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LIVESTOCK MARKET

GOOD RUN OF CATTLE ON TODAY'S MARKET.

Only a Few Loads of Well Finished Steers—Market Steady, with Top at $4.20—Butcher Cows Slow to Steady. Others Slow.

HOGS SHOW NO IMPROVEMENT IN NUMBERS.

Only 500 in to Supply the Demand. Market Strong and Active—Load of Good Sorted Barrows at $4.65.

RECEIPTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Today	3,500	700	100
Last month	1,915	1,265	250
Same day 1903	2,350	815	473

Official Receipts Yesterday.

Cattle	2,185
Hogs	903
Sheep	2,078

Range of Selling Prices Today.

CATTLE—Steers, top $4.20, bulk $3.50@3.80. Cows, top $3, bulk $2.35@2.75.
HOGS—Top $4.65, bulk $4.55@4.60.
SHEEP—Bulk $3.55.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Steers—Good to strict choice	$3 75@4 35
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 35
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

Another liberal run of cattle came in today. Early receipts were light, figuring 26 cars, with less than 1,000 head. Up to noon, however, a good many more were received and with a large run of through cattle, total receipts for the day were estimated close around 3,500, against 3,353 for last Wednesday, 1,915 for the same Wednesday in May, and 2,181 for the corresponding day one year ago.

BEEF STEERS.

Traders were not as well satisfied with the market on beef cattle as on other days this week.

The proportion of steers was about the same, with only a few loads of well finished cattle, the bulk being common light thin to medium steers.

Packers were out after choice cattle, and it was on these the most appreciation was shown, the supply being bought up early on a steady basis. The light thin and medium steers were slow to move, and on changing hands sold barely steady.

One load of prime well finished cattle averaging 1105 pounds topped the market at $4.20. A few loads of fairly well finished landed at a range of from $3.60@3.90, but the bulk went at prices under the $3.75 mark.

Good to choice heavy finished cattle are quoted at a range of from $3.75@4.35, medium fed from $3.25@3.75, stockers and feeders $2.50@3.25, and yearlings $2.25@2.50.

Representative sales:

No.	Ave.	Price
4	1105	4 20
20	1071	4 00
35	1042	4 00
24	1034	3 90
35	1010	3 85
25	996	3 80
25	1013	3 80
13	952	3 70
54	960	3 60
30	754	2 75
22	931	2 60
4	700	2 40
15	662	2 35
2	610	2 00

BUTCHER STOCK.

The supply of cows and heifers was fairly liberal, and did not include many good kinds. The supply was mostly canners and medium cows, and while there was a fair demand there was no activity to the trade, and selling generally was about steady.

Good to choice cows and heifers are quoted at a range of from $2.75@3.50, medium butchers $2.25@2.75, cutters $1.75@2.25, and canners $1.00@1.75.

Values in bulls held about steady for the small supply and sales were mostly in a range of from $2.00@2.50.

Good to choice bulls, stags and oxen are selling at a range of from $2.50@3.25, with the common to fair kinds from $1.50@2.50.

Cows.

1	1050	3 40
1	1010	3 00
2	765	3 00
1	970	3 00
1	793	2 90
1	800	2 85
2	810	2 75
3	885	2 75
1	776	2 75
1	818	2 75
3	730	2 75
1	883	2 65
4	860	2 65
1	654	2 65
3	783	2 65
1	896	2 65
1	1000	2 50
1	750	2 50
1	720	2 50
1	846	2 40
3	733	2 40
3	794	2 40
35	702	2 35
5	676	2 25
2	650	2 25
21	744	2 10
9	727	2 10
4	556	2 10
5	740	2 00
1	718	1 85
7	668	1 85
11	706	1 85
1	760	1 75
3	688	1 40
1	730	1 25
1	880	1 00

Heifers.

1	680	2 50
1	530	2 35
1	500	2 25

Bulls.

4 stags	950	2 60
1	1090	2 25
7	1064	2 25
1	1280	2 25
3 stags	737	1 85

CALVES.

Only a small supply of calves came in. There was a good demand for all fat calves and yearlings on a steady basis, but common calves sold slow.

21	133	3 50
1	120	3 50
1	100	3 25
7	161	3 25
7	136	3 00
10	100	3 00
32	105	3 00
1	330	3 00
1	330	3 00
4	155	3 00
8	125	2 75
5	452	2 50
1	100	2 50
2	110	2 50
1	210	2 50
2	215	2 00
1	240	2 00
1	110	2 00
1	260	1 75

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 50@4 65
Mixed packers	4 30@4 50
Lights	4 25@4 40
Pigs	3 75@4 25
Stags and roughs	3 00@3 75

The hog trade was again supplied with a light run. Only eight loads were on the opening market, and with very few reported, total receipts were estimated about 700 head, against 1,318 for last Wednesday, 1,265 for the same Wednesday in May, and 815 for the corresponding day one year ago.

A good demand prevailed for the best medium and heavy hogs and they sold readily at strong prices.

In places sales showed a slight improvement, but the market could hardly be called 5c higher.

The common soft looking hogs were a little slow to sell, and sales of these were barely steady.

One load of heavy well finished hogs, mostly all barrows, averaged 264 lbs. and topped the market at $4.65.

The bulk of sales went within a range of from $4.52½@4.60, with light to 130-pound pigs at a range of from $3.80@4.25.

Good to choice sorted hogs are quoted at a range of from $4.50@4.65, mixed packers $4.30@4.50, light grades $4.25@4.40, pigs $3.75@4.25, and boars, stags and roughs from $3.00@3.75.

Representative sales:

Hogs.

No.	Ave.	Price
15	134	4 00
19	151	4 25
8	136	4 25
20	148	4 27½
18	140	4 30
27	139	4 40
1	230	4 50
8	136	4 50
11	214	4 50
35	189	4 50
53	206	4 50
91	187	4 52½
76	196	4 55
72	200	4 55
26	213	4 55
67	232	4 60
34	228	4 60
54	215	4 60
62	213	4 60
75	264	4 65

Pigs.

10	90	3 80
42	129	4 00

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

Representative sales:

Sheep.

No.	Average.	Price
23 clipped wethers	71	3 55

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

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

C. W. Piper, Italy	31
Tom Hicks, Otto	28
J. B. Brothers, Otto	49
J. Fields, Graham	32
S. Hunnicut, Greenville	34
W. D. Wade, Wades	26
Guy Borden & Co., San Antonio	50
Wade & Lyons, San Antonio	57
W. H. Wiley, Ardmore	42
L. G. Nichols, Lampasas	35
A. J. Root, Bertram	33
J. M. Stephens, Lometa	29
Amthor & Cauley, McGregor	27
E. S. Wallace, Clifton	31
G. T. Boon, Clifton	54
L. B. McMurtry, Jolly	41
J. N. Payne, Graham	107
J. W. Martin, Addington	32
F. D. McMahan, Cotulla	56
Geo. King, Terrell	100
Taylor & King, Terrell	98
W. T. Davis, Terrell	31
L. B. Hamm, Wills Point	28
Overton & Pursley, Lake Fork	24
Overton & Pursley, Mineola	41
R. L. Parsons, Santa Anna	30
Commercial Bank, Brady	28
Chris Parsons, Brownwood	34
W. M. Weaver, Dublin	26
Robertson & Meyers, Dublin	48
Hall & A., Carbon	31
J. F. Russell, Duncan, I. T.	18
R. W. Cole, Burlington	72
J. C. Patterson, Lott	48
Peters, Peavy & Masters, Lott	112
Moberly Bros., Blooming Grove	26
T. F. McGuffey, Penelope	26
Matson & McDaniels, Penelope	86
Through shipments—	
Nelson Morris, Midland	1,684

Hogs.

Joe Gill, Welborn, I. T.	83
W. B. Grover, Eagle City, Tex.	81
T. J. Drigger, Mountain View, O. T.	67
Smith & McCaughey, Lindsay, I. T.	171
W. S. S., Denton, Tex	92
G. P. Smith, Whitney, Tex.	91
Ingram Bros., West, Tex.	27
Vondees & Gunter, Durant, I. T.	77

Sheep.

A. J. Root, Bertram	23

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET

Cattle.

Armour & Co.	450
Swift & Co.	302
Alley	28
Sutherland	93
Saunders	139
Wigglesworth	224
Martin	15
Chesser	61
Schultz	70
P. & R.	19
Others	26

Calves.

Swift & Co.	169
Armour & Co.	14

Hogs.

Armour & Co.	561
Swift & Co.	443
Others	10

Sheep.

Armour & Co.	254

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS TODAY.

B. W. Groves, Dillon, O. T., sold 81 hogs of 190 pounds at $4.55.

C. W. Piper from Ellis county sold 25 cows of 846 pounds at $2.40.

G. F. Boone, from Coryell county sold 54 steers of 960 pounds at $3.60.

Gip Smith from Bosque county sold 91 hogs of 187 pounds average at $4.52½.

E. S. Wallace sold 28 head of Bosque county cows, average 773 pounds, at $2.75.

A. J. Root had some sheep on the market from Burnett county. He sold 23 of 71 pounds at $3.55.

Wm. Weaver from Erath county sold 25 steers of 1042 pounds at $4, and 1 cow of 1050 at $3.40.

T. J. Driggers had in a load of hogs from Mountain View, O. T., that averaged 232 and sold at $4.60.

Ingram Bros. shipped in from McLennan county 25 steers of 1010 pounds that sold at $3.85, and 13 of 952 at $3.70.

L. B. McMurtry was on the market with 30 steers from Wichita county, averaging 1071 pounds, that sold at $4.

F. D. McMahan was on the market with a load of cows from LaSalle county that averaged 793 pounds and sold at $2.90.

J. C. Patterson shipped in the top steers today, from McLennan county. He sold 24 of 1113 pounds at $4.20, and 24 of 1033 at $3.90.

J. W. Carter of the transportation department of the Stock Yards company, is back from a several weeks tour of the coast country. He reports conditions fair except along the Rio Grande river, where all are busy—it's flea season.

Smith & McCaughey, regular shippers to this market from Lindsay, I. T., were in today with two loads of hogs. One load of 75 head averaged 264 pounds and topped the market at $4.65. These were extra good hogs, and buyers said such stuff was rarely found on this market.

The hog market has shown good tone this week. Monday was steady, Tuesday was active and strong, and strength characterized the market again today. A load of extra well finished hogs, averaging 264 pounds, sold at $4.65 today, which is the highest price paid on this market since May 21.

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.

WHAT WAS DONE IN MAY

AFTER GOING DOWN, CATTLE MAKE A GAIN.

Hogs and Sheep Both Lower for the Month—Receipts as Compared With Last Lear.

May has been a fairly good month at the stockyards. Receipts of cattle have been the heaviest of any month during the year, and 15,000 greater than in May 1903. Hogs show a falling off as compared with April, but the number coming in was more than twice as great as in May 1903. Sheep show more than twice as many as last month, but 8,000 less than in the corresponding month of last year.

Cattle close the month with a gain, though the early part of the month was lower. The greater part of this gain has been made in the last week. Inferior stuff is dull and possibly lower than a month ago. Calves are a quarter lower on fat young vealers. The advance is only on the best steers and cows.

Sheep and lambs have lost considerably. Sheep are 30 to 50 lower, and lambs make as bad a showing.

The early part of the month was unpropitious for cattle and hogs. The first week closed with prime steers barely steady, medium to good 5 to 10 lower, and green thin 15 to 20 lower. Hogs were 5 to 15 lower. Sheep were strong to higher. This declining tendency kept up until about the 25th of the month, when a reaction took place, and an advance began.

Hogs kept on going down in the early part of the month, though the market fluctuated considerably. With these ups and downs, every week closed lower than it opened. The net loss for the month has been from 20 to 30 for the best, with a corresponding loss in other grades.

Cattle sold at the highest price for almost a year. Some extra well finished steers of 1289 pounds brought $4.35.

The event of the month was the initial dipping of a lot of quarantine cattle, and their shipment above the line, the beginning of a new era in the cattle industry of the state.

Receipts of All Kinds.

Receipts for the month, as compared with the same month last year:

	1904.	1903.
Cattle	55,328	40,648
Hogs	23,428	10,019
Sheep	27,303	39,149

Total receipts for the year to date, by months:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
January	37,310	25,258	2,730
February	31,604	31,680	5,372
March	31,166	36,883	3,086
April	53,433	32,669	12,049
May	55,328	23,428	27,303
Total for year	208,841	149,918	50,546

For the same months last year the receipts were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
January	19,157	9,918	489
February	13,038	9,022	775
March	17,870	15,140	2,598
April	29,936	19,827	29,642
May	40,648	10,019	39,149
Total for year	120,649	63,126	72,653

This shows an increase of 68,192 cattle, 86,792 hogs, and a decrease of 22,107 sheep.

NOW ANOTHER STORY IS TOLD.

Man Claiming to Have Been Robbed is Under Arrest.

A few weeks ago the report went out from Chicago that Alonzo Bristow had been robbed of $11,000 in that city. Bristow, it was said, had taken a bunch of horses to the Chicago stockyards, and sold them for $11,000. This was the money that was said to have been stolen. There is now another story to tell, and we take it from the Chicago Drovers' Journal:

With the arrest yesterday at St. Joseph, Mo., of Charles Bristow of Bedford, Iowa, the mystery connected with the disappearance of the $11,000 of which Bristow's brother Alonzo claimed to have been robbed in Chicago has been cleared up. The $11,000, which, it seems, was turned over to Ray Richards of St. Joseph by Alonzo Bristow, is now in the hands of W. E. Crum, the Bedford banker to whom the stockman owed it.

Charles Bristow was arrested on charges preferred by Richards and the young man's father. They claim that Bristow, learning that the money of which his brother had claimed he had been robbed was in their possession, had demanded it of them. When they refused to give it to him Bristow is said to have drawn a revolver and threatened to shoot them unless they complied with his request.

Bristow did not carry out his threats and they had no effect upon young Richards and his father. The elder man turned the $11,000 over to a lawyer and then had Bristow arrested. The lawyer to whom the money was intrusted sent for Crum, the banker, and turned it over to him. The banker expressed himself as satisfied and will not prosecute the Bristows, who are to be released.

The arrest of Charles Bristow and the discovery of the $11,000 bears out the theory advanced by the Chicago police when Alonzo Bristow claimed to have been robbed.

Alonzo Bristow had brought a bunch of horses to Chicago from Bedford, Ia., and had sold them at the Stock Yards for $11,000. This money he had placed in a satchel, he said, intending to carry it back to Bedford and pay it over to Banker Crum, who held a mortgage on his farm.

Bristow claimed he missed his train and went to the City hotel, Sixteenth and State streets, where he sat down in the lobby to wait until the next train for Bedford left. While sitting in the lobby he claimed he had fallen asleep and a thief had cut open his satchel and taken the money.

Bristow produced the satchel to substantiate his story. The police examined the satchel and came to the conclusion that it had been cut open from the inside. They immediately claimed that Bristow had cut the satchel himself and then concocted the story that he had been robbed, in order to defraud Crum, whom he hoped to influence by the story to extend the mortgage and enable him to use the $11,000 in the meantime.

They arrested Bristow and sent for Crum, who came to the city and saw his townsman. After a conference with him, however, he refused to prosecute him and the banker and the cattleman left together for Bedford, apparently on the best of terms.

The $11,000 was not found by the local police, and they were unable to give the banker any clew as to where it had gone. They insisted, however, that Bristow knew where it was and that he had not been robbed.

The story told by the two Richards concerning the turning over of the money by Bristow to Ray Richards clears up the mystery of the disappearance of the bills and also serves to confirm the Chicago police's theory.

PLAN A HEALTH RANCH.

Wisconsin Park Association to Experiment With Consumption.

Madison, Wis., May 25.—The Wisconsin Health Park association, which has as its purpose the establishment and maintenance of a health park where invalids (especially incipient cases of tuberculosis) may be sent for improvement and recovery, is planning to wage an open air war on consumption. The association has secured the use of 240 acres of land at Tomahawk, Wis., and is working to secure funds for its improvement and ultimate acquisition.

According to the terms of its contract, the association must expend $2,500 in improvements before April, 1905, and for two years thereafter the land must be employed as a health park, after which the association will be given a deed for the land.

The plan is to form a community of health seekers, especially victims of consumption and tuberculosis. The patients will live and work out of doors as much as possible and every arrangement for sanitation and a cheerful moral atmosphere will be furnished. The men will be engaged, so far as their health will permit, in clearing the timber from the land, in farming and in improving the property. The women will do the lighter work out of doors. No patient will be compelled to work beyond his strength. All that is asked is that each shall do something for the good of all. Landscape gardening and flower culture will form an important part of the work.

The association is in earnest and has already secured a part of the necessary funds. In no other way, the members think, can the dreaded scourge be better combatted. If the surroundings are pleasant and there is no cause for the patients to worry and with work adapted to the strength of the individual, it is thought that a vast amount of good can be accomplished.

ARIZONA OSTRICHES DO WELL.

They are Acclimated and are Taller Than South African Birds.

New York Sun: A letter received in this city last week says that the ostrich industry in the Salt river valley, Arizona, is fast becoming one of large commercial importance.

When the ostrich was introduced from South Africa eleven years ago, it was feared that the experiment would be a failure. The change of food and climate did not agree with the birds, and very little progress was made during the first years. The business also is one that requires experience, and until those engaged in it had learned everything worth knowing about ostrich culture they made little headway.

About five years ago the birds had become acclimated, their care was more thoroughly understood, and they began to thrive. It is believed that they are doing better in the Salt river valley than in South Africa.

At any rate the American ostriches are several inches taller than those of South Africa and their feathers are of somewhat finer quality. Full grown, they stand eight feet high and weigh 200 pounds.

The rich, black, glossy feathers of the male are far superior in quality to the drab plumage of the female, and the feathers plucked every eight months are sold as high as $125 a pound in the eastern market. The average yield is a pound of feathers to the bird.

Over 1,000 ostriches are now on the alfalfa pastures in the valley, feeding contentedly on the rich herbage, which makes them as fat as any ostrich should be. The climate of the valley seems to be particularly adapted to ostrich raising.

These farms are not far from the city of Phoenix, and visitors often drive out to them to see the birds by the hundreds on their pastures. About fifty of them also are kept on a small display farm near the city limits for the benefit of tourists, who regard the birds as among the sights of the place. This little farm pays for itself by the sales of plumage to visitors.

RAPE AND PEAS FOR HOGS.

Editor Chicago Drovers' Journal: Last year I sowed broadcast five pounds of Dwarf Essex rape seed on three-fourths of an acre of poor clay land, about the middle of July. At six weeks old it was 10 or 12 inches high. I then turned eighteen fattening hogs on it and stopped feeding bran and shorts and fed corn alone, and the way they did fatten, get slick and curl their tails was a sight. If their tails can be kept curled once or twice there need not be any worry about the health of the hog. I keep salt, ashes, lime and slack coal where they have free access to it all the time. My hogs weighed nearly 100 pounds when I turned them on the rape Sept. 1 and they gained nearly two pounds a day for five weeks, when I sold them. They hadn't eaten the rape off more than one-half the field. Rape is cheaper and better by several dollars to balance the ration than mill feed is, by experience. E. A. G.

Parke county, Indiana.

Geo. Deupree is spending this week with his family at Mineral Wells, but will assume his duties in the sale pens next week.

DAILY WEATHER FORECAST.

Weather Bureau, Fort Worth, June 1.—Local weather forecast: Tonight and Thursday, increasing cloudiness. Probably showers.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	20,000	38,000	20,000
Kansas City	6,000	9,000	3,000
St. Louis	6,000	12,000	8,000
	32,000	59,000	31,000

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Jards, June 1.—CATTLE—Receipts 20,000. Market lower. Beeves $4.40@5.80.

HOGS — Receipts 38,000. Market steady. Top $4.85, bulk $4.60@4.75. Mixed and butchers $4.60@4.80, good to choice heavy $4.70@4.82½, lights $4.50@4.65, pigs $4.00@4.25.

SHEEP—Receipts 20,000. Weak.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, June 1.—CATTLE—Receipts 6,000. Market steady, easier. Beeves $4.00@5.70, cows and heifers $2.00@5.35, Texas and Westerns $3.50@5.50.

HOGS — Receipts 9,000. Market steady. Top $4.65, bulk $4.45@4.60. Mixed and butchers $4.45@4.60, good to choice heavy $4.55@4.65, lights $4.40@4.50, pigs $3.30@4.25.

SHEEP—Receipts 3,000. Steady.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stockyards, June 1.—CATTLE—Receipts 6,000, Texas 4,000. Market steady. Texas steers $3.25@4.90, cows and heifers $3.10@4.25.

HOGS — Receipts 12,000. Market 5 to 10 lower. Top $4.70. Pigs and lights $4.00@4.45, packers $4.40@4.65, butchers $4.50@4.70.

SHEEP—Receipts 8,000. Slow.

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	$1.00
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
Yellow	4½c to 5c
MOLASSES—Sorghum, gallon	40c
Reboiled molasses	55c
Table syrup, gallon	65c
Louisiana Ribbon Cane	65c

STAPLE GROCERIES.

Selling Prices.

COFFEE—Roasted, pound	15c
RICE—Fancy, full grain	8½c
Choice	8c
Prime	6c
FLOUR—High Patent	$2.75
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BOB WHITE'S GOOD WORK.

That Great Game Bird Now Recognized as the Farmers' Friend.

The American quail, known as Bob White, has found a friend in the experts of the agricultural department, who have been looking into his habits, and say he is the best friend the farmer has. This fine game bird, once so plentiful, has been almost exterminated by hunters. The game law in this state now protects quail, and if it is enforced, in a few years they will be as numerous as ever. This law can only be made effective by the vigilance of farmers, who should see that quail are not shot on their premises during the close season, and promptly report all violations of the law.

The agricultural department now declares that the quail is "probably the most useful abundant species on the farms." Field observations, experiments and examinations show that it consumes large quantities of weed seeds and destroys many of the worst insect pests with which farmers contend and it does not injure grain, fruit or any other crop. It is figured that from Sept. 1 to April 30, annually, in Virginia alone, the total consumption of weed seed by Bob Whites amounts to 573 tons. Some of the pests which it habitually destroys, the report says, are the Mexican cotton boll weevil, which damages the cotton crop upward of $15,000,000 a year, the potato beetle, which cuts off $10,000,000 from the value of the potato crop, the cotton worms, which have been known to cause $30,000,000 loss in a year, the chinch bug and the Rocky Mountain locust scourges which leave desolation in their path and have caused losses to the extent of $100,000,000 in some years. The report urges measures to secure the preservation of the Bob Whites in this country.

LAND IN EAST AFRICA.

Cheap, but Settlers Must be Pioneers—Country Wild and Big Game Plentiful.

To the Editor: I am in receipt of a letter of inquiry from the United States asking in regard to the agricultural and grazing prospects of land in British East Africa, its price, etc. In reply I am able to state, on the authority of a local publication, that settlers may acquire land in three ways—by gift, by lease and by purchase. The government offers free grants of land to bona fide settlers. It is easy to believe that the plats to be given do not comprise the best agricultural land in the country, and it is doubtful whether a settler would be well advised in contenting himself with a free grant. Neither, it seems, since the terms of purchase are so easy and the prospects of the land appreciating in value so good, is it worth while to bother about leasing ground. A settler's policy, it seems clear, is to buy his land outright by a cash payment or on the installment principle. Each settler may acquire 640 acres of agricultural land in the Nairobi district, or he may acquire 5,000 acres of grazing land farther up-country in the Naivasha district. This grazing land, it should be understood, is capable of producing wheat, vegetables and other products. The price of average agricultural land—land near Nairobi, that is—is about 67 cents per acre, and payment can be spread over a period of sixteen years. The price of grazing land varies from 28 to 48 cents per acre and can also be obtained under easy terms.

Of course those who go into the country at the present ground-floor prices are going to be pioneers. The grazing regions, at any rate, comprise a wild country. The natives are peaceful, but the district is so full of game that it is impossible for the settler at present to do much in the way of fencing. Lions, leopards, hyenas, jackals, zebras, ostriches, etc., abound, and the first settlers in this part of the country, it must be remembered, will be a good deal isolated. The proposition, however, has so many attractions that the peopling of the country is likely to proceed rapidly.

MASON MITCHELL, Consul.
Zanzibar, East Africa.

MEET MISS ALICE.

President's Daughter Guest at Luncheon in Her Honor.

St. Louis, June 1.—The social event at the World's fair Tuesday was the luncheon tendered Miss Alice Roosevelt by the board of lady managers in the Women's building. At first the board intended to limit the invitations to 100, but the pressure brought by St.

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MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT.

Louis society women, who wished to meet Miss Roosevelt was so great that the list was extended to 150.

Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister to the United States, arrived and was greeted by President Francis. Mr. Takahira visited several buildings and expressed himself as much impressed by the magnitude of the exposition.

In the afternoon the members of the Alabama commission were tendered a reception at the Kentucky building.

There was a piano and organ recital in the Texas building.

There were a number of military displays.

Festivities Cancelled.

St. Louis, June 1.—All festivities planned for the next few days at the Pennsylvania State building at the World's fair grounds were cancelled Tuesday. The doorways of the building have also been draped in crepe, in mourning for the late Senator Quay of Pennsylvania.

FOLK DECLINES.

Will Not Serve as Temporary Chairman of Democratic Convention.

St. Louis, June 1.—At a conference between Norman E. Mack of New York, Democratic national committeeman, and Joseph W. Folk, relative to the latter's name being considered in connection with the temporary chairmanship of the Democratic national convention, Mr. Folk declined to sanction the use of his name. Mr. Mack said he had long been an admirer of Mr. Folk.

"His sincerity is demonstrated by the position which he has taken in regard to the temporary chairmanship of the Democratic convention," continued Mr. Mack.

"The sub-committe of the national convention which met here a few days ago considered three names for this honor—Mr. Folk, John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, and Mayor David A. Rose of Milwaukee.

"In conversation Tuesday the matter was mentioned and Mr. Folk said he did not wish to be considered in connection with the temporary chairmanship because his first obligation was to the people of Missouri and he felt that acceptance of the chairmanship might be misinterpreted under the circumstance. He deprecated all talk connecting his name with the presidential nomination.

MOURN FOR MAYOR.

Tragic Demise of Baltimore's Late Chief Executive Causes Sorrow.

Baltimore, June 1.—Baltimore is in mourning over the tragic ending of the life of Mayor McLane. The flags on the court house, city hall and chamber of commerce and a number of hotels are at half mast.

Mayor Timanus' first official act was to order the draping of the city hall in mourning. All the municipal boards met and adjourned as a mark of respect to the late mayor. The supreme bench of Baltimore had a special meeting Tuesday and ordered that the several courts of the city be adjourned until the morning after the funeral. Chief Judge aHrland referred to the great "public sorrow that has come on Baltimore."

Many leading citizens, including Cardinal Gibbons, are giving public expression to the view that the death of the mayor is in the nature of a serious public calamity. Mayor McLane's family and many of his friends dispute the theory that his death was a suicide, though Coroner Hayden still maintains that there is no doubt upon that point.

LARGEST OF KIND.

American Rice and Cereal Company Has an Immense Capital Stock.

Austin, June 1.—Articles of incorporation of the American Rice and Cereal company, headquarters at San Antonio, were filed at the state department. The capital stock is $5,000,000. This is the largest corporation of the kind ever chartered in Texas. Theodore Harris, Duval West and N. A. Green are the projectors and incorporators. The purpose is constructing, operating and maintaining lakes, etc., also for irrigation, milling mining, countries, etc., in Texas, Louisiana and foreign

Total land sales and receipts to the credit of various funds as reported by the state treasurer for May, amounted to $60,869.

By terms of a contract filed with the state department the Cotton Belt railway purchased from the American Car Foundry company 250 box cars. Consideration is $199,015.

TAKES OATH.

Successor of the Late Mayor McLane Assumes Duties of Office.

Baltimore, June 1.—President E. Clay Timmanus of the second branch of the city council took the oath of office as mayor of Baltimore Tuesday morning, becoming the successor of Robert M. McLane, who ended his life Monday by a pistol. Under a provision of the city charter Mayor Timmanus will serve out the balance of Mayor McLane's term, three years. Mayor Timmanus is a Republican and a leading manufacturer of this city. He is forty-one years old.

GAZE AT GIRLS.

Ticket Takers Said Not to Properly Perform Their Duties.

New York, June 1.—Complaints by persons residing near elevated railways here have caused the management to issue an order which in effect forbids motormen, guards and other employes attempting to flirt while on duty. The order intimates that not only have trainmen been guilty of letting their attention wander from duty, but ticket takers have been known to gaze so intently at pretty girl passengers that others have passed by without paying toll.

After Scroggins.

Memphis, June 1.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Prichard, Miss., says: A mob of fifty armed men passed through this place in pursuit of Will Scroggins, a white man, who was tried and acquitted at Senatobia, on the charge of criminally assaulting the eleven-year-old daughter of Buck Bagwell, a brother of Scroggins' wife. Scroggins is reported to have fled from the state. Members of the mob stated that Scroggins would be summarily dealt with if caught.

Quarantine Modified.

Monterey, Mey., June 1.—The quarantine which for some time has been enforced against this city because of the alleged existence of a case of yellow fever at Tampico, has been so modified that people may now enter the United States without undergoing the quarantine. This action was taken, it is said, because on official investigation it was shown there was no fever in Tampico.

COTTON FIRM FAILS.

Head Bookkeeper and Cashier Disappeared Some Days Since.

New York, June 1.—Suspension of the S. Munn & Son company was announced on the cotton exchange. The firm is one of the oldest in the cotton trade of this city. The head bookkeeper and cashier disappeared about ten days ago. The firm believes that as soon as its accounts are straightened out it will be able to resume.

At the office of the firm it was said that Clarence F. Cameron, office manager and head clerk, had been absent a week. Examination of the books so far as made, it is added, showed apparently an indiscretion amounting to about $125,000. The Munn firm is one of the most conservative and respected in the cotton business. It is composed of Samuel C. Munn and H. Tileston Munn and E. Godwin Munn, Jr. The firm had coffee exchange membership, but had few open accounts there. The following announcement from the firm was read on the cotton exchange:

"We hereby announce to the members of the cotton exchange that through the absence of our head trusted clerk, who left the books in an involved condition, we were obliged to suspend. We trust the suspension is only temporary. We would request all members of the exchange having contracts with our firm to present the same to us with accounts at once. We further state that we have very few open contracts on the New York cotton exchange and that these balance each other."

LAJOIE SUSPENDED.

Threw a Quid of Tobacco at Umpire Dwyer at Chicago.

was received by President Kilfoyle of

Cleveland, O., June 1.—A telegram the Cleveland club from Ban Johnson, president of the American league, ordering the suspension of Captain Lajoie, second baseman of the Cleveland team, for throwing a quid of tobacco at Umpire Dwyer in Sunday's game at Chicago, the outcome of a dispute over a decision between Lajoie and Dwyer. Lajoie's suspension puts the Cleveland team in bad shape.

Must Report Five Days.

Washington, June 1.—Consul General Hanna at Monterey has telegraphed the state department that Texas has lifted the quarantine against Monterey to persons reporting at the United States consulate general for five days in succession.

Deadlock Still On.

Springfield, Ill., June 1.—After taking the sixty-fifth ballot for governor the Republican convention Tuesday adjourned for the day. This ballot resulted: Yates, 484; Lowden, 398½; Deneen, 384½; Hamilton, 116; Warner, 40; Sherman, 51; Pierce, 28.

Occupied Last Sunday.

Chefoo, June 1.—Chinese arriving say that the Japanese occupied Dalny without opposition last Sunday.

MINOR MATTERS.

Battleship Maine is to be raised.

Mexican congress has adjourned.

Sinton, Tex., is shipping watermelons.

During May Sour Lake, Tex., shipped 1700 cars of oil.

United States supreme court has adjourned until October.

James Saites, while in bed, was shot twice at Dequeen, Ark.

Manuel Zamacona, a supreme court judge of Mexico, is dead.

Steven Fischer was stabbed to death at Galveston. Pat Smith was arrested.

Mrs. Clara Jones, charged at Batson, Tex., with shooting her husband, was released on $1000 bond.

The 2400 graves in the United States cemetery at Fort Gibson, I. T., were decorated Memorial day.

In a fight between negro women at Dublin, Tex., one of them was badly carved with a butcher knife.

Tom Wilson fell asleep on a railway track nine miles from Paris, Tex. A freight train fatally injured him.

Oxford university will confer the degree of doctor of letters on William Dean Howells, the American author.

G. W. Bradley of Houston, ninety-seven years old, who claims to be the oldest Confederate veteran, will attend the Nashville reunion.

While praying for a relative who was drowned five years ago George Shepla fell into the Susquehanna river at Wilkesbarre, Pa., and drowned.

GUNBOATS ARRIVE.

United States Makes Quite a Naval Demonstration at Tangier.

Tangier, June 1.—United States gunboats Castine and Marietta arrived here during Monday night, completing with the cruisers Brooklyn and Atlanta, which arrived Monday, the American squadron sent here in connection with the kidnaping by the bandit, Raisouli, of Ion Perdicaris, an American, and his stepson, Cromwell Varley, a British subject. The population is deeply impressed by the assembling of so many United States

ION PERDICARIS.

war vessels and the people living outside the city are removing here for safety. British and American representatives sent a special courier to the sultan concerning the prisoners. Officials maintain strict secrecy regarding negotiations in progress.

A death occurred on board one of the American ships. Funeral services were held Tuesday.

French to Make Effort.

Washington, June 1.—Through Ambassador Porter, Secretary Hay has requested the French government to exercise its good offices in securing the release of Perdicaris, the kidnaped American in Morocco. The French government has undertaken the task.

Shocked His Nation.

A somewhat striking story dealing with the now obsolete conventional suicide, "harikiri" or "happy dispatch," once common in Japan, is told by the French Admiral Gourdon. When he was a young man he had a comrade who, having assisted in the organizing of the Japanese navy, was subsequently raised to the rank of admiral in that force. He took the part of the tycoon against the mikado in the revolutionary war and, having been captured, was tried by court martial and sentenced to death, which in those days implied "harikiri." When, however, the fatal sword was presented to him he flatly refused to kill himself and declared that if he was to die somebody else must kill him. Threats and entreaties alike proved unavailing. He resolutely refused. The whole of Japan was scandalized at such immoral behavior, which, however, saved his life. The Japanese penal code had never contemplated such a contingency as a man inhuman enough to refuse the "harikiri," and in the end he was banished from the country and returned to France.—St. James Gazette.

Your Shadow.

"May your shadow never grow less" or "be less." That is a familiar salutation. The origin is dim, but may be as follows: When persons have made certain progress in the black arts they are compelled to run through a subterranean hall, with the evil one after them. If they run so fast that his Satanic majesty can catch only their shadow or part of it they become first rate magicians, but lose either all or part of their shadow. The expression means: May you escape wholly and entirely from the clutches of the foul fiend.

It is well known that after a man reaches the age of about fifty-five his stature grows shorter; therefore his shadow must be less. To say, "May your shadow never grow less," means, "May you never grow older."—New York Press.

The Name of London.

The old name for the city of London was Lynden or Llynden, meaning "the city by the lake." An old tradition gives us to understand that London was founded by Brute, a descendant of Æneas, and that it was first called New Troy or Troynovant. In the time of Lud it was surrounded by a wall and was then known as Lud's Town, or Cær-Lud. This latter is probably the correct version of the origin of the name of London if for no other reason because it is such an easy matter to detect a similarity between the expressions London and Lud's Town. It is claimed by some writers that there was a city on the present site of London in the year 1107 B. C., and it is known that the Romans founded a city there and called it Londinium in the year 61 A. D.

Queen Bess' Wardrobe.

Royal annals have never recorded a more varied and extensive wardrobe than that which belonged to the "virgin queen." Even at the age of sixty-eight, when she might be supposed to have outlived her youthful vanity, she possessed 99 complete official costumes, 102 French gowns, 100 robes with trains and 67 without, 126 antique dresses, 136 bodices, 125 tunics, not to mention such trifles as 96 mantles, 85 dressing gowns and 27 fans.

It is possible that she had an ugly foot, for she possessed only nine pairs of shoes, which, considering her extravagances in other articles of apparel, must have some meaning. At her death 3,000 articles were found duly catalogued in her wardrobe which had adorned her proud person.

No Chance.

Mrs. Jones—It's queer that baby doesn't talk. She's almost two years old and hasn't spoken a word yet. Mr. Jones—I know, dear, but do you ever give baby a chance?

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THE HALL OF FAME.

Senator Quay's cottage at Atlantic City has been named "Port Arthur" by the newspaper men.

Daniel C. Gilman, president of the Carnegie institution, has been re-elected president of the American Oriental society.

Commander Booth Tucker of the Salvation Army will, it is reported, return to England and engage in work in that country permanently.

Lieutenant Colonel Gough, who has received his Victoria cross at the hands of King Edward, earned that distinction when in command of the troops operating at Daratoleh against the mollah last year.

Oswald Fritz Bilse, the German ex-lieutenant who is now undergoing his six months' punishment for publishing a novel of garrison life, is only twenty-six years old. He is the son of the headmaster of a school in Thuringen.

F. Dumont Smith of the Kinsley (Kan.) Mercury is said to be the only man in the Sunflower State who can afford to run a paper just to give his wife an opportunity to write club notes. Mr. Smith's law practice yields him $10,000 a year, and he is a state senator besides.

At Laughton-en-le-Morthen, Yorkshire, live John and Ellen Baxter, supposed to be the oldest married couple in England. John is ninety-six years of age, and his wife is ninety-eight. They have been married seventy-five years and have lived in one cottage over sixty years.

Napoleon is an unusual if not unprecedented Christian name to be borne by the presiding officer of a British parliament. But Napoleon Antoine Belcourt, who has just been elected speaker of the Canadian house of commons, can address meeting or court in fluent and excellent English.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Gold elastic is the newest thing in belt webbing.

Dainty toques of peach color straw braid are draped with lace in corresponding tint.

There is a promised revival of the white canvas belt with deep buckle as an adjunct of the linen skirt.

Novel girdles are made of ruby and emerald beads plaited and ornamented with bead buckles and gold balls and fringes at the ends.

Linen tailored suits are being fashioned not alone from white linen, but also from flax, pale blue, lavender, pale mauve, sulphur and light pink.

No waists, not the most elaborate lingerie affairs, are more beautiful this year than those made of batiste or sheer linen covered with eyelet embroidery.

Three-quarter close fitting coats embellished with lace and applications of passementerie continue in vogue and are little different in style from those donned last year.—Brooklyn Eagle.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

Professor Langley of airship fame says that he could fly to Canada if he had $50,000. There are others.—St. Louis Republic.

The legal profession may be overcrowded, but if a young man once gets a foothold as a railroad lawyer he need not mind the crush.—Minneapolis Times.

Philadelphians got excited the other day over a report that gold had been found at the bottom of a sewer there. They were afraid the mint had sprung a leak.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

A woman has written to the University hospital inquiring whether skin grafting will cure a red nose. If she were a man the doctors would probably suggest a simple remedy.—Philadelphia Press.

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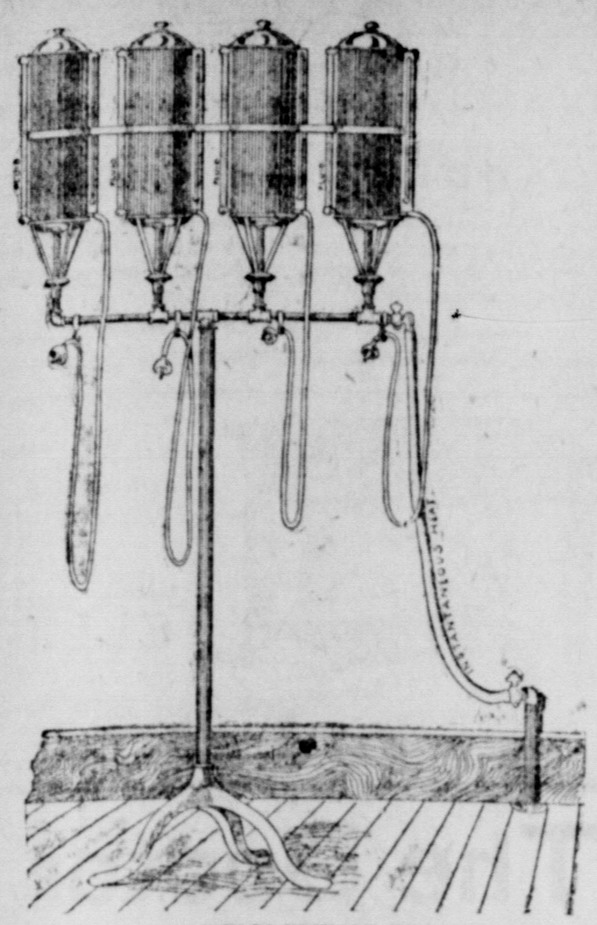

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THE MERMAID

I was hazily conscious of a gentle, rustling noise near me, and then something wet and cold came dab in my face. I sat up with a jerk, and there sat a mermaid! Good gracious! You can imagine how startled I felt.

She sat on the sand quite close to me, resting on one hand, and with her tail, an indisputable tail, with beautifully glistening silvery brown scales, coiled round in a graceful curve. She was fascinatingly pretty, with a sweet face, laughing now at my air of bewilderment, and with long tresses of brown hair blowing about her.

I suppose my dropped jaw and staring eyes must have struck her as very comical, for she laughed—such a musical, soothing laugh, strangely like the ripple of waves among the groynes higher up the beach.

"Excuse me," she said, "but you look so funny."

"Funny!" I exclaimed indignantly. "What have you been up to? You've been throwing water over me."

"I didn't throw water over you. I suppose it was rather forward, but I put the end of my tail on your face. You looked so tempting, you know, lying there. I really could not resist you."

"Well, you shouldn't, then," I said. "Now you've woke me up, and some of the water has gone down my neck."

I had wandered off that afternoon among the bowlders that lay piled up on the shining beach at the foot of the cliffs to the left of the little town. It was very hot, so hot that after skimming through the columns of the paper I had brought with me I lay back and snoozed, in blissful disregard of the glaring sun and the white rocks and the low ripple of the retreating tide. And then happened all I have described.

"Do you know you snore?" she said suddenly.

Said I, "You must be a very mischievous girl—mermaid, I mean."

"Oh, no; I'm not—not nearly so bad as some. It's lucky for you my cousin wasn't with me when I came up and found you here."

"A gentleman—a merman?" I ventured.

"Oh, no. She usually comes up here with me of an afternoon, but she's up at the other end of the bay today. Her name's Genevieve, and mine's Maud."

"Where do you get your names?" I asked.

"Out of books we pick up. We got mine and my cousin Imogen's out of a supplement that dropped overboard from a steamer. Pretty name, Imogen, isn't it?"

"Not half so pretty as Maud."

"Well, I don't know. We're glad to get anything to read. Is that today's paper?" pointing to the Chronicle that lay on the beach.

"Yes," I said. "Would you like it to read?"

"Thanks, awfully. No, not now, but I'll take it with me if you don't mind. Smoke your pipe, will you?"

"With great pleasure. Sure you don't mind?"

"Not a bit. Besides, I want you to let me light it."

So I pulled out my pipe and filled it, and Maud, with a sinewy loop of her tail, glided up to me. She seemed highly delighted at being allowed to strike the match for me to get a light by.

"Isn't this jolly?" she said, looking up at me with wonderful eyes.

"Rather," I said, looking down into them. "Do you often go in for this sort of thing?"

"Well, now, I'll tell you," she replied. "You're the first man I ever spoke to—like this, I mean—but old Nep sent me here for trying to. You're in my nook, you know. I often come here, and yesterday it was so hot that I dropped asleep, and when you came along I only just had time to get behind that rock."

"So you've seen me before, then?"

"Oh, yes, several times. I saw you along the beach on Sunday evening."

"The deuce you did—I beg your pardon."

"And I saw you kiss that fisher girl. Oh, yes, you did."

"Well," I said, turning very red, "I admit it, but it was only one."

"There ain't any mermen here," she replied.

"Aren't there? I suppose it's rather lonely."

"I used to be spoons a little with one at Brighton, but we never see one here. That's old Nep's doings. I haven't been kissed for ever so long."

"Really?" I said, edging over toward her.

"Really," she sighed, looking down.

"Er—shall I—would you—shall we—that is"—

I leaned over her as she raised her face, smilingly, mischievously, to mine, when just as our lips touched, with a sudden twist of her tail she caught me a dab in the face with her wet fin.

I fell over backward, and by the time I had got the sand and wet out of my eyes the mermaid had disappeared.

No trace of her was left, but my newspaper was gone, and as I went slowly home I fancied I could catch sight of her, lying out by the big black rock that just showed itself above the sea. I stood still and called to her and distinctly saw her white arms waved to me and heard the rippling of her laugh and saw, too, her long brown hair tossing on the waves.—Sketch.

The Star Gazer.

The anableps, or star gazer, a fish of the cyprodont family, found in rivers of Guiana, Surinam and Brazil, has each of its eyes divided into an upper and a lower portion by an opaque horizontal line. This gives it in effect two pupils in each eye, one suited for seeing in the air and the other for seeing in the water. The fish is in the habit of swimming at the surface with its head sometimes above, sometimes below, the water line.

The Syrian Bulbul.

The Syrian bulbul (nightingale) has the loveliest voice of all God's creatures and the saddest song ever heard. Shady coverts fringing the Jordan still shelter the bird that "sings darkling."

There is a legend that the bulbul sat in the olive tree in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and the night before the resurrection through the darkness poured out her soul in sorrowing plaint above the still sleeper in the tomb wherein was never man laid. When the first Easter morning broke over the eastern hills the eggs in the nest of the brooding bird sparkled with gold, blue, orange and crimson, and so we color eggs at Easter for a memorial of the lone singer who sang by the holy sepulcher.—"The City of the King," by Mrs. Lew Wallace.

Hamlet at Singapore.

I saw "Hamlet" played and adapted for Malays at Singapore. It was sung instead of spoken, and mostly to English tunes. Hamlet addressed the ghost to the tune of "Her Golden Hair" and killed Polonius to "Listen to the Band." Polonius addressed his son to "That's English, You Know," and, with the king and queen, sang "Mary Was a Housemaid" to other words. The ghost scene included three ghosts, two clowns and a bottle of whisky.

Coral.

The red coral which is used in jewelry and which is known as precious coral is mostly obtained in the Mediterranean, the Barbary coast furnishing the dark red, the vicinity of Sardinia furnishing the yellow, or salmon colored, variety and the coast of Italy the rose pink. It is also found in the Red sea.

Railroads and Hacks.

We don't know what there is about a station that calls for a hack. Every day women who carry market baskets from downtown home and are proud of it send for a hack to take them to the station, though they take nothing with them but a little handbag.—Atchison Globe.

He Asked.

Papa (severely)—Did you ask mamma if you could have that apple? Three-Year-Old—Yes, sir. Papa—Be careful now. I'll ask mamma. Three-Year-Old—Truly, papa. I asked her, but she said I couldn't have it.

Reassured.

Sick Man—Am I to take all that medicine? Wife—Yes; all of it. Sick Man—There's enough in that bottle to kill a donkey. Wife—No, there isn't, John, or the doctor wouldn't have prescribed it.

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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	10½	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	17¼
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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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

DALLAS LINE.

Depart East		Arrive East
7:40 am	Mail and Express	8:35 pm

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Red River, Texas & Southern Ry.

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

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

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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.
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REMAINS INTERRED.

Seventeen American Soldiers Slain by Moros Have Been Buried.

Manila, June 1.—The remains of the officers and men of the Seventeenth United States infantry recently ambushed and killed by Moros, have been interred at Cotabato, in Mindanao. The ambush referred to took place May 8 at Simnatem, on the east shore of Lake Ligausen, Island of Mindanao, when First Lieutenant Harry A. Woodruff, Second Lieutenant Joseph H. Hill and fifteen men of the regiment were killed.

Major General Wood returned from Zamboanga, Island of Mindanao where he had been organizing a punitive expedition to dispatch in pursuit of Datto Ali and his band of Moros from Rio Grande, who on May 12 surprised and massacred fifty-three Filipinos, men, women and children, employes of the government at Camp Overton. United States troops are now trailing Ali, determined to either capture or destroy him and his followers.

Stoned to Death.

Chicago, June 1.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Anderson, Ind., says: Hiram Stanley, a young businessmen, has been stoned to death just after stepping from an electric car at Chesterfield, five miles east of here. His assailants have not been identified and their motive is not known.

Await Execution.

Liao Yang, June 1.—Seventy condemned Chinese bandits are here awaiting execution. The local Chinese government, in view of the trouble, has been empowered to behead the bandits without referring their cases to the Chinese authorities at Mukden.

Killed Girl and Self.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 1.—Irvine Wise, a mechanical engineer, Tuesday shot Miss Katie Graff through the heart, instantly killing her, then killed himself. The motive of the double crime is unknown. Wise was married and had one son.

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FALL OF PORT ARTHUR

Russians Admit Its Capture Would Be a Terrible Blow.

LARGE ARMY MAY GO

To That Seaport City In the Event General Stoessel Thinks It Is Possible to Hold the Place Against Oku's Men.

Niuchwang, June 1.—Refugees, who continue to arrive here from the southern part of Liao Tung peninsula, report daily fighting there with severe losses for both armies, but the reports are not confirmable officially. The Russians here are depending on the press bulletins for news from that vicinity.

The very highest Russian authority here, while not believing that Port Arthur will fall, admits its loss would be a terrible blow to the Russian arms. The same authority says the Russians may send a large army to the south of Niuchwang in the event of General Stoessel being able to hold his own at Port Arthur. This, however, is not possible to prevent, owing to the positions occupied by the Japanese armies operating from the Yalu river and Takushan. The Russians are not sanguine as to the outlook for Port Arthur.

More contrabands of war are arriving here. Two cargoes of flour and tinned meats and some specie were rushed to Mukden as soon as they were unloaded. Heavy rains daily are making the roads almost impassable.

Chinese brigands are becoming active.

REPORT OF FIGHT.

Details Have Been Received by the War Office at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—The war office has received a detailed report of the fight at Ai Yang Pien Men, about sixty miles northeast of Feng Wang Cheng, Saturday night, in which two battalions of Japanese infantry and one squadron of Japanese cavalry, numbering about 2200 men, attacked five squadrons of Cossacks. The Russians' losses are seven Cossacks killed, one officer wounded and nine horses killed. The Cossacks encamped twelve miles northwest of Juan Dian Stan, which is held by several Japanese battalions, two of which and one squadron of cavalry left May 28 for Saimatsea. This force encountered a Cossack bivouac at 10:30 o'clock the same night and attacked the Cossacks, who retired in good order, keeping up a running fight along the road to Saimatsea. There was a great deal of firing on both sides, but, like most fighting in the dark, it was very ineffective, as shown by the smallness of Russians' loss. It is believed the Japanese did not sustain any greater casualties, but according to one account the majority of the Japanese squadron was wiped out. After reaching Saimatsea, May 29, the Japanese returned to Kuan Kian Yan, apparently not liking the vicinity of the Cossacks and the view of possibility of General Rennenkampff bringing up reinforcements. The war office attributes little importance to the engagement, which is paraded from Tokio as a Japanese victory.

LEGATION ADVISED.

Notified That General Oku Occupied Dalny on May 30.

Washington, June 1.—The Japanese legation Tuesday gave out the following dispatch from Tokio: "General Oku, commanding the army operating against Port Arthur, reports our troops occupied Dalny May 30. Over 100 warehouses and barracks, besides telegraph offices and railway station, were found uninjured. Over 200 railroad cars are usable, but all small railway bridges in the neighborhood were destroyed. All dock piers except the great pier, which was sunk, remain uninjured. Some steam launches were also found at the mouth of the dock."

STOESSEL'S FORCE.

Said to Have Taken Up a Strategical Position Near Port Arthur.

Mukden, June 1.—According to advices received here General Stoessel's force has taken up a strategical position near Port Arthur, which is supported by guns of outlying batteries and the fortress. It is believed here that General Oku received strong reinforcements from the Japanese army which landed at Takushan. There is little change in the situation to the eastward of Liao Yang.

TRIED AGAIN.

Attempt Was Not Successful, Owing to Vigilance of the Russians.

Mukden, June 1.—Japanese on the night of May 28 made another attempt to block Port Arthur by sinking merchant vessels in the harbor entrance.

The attempt was discovered through the operations of a searchlight and a Japanese gunboat and two torpedo boat destroyers with merchantmen then retired.

Off For Kin Chou.

Tien Tsin, June 1.—It is reported that the first brigade of the Russian division left Tashechao for Kin Chou Monday. The purpose of this movement is not known, but it is believed the troops are moving to the relief of Port Arthur. They are to be followed by an entire division.

Declared Untrue.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—A statement emanating from Paris that General Kuropatkin is sending 80,000 troops to the southward to attempt to save Port Arthur from the Japanese is declared here to be untrue.

MUCH FIGHTING.

Both Sides In One Engagement Said to Have Severely Suffered.

Liao Yang, June 1.—Continuous fighting has taken place northeast of Feng Wang Cheng and the railway beyond Kin Chou since May 27. A sharp action has taken place eastward of Simatsi, thirty-five miles north of Feng Wang Cheng which lasted from the morning of May 27 until daylight May 30. Both sides suffered severely. Detailed figures are lacking. The engagement resulted in the Russians retiring on Simatsi followed cautiously by Japanese detachments.

Severe fighting is reported along the railroad between stations Vfangoy and Vfandion. The Japanese suffered severely and would have been annihilated had not infantry reserves come up and forced the Russians to retire.

Is Transferred.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—By an imperial ukase the control of the ports of Reval, Svaaborg and Libau and all the naval forces of the Baltic has been transferred to the commandant of the port of Cronstadt with the title of commander in chief of the fleet and ports and of the defense of the Baltic sea. The object of the consolidation of the commands is to assure uniformity in the measures adopted for the defense of the coasts of the Baltic during the existing state of war.

Gunboat Destroyed.

Tokio, June 1.—The Russians destroyed the gunboat used at Tallenwan against the Japanese left during the battle of Nanshan hill. The name of the gunboat is not known, but it was possibly the Bohr.

Rumored Battle.

Chefoo, June 1.—An unconfirmed rumor is current among the Chinese that a battle has occurred six miles from Port Arthur Tuesday.

BURIAL OF QUAY.

Remains of the Late Senator Laid to Rest at His Home.

Beaver, Pa., June 1.—For two hours Tuesday the business pulse of the entire Beaver valley ceased to throb while the remains of Matthew Stanley Quay were being lowered to their final sepulchre in the little Beaver cemetery. Between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. not a wheel revolved in any of the numerous mills and workshops in the towns of Beaver, Rochester, New Brighton, Beaver Falls and nearly a dozen other centers for miles around. This place was Senator Quay's old home.

After a private service at the residence the remains were taken to the First Presbyterian church, where for three hours they were viewed by thousands. During the public service a committee of the United States senate was in charge as a guard of honor. The services were marked by simplicity.

The floral tributes were beautiful, and in some cases elaborate. President Roosevelt sent a great wreath of American Beauty roses and white peonies with maidenhair fern interwoven. Senator Penrose's tribute was a magnificent wreath of snow white roses and lilies, and that of Colonel Quay's old command, the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Pennsylvania, consisted of the corps badge, a Maltese cross of white carnations.

Following the instructions of the senator the coffin was as plain as possible. It was trimmed in black cloth with handles of oxydized silver. On a silver plate is the inscription:

Matthew Stanley Quay.
Born Sept. 30, 1833.
Died May 28, 1904.

TOOK HER LIFE.

Death of Frank M. Schaeffer Followed by Suicide of Widow.

Galveston, June 1.—Mrs. Rosa M. Shaeffer, aged thirty-six years, wife of the late Frank M. Schaeffer, died Tuesday night at her home from a dose of strychnine administered by her own hands.

Her husband had been given poison by mistake while suffering with a toothache and his sudden death proved a severe shock to his devoted wife, from which she never fully recovered.

MANY CONFIRMED.

Bishop Forrest Receives Nearly Four Hundred at San Angelo.

San Angelo, Tex., June 1.—Nearly 400 converts were received into the Catholic church here. Bishop J. A. Forrest of San Antonio confirmed them. The people who were taken into the church came from the interior towns surrounding San Angelo, from Fort McKavett, Ozona, Sonora, Knickerbocker, Menardville and other points. Services began at 9 a. m. and continued until after 12 o'clock noon.

Mills Shut Down.

Beaumont, Tex., June 1.—All mills of the Kirby Lumber company here, except plainer A, shut down at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening for an indefinite period, owing to the dullness of the lumber market.

Bold Bandits.

Portland, Ore., June 1.—A bold robbery was committed shortly afternoon Tuesday by two negroes who entered the office of the Pullman company at the union station just as the cashier, W. H. Aurelius, was making up his cash. Drawing revolvers upon the cashier the negroes demanded what cash was in sight. Aurelius handed over about $250. The negroes backed out of the office doors with their pistols still levelled on the cashier and disappeared.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

F. L. McInnis has been appointed postmaster at Coalgate, I. T.

John Stattle, an aged man, was killed at Oleta, Okla., by a bull.

Carnations were placed upon the late President McKinley's tomb Monday.

A negro named Tom Dale accidentally killed himself near Ida, Grayson county, Texas.

Because painters did not like the colors a man wished his house painted the men struck.

In a riot between whites and negroes at Philadelphia five persons were seriously hurt.

By a dynamite explosion near Warwick, Tenn., four men were killed and two fatally injured.

Creed Taylor, a well knewn negro barber of Paris, Tex., accidentally choked to death. Twenty years ago he was an alderman.

At Springfield, Ill., graves of Union and Confederate soldiers were decorated by children. There are 750 Confederates buried there.

An attempt to made to wreck a Houston and Texas Central passenger train near Calvert. A piece of rail lying on the track. A negro boy was arrested.

DECLARED DESPERATE

Chinese Refugees Report Port Arthur People In Want.

PROVISIONS SCARCE.

Chinese Are Starving, Death Is the Penalty For Theft and Prices of Necessities of Life Are Exceedingly High.

London, June 1.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Niuchwang says:

"Some Chinese fugitives from Port Arthur who have arrived here describe the situation of the inhabitants there as desperate. Famine prices exist. The cost of provisions increases weekly. Many persons are reduced to eating Chinese food, and even that is dear. Millet flour costs $6 a bag. Whole streets and several public buildings have been wrecked by Japanese shell fire. The hospitals are packed with sick and wounded.

"The work of repairing the damaged warships has been stopped. All civilians have been given military duties. The general health of the inhabitants is good except that the Chinese are dying of starvation. Theft has been made punishable by death. The railway is completely destroyed as far as Kin Chou, and there are frequent gaps in it between Kinchou and Wafang Tien. At Wafang Tien there are 15,000 Japanese troops, but no sign of troops further north. During the fighting at Kin Chou 200 Chinese were killed by the Japanese fire."

The correspondent of the Standard at Japanese army headquarters, telegraphing May 31, says: "Repeated reconnoissances show that none of the enemy's troops are within fifteen miles of Feng Wang Cheng or east of the Tayang river for thirty miles in the direction of Siu Yen. Motien Ling pass may delay, but it cannot prevent the Japanese advance, as the pass can be turned on either flank."

The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai learns that the Russians hanged a number of Chinese who had been caught signaling to the Japanese fleet near Vladivostock.

BURNED NEARLY ALL.

Very Little of Value Left by the Russians Before They Departed.

Chefoo, June 1.—Five hundred Chinese refugees from Port Dalny and Tallenwan have arrived here. After sifting their conflicting stories, it appears that the Russians left Tallenwan May 26 for Port Arthur after burning everything likely to be of use to the Japanese. Bandits later took possession of the town and were pillaging when the Japanese cavalry appeared. On May 26 the Russians left Port Dalny, previously burning the offices and residences, destroying the railroad and scuttling three large merchantmen and all the dredges and launches. Some of the refugees also say the Russians destroyed the gunboat Bohr, which is believed to have taken part in the battle of Thursday last at Kin Chou, and three torpedo boats. Others say these vessels returned to Port Arthur.

A Chinese contractor who had built most of the Dalyn for the Russians was held for ransom and his clerks were killed. The town was still burning May 28, when the refugees started for Chefoo. The Japanese had not appeared at Dalny up to that time.

One junk which was leaving Dalny was sunk by bandits and fifty persons were drowned.

The Chinese who arrived here did not leave Dalny or Tallenwan because they were afraid of the Russians or Japanese. They fled from the bandits who had entered those towns.

To See Ants.

Washington, June 1.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has telegraphed expert entomologists of the department to visit Bexar county, Texas, and make a thorough investigation of the field of cotton which is said to have been entirely cleared of the boll weevil by the aid of ants.

Mrs. Randell Dead.

Little Rock, June 1.—A special to the Arkansas Gazette from Conway says: Mrs. L. A. G. Randell, an octogenerian and mother of Congressman Randell of Texas, died here Tuesday after a lingering illness. She had been married sixty years.

Unique Votive Offerings.

In many churches of Provence and Italy, especially those near the sea, paintings placed on the walls in accordance with vows made by pilgrims in moments of danger are often remarkable for their frames. Among the curiosities may be enumerated laths formed of splinters from ships that have been wrecked; also frames made of pieces of heavy cables, occasionally painted bright hues, but sometimes left in their primitive gray color splashed with tar. Nailed to the laths surrounding a painting representing sailors fighting with fierce savages may be seen African or Polynesian spears and darts or swords made of hard wood, evidently mementos of terrible struggles. Sailors or landsmen who have made vows during times of peril at sea and who have no trophies to display will surround their paintings with broad bands of wood heavily incrusted with shells and seaweed, not infrequently of rare and extremely beautiful kinds.

Action of the Earth Upon Bodies.

Years ago, when the bodies were removed from the Cimetiere des Innocents at Paris, the common pits in which great numbers of the bodies had been interred together were found to contain masses of a grayish white soapy substance. The matter was not very well understood at that time, but it is now known that the remains of the dead are under certain conditions transformed into such a material, either wholly or in part, which has been named "adipocere." It is a true ammoniacal soap, being a combination of fatty acids with ammonia.

Bodies that are exposed to the action of water percolating through the soil are most apt to undergo this species of transformation. Inasmuch as adipocere is not perishable under ordinary circumstances, corpses thus changed very often retain their form indefinitely. Now and then they are dug up, and ignorant writers in newspapers refer to them as wonderful instances of "petrifaction."

A Queer Ceylonese Grass.

Lemon grass, known to botanists as Andropogon schaenanthus and which is unknown outside of Ceylon, and there only in the Kandian district, is in several respects a most remarkable vegetable production. It grows to a height of six or seven feet and has the wonderful property of spontaneous ignition. On the slopes of Mount Ambulawe during the season the grand spectacle of spontaneous conflagration is frequently seen. At first a single rod of fire or bright tongue of flame will be noticed. Soon, however, as the work goes down the stalks and mingles with the oil and acids contained in the plant this curious herb fierce fires burst into view here, there and everywhere, covering the whole mountain with a sheet of flame. The botanists and chemists have not as yet explained why this paradoxical grass burns when water falls upon its stalks.

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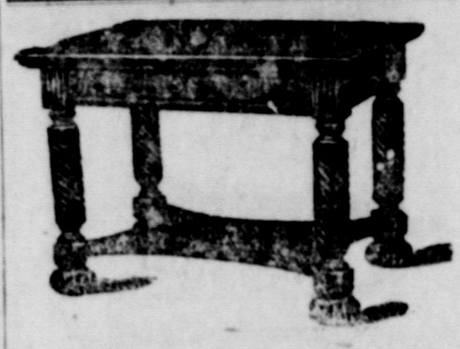

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