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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

Strong Demand for Hogs, Short Receipts Light.

HOGS SOLD TODAY AT $6.85.

Fifty 250-Pounders Would Bring $7 00 to $7.05.

7 CATTLE CAME IN.

Market Ruled Steady and Easy, Closing Strong.

THE MARKET TODAY.

Top	$6 85
Top, steers	3 10
Top, Cows	3 25

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
	295	158	——
Day last week	586	453	100

THE HOG MARKET

(Reported up to 3 p. m. daily.)

With a capacity of 5000 hogs a day, Fort Worth market opened today with 145 head, and the day's receipts will add many to that number. It is almost a farce to quote prices and report as this market is crying for hogs, regardless of stipulating quality or price.

The few in this morning, $6.85 was for a bunch of 83 head, which averaged 171 pounds. Some of them were heavy as 120 pounds, but they were fat and well finished.

Some of the commissson firms are wiring and wiring their customers to send their hogs in, and offering $6.85 to $7.00 for 250-pound sorted hogs would buy today on this market $7.00 to $7.05. Under such conditions we can quote the market as "wild for hogs."

Representative sales:

HOGS.

Average.	Price.
435	5 50
179	6 65
171	6 85

THE CATTLE MARKET

(Reported up to 3 p. m. daily.)

Only 7 cars of cattle were in the pens this morning, and notwithstanding "the beautiful snow" was shovelled from the rail track by the warm sun yesterday and today, the receipts were very light. Almost every grade represented in the few head that came on the market, except the good stuff. There were two cars of good cows, the balance running largely to canners.

The demand was good. The packers and canners shut out the speculators, the latter being unable to make any purchases this week.

The market ruled steady to easy and closing steady. Short on all grades.

The following were representative sales:

STEERS.

854	3 10
877	3 00
1030	3 00
843	3 00

COWS.

780	3 25
590	2 85
835	2 85
861	2 85
854	2 60
977	2 50
868	2 50
755	2 25
768	2 25
Canners 650	1 75
650	1 75

BULLS.

1060	2 25

Sales After 3 p. m., Tuesday.

STEERS.

783	3 00
888	3 00
808	3 00

BULLS.

1520	2 35

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.

Choice fed	$3 40@3 65
Medium fed	3 00@3 40
Grass	2 75@3 00
Thin	2 25@2 75
Choice heavy fed	2 60@3 25
Medium butcher	2 25@2 60
Thin	1 60@2 25
Canners	1 40@2 10
Bulls, stags and oxen	2 00@3 00
Veals and calves	2 00@3 50

HOGS.

Choice, 200 lbs. and up	6 60@6 75
Fat smooth medium	6 20@6 35
Light	5 50@6 00
Southwestern pigs	4 50@5 00
Stockers	4 50@5 00

SHEEP.

Lambs	$3 50@4 50
Wethers	3 50@4 00
Ewes	3 00@3 50
Bucks and culls	1 50@2 50

RECEIPTS AT OTHER MARKETS.

CATTLE.

Chicago	17,000
Kansas City	8,000
St. Louis	2,500
St. Joseph	2,500

HOGS.

Chicago	33,000
Kansas City	9,000
St. Louis	3,000
St. Joseph	7,800

SHEEP.

Chicago	18,000
Kansas City	3,500
St. Louis	800
St. Joseph	1,600

HORSE AND MULE MARKET.

Today's quotations are as follows for sound, serviceable mules, 4 to 8 years old, in good hair and flesh and well broken:

13½@14 hands, fat	$ 45@ 50
14@14½ hands, fat	60@ 75
14½@15 hands, fat	85@105
15@15½ hands, fat	110@120
15½@16 hands, fat, with quality	125@140
16@16½ hands, ex., 1,250@1,500	145@160

These quotations are based on sales out of first hands. Sorted and selected loads are quoted some higher by speculators.

RECEIPTS TODAY.

CATTLE.

A. S. Carlin, Goldthwait, 32.
G. H, Fitzgerald, Goldthwait, 63.
F. M. Files, Itasca, 54.
Eastland County Bank, Eastland, 25.
Evans & R., Denton, 29.
Ardmore Oil Mill Co., 54.

HOGS.

E. P. Slade, Boyd, 83.
G. & S. Cout, Hillsboro, 62.

STOCK YARDS NOTES.

O. E. Flato of Fort Worth was visiting friends at the yards.

Alfred Hanney, checker for Swift and Co., at the cattle pens, is sick this week.

Boyd & Davis had 24 head of driven-in cows on the market which weighed 768 and sold at $2.25.

J. B. Baggett of Eastland had 27 head of cows which averaged 756 pounds and sold at $2.25 and $3.25.

Evans & Raisor, of Denton, sold a load of medium cows early. They weighed 977 pounds and sold for $2.50.

F. M. Files of Itasca sold 54 head of meal-fed steers at $3.10, that averaged 854 pounds. They topped the market for the day.

C. W. Piper, of Ellis county, was looking over the yards. He reports the blizzard very bad in his locality, and stock scarce.

Mr. Lattimer of Jacksboro was at the yards Wednesday, buying cattle. He furnishes beef for the I. & G. N. railroad construction force and uses a lot of cattle.

The Eastland County Bank of Eastland, Texas, had in 26 head of cows which sold at $2.25 and weighed 755 pounds. The cows were not in good shape, and the past few days was hard on them.

Leon Harris of Goldthwaite was at the yards investigating conditions. He has 266 head of steers on cotton seed feed at Gainesville, which have been fed for sixty days, and will feed 30 days longer. This is his first visit to the Fort Worth yards.

F. M. Weaver & Sons of Rockwall purchased 78 head of steers on the yards Tuesday evening. They were the Harrison bunch from Marlow, I. T., and sold for $3.00. The average weight was 825 pounds. They will be taken to the feed lots at Rockwall.

The Ardmore Milling Co. of Ardmore, I. T., had 54 head of cows on the market. They sold for $2.85, weighing 848 pounds. They were fed for sixty days on cotton seed meal. This company have quite a bunch on feed, which they expect to market soon.

HOGS STILL GOING UP.

SALE OF A SMOOTH BUNCH TODAY AT $6.85.

Prediction by a Commission Firm That $7 to $7.15 Will be Reached Soon.

E. P. Slade, a shipper from Boyd, Texas, who has stock at the Fort Worth yards every week, had in 83 head of hogs today, which went readily at $6.85, the highest price since last October.

Mr. Slade bought the hogs among the farmers near Boyd, and some of them have been fed since the first of the present month, but were not as fat as they could have been had they been fed thirty days longer. They were good, smooth, even hogs, Berkshire, Poland China and grades, and were raised near Boyd. The 83 head averaged 171 pounds, some of them weighing as low as 120 pounds.

Hogs like these, with some breeding, are always in demand, and sell for good prices. Mr. Slade says this kind is easier to fatten and handle than scrubs, and farmers in his locality are beginning to realize this, and are raising better ones every year, as they cost no more to raise and are easier to handle.

The following is a copy of letters being sent out today by one of the commission firms:

"As we have not heard from you in several days, thought we would write you regarding our hog market. It is still steadily advancing and we are getting $6.85 to $7.00 for the kind of hogs that you generally ship. If you have anything ready to come, or can buy anything, we think you would be perfectly safe in so doing, as we still look for a higher market, and think by the last of this week or the first of next we will be getting $7.00 to $7.15 for the kind of hogs you usually have."

Prices paid here for hogs, grades considered, are better than at either of the northern markets.

THE TICK THEORY.

Challenge to Test the Effect of Ticky Cattle.

Unless somebody backs down, a practical test may be made of the effect of ticky cattle being introduced on the ranges north of the quarantine line.

Recently Mr. L. L. Shield wrote from Santa Anna to the Dallas News, ridiculing the idea that ticks communicate fever to cattle. After reading Mr. Shield's letter, Mr. T. A. Morrison of Colorado City took up the question. We quote from the West Texas Stockman what Mr. Morrison has to say in the matter:

"Mr. T. A. Morrison, an old time Texas cowman of this city, has written the News submitting a proposition to Mr. Shield or any one else below the state quarantine line who may desire to take action. Mr. Morrison proposes that a clean pasture above the line be secured for an experiment. That 100 head of our native susceptible cattle be placed in this pasture. Then 100 head of tick infested cattle be brought from below the line and placed with the native cattle. If the native cattle do not fever and die, Mr. Morrison will pay Mr. Shield the sum of $2000. If they do sicken and die, Mr. Shield is to pay Mr. Morrison $1000. The loser in either case to also pay for the dead cattle. If more money is desired to be put up, it will be covered in the same proportion in any sized amount, and it looks to the Stockman as a very fine opportunity for somebody to either put up or shut up."

Scully Favors Alfalfa.

Marion, Kas., Feb. 16.—William Scully, known as "Lord" Scully, one of the largest land owners in Kansas with 40,000 acres in this county, all of the best land, has added a new clause in his leases. He provides that every renter on his lands (and he sells no land, leasing it all) shall plant at least 20 per cent to alfalfa. The reason given is that while other crops may fail the renter is almost sure to receive enough from the alfalfa to pay the rent, thus making the landlord safe. "Lord" Scully's home is now in New York.

Mules Bringing Good Prices.

E. R. Wheat of Roscoe was here this week buying mules for the British government. He bought 17 head while here, paying an average of over $88 per head for them.—Roby Banner.

A Pretty Big Little Thing.

West Texas Stockman, Colorado City: Kansas City is already beginning to make sport of the smallness of the Fort Worth market, but along about this time next year she will have found the Fort Worth market the biggest little thing she ever bumped into. It is generally conceded that the Kansas City market is the one that will suffer the most through the establishment of a Texas market for Texas cattle. A fellow can try to whistle when passing through a graveyard, but the faint notes emitted only serve to locate the whistler.

A MATTER OF DOUBT.

Action of Federal Quarantine Officials Toward Texas.

The Washington correspondent of the Dallas News wires to that paper, under date of Feb. 17:

In order to ascertain the view of the Bureau of Animal Industry regarding the bill pending in the Texas legislature to abolish the present live stock quarantine line, the News correspondent called at the bureau today. Dr. Salmon was absent in Boston. Dr. A. M. Farrington, chief of the inspection division, was asked: "Do you believe if the present line is abolished and cattle are driven to the counties in Texas north of the line which it is proposed to abolish, it will result in the spread of contagion to such counties?"

"It certainly would," answered Dr. Farrington."

"Do you think that the abolition of the present quarantine line would result in the removal of infected cattle to the counties now north of that line?"

"Such is probable, but of course, I can't say from any information we now have at hand."

"With inspection from November 15 to January 15 provided for would the authorities of the department of agriculture feel obliged to establish a quarantine line along the northern boundary of Texas?"

"That I can not say, as it is a matter which Dr. Salmon and Secretary Wilson will have to determine when a decision is necessary. Of course, it is possible that if the inspection is made by Federal authorities and by inspectors whom they know and have confidence in, such line might not be established. My belief is that the abolition of the present line by the state will result in the establishment of a new line along the northern boundary of the state. Our experience with state inspection has not been satisfactory."

George H. Hutchins Killed.

Dispatches to the daily papers tell of the killing of George H. Hutchins at Carlsbad, New Mexico, by Caleb Merchant. The report is that Hutchins, who was running a hotel, refused a room to Merchant, who kicked him, and the shooting took place.

Hutchins was well known in Fort Worth. Five years ago he was manager of the Stock Yards hotel, and also did some newspaper work while here.

Will Feed Hogs.

W. D. Knight of Eddy, Texas., writes to Armour & Company of this city:

"Eddy, Texas, Feb. 12, 1903.—Messrs. Armour & Company, Fort Worth, Tex. Gentlemen: I contemplate feeding from 500 to 1000 hogs during this year, also breeding and raising on an extensive scale. Any information you will give me will be appreciated.

"Yours very truly,

"W. D. KNIGHT."

Such literature as has a bearing on hog raising was sent to Mr Knight, with the advice that the demand for hogs was steady and would increase at the Fort Worth market.

Sale of Fine Jacks and Jennets.

The sale of fine jacks and jennets belonging to L. M. Monsees & Son, at Smithton, Mo., on the 3rd of March, presents an opportunity to mule raisers of getting some extra fine jacks. The raising of mules is a profitable business in Texas, and the better the mules the better the prices. We recently chronicled the sale of a pair of mules, raised in this county, for $450. These mules had good ancestry. Blood will tell, in mules as in anything else.

Invitation to Cattle Raisers' Association.

At a meeting of the Fort Worth Board of Trade it was resolved to send a delegation to El Paso to invite the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association to hold its next meeting in Fort Worth. Paul Waples was made chairman of this committee, with authority to select his associates.

West Texas Stockman, Colorado City: John K. Mitchell was here yesterday from his Borden county ranch, and says his cattle are in remarkably fine shape. The range is in very satisfactory condition, and while cattle are a little bit drawn from the recent cold snap, they have wintered unusualy well. Mr. Mitchell expects to carry a car of his registered Hereford bulls to the El Paso convention.

Boers Will Become American Citizens.

Houston, Feb. 17.—The recent trip of inspection over Texas of the Boer representatives, under the chaperonage of Passenger Traffic Manager S. F. B. Morse of the Sunset-Central lines, has been productive of most excellent results. Dr. F. W. Reitz, formerly president of the Orange Free State, and formerly secretary of state of the Transvaal Republic, in interviews published in various papers, spoke in terms of highest favor of the colonization movement and of Texas, and also took occasion to correct the wrongful impression that Boer colonists would not desire to become naturalized

"It was not my intention to convey the impression that tho e of my countrymen who came to this country to locate should not become American citizens," said Dr. Reitz. "Quite to the contrary, I am of the firm belief that they should become naturalized citizens of this great and glorious republic just as soon as they can possibly do so under the laws of the country.

"I am of the opinion that a man can retain his own national sentiment and peculiarities without becoming thereby one whit less a good American citizen. To give an instance, there are in Michigan very many thousands of Hollanders, who have made the best kind of citizens, and have aided much in the development of that state. These people have their own churches, with the services conducted in the Dutch language, and retain a great many of their ideas brought over with them from their mother country. They are American citizens to the core, in regard to American feeling and sentiment.

"Should I finally decide to live in this country, one of the first things I will do is to take out naturalization papers, and so will all of my countrymen who locate here. This is a grand country and any man may well be proud of the opportunity to become a citizen thereof."

Nine Cent Cotton at Abilene.

Cotton is money in the West. We take from the Abilene Reporter: "Minter Dry Goods Co. paid 9 cents today for cotton, the first of the season, R. L. Olds of Mulberry getting that figure for two bales and 8 87½ for three others."

"George Worley, living on the Cockrell plantation, sold a bale of cotton this morning at 8c. He says he went over his field in December for what he thought was the last time, but he has gathered four bales since, nearly all the bolls opening. He reports new farms opening up fast, all about Stith, Compere, Hodges and in other neighborhoods."

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

A writer in the Nebraska Farmer ventures the opinion that "if one-fourth of the cultivated aera of Nebraska was sown to alfalfa, our people would enjoy an income from their lands far greater than that which could possibly be obtained from any other crop known to agriculture. It makes the contented cow give pails full of creamy milk, and the feeding steer will bawl for the alfalfa feed rack."

Chicago Drovers' Journal: J. Ogden Armour and C. M. Favorite, who have made an extended tour through the Southwest and Pacific coast the past month, were home yesterday. "We found the trade everywhere in good condition," said Mr. Favorite.

Live Stock Commission Houses.

Following are the members of the Live Stock Exchange now doing business at the Fort Worth Stock Yards:

CAMPBELL & ROSSON L. S. COM. CO.
FORT WORTH LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
LONG HORN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NORTH TEXAS LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
GEO. W. SAUNDERS COM. CO.
SOUTHWESTERN LIVE STOCK COM. CO

GRAIN AND HAY.

Quotations at Fort Worth, Wholesale and Retail Prices.

The grain and hay market at Fort Worth is quoted as follows. Prices are for car lots. In smaller quantities, add 2 to 5 cents per bushe for grain and 5c per cwt, for bran and chops:

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 54c; No. 2 white, 55c.
WHEAT—75c.
OATS—50c.
BRAN—$1.05 per cwt.
CHOPS—$1.10 per cwt.
KAFFIR CORN—$1.15 per cwt.
CANE SEED—$1.25 per cwt.
MILLET SEED—$1.75.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $12 50 per ton.

Cotton Seed, Meal and Hulls.

COTTON SEED—Car lots $17.00 to $18.00 ton.
COTTON SEED MEAL—Car lots, $22.00 to $23.00.
COTTON SEED HULLS—By contract, $6.50; retail, $7.00.

Hides.

DRY FLINT—Heavy beef, 13c; heavy fallen, 12c; light, 10c. Dry salt, 10 to 11c, culls and bad damaged, 5 to 9c. Green salt, 5½ to 6½c.

Wool.

Light medium, 12-mos., 12 to 14c; 6-mos., 11 to 13c. Heavy, short and sandy, 10 to 12c.

AT OTHER MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 18.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 17,000. Market steady to 10c higher. Top $5.50.

HOGS — Receipts 33,000. Market 10c lower. Top $7.45.

SHEEP — Receipts 18,000. Market strong, 10 to 15c higher. Top $7.10.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Feb. 18.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 8000. Market steady. Top $4 95. Cows 10 to 15c higher. Stockers steady. No Texas.

HOGS—Receipts 9,000. Market 5c to 10c lower. Top $7.20; bulk $6.95@7.15.

SHEEP—Receipts 3500. Market strong.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 18.—Receipts and quotations of the market, as reported by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE — Receipts 2,500. Texas, 1500; strong; top $3.65. Natives active and strong; top $5.10.

HOGS—Receipts 5000. Market 10c lower. Top $7.40; bulk $7.00@7.20.

SHEEP—Receipts 800. Market 15c higher. Lambs $7.00; Western lambs, $6.75.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Feb. 18.-The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 2500. Market steady. Natives $3.85@4.90; Texas and Westerns $2.00@4.25.

HOGS—Receipts 7800. Maket mostly 10c lower, closing strong. Top $7.20; bulk $6 90@7.15.

SHEEP — Receipts 1600. Market steady.

WANTED, OR FOR SALE.

Under this head advertisements will be printed at the rate of 5 cents per line for the first insertion, and 2 cents for each subsequent insertion. Six words make a line.

The Daily Live Stock Reporter is sent every day to 2500 stockmen in Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

If you have anything to sell that these men want to buy, or if you want to buy anything they have to sell, or if you want to tell them anything, you can do it through the columns of The Live Stock Reporter better and cheaper than through any other paper.

FOR SALE—5000 TEXAS STEERS, well graded 3 and 4 years old, in lots of 500 and up; also 2500 2 year-old steers and cows; also 5000-acre ranch, fronts on Colorado river; 2 farms of 90 acres, 2 sets of houses; several thousand pecan trees; sold $1200 worth of pecans last year. Price $5 per acre. Will take cattle for payment for one-half; balance time. Bird Lewis, Coleman, Tex.

WANTED TO LET—Hog and Goat privilege upon 14,000 acres here in compact body. To be fenced hog tight. I have continuously ranged 500 to 1 00 unfed hogs, largely strays, whose owners are a nuisance. Will let hog concession with two farms free for two years, to one who will put three wires under my four, and shut hog hunters out. Good range for 500 to 5000 extra. B. R. Russell, San Saba, Tex.

COTTON SEED CAKE FOR SALE.

Stockmen write Tyler Cotton Oil Co., for prices on cracked and screened Cotton Seed Cake in 100-lb sax car load lots. The cheapest and best feed to rough cattle through the winter and to fatten on the grass. Tyler, Tex.

FOR SALE—One blood Bay Stallion, black points, 16 hands 1 inch high, 6 years old in spring. Gentle to ride or drive. Price $150. See W. J. Tackabery, 312 Houston St., Fort Worth, Tex.

FOR SALE—About 2500 head of 3 and 4-year-old steers, ranging in Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties. Address, Dunn Com. Co., P. O. Box 422, Houston, Tex.

FOR SALE—Small ranches, well improved. 1100 acres in Burnett county, 1100 acres in Jack county, 2500 acres in Montague county. H. H. Cobb, Fort Worth, Texas.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BIDS FOR RESTAURANT PRIVILEGES—Bids will be received by the Fort Worth Stock Yards Co. for restaurant privileges in new Exchange building at Fort Worth Stock Yards. Building will be ready for occupancy approximately between March 1 and April 1. Kitchen will be furnished complete, and tables, chairs, sideboard for dining room. Dining room is 81 feet 6 inches by 32 feed 9 inches. Kitchen, 23 feet 7 inches by 28 feet. Large pantry and serving rooms. Electric light will be furnished throughout and heat for dining room. Financial responsibility, moral character and ability of applicants to conduct a first-class restaurant will be considered. The company reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for one-twelfth amount of bid, and if rejected check will be returned immediately. All bids must be addressed to O. W. Matthews, secretary and treasurer, Fort Worth Stock Yards Company, Fort Worth, Tex. Premises can be seen upon application to Mr. F. Blair, superintendent of construction, office at Exchange building. Bids will be received up to night of 20th inst. Fort Worth Stock Yards Company.

W. M. MASSIE—General land agent. Panhandle and western lands only. The Central Plains a specialty. More than 12 years as surveyor and land agent at Floydada, Floyd county, has acquainted me well with the beautiful Plains and northwest Texas in general. Home office, Floydada, Texas; branch office, Room 507 Hoxie building, Fort Worth Texas.

FORT WORTH OFFERS THE BEST FIELD for investment in real estate of any city in the Southwest. If you want homes on business property in Fort Worth, farms or ranches in Texas, write to or call upon Dickinson & Modlin, Wheat Bldg., Fort Worth, Tex.

IF YOU want to breed a mare, buy a horse, or colt, or have one broken or trained, see me or arrange it at the farm. Henry Exall, Dallas, Tex.

Waples-Painter Lumber Co.,
Our "RUBBER PAINT" is
The Best in the Market
NORTH FORT WORTH. PHONE 1407

Loving Words.

Loving words will cost but little,
Journeying up the hill of life;
But they make the weak and weary
Stronger, braver for the strife.
Do you count them only trifles?
What to earth are sun and rain?
Never was a kind word wasted,
Never one was said in vain.

When the cares of life are many,
And its burdens heavy grow,
Think of weak ones close beside you—
If you love them, tell them so.
What you count of little value
Has an almost magic power,
And beneath their cheering sunshine
Hearts will blossom like a flower.

So, as up life's hill we journey,
Let us scatter all the way
Kindly words, for they are sunshine
In the dark and cloudy day.
Grudge no loving word or action
As along through life you go.
There are weary ones around you—
If you love them, tell them so.
—Mollie L. Clayton in Galveston News.

Cutting Thread Inside a Bottle.

If you were asked to cut in two a thread hanging from the cork on the inside of a bottle without touching the bottle or the cork—or even the thread for that matter—how would you go about it? That seems to be a pretty hard proposition, but it is easy enough—when you find out how it is done.

Get a bottle that is made of clear glass, so that what goes inside of it may be readily seen; the ordinary wine bottle is not suitable, because it is made of colored glass. To the underneath part of the cork, attach a bent pin, and from the pin suspend a piece of common thread, black preferred, with a shoe button tied to its lower end.

The thread must reach only to within an inch or two of the bottom of the bottle, and when you have dropped it inside and inserted the cork, the weight of the shoe button will keep the thread hanging taut.

Now the cutting. All you need is a reading-glass, or sun-glass, a double convex lens, you know, and a window where the sun is shining. Hold up the

The String About to Break.

lens so as to catch the sun's direct rays, focus them on the thread through the side of the bottle and in a few moments the thread will be cut through by the heat as deftly as if a pair of scissors had been used.

This little experiment may be made from beginning to end in the presence of spectators, or it may be turned into a feat of amateur magic. If the latter, the bottle, the cork and the thread should be prepared openly, with seal not to be removed. Then go to another room, where you can get the sun's rays, and having used the lens in private, bring the bottle back with the thread cut. It will be hard for the spectators to guess how you did it.

Trick With a Match.

Button your coat, strike a match and hold it at arm's length in your right hand and bend your left elbow, so as to bring the wrist near your face. Then blow out the match by blowing into your left sleeve. It seems impossible, doesn't it, to force a current of air strong enough to put out the light through your bent sleeve, around your body under your coat and down your right sleeve? Everybody will say you can't do it.

Well, you can't. The trick is to make people think you do it, and this you accomplish by holding the match between your thumb and forefinger and snapping your middle finger hard against the end of the match at just the right moment. A sharp snap will put the flame out. You had better pra-

Blowing Out the Match.

tice the trick in private before a sympathizing friend (for you can't see the match yourself) before you venture to "show off" in public.

Good Game for Young and Old.

Here is an old game that used to be popular even among "grown-ups," and it causes more fun and laughter than you can imagine. You must have a thimble first of all. Then all go out of the room except one, who is left with the thimble. Now the thimble has not to be hidden, but put in some place where every one can see it easily without moving or touching anything to do so.

For instance, a good place is on a nail, which holds up a picture, or the window ledge; stuck in the fringe of the table cloth, put in the ornamental part of the fender, or, in fact, anywhere, where there are things around it to confuse one. When the "hider" has placed the thimble he calls the rest of the company in, and the search begins.

Now listen, for this is the most important rule of all. Those who are looking for the thimble, must not touch or more anything in the room in their search, and when one does see the thimble he must not cry out: "Oh, there it is!" Perfect silence should prevail, and when the boy or girl sees it, he or she must sit down.

It is wonderful what a long time it often takes before the whole company has seen it—often two or three children will stand actually looking at the thimble, and yet never see it, and this is such fun for those who have already seen it.

Jug Trap for Small Animals.

An old earthenware jug, with a small hole knocked in the upper part,

The Jug Trap Set.

may be used as a trap for small burrowing animals. Bury the jug in the earth, near the hole of the animal you are after, then make an artificial burrow, extending from the surface of the ground to the hole in the broken jug. Strew appropriate bait along the passageway, and although your game might hesitate to enter a broken jug above ground, they will have no fear of one beneath the sod, and either jump or fall inside, where they may be allowed to remain some time with no fear of their escaping. The jug trap is only suitable for small animals.

For Good Guessers.

Here are a few conundrums.

What is the difference between an actress and a soldier? An actress powders her face and a soldier faces the powder.

Why was George Washington like a piano? Because he was grand, upright and square.

Where did George Washington first take a hack? When he took the hack at the cherry tree.

If the women all went to China where would the men go? To Pekin.

Where did Queen Isabella take her pills? In cider (insider her).

When is a hat not a hat? When it becomes a lady.

Why is it that you and I can't dine together? Because U doesn't come till after T.

Why is an old man like a nail in the wall? Because it is in firm.

What is the difference between a postage stamp and a bad boy? One you lick with the stick and the other you stick with a lick.

Mice or Men?

Here are five mice. Turn them upside down and you have five men.

Make-up of the Senate.

All the states in the union have their full quota of Senators except Delaware, which has none, and of the eighty-eight Senators all told, sixty-one of them are lawyers. Of the rest, one is a civil engineer, two are doctors, three are journalists, and the others are bankers, miners, farmers, business men and politicians.

New Discovery of Science.

Hitherto Tyndall's theory that the azure tint of the sky is due to minute corpuscles in the air has been accepted. Prof. Springer of Liege has proved that the blue of the sky is purely electrical in origin, and an essential quality of the air.

How We Hustle.

The "hustlingness" of the American is a perpetual source of wonder to the slower-minded Briton. A New York lady has just received from the United States government a sum of money that was claimed by her more than 105 years ago.

PARLIAMENT MEETS.

King Edward Deals With Several Recently Occurring Events.

London, Feb. 18.—King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra and surrounded by the court and all officers of state, opened parliament this afternoon.

Early in the morning the vaults of the houses were searched as usual for imaginary conspirators by the yeoman of the guard, carrying ancient lanterns and useless halberds. Movements of troops taking up positions along the route of procession followed. So the crowds, which had been attracted by the fine weather and a desire to witness the royal pageant, did notlackentertainmentduring the long wait.

The speech from the throne was read by the king, who said in part:

"My Lords and Getlemen: My relations with all foreign powers contine friendly. The blockade of Venezuelan ports has led to negotiations for adjustment of all matters in dispute. I rejoice that a settlement has now been arrived at which has justified the blockading powers in bringing all hostile naval operations to an immediate close.

"Negotiations have taken place ofr adjustment of questions which have arises in regard to boundary of my possessions in North America and that of the territory of Alaska. A treaty providing for reference of these questions to arbitral tribunal has been signed and ratified."

The speech next referred to to the Balkan question, saying: "The condition of the European provinces of Turkey gives cause for serious anxiety. I have used my best efforts to impress on the sultan and his ministers the urgent need of practical, well considered methods of reform." After noting that Austria and Russia have been considering the reform which the signatories of the Berlin treaty should recommend to the sultan, the speech adds: "I trust that proposals will prove sufficient for the purpose, and that I shall find it possible to give them my hearty support."

DID NOT OCCUR.

Predicted Drop in Temperature Failed to Materialize.

New York, Feb. 18.—The blizzard of Monday night left New York in better condition that was expected. Snow ceased falling at an early hour, but began again about 8 o'clock. Surface and elevated railroad lines were partially crippled, but not so badly tied up as by several previous storms this winter. The predicted big drop in temperature did not occur. The velocity of the wind had decreased considerably since midnight, when there was a moderate gale. The total snowfall in this city is nine and seven-tenths inches—by far the heaviest of the winter.

FRIGID WEATHER.

Coldest of the Season in Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky.

Memphis, Feb. 18.—The coldest weather of the winter has prevailed—six above zero. Trains in all directions are belated because of Monday's severe snow storm. Reports from all points in Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana state the coldest weather of the season has prevailed. Fruit and vegetables in Louisiana have been damaged to some extent. Paducah river is high and grave fears of a disastrous flood are entertained.

CHICAGO SHIVERED.

Mercury Estimated to Range from Nineteen to Fifteen Below.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Chicago has been shivering in the coldest weather of the season. The cold wave which descended upon the city Monday increased in severity throughout the night and sent the mercury down to a point variously reported at from nineteen to fifteen degrees below zero. The latter temperature is reported unofficially from exposed suburbs. The intense cold practically cut the city off from telegraphic communication with the outside world.

One Above Zero.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 18.—Following a thirty-six hours' rain and a half day of record-breaking snowfall, Louisville has experienced the coldest weather of the winter—one above zero.

Badly Hampered.

Boston, Feb. 18.—Railroad and streetcar service has been badly hampered and shipping tied up. A large number of vessels are due here.

Mails Are Late.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Thermometer got down to zero. Mails are from one to five hours late. At Rochester there are ten inches of snow.

Signed by Palma.

Havana, Feb. 18.—President Palma signed the coal stations agreement with the United States. The two copies of the agreement which were signed included Spanish and English translations written in parallel columns. Mr. Squieres having reported President Roosevelt's approval of the latest amendments suggested by the Cuban government President Palma after a brief conversation signed both documents and affixed the government seal.

Cannot Kersell.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor and recorder of the anthracite coal strike commission, called at the white house Monday. The commission has concluded its public hearings and will begin in a few days its consideration in executive session of the testimony adducted before the commission. How long it might take to analyze the evidence and prepare the report Commissioner Wright could not foretell.

He Asked A-Miss.

"What's the trouble, my boy?" queried the minister of a young member of my flock. "You look sad."

"And I feel sad," replied the young man. "I asked Miss Silverton to be my wife and she declined the honor."

"That's too bad," said the parson. "But it's in accord with the Scriptures which say, 'Ye asked and received not, because ye asked amiss.'"

"Well, what would you advise me to do?" queried the youth.

"Next time ask a widow," replied the good man with a suspicious twinkle in his eye.

No Need of Shouting.

"Shut the door," bellowed the irate merchant. "Where were you brought up, sir—in a sawmill?"

"Well, I'm not sure as to that," replied the young drummer in honeyed accents, pressing both hands to his ears, "but of one thing I can assure you, my dear sir, and that is that I was not brought up in a boiler factory."

The Best He Could Do.

Wigg—Before they were married he said he would be willing to die for her.

Wagg—Well, he has partially proved it. At any rate, he doesn't seem able to earn a living for her.

Going Over His Accounts.

Knew the Sex.

Wederly—My wife owes her dressmaker a little bill. I must stop in and pay it this morning.

Singleton—Why don't you give your wife the money and let her pay it?

Wederly—Not much! She would order another new dress.

Friendly Comment.

Bill—Who was that girl you were walking up the avenue with yesterday?

Jill—You mean the one with the big muff?

Bill—Why, yes; I said the one you were with, didn't I?

Positively Brutal.

Mrs. Diggsby—A woman can make up her mind in less than half the time a man can.

Diggsby—Naturally. She devotes the most of her time to making up her face, and, moreover, she has less mind to make up.

A Compromise.

"Whew!" exclaimed Nuwed, "what's the matter with this mince pie?"

"Nothing," replied his wife, who was a white ribboner. "I followed your mother's recipe except where it called for brandy. I put root beer in instead."

Still in the Family.

Jack—My grandfather had a fine collection of silver, which he bequeathed to my father on condition that it should remain in the family.

Ethel—Then you have it still?

Jack—Wel'—er—my uncle has it.

May Soon Become Invisible.

Citiman—So you've got a servant at last?

Subbubs—Yes.

Citiman—White or black?

Subbubs—Green, very green.

The Climax.

Sam—Who won de cakewalk?

Remus—It ended in a draw.

Sam—A draw?

Remus—Yes, ebrybody present began to draw deh razahs."

Just Comparisons.

La Montt—A spider has eight eyes.

La Moyne—Whew! What could be any worse that a spider with styes?

La Montt—Why, a centiped with chilblains, of course."

Proof Positive.

Jiggers—I'll bet that juggler is two pawnbrokers in one.

Biggers—How do you know?

Jiggers—Because he keeps the six balls going so well.

Her Dearest Friend.

He—"Do you think blondes have more admirers than brunettes?"

She—"I don't know. You might ask Miss Turner; she has had experience in both capacities."

In a Chemist's Shop.

Wild-Eyed Man—I want some soothing syrup quick!

Chemist—What size bottle?

Wild-Eyed Man—Bottle! I want a barrel; it's twins!

All in Stock.

"I want to see some Brussels," began the prospective customer.

"Carpets, sprouts or point lace?" asked the universal provider, briskly.

Why Delay?

Gerald—I'm going to kiss you when the clock strikes nine.

Geraldine—Wouldn't that be foolish; the clock sometimes runs down.

Provided For.

Pat—Hov yez made a will?

Mike—Yis. Oi litt everything to the doctor thot saves me loife.

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UTILIZING BY PRODUCTS.

Bones, Horns and Hoofs.

From a circular issued by Armour & Company, telling how the waste parts of cattle and hogs are utilized by modern packing-house methods:

The bones from the feet of the cattle are used in the manufacture of tooth brush handles, knife handles, chess men, and wherever ivory is used, the hard bone taking a very high polish. The knuckles from these bones are cut off and used in the manufacture of glues and for fertilizer.

The tips of the horns are sawed off and the horn is split and pressed out into a flat plate under heat and pressure. These plates are used in the manufacture of combs, backs of brushes, large buttons, etc. The tip of the horn is made into mouthpieces for pipes and various articles. The horn scrap is used for fertilizer.

Hoofs are sorted into three grades: White hoofs are sent to Japan and used in the manufacture of various ornaments; striped hoofs, which are worked up by button manufacturers and into horn ornaments, and black hoofs, which are used in the manufacture of cyanide of potassium for gold extraction, and also ground up to make fertilizer for use of florists, grape-growers and others.

Neatsfoot oil is extracted from the feet, and various oils are taken from different portions of the animals. These all have a high commercial value.

Goats for Clearing Land.

Oklahoma Farmer: A little more than a year ago C. N. Christ of Shiloh, O. T., started into the Angora goat industry with a herd of 114 head of good stock. He turned them in a 40-acre pasture of the most dense oak and ash thicket in Oklahoma. The pasture has been cleaned up by them and the smaller trees and bushes effectually killed. The trees are stripped clean to the greatest height the goats could reach by standing on their hind feet. As a means of clearing bad brush fields Mr. Christ has found the Angoras equal to any implements and to much money spent for wages of men. In addition to that the goats have proven valuable as an investment.

To start with, the herd cost $285. About 60 kids have been added to the herd during the time they have been in the possession of Mr. Christ. In addition to the pasturage the goats have consumed a small quantity of fodder and some cotton seed. The total cost of keeping them, aside from their brush pasture, which was a profit, has been about one hundred dollars. There have been sold $175 worth of them, some for mutton at an average price of $2.70 per head, and others for breeding purposes.

There has been no disease in the herd since they were acquired by Mr. Christ, but they have been very healthy and apparently hardy all the time. The fleece is worth from 16 to 30 cents a pound and the yield at shearing time will be considerable. It requires a five wire fence to confine the animals successfully. In addition to clearing the land the Angoras have fostered stand of Bermuda grass in where they were kept. Two p seeds was scattered over the pa the goats trampled it into the manner to bring the best results is now a fair stand of Bermuda over the forty-acre field.

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Beef Twenty Years Old.

Uvalde Leader-News.

Our friend Joe Doughty g taste of high life last week for that his fat cow, sold by hi butcher, G. W. Scott, only we pounds. This was based on infor received, and it was late on Th night when we printed and did time to get the correct weight weights are as follows: Gross, 1 663; tallow, 105; age 20 years. Th was as tender as that of a calf, practical illustration of what will do. Colonel Doughty has no head of cattle, but when he s something is generally heard of is a firm believer in good stock a ing good care of them. When years of age can be made to p flesh as the above figures show, to us that more people would their old cows for market in turning them loose to die on the Those who bought the meat of th mal can all testify that it was as any that they ever brought in