

CATTLE FINISH FIRM

STEER TRADE CLOSING WEEK WITH PRICES STEADY TO 10 CENTS HIGHER.

BETTER GRADE SHOW GAIN

Little Change in Steers Selling Under \$8—Good Fat Butchers' Stock Strong—Veals Lower—Stockers Close Weak.

Only 100 head of cattle arrived at the local yards today and not enough business was done to afford a reliable basis for price comparison purposes. The few sales made, however, were rated steady on all sides.

Increased receipts of cattle at all of the principal distributing centers this week did not impair the good tone of the trade in beef steers. Slower action was noticeable Tuesday and Wednesday and in these two sessions there were spots where slight weakness was shown.

The week has brought out more good fat steers than have been seen on this market for months, including a good many choice pulp-fed beefs from Colorado. General quality was the best of the season and new top prices for the year were scored.

Two loads of choice weights Colorado pulp-fed steers sold Thursday at \$8.40, the highest price ever paid on this market for that class of cattle.

Bulk of the pulp-fed steers sold at \$7.80 to \$7.90, light weights, selling at \$7.80 to \$7.90. Best native corn-fed steers were here Wednesday, a load from a northwest Missouri feedlot landing at \$8.00.

At the five markets aggregate receipts of 129,690 cattle stand 37,500 larger than last week and 12,000 heavier than a year ago.

The following prices are quotable on the St. Joseph market today: Choice to prime steers, \$8.00 to \$8.60; good to choice, \$7.50 to \$8.00; fat to good steers, \$7.00 to \$7.50; common to fair, \$6.50 to \$7.00; good to fancy yearlings, \$6.75 to \$7.85.

COWS, BULLS AND MIXED. It has been a mildly uneven trade in butchers' cows, however, but the net following closely the trend of fat steer values.

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LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

Today's Receipts. Cattle 187, Hogs 62, Horses 4,634.

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SLUMP IN HOG PRICES

BEARISH TONE RULED WEEK'S CLOSING TRADE—VALUES MOSTLY 10c OFF.

FEW SOLD AT NICKEL LOSS

Tops Reduced to \$7.85, With Bulk of Crop Finding Outlet at \$7.60 @7.80—Quality Fair to Good.

Hog prices went lower in the week's closing market, liberal week-end receipts being the principal bearish influence. A few loads sold at the opening were rated about a nickel off, but the bulk of the supply had to accept 10c decline.

Receipts figured around 4,500 head, bringing the total for the week up to 35,900. Last week's total arrivals were 30,258 and a year ago 35,953 head were marketed for a like period.

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REPRESENTATIVE HOG SALES.

Table with columns: No., Av. Sbk. Price, No., Av. Sbk. Price. Rows include various grades of hogs and their market prices.

PIGS—125 POUNDS AND UNDER.

Table with columns: No., Av. Sbk. Price, No., Av. Sbk. Price. Rows include pig sales data.

ODDS, ENDS AND WAGON HOGS.

Table with columns: No., Av. Sbk. Price, No., Av. Sbk. Price. Rows include odds and wagon hog sales.

PACKERS' HOG PURCHASES.

Table with columns: Firm, No., Av. Sbk. Price. Rows include packer purchase data.

RANGE OF HOG PRICES.

Table with columns: Day, Price. Rows show daily price ranges for hogs.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include grain market data.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include grain and provision prices.

WHEAT.

Table with columns: Grade, Price. Rows include wheat price data.

CORN.

Table with columns: Grade, Price. Rows include corn price data.

OATS.

Table with columns: Grade, Price. Rows include oat price data.

KEEP TAB ON THE COWS.

The "Boarders" Can Be Detected by Using a System.

MUTTON VALUES GAIN

LAMBS CLOSING 15@25c HIGHER THAN WEEK AGO—SHEEP UP 10 TO 15 CENTS.

TOP LAMBS UP TO \$8.05

Highest Spot of Year Touched on Colorado—Wethers Lacking the Fleeces Topped at \$6.00.

Chicago with a supply of 1,000 sheep was the only market around the circuit that had fresh mutton supplies today.

During the week conditions governing trade in this department have been very similar to those in force the previous six day period. Packing demand has held a vigorous tone throughout the week and prices ruled steady to strong on all days and closing about 15@25c higher on best lambs and 10@15c on aged sheep.

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A LESSON IN PURE-BREDS

It Pays to Raise Good Horses, a Farmer Learned.

ST. JOSEPH HAY MARKET.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include hay market data.

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.

CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include concentrated stock food prices.

FARM POULTRY RAISING.

General Purpose Breeds Should Be Kept—Keep Only One Breed.

WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include wholesale beef prices.

PORK PACKING.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include pork packing data.

TOTAL LIVE STOCK MOVEMENT.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Rows include total live stock movement data.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Missouri: Probably local showers tonight and Sunday; no important change in temperature.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertisements in this Journal and get results. Prices will be gladly given on application.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Burger & Young, prominent live stock operators of Doniphan, Neb., sent in a car of hogs for today's market.

SOUTH DORMANT LAND

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MAMMOTH CATTLE RANCH

Brazil Will Boast One of World's Biggest Outfits.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20.—The Brazil Land, Cattle and Packing Company of San Paulo have practically completed arrangements for the operating of their \$3 million acre ranch in San Paulo, Brazil. The general management will be in the hands of Murdo MacKenzie, the well-known cattleman of Texas. He will be assisted by his son, who was a visitor at this market yesterday on his way to San Paulo. Mr. A. M. MacKenzie will sail for Brazil the 5th of May. He and the rest of the company are sure of the company's success, and he told a reporter representative something of the mammoth concern: "We will stock the ranch extensively with cattle, hogs and sheep, which in time will be killed and packed right on our place," said Mr. MacKenzie. "The industry will be handled from the raising to the dressing of the beef, most of which will be sold in the old country. The company has one road, all that is necessary at the present time, running from the town through the ranch, and will have their own fleet of refrigerator boats for the transportation of the beef. Most of the stock will be bought, but we purchased and shipped 1,000 head of pure-bred Hereford bulls several weeks ago. The land is mostly in a state of cultivation and is the best grazing land in the world. We will begin operations immediately and look for a great success of the

only industry, under one head, of its kind in the world." The starting of the Brazil Land, Cattle and Packing Company will be a great thing for that country, and will slowly bring it close to the front as one of the leading cattle nations, Murdo MacKenzie, the manager, was one of the largest cattle dealers in the United States, as he operated the Matador Cattle Company of Texas, Dakota and Canada. No better posted man could have been chosen for the position.

ASTOR'S KIN TURNS IRISH

Capt. Spender-Clay, Son-in-Law, to Start Horse-Breeding Farm. Dublin, Ireland, April 20.—Capt. Spender-Clay Waldorf Astor's son-in-law, evidently does not share the Astor family's antipathy toward Ireland. Before his trip to India a few months ago he was in communication with the Irish Board of Agriculture with a view to promoting the breeding of stepplechase horses that would ultimately be the basis of a breed of animals suitable for army purposes. To encourage the experiment he offered to place \$50,000 at the disposal of the board. While the Agricultural Board has been looking around, considering the practicability of the proposal, the captain, in conjunction with his friend, Sir Gilbert Greenall, has decided to start a breeding establishment, and has settled on one of the most pleasant and picturesque spots in the whole of Ireland—Mount Coote, near Kilmallock, in County Limerick.

His Mother's Valentine

By E. L. Henderson

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V. J. was a valentine. There could be no doubt about this. He was born on the 14th of February; his mother had named him Valentine, and he bore the outward semblance of one—moreover, of that offensive type popularly known as comic.

No one knew what V. J. Vincent, as he invariably signed himself, had suffered from this combination of circumstances. Hair of unmitigated red, a nose of unconventional length, inquiring ears and a dimpled chin were, he told himself, heavy enough burdens to bear, without the necessity of smiling cheerfully at the endless jokes to which he submitted on each recurring 14th of February. He had learned to accept the hair and ears and nose with resignation, but the dimples, perpetually laughing at the rest of his face, were still a sensitive point; and in a beardless era when fashion demanded glaring honesty in chins, a conspicuous one. He could only fall back on an unflinching sense of humor for support.

V. J.'s name was appropriate in more than one respect. In the lacustrine, cupid-adorned creations disclosed in February, there is usually found, hidden under a heart-shaped leaf, a little apartment warm with sentiment. In V. J.'s being, there was a similar recess, but so cunningly concealed that few suspected its existence.

Its sentiment was, however, bubbling up on this particular morning of the 14th of February as he passed the Merrill home, bound officeward. He had hoped to see Marcia Dillon at the window. Instead, he caught a smile from her young cousin, Dana Merrill. Fortunately, he did not catch the remark that followed it: "Doesn't Val Vincent look like a comic valentine?"

"His face is rather an intelligent one for a comic valentine," responded Marcia. "He has good eyes."

"Oh, yes, but eye-glasses are not becoming. I wonder if anything would be very becoming to Val?" laughed Dana.

"He has a fine forehead," Marcia spoke in the manner of one determined to see justice done to an unpromising subject.

"It's a high one, certainly, and improving right along. Actually, Marcia,

Marcia's face was flushed and angry. "Those silly girls!" she exclaimed. "I do not think girls of that age—"

Her voice broke as she began to replace the valentine in its envelope.

V. J. put out a restraining hand and took the picture. "It looks to me," he observed, "as if St. Valentine has had some odds and ends left when he finished his yearly assortment and had thrown them together to save the scraps. An old fellow of his experience ought to know that an incongruous mixture of the comic and the sentimental is never successful."

But Marcia did not laugh. "I know all about that picture," she said indignantly. "Mrs. Ashton told me yesterday how happy it made your mother one Valentine's day. Gwen should be thoroughly ashamed of herself!"

To V. J. there was something wonderfully sweet and intimate in this mention of his mother by Marcia. Certain resolutions melted in its warmth. There was a moment's silence. Then, "I am waiting," he reminded.

Marcia looked up inquiringly. "There is a question, you know. I couldn't ask it myself, but this young fellow has had the audacity to ask it for me. You haven't answered it yet."

And the answer must have been satisfactory, for V. J. never, as he had sworn to do, destroyed his mother's valentine. Something in a nature full of sentiment forbade his doing so.

Supply of Sable Cut Off. The true Russian sable being in danger of complete extermination, the duma has passed a bill prohibiting the trapping of sable from February 14, 1913, till October 29, 1916. Hitherto there has not been even a closed season, and sable have been caught when moulting and with young in such a reckless fashion, especially in the Yakootsk, Lena and Amoor districts, that their numbers have been steadily decreasing for years. The sable is the true marten, a variety of the pine marten, and the size of the skin rarely exceeds eight inches by twenty inches. The bluish tint of the overhair and the softness of the pelt distinguish the real from the imitation sable.

Only a few hundred pelts of the choicest kind are trapped in the year, but no less than 20,000 so-called sable skins are sold annually at the Irbitsk fair. The majority of these are the skins of squirrels from Tartary and Siberia, dyed to imitate the genuine sable.

Japan a Land of Disillusionment. The landing at Yokohama brings a series of surprises and disillusionments; so far from being covered with lacquer, the empire of Japan in dry weather is dusty and in rain is surfaced with mud; the tea houses are not built of porcelain, but of plain wood; the people eat beans and dried fish when they can get them; the trees have bark and leaves; but not all bear cherry blossoms; the numerous mountains all slope uphill. Thus the first hour on shore sweeps away the enchantments of a lifetime, and reveals a land strikingly like some parts of Alaska, and a people extremely human—From "The Obvious Orient" by Alfred Bushnell Hart.

Patti's Patience. One morning Madame Patti was walking with her husband in Regent street, and as she stopped at a shop window to look at a number of photographs, a gentleman, who had come up behind her (and, of course, not seeing who she was), said to his friend: "There's the portrait of Albani; they say she will cut Patti out." Upon which, relates Madame Albani in her recent book of reminiscences, Madame Patti turned around and exclaimed: "Thank you, sir," and walked away.

ANASTASIA IS GYPSY QUEEN

She Has Just Turned Twenty and is a Beauty of the First Water.

Nikolai, the Gypsy king, is dead, and his queen, Anastasia, reigns in his place in the world that amuses itself, says a St. Petersburg correspondent. For thirty years Nikolai was the hero of the variety and concert stage, of after dinner entertainments and private cabaret shows. He was a composer as well as a singer, a virtuoso on the guitar and a graceful dancer. His troupe usually consisted of thirty to forty Gypsies, whose gorgeous costumes were the delight of St. Petersburg. He himself was always dressed in red silk with plenty of gold lace, his breast covered with medals, coins and decorations. He wore a sword and a sabetasche and in the latter he stuffed the paper money, gold and silver thrown at him during his performances.

The Russian Gypsy has a musical field of his own. He doesn't use the fiddle, but he plays the guitar and sings better than any troubadour of old.

Anastasia was his third or fourth queen. She has just turned twenty and is a full-fledged Gypsy. She is a beauty of the first water. All St. Petersburg calls her diva or queen, but since she attained popularity and wealth she has never appeared in the national costume. The latest from Paris is hardly good enough for her. She has a high pitched mezzo soprano voice and makes her hearers laugh and cry at will.

And she sits there blazing with diamonds from the buckles of her satin slippers to the top of her head, hunched rube notes, silver, gold and copper fly about her from boxes, stalls and galleries. These volunteer contributions she calls her "taxes." At the end of her act her majesty collects them with a broom and woe to the Gypsy who dares sneak a single kopeck, for Anastasia has the eye of an eagle and is as suspicious as a Turk.

When Guard Held Train. Passengers Ready to Sign Petition for Pardon in Case He is Reprimanded.

If the subway guard who held his train half a minute beyond schedule time should be reprimanded at headquarters a hundred passengers who know why he did it will sign a petition for his pardon. Sentiment was back of it. Somebody wanted to kiss. A lot of people want to do that. Women kiss each other, men kiss their wives. The guards have no patience with sentiment of that kind. They flaunt their contempt by bawling: "Break away, there; no time for that," and refuse to hold the train half a second for the tenderest salute.

But this case was different. It was easy to see how it was. A mother was giving away her child. The little fellow was in good hands. The couple who had adopted him were wholesome, kindly people; the mother was wretchedly poor. No doubt it was best all around to give him away. She and the boy stood the parting like majors up to the last minute; then the baby broke down.

"Mom—mom—mom," he blubbered from the car platform. Before the guard could close the door or give the signal she had reached through the crowd and had snatched him from the man's arms.

"I can't, I can't," she said. And then the kissing began. The guard didn't even try to say "Break away." He gulped; so did everybody else. Presently the woman handed the boy back, and the train started on amid the deepest silence that had ever rung over that subway station.—New York Times.

Brilliant Adsmith. "You haven't got J. Jones Jenkins writing advertisements for you any more, I hear," remarked one business man to another, both good advertisers along different lines.

"No," replied the other in a tone of strong disapproval, "and I'm glad of it."

"What's wrong with him? I understood he had taken a course from a correspondence school and was thoroughly competent."

"Was he?" And the other man spat as though something tasted bad. "Was he? Well, let me tell you what he done. I had a new brand of tooth-brushes and I wanted something extra to exploit them all over, and I told him to go to it good. Next day in all the papers it showed up large and luminous, and at the bottom there was a line standing out clear, which read: 'If not satisfactory after a week's trial return and get your money back.' Now, what do you think of that? Toothbrushes, mind you! Rats!"—Judge.

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