

STEER TRADE IS FIRM

BROAD DEMAND FOR GOOD CORN FED OFFERINGS—TOP \$9.65, NEW RECORD HERE.

GRASSERS MOSTLY STEADY

Brisk Clearance for Cows and Heifers—Spots 10c Higher—Bulls More Active—Stockers Rule Higher.

A fairly good supply of corn-fed and southwestern grass steers from above the quarantine line was embraced in local receipts today which aggregated approximately 2,400 head.

Trade in the better grades of corn-fed steers opened early, with prices on a strong basis. A load of choice coming two-year-old heifers, the product of a Clinton county, Missouri, feeder, sold early at \$9.65, outstripping the former record.

The Kansas range offerings comprised about 20 carloads of medium to fairly good steers. The start-off was a little slow in this division and some of the earlier offerings were a little easier by the selling interests.

Light supplies, both present and prospective, a good clearance of stocks held over from last week and presence of a good many country buyers on the market gave dealers in the regular buyers were out of comparative early hour anxious to locate anything that would suit their requirements.

Good to choice, \$5.00 to \$5.50; fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5.00; common to fair, \$4.50 to \$4.75; good to fancy yearlings, \$7.25 to \$8.25.

DRESSED BEEF AND SHIPPING STEERS

The showing of cows, heifers and mixed yearlings was again light today and heavy and early in the demand. All of the buyers were in the competition early and trade moved off lively from the outset.

There was slightly improved tone manifested today in the bull trade, a fairly good demand clearing the yards readily at steady to strong rates.

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; calves and cutters, \$2.75 to \$4.00; choice to prime heifers, \$7.00 to \$8.25; good to choice heifers, \$6.75 to \$7.00; common to good heifers, \$5.00 to \$5.50; 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.

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What a desolate place would be a world without a flower! It would be face without a smile, a feast without a welcome. Are not flowers the stars of the earth and are not our stars the flowers of heaven?

HOGS MAINLY STEADY

NOMINAL STRENGTH ON HEAVIER GRADES ABOUT THE ONLY VARIATION OF NOTE.

TRADE OPENED RATHER QUIET

Fair Activity on Closing Rounds—Quality Somewhat Improved—Top \$8.00; Bulk Ranged From \$7.70 to \$7.95.

Not much change in the hog market today, normal Tuesday receipts clearing at prices much the same as yesterday. Around 9,000 head got in as compared with arrivals of 8,428 a week ago and 4,989 a year ago.

The five markets had an aggregate of 54,000 in comparison with 52,000 a week ago and 47,000 a year ago. Trade here opened slow and there was not a great deal of business done until past middle of the forenoon.

Prices ranged from \$7.50 to \$8.50, with the bulk selling at \$7.70 to \$7.95. The bulk yesterday sold at \$7.75 to \$7.90, a week ago at \$7.40 to \$7.60, a month ago at \$7.25 to \$7.40, a year ago at \$7.00 to \$7.25, and four years ago at \$6.50 to \$6.85.

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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 re-nomination, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries, Aug. 6, 1912.
CHARLES F. BOOHER.

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.

CATTLE FROM MEXICO.
This country needs cattle from Mexico or any other country that has healthy cheap young stock that our people could finish and convert into good beef with profit to all.

In 1908 America received 65,816 cattle from Mexico, valued at \$891,984; in 1909 128,099, valued at \$1,797,942; in 1910 for the fiscal year ending June 1, 188,141, valued at \$2,596,248. This shows nearly a trebling of cattle crossing the Rio Grande river into the U. S. Latterly the almost constant state of warfare in the sister republic has caused a great depletion of supplies.

If the Mexicans can raise cattle and send them in to us under a stiff duty it might not be a bad trade to fix it so they could send us more. Any country that can get cheap young cattle to finish on grass and home-grown grain is ahead.

EXPORT TRADE IN THE DUMPS
National Provisioner: Government reports of exports of meat and dairy products for the month of June, and for the fiscal year ending with June, are another reflection of the existing state of scarcity in meat supplies in this country. Talk of high prices of meats here being due to "enormous exports" to foreign countries is one more refuted by the official figures. Exports of meat products for June were nearly four million dollars in value less than those of a year ago, and the month's total was the smallest of any calendar month in many years. Beef and beef products exported were almost infinitesimal compared to the trade of previous years.

Exports of meat and dairy products for June were valued at \$8,492,928, compared to \$11,955,547 for June a year ago. The exports of fresh beef fell off from 3,399,133 pounds a year ago to 599,476 pounds for this last month. Exports of cured beef dropped from 3,671,379 pounds to 1,766,242 pounds. Exports of hog products, supposed to be more plentiful than beef, dropped off as follows: Bacon, 8,990,000 pounds less; hams and shoulders, 7,990,000 pounds less; pickled pork, 599,000 pounds less; lard, 12,990,000 pounds less. Tallow exports also were 7,990,000 pounds less; oleo oil exports, 8,990,000 pounds less; neutral lard exports, 2,599,000 pounds less.

They Got The Bear.
Oscar Reimers, of Grand Island figures in story from Colorado.
Friends of Oscar Reimers, one of the prominent stockman of Grand Island, Neb., will be interested in the following story of an impromptu bear hunt in Colorado, in which he figures, as related by the Denver Record-Stockman. Reimers is well known at the local stockyards. The story follows:

While English and Scotch farmers cannot begin to raise meat enough to supply the population, they are able to raise beef cattle at a profit on very high-priced lands and in competition with the cheapest meat in the world from South America and Australia. The English and Scotch farmers have no Texas and Wyoming from which to draw thin young cattle ready to go into the feed lots. They have

Daddy's Bedtime Story

The Shepherd Boy and the Magic Flute
He Bound Up the Broken Limb.
JACK had been picking elderberries that day. Elderberries make a nice jam, and Jack and Evelyn were very fond of it.

"When I was a boy I liked elderberries, too," said daddy. "But did you know that the elder is a fairy plant? It grows in fairyland, and all the elderberry bushes, or elder trees, as they are called, are in the care of the elder mother, who watches over them, rewarding those who help and punishing those who harm her children, as she calls the elder bushes.

"The fairy horns and all their musical instruments are carved out of elder wood. If you have ever made a whistle from the elder wood you will notice that it has a delightfully mellow tone.
"and once there was a little boy who was wonderfully fond of music. At evening, when he took home the sheep he had all day been watching in the forest, he could only talk of the wonderful music that was to be heard there.

"One day as he wandered by his favorite brook in the forest he noticed that one of the great bushes by the stream was broken.
"Poor thing! I'll tie it up," said the shepherd boy. He bound up the broken limb, and he thought a rustle passed through the plant.
"One day the boy lost one of his sheep and after taking the rest of his flock home started back to the forest to seek it. After searching a long time he found it asleep under the elder bush which he had so carefully tended.

"As it was very late and they were far from home he curled down beside the sheep and went to sleep, and in his sleep he had a strange dream.
"In this dream a lovely lady rose from the elder bush.
"I am the elder mother," she said. "You have served me and mine. Now we shall help you. Look well at this."

"And she handed him a flute, at which he looked long and carefully.
"when you awaken make one of the same kind of the wood of the elder bush beneath which you sleep," she commanded.
"The boy did as he was told, and though he had never tried to make anything of the kind before, the minute he raised the flute to his lips he found it would play the most delightful music.

"Just as he began to play the king went riding by and was so enchanted by the music that he asked the little boy to come with him to court and play for him every day.
"and there the boy played all the songs which he had heard in the forest—the songs of the birds, the splashing of the waterfalls, the warble of the brook over the stones and the sighing of the wind through the trees—and the whole court praised him, and the little shepherd boy became rich and famous."

no government or other grass lands they can rent at low rates. They are compelled to either buy from Irish breeders or raise their own "stores."
James Stuart, who last spring returned from an extended trip to the old country, was impressed with the work done by many farmers in raising their own cattle and making good money out of it.

He visited Mr. George Prentice of Fyffshire who has a farm of some 700 acres and who makes a specialty of raising and fitting cattle for the market.
Four calves raised by each cow a year is the aim of Mr. Prentice, and this is the way he does it:
He keeps only strong, motherly Shorthorn cows of the milking strain. As soon as a cow comes fresh he buys a calf from a neighbor and lets her take care of two. As soon as the calf can be weaned, he goes to a neighboring farmer and buys two more calves which are given to the cow, and these she carries to the point where they can take care of themselves with the other young stock before she is ready to start in with her own next calf. Mr. Prentice feels that he can afford to pay even \$15 per head for calves and then make money on them.

Of course the cows have to be of the strong kind and not only good for beef, but good for milk.
Over there one never finds a scrub bull and most of them are quite well bred.
With us so many inferior males are used and there is so much low-grade dairy stock that half the calves one could pick up here would not be worth raising.
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PLAN NOVEL COLONY.
Governor of Wisconsin Names Committee to Solve Land Problem.
Madison, Wis., July 29.—Governor McGoVERN has appointed a committee to investigate a proposition laid before the state board of public affairs which has to do with the solution of the land problem in Wisconsin.

It has been proposed to the state boards of public affairs by Albert L. Williams of Madison that the state start a colony of its own on a new and original plan.
The plan is to put colonists into right relationship with tracts of non-productive land, without paying tribute to the speculators and middlemen, and to multiply the efficiency of individual savings by using them co-operatively. It is expected to do still more by enforcing a community spirit, for the administration of the communal fund is left in the hands of the colonists themselves, subject to the vote power of the board of commissioners to insure against acts of folly—a reserve power which it is hoped the commission will never be obliged to exercise.

It is expected that every facility which the individual colonist can provide will be supplied co-operatively. In the beginning even such common necessities as teams, wagons and horse-drawn implements will be included. A co-operative store is planned, also warehouses for receiving and marketing product, a co-operative creamery and cooperatively owned demonstration farm, with thoroughbred breeding stock.
Not a dollar of appropriation nor a dollar of philanthropy is to be asked under this plan. The colonists themselves will furnish all the money; it will come out of the price of the land, which is to cost them no more than its market value.

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SEEK AID UNDER NEW LAW

Homestead Act Will Benefit Many Missouri Settlers.
Springfield, Mo., July 29.—Under the terms of the new three-year homestead law 1143 homesteaders in Missouri are given the opportunity to prove up their claims and secure their patents from the United States government. According to the records in the local United States Land Office there are 1143 homesteaders in this state whom the new law will benefit.

Following instructions from Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office at Washington, a copy of the three-year homestead law is being mailed to each homestead entryman giving notice within 125 days after the passage of the act may elect to make proof, without regard to the provisions of the old homestead law. Printed notices of election accompany the copies of the new law. These can be filled out and sent to the register and the receiver of the land office in Springfield. One proviso of the act provides that such notices must be sent to the land office by registered mail. They can not be sent in any other way.

The homesteaders are being cautioned that, unless they elect to make final proof within the 125 days after the signing of the law, their entries will become subject to the new act without further notice. Scores of homesteaders already have sent in their elections.
The three-year homestead law was enacted for the benefit of homesteaders in every state in the Union where there is government land, the movement of immigrants from the North-west into Canada in the last few years largely being responsible for amending the homestead laws. Hundreds of homesteads in states along the Canadian border had been abandoned by homesteaders who crossed into Canada to take advantage of the less strict homestead laws of the Canadian government.

One of the differences between the homestead laws of the United States and those of Canada is that the settler in Canada is not required to declare his intention to become a citizen of the country. In the United States this requirement is exacted of all homesteaders and no person who has no intention of becoming a citizen can share in the distribution of the government land. The homestead laws were amended in the belief that by shortening the time required for the homesteader to live on his land, it would cause many to remain instead of abandoning their claims and going to Canada.

The new law reduces the time for proving up on homesteads from five to three years, and also reduces the time of actual residence required on the land. From now on persons homesteading on the comparatively few acres of government land left in Missouri will be required to live on their land only three years, at the end of which, by proving to the satisfaction of the register and the receiver of the land office that they have cultivated the required portion of their claim, they can obtain title to the land and have lived there the required period each year, will receive their patents and will then be free to do as they please.

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they please with the homestead without interference from Uncle Sam.
The 1143 homesteaders affected by the amending of the homestead law are scattered over twenty-eight counties south of the Missouri river. The counties in which these homesteaders live are: McDonald, Newton, Barry, Stone, Taney, Ozark, Douglas, Christian, Wright, Laclede, Webster, Dallas, Hickory, St. Clair, Camden, Miller, Pulaski, Maries, Phelps, Texas, Iron, Howell, Oregon, Ripley, Carter, Shannon, Dent and Reynolds.

DANGEROUS ORCHARD PEST
Evergreen Bagworm Causing Fruit Growers Trouble in Missouri.
Columbia, Mo., July 29.—The evergreen bagworm is proving to be a serious menace to orchardists, nurserymen and small fruit growers in several sections of Missouri and other states. The fact that the infested territory is constantly increasing has led the college of agriculture to publish a bulletin telling how the pest may be held in check. The bulletin gives in detail the life history of the evergreen bagworm and describes the various means of control at different stages in its life cycle. Attention is called to the fact that not only fruit trees, but ornamental shrubbery and shade trees are destroyed by it. It is fully as destructive in the city as in the country. The bulletin is No. 194. Write to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbia, Mo., for a copy. It is free.

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DENTIST WAS JOLLY SOUL But He Had Been Celebrating, as Patient Found Out to His Sorrow.

Otis Harlan, the actor, has been going about with one lip looking like an old rubber overshoe, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. It appears that for some time he had been intermittently bothered by an ache in one of his most safely anchored teeth.

That happened several times. At last the tooth got to aching for fair. Harlan waited until his face began to swell slightly—enough so he could mark the spot with a cross and be certain of finding it afterward. Then he went into the nearest dentist's office.

"Uh," groaned Harlan. "Hoo! Uh, uh, uh! You've got hold of my lip." "Thash all right, Mr. Harlan," said the dentist, smiling vaguely. "Thash all right. Don't you let that worry you, Mr. Harlan. I got hold of the tooth, too."

MURAT SHOWED HIS WISDOM Waited for Napoleon to Give Him the Hand of His Youngest Sister, Caroline.

"I wish that some of my field marshals had taken the precaution not to marry when they were only sergeants," Napoleon is supposed to have grumbled, when he saw some of the ladies at his court. Murat, the dashing leader of cavalry at Marengo, did not make the mistake of his fellows, and waited for Bonaparte to give him the hand of his youngest sister, Caroline.

With her he reigned over the Two Sicilies as Joachim I. Wishing to stand well with the queen, the bishop of Tarento gave her a birthday present of one of Simon Vouret's "Books of Hours," printed on vellum in 1498 by Pierre Pigoucheur of Paris and containing 21 fine large wood cuts.

Test of Friendship. A member of the board of education who was present at the recent commencement exercises in Sumner Avenue school, says the Newark News, heard James L. Hays relate an incident which defined the word "friend." It is well known that Mr. Hays includes among his best friends the boys and girls of the schools. His happy faculty for gaining the confidence of the youngsters was responsible for his being within hearing when two juveniles were discussing friendship.

Black Wolves Born in Captivity. The population of the Columbia gardens zoo was increased by five the other day. A quintet of black wolves were born and Bess, the mother, was the proudest animal at the resort. Black wolves have become a rarity during the last few years.

Degrees in Horse Trading. Judge A. A. Adams, of the Indiana appellate court, says the Indianapolis Star, tells a story of a man who was a good horse trader, but through lack of mathematical education was unable to determine his per cent of profits.

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BAD EGGS CROWD MARKET Over 1,000 Dozen Condemned by Missouri Pure Food Commissioner.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 29.—The markets are crowded with eggs unfit for food purposes. Those altogether rotten are destroyed, but the spots and blood rings are sold to firms for canning purposes at very much less than their original value.

At the annual meeting of the Association of State and National Food Executives in Seattle, Washington, the Missouri Food Commissioner, Dr. Cutler, was the only member of the executive committee elected for three years. He was also elected chairman of the same.

Dr. Cutler, Food Commissioner of Missouri, has many amusing experiences in his varied office work. One of his latest "difficulties" was brought about unintentionally through a recent interview with a reporter in Dr. Cutler remarks on the difficulties which the farmer bachelors have in getting desirable wives.

REAL ESTATE MEN BUNCHED Smooth Chap Relieves Gallatin Agents of \$15.

Gallatin, Mo., July 29.—A man who registered at the Woodruff hotel as A. Johnson, Liberty, Ky., played a smooth trick on John Everman, of this city, and John L. Trice of Cameron, Johnson was taken out in the Everman auto and shown the fine 160-acre farm owned by John L. Trice southeast of Winston.

MANY YOUNG CHICKS DIE University of Missouri Poultry Experts Say Cause Is Visceral Gout. Columbia, Mo., July 29.—The Poultry Department of Missouri has had its attention called to a disease which seems to be attacking young chicks weighing over a pound. One farmer reported losing over one hundred and that his neighbors were losing them in a similar manner.

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