. The grass grows under a great many different names, among them couch grass, wild grass, and twitch grass.

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PATENT OFFICE PROFITS.

Big Department Shows Balance on Right Side of Its Ledger.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—While it is constantly urged that the United States government should conduct its affairs as would a large business enterprise, it is not the public expectation that its departments and bureaus should be self-supporting or that they should be run at a profit. Nevertheless it is the object of the government to manage all of its revenue-earning branches economically, so as to make them as far as possible self-supporting. This has been the endeavor in the Post Office Department for years, and the result has just been announced in terms to indicate that the work of carrying the mails is now being done for less than postal revenues.

It is not generally known that for a long time the Patent Office has been showing an annual margin of receipts over expenditures. Commissioner Moore reports that during the last fiscal year the revenues of that office were \$3,698,122 more than the expenditures, or a profit of about 3 1/4 per cent. There is now to the credit of this bureau a surplus in the treasury amounting to \$7,034,325.76. The commissioner suggests that this money should be expended in the erection of an adequate building for his office.

The Patent Office surplus now standing in the treasury represents the activity of American inventors. It betokens a stupendous industrial development, probably equaled nowhere in the world and productive of an enormous wealth which has benefited all classes of American people. Nothing could be more appropriate than that this entire sum should be expended in the erection of a building to stand as a monument to the American inventor, something to be pointed out to visitors from all lands as a symbol of the ingenuity and creativeness that have made the United States in the foremost rank of the industrial powers.

Apart from the appropriateness of this suggestion it is to be borne in mind that the work of the patent office is now seriously handicapped by the lack of room and the antiquity of the building in which it is now housed. The plan of erecting a new building which it now occupies is "gaining" concern, earning more money than it spends, it is very inadequately housed. No business corporation of the importance and size of the Patent Office would be maintained on such a basis. From time to time the Patent Office has been spread out over the old Interior Department Building, taking up rooms vacated by other bureaus, and it now fills the entire structure with the exception of the offices of the secretary of the Interior. Every room is overcrowded and the noise and record spaces are packed dangerously and most inconveniently. It is appalling to think of the destruction that would be caused by a fire gaining headway in this building.

The plea of economy can not be equitably opposed to the recommendation for a new building for this office, in view of the fact already set forth that the Patent Office has more than earned in money, the accommodations which it presently requires. While it might be advanced at a time of governmental poverty in the case of a bureau that stands for nothing but a drain upon the public resources, it is plainly impossible to a branch of the government that annually earns annually over 3 per cent more than it spends.

DEMONSTRATION FARM.

Five-Acre Tract in Port Arthur, Tex., Set Aside for the Purpose.

Port Arthur, Tex., Feb. 24.—As a result of the appearance in this section of J. H. Full, agricultural expert of the Kansas City Southern Railway, a demonstration truck farm will be established here. The garden will be of five acres area and will be inside the city limits. It will be a part of the tract donated last year by the city to the Methodist Episcopal church in connection with the transfer of the Port Arthur Business College to that organization. When the transfer is made the city council decided in the neighborhood of ten acres of land to the Educational Board of the church, which tract lies between the buildings facing Proctor street and the Beaumont canal. The tract was originally part of a park dedication made by the town site company, the tract being intended to be converted into a city park, to which use the greater part of the land is now devoted.

The matter was brought to issue at a meeting of the Agricultural Committee of the Board of Trade with Mr. Full and Hubert Phillips, superintendent of the Commercial Institute, and Rev. J. W. La Grone. Under arrangements made at this meeting, the city statute board will set aside five acres of this tract for the use mentioned. The Board of Trade will have the ground sod-broke, disced, re-broke and put in shape generally for trucking use.

The Kansas City Southern will supply all seed and fertilizer required, and the institute will have the work done. As far as is known no marketing arrangements have been made as far as concerns division of profits. The Commercial Institute—which is on the boarding-house plan—will use the proceeds of the truck patch on its own table and pay its labor bill out of the garden sales. It is to be a demonstration truck patch to prove profitability. The Board of Trade gets its compensation in this profit; the Kansas City Southern gets its in the haul, which it is typically conjectured, will follow this final proving up of profitability.

It must not be understood that the project is intended to be experimental other than experimental along the lines of profitability of specializing. The day of experiment in adaptation is past. The Kansas City Southern did that many years ago on the tract now occupied by the Griffing Bros. Nursery company. Every farmer in Southeast Texas is doing that every year. The question of adaptability having been well established by several decades of precedent, the question of agriculture hinges wholly on profitability of specializing, of which, it is understood, the tract in mention is to be a demonstration.

This demonstration of profitability must come wholly through a channel which has nothing whatever to do with raising the crop. The market is meant. Mr. Full, who will be the guiding hand as far as matters advisory are concerned, is well traveled and a well-informed man. He is young yet, but much travel has put knowledge into his head, even if it has not yet put gray hairs onto it. The writer of this was very much interested in hearing Mr. Full say that it was necessary for farmers to raise something that would have an attractive appearance when placed on the market. He does not advise raising any kind of crop for the market which can not have its attractive selling appearance. He

states very plainly that it is difficult to market even a very good article if it is discolored by the heavy dark soil in which it is grown.

FISH FROZE IN THE ICE.

Bank of Brandy Lake, Near Hutchinson, Kan., Covered With Dead Fish.

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 24.—Thousands of dead fish line the shores of Brandy Lake. Quite likely the big majority of the fish in those waters lost their lives during the recent cold spell, being frozen to death.

Yesterday afternoon the southeast beach, the wind being in the northwest, was strewn with fish from as long as your finger to eighteen and twenty inches in length, dead and decaying. Catfish, perch, bass and carp form the largest number of the dead fish and it is probable that there are few other kinds in that body of water.

Mrs. Skeen, who lives at the lake, says the water froze solid, as far as known, in the recent cold spell in January, when the thawing of the ice came the dead fish and the stench that arises from the decaying matter reaches for a long distance. It is the first time ever known, or at least for a good many years, that the water has formed a solid cake of ice. This was because the low temperatures lasted for such a long time. And the water is extremely low in the lake.

It is farther down than many people have ever known it and it was likely impossible for the fish to reach the lowest spots, where it is possible the freeze did not reach. Even then it is also possible that the freeze lasted long enough to starve some of them to death, for there were two or three weeks of cold weather before the ice melted enough to let in air, even.

Brandy Lake has been a great place for fishermen for years. There was always a chance to get a good afternoon's sport in the deep holes in the lake, which was fed by springs and which made the water pure. But the fishes of big and little fish on the shores today shows the terrible devastation that come with the cold weather. Practically all of the ice is melted now and as rapidly as the thaw comes, the dead fish began to wash with the wind, until the southwest beach is packed with them.

TO PAY CONVICTS OVERTIME

Warrants Being Issued Aggregating Forty-Five Thousand Dollars.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 23.—Warrants aggregating \$45,000 are being drawn to pay Texas convicts for overtime at the rate of 10 cents an hour. The Thirty-second Legislature made an appropriation to pay overtime and it has been drawn upon in the past, but no present claims are on file thus far. The last accounts totalled \$16,000. Previous to the new law the men received nothing for their work unless they had been long enough to be forced to labor. None of their labor was voluntary in those days, but now all overtime is voluntary work. The men are able to get a few dollops from time to time, besides saving a fund for a start on receiving discharge, while others help support the families left behind when the prison gates closed on them.

AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN

Corn the Only Leading Cereal to Show An Increase.

New York, Feb. 23.—Telegraphic and cable communications received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies as compared with previous account: Wheat—United States, 4,814,000 bushels, United States and Canada, decreased 1,525,000 bushels. Rye—United States, decreased 577,000 bushels. Canada, decreased 74,000 bushels. Total United States and Canada, decreased 1,076,000 bushels. Oats—United States, increased 300,000 bushels. Total American and European supplies, decreased 774,000 bushels.

Corn—United States and Canada, increased 1,295,000 bushels. Oats—United States and Canada, decreased 23,000 bushels.

The leading increases and decreases reported this week follow: Increase—Northville, 78,000 bushels. Decrease—Portland, Me., 174,000 bushels.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR EGGS

English Poultrymen Open Central Depot in Hosterlane.

London, Feb. 23.—A clearing house for eggs to be opened under the auspices of the National Poultry Organization Society in Hosterlane, West Smithfield, E. C.

For about a dozen years the society, with which the manufacturers of Salisbury is prominently connected, and which is a co-operative organization run by farmers in all parts of the country, has collected eggs and acted as a distributing agency between the farmers and the retailers.

In the past the orders for the London area, have been dealt with by the provincial depots and the eggs sent direct to the retailers, but with the increase of business this system has proven more and more unworkable, and the establishment of a London clearing house was felt to be essential.

COLD STORAGE LADY BUGS

Are Imported Into California to Kill Insect Pests.

Harper's Weekly: Ladybugs of Nevada are imported into California to destroy many of the insect pests of vines and orchards. They are found in moss under the snow, but at that season they can not be pressed into service because the worms on which they feed have not yet appeared, while the ladybugs are still hibernating.

Accordingly the little Nevadans are placed in refrigerating wagons and hauled conveyed to California, to remain in cold storage until their services on vines and trees are required. During all this time they take no food. With spring come the destroying worms, and then the ladybug is taken from her prison and dispersed where she appears most likely to do her work well. As she is ravenously hungry the work is begun and continued until the worms are destroyed.

FORAGE EXPERIMENT. In some experiments at the Missouri state farm in the growing of forage it was proved that profit of \$40.50 per acre could be produced from alfalfa by pasturing and feeding it to hogs.

The hog-cholera serum developed in this department is successful where it is properly made and applied.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ARIZONA

Farm Lands of Newest State Gained \$45,000,000 in Decade.

Bisbee, Ariz., Feb. 24.—Arizona ranks fifth in land area and forty-sixth in population among the states of the Continental United States, according to the thirteenth census bulletin.

The southwestern portion of Arizona ranges from an altitude of approximately 350 feet above sea level along the lower course of the Colorado river to general elevation of approximately 2000 feet in the desert plains, with altitudes in excess of 4,000 feet in the mountain ridges, which cross these plains from the northwest to southeast. The northern and northeastern parts consist of a high plateau ranging in altitude from 4000 to 5000 feet above sea level, with an increase in instances of considerable elevation of Arizona above sea level is approximately 41000 feet, with comparatively little below an altitude of 2000 feet.

South of the high plateau Arizona lying within the extremely arid southwestern portion of the United States, consists of broad desert plains, interspersed with nearly parallel mountain ranges of considerable elevation, having a general northwestern and southeastern trend. The floors of the desert plains are made up of gravelly and sandy detritus washed down from the mountains together with sandy loam, loam and adobe soils in the vicinity of the larger streams or in the center of the basin-like plains.

The plateau country is extremely varied in its surface configuration and in its soils. Extensive areas of the plateau consist high mesas overlooking lower plains and deep valleys, and bounded by abrupt escarpments and canyons, the greatest of which the Grand Canyon has been cut by the Colorado river. The soils of this region are formed principally from a variety of underlying rock through surface weathering.

In the western half of Arizona the annual precipitation ranges from 3 to 10 inches and in the eastern half from 10 to 25 inches. Irrigation is necessary to the growth of crops in the low valleys, but on the higher plains some crops are grown without it.

Between 1900 and 1910 there was an increase of 81,423, or 52.2 per cent in population, and an increase of 3415 or 58.8 per cent in the number of farms. The total farm acreage, however, decreased 688,714, or 25.6 per cent, while the acreage of improved land increased 95,552, or 2.6 per cent.

COLLECT WATER CHARGES

Definite and Immediate Action Is Now Required.

Alliance, Feb. 24.—The Alliance land office has received detailed instructions relative to the collection of water charges from the assistant commissioner of the general land office at Washington, D. C.

The following paragraphs quoted from the letter of instructions are of particular importance to water-users: "In the past many applications for an extension of time in which to make payment have been filed by water users in response to notices of this character, but inasmuch as there is no law under which such extension of time may be granted and the application is dilatory in nature and does not comply with the requirements of the notice issued, such applications should not be accepted by you, and if an application for extension of time is received you will advise the applicant that nothing is to be done there by and that the entry of water right will be cancelled, unless payment is made, or the provisions of the new public notice are accepted as required."

"In past years some delay has occurred in this office in taking action on reports from your office as to non-payment. This delay has been due, in part, to uncertainty as to the proper construction of public notice and, in part, to other causes. You are advised that the reclamation work in this office is now absolutely current and it is intended to act on every report as soon as it is received, and in order that the water users on the project may fully understand the results of non-payment of the water right charges, you are directed to give information to the press as a matter of news, without expense to the government, that the delay in past years in cancelling entries will not be repeated this year and failure to make payment on the date set will result in immediate cancellation of the entry or water right."

NEW IOWA STATE BUILDINGS

Plans Now Being Prepared by the State Architect.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 24.—State Architect Liebke is at work on plans for various new buildings at state institutions, but none of which can be contracted for until 1913. These include a nurse's home at Independence, a boy's cottage at Glenwood, a hospital at Davenport and tuberculosis hospital at Mount Pleasant and Cherokee.

In order that a good showing might be made as to state finances during the rest of the time of the present administration, over \$100,000 was appropriated not to be used until after the appropriations of the next legislature are available, hence are not charged up to the expenditures of the present biennium.

SMALL CUT IN RATE.

Five Cents a Hundred Pounds on Lumber Shipments.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—A freight rate of 80 cents a 100 pounds on hardwood lumber from Central Freight association territory to Pacific coast terminal, was prescribed by the interstate commerce commission. The existing rate of 85 cents was attacked by the Michigan Hardwood Manufacturers' Association. The order of reduction is directed against all trans-continental lines.

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