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LIVE STOCK MARKET

HEAVY RUN OF CATTLE ON TODAY'S MARKET.

Total Receipts Break All Records, but Many were Through—Steers in Large Supply, Steady for Best—Choice Cows Active, steady; Common Thin Stuff Weak—Calves Strong.

LIGHT SUPPPLY OF HOGS ON THE MARKET.

An Active Market and Steady Prices Soon Cleared up Best Stuff, but Soft Hogs Were Slow.

HEAVY RUN OF SHEEP, WITH MARKET SLOW.

RECEIPTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Today	7,500	500	9,000
Last month	3,837	951	550
Same day 1903	1,918	1,801	2,997

Official Receipts Saturday.

Cattle	1,212
Hogs	111
Sheep	280
Horses and mules	22

Range of Selling Prices Today.

CATTLE—Steers, top $4.25, bulk $3.25@3.80. Cows, top, $3.35, bulk $2.25@2.85. Calves, top $3.50, bulk $3.10@3.25.

HOGS—Top $4.60, bulk $4.40@4.55.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Steers—Good to strict choice	$3 75@4 50
Medium fed	3 25@3 75
Stockers and feeders	2 50@3 25
Yearlings	1 25@2 50
Cows—Choice heavy fed	2 75@3 50
Medium butcher	2 25@2 75
Cutters	1 75@2 25
Canners	1 00@1 75
Bulls, stags and oxen	1 50@3 25
Calves—Good to fancy veals	3 00@4 00
Common to fair	1 00@2 75

Receipts of cattle today were the heaviest ever on the Fort Worth yards.

By noon 244 cars were billed up, 128 cars for the market and 116 going through.

Total receipts, with drive-ins, figured close around 7,500, against 2,234 for the opening day last week, 3,837 for the same Monday one month ago, and 1,918 for the corresponding day last year.

BEEF STEERS.

The liberal receipts today included a large proportion of steers, the bulk of which were medium fed, with only a few loads of well finished cattle on sale.

Cattle were a little slow going to the scales, but buyers were riding hard, looking over the supply, and when they began to change hands values ruled generally steady with the close of last week.

Packers had plenty or orders for the best killing steers, all of which sold fully steady. Green looking cattle were slow to move and holders of these were calling the market lower.

Four loads of dehorned cattle averaging 1051 lbs., sold at $4.25. The bulk of offerings, however, landed from $3.40@3.75.

Good to choice heavy fed steers are quoted at a range of from $3.75@4.50, medium fed from $3.25@3.75, stockers and feeders from $2.50@3.25, and yearlings $1.25@2.50.

Representative sales:

No.	Average.	Price.
40	1051	4 25
35	1040	4 25
26	1000	4 00
10	981	4 00
25	950	4 00
26	1004	4 00
40	890	3 85
60	934	3 85
27	1000	3 85
58	909	3 80
19	939	3 80
22	1042	3 70
27	879	3 65
26	951	3 65
27	881	3 65
56	761	3 55
17	825	3 55
13	837	3 50
1	990	3 50
26	916	3 50
72	818	3 45
128	878	3 40
27	845	3 30
26	816	3 25
1	990	3 25
33	854	3 25
48	828	3 25
29	872	3 20
2	980	3 00
6	738	3 00
24	774	3 00
18	818	3 00

BUTCHER STOCK.

Considering the receipts, the supply of cows was small. All medium to choice cows and heifers met with quick sale at steady figures, but the common thin kinds met with a slow weak market, and were quoted barely steady.

A few choice cows landed at a range of from $3.00@3.25, but the bulk of sales went around $2.50 and under.

Good to choice fed cows and heifers are quoted at a range of from $2.75@3.25, medium butchers $2.25@2.75, cutters $1.75@2.25, and canners $1.00@1.75.

The small supply of bulls attracted very little attention, as fat bulls were scarce, and the few going over the scales early were about steady with the close of last week, and selling largely around $2.50.

Good to choice bulls, stags and oxen are quoted at a range of from $2.50@3.00, with the common to fair kind from $1.50@2.50.

Cows.

13	848	3 35
1	980	3 25
18	728	3 00
1	920	3 00
36	759	2 85
30	684	2 85
3	833	2 85
30	736	2 75
11	805	2 70
72	780	2 70
58	821	2 70
11	810	2 60
18	776	2 50
32	784	2 50
21	775	2 50
22	769	2 50
1	780	2 50
28	742	2 45
29	743	2 30
28	646	2 30
35	676	2 30
1	1070	2 25
7	717	2 25
1	750	2 25
1	1180	2 25
32	616	2 25
26	641	2 10
1	610	2 00
23	763	2 00
3	795	2 00
3	706	2 00
2	815	1 85
1	870	1 75
1	740	1 50

Bulls.

1 stag	1030	3 00

Heifers.

70	612	2 60

CALVES.

Liberal offerings of calves were here today, and trade showed little change.

Choice lots were scarce, but there was a strong demand from packers, enough to absorb medium calves, on a steady basis at a range of from $3.00@3.25.

Good to choice vealers are quoted at a range of from $3.00@4.00, with the common to fair kinds from $1.50@3.00.

66	162	3 50
1	130	3 25
80	189	3 25
2	140	3 25
149	222	3 10
88	217	3 10
60	310	3 10
1	300	2 75
2	400	2 75
1	350	2 75
56	134	2 75
3	190	2 50
15	267	2 00
6	320	2 00

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 50@4 65
Mixed packers	4 30@4 50
Lights	4 25@4 35
Pigs	3 75@4 25
Stags and roughs	3 00@3 75

Another light run of hogs came in for the opening trade today. Two loads were in at the opening but before noon four more loads arrived, and with a few wagon hogs total receipts figured close around 500, against 298 for the opening day last week, 951 for the same Monday in May, and 1,801 for the corresponding Monday one year ago.

The supply today was composed of three loads of corn fed hogs from the Territory and three loads from Texas points.

There was a good active demand from packers, who have not been getting enough lately, and the best of supply, in fact all offerings from the Territory, sold early on a full steady basis with the close of last week.

The soft looking hogs met with no better reception than usual, and selling was slow and barely steady.

The top today was $4.60 for one load averaging 215 pounds, with the bulk of sales at a range of from $4.40@4.55.

Good to choice sorted are quoted at a range of from $4.50@4.65, mixed packers from $4.30@4.50, light grades $4.25@4.35, pigs $3.75@4.25, and boars, stags and roughs from $3.00@3.75.

Representative sales:

Hogs.

No.	Ave.	Price.
1	150	3 50
1	200	3 50
1	160	4 10
57	248	4 50
58	204	4 50
2	260	4 55
1	260	4 55
77	209	4 55
75	215	4 60

HORSES AND MULES

Horses.

Drafts, good	$140@150
Chunks, good	75@130
Drivers, good to fancy	75 up
Drivers, medium	55@ 75
Southerners, common to fair	35@ 50
Southerners, good to extra	75@100
Plugs	15@ 20
Rangers, plain	10@ 30
Choice range horses	50@ 75

Mules.

13½ to 14 hands, fat	$ 50@ 60
14 to 14½ hands, fat	75@ 85
14½ to 15 hands, fat	90@120
15 to 15½ hands, fat	125@140
15½ to 16 hands, fat with quality	145@160
16 to 16½ hands, extra, 1,200 to 1,500	165@175

THE SHEEP TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Lambs	3 50@5 25
Wethers	3 50@4 00
Ewes	2 50@3 50
Culls	1 50@2 50

The liberal supply of sheep today figured about 9,000, the quality of which was mostly common to medium. There was some demand for heavy fat sheep, but buyers did not seem to be able to use the kind on sale.

Buyers encountered a slow dull market and up to a late hour none were sold.

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

G. W. Sutherland, Wallis	122
R. H. Chowning, Madill, I. T.	73
R. B. Moore, Dublin	27
C. M. Cauble, Albany	28
S. J. Allen, Comanche	35
Tom Holderly, Comanche	27
Nat Holman, Comanche	80
H. W. Kelley, Beeville	47
A. G. Kennedy, Mathis	48
J. T. Burns, Yoakum	26
Mitchell Bros., Uvalde	267
1st Nat'l Bank, Uvalde	88
Honea & Landers, Cleburne	77
More & Atwood, Ennis	154
Billups & Belt, Wilmer	56
W. A. Parks, Richland	29
D. C. Pratt, Ranger	71
Borden & Skidmore, Dilley	141
G. R. Newman, Millett	24
Driscoll, Banquette	525
Woodbee & Mc., Sabinal	32
H. F. McGill, Flatonia	28
Morgan & S., Bowie	79
Boedecker & Young, Bowie	32
J. W. Martin, Duncan	60
H. Beauchamp, Ennis	25
W. R. Felton, Iatan	1,098
Bunch & Green, Eastland	34
R. G. Wickliff, St. Joe	56
J. R. Tinsley, Gonzales	26
J. R. Rich, Artesia	108
Pipes & Capps, San Antonio	22
Joe Fields, Kopperl	30
Mars & Miller, Commerce	84
J. E. L., Commerce	36
P. A. Hunter, Sinton	26
T. Hart, Spofford	30
I. Hart, Sabinal	80
J. L. Wagner, Iowa Park	100
———, Eagle Pass	157
Thornton, Sabinal	35
———, Paloma	269
Blackwell & Thomas, Hebbronville	105
Through shipments—	
Livingston Bros., Monahans	371
Gibson & Baldridge, Monahans	94
R. J. Carroll, Brady	33
F. Brandenburg, Brady	32
S. E. McKnight, Brownwood	104
J. M. Garrett, San Angelo	75
K. D. Kiser, Brady	51
Sam Hoester, Brady	55
Emmett & Durst, Brady	90
Jas. Braugenburger, Brady	27
R. J. Carroll, Brady	34
Green & Coleman, Encinal	446
M. Halff, Pearsall	84
J. Shushort, San Antonio	28
J. R. Rich, Cotulla	104
Pryor & Humphrey, Cotulla	104
J. Cotulla, Cotulla	103
———, Sabinal	257
———, Hondo	47
W. W. Jones, Reynolds	75
M. P. M., Spofford	71
W. H. Carson, Uvalde	75
———, Skidmore	70
J. J. Wilder, Skidmore	140
O'Riley & Hodges, Skidmore	250
———, Yoakum	21
Serra & Wardenpole, San Antonio	56
Hotchkiss & Kerr, San Antonio	55
P. Webb & Co., Bellevue	215
J. J. & D. J. Doyle, Sanderson	235

Hogs.

W. Moore, Weatherford, O. T.	77
D. B. Jones, Perry, O. T.	76
Taylor & Jamison, Hennessey, O. T.	85
J. RR. Wood, Rogers, Tex.	231

Sheep.

J. W. G., Elgin	144
Scolfe, Cotulla	568
W. K. Ford, Houston	119
J. E. Clarkson, Comstock	1,822
D. B. Little, Pearsall	471
Kelley & Morris, Comstock	1,025
H. Holster, Brady	247
Frank Wilkins, Brady	706

Horses and Mules.

J. M. Garrett, San Angelo	17
J. C. Thomas, Pecos	31

BUYERS ON SATURDAY'S MARKET.

Cattle.

Armour & Co.	128
Williams	15
Saunders	55
Whatley	38
Armstrong	49
Williams	24
Wigglesworth	27
Others	19

Calves.

Armour & Co.	2

Special U. C. V. Decorated Train via Texas & Pacific Railway.

Special train will leave Sunday, June 12, from Fort Worth at 9 a. m. Dallas 10:30 a. m., and Texarkana 7:45 p. m., arriving at Nashville, Tenn. 3 p. m., June 13. Standard Pullman, Tourist, Chair cars and coaches through without change.

Ask any Texas & Pacific ticket agent about the cheap rates, or write E. P. TURNER, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Texas.

OFFICIAL ROUTE FOR SONS.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 23, 1904. Mr. J. F. Lehane, G. P. A., St. L. S. W. Ry. Co. of Texas, Tyler, Tex. Dear Sir:—The committee appointed by the last convention held in Sherman, Tex., to select and announce an official route for the Texas Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans to the Annual Reunion to be held in Nashville, Tenn., on June 14, 15, 16, 1904, was called to meet in Fort Worth on this date, and after hearing all the arguments of the other Texas railroads, pro and con, have unanimously adopted your line, "The Cotton Belt Route," as the "Official Route." Yours, truly, Thos. P. Stone, N. R. Tisdal, W. P. Lane

RECORD CATTLE RECEIPT

ABOUT 7,000 UNLOADED, HALF ON THIS MARKET

Obstruction to Railroads Caused by Rains North, and Good Prices Here Last Week, Caused the Big Run.

Records were broken at the cattle pens today, with more than 7,000 unloaded. The high record was 6,020, on the 19th of August.

Sheep came near breaking the record, with about 9,000. The biggest run of sheep ever in was 11,063, on the 16th of May.

Of course not all of these cattle and sheep were in the market. About half of the cattle were billed through, and more than half of the sheep.

Two causes acted to cause this heavy run. One was the good market for cattle last week, which brought out a great many that had been held back for just such a turn in the market. The other was the rain in the country above, washing out bridges, deranging railroads and cutting off communications with Northern markets. Cattle that had been intended for St. Louis were unloaded here because they could not get through. One commission firm with houses at Fort Worth and St. Louis reported that it had over 100 carloads of cattle laid out on the road from Texas to St. Louis. The effect of this tie-up is shown in the figures showing receipts at St. Louis. Only 1,200 head were reported there up to noon, with 400 from Texas. This is more like a Saturday run than Monday.

With 4,000 cattle on this market, it held up steady.

LOOKING INTO THIS MARKET.

Representative of the Government Still Carrying on Investigations.

Mr. J. J. Dickinson, the government representative who is looking into packing house methods and the condition of live stock markets, under a recent resolution of congress for an investigation of the alleged beef trust, was at the yards today. Mr. Dickinson spent several days here last week, and since then has traveled over a great part of Texas, getting the views of cattlemen, and looking into conditions on the ranges. His business is to ask questions, rather than to answer them, and an effort to interview him was not fruitful of results. He is an old newspaper man himself, and is on to the wiles of the craft.

Mr. Dickinson committed himself so far as to say that in Southwest Texas he found a good feeling among cattle raisers. In the San Angelo country especially they appeared to be well satisfied with the course of the market and were hopeful of a better day. Recent rains have brought up the grass in that part of the state, and cattle are putting on flesh rapidly. Some of the shippers who had sent to Fort Worth recently had sold at better prices than they expected to get, and they were feeling pretty good about it.

"As a whole, however," Mr. Dickinson added, "the cattlemen appear to consider that they are in the power of a combination that kills competition, and they do not see anything better ahead. That is the way they have of explaining the present low market."

TOADS KILL MANY INSECTS.

In 24 Hours This Creature Will Consume Four Times Its Capacity.

In the following table an attempt is made to strike a balance between the good acomplished by the toad through its ravages on injurious species and the harm it does by destroying beneficial species, says A. M. Kirkland in Farmers' bulletin No. 196, entitled "Usefulness of the American Toad," in the latest bulletin issued from this section:

	Beneficial.	Neutral.	Injurious.
Cutworms, caterpillars, etc	..	..	28
Ants	..	19	..
Injurious beetles	..	..	18
Sow bugs, Myriapods, snails, etc.	..	..	13
Ground beetles	8	..	..
Grasshoppers, etc.	..	..	3
Spiders	2	..	..
Carrion beetles	1	..	..
Worms	..	1	..
Vegetable matter	..	1	..
Mineral matter	..	1	..
Total	11	22	62

To summarize: Against the toad must be reckoned the destruction of many beneficial ground beetles, a few spiders, an occasional carrion beetle, ladybird and ichneumon fly, forming as a whole 11 per cent of its food.

The amount of food consumed by the toad is remarkable. Records have been given of finding 77 thousand-legged worms in one stomach, 37 tent caterpillars in another, 65 gypsy moth caterpillars in a third, and 55 army worms in a fourth. Under the writer's direction, 24 medium-sized gypsy moth caterpillars were fed to a toad under observation before its appetite was appeased, while F. H. Mosher fed over 30 full-grown celery caterpillars to another in less than three hours. Dr. Hodge has seen a toad "snap up 86 house flies in less than ten minutes," while he has also published an interesting observation by Ellen M. Foskett, Worcester, Mass., who fed 90 rose bugs to a toad without satisfying its appetite.

The number of insects a toad consumes in a season is conjectural. The writer is satisfied that the amount of food taken in twenty-four house amounts to about four times the stomach capacity. In cold weather this figure would be lower, while in midsummer, when insect life is at its height, the quantity would probably be larger. A typical stomach examination as taken from the writer's notice is given below:

	Per cent by bulk.
Six cutworms	50
Five thousand-legged worms	20
Six sow bugs	20
Nine ants	6
One weevil	2
One ground beetle	2

In ninety days (a period selected because May, June and July represent the time of the toad's greatest activity) it would destrop 360 beneficial insects (ground) beetles) and 9,720 injurious or noxious insects. Take the single item of cutworms. These insects are preyed upon by ground beetles. Let us assume that the ground beetles, if spared, would have succeeded in capturing 10 per cent of the cutworms. This would leave a net balance of 1,944 cutworms to the toad's credit. Many gardeners give their children one cent apiece for each cutworm found and destroyed, considering this a low estimate of the damage caused by the insects. Even at this nominal figure, with out considering the importance of the destruction of other injurious insects, the toad's services on this one item would figure $19.44.

CONDITIONS IN TEXAS.

Capt. Lytle in Chicago and Talks of Cattle in His State.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal of last Saturday says:

Capt. John T. Lytle of Fort Worth, secretary of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, was here today in conference with Thomas J. Poston, brand inspector at this market for his association. Capt. Lytle says the recent rains in Texas have cheered the cattlemen much and brightened the prospects of the stockmen of the state greatly. The situation two or three weeks ago was most alarming. Cattle were dying rapidly in many sections. A great proportion of the cattle in some big herds had become so badly weakened by lack of feed that they dragged their feet feebly over barren pastures and would have succumbed in great numbers in a few days more of continued drouth. Now grass is springing up in the burned up sections and the outlook is hopeful. Cattle in Southern Texas are in better condition, and Capt. Lytle says a good crop of fat cattle is there, ready to move from the grass. Some have already been sent out, with fat and quality enough to sell at $4.80 direct from the range, and more than 12,000 head will move to market from the region of Encinal, Texas, on the near future.

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS TODAY.

R. B. Moore from Erath county sold 25 steers of 843 pounds at $3.30.

J. T. Burns from DeWitt county sold 26 steers of 951 pounds at $3.65.

W. Moore from Weatherford, O. T., sold 77 hogs of 209 pounds at $4.55.

R. L. Wickliff from Montague county sold 56 calves of 134 pounds at $2.75.

R. H. Chowning sold 40 steers from Madill, I. T., averaging 771 lbs., at $2.90.

Morgan & Smith sold 30 cows from Montague county, averaging 684 lbs., at $2.85.

Marrs & Miller sold 61 steers of 822 pounds at $3.25 and 18 cows of 623 at $3, from Hunt county.

D. B. Jones was on the market with 75 hogs from Perry, O. T., that averaged 217 pounds and topped the market at $4.60.

Honea & Landers had on the market 75 head of steers from Johnson county, that averaged 1047 and sold at $4.25. They sold 11 cows of 810 at $2.60.

Jesse & Nat Holman were in with steers from Comanche county. They sold 26 head of 1000 pounds at $4, 10 of 981 at $4, 25 of 848 at $3.75, and 17 of 826 at $3.55.

J. H. Gage sold a shipment of mixed cows and calves from Falls county. Sixty-six calves of 162 pounds sold at $3.50, 15 of 267 at $2, and 29 cows of 735 at $2.30.

GENERAL NOTES.

F. G. McPeak of Fort Worth has returned from St. Louis, where he conferred with representatives of the De Forest wireless telegraph system, and was told that the company was arranging to put wireless telegraphy in all the larger cities of Texas in the next twelve months. Forth Worth and Dallas are to have it in 60 days.

The following sales are reported: By R. B. Masterson of Fort Worth to D. P. Morehead of Omaha, Neb., 1,900 2s at $20, with a 10 per cent cut back at $13. Delivery to be made at Pampa, June 10. These were good graded Shorthorns and Herefords. John B. Slaughter sold 3,200 2s and 800 spayed heifers to parties in Wyoming. Prices not given.

Additional reports of rains come in from the plains. C. W. Holt, county surveyor of Lubbock county, says: "Our portion of the Plains has just received the biggest rainfall it has had in several years. It extended out into Hockley county, covering the Mallet and Oxsheer pastures, and south to near Lynn county, but did not go east more than a few miles. There had been two grass rains earlier over pretty much the same territory, and grass is coming rapidly. Cochran, Yoakum and Terry counties and the west part of Lynn are still needing rain badly."

J. F. Lehane, general freight and passenger agent of the Cotton Belt, in speaking of the movement of fruits and vegetables from the section of country which the Cotton Belt traverses, says: "We are handling between thirty-five and forty cars of potatoes, cabbages, tomatoes, peaches and other fruits and vegetables daily. The movement of tomatoes to the North will be at its height about next week. The crop this year will not be as large as was first thought, but the crop will be disposed of this year without any trouble, as the quality is much better. The peach crop will be the largest ever made in Eastern Texas."

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DAILY WEATHER FORECAST.

Weather Bureau, Fort Worth, June 6.—Local weather forecast: Tonight and Tuesday, generally fair.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	18,000	42,000	15,000
Kansas City	4,000	6,000	10,000
St. Louis	1,200	4,000	3,500
	23,200	52,000	28,500

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, June 6.—CATTLE—Receipts 18,000. Market stronger. Beeves $4.50@5.65, cows and heifers $2.00@4.60, stockers and feeders $3.25@4.75.

HOGS — Receipts 42,000. Market lower, closing steady. Top $4.82½, bulk $4.60@4.75. Mixed and butchers $4.60@4.80, good to choice heavy $4.70@4.82½, lights $4.65@4.70, pigs $4.00@4.30.

SHEEP—Receipts 15,000. Higher.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, June 6.—CATTLE—Receipts 4,000. Market weak. Beeves $4.50@6.05, cows and heifers $1.80@5.50, Texas and Westerns $3.00@5.60.

HOGS — Receipts 6,000. Market steady to strong. Top $4.62½, bulk $4.40@4.55. Mixed and butchers $4.45@4.55, good to choice heavy $4.45@4.62½, lights $4.00@4.50, pigs $3.50@4.30.

SHEEP—Receipts 10,000. Strong.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stockyards, June 6.—CATTLE—Receipts 1,200, Texas 400. Market strong. Steers $3.00@5.00, cows and heifers $3.15@4.25.

HOGS — Receipts 4,000. Market steady. Top $4.80. Pigs and lights $4.10@4.60, butchers $4.60@4.80.

SHEEP—Receipts 3,500.

J. F. Zurn of Fort Worth has been appointed general agent of the freight and passenger department of the Texas & Pacific at Fort Worth. He will, in addition to other duties, have charge of the work done by the late Capt. J. T. Clements, commercial agent of the road. Mr. Zurn came to Fort Worth a quarter of a century ago as ticket agent, and has been a faithful and capable employe of that road ever since.

LOCAL MARKET REPORT

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Prices to Sellers.

POULTRY—Hens, per doz.	$3.00 to 3.50
Fryers, per doz	$4.00 to 4.25
Broilers, per doz	$2.50
DUCKS—Per doz	$5.50
EGGS—Per doz	13c
BUTTER—Per lb., yellow	15c to 20c

GRAIN AND HAY.

Prices Paid to Farmers.

HAY—Johnson Grass, ton	$8.00
Prairie Texas, ton	$6.00 to $8.00
Prairie Territory, ton	$8.50
Alfalfa	$13.00
BRAN—Per cwt	$1.25
CORN CHOPS	$1.35
CORN, Shelled, per bushel	68½c
OATS—Per bushel	47½c
WHEAT—No. 2	97c
No. 3	94c

Vegetables.

CABBAGE—Per pound	3½c
ONIONS, per lb	3½c

SEEDS.

Selling Price.

ALFALFA—100 lbs.	$16.00 to $17.00
MILLET—Prime, 100 lbs	$1.60
Fancy German	$2.00
KAFFIR CORN—Per bu	75c
DWARF ESSEX RAPE—100 lbs	$7.00
CANE—Early Amber, 100 lbs	$1.80
Orange	$1.80
Red Top	$2.30

HIDES.

Prices Paid Shippers.

Heavy Dry Beef	15c
Heavy Dry Fallen	13c
Lights	11c
Dry Salt	9½c
Green	7c
Green heavy, 40 lbs and up	6½c
Green, light, under 40 lbs	5½c

PROVISIONS.

From the Store.

BACON—Standard	11½c
Extra	10½c
Dry Salt Standard	10½c
Dry Salt Bellies	11½c
Bacon Bellies	12½c
HAMS—Medium	15c
Large	12½c
LARD—Leaf, in tierces	11c
50-pound cans	11¼c
10-pound cans	12c
Compound, tierces	8c
10-pound cans	10c

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.

Selling Prices at Stores.

SUGAR—Granulated, pound	5½c
Cut loaf and powdered, lb	6½c
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WIFE'S REVENGE.

Kills Woman Whom She Found In Her Husband's Company.

Dallas, June 6.—While Grace King was seated in a wine room of a saloon on Ross avenue with the husband of Mrs. Lydia Clark beside her, the latter entered and shot four times at the King woman. Two of the shots took effect, one over the left eye and the other in the groin. Death was instantaneous. Mrs. Clark alleges that her husband and the woman she killed had been intimate, and that the latter spent most of his time with her, and had given up his situation on deceased's account. The wife stated that she went to her mother-in-law's residence and borrowed the forty-five-caliber pistol with which she did the deadly work. She learned that the couple had gone to the saloon referred to; that on entering, she saw the King woman kissing her husband, and the firing followed. Mrs. Clark enjoys an excellent reputation. The dead woman was twice married, her first husband being named Otto Leonard, from whom she was divorced. She then married Lake King, but they had an estrangement, and were living apart.

Bed Set on Fire.

Dallas, June 6.—About 1 o'clock Sunday morning, during a terrific thunder storm the residence of N. Paul on Texas street was struck by lightning. A bed on which a man boarder was sleeping was set on fire, but the man was not hurt.

Strike Situation.

Houston, June 6.—Strikers held two meetings Sunday, but gave out nothing. Typographical union donated $100. Mayor Jackson addressed the Labor council. Latter approved mayor's suggestion to place police on street cars.

Dastardly Work.

Houston, June 6.—Captain William Christian was called to his door. Going there he was confronted by a masked man, who threw a pistol in the captain's face and fired. The bullet split the skin just above an ear and clipped off the upper end of the latter. The miscreant fled.

Miss Roosevelt Departs.

St. Louis, June 6.—Miss Alice Roosevelt, who has been the guest of St. Louis friends for the last nine days, left for Washington Sunday.

Cars to Be Cleaned.

City of Mexico, June 6.—The superior board of health here, in order to prevent transmission of contagious diseases, has ordered that all street cars be cleaned and periodically fumigated.

A boy started a riot at New York and four Italians were badly hurt.

In a speech at Salt Lake City Sunday President Smith of the Mormon church defended mothers-in-law.

Twenty men tried to break into A. Gillen's house at New York. He shot into the bang and mortally wounded William Winn. Gillen was slightly hurt.

At New York on the 4th, 37,223 persons saw the New York and Cincinnati National League baseball clubs play an eleven-inning game. Each side scored twice.

While the parents of a nine-year-old girl were attending a funeral at San Antonio the little one was criminally assaulted. Felipe Castro was arrested and her identified him.

Incensed over their failure to see a bull fight which the authorities would not permit, 2500 men and boys near the World's fair grounds Sunday started a riot and the building burned.

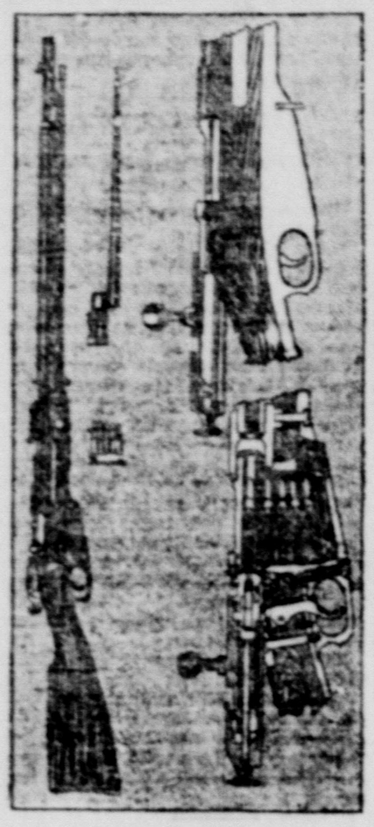
BRIGANDS ARE BOLDER

Now In Possession of One Thousand Manlicher Rifles.

TWELVE-DAY TRUCE.

Russian Officer Says That After the Battle of Kin Chou the Japanese Made This Request, but Not Credited.

Niuchwang, June 6.—Brigands in the vicinity are becoming bolder, after receiving 1000 Manlicher rifles. Their renewed activity is causing discussion among foreign residents on the necessity for a gunboat as a protection for their lives and property during the interval which must elapse between the departure of the Russians and the entrance of Japanese troops into Niuchwang. A British gunboat is still lying at Hing Wang Tam, but the decision of the Washington authorities that the United States gunboats Wilmington and Helena must summer at Canton is taken to mean that United States Consul Miller's recommendation made some months ago has been unfavorably considered by the government. Consul



THE RUSSIAN GUN.

Miller's common sense diplomacy and firm, courageous attitude have done much to alleviate the fears of all foreign residents. He said he should have the support of a gunboat stationed at the mouth of the river. Russians here have been somewhat cheered by the report brought in by an officer who was in the battle at Kin Chou to the effect that after the first day's fighting the Japanese asked for twelve days' truce. Outsiders do not, however, believe this report.

THRICE REPULSED.

Japanese Sent Infantry and Cavalry and Cossacks Were Defeated.

Tokio, June 6.—The commander of the Japanese forces south of the Yalu river telegraphed from Seoul Saturday news of a series of fights north of Pu Lan Tien, about forty miles north of Port Adams, Liao Tung peninsula. The news was received from Japanese cavalry scouting in the vicinity of Chu Chia Tung. It was learned that Cossacks had located at Tel Ishu and the Japanese thereupon dispatched infantry and cavalry, which defeated and pursued them. The Russian force consisted of three squadrons. At Chang Chia Tunth this force was joined by two additional squadrons and Japanese again attacked and defeated the Russians. Five companies of infantry and a battery of horse artillery joined the Russians at Lung Wang Miao, where the Japanese attacked for the time and the Russians fell back to Tel Ishu, where Japanese and Russian cavalry continued in contact. General Haraguchi, in command of the Japanese forces south of the Yalu river telegraphs from Seoul that an infantry reconnaissance dispatch from Gen San struck a patrol of Cossacks near Munch Hyan Friday and killed five of them.

SHARP FIGHT.

Six Cossacks Were Killed and the Wounded Are Twenty-Two.

St. Petersburg, June 6.—The war office received news of a sharp fight twenty miles north of Saimtsza, north of Feng Wang Cheng, June 1, in which six Cossacks were killed and twenty-two wounded. The Japanese losses are not known. Five companies of General Remenkampff's Cossacks discovered a Japanese detachment at Fen Chou Ling pass, half way between Saimtsza and Ajuidjan. The Cossacks dismounted and attacked on foot, but owing to the difficult nature of the ground and strong defensive position held by the enemy and the latter's stubborn resistance, the attack was not pressed and the Cossacks drew off.

Causes Disquietude.

Mukden, June 6.—Success of Russians in northeastern Korea is said to be causing great disquietude among the Japanese.

Six firemen were rendered unconscious during a fire at New York in the Lazell, Daily & Co. perfumery manufacturing house.

GRAVES DECORATED.

First Formal Confederate Memorial Exercises at Arlington.

Washington, June 6.—In the presence of thousands of former Confederate and former Union soldiers and of numbers of officers of the United States army and the Grand Army of the Republic the first formal memorial exercises ever held over the graves in the Confederate section of Arlington cemetery took place Sunday. As the result of a movement initiated by the late President McKinley, the Confederate dead have been gathered in one large and beautiful circle in the southern part of the cemetery, where the graves have been marked with separate stones.

The exercises were opened with music by the Fifteenth cavalry band. In a spirit of good will and fraternity after the exercises over the graves of the Confederate dead, those in charge of the services repeated them over the graves of the 2000 unknown Union dead and decorated the graves with flowers.

Rev. Alexander W. Pitcher, pastor of the Southern Presbyterian church in this city, and an ex-Confederate soldier, was the orator of the day. He referred to the fact that the government of the United States, through representatives of its army, was participating in the exercises, and that the government had collected the remains of soldiers and had erected suitable stones to mark their graves. He asked the ex-Confederates present if they would not recognize that as true magnanimity. He referred feelingly to the interest Mr. McKinley, while a member of congress, had taken in the proper care by the government of the graves of the Confederate dead, and how the establishment of a Confederate section in Arlington was a fulfillment of the late president's cherished hope.

The exercises were brought to a close by Rev. Dr. Prettyman, who prayed for the living representatives of those who fell on both sides and for the coming of universal peace and good will, which the ceremonies of the day foreshadowed.

FOURTEEN DEAD.

Forty Thousand Barrels of Whisky Destroyed and Cattle Killed.

Peoria, Ill., June 6.—By an explosion at the plant of the Corning Distilling company Saturday afternoon fourteen men lost their lives, 300 cattle that were being fed in the stock pens of the institution killed and 40,000 barrels of whisky destroyed. The walls of the immense six-story warehouse collapsed and fell on the cistern room, four stories high, and another warehouse adjoining, demolishing them. The burning whisky flowed down to the stock pens, setting them on fire and burning up the cattle.

GREAT EXPLOSIONS.

Rising of Dense Smoke Was Also Repeatedly Seen on Sunday.

Washington, June 6.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from the home government at Tokio bearing on events:

"Admiral Togo reports that according to a message received by him through wireless telegram from the captain a cruiser, Chilose, which was exercising off Port Arthur, four masts, one with wireless telegraphic instruments and a sentry box, were seen on the top of Liaoteshan. Great explosions were heard and rising of dense smoke was observed repeatedly in the direction of Port Arthur during Saturday."

All Sold.

London, June 6.—The whole of the $160,000,000 Russian credit notes are said to have been absorbed by French investors, and the price has now reached a small premium.

Russian Gunboat Torpedoed.

Tokio, June 6.—The Russian gunboat Gilak was torpedoed and destroyed at Port Arthur Saturday.

BROWN CONVICTED.

Ex-Alderman of Enid Found Guilty In One Forgery Case.

Enid, Okla., June 6.—Fred A. Brown, a former alderman, was found guilty on the first of fifty-three charges of forgery and false pretenses. His wife is also charged with the same offenses. Brown did a large transfer business, and owned many teams. Himself and Mrs. Brown were prominent in society.

Flory Resigns.

St. Louis, June 6.—Joseph Flory has tendered his resignation as secretary of the national World's fair commission, to take effect July 1, when he will be succeeded, it is said, by Laurence H. Graham, a New York newspaper man. Mr. Flory said after he had tendered his resignation that he would probably become associated with one of the big trunk line railroads.

Largest Attendance.

St. Louis, June 6.—Record admissions to the World's fair for the week ending Saturday, June 4, aggregate 378,146. Thus far last week showed the heaviest attendance of any at the fair.

One Killed, Sixteen Injured.

Burlington, Ia., June 6.—A heavily loaded electric street car rushed down Valley street hill and was wrecked against a shade tree. The passengers jumped as the car flew along, sixteen being badly injured. Mrs. Joe Keehn was killed. Several others had arms and legs broken, and many were badly cut about the head and shoulders.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

Now that rubber ribs have proved successful awful possibilities threaten in the literal adaptation of rubber necks.—Baltimore American.

The mumps germ has been definitely "isolated." Won't somebody please gun for the microbe which causes that swelling a little higher up?—Philadelphia North American.

We would like to learn the Mormon methods of making a living. A man who can provide for five wives and 100 children under present prices is a financial wonder.—Memphis News.

In the sweet sisterhood of states Utah excels in plural marriages, South Dakota in plural divorces, New Jersey in plural corporations and New York in plural politics.—New York Mail.

A medical essayist asserts that the blues are a form of splanchine neurasthenia, due to intraabdominal venous congestion. That would cause a don't worry club to dissolve.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

AN ANALYTICAL LOVER

(Original.)

He was very analytical. He had a way of probing things to the core and extracting the principles on which they were built. He had been a professor, then a captain in the Spanish-American war, from which he had emerged colonel by brevet, but minus an arm. He couldn't lecture because his subject was illustrated by experiments which required two hands. After returning to civil life he found himself in possession of a small cash sum. He came in with the troops that landed at Montauk point and stopped over at one of the seaside resorts between the point and New York.

She was a young widow. She owned a cottage on the seashore and this season occupied it. At the bank in the village she deposited her funds. She did not keep a carriage, for she said she was afraid of horses, but she dressed well.

These two met. The colonel was delighted with the widow because—because she was very well fixed with this world's goods. The widow was delighted with the colonel for reasons which she kept concealed. To all appearances it was because he knew so much.

One morning they were sitting on the veranda of the widow's cottage. The colonel asked her if she had a blank check in the house. She produced one, and he filled it for $100, saying that he was going to the village to get the money. The widow asked him if he would kindly draw a check for her at the same time. He complied. Her check was also for $100. From that time forward the widow drew her money through the colonel, $100 every five or ten days.

One evening they were sitting on the beach listening to the plash of the waves.

"Colonel," said the widow, "suppose you analyze love."

"Love," said the colonel, feeling his chin thoughtfully with his only hand, "is congeniality. Just as there are harmonious strings so there are harmonious souls. I do not admit that love is long in coming. When it exists, we feel it at once. It reaches us not as slowly rising water, but with all the delicious exhilaration of the wave that breaks over us. But I do admit that the harmony is enduring in proportion as those loving find that the image each has built up to worship is worthy. What joy can compare with that sweet sympathy which exists between lovers? The man feels an impulse to nobility from being thought noble. The woman is inspired to sweetness of character from a like motive. Each takes care to appear to the other what he or she is thought to be. Such stimulants to be better are always beneficial. It is better to look up than to look down."

When people who wish to be lovers begin to talk of love in the abstract, the transaction is easy to love in the concrete. The tide was at the ebb when they first spoke of the sensation, and before it reached the flood they were betrothed.

There was nothing to interfere with the harmony of love till seven days had passed, when they began to speak of their individual affairs as related to their mutual comfort. Then they were not long in uncovering that which was to the harmony of their souls what a bass drum would be to church music. The bank account of each was $100, which each had drawn and redeposited ad infinitum. The colonel was without any support whatever. The widow usually lived on the rental of her cottage, which during the present season had not been rented.

"H'm!" said the colonel softly when the secret was out.

"I have usually supposed," remarked the widow tartly, "that when a man proposes to a woman he has the wherewithal to support her."

"In my analysis of love," replied the colonel, "while I denied that it came slowly, I admitted that its endurance was proportionate"—

"Tut, tut!" The widow's toe was wagging viciously.

The colonel paused, then continued:

"The man feels an impulse to nobility from being thought noble"—

"By a fool."

"The woman is inspired to sweetness of character from a like motive. Each takes care to appear to the other what he or she is thought to be."

"Pertaining especially to the man in this case. It's lucky I found you out before it was too late."

"I could wish," replied the colonel, "that we had never found each other out. 'What joy can compare with that sweet sympathy' "—

"Insane folly, you mean."

The colonel rose, took up his hat, hugged his mutilated arm and said "good night." The kiss that had marked their partings for a week was omitted. The next day the warrior proceeded on his way. He and the widow never met again.

Later he met a lady who did not understand his analytical nature, but conceived a high regard for him on account of the dangers he had passed. He told her the story of his affair with the widow, confessing his own part in the transaction. The lady spoke of the former "flame" as contemptible. When he asked why she was more to blame than himself his new flame declared that no soldier with the evidence of his bravery apparent in his mutilated arm should be blamed for anything he might do.

"Then," said the colonel gallantly, "I run no risk in offering you my heart and hand."

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At McKinney, Tex., Miss Dora Mallow was terribly burned.

Jacob Rossler fatally shot himself one mile from Shiner, Tex.

Salary of postmaster at Shawnee, Okla., has been raised to $2700.

In a street car collision at Indianapolis eight persons were injured.

Rufus Forrester, postmaster at Daingerfield, Tex., seven years, is dead.

In a cowboy fight near Portales, N. M., two participants were cut with knives.

Five hundred Southern Pacific freight handlers at San Francisco struck.

Fort Smith, Ark., was visited by a terrific storm on the 4th. Streets were flooded.

The body of Mrs. Mattie E. Carlisle, badly burned, was found at Jacksonville, Fla.

Henry Marshall, one of the members of the Walker filibustering expedition to Nicaragua in 1815, is dead at Buffalo, N. Y.

Gold and jewelry valued at $1000 has been stolen from the German exhibit at the World's fair.

At El Paso Henry Hierholtzer was given the death penalty for the murder of John Hoerr.

Lightning struck the residence of Dr. H. J. Snow at Kaufman, Tex., in three places. Nobody was hurt.

American Humane association requests the World's fair president not to permit bull fights.

A Dallas company will erect an auditorium in the business district that will seat 1500 persons, and cost $50,000.

Corsicana Daughters of the Confederacy will send a box of cape jasmines to decorate the graves of Confederate dead at Camp Chase.

The tomahawk that Tecumseh, the famous Indian chief, carried when he was killed, is exhibited in the Kentucky building at the World's fair.

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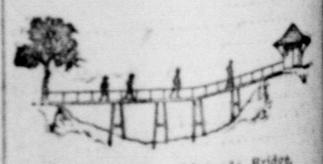

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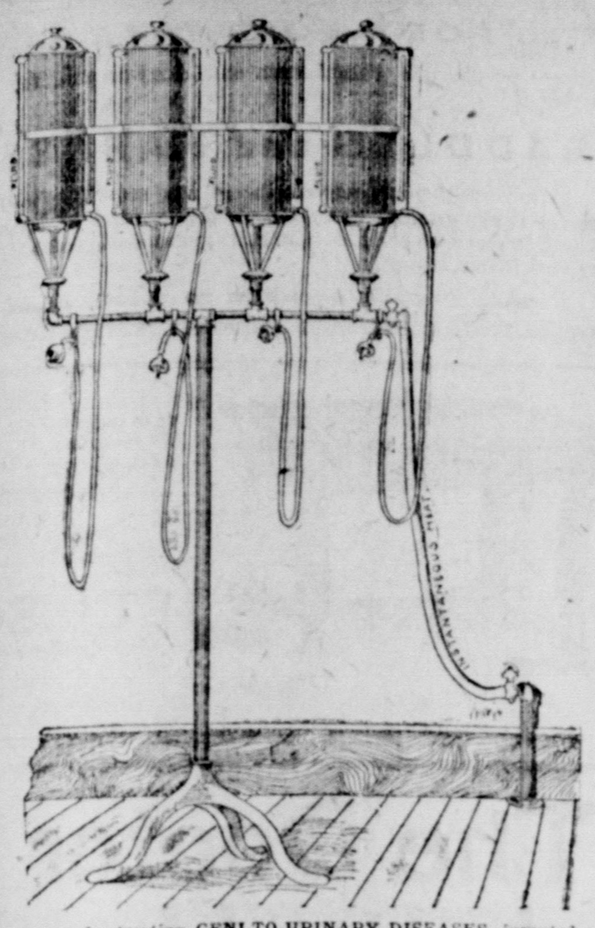

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The tragic actress was sitting in her boudoir thinking of the wild enthusiasm she had excited in "Queen Mary" the night before. Suddenly looking up, she saw a well dressed man standing in the doorway.

"I have not received your card, sir," she said in an offended tone. "How did you get up here without being announced?"

"I need no introduction, madam," replied the man. "I come from your Cousin Elizabeth. It is she who gives me access to you."

There was an unmistakable sign of insanity about the man, a glitter in the eye. She had once before encountered such a person, who had been much affected at seeing her perform, and she suspected this might be a similar case.

"You were at the theater last night?" she asked coolly.

"I was. I saw on the mimic stage the semblance of reality. I came to enact the real."

"In what capacity?"

"The principal part in the last act of the tragedy, the headsman."

The woman shuddered. It was evident that this dethroned reason had been turned in the channel of murder. But she controlled herself. Having from the first realized her danger and having a vague plan of saving herself by humoring the man till she could summon help, she had assumed the tone of a queen.

"The headsman! And what do you in the chamber of your victim? Your place is on the scaffold."

The man looked about him, as if on another scene. Was he on Tower hill, the magnates of England seated closely about the scaffold, beyond the commons, packed closely, with upturned faces, or was he within the narrow limits of a prison chamber? The woman studied his face and knew from his attitude that he was taking the pose depicted in pictures of the headsman of the sixteenth century.

"We stand on the scaffold," he said, looking at the floor, "and there," pointing to a foot rest, "is the block. Stand up that I may cut off your locks."

"It is customary," the woman stammered, "on such occasions for a warrant to be issued signed by the royal hand. Is this a legal execution or a judicial murder?"

"The warrant, madam, is in the hands of the sheriff. Come, let us proceed. The people are becoming clamorous."

The actress was terror stricken. If she called for help it might precipitate matters. She could not escape because there was no other egress than that in which the man stood. Something must be done to turn the bent of his mind. Presently, summoning all her resolution and assuming a bitter tone, she spoke again:

"Can it be that our liege lord, King Henry, is minded to bring us, his true and faithful wife, to the block?"

"King Henry?"

"Yes, man; King Henry. And I his queen, Katherine." She rose and went on with tragic fervor:

"A woman (I dare say without vainglory)
Never yet branded with suspicion?
Have I with all my full affections
Still met the king? Loved him next heaven? Obeyed him?
Been out of fondness superstitious to him?
Almost forgot my prayers to content him?
And am I thus rewarded?"

While she spoke she fixed her eye upon that of the lunatic and threw all her soul into her part, her powers intensified by the knowledge that she was playing not to a crowded house for fame and money, but to a single madman for her life. The man stood looking at her, a shadow of perplexity gathering on his brow. The actress continued:

"Pray, do my service to his majesty.
He has my heart yet and shall have my prayers
While I shall have my life."

"Madam," gasped the lunatic, "are you not the queen of Scots?"

"I am queen of England.

"* * * I dare not make myself so guilty,
To give up willingly that noble title
Your master wed me to. Nothing but death
Shall e'er divorce my dignities."

The man saw before him a woman who was a queen and all a queen, but not the queen he wanted. In every word, every gesture, every step, the action impressed him. What was this that was befuddling his poor brain? He was there to behead the queen of Scots, and he was listening to the plaints of the queen of England.

"Madam," he faltered, "your sufferings have turned your brain. You are not Katherine, queen of England, but Mary, queen of Scots."

Seeing her advantage, she pressed it. Standing for a moment, her eyes fixed on his in silence, presently she advanced a step, then another, pointing her finger at him as some avenging spirit coming to her destruction. Then she spoke or rather hissed:

"Take heed, for heaven's sake take heed, lest at once
The burden of my sorrows fall at once upon ye."

There was the quintessence of vengeance in the woman's look. The man who had come to behead her quailed. As she advanced a step he retired a step. All the while she held his eye with hers, and when she passed an electric button and, reaching back, pressed it he did not see what she did. She hoped that some one below would be stirring. She looked for some one to answer the bell. But at the moment no one was near at hand. She drove the man into the hall, downstairs, he occasionally turning to quail again under her glance, out into the street. Then, coward that she was, she slammed the door and, staggering to a reception room, fainted dead away on a sofa. MARTHA LEE BURNEY.

Martin's New Job.

Dave Martin, the Minneapolis boy who twirled for the Crookston baseball team in the Northern league last summer, has signed to pitch for Kansas City.

Carlisle Ball Captain.

Lloyd Nephew has been elected captain of the Carlisle Indian baseball team for the coming season. The Indians expect to have a fast team this year.

Diamonds.

The diamond, despite its high price, is not the most fashionable stone. The emerald enjoys that distinction, but the colored stone must have a few diamonds "to throw it up." "When I was a youngster," says a famous jeweler, "emeralds were $20 a carat. Today a fine stone is worth $2,000. A twenty grain pearl I used to sell at $400. To day it would be worth $3,000. Rubies and sapphires have gone up also, but not so much in proportion. During my long experience some stones have come in and gone out of favor, the cat's eye, for example. Settings are lighter than they used to be. The fashion is to set precious stones in platinum, as platinum never tarnishes. I don't think with platinum we get as much brilliancy out of the stone as with silver, but silver in foggy weather goes black. Never buy a diamond set in gold. If you see one in a gold mount, you may be suspicious. A yellow stone painted with black ink looks white, and it is then set in gold. That is the way in which many pawnbrokers have been taken in.

When an Oil Lamp Was a Curiosity.

C. M. Shackelford, a Shelby county pioneer, was the first man to introduce oil in the county. Some time in the fifties he visited St. Louis and brought to Shelbyville two lamps and a couple of gallons of oil.

When the citizens of the village learned of it, there was considerable excitement—much more than when the electric lights were turned on a few years ago. About 400 people gathered at the store to watch Mr. Shackelford take his life in his hands. He loaded up the lamp, turned the wick and prepared for illumination by fastening a paper lighted on the end of a stick. The crowd looked uneasy, but didn't run, and the new lighting works were an entire success. Oil cost $3 per gallon. Mr. Shackelford bought some to introduce the improvement among his fellow citizens, but he only disposed of a gallon the following year. — Clarence (Mo.) Courier.

Cats In Cairo.

In Cairo at the present time there is an endowment in operation founded expressly for the lodging and feeding of homeless cats.

TEXAS LIVE STOCK RATES.

Tariff Fixed for Shippers by the State Railway Commission.

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10 and less	6	8½
15 and over 10	6½	9
20 and over 15	7	9½
25 and over 20	7½	10
30 and over 25	8	10½
35 and over 30	8½	11½
40 and over 35	9	12
45 and over 40	9½	12½
50 and over 45	10	13
60 and over 50	10¾	13½
70 and over 60	11	14¼
80 and over 70	11½	15
90 and over 80	12	15½
100 and over 90	12½	16¼
125 and over 100	13¾	17½
150 and over 125	15	18¾
175 and over 150	16¼	20
200 and over 175	17½	21¼
250 and over 200	18¾	22½
300 and over 250	20	23¾
350 and over 300	21¼	25
400 and over 350	22½	26
450 and over 400	23¾	27
500 and over 450	25	28
550 and over 500	26¼	29
600 and over 550	27½	30
650 and over 600	28¾	31
700 and over 650	30	32
750 and over 700	31¼	33
over 750	32½	34

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FORT WORTH RAILWAY SCHEDULE.

These trains at T. & P. Passenger Station, foot of Main street:

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Depart.		Arrive.
8:30 am	Omaha and Mo. River	7:15 pm
9:00 pm	Kansas City, Chicago, Denver, Col. Springs and Pueblo Fast Ex.	7:10 am
Depart East	DALLAS LINE.	Arrive East
7:40 am	Mail and Express	8:35 pm

FRISCO SYSTEM.

Red River, Texas & Southern Ry.

Depart. North		Arrive. North
11:15 am	K.C.&St. L. Mail&Ex.	2:55 pm

Ft. W. & R. G. Ry.

3:15 pm	Brownwood M. & Ex.	10:55 am
2:00 am	..... Mixed	6:00 am

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

Depart.		Arrive.
9:45 am	Denver, Colo. Springs and Pueblo Mail & Ex	5:10 pm
8:40 pm	... Amarillo Ex ...	7:25 am

Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

Depart. North		Arrive. North
8:35 am	... "Katy Flyer" ...	7:45 pm
11:45 am	Kansas City, St. Louis & Chicago M. & Ex.	7:40 am
9:00 pm	Kansas City, St. Louis & Chicago Fast Ex...	5:10 pm
Depart. South		Arrive. South
8:15 pm	Hou. & Gal. &San Antonio, "Katy Flyer"	8:10 am
8:30 pm	.Houston Mail & Ex.	10:55 am
6:00 pm	.Houston Mail & Ex.	8:15 pm

Cotton Belt Route.

Depart.		Arrive.
8:15 am	St. Louis & Mem. Ex	7:25 pm
2:05 pm	St.Louis Lt.via Dallas	1:50 pm
9:10 pm	Dallas, Mem. & St.L.	6:50 am

Texas & Pacific Railway

Depart. East		Arrive. East
7:45 am	St. Louis Cannon Ball	7:45 pm
11:00 am	St. Louis Mail & Ex	4:45 pm
8:30 am	....Dallas Local....	5:15 am
10:00 am	Dallas & Wea'fd Local	3:25 pm
2:05 pm	....Dallas Local....	1:50 pm
8:00 pm	....Dallas Local....	6:10 pm
3:45 pm	..Wills Point Local..	11:00 am
6:30 pm	St. Louis Mail & Ex.	9: am
Depart. West	Main Line West.	Arrive. West
8:20 pm	Colorado Mail & Ex..	7:00 am
3:30 pm	Weatherford Local..	9:45 am
9:45 am	..El Paso Express..	6:00 pm

Transcontinental Division via Sherman

Depart.		Arrive.
8:30 am	Texark. & St. Louis.	4:35 pm

International & Great Northern Ry.

Depart.		Arrive.
7:30 am	Houston & San An.Ex	8:55 pm
3:40 pm	Austin " " "	12:45 pm

These trains at Santa Fe Station, Cor. 15th and Jones:

Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry

Depart. North		Arrive. North
7:50 am	K.C.&Chi. Mail&Ex.	9:00 pm
8:30 pm	K. C. & Chi. Fast Ex.	7:50 am
Depart. South		Arrive. South
8:00 am	Hou. & Gal. M. & Ex.	8:20 pm
9:10 pm	Hou. & San Antonio Gal. Mail & Ex.....	7:40 am

Houston & Texas Central Railroad.

Depart.		Arrive.
8:10 am	Hou. & Gal. Mail & Ex	8:00 pm
7:45 pm	Hou. & Gal.Mail & Ex	8:05 am
1:15 pm	....Ennis Mixed....	11:35 am

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ENGINES COLLIDED.

One Person Was Killed and Nineteen Others Injured.

Kansas City, June 6.—In a head-on collision of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains near Mastin, twenty-two miles south of Kansas City, one person was killed and nineteen have been injured, most of the latter being passengers. Trains No. 1, the Colorado flyer, westbound, and No. 36, the Holsington, Kansas, accommodation train, eastbound, were the trains. The dead: August Bloom, Clear Lake, S. D. He was stealing a ride on the blind baggage. The injured: C. A. Slocum, engineer of the flyer, leg broken; L. W. Whaley, fireman flyer, head cut, badly bruised; K. W. Ford, porter, head bruised; C. Conkling, fireman on train No. 36, knee mashed; Mrs. John G. Robinson, Baltimore, right limb wrenched; James Furncles, conductor of train No. 36, badly bruised; D. A. Eilwell, Ossawattomie, Kan., engineer of No. 36, condition serious, probably injured internally; M. J. Blasbalg, Kansas City, head cut, badly bruised; W. J. Forne, Ossamattomie, Kan., head severely cut; L. G. Slick, Kansas City, leg sprained; Henry Casselbuna, New York, nose broken; Dala Lucas, mail clerk on flyer, body bruised; Frank Lunk, Kansas City, shoulder bruised; Irene Palsfner, Los Angeles, head cut, body bruised; Louise Palmer, Kansas City, head bruised; W. J. McAuliffe, Pueblo, Colo., head bruised, knee hurt; William Nicholas, Fort Douglass, Utah, side hurt; Mrs. Mary Kittler, Portland, Oregon, knee bruised; Miss Posten, Boston, left knee bruised.

Both trains were behind schedule and trying to make up time. No. 36 had orders to take the siding at Mastin, but had not reached that station and was met on a curtvert, a mile beyond Mastin by the flyer. Both engines were demolished. The day coach on the accommodation train telescoped, as did the mail car on the flyer. All cars of both trains were thrown from the track and the track and roadbed completely wrecked.

A relief train was sent from Kansas City with a dozen physicians. Some of the injured were made comfortable at Mastin and others brought to Kansas City.

MUST RETURN RING.

Girl Claims She Was Given the Band Before Engagement.

Muskogee, I. T., June 6.—A jury decided that Hattie Cloud must turn over to Gus Clind a diamond ring which he had given her as an engagement ring, as she refused to marry him. This was the second trial, the first trial resulting in a hung jury. Clindt claimed that the girl had promised to marry him and upon the strength of this he had presented her with a diamond ring valued at $150.

The girl claimed that she received the ring before they were engaged and that it was a free and unconditional gift. She admitted that they had been engaged, but that she had broken the engagement and would not marry the plaintiff.

MORE RAIN.

Southern Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory Have Much Water.

Kansas City, June 6.—Further rains fell Friday night and flood conditions in the valleys of the Neosho and Cottonwood rivers Saturday continued to grow worse. Streams have reached their greatest height for twenty years, not excepting the rise of one year ago.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory streams have overflowed their banks, inundating valuable farm lands and doing more or less damage in the vicinity of Lawton, Oklahoma City, Guthrie and Shawnee, Okla., and around Muskogee, Ardmore and Sapulpa, I. T. Railway service throughout the southwest is still demoralized.

The damage by the floods to the railroads is immense, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of bridges having been destroyed, and growing crops have been greatly damaged. Two lives have been lost, a woman and child, names unknown, who were drowned at Florence. The greatest damage was wrought in the great oil fields of southern Kansas around Chanute and at Iola.

GENERAL KILLED.

British Have Also Captured Couple of Four Pounders.

Simla, British India, June 6.—The British expedition into Thibet captured two four pounders from the enemy, and a general is reported to have been killed. Thibetans refused to forward to L'Hassa a letter from Colonel Younghusband to the political agent with the expedition, fixing the last date on which the British are prepared to meet and negotiate with Amban and Thibet delegates at Gyang Tse before advancing on L'Hassa.

COSSACKS AND SCOUTS.

Former Were Evidently Ambushed, Finally Having to Retire.

Seoul, June 6.—A skirmish took place between twenty Cossacks and an unknown force of Japanese scouts at a point twelve miles north of Gensan on the morning of the 3d instant. The Cossacks were evidently ambushed by the Japanese, who were concealed in the brush on the hillside. The Russians eventily retired toward Ham Heung, leaving six dead upon the field. Japanese casualties are not stated.

Attack Expected.

Tokio, June 6.—Commissioner of customs of Gen San, Korea, wires a Russian attack on that place is deemed imminent. He is making preparations to send the women and children to a mountain monastery, twenty miles distant. A junk has reported Russians have landed field pirates at Sha river near Ham Heung, north of Gen San in Broughton bay of the Gulf or Tora, at which place Cossack reinforcements are expected.

Linguism.

He had a taste for languages
And learned to speak in many;
But, for lack of time, omitted
To learn to think in any.
—Puck.

The Bear Out of Breath.

She—What is the Russian national air?

He—They haven't any. The Japs have knocked all the wind out of them.—New York Press.

Afterthought.

How often one will read a sketch
That strikes him very pat
And say within his inmost heart,
"I could have written that?"
—New York Life.

Equivocal.

"I saw you beside yourself the other night."

"Does that mean I was angry or you were seeing double?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Famous Saucer.

Only a saucer remains of the porcelain set presented in 1783 to Martha Washington. This is carefully preserved in the Smithsonian institution at Washington. In the center appears the monogram of "M. and W.," for Martha and Washington, and about the edge is the name of every state which was then in the Union.

NEAR PORT ARTHUR.

Japanese Soldiers Are Not a Great Distance Away.

ARE MOVING TO IT.

One Report Places Opposing Armies Two Miles Apart, While Other Information Is They Are Not So Near.

Chefoo, June 6.—Only two miles separated Japanese and Russians armies on the Liao Tung peninsula on June 2, according to Chinese who have arrived here from Dalny.

The Japanese army, reinforced by the men who landed at Dalny, occupied Twing Ching and also San Chimpo, several miles west of Dalny, then proceeded along the coast towards Port Arthur. On one side of the army are high mountains and on the other side is the sea, from which the Japanese gunboats are supporting the flank of the army.

On June 2 the Japanese forces were within seven miles of the outer forts of Port Arthur, only two miles from the Russian army, which is ready to protest their further advance. The Chinese believed that there would be a big battle at this point. It is also stated by the Chinese that the Japanese have moved their base to Dalny from Tallenwan. The larger Japanese ships are anchored outside, the smaller ones inside the harbor. Troops are being landed, they say, from small vessels apparently coming from Pitsewo or the Elliot islands. The Chinese further reported that a large number of Chinese have been shot while attempting to get through northeast of Mukden.

SERIES OF BRUSHES.

Japanese and Russians Have Several of These Encounters.

Tokio, June 6.—The Japanese and Russian forces located north of Pu Lan Tien which were in a series of brushes during the early part of last week had another encounter on Friday, June 3, near Chu Chia Tun. On that day the Japanese cavalrymen met the Russians at noon. The Russians numbered 2000 men, and were composed of infantry, detachments of cavalry and artillery. They were pressing the Japanese cavalry, when the Japanese assembled their entire force and engaged the enemy. The Russians drew off gradually, and at 5:30 in the afternoon they retired to Telishu. The Japanese suffered four men killed and four wounded in this fighting.

A report has been received here from General Kuroki saying that on Friday last a detachment was dispatched from Ai Yang Cheng (Ai Yang Pienmen) to the northwest of Feng Wang Cheng to make a reconnoisance toward Chat-Mats, (Si Matel,) thirty-five miles north of Feng Wang Cheng. This detachment encountered 600 Cossacks, and after a brisk engagement the Russians retreated. General Kuroki reports that the Russian loss was heavy. The Japanese suffered one man killed and three wounded.

CARRIER PIGEONS.

Two of Them Bring Messages From General Stoessel.

Niuchwang, May 6.—Two carrier pigeons arrived here from General Stoessel at Port Arthur. The Russians will not divulge the messages carried by the birds, but declare they contain good information, and are very cheerful since the pigeons arrived.

The Associated Press messenger from the north reports that the magistrates of Hai Cheng and Liao Yang were recently arrested by the Russians and charged with furnishing supplies and information to the enemy. They were taken to Mukden, but released after an investigation.

The influential natives declare that the arrests were not made because the Russians believed they could prove the charges, but because the magistrates were non-committal and refused to aid either side.

The Russians are printing a paper in Chinese at Mukden for the purpose of influencing the natives. The latest copy received at Niuchwang says that the Japanese attempted to float a second loan in America for $3,750,000, but was coldly rejected. Other contents of the paper explain that the Russian loss in the Yalu battle was due to the preponderance of the Japanese cavalry, and says also that the Russians will soon dictate peace terms in Tokio and the leaning Japanese statesmen will be reduced to Ricksha coolies.

TWO HUNDRED SLAIN.

Russians Lost That Number May 30, and Japanese One Hundred.

London, June 6.—The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent wires: "Four thousand Russians belonging to General Stakelberg's brigade on May 31 attacked 1500 Japanese occupying a position five miles south of Wafangtien. The Russians were repulsed, losing 200 killed and 400 wounded. The Japanese lost more than 100 killed."

Is From Washington.

Washington, June 6.—It was ascertained that Mrs. Nan Patterson, who has been arrested by the police of New York City in connection with the shooting of "Chesar" Young, the turfman, is a Washington girl. Her father, John P. Patterson, is well known in real estate circles of this city.

IN FIFTY PIECES.

Mexican Chopped to Pieces by a Train Near Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, June 6.—A Mexican, known as "Mexican Will," was run over and killed by a Texas and Pacific eastbound train near Swayne's dairy. He was literally chopped into pieces. Over fifty pieces of the remains were picked up. Pieces of bone, flesh, skin and brains were strewn along the track for a distance of something over 100 yards. The dead man was about forty years of age and by trade was a woodchopper and woodhauler. A quart whisky bottle nearly empty was found beside the track.

TIPPLE BURNS.

While Removing Timbers During Fire Two Men Were Killed.

Strawn, Tex., June 6.—The tipple of coal shaft No. 8 of the Thurber Coal company, about three and one-half miles south, burned. Loss is about $5000.

While removing some of the heavy timbers Ed Thomas and H. M. Long were killed by a heavy piece of timber falling upon them.

Populists to Meet.

Dallas, June 6.—State Chairman Milton Park announces that a convention of Texas Populists will be held at Dallas Thursday to select delegates to the national convention at Springfield, Ill., July 4.

Bullet Hole In Head.

Sherman, Tex., June 6.—J. R. McComb, forty-nine years old, was found dead at Van Alstyne, this county, with a bullet hole in his head. A thirty-eight caliber pistol was lying beside the body.

Immense Watermelon Crop.

San Antonio, Tex., June 6.—According to an estimate compiled in the general offices of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway, the watermelon crop in Sap territory will net 1000 cars.

Same Officers.

Houston, June 6.—Cotton Oil Mill Superintendents' association re-elected President Thiessen, Secretary-Treasurer Wilson and Vice President Wunderlich and adjourned to meet at Memphis next year.

MURDED OR SUICIDE.

Prominent Bookmaker Found In Dying Condition In a Hansom.

New York, June 6.—Frank T. Young, known on the turf as Caesar Young, a bookmaker, horse owner and stockholder of the Pacific coast race tracks, was shot and killed in a hansom cab Saturday while on his way to the White Star line pier to join his wife, with whom he was to have sailed for Europe. Mrs. Youngf was waiting on the pier when the news of her husband's death reached her. At first the death was reported as a suicide, but various circumstances caused the police later to change their views. With Young in the cab when the policemen arrived, was Mrs. Nan Patterson, formerly an actress, whose stage name was "Nan Randolph." When a policeman who had been called arrived he found the bookmaker bleeding from a wound in his breast. The man's head was in the woman's lap and she was screaming hysterically. She said Young told her he was going to Europe with his wife and said: "I am going away for several months. You may not see me again for some time. Then again you may, as I am undecided." Then, she said, he drew a revolver and shot himself.

ELLIOTT SUICIDES.

Theatrical Manager Ends His Existence In a Dressing Room.

Chicago, June 6.—A dispatch to the Inter-Ocean from St. Cloud, Minn., says: C. P. Elliott, formerly a theatrical manager in Chicago, has killed himself here in the dressing room of a theater.

Elliott's business partner declares that the reason for the suicide was that Elliott had an unfortunate love affair over which he brooded until he became despondent.

C. P. Elliott was at one time one of the leading and most successful theater managers in the west, having been the owner and manager of several of Chicago's vaudeville houses. Elliott, whose divorced wife is May Hosmer, a well known actress, acquired fame in the theatrical field, when, in 1889, he introduced the first popular theater prices. Elliott was successful for a time, but suddenly he retired from business and was not heard of again until he was called to Duluth, Minn., to enter the employ of L. Scott, a well known theatrical manager.

Two Dedicated.

St. Louis, June 6.—Two state buildings were dedicated Friday, those of Missouri and Indiana. Missouri being the hostess state for the World's fair, the dedicatory ceremonies were open to the public, a general invitation having been extended.

Nearly Two Tons.

Seattle, Wash., June 6.—The Dawson special to the Post Intelligencer says: Since sluicing began in the Klondike on May 8, a royalty has been paid of 55,573 ounces of gold, or nearly two tons. This is the largest amount ever produced up to June 1 in this district. Last year only 11,000 ounces were taken out in a similar period.

Partly Demolished.

Lawton, Okla., June 6.—A tornado demolished part of the little town Walters, ner here. One man was killed and twelve injured. Southwestern part of the country was visited by a hail storm which damaged crops to the extent of several thousand dollars.

Cotton Acreage.

Washington, June 6.—Amount of cotton planted is 31,730,371 acres, an increase of 2,823,016 acres or 9.8 per cent. Average condition of growing crop is 85 as compared with 74.1 last year.

A Discord.

He—Ha! Absurd things those "Battledore Ballads." Eh! What? She—I'm sorry you think so—my sister wrote them! He—Er—of course, I don't mean the words—they're rippin'. I mean the music—poor stuff—spoils words—composer ought to be kicked—who wrote it? She—I did! (Awkward silence.)—Punch.

Sister's Queer Actions.

Little Johnny—I guess sister doesn't care much for that young man that's after her now. Mother—I should hope not. Little Johnny—Of course she doesn't, 'cause she burns every one of his letters just as soon as she reads 'em.

Nothing Serious.

The Heiress—And I've been introduced to quite a number of the European nobility. Her Friend—Thinking of marrying any of them? The Heiress—Oh, no. I don't intend to buy a title. I'm merely shopping.—Puck.

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