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## BEEF TRADE STILL DULL

DEMAND CONTINUES SLOW AND MARKET TODAY REFLECTED A LOWER TENDENCY.

## FED STEERS WEAK TO 10 OFF

Western Grassers Barely Steady to Shade Lower—Cows and Heifers Slower—Stockers and Feeders Sluggish.

Nothing particularly new developed in the killer branch of the cattle market today. Demand still lacked urgency but buyers eased up a little in their efforts to force prices down the scale. Early receipts were comparatively light here, amounting to around 2,600 head, including about 900 head of feeders billed through to Missouri and Iowa feedlots, leaving about 1,700 on the open market. Five hundred of these were yarded on the quarantine side. Later arrivals from the range country boosted the total receipts of all kinds of cattle up to 2,800 head. The five markets had 24,000 cattle, all told, as compared with 20,700 a week ago and 25,100 a year ago.

Fed steers were scarce among the early arrivals, comprising one or two loads of natives and a few odds and ends. Trade was quiet in these but on the few sales booked traders did not figure values weak to 10c lower when compared with yesterday. One lot of 1850-pound heifers, the best offered, sold at \$2.65, two cars of fed westerns sold at \$2.90.

In the western and southwestern steers trading continued to show a slow pulse and the market was not better than steady to weak at recently lowered levels.

The following prices are quotable on the St. Joseph market today: Choice to prime steers, \$10.00@10.75; good to choice, \$9.25@9.75; fair to good steers, \$8.25@8.50; medium to fair, \$7.25@8.00; common to fair, \$5.25@7.25; good to fancy yearlings, \$7.75@10.00.

## Dressed Beef and Shipping Steers.

No. Ave. Price No. Ave. Price  
1.....1345.9 65 4yrs. 329.8 85  
33w. 1345.9 40 1.....1120.8 85

## COWS, BULLS AND MIXED.

Light receipts of butchers' stock today enabled sellers to hold the market pretty well under control and there was no further decline of material extent. Demand was by no means pressing from any quarter and salesmen were forced to do considerable peddling in order to effect clearance, although on the whole it was a more satisfactory trade than they have had to put up with on former days this season. Turning to the good fleshy class of cows and heifers was no light task today, as demand for such was narrow and mean. Medium to good cows have borne the brunt of the week's decline and cows sold at \$5.50@5.65 were of a class such as sold middle days of last week around the \$5.00 mark. At the present time it would require something on the prime order to sell at \$6.00 or better in the way of a cow. A little outside call, however, for the best of good light grass heifers and these are possibly not over 10@15c under last week's close. Plain light and good heavy heifers on the other hand have been mean sellers the past few days at 15@25c lower prices. Canners and cutter cows have found relatively freer sale than the other classes, priced steady and 10@15c would cover the loss for the week on these.

Bulls and stags were about steady today, the few offered clearing at 10c lower, with heavy calves being almost unsalable. The following quotations are current on the local market: Choice to prime cows, \$5.50@5.75; good to choice cows, \$5.25@5.50; medium to fair cows, \$4.40@5.10; canners and cutter cows, \$3.50@4.25; prime heifers, \$8.00@9.50; good to choice heifers, \$6.50@7.75; common to good heifers, \$5.25@6.25; good to choice bulls, \$5.00@5.50; fair to good bulls, \$4.50@4.85; real calves, \$8.50@9.50; medium calves, \$7.00@8.25; common and heavy calves, \$5.50@6.50.

## Heifers.

No. Ave. Price No. Ave. Price  
2.....970.7 50 2.....815.5 50  
1.....970.7 50 2.....768.5 50

## Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers.

No. Ave. Price No. Ave. Price  
1.....490.6 25 3.....702.5 50  
2.....490.6 25 3.....702.5 50

## Yesterday's Late Sales.

75Kan1044.5 75 75Kan1171.6 00  
23Kan1131.0 30 25Kan1039.6 35

## Vealings and Calves.

No. Ave. Price No. Ave. Price  
1.....444.6 25 6.....592.5 50  
2.....480.6 25 8.....640.5 25

## Yesterday's Late Sales.

8.....490.6 25 3.....702.5 50  
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## Cows.

No. Ave. Price No. Ave. Price  
1.....1040.6 25 1.....950.4 00  
1.....1130.6 00 2.....1125.4 00

## HOGS MAKE GOOD GAIN

SELLERS ABLE TO MAKE EARLY CLEARANCE AT PRICES MOSTLY A DIME HIGHER.

## EXCEPTIONS BOTH WAYS

Quality Fairly Good—Top Price Up to \$8.85, With the Bulk of Sales Ranging From \$6.00@8.80.

There was decided improvement in the hog market today, prices being substantially elevated at all points. Receipts were moderate and the demand strong, resulting in a 10c appreciation on most of the local offerings. A few of the earlier sales were possibly not to exceed as higher and some of the late deals were figured as much as 15c higher but in the big majority of cases it was a flat 10c higher deal. Around 5,500 hogs were on sale here and 34,900 at the five points. Last Thursday this time drew 4,341 head and the five markets 32,299. There was an active movement at the higher level of values, practically everything selling before 11 o'clock. Quality was fairly good. Pigs were in fairly large supply with prices holding about steady. A top of \$8.85 was reached on the best of the butcher offerings. Prices continue to show a comparatively narrow spread, bulk of the sales being embraced in a range of \$6.00@8.80.

Prices ranged from \$8.45@8.85, with the bulk selling at \$8.60@8.80. The bulk yesterday sold at \$8.50@8.70, a week ago at \$8.35@8.75, a year ago at \$6.20@6.35, two years ago at \$5.50@5.85, three years ago at \$7.45@7.55, and four years ago at \$5.85@6.25.

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64.....256.....8 85 214.....274.....85

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## STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

Enough light and medium weight stockers badly mixed in the original packages and some of it horned was included in today's fresh cattle supply to give the low end of the market a sagging tendency. Operating under pressure of the largest supply of holdovers this season, operators were not wont to part as actively and an absence of demand rendered trade slow and unevenly worked, excepting on the best class of offerings, good yearlings and well-bred stockers selling without appreciable change in prices compared with yesterday. However, none of the regular dealers seemed to want to place light stockers and anything lacking merit found slow outlet at prices weak to 10c lower compared with yesterday.

Nothing new or startling happened in stock cow and heifer trade and scattering of odds and ends of these classes selling about steady on the basis of the week's decline. Good to choice feeding steers are quotable at \$6.50@7.25; fair to good feeding steers at \$6.25@6.75; fair to choice stock steers, \$5.00@5.50; stock cows, \$4.00@4.75; stock heifers, \$4.50@5.15; stock calves, \$4.50@5.00.

## Stockers and Feeders.

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40.....1134.7 00 15.....835.5 70  
8.....1015.6 40 2.....915.5 50

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## MUTTON PRICES FIRM

TRADE ACTIVE WITH PRICES HOLDING STEADY WITH THE BEST TIME YESTERDAY.

## NOTHING CHOICE ON SALE

Best Lambs Sold at \$6.60, With Bulk of Supply at That Figure—Few Sheep Included in Run.

Live mutton trade, locally held up remarkably well today in face of the heavy existing and continued continued generous marketing of ovine stock around the circuit. At this point around 15 doublets of Idaho and Utah sheep and lambs registered, making up a total of around 4,900, a supply that well balanced demand. Decreased supplies acted as a stimulant to packing industry and trade, while delayed arrivals by sorting and shaping arrivals for packer inspection, movement started off in little fashion with prices showing little fluctuation from values in vogue at yesterday's close. Nothing choice in either sheep or lambs was available, certainly nothing as good as the \$6.60 lamb of Monday, top sale being pegged at \$6.60, bulk of the supply changing hands at \$6.50@6.60. Few sheep or yearlings were available, the few sales made with this class not being enough to trace the trend of values with any accuracy.

Feature of trade was the broad demand for feeding lambs and breeding ewes, such classes sorted off at prices fully steady with any time the current market.

Quotable at \$6.75@7.00; fair to good western lambs, \$6.50@6.75; western \$6.25@6.50; native lambs, \$6.50@6.75; 425 Western lambs..... 73 6 60  
242 Western lambs..... 68 6 50  
339 Western lambs..... 68 6 50  
1790 Western lambs..... 65 6 50

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## KANSAS CITY.

Special to The Journal: The Drivers Telegram reports: Cattle—Receipts, 5000. Steers dull, heavy stock steady, stockers dull, steady; calves lower.

## SOUTH OMAHA.

Special to The Journal: The Drivers Journal-Stockman reports: Cattle—Receipts, 4500. Market steady.

## EAST ST. LOUIS.

Special to The Journal: The National Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 5500, half southern. Market steady.

## FORT WORTH.

Special to The Journal: The Daily Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 4700. Market slow, steady.

## SIoux CITY, Ia., Oct. 3.—Special to The Journal: The Live Stock Reporter reports: Cattle—Receipts, 1200. Market generally steady.

## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The following Chicago board of trade quotations are based on actual sales each day and are furnished by T. P. Gordon, 1005-1008 New Corby-Forshee Building, St. Joseph, Mo.

## WHEAT.

Options Open High Low Close  
May..... 9 5/8 9 5/8 9 5/8 9 5/8  
Dec..... 9 5/8 9 5/8 9 5/8 9 5/8

## CORN.

Options Open High Low Close  
May..... 3 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2  
Dec..... 3 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2

## OATS.

Options Open High Low Close  
May..... 3 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2  
Dec..... 3 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2

## PORK.

Options Open High Low Close  
Oct..... 18 85 18 85 18 85 18 85  
Jan..... 18 85 18 85 18 85 18 85

## LARD.

Options Open High Low Close  
Jan..... 11 32 11 32 11 32 11 32  
Apr..... 10 80 10 80 10 80 10 80

## RIBS.

Options Open High Low Close  
Oct..... 12 70 12 70 12 70 12 70  
Jan..... 10 65 10 65 10 65 10 65

## WHEAT.

No. 2 red..... 1 00 @ 1 03  
No. 3 red..... 98 @ 1 01  
No. 4 red..... 96 @ 99

## CORN.

No. 2 white..... 70 @ 70 1/2  
No. 3 white..... 68 @ 69 1/2  
No. 4 white..... 66 @ 67 1/2

## OATS.

No. 2 white..... 33 1/2 @ 34  
No. 3 white..... 33 @ 33 1/2  
No. 4 white..... 32 @ 32 1/2

## PORK.

No. 2..... 13 00 @ 13 00  
No. 3..... 12 50 @ 12 50  
No. 4..... 12 00 @ 12 00

## LARD.

No. 1..... 11 32 @ 11 32  
No. 2..... 10 80 @ 10 80  
No. 3..... 10 30 @ 10 30

## RIBS.

No. 1..... 12 70 @ 12 70  
No. 2..... 12 20 @ 12 20  
No. 3..... 11 70 @ 11 70

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## LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS

Today's Receipts.  
Cattle..... 102  
Hogs..... 51  
Sheep..... 23

## RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 1 TO DATE.

The following table shows the local receipts from January 1, 1912, and receipts for the corresponding time in 1911.

Cattle..... 51,088 1911 102,141 1912  
Hogs..... 1,556,884 1911 1,397,021 1912  
Sheep..... 561,795 1911 686,402 1912  
Horses..... 85,136 1911 85,772 1912

## RECEIPTS BY CARS.

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

C. & O., west..... 56  
C. & O., east..... 51  
C. R. I. P..... 87  
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Total..... 220

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THE SLUMP IN BEEF CATTLE.

Omaha Journal-Stockman: Beef trade just at present is in rather weak shape, although indications are that this weakness is only temporary and due entirely to reasons which will shortly disappear.

Ordinarily, the amount of beef produced in the east is a negligible quantity but the high price of cattle and the abundance of feed in the east this summer have led farmers to fatten a few animals who usually never figure on doing so.

Here in the west the early appearance of snow in the range country has set forward shipping operations two or three weeks and receipts of cattle at the leading markets have been heavier than anyone figured on.

As noted above, however, these conditions are manifestly only temporary and the only question seems to be how soon they will change and to what extent the market will recover from the present slump.

RAISE SAME OLD CRY.

Chicago Farmers and Drovers Journal: A year ago feeder cattle were considered by many experienced beef producers as too high to afford profit.

Fat cattle values have advanced correspondingly. Feeder cattle at current cost are not relatively higher in comparison with fat steers than they have been in recent years.

A good corn crop is going to be had. This is grand corn growing weather and every hour of hot sunshine these days adds many dollars to the value of the corn crop.

The shortage in feeder cattle movement in recent months clearly points a continued shortage of fat steers for months ahead. Excellent pastures will afford cheap growth for cattle from now until snow flies, and the assurance that range feeding steers are going to be short in number this season should cause the corn belt feeder to look with favor upon the native steers in his own neighborhood and at market.

This is a season when the feeder shortage should have even a stronger bearing on the fat cattle market months ahead than was the case last fall. It is going to require a big increase in beef production before either feeder or fat cattle values will go down to levels of a few years ago.

The cattle feeder must face the high cost as best he can in the meantime, with a fair assurance of moderate profit-gathering, even though first cost of thin steers remains on a basis much above the average price of fat steers in recent years.

Old time feeders are not balking at current cost of young stuff. They realize what has brought about the present situation, and also that they must grow a few steers themselves to help replenish shrunken beef supplies.

MORE USES FOR FOOD.

Increased consumption of food stuffs is at the bottom of the high cost of living. Increased consumption has created a greater demand; greater demand has increased prices and increased prices are responsible for the high cost of living.

PLAN MODEL SCHOOL.

Social Center Idea to Prevail—Meetings Being Held at Various Houses.

Ottawa, Kan., Oct. 1.—The people of three school districts in the eastern part of Franklin county and of two districts in the western part of Miami will soon vote upon a proposition to

Daddy's Bedtime Story—Where the Bluefish Is At Home



The Fish Is Caught by the Hook.

THEY had bluefish for supper. Jack and Evelyn ate it with relish and then asked daddy if he knew where bluefish were caught and could tell a story about them.

"In the ocean. There are a great many of them to be found along the Atlantic coast, where they are first seen in the spring, when the mackerel and bluefish are plentiful.

"The bluefish is a greedy, cruel fellow and feeds on other fishes. He is especially fond of mackerel and weakfish, and that is why he follows them. He chases them about, and whenever he can lay his teeth on a young fish he swallows it goes.

"The mackerel are very much afraid of their enemy, the bluefish, and will spring out of the water or even dash on shore to escape being caught. It doesn't do much good if the bluefish has set his heart on eating them, for he will follow right after and get them in the end no matter how fast or how far they swim.

"Though he is so cruel, yet the bluefish does some good. He is fond of the young of the ugly squid and catches and eats them whenever he gets a chance. He even attacks the squid himself, and then sometimes there is a battle before the matter is settled. The small squids, of course, are the ones he chooses to kill, and as they are sometimes only a foot or two in length the fierce bluefish has no fear of them. The squid, though, is sometimes able to get away, and he manages this in a curious way. Inside his body is a black ink, and he can squirt this out into the water, making it so cloudy that other fishes near him are unable to see.

"When the water gets dark the bluefish isn't able to see the squid and lets him go till he finds out what is the matter. Then the squid swims away, squirting ink behind him and not caring much if the bluefish has bitten off a leg or two, for he can grow others in their place without any trouble that is worth mentioning.

"But his very greediness and cruelty at last get the bluefish into trouble. The fishermen know his tricks, and some day as the bluefish dashes along through the water he will see a squid or a curious-looking fish hanging from a line. Rushing for the bait, he is firmly caught by the cruel hook, and in a few minutes the fisherman draws him into the boat. When enough bluefish have been caught the boatman makes for home, where his wife or the cook prepares the fish for the table, or he may send them to market, where they are sold.

"As he is so cruel himself no one feels very sorry for the bluefish, either."

uses of many of the necessities of life have multiplied until they have been swept into the luxury class. How and why? Consider eggs. It is not many years ago that most of the eggs were consumed at the family table, but the consumption of eggs at the drug store soda fountains and in barrooms has increased the demand enormously, and been a leading factor in boosting the price. In the memory of many men now living milk was a drug in the market. In many localities there was little demand for it and in many it was fed to the pigs, or if there were no pigs, thrown away.

Now the drug stores and barrooms are selling immense quantities of it and demand is growing faster than production. Besides, the cost of feed per cow is practically "out of sight."

What is said of eggs and milk can also be said of fruits. The people are using more, out of season as well as in season, fresh, canned and cold storage, and all the while demanding the best.

The breakfast foods are another contributing cause to the high cost of living. People used to be content with oatmeal, but the manufacturers of breakfast foods have created a world-wide demand for their products and everybody is eating them. This has brought about a greater demand for wheat, corn, oats, in fact, all the cereals, and as a result the prices of breadstuffs have been greatly advanced. The size of the 5-cent loaf of bread has been steadily decreasing.

In short, men, women and children are now eating more and better food than did their ancestors and much of it is put up in fancy packages which add materially to the cost. The days of the simple life have passed, and the age of luxury and extravagance is at hand. High living is the foundation of the high cost of living.—St. Joseph News-Press.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.

Teaching by Mail Is New Departure Made by A. & M. College.

Manhattan, Kan., Oct. 2.—A new department has been added to the Kansas Agricultural and Mechanical College by which instruction will be given to mechanics through the correspondence method.

G. E. Bray, for several years superintendent of shop methods and supervision of shops at the college, has been transferred to this new department, and will devote his time to the extension service. The reason for the department is that many mechanics have been working since they were boys and have not had school advantages which would be useful to them.

Prof. Bray thinks there are many mechanics in the state working for \$15 or \$20 a week who would be able to command much more if they had more technical education. The first move will be to visit shops in cities of 1000 or more and make an effort to interest mechanics in the work. He will also offer the services of the department to manual training schools as a continuation school in which graduates from these schools may keep on learning by the correspondence method.

Prof. Bray, by this change in his duties, becomes the efficiency engineer for the people of the state, and upon the invitation of shop or factory owners, he will inspect any plant in the state and make suggestions how the management of the plant may be improved.

BIG DECREASE IN LARD.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2.—(Special to The Journal)—Lard stocks decreased heavily during September, according to the monthly report of the N. K. Fairbank company. The world's visible stocks of lard on Oct. 1 are shown as 275,765 tierces, as against 352,956 tierces on the first of September, a decrease of 85,271 tierces.

REFUSES TO GIVE UP COW

Woman Hugs Bovine When Humane Officer Tells to Take It.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 2.—She was only an old ran cow, but she was loved by a woman who says she is her daily bread. And the woman loves her enough that when the humane officers tried to take the cow away she placed her arms around the animal's neck and wept bitterly. The officers turned away.

The cow is the property of Mr. and Mrs. George Henshaw, Tenth street and Crescent Drive. Husband and wife, who are each about 50 years old, separated last winter the Humane Society was forced to feed the animal and took a mortgage on it. The amount is \$36.25. The husband, it is said, also owes the police court and a local loan company.

Chief of Police Jenny and Humane Officer Hale were notified that the cow had been sold by Henshaw for \$50. The buyer had gone to the house to claim his purchase, but the woman refused, declaring that the husband had no right to sell what was half her property.

Then Humane Officer Hale was sent out. He explained his mission. Urging into tears, the woman ran out of the house and to the shed where the cow is kept. Winding her arms about the boss's neck she cried:

"This cow is my life. I make my living from the sale of her milk. My husband does not support me. He does not own this cow and has no right to give her away. I love her because she is now the only friend I have in the world."

The officer argued, but each time he attempted to remove the woman her sorrow broke out anew. The officer disliked to return to his office without the cow, but the woman's pleading was too much. He left the woman prattling like a child into the ear of the cow, who sadly chewed her cud.

"But the cow will eventually have to go," said Chief Jenny.

"Well, I don't want to be the man to take her away," said Hale.

GOAT PROBLEM IS A WORRY

"World in Baltimore" Men Fear Damage to Actors and Sectery.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 2.—Any little goat that's a nice little goat, with a fairly good control of his inherited propensities for "bitting in" at inopportune moments, is being sought by officials of "The World in Baltimore" for the play "Darkness and Light," which will be part of the missionary exposition at the Lyric from October 25 to November 30.

Officials of the exposition, at a meeting in the Fidelity building, stated that certain qualifications are regarded as essential. Since the engagement of scenery for the play is quite costly, due to the quantity of scenery, the exposition all goats must refrain from eating succulent morsels of painted lawns and flowery landscapes. As pointed out by Facants-Master Percy J. Burrill, the exposition could not afford to have perfectly good stage hands and religious actors unwillingly propelled about the stage because something did not meet with the approval of one of the goats.

The goats must be clean, for previous experience has taught Mr. Burrill that even under the best of conditions the presence of the average goat can be detected some time before its scheduled arrival.

But the main point is that the goats be able to climb the stairs leading to the Lyric stage and do it without distracting the audience. If no Baltimore goats are educated enough to be able to climb the stairs, the realistic scene where the animals are dragged across the stage to the Indian temple of Kall will have to be abandoned.

CHEAPER APPLES LIKELY.

Government Statisticians Estimate Crop at 60,000,000 Barrels.

The apple crop of the United States this year is estimated at 60,000,000 barrels, or 240,000,000 bushels. Yet let no small boy hurrah too loudly over the prospect of cheap apples, and the returns may be several million barrels short of the estimate. Quite a quantity will go abroad, where prices are always high, and these will be the best of the wheat crop.

Even as it stands, the estimate would give but a little over half a barrel per capita to the dwellers of this land; and where is the lad who could not eat many times that quantity in nine months—if he got the chance?

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EATING DOGS AND HORSES

High Cost of Beef in Germany Forcing Public to Substitute.

Berlin, Oct. 2.—The Frankfort Gazette calls attention to the fact that 25,490 metric pounds of dogmeat were killed in Saxony slaughter houses in the year 1911. This was only a small proportion of the dogs butchered, as the majority were killed privately. The paper adds:

"Dog meat is eaten only in the big cities, but in the agricultural districts cats are also eaten more than formerly. With the present famine prices, everything that is meat goes into the kettles of poor families."

KANSAS DEPOSITS INCREASE

More Money in Banks Than Ever Before in State's History.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 2.—Bank deposits are greater than ever before in the history of the state. They have increased \$7,000,000 in the last ninety days.

They have passed the \$100,000,000 mark by over \$6,000,000. These facts are shown by a statement issued last night by Bank Commissioner J. K. Dolley based on reports of Sept. 11. The exact total of deposits is \$109,949,142.85.

BURNS SIX BARNS FOR FUN

Fellow Confesses That He Set Blazes to See Fire Teams Run.

Altoona, Pa., Oct. 2.—Following a fire, which destroyed the stable occupied by Druggist G. C. Hocking, in Tyrone, James Gregg, aged 39, a hostler, was taken into custody by Chief of Police Harry Wanda, charged with the crime.

Wanda escorted Gregg before Burgess John Grazer, where the accused man made a signed confession, admitting that he was guilty of starting fires in six stables within the last few months "to see the fire teams on a run."

Strangely enough Gregg, one of the first on the scene, always worked heroically to save horses and property, and at personal risk rescued two animals from the last fire.

Fearing violence, Gregg was committed to the Hollidaysburg lock-up.

Lawn tennis has become very popular among Japanese high school and college students. Inter-collegiate games have also become popular among the students and their friends.

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FALL WHEAT IN KANSAS

FARMERS ARE PUTTING IN USUAL AMOUNT IN SPITE OF HORSE DISEASE.

WORK ANIMALS ESCAPED

Steam and Gasoline Machines Are Doing Much Plowing and Situation Is Not Serious.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 2.—The prospect of the farmers in Western Kansas for planting the usual acreage to wheat this fall is better than that indicated by the reports a short time ago, according to J. H. Koontz, general freight agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, who has been carrying on an investigation.

"The fact is," Mr. Koontz said, "that fall plowing has not been seriously retarded by the horse disease, for the reason that the horse which the farmers depend upon for this work have, in a large measure, escaped the plague. The general run of animals that have died are colts, young horses and brood mares. These have been in the pastures, where the disease is the worst, while the work horses have been in the stables on dry feed and are, therefore, generally speaking, immune from the ailment. Mules, which are used on the farm for work purposes and not for show, also are which are used on the farm for work purposes have died, but the condition of the work horse class as a whole is satisfactory."

Mr. Koontz made a list of the nine counties in Santa Fe territory where the death rate among horses has been the highest, using the 1912 wheat acreage for each, as estimated by Secretary Coburn June 26 of this year. He obtained from half a dozen of the most reliable men in every county an estimate of the per cent of this acreage already plowed for fall seeding. The showing follows:

Table with columns: County, Acreage plowed, 1912 per cent. Rows include Barton, Edwards, Pawnee, Rush, Gray, Hedges, Ness, Lane, etc.

"Much of the fall plowing was done before the horse disease appeared," Mr. Koontz said. "There was a let-up during the hot weather, farmers being afraid to work their horses in the heat, some veterinarians having advised against it. When cool weather came, fall plowing was renewed with vigor. There is no doubt that many farmers will be hard pressed to put the wheat in, but as a rule they will be able to do it, as they expect to work up to thanksgiving time. While farmers in every locality have been hit by the plague, those who are down and out are renters who lost their entire working capital when they lost their teams. Even these will be given assistance by their neighbors to take care of the crop-planting period and through the winter. E. E. Prizell, mayor of Larned, one of the most extensive farm operators in the West, says he knows of only two or three 'down and out' cases in Pawnee county."

"Many steam and gasoline plows are at work in the counties named. While these machines are built for large tracts of land, they can be used on small farms, and will be so used in the present emergency. E. E. Beck of Dodge City has an outfit of thirty-five plows, drawn by a 49-horse-power steam engine. He has a record of 199 acres in a day but his average is 75. He charges \$1.50 an acre, and has all he can do. Mr. Beck also operates two drills with a two-cylinder automobile.

"I heard of many plow outfits at work all over the West. Andy Russell, a banker at Dodge City, and Sam Stubbs, a merchant there, have a plan to induce farmers to co-operate in the purchase of steam outfits, and the question now is up with manufacturers regarding terms.

"At this time, the only people who are in danger of losing their wheat acreage are those who are not financially able to command assistance, but if the fall season is favorable, and the horse disease comes to an end at an early date, these unfortunates will be taken care of after the rush is over. There is a feeling of pride in every county, and in every county seat there are men wise enough and in a position financially to meet local conditions in their own way, and without making an appeal that would tend to give the locality a black eye. Charity is not needed, nor requested.

"The report from the nine counties mentioned received by wire within twelve hours show that the condition for fall wheat seeding is as favorable as anyone could expect under the trying circumstances which involve practically the entire western section of the state, and a great deal better than people expected to find it. My information from western counties, of the Santa Fe lines, reliable though meager, is that the condition is similar to that reported from our own territory, and that the farmers everywhere are meeting that trouble in that Kansas spirit which has always moved them to fight the best when they are up against it the hardest."

HORSE DISEASE THEORY.

Kansas Observer Thinks Prevalent Sickness Caused by Grasshoppers.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 2.—The grasshopper is largely to blame for the spread of the horse epidemic, according to a theory evolved by A. A. Graham, a local attorney, who has followed the progress of the epidemic. Mr. Graham believes that the big grasshoppers which invaded the state during the summer, and which migrated from west to east, were sick as they acted "dopy," and great numbers of them died during the movement. He believes that these grasshoppers harbored the horse epidemic germs, which they had become infected before they reached Kansas, and that the sick grasshoppers in turn infected the pastures of the state, from which the horses contracted the disease. Or, if the grasshoppers did not infect the pastures, the horses ate the dead bodies of the grasshoppers and so got the germs into their systems.

Mr. Graham wrote a letter to the authorities of the United States Department of Agriculture, explaining his views, and has received a reply

from the acting secretary of agriculture stating that his theory has been forwarded to the government veterinarians who are now at work in Kansas.

"About four, five or six weeks ago Eastern Kansas was visited by a great many grasshoppers, coming here, as I understand, from the west, sometimes in flocks, but most generally thinly distributed," Mr. Graham said in his letter to the department of agriculture. "These hoppers were of the common large variety, naturally active and wild and always hard to catch. But these in question sat around stupidly and made no effort to get away when in danger of being stepped on. Evidently they were sick, themselves suffering from an infectious disease."

LARGE CROPS IN COLORADO

Wonderful Output of Wheat, Sugar Beets and Alfalfa Raised.

Sterling, Colo., Oct. 2.—The farmers from the central states, who have visited Logan county this year or passed across its broad acres in automobiles or on the trains, have opened their eyes with wonder at the beautiful fields of grain of every description, sugar beets, alfalfa and wild hay, vegetables and other products of the soil. They have seen, in almost every locality, not only in the valleys, but on the broad plains of this country that a few years ago were the haunts of the Indians, buffalo and the coyotes.

No doubt many of them a few years ago were solicited by land men to invest in some of these fertile acres at from \$1.25 to \$3 an acre, but thinking that the real estate men were working some wildcat scheme on them, they turned the proposition down. But those who have had the opportunity to view the fields in Logan county this year have no doubt wishes a hundred times over that they had taken advantage of the investments offered them, for they could have reaped a harvest in one season that would pay for the land twenty times at the price offered them.

The Sterling district alone this year planted 25,000 acres of sugar beets that will produce as many tons of acre as any beet crop that has ever been harvested in the state. The farmers of Logan county are just completing the harvesting of 41,000 acres of wheat and hundreds of acres of rye, millet, barley and flax, thousands of acres of alfalfa and wild hay, to say nothing of the corn, potatoes, melons, pumpkins and every other kind of farm products that the eastern farmer values so highly.

It is estimated by reliable authorities, basing their estimate on the yield of fields already threshed, that the wheat production in Logan county this year will average twenty bushels to the acre. This will give Logan county farmers more than 500,000 bushels of wheat. The best crop this year will produce 400,000 tons of beets which will bring better than \$2 a ton.

The alfalfa crop is larger this year than ever before, two cuttings having already been harvested, and the third cutting is now ready.

Hundreds of eastern people, who visited the Logan county fair, which has just closed, were astonished at the exhibition in the Agriculture Building. It is said that every one of those who viewed the grand display will be a booster for Logan county. They will tell that they saw cabbage raised in Logan county that measured 18 inches in circumference and corn that is equal to any they ever saw raised in the Missouri Valley or any of the corn states. They will also tell that they saw potatoes that would make Eugene Grubb, the expert in the Grand Valley, go into ecstasies. They also will tell that they saw pumpkins, watermelons and other garden and field vegetables that would be a credit to a tropical country.

CITY TO WATCH OYSTERS

State Says It Has No Authority to Police Gotham's Waters.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 2.—New York State officials say they have no authority to police oyster beds, a view to preventing their contamination by sewage. The jurisdiction rests with the New York authorities.

The declaration of the Department of Agriculture that Jamaica Bay, L. I., and the Potomac river for seventy-five miles below Washington are polluted with typhoid germs, and the suggestion that the state and government should police oyster beds, brought from Chairman George E. Van Kotten of the State Conservation Commission this statement.

IMMIGRATION ON INCREASE

In Last Fourteen Months 1,114,989 Aliens Arrived.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The 1,114,989 aliens who came to American ports during the last fourteen months brought \$46,712,597 with them. This total includes immigrants and other alien visitors. The immigrants alone brought \$38,132,556, a per capita fund of \$38.

These figures are included in a report made by Immigration Commissioner General Keeffe, who shows that the tide of immigration is running higher than last year. The report also shows that 1.6 per cent of the immigrants were turned back. Canada brought the largest per capita amount of money with them, and Mexicans the least.

CHOOSES ITS STOCK JUDGES

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NO "CHOLERA PROOF" HOGS Secretary Coburn Says No Breed is Free From Danger of Disease. Topeka, Kan., Oct. 2.—No hogs are immune from cholera, according to Secretary F. D. Coburn of the state board of agriculture, and the Kansas farmers who are buying "mulefoot" hogs for breeding purposes, believing them to be immune from the disease are misled. Mr. Coburn made the above statement when he learned from the newspapers that the farmers of Lyon county are buying such hogs in Indiana because they are "cholera proof." He says there is no reason for believing that because a hog is a freak that it is immune from cholera or any other disease.

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