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SLOW TRADE IN BEEF

MARKETS CLOSED JULY 4. In accordance with the usual custom, this market will observe Independence day, next Thursday, July 4, as a holiday. Live stock arriving on that day will be yarded, fed and cared for as usual, but there will be no buying or selling. All other markets, including grain, provision and hay markets, will also be closed next Thursday.

WEAK FEELING IN COWS

Steady Prices Take Few Packages of Bulls and Veal Calves—No Change in Stockers or Feeders.

The usual light Friday supply of cattle was offered here today. Less than 400 head of all the leading markets, but only a few loads of medium and low-priced steers which sold barely steady at the week's decline. Conditions surrounding the fat cattle trade this week have been bearish. Receipts have shown some enlargement over previous weeks, and while the movement was still lighter than a year ago, the increase was sufficient to cause a reaction in prices from the high level of last week. Naturally, with more grassers and half-fed cattle coming from the south and southwest, buyers are in the center of their bearish attacks on the plain and medium grades of cattle, all of which are now killing out grassy. Local receipts of cattle this week foot up to around 7,000 head, an increase of 2,400 over the light run last week. Compared with a year ago, receipts show a decrease of approximately 1,300 head. Of the five leading markets receipts for the week aggregate 115,500 head as compared with a total of 112,400 last week and 133,100 for the corresponding period a year ago.

Choice to prime heaves have held up well during the week and prices are closing up around 19¢ to 15¢ lower than the high time last week for the top classes. Steers ranged from \$7.75 up to \$9.15. Good to choice steers are off 15¢ to 25¢ compared with a week ago, while a break of 25¢ to 40¢ is noted on the general run of medium and plain steers. Some of the common, light weight, grassy cattle are a full half dollar lower than at the high period last week. Some half-fed steers from Greenwood county, Kansas, the vanguard of the Kansas pasture movement, arrived here this week. One drove of them averaging 1,500 lbs. sold at \$8.25 and another drove of lighter weights sold at \$7.75. Several loads of grassers arrived in the quarantine division selling at \$4.65 to \$6.50.

DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS

No. 1, 1170-8 00 200 1185-7 25 17-1088-8 00 1187-7 00

COWS, BULLS AND HEIFERS

A few odd lots of grassy butter steers were offered in the Friday trade and met a slow indifferent outlet at the lowest level of prices for the week. Bulls and veal calves held about steady.

Buyers kicked the props out from under grass cows and heifers this week and the market fell with a dull, sickening trend. Many speculators and country shippers, who bought cattle on a basis of last week's inflated prices, were hurt in the crash. Even the good to choice cows and heifers did not escape loss, but these classes sold at a minimum reduction. Receipts have not been liberal but show some increase over the small run of last week. Many of the lower prices at Chicago and other markets made packers bearish and they have kept up a continuous hammering on medium and plain stuff. In taking stock of the damage wrought to the price list most traders go back to the high time of last week to make comparisons. As against that time grass cows and heifers are 75¢ to \$1.00 lower, even more in extreme cases, according to some salesmen. All of last week's sensational advance has been lost and prices are lower than before the uplift of the first half of last week. Cows sold late this week at \$5.00 to \$5.50 that were selling on the high spot last week at \$5.90 to \$6.40, and some of the cows selling at \$4.50 to \$4.75 now were the kinds appearing at \$5.25 to \$5.50 a week ago. Light grassy heifers selling since Wednesday at \$5.25 to \$5.50, were compared to the kinds selling at the best time last week at \$6.00 to \$6.50. Strictly good to choice cow and fed butchers' stock is closing around \$5.25 to \$6.00 lower than a week ago.

Bulls and stags are 15¢ to 25¢ lower than a week ago, plain grassy offerings showing the maximum decline. Calves held steady throughout the week.

The following quotations are current on the local market:

Choice to prime cows, \$6.00 to \$7.00; good to choice cows, \$5.25 to \$6.00; medium to fair cows, \$4.25 to \$5.25; canners and cutters, \$3.25 to \$4.00; choice to prime heifers, \$7.50 to \$8.50; good to choice heifers, \$6.25 to \$7.00; common to good heifers, \$5.25 to \$6.25; good to choice bulls, \$5.25 to \$6.25; fair to good bulls, \$4.50 to \$5.25; veal calves, \$7.50 to \$8.00; medium calves, \$6.00 to \$7.25; common and heavy calves, \$5.00 to \$6.00.

Heifers. No. 1, 1170-8 00 200 1185-7 25 17-1088-8 00 1187-7 00

Cows. No. 1, 1170-8 00 200 1185-7 25 17-1088-8 00 1187-7 00

Calves. No. 1, 1170-8 00 200 1185-7 25 17-1088-8 00 1187-7 00

Stags. No. 1, 1170-8 00 200 1185-7 25 17-1088-8 00 1187-7 00

Superstitious Alaskans. The most superstitious natives in Alaska are the Diomed Islanders, according to the teacher who is in charge of the Government school maintained by the United States, but of education at that point. Along with their belief in witchdoctors and ghosts, they used to believe that they could not wash when the north wind blew, nor comb their hair till the south wind came. Through the efforts of the bureau of education's officials these old superstitions are gradually fading away.

Eyeglasses for scholars. A bill providing for the New York assembly is being introduced by some of the members of the assembly for eyeglasses for the school children of Greater New York.

HOG TRADE FIRMS UP

MARKET OPENS STRONG TO 5¢ HIGHER ON THE BETTER CLASSES.

ROUGH KINDS ABOUT STEADY

Little Improvement in Medium and Heavy Packing Grades—Top \$7.60; Bulk \$7.35 to 7.50.

There was some let-up in the heavy movement of hogs to market and a slightly improved tone to the trade today. The five leading markets had 42,600 hogs, as compared with 45,700 a week ago and 45,100 the corresponding day a year ago. The market supply fell around 5,000 head as compared with 5,070 last Friday and 6,057 a year ago. There was not much life to the trade at any period. Opening sales ranged strong to 5¢ higher on the better classes. Medium and coarse heavy mixed packing hogs were steady to strong on the early rounds but the general market in these classes was slow at better prices. The close was slow and a shade weaker on common stuff. Quality ran to extremes with the average not as good as yesterday. There were some choice offerings and also some decidedly rough, undesirable stuff. Quality is apt to cut more figure in the future than in recent weeks and nearly everyone in the trade is talking of a wider spread in prices, with the probability that good smooth light hogs will soon be making the top figures. The top today was \$7.60, or 5¢ higher than the top yesterday. There was not many sales above \$7.50, however, nor below \$7.30.

Prices ranged from \$7.25 to \$7.60, with the bulk selling at \$7.35 to \$7.50. The bulk yesterday sold at \$7.30 to \$7.50, a week ago at \$7.55 to \$7.70, a month ago at \$7.25 to \$7.35, a year ago at \$6.40 to \$6.47, two years ago at \$6.00 to \$6.15, three years ago at \$4.85 to \$5.25, and four years ago at \$4.15 to \$4.65.

REPRESENTATIVE HOG RATES

No.	Av. Price	No.	Av. Price
55-283	7.60	71-237	7.42
60-284	7.45	72-238	7.42
65-285	7.55	73-239	7.42
68-286	7.50	74-240	7.42
70-287	7.50	75-241	7.42
71-288	7.50	76-242	7.42
72-289	7.50	77-243	7.42
73-290	7.50	78-244	7.42
74-291	7.50	79-245	7.42
75-292	7.50	80-246	7.42
76-293	7.50	81-247	7.42
77-294	7.50	82-248	7.42
78-295	7.50	83-249	7.42
79-296	7.50	84-250	7.42
80-297	7.50	85-251	7.42
81-298	7.50	86-252	7.42
82-299	7.50	87-253	7.42
83-300	7.50	88-254	7.42
84-301	7.50	89-255	7.42
85-302	7.50	90-256	7.42
86-303	7.50	91-257	7.42
87-304	7.50	92-258	7.42
88-305	7.50	93-259	7.42
89-306	7.50	94-260	7.42
90-307	7.50	95-261	7.42
91-308	7.50	96-262	7.42
92-309	7.50	97-263	7.42
93-310	7.50	98-264	7.42
94-311	7.50	99-265	7.42
95-312	7.50	100-266	7.42

PIGS—125 POUNDS AND UNDER

1-120-6.50 8-102-6.25 2-115-6.50 7-100-6.00 20-109-6.25 1-80-6.00 43-73-6.50 1-100-6.00

ODDS, ENDS AND WAGS HOGS

4-383-7.50 8-170-7.40 1-380-7.45 4-205-7.40 1-240-7.45 4-207-7.40 4-187-7.45 1-290-7.35 6-212-7.45

Packers' Hog Purchases

Swift & Co. 1,900 Morris & Co. 1,965 Hammond Packing Co. 1,000 Shippers 606 Total 4,571

RANGE OF HOG PRICES

Monday \$7.25 to \$7.75 8.00 to 8.40 Tuesday 7.15 to 7.60 7.90 to 8.50 Wednesday 7.30 to 7.80 8.00 to 8.75 Thursday 7.30 to 7.85 7.40 to 8.70 Friday 7.30 to 7.85 7.40 to 8.70 Saturday 7.30 to 7.85 7.40 to 8.70

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO. CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., June 28.—The Live Stock World reports: Cattle—Receipts, 15,000. Market steady, stillers \$9.30. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000. Market 5¢ to 10¢ higher. Top \$7.62 1/2, bulk \$7.45 to 7.60. Sheep—Receipts, 12,000. Market generally quarter lower.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 15,000. Texans dull, weak, top \$8.25, cows and heifers dull, weak, stockers, calves steady. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady to 5¢ higher, closed weak. Top \$7.65, bulk \$7.40 to 7.60. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000. Market steady, lambs \$8.35.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The Drovers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 12,000. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 11,800. Market steady to stronger. Top \$7.60, bulk \$7.25 to \$7.40. Sheep—Receipts, 100. Market steady.

EAST ST. LOUIS, National Stock Yards, Ill., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 2,000. Market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 7,000. Market 5¢ higher. Top \$7.70, bulk \$7.40 to 7.60. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000. Market steady.

FORT WORTH, Ft. Worth, Tex., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports:

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Today's Receipts. Cattle 8,362 Hogs 4,933 Sheep 4,312

Receipts from Jan. 1 to Date. The following table shows the local receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the corresponding time in 1911:

	1912	1911	Dec.	Inc.
Cattle	218,996	251,139	11,193	32,143
Hogs	1,121,678	966,967	154,711	154,711
Sheep	317,890	344,775	26,885	3,885
Horses	22,949	22,752	197	197

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

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Chicago	1,500	15,000	12,000
St. Joseph	1,500	15,000	12,000
South Omaha	1,500	15,000	12,000
St. Louis	1,500	15,000	12,000
East St. Louis	1,500	15,000	12,000

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

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. & B. & O., west	15	15	15
C. & B. & O., east	15	15	15
Missouri Pacific	15	15	15
St. Joseph & Grand Island	15	15	15
A. T. & S. F.	15	15	15

Cattle—Receipts, 3500. Market slow, steady. Hogs—Receipts, 200. Market higher. Bulk \$7.50 to \$7.80. Sheep—Receipts, 700. Market strong.

SIoux CITY

SIoux CITY, Ia., June 28.—Special to The Journal: The Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 500. Market generally steady. Hogs—Receipts, 14,000. Market 5¢ to 10¢ lower. Top \$7.35, bulk \$7.25 to \$7.30. Sheep—Receipts, 200. Market unchanged.

ST. JOSEPH CASH GRAIN MARKET

Today's cash values: Receipts: wheat, 1 car; corn, 3 cars; oats, 9 car.

Wheat. No. 2 red 1.11 @ 1.11 1/2 No. 3 red 1.08 @ 1.08 1/2 No. 2 hard 1.12 @ 1.12 1/2 No. 3 hard 1.10 @ 1.10 1/2

Corn. No. 2 white 82 @ 82 1/2 No. 3 white 80 @ 80 1/2 No. 4 white 78 @ 78 1/2 No. 2 mixed 75 @ 75 1/2 No. 3 mixed 73 @ 73 1/2 No. 4 mixed 71 @ 71 1/2 No. 2 yellow 76 1/2 @ 76 1/2 No. 3 yellow 74 @ 74 1/2 No. 4 yellow 72 1/2 @ 72 1/2

Oats. No. 2 white 53 @ 53 1/2 No. 3 white 52 @ 52 1/2 No. 2 oats 48 1/2 @ 48 1/2 No. 3 oats 47 @ 47 1/2 Shorts 1.15 @ 1.15 Bran 1.01 @ 1.01 Corn chops 1.48 @ 1.48

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. The following Chicago board of trade quotations are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-1008 New Corby-Forshee Building, St. Joseph, Mo.:

Options. Opened High Low Close WHEAT—100% 100% 100% 100% Sept. 100 105 104 105

CORN—75% 75% 75% 75% Sept. 75 75 75 75

OATS—40 40% 40% 40% Sept. 40 40 40 40

PORK—18.67 18.67 18.67 18.67 Sept. 18.67 18.67 18.67 18.67

LARD—10.87 10.87 10.87 10.87 Sept. 10.87 10.87 10.87 10.87

RIBS—10.47 10.47 10.47 10.47 Sept. 10.47 10.47 10.47 10.47

CONCENTRATED STOCK FOODS

Quotations on Cottonseed, Linseed and Alfalfa Products. Ko-Pro-Ko-Kako—Carlots, per ton, \$28; ton lots, \$28. Cottonseed meal—Carlots, per ton, \$28; ton lots, \$28. New alfalfa meal—Per ton, choice, \$18.50 to \$19.50; No. 1, \$17 to \$18; No. 2, \$14.50 to \$15.50; standard, \$12.50 to \$14. Linseed meal—Carlots, per ton, \$34.50; ton lots, \$36; 1,000 lb. lots, \$19; less quantities, \$2 per 100 lbs.

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

Dressed Beef. No. 1. No. 2. No. 3. Ribs 13 1/4 @ 15 c 15 c 15 c Loin 21 1/2 @ 17 c 15 c 15 c Ribs 13 1/4 @ 13 c 12 c 12 c Chucks 10 1/2 @ 10 c 9 c 9 c Plates 7 3/4 @ 7 c 6 c 6 c

Opportunity for a good live stock man who would like an interest in an old established firm doing commission business in St. Joseph; one who could sell cattle preferred. A rare chance for right man. Business will improve from now on. Address Commission, care of Journal Office, St. Joseph, Mo.

AMUSEMENTS. At the Hippodrome—Vaudeville and moving pictures

FEW SHEEP ON OFFER

USUAL LIGHT WEEK-END SUPPLY FINDS READY OUTLET AT STEADY PRICES.

NOTHING CHOICE ON SALE

Spring Lambs 50¢ to 75¢ Lower for the Week—Ewes Show Decline of 15¢ to 25¢—Receipts Show Big Increase.

Not much doing in this division today. Supplies were of the usual week-end size, about 600 head of mixed naves constituting the fresh arrivals which sold without appreciable change in the price list, compared with yesterday.

For the week there has been a substantial increase in the marketing of sheep and lambs, both at this point and locally. The aggregate marketing for the week total up to 14,600, as compared with 6,715 the previous week and 12,504 for the same time a year ago. At the five markets a total of 151,100 spring lambs have registered the previous week, against 143,100 for the like period a year ago. At this point trade progressed with apparently little fluctuation in values on the two opening days, but supplies became larger as the week advanced, and packers proceeded with apparently little trimming all along the line. Spring lambs have been hit the hardest, packers scoring a net decline of 50¢ to 75¢ on this class of goods for the week. Ewes, and for this matter all classes of sheep have formed a meager quota of the week's receipts. However, scarcity did not prevent packers from forcing declines and this class of offerings at the week's close, compared with last week's windup. Best spring lambs were eligible to \$8.75 during the first half of the week, but at the close today \$8.00 to \$8.25 is taking the best of these classes. Ewes have sold as high as \$4.00, although the bulk of these offerings have changed hands at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Feeder trade has broadened considerably under the influence of larger supplies. Demand is good for light cut lambs and discreet ewes and prices have held up well in face of weakness on fat stuff.

Good to choice spring lambs are quotable at \$8.00 to \$8.25; fair to good spring lambs, \$7.50 to \$8.00; shorn ewes, \$4.00 to \$4.50; shorn ewes, \$3.25 to \$4.00; shorn ewes, \$4.25 to \$5.00; breeding ewes, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

57 Spring lambs 65 7 75 23 Spring lambs 52 7 75 24 Spring lambs 52 7 75 19 Spring lambs 52 7 75 14 Spring lambs 52 7 75 47 Spring lambs 66 7 75 23 Spring lambs 52 7 75 10 Yearling wethers 102 50 10 15 Yearling wethers 80 50 10 40 Yearling wethers 100 50 10 40 10 Cull lambs 55 40 20 25 20 Cull lambs 55 40 20 25 4 Cull lambs 55 40 20 25 5 Native ewes 92 4 25 13 Native ewes 114 3 75 25 Native ewes 96 3 75 9 Native ewes 105 7 50 12 Native ewes 120 3 40 26 Native ewes, culls 195 3 20

Packers' Sheep Purchases. Swift & Co. 295 Morris & Co. 18 Total 452

TEACHES RAISING OF FISH

Unique Work in Kansas Is Under Supervision of State University.

Pratt, Kan., June 28.—Hundreds of acres of Kansas soil will be put under water during the next few years, as a result of the development of the fish industry following the establishment of the giant hatchery at Pratt, under supervision of the University of Kansas.

And these acres will be under cultivation, fish cultivation, on a plan which will make the greater returns than any other equal number of acres in the state.

"This is our 'planting' season," says Prof. L. L. Dyche, "and our planting will be in August, and our high and dry making the rounds of the state, delivering fish to those who have applied for them."

"Not more than 500 fish are apportioned to each person, but even then the total number sent out will exceed 100,000. They are largely of two varieties, giant crappie and blue gill."

The German carp is a fish recommended very highly by Professor Dyche, but the general public insists regarding it as coming under the provisions of the "blue sky" law and refuses to take any in the carp. His usefulness is, therefore, confined to serving at the hatchery as food for other fish.

"The streams of the state," explains Prof. Dyche, "will be supplied with fish of various sizes and ages, but farmers who are enterprising enough to build ponds will receive for stock breeding purposes a special assignment of 2-year-old fish. These are old enough to spawn, and this plan will save the farmer who imports years before the time to harvest his first crop of fish."

"The greatest hindrance to the full economic success of the plan will be ignorance regarding the rules for fish culture. To remove this, bulletins with ample illustrations, will be sent out, and institutes for those who desire short courses in fish culture will be conducted at the hatchery. A two weeks' course will equip any one to begin the successful raising of fish."

THREE WHEEL MOTOR CAR. The three-wheel motor car does not seem to appeal to the people of this country, but the man who made the first one some time ago, predicts that the public will yet come to it, although he has lost a great deal of money endeavoring to popularize the three-wheeler. Its future is assured, he says, because of its convenience and economy in first cost and in operation. In Switzerland, the tri-car has been introduced with some success and experiments are being conducted in Berlin with these machines in the capacity of ambulances. In each of these instances the single wheel is rigid in the front and the steering is done through the other wheels, which are abreast in the rear.

ITEMS IN BRIEF

M. G. O'Connor, of Maloy, Ia., was on today's market with a one-car consignment of good hogs.

J. B. Russell, of Wyeth, Mo., was among those who had hogs in for today's market.

W. P. Nelson, a prominent farmer and feeder of Benton, Ia., contributed a car of hogs to today's receipts.

P. D. Lobig, of Diagonal, Ia., increased today's receipts with a shipment of hogs.

C. H. McKinney, of Arispe, Ia., was here today looking after the sale of a car of hogs.

Lands & Beeler, of Peru, Ia., heavy shippers to this market, sent in a car of cattle for today's trade.

Ed. O'Connor, of Edgerton, Mo., had a car of hogs of his own feeding on sale today.

S. F. Ralston, of Edgerton, Mo., came in today with a consignment of hogs that sold well.

Try Hilgert's 25¢ merchants lunch and be convinced its the best in the city, 207 So. 6th St.

Gower, was represented on today's market by Geo. Hawkins, who marketed a car of hogs.

J. A. Gardner, a successful feeder of Cio, Ia., disposed of a car of hogs on today's market.

Try the stock yards lunch at Trans-Union Cafe, Best meal in the city for the money.

H. H. Hawkins, of Dubois, Neb., a regular patron of this market, had a car of hogs on sale today.

Geo. Zimmerman, of Ellis, Neb., who markets here quite regularly, consigned a car of swine to the local trade today.

For the best values in whiskeys, try Hilgert's, 207 So. 6th St.

Albert Hinz, of Jansen, Neb., was among those who had hogs in for today's market.

The Union Molasses Feed shortens feeding period, increases gain, reduces cost per pound of gain, equally good with ensilage.

Hilliger Live Stock Co., of Plymouth, Neb., was represented on today's market with a car of hogs.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Congress. Having at all times tried to give the people of the Fourth District my best service, I hereby announce myself a candidate for renomination, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries, Aug. 6, 1912.

For Circuit Judge. I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination, on the Democratic ticket, for the office of Judge of Division No. 2 of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, subject to the decision of the voters at primary, to be held August 6, 1912.

Orestes Mitchell.

AN ENFALLING CROP.

Many promising political careers are being crippled this year and others killed, but a lusty new crop is coming along.

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The strawberry crop has set a good mark for the potato fields, but this may be a year when nature is more considerate of luxuries than of necessities.

\$5,000,000 FOR STATE ROADS.

Massachusetts is going to spend \$5,000,000 in the next five years on state roads. That ought to go far toward covering such a patch of the earth's surface.

CITY MAN'S SUMMER.

It's a city man's summer, so far, good for sleep and sports and health. Not that farmers do not like these things, but they can't forget that corn needs warm nights as well as bright sunshine.

ASPIRES TO WILSON'S JOB?

Kansas is saturated with the rumor that President H. J. Waters of the Kansas state agricultural college aspires to be secretary of agriculture in the event that the next administration is Democratic. We do not think Prof. Waters, who is an ex-Missourian, overestimates his own ability in the least, provided the report is true.

THE CHILDREN AND THE DOG.

The news columns contain a tragedy in miniature, dealing with the death of a dog, whose case has been carried into the courts, and who has been vindicated.

A demand for damages has been made upon the woman who owned the dog, by individuals who claim that the dead animal was of a surly disposition and a too ready bite.

But a group of children have been brought into the court as witnesses, and without a dissenting voice they have testified to the fact that the dog was merry-hearted, and playful, and patient, and always ready to give much in return for little—in brief, these children have innocently drawn a picture of the kind of a dog everybody is acquainted with. And they testify that the child who was bitten by the animal just before it was put to death had applied a stick without need or provocation.

The item is worth noting well, because, perhaps, it is typical.

Perhaps a very large majority of the dogs that figure in stories of panic and violence are dogs that have been whipped unjustly, or muzzled when their faithful spirits have become alarmed and bewildered, or compelled to go without water by neglectful human beings, or made to go without food by graceless persons who have thought moving day "a good time to get rid of Fido."

And the large-minded and the large-hearted individual who has reaped the rare harvest of a dog's affection at any period in his life will be inclined to believe that the dog, in almost every instance, will justify the testimony that has been offered on behalf of one



Daddy's Bedtime Story—Tommy Climbed The Fence

Over Tom Went, but Not Down.

LAY ball? Yes, Jack liked to play ball. Evelyn did not see much in it, though when the little boys had a match game she would sometimes take her doll and watch them playing.

"Ball is a fine game, Jack," said daddy, "and I am glad you are having so much fun with it. But be careful when you throw your ball. A little friend of mine who lives in Brooklyn is very fond of ball. His father writes about baseball and other sports for the newspapers, so Tommy hears a great deal about it. Tommy and some of his little friends have a ball that plays in the vacant lots near his home. The boys are so interested in ball that they sometimes get up quite early in the morning so that they can practice before school."

"The other morning Tommy and some of the boys turned out, and instead of going to the lots they practiced in the street."

"They were having a splendid time when some one pitched the ball so badly that it went over a fence and into a yard."

"It would have been all right had the family who lived there been at home. Their little boy belonged to the lot. It happened, however, that they were away from home, and when they had gone the gate had been locked to keep strangers out of their nice dower beds."

"First the boys tried to open the gate. It was locked. They talked it over, and there seemed no way to get the ball back without climbing the fence."

"Who would go over the fence? It was quite a tall one, and the palings were sharp at the top."

"I'll go in. I'm not afraid," offered Tommy.

"Some of the boys boosted him up, and he got in easy enough. He threw the ball back, and then he climbed up. It wasn't so easy as getting in had been. When he reached the top he looked down. It was not very far to the ground. So he told the boys to get out of the way; he was going to jump down."

"Over he went, but not down. The boys shrieked as they saw Tommy hanging from the palings. Luckily he wasn't hurt. The sharp tops had pierced through his baggy little trousers, but they held him fast enough."

"Several of the boys tried, but there wasn't any way of getting him down without lifting him."

"So the boys ran as fast as they could to tell Tommy's father. He came hurrying to see what had happened, and in a minute he had lifted Tommy to the ground."

"Tommy was a brave lad, for he hadn't whimpered. He promised his father not to climb again, and the boys all agreed that thereafter all practicing should be done in the lots where there is plenty of room."

of the breed by a group of children in St. Louis.

A PERPLEXING PROBLEM.

To can or not to can—that is the question. Whether 'tis wiser in the mind of the housewife to pickle, to preserve, to can, or to spend her time upon the piazza, magazine in hand and buy canned goods from the nearest grocery? The question is ably discussed in a recent issue of Farm and Home. A New England housekeeper writes:

I greatly deplore the tendency of the modern housewife to feed her family on boughten "canned stuff," instead of doing her own canning, preserving and pickling as her mother and grandmothers used to do. It seems to me not only an unthrifty way, but one actually deleterious to the health of the family, for in spite of the pure food laws we know that much stuff that is not good or healthful finds its way into cans, and for which we must pay a high price.

The farmer should, wherever possible, produce what he consumes, and sell the surplus to best advantage. The stuff from garden and orchard, canned at home, generally finds a ready nearby market, and obviates the necessity of selling such products when they are fresh at a season when the market is glutted and prices way down. Many housewives, with the aid of members of the family, can and sell fruits and vegetables at a nice profit.

The other side is thus explained by a Kansas housewife: Does it pay? Is it worth while to cook and can all the hot summer, so that we may feast during the winter? The time was when much of the canned goods offered for sale was of a poor quality, but since we have the pure food law we can tell much better what we are buying. Last year late blackberries, peaches and roasting ears all needed to be cared for at the same time. The fruit I felt that I must take care of, but the roasting ears were sent to market and exchanged for canned corn. No one made any objection when I will follow the same practice again this year. One year I did the same with tomatoes. When they ripened other work was on hand, and as the tomatoes would not keep I sent them to the store and was sent canned ones instead. When buying, it is wise to buy a good grade of anything—the cheapest is often the dearest.

CROP STATUS HELPS TRADE.

Impetus to An Otherwise Quiet Situation, Says Bradstreet Report.

New York, June 25.—Bradstreet's report says: Improved crop reports and continued activity in industrial circles present the more pleasing aspects of an otherwise quiet trade situation. Jobbers and wholesale dealers in textiles and dress goods are taking fabrics for fall and spring. The higher prices of raw wool seem to promise higher quotations on finished goods. In fact, an advance of 5 per cent has already been made on broadcloths, and worsted yarns will probably go higher.

The best situated line is iron and steel, where specifications against contracts are especially heavy, with blast furnaces and mills operating to nearly full capacity.

Shoes at wholesale are dull because of high prices. Leather is quite active and strong, with sole leather leading, but hides are easier.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending June 26 were 266, against 265 last week, 222

MANY CHICKS STUNTED

GROWTH RETARDED BECAUSE REGULAR FEEDING IS NEGLECTED AFTER THEY RANGE

ARE MOSTLY UNDERWEIGHT

N. E. Chapman of Minnesota College of Agriculture Tells Best Method of Feeding and Raising a Poultry.

St. Paul, Minn., June 28.—Most chicks are well fed and cared for during their mothers are confined in coops; but, when allowed to range, regular feeding is too often neglected, and as a result growth is retarded and they become what is termed "stunted," says N. E. Chapman, poultryman, extension division Minnesota College of Agriculture.

It appears from statistics furnished by produce dealers, that but 10 per cent of spring chicks marketed weigh four pounds Dec. 1. By this time all the spring stock of the general purpose breeds, like the Rocks, Wyandottes, Orpingtons and Reds, should average at least six pounds live weight. Plymouth Rocks have been made to weigh seven pounds, dressed, at Thanksgiving and may justly be called for growth and development while on range.

As Minnesota rears yearly 14,000,000 chickens, and as 88 per cent of all birds sold, old and young are marketed under four pounds live weight, the above facts are worthy of consideration by every breeder of poultry in the state. Little chicks, as soon as hatched and dry, should be scattered in which to scratch, so that their toes may be straightened and strengthened. Fine, sharp sand or grit should be scattered in the litter for them to pick up, and fresh water should be supplied. After forty-eight hours their first feed should be given, consisting of a hard-boiled egg mashed up with sweet milk, but squeezed dry as possible. This should be fed five times daily, at intervals of two hours. Mixed grains of finely-cracked corn, wheat and oatmeal may be scattered in the litter after the fourth day. The grain may also be fed in little hoppers, but scratching must be encouraged by scattering some feed in the litter.

Johnny cake, made of two parts cornmeal and one part bran, should be baked and fed frequently after the fourth day. "Dutch" or cottage cheese is the best product in raising chickens, and may be fed twice daily. It should not be cooked hard, however, but the pan of clabbered milk should be heated just enough to separate the whey, and the curd and soft cheese should be squeezed or pressed dry in a cloth. Sweet milk or sour may also be given; but fresh pure water should be supplied at all times. When table scraps are fed, they should be mixed with bran or shorts and fed as a wet mash; but dry mashes will be more satisfactory.

When the chicks are weaned at six or eight weeks, and are on range, their ration, with grit and charcoal, may be supplied in hoppers. The hoppers should be so placed, or so constructed, that the birds will not rob the chicks or drive them away. A small enclosure, made of lath and covered with wire, will admit the chicks to the hoppers, and prevent them from molesting the chicks, while eating. Coops of ample space should be furnished, well-ventilated, but secure from the depredation of night-prowlers. The coops should be kept clean and sanitary, and the flock kept free of vermin.

Chickens are one of the best meat and egg producing poultry. When new corn begins to harden, whether sweet or field corn, it may be "whittled" or shaved from the cob for the chicks. This is the best method of feeding sure bugs, worms and grubs, and pick up grit and bone-making material.

When the chicks have reached full height, they should be put in fattening crates and fed ground feed and skim milk for three weeks. An average of two pounds per week is a good rate of gain. At the end of the third week, and when a fowls, old and young, is ready to be marketed at a cost of about 5 cents per pound. By all means keep the chicks growing, and fatten them before putting them on the market.

RAISING BAMBOO IN AMERICA

After Many Experiments Agricultural Department Succeeds.

Washington, D. C., June 23.—A fishing rod farm is the latest American industry. Raising bamboo for the market is a new scheme proposed by the department of agriculture. A report of the flourishing condition of the department's bamboo plantation has come from Florida to David Fairchild, chief of the bureau of foreign supply, and the chief of the department of the crop is the result of more than four years' hard work. The department also has found a way of shipping the bamboo so that the plants will grow in this country. This has been the hardest part of the problem.

Raising bamboo commercially has been a flourishing industry in Japan for centuries. It was felt for a long time that it was a business that ought to do well here because it furnishes a quick growing timber that is susceptible of a number of special uses.

There is as much difference between the ornamental bamboo commonly grown here and the timber bamboo as there is between a gray horse and a pony. It has never been accurately determined just what the structural strength of bamboo is, though the strength is immense for its weight. Some tests are to be made of the new government crop at the bureau of standards. The wood is already much used in the manufacture of acropines, and when it is known just what can be expected of it there will be even a greater demand for it in this field.

There was an immense amount of trouble at first in getting bamboo to grow after it was brought to this country. It is a plant that takes a good soil, wants a tropical climate at least to make it grow, and that varies greatly in texture and appearance with the character of the soil on which it is grown. A bamboo will develop quite different qualities on a clay soil and on a loam with a clay subsoil.

There is a variety grown in restricted areas in Japan that brings a high price because of a special disease. There is a fungus growth that attacks it and without injuring the

strength leaves the surface with a curious mottled appearance. This wood is greatly fancied for making small ornamental objects. There is a great art also in splitting it, and when properly split it is used for the most intricate and beautiful basket work.

When the department first introduced the bamboo here it lost practically the whole shipment. The plant, which is really nothing but a magnified grass, propagates by sending out long rhizomes or rootlets under ground. These have buds, from which new shoots come up. The buds are fragile as glass, and if they are broken they never replace themselves.

After an infinity of experiments it was found that instead of digging up a whole plant and boxing it with care that usually was futile and always made expensive shipment, these rhizomes could be cut into six inch sections, the ends of the section sealed with wax, and shipped in damp earth cheaply and with great success.

DEFECTIVE TEETH. Investigation having shown that 90 per cent of the school children of Elberfeld, Germany, have defective teeth, the authorities of that city have established a dental clinic which is practically free.

An "invisible airship" is made of chromium, an alloy which takes on a high polish, and the theory is that its invisibility will be accomplished by the reflecting qualities of the metal.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WASTED

Nebraska Man Tells How to Save Money by Doing the Right Thing First.

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When a man spends money with doctors he either throws his money away or else he gets his money back and still has his money. If he pays the money to doctors who do not cure, his money is utterly wasted, but if the doctor's treatment cures him he cannot pay too much for the service. No amount of money can be compared to health.

One reason for the great popularity of the United Doctors, the much-quoted statement by a prominent Nebraska man who is glad to come forward and tell what has been done for him:

"For many years I was troubled with rheumatism of the hips and weak back, which I suppose many people are afflicted with after they get beyond fifty years old, as I am. If they know what I know now they would not suffer with it long, but would go to the United Doctors and get rid of the trouble at once and for all time. I would have saved me a great deal of suffering if I had heard of the United Doctors sooner."

"These specialists told me when I came to them, that they could not make me as supple as I was when a young man, but that they could remove the cause of the difficulty and make me healthy and hearty, and as supple as I should be at my age. They have really done more for me than they promised, and I am more than pleased with the way they treated me and the results they have brought about. I have nothing but good words for the United Doctors. I no longer have any pain or rheumatism and I hope many others afflicted as I have been, may go to the United Doctors and find a cure." "C. A. DUNCAN."

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Journal Advertising Pays

A Leap Year Plunge

By Nellie Cravey Gillmore
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Little Margery Seasons's eyes were more plunk than blue as she dabbed them petulantly with a very moist scrap of cambric and lifted her small, determined chin with a sudden accession of pride. Her mind was made up; she had shed her last tear—for him. And in order to convince herself that she meant what she said, she opened Dwight Ogden's voluminous letter and read it through to the very end without so much as the quiver of an eyelash. Her lips tightened as she came to the final paragraph:

"I am sure the day will come when you will regret your obstinate course. You have vowed a thousand times that you loved me—not alone with your lips, but with your eyes—which is more. I know it; you know it. We both understand fully that there can never be any other man or any other woman, in just the same way. Our love was a sacred thing. It stands in a place by itself, high above the everyday counterfeit that people feed themselves—and fool—themselves on."

"We've proved it, haven't we? I am saying all this to you in self-justification; in justice to yourself. In after years it will be something to look back upon—as an exoneration—should my silly conscience begin to prod me for what I've never, intentionally, done. But, of course, after your merciless words of Tuesday night, it would be foolhardy—ridiculous of me—to reopen the subject to you. I have been given to understand. And as long as I live I shall never again annoy you with my feelings. I have asked you to marry me for the last time."

Margery folded the letter and placed it calmly in the envelope. Then she leaned forward in her chair and coolly laid it on the bed of pink and gray coats smoldering in the grate. She watched it in Spartan



She Watched It With Spartan Silence.

silence as the flame licked up and gathered it hungrily beneath its yellow tongue. When the last bit of charred paper had sifted to nothingness she arose, poked the coals with an elaborate display of unconcern and weakly trilled a bar from an old opera, quieted the room and ran upstairs to her den. Her lips and her cheeks were very white as she sat down before her easel. The unfinished study—a plate of June apples—was before her. She worked absorbingly for two solid hours; then with a sigh she laid down her brushes and threw back her head to survey the result. She laughed hysterically. The fruit was perfect in proportion, charmingly arranged; the leaves were absolutely lifelike and exquisite. But the apples were purple!

Dwight Ogden took up the receiver with eager fingers. All day he had waited in a fever of hope and fear to hear Margery's voice. But blank disappointment met him. As before—a dozen times, perhaps—it was only a call from one of his patients, and he found himself wishing savagely that they were all dead—or well.

But the days came and went and drifted into weeks, and there was no variation to the story. His disappointment turned into despair. She had, then, meant what she said—they could never be more than friends; just because they happened to be cousins! Well, if she still persisted in her mulish course, he could do likewise. If she was willing to sit passively and allow the prejudiced views of a fanatic to prevail over the deepest feelings of her heart, he was quite sure he could carry out his end of the bargain to the bitter end. After the things she had said to him, it should be as he had stated in his letter, he had asked her to reconsider and marry him for the last time.

Thus the time dragged on. There came a time when young Dr. Ogden forgot his own identity for many weary weeks. Stricken down with pneumonia, he raved in delirium till the pretty, gentle little nurse had to wipe her eyes more than once.

The crisis came; his life was jeopardized. The little nurse boldly took it upon herself to send a line to Margery Seasons. She had gotten her name from the sick man's ravings; she found her address in the telephone book. But alas! Margery was a thousand miles from New York. She was down south, in Georgia, nursing her mother back to health—and trying to patch up her own broken heart with her art.

It was a month later that, returning to her northern home, Margery found the letter addressed in a strange woman's handwriting. They had carelessly neglected to forward it, and as Margery's stupefied senses at last took in the full realization of the words, she gave a little husky cry and—swooned. They brought her to in a little while, and she again took up the letter and slowly re-read the contents:

"Dear Miss Seasons—If you can, please come to the hospital right away. I am writing you on my own responsibility. Poor young Dr. Ogden is dying, and he talks about you all the time—some trouble between you—and I know you'd come if you could hear him."

"Ask for Miss Trueheart when you get to the hospital. Hastily, "LYDIA T."

But Dwight Ogden did not die after all. He came slowly back to health and strength—and a shattered life. He had been so near relief from it all, and relief had not come. The same bleak future stretched before him only, if possible, it was bleaker. The little nurse had told him of her letter to Margery—and Margery's failure to respond. What was there left for him to live for? Not even hope!

Margery's trembling hand sought her throat; she felt as if she were going to stifle. Her heart plunged downward a thousand leagues. Dwight died—and she had not been able to go to him. He had died believing her cruel and unforgiving and relentless! When she could pull herself together she arose and dragged her aching limbs to the telephone. She called up the hospital and asked for Miss Trueheart. Miss Trueheart was "on duty," and she falteringly inquired of the girl at the phone when Dr. Ogden had died.

"Oh," she gasped, "not—not dead. Getting well—ah! Thank you so much; I was misinformed. Goodby." Margery never knew how she got out the words—or how she got back to her room. The first thing of which she was conscious was of sitting before her desk, pen in hand.

"Dear Dwight,

"I have just returned from Macon, Ga., after a six weeks' visit. On my arrival at the house I found a letter from the girl who nursed you, Miss Trueheart, telling me of your serious illness. It was written the day you were expected to die and she asked me to come. You understand now why I did not.

"Dear, can you ever forgive me? I have been narrow, prejudiced, mean. But I have suffered. You don't know the price I've paid. Dwight—all these wretched weeks and today when I thought I had lost you.

"There's nothing I can write, nothing I can say, to excuse myself. And I'm not going to try. After the way I acted and talked that last night, of course you could never ask me to marry you again. But—but it is leap year, dear, and I am going to ask you. My people are getting ready to sail for Paris in ten days. I can be ready—for the other—in a week. As in the old days.

"Margery."

"P. S.—After all, we are only second cousins."

ASKED AUTOGRAPH AND GOT IT
Few Lines Above Signature, However, Made the Souvenir Rather a Costly One.

A favorite amusement of society in Victorian days, says Lady Dorothy Nevill, was the bazaar. Many great ladies became expert in the art of wheeling visitors into paying generous sums for useless articles. However, the victim of "brigandage" named by Lady Dorothy—in "Under Five Reigns"—himself invited disaster, and was, besides, quite able to afford it.

One of the most ingenious stratagems ever employed at a bazaar was probably that devised by the famous writer, George Sand, when holding a stall at a charitable sale in favor of distressed Poles.

Baron James de Rothschild happening to pass, the fair saleswoman addressed him with the usual request to purchase something.

"What can I buy?" asked the baron. "You have nothing that I can do anything with. But stay! an idea strikes me. Give me your autograph. Sell me that."

Mme. Sand promptly took a sheet of paper and wrote: "Received from Baron James de Rothschild the sum of 1,000 francs for the benefit of the distressed Poles. George Sand."

M. de Rothschild read it, thanked her and, presenting a note for the sum mentioned, passed on with the autograph—"Youth's Companion."

At His Word.
"I was talking with a casual acquaintance I met on a car going home the other evening and I happened to remark that I did like some touch and go about a man, when—
"When what?"
"He grabbed my watch and jumped off the platform in a twinkling!"

BOYS FIND EIGHTY DIAMONDS

Costly Gems Had Been Swept Out With the Rubbish When Jewelry Store Was Cleaned.

Philadelphia.—The discovery of diamonds in an ash barrel in front of Charles Kranich's jewelry store, 2466 Kensington avenue, raised a disturbance that suggested the scene of a "lucky strike" in the gold fields of Alaska.

Mrs. Kranich saw a number of boys struggling around the barrel, each endeavoring to dig his hands into the contents. These were joined presently by a dozen men, who also entered the strange scramble. Alarmed, Mrs. Kranich called her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Brooks, and her sister-in-law, Miss Beattie Kranich, who learned that the men and boys were digging for gems in the ash barrel. Mrs. Kranich went into the street, and on looking closer discovered that the boys had found diamonds that her husband had procured for his Christmas stock.

Soon afterward the boys went into the store and asked Mrs. Kranich whether the crystals were valuable. She shrewdly replied that they were only cheap stones, but if they cared to go to the trouble of looking for more she would pay them a moderate reward for each one. The ruse was effective. One by one boys went to her and returned the stones, some of them not asking anything in return.

Meanwhile the Eighteenth district police checked the unusual occurrence, and Lieutenant Keith dispatched six policemen in civilian's clothes to endeavor to recover the diamonds. The result of this was that before night fifty-four of the missing stones had been found and returned to their owner; about twenty were still missing.

When Mr. Kranich learned of the incident he said that he and two young men were gathering up rubbish in the store in the morning, and it was into this that the diamonds must have accidentally dropped. Shortly before cleaning the store, he said, he had taken from his safe a leather case containing a number of diamonds, which, he said, he either examined or else showed to a customer. The stones were sorted, those of each kind being wrapped separately in tissue paper. Thus the diamonds were probably not noticeable and dropped into the rubbish that was being swept from the store and later dumped into the ash barrel.

PARTY WILL EXPLORE CAVE

Expect to Clean Up Mystery Placed About Wonderful Natural Curiosity.

Meeker, Colo.—An exploring party will soon leave Meeker in search of the "disappearing cave," somewhere up Flag Creek, about twenty miles from here. This cave, of legendary fame, while easily visible from the open plains several miles away, is enclosed on three sides by a dense growth of cedars about a mile in width, which only one white man penetrated.

This white man, years ago, made his way through the dense undergrowth that guards the entrance, and told a weird story of the trip. The cave, mammoth in proportions and wonderful in formation, he said, seems to have been used as an Indian rendezvous when the red men controlled this country. Relics and evidences of pre-worship were visible on every hand, and numerous human bones were lying about. In one chamber an iron stake imbedded in the ground, surrounded by burnt ends of crumbling fagots, told a silent story of gruesome tragedies enacted there.

YALE OARSMAN TO BE ENVOY

Chung Mun Yew Appointed Minister of New Republic at Washington.

New York—Chung Mun Yew, the old Yale coxswain, has been appointed minister of the Chinese republic to the United States, according to a Shanghai dispatch to the Herald.

Chung entered Yale in 1883 after preliminary studies in the Hartford, Conn., public school, and made the crew in the freshman year, steering the Yale shell to victory against Harvard. He was elected to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, the only one of his race to be so honored.

He was called back to China before completing his studies, but returned to this country some years later and acted as an interpreter at the legation in Washington when Dr. Wu Ting-fang was minister.

Previous reports have been to the effect that the post at Washington would be raised to an embassy and that Dr. Wu would be sent here as ambassador.

Prodigy at Eight.

London.—Barely eight years old, a boy named Solomon, son of a poor East end tailor, made his public debut in the Albert hall before an immense audience and proved himself a wonderful pianist.

It was only a few weeks ago that the boy was discovered, and he had never played on a grand piano before. So marvelous is his talent that a few days ago he played privately before the king and queen at Buckingham palace.

Land Office 100 Years Old.

Washington.—Commissioner of the General Land Office Fred Dennet is planning a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the office. The first commissioner was appointed May 7, 1812.

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1—Snowy Range, Where the Water Comes From for Irrigation. 2—Irrigating Canal in the Arkansas Valley, Colorado. 3—Wheat Fields in Colorado. Rocky Mountains in the Background.

For some time experts have recognized that the so-called arid country in the Rocky mountain region must some day be made to yield a vast amount of agricultural products, but they also have realized that this could not be accomplished except by irrigation.

The soil in that section is rich and the water supply is said to be ample once it is properly stored so as to assure the farmer of a continual supply during the growing season. This is being accomplished gradually.

Colorado excels all other states in the amount of land under irrigation. The census of 1910 showed that 4,000,000 acres were under ditch, and it was reported that with the completion of irrigation projects under way and in contemplation, the acreage would be increased to 6,000,000 acres. This is approximately one-fourth of the arable area of the state.

In the past the mistake was made often of over-estimating the capacity of an irrigation project. Time and experience has taught the builders to

avoid this error and the aim is to put just enough land under ditch that can be adequately watered during the entire irrigating season. This policy is restoring confidence in irrigation and will eventually cause the state to be completely settled with prosperous farmers.

Colorado's annual agricultural output is now something more than \$100,000,000. This includes fruit raising, which, in normal years, aggregates about \$7,000,000.

Reliable data shows that the yield of an irrigated farm in Colorado is more than twice the yield of land in a rain-belt country. It is estimated that the net returns from a well cultivated irrigated farm is at least 25 per cent on the valuation of the farm. It is not unusual for a Colorado farm to pay for itself in two or three years where the farmer couples intelligence and frugality together. Approximately \$60,000,000 has been expended in the construction of irrigation projects in Colorado. The total value of Colorado farm lands is placed at \$360,000,000.

SHIRKS ARMY DUTY

German Crown Prince Not Enthusiastic About War.

Kaiser's Heir Is Attacked by the Press—Is Colonel of Famous Regiment—Nearly Always Absent from Military Service.

Berlin, Germany.—The article attacking the crown prince for neglect of military duties, which is attracting great attention, being reproduced in many leading newspapers, appeared originally in Der Tuerner, a monthly review, according to a Berlin dispatch. It was written by Herr Guenther von Viebrogge, a retired officer.

The article observes that up to the time when the kaiser appointed his heir to the colonelcy of the famous Death's Head Hussars at Danzig last September the crown prince had never done any military service worth mentioning. It was hoped that the command would at last fill the prince, in whose veins the blood of so many warriors flowed, with genuine enthusiasm for the profession of arms.

"Up to the present, however," continues the article, "the hopes aroused by the transfer to Danzig have remained unfulfilled. The crown prince is absent far too much on leave. Indeed, one might ask when he is at the head of his regiment at all."

"Immediately after his appointment the august young gentleman went traveling for four weeks, principally to hunt. Soon after his return we saw him in Berlin; sometimes in the reichstag, where he attended the Morocco debates; sometimes at the flying grounds.

"At the beginning of December he spent a week in Silesia hunting, and at the end of December and the beginning of January he was in Berlin again.

"Between the last named leaves he was prostrated by illness, which not only confined him to his room, but to bed over the Christmas holidays. The illness could not have been very grave, otherwise the Berlin newspapers would not so soon have been able to report that he was dedicating himself to winter sports in the Tiergarten.

"At the end of January the crown prince again came to Berlin to participate in the court festivities and those connected with the kaiser's birthday and christening of his own son. When these were over he betook himself to Switzerland, where in company with his gracious consort he threw himself into the joys of the sleigh and ski with his accustomed zeal.

"That he remained in Switzerland longer than he intended is due to the injury he received at ice hockey.

"On March 6 the Danzig Hussars saw their commander again and were at last able to give the winter ball, which they had postponed on account of the crown prince's many prolonged absences."

GIRL NEIGHS LIKE A HORSE

Inoculated With Serum From Rabid Animal and Has Hydrophobia.

Youngstown, O.—Suffering from hydrophobia, resulting from anti-toxin, given in a case of diphtheria, early in the winter, Miss Anna Hughes, a young girl of sixteen years, is in a serious condition at her home at Struthers, O.

For days Miss Hughes has been slowly dying and required, at times, six people to restrain her. Dr. Spring, the family physician, unable to account for the unusual effort of the serum, had an analysis made and was taken from a horse which had gone "loco."

Miss Hughes has been neighing and displaying her teeth in the same manner as a horse. Her friends and all who know her are deeply grieved at her condition. The only alternative to death seems to be the probable life of a "raving maniac."

17 DOGS FIGHT POLICEMEN

Two St. Louis Officers Have Battle of Their Lives in Cellar Full of Canines.

St. Louis, Mo.—Their uniforms were almost torn from Patrolmen M. J. Comer and Patrick Dolan when they battled with seventeen dogs in the cellar beneath the home of Mrs. George Thompson at 5006 Columbia avenue.

Two of the dogs were killed by blows from baseball bats which the patrolmen used to protect themselves with.

Later it was found three additional dogs had been injured so severely that they had to be shot.

Mrs. Thompson telephoned the police that all the dogs in the neighborhood had invaded her cellar.

Comer and Dolan reported to the Mounted District police station that they had engaged in one of the worst fights in their careers.

Woman Refuses Pardon.

Valley City, N. D.—Preferring jail to freedom through the payment of a fine by friends, Mrs. Laura M. Allen of this city, author of "The Lost Art," a book on suffrage, for the unlicensed sale of which on the streets she was arrested, says she will serve her sentence of a week in jail. She refused a pardon.

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CROP SAVED BY BLACKBIRDS

They Devoured the Grasshoppers That Were Devouring Corn.

Dallas, Tex., June 27.—Allen Johnson, a farmer living near the Kent Bridge, three miles east of Dallas, says that wingless grasshoppers appeared last week in a three-acre patch of corn on his land, and multiplied with such rapidity that two days later it looked as if they would entirely destroy the corn.

"When I looked over the patch I saw it up for gone," said Mr. Johnson. "The next morning I noticed immense flocks of blackbirds in the corn. They seemed to be coming from all directions. I could not understand what they could be doing in the field. On investigation I discovered that they were eating the grasshoppers, and, as a matter of fact, they practically cleaned up the grasshoppers in about three hours' time, Monday evening a heavy rain

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came, and I now believe that patch will make forty or fifty bushels to the acre.

"When I saw what a service the blackbirds had rendered me, I was ashamed of myself, for there is nothing good coming to me from the blackbirds. I have heretofore believed that they pulled up the young corn and did other mischief on the farm, and so believing, I have always killed as many of them as I could and made pies of them. I have an old army musket—one of those old civil war boomerangs which kicked back with about as much force as they shot forward—with which I have been decimating the blackbird flocks all this year. I shall miss my blackbird pie, but my war on them is at an end. In fact, I have suddenly come to the conclusion that the legislature ought to enact a law putting blackbirds on the protected list."

It costs money to inclose the chicken yard, of course, but it costs less than the toll exacted by cats, dogs and rats helping themselves to the young chickens.

Consignment Hides Steady

THE hide market is very quiet and tanners are out of the market temporarily waiting for better quality stock before buying; at the same time they are making a strong effort to force prices lower. We look for a steady market and make no change in prices for the coming week.

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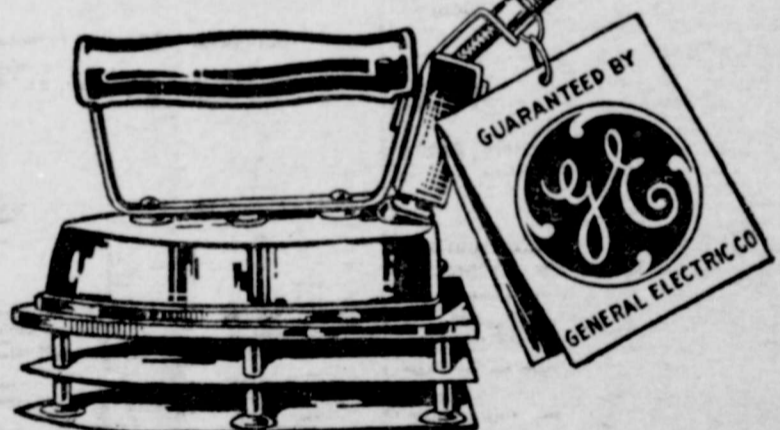
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San Simon, Ariz., June 25.—A centrifugal pump is delivering 1,000 gallons per minute, with a lift of only 15 feet, on the Hannum Bros. ranch, 15 miles south of San Simon. Such is the report brought to town by C. B. Hearn, who has just returned from a visit to the well.

The land, which is included in what is known as the cinegas, was recently purchased by Hannum Bros. from George E. Sligh of this city. So strong is the flow at this point and so close to the surface does the water come that Mr. Sligh was never able to dig a well deeper than 15 feet, even with a pump. Pleased with the proposition, including the land, which is very rich, the Hannum Bros., who are experienced and financially capable Texas farmers, purchased Mr. Sligh's interest and installed a centrifugal pump, with the above result.

They are preparing to farm on a large scale, and will use only up-to-date machinery of all kinds.

On account of this and the Parramore proposition, which is close by, the cinegas are the Mecca of a large number of people just now, all of whom come via San Simon, as this is the nearest railroad point.

About two miles from the Hannum land is Col. J. H. Parramore's land. Col. Parramore is a wealthy Abilene, Tex., cattleman, who is president of the San Simon Cattle Company of this valley. He owns a large tract of land there, which he proposes reclaiming. Here, for several miles in length and about 250 feet in width, there is a solid body of water in what are called springs, right on the surface.

These springs never go dry, but, on the contrary, the water is always uniform in volume, and is in places 29 to 30 feet in depth; in fact, it is claimed that at some places the bottom of the springs has never been found.

Col. Parramore's plan is to build a dam across the valley and develop an immense irrigation system, capable of accommodating 500 acres, if not more. Recently he had borings made to locate the dike on which he proposes building the dam. More than a dozen borings were made. In every instance the dike was located; and in every instance an artesian flow was secured. The borings at this point were from 15 to 24 feet in depth.

FARMING WITH DYNAMITE

Powder Company Starts Test of Explosive System of Soil Culture.

Crookston, Minn., June 28.—E. R. Angst, representative of a powder company, has completed an experiment at the Northwestern Experiment Station here, under the joint supervision of a number of the faculty of the Crookston school of agriculture, in which Superintendent C. G. Selvig of the farm and school is much interested.

Two acres of land have been dynamited and will be seeded to flax, side by side with a field of flax which will be seeded after ordinary plowing. The theory is that the dynamiting will make available a vast amount of plant food, and that the roots of grain, flax or anything else planted will draw from the depth heretofore impossible because of practically impervious strata.

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