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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

Market for Hogs Stronger. Top Sales Today $6.80.

SPRINGS QUICKLY TAKEN.

Choicely Tops, if Offered, Would Have Brought $7.

MARKET SLOW ON CATTLE.

Steers Sold at $3.75. Bulk $2.50 to $3.00.

THE MARKET TODAY.

Top	$6 80
Bulk	$6 65@6 75
Top, steers	3 75
	5 00

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
	454	452	9
Day last week	537	475	—

THE HOG MARKET

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

Market opened this morning with in the pens, about 450 hogs, with of a few cars to come, which, all arrive will make receipts more than those received here a week

Market at all northern points opened strong to higher. Chicago 5 to 10c higher, and Kansas strong. Local buyers were willing 5 to 10c here, and trading active at the advance until the were cleared.

Run of hogs still falls far short of demand, and buyers are willing to more, considering the quality here, than the northern markets. Quality today averages better and heavier than yesterday, although on the market were not so good. Top price paid here today reached for a load of 203-pound hogs. was better but weight lighter. Heavy hogs are selling at an range of $6.50@6.80, with the pound $6.65@6 75, and anything rough would sell as high as $7.00.

Representative sales:

HOGS.

Average.	Price.
167	6 40
154	6 50
146	6 60
130	6 37½
191	6 75
197	6 75
185	6 77½
201	6 77½
203	6 80

PIGS AND LIGHTS

100	5 65
138	6 25
135	6 25
117	5 75

THE CATTLE MARKET

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

Quotations in the cattle trade were more encouraging this morning, on of the rain, and trading started at about steady prices. Only or about 262 head, were in the early, but trains came straggling morning, and from early reports evident receipts would reach number as received here last which ran about 500 head. few cars received early very arrived. The bulk of the offered were made of butcher stock. The and fairly fat cows that were changed hands at steady prices, were slow getting a start, and mud keeping buyers in of the scale house.

Best sale of steers made today a bunch of 60 weighing 1030 lbs, $3 75, with the bulk going at $3.00. The best cows reached with bulk going at $2.50 to $3.00, grades selling at $2.00 to $2.50. bulls, stags and calves were those here changed hands at One sale of heifers was $3.05, with the bulk at $2.25 to Bulls and stags, $2.00 to $3.00, $3.00 to $4.00.

Following were representative sales

STEERS.

20	977	3 75
1	680	3 35
7	892	3 25
20	933	3 25
4	950	3 00
2	1025	3 00
30	895	2 75
1	980	2 75
4	577	2 50

COWS.

1	1050	3 25
3	956	2 75
25	1022	2 60
16	1096	2 60
2	1000	2 60
8	940	2 50
20	801	2 35
6	725	2 25
1	970	2 25
1	750	2 00
6	941	2 00

CALVES.

4	175	4 00
2	400	3 00
7	350	2 75
1	80	2 00
5	304	2 00

HEIFERS.

25	655	3 05

Sales After 3 p. m., Yesterday.

STEERS.

1	880	3 00
3	1153	2 75

COWS.

1	1100	3 50
7	714	2 50
2	900	2 35
2	815	2 25
2	1100	2 25
25	822	2 10
28	830	2 10
2	700	2 00
11	763	1 75
1	1000	1 75
1 canner	750	1 00

HEIFERS.

8	812	3 10

CALVES.

1	330	2 00

BULLS.

1	1270	2 10
1	1900	2 50
1	1740	2 25

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.

Steers—Choice fed	$3 40@3 70
Medium fed	3 00@3 40
Good grass	2 75@3 00
Light thin	2 50@2 75
Cows—Choice heavy fed	2 60@3 25
Medium butcher	2 25@2 60
Light thin	1 60@2 25
Canners	1 75@2 25
Bulls, stags and oxen	2 00@3 00
Veals and calves	2 50@4 00

HOGS.

Heavy sorted	6 85@7 00
Mixed packers	6 25@6 80
Light	5 50@6 25
Southwestern pigs	4 50@5 00
Stockers	4 50@5 00

SHEEP.

Lambs	$4 00@5 00
Wethers	3 50@4 50
Ewes	3 00@3 50
Bucks and culls	1 50@2 50

HORSE AND MULE MARKET.

The demand for mules is growing stronger. This is caused by the opening of the season for cotton plowing, and there is now an extra call for cotton mules.

Cook & Simmons report the following shipments, the total being 152 head:

To Parker Bros. Memphis, Tenn., 51 head, about 1200 pounds average.

To Brown & Gladden of Monroe, La., 25 head.

To Scott Dees, Little Rock, 25 head.

To A. T. Boyden, Pierce, Tex., 24 head, rice mules.

To Long & Overton, Tyler, Tex., 27 head.

Receipts—One load of mules from Bonham, one load of mules from Stephenville, one load of mules from Coleman, one load of mules from Brownwood, and one load of mules from Mangum, Oklahoma.

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.

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

James Taylor of Gunter topped the market today with 60 hogs, averaging 203 pounds, which sold at $6.80.

D. F. Sansom & Bro. of Alvarado were on yesterday's market with a lot of fancy heifers, which sold at $3 25.

G. W. Harmonson of Justin was here with 9 nice fat wethers, averaging 96½ pounds, that sold at $5 00. They were less than one year old.

F. M. Sansom & Bro. from West, Texas, had on yesterday's market two loads of cows and steers. The steers averaged 1015, and sold at $3.50.

The Ardmore oil mills of Ardmore, I. T., had on yesterday's market two loads of fat cows; 28 averaging 900 sold at $3.00, and 28 averaging 830 at $2.85. These cows were fed about 90 days.

W. K. Dickinson of Cameron, Texas, an old-time shipper to this market, had a load of mixed hogs which sold for $6.37½ and $6.75. He is a firm believer in Texas as a future hog state.

W. O. Shults of Alvarado had on yesterday's market a load of cows and a load of steers. The cows sold at $2 85. The steers were sold to J. H. Mims, an extensive feeder of Cleburne, at $3.25.

A. G. Pannell of Chickasha, I. T., topped the steer market today with three loads of steers, averaging 1030, that sold at $3.75, with 6 head at $3.00. Mr. Pannell is well pleased with this market and his sale.

J. W. McKinney of McKinney was here with a load of 75 hogs averaging 144 pounds, that sold at $6.60. This is the first time Mr. McKinney has shipped to this market. He is well pleased with results, and will come again.

F. B. Sanders of Thornton, Tex., had in a load of barrows and spayed sows of his own raising, averaging 201 pounds, which sold at $6.77½. Mr. Sanders visited the packing houses and is well pleased with the bright outlook for the Fort Worth market. He is fencing his whole farm with hog wire, and is going into extensive hog raising.

SHIPPERS IN TODAY.

CATTLE.

A. G. Pannell, Chickasha, 66.
Chas. Baccus, Bowie, 29.
Greer, Mills & Co., Itasca, 51.
W. Sands, Marathon, 57.
J. W. McKinney, McKinney, 5.
J. S. Franks, Valley View, 28.
J. H. Bray, Valley View, 26.
J. H. Wilson, Justin, 26.
Cisco Oil Mills, Cisco, 69.
Eastlacd Co. Bank, Eastland, 41.

HOGS.

F. B. Sanders, Thornton, 44.
W. K. Dickinson, Cameron, 93.
C. Rhoor, Alba, 81.
Jas. Taylor, Gunter, 60.
J. H. Bray, Valley View, 8.
Straw & Gaines, Richardson, 90.
J. W. McKinney, McKinney, 76.
E. B. Smith, David Junction, 80.

THE SHORTHORN BREEDERS.

Meeting to be Held in This City on March 5.

The Texas Shorthorn Breeders' association will meet in the Board of Trade rooms, Thursday evening, March 5, at 8 o'clock, for the election of officers.

This is the fourth annual meeting, and they expect a large attendance and an interesting time.

J. F. Hovenkamp, secretary and treasurer of this association, is sending out invitations and catalogues to all those interested in shorthorn breeding. The shorthorn sale to be held here on March 5, is one of the leading features of the Fat Stock Show.

CATTLE IN THE NORTHWEST.

Reports of Heavy Losses Denied by a Returned Cattleman.

The West Texas Stockman has the following, showing that there is another side to the reports of great losses in the Northwest:

Pete Scoggin returned yesterday from a trip to the Northwest, where he has been looking after a big bunch of steers he is running in Wyoming. He says the reports of heavy losses coming from that section are grossly exaggerated, and that Texas cattlemen who have carried steers to that country have not lost one per cent. Over a portion of the Northwestern range there has been crusted snow, but over a great deal of it there has been comparatively no snow at all, and cattle are wintering very well throughout that section.

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WANT ALL KINDS OF CHICKENS.

A Chicago Man Trying to Replace Feathers With Hair.

Chicago Drovers' Journal.

While the Department of Agriculture in Washington is trying to develop a breed of featherless chickens, Chicago poultry raisers are striving to produce chickens with hair instead of feathers, and to improve on those developed by Dr. Wm. R. Black of Bolivar, Ohio.

Miller Purvis, an authority on henology, whose challenge to Australia led to the shipping of American chickens to that island to engage in an egg-laying contest, is experimenting in warmly clad chickens and believes the breed will become one of the greatest egg producers known.

The fowls produced by Dr. Black are called Klondike chickens, and the doctor says they are warmly enough thatched to stand any amount of cold and go right on laying eggs. He believes a dozen of his hens can travel all over the frigid regions and have fresh laid eggs and broilers through all the journey.

The doctor's chickens cannot fly. Their feathers are soft and downy, like hair. It is claimed for them that they have most of the good points of the common variety of chickens and none of their faults. The down is said to be ofter and whiter than eiderdown, and will be extremely valuable in the commercial world.

In the meantime Secretary Wilson is trying to produce a featherless race of chickens for the warmer parts of the United States. It has been discovered that the time of molting can be reduced from 100 days to less than one month, and, in time, done away with entirely, because hens will have no feathers to molt.

The manner of forcing molting is as follows: Early in August stop feeding the chickens and allow them only enough food to sustain life for two weeks. Then stuff them with all kinds of food. The chickens will eat so much and so rapidly that inside of a week the feathers will be forced out of the body, which will be left naked. By the end of one month they will be covered with new down and begin laying again.

PROSPECTS FOR FAT STOCK SHOW

Entries Closed, With Probably 1500 Animals to Come.

Entries for the Fat Stock Show have closed. Mr. J. F. Hovenkamp, one of the executive committee, estimates that 1500 animals will be on exhibition when the gates open on the morning of March 5. All stock intended for exhibition must be in the pens not later than 6 o'clock on the evening of March 4.

Everything points to an exhibition of more than usual interest. This show has grown in importance and magnitude every year, and now it is surpassed by few in the country in point of attendance, and by none in the high grade of stock on exhibition.

HEAVY RAINS AND SNOW

Panhandle Points Report Heaviest Snow of the Winter.

A heavy rain fell all of last night in this city, the total precipitation, as registered at the weather bureau here, being over two inches. What was rain here was snow in the northwestern part of the state.

Reports from the Panhandle tell of unusually heavy snow falls. These reports we condense, as follows:

Dalhart—Snowing for 48 hours. Snow now 15 inches deep. Much loss of cattle is feared.

Hereford—Snowing continuously for 36 hours. The ground is covered to a depth of 15 inches. The temperature is only at freezing point and no reports of loss of stock.

Clarendon—Following 24 hours of cold, slow rain, it began snowing here last night at an early hour, continuing up to 6 p. m. today. The greater part of the fall melted or it would have been over two feet deep. The ground is covered to a depth of ten to twelve inches. Cattle are wintering remarkably well.

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the Stockman's school, is larger, stronger and better than ever. Opposite Delaware hotel.

MUST RAISE ALFALFA.

Views of an Experienced Hog Purchaser as to Texas Conditions

Mr. B. Weller of Hillsboro is at the yards, with an interest in hogs. Mr. Weller has been in the hog-purchasing business for many years. He now represents Los Angeles packers, and wants Texas hogs to send to that city. He reports hogs very scarce in Texas, but they are scarcer in California. It costs $150 a car to send them from Fort Worth to Los Angeles, and the feed and freight add a cent a pound to the cost of Texas hogs when they are laid down there.

Mr. Weller is an enthusiast on the subject of alfalfa. He says he finds it the best feed in the world to keep up the weight of hogs while they are held in the pens for shipment. Hogs eat alfalfa hay greedily, drink heavily, then lie down and go to sleep. He does not find that farmers over the state are giving as much attention to this feed as it deserves, and which they must grow if they expect to make a success. In California and Nevada hogs are marketed on alfalfa that never saw an ear of corn.

Gov. Lanham Can't Come.

Gov. Lanham says he cannot accept the invitation of the Fort Worth Board of Trade, to attend the opening of the Swift and Armour plants on the 6th. While the legislature is in session he is too busy to accept invitations calling him to other parts of the state, he says.

Sugar Beets As Hog Feed.

Chicago Live Stock World.

All hog raisers agree that succulent food of some sort is essential to porcine health. Some use silage, others prefer roots. Where a soil is not a part of the farm outfit, roots can be used to the best advantage.

To the average hog the sugar beet is extremely palatable, and it is a crop that is easily grown. Under proper conditions a couple of acres will yield enough to supply a large herd of hogs. Most of the weeding and cultivating may be done with a wheel hoe. A successful hog grower, who prides himself on the immunity of his herd from disease, stated recently that he attributed his success largely to the practice of feeding sugar beets.

Naturally the hog is a rooter, and the intelligent grower will imitate nature's methods as closely as possible in hog raising as in everything else. In any case it will not cost much to test the efficiency of the sugar beet by growing a few.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Chicago Daily Live Stock World's special British cablegram reports the arrival and sale of the first cargo of South American cattle since the raising of the embargo against Argentina stock. British markets for American cattle steady, cargoes from the states averaging 13½ with top at 14c. States keep steady, averaging 14c. A year ago cattle made 12½ at Liverpool and 13½ at London, with states sheep at 13 cents.

Carlsbad Argus: G. F. Billings and E. O. Creighton of Roswell bought 2000 head of sheep of Frank Gearhart of Fort Sumner, last week, through Williamson & Turner, at $5 a head.

West Texas Stockman: It is reported that a number of thin cattle carried into Lubbock and other plains counties have died and are dying as a result of the recent blizzard. Natives generally are in good shape and went through the bad spell without loss.

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—$1.15.
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 8c. 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.

Live Stock Commission Houses.

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

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May Change His Mind, Eh?

A man about to be married should never take himself off into a corner, and ask himself Why.—Atchison Globe.

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	10,000	26,000	12,000
Kansas City	5,000	8,000	4,000
St. Louis	3,000	6,000	1,000
St. Joseph	1,600	6,100	2,600
Total	19,600	46,100	19,600

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 25.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 10,000. Williams sold 9 loads Texas cattle, 970 pounds, at $4.15. Scott & Robertson, 3 loads of bulls at $3.00@3.30.

HOGS — Receipts 26,000. Market strong, 10 to 20c higher. Top $7.55; bulk $7.00@7.25.

SHEEP—Receipts 12,000. Strong.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Feb. 26.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE—Receipts 5,000. Market steady to 10c higher. Tops $4.95. Cows and stockers strong.

HOGS—Receipts 8,000. Market 5c 10c higher. Top $7.12½; bulk $6.80@7 00.

SHEEP—Receipts 4,000. Market 10 to 15c lower.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 26.—Receipts and quotations as furnished by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 3000; Texas 2000. Market steady. Top $4.35. Natives steady; top $5.25.

HOGS—Receipts 6500. Market 10 to 15c higher. Top $7.35; bulk $6.90@7.10.

SHEEP — Receipts 1000. Market steady.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Feb. 26.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 1600. Market steady. Top $4.85.

HOGS—Receipts 6100. Market opened 5c to 10c higher, closed weak. Top $7.10; bulk $6.90@7.10.

SHEEP—Receipts 2600. Market steady to strong. Lambs weak to 10c lower.

A couple of cattle buyers from Barber county, Kansas, were here this week, but did not buy anything, as they were unable to meet the prices asked by our cattleman. They went from here to Higgins.—Canadian Record.

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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.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1903.

CONDITIONS IN THE NORTHWEST.

A. E. De Ricqles of Denver recently gave out a statement that the losses of cattle on the Northwestern ranges have been so great this winter that Montana and Wyoming cattlemen could not buy young Texas steers and pay the prices they have been paying. The Colorado City Stockman took notice of this, remarking that it was about the time of year for the bugaboo of big losses and hard times to come up, with the attendant plea of inability to pay good prices for Texas stock. To this Mr. De Ricqles writes a reply. Among other things he says:

"Condition in the Northwest have changed in the last two or three years more than anyone has any idea of. There have been thousands of homesteads taken up, and every man who has a homestead has fenced a little piece of ground and secured the best water; in fact, has taken up every bit of water that can be found, and now-a-days in a bad storm when cattle drift ahead of the wind you will find they go up against a barbed wire fence, and instead of being taken care of by the settler, they are in luck if they do not have a pack of dogs set after them. We have heard marvelous stories sung by the land agents of the different railroads of the great unexplored and unknown range country waiting for the advent of the Texas man with his herd of steers but I believe the majority of men who go north even in the most favorable months of the best year, come home satisfied to continue raising cattle in the Panhandle under fence. Quite a number of our personal friends have taken cattle from Texas to the Northwest, and we are sorry to tell you that some of them have gotten into a very bad place this winter, and when you see them at the El Paso convention we think they will tell you that running Texas steers in the Nortwest is not so attractive as most people are led to believe."

Well, if that is the situation—if Texas can no longer find a market for young steers in the Northwest, the best thing for the cattlemen to do is to feed and finish their own stock and market them at Fort Worth, where they will always find a demand at good prices for fat beef cattle.

Armour & Company are now on the market for eggs daily. It would be dazzling to state the number of dozens of eggs this department of the great plant could use annually, and it is only necessary to say that they are on the market for all the eggs they can get. This means to the farmer another source of revenue. If each good mother will give her boys and girls a few hens as their "very own," the egg production of this country will be largely increased.

Unless all signs fail, Texas will make the biggest crop of corn, wheat, oats and hay ever harvested in the state. These are all stock feed. They will bring the farmer more when fed to hogs, cattle and sheep than when sold to the grain dealer, who himself expects to make a profit. The man who has a field of stock feed and no stock to put it in, stands to lose money. A man loses money when he fails to make what he might.

A sale was made at the Fort Worth market yesterday of 166 little 84-pound sheep at $3.50, and 20 others of 81 pounds at the same price. Good mutton sheep that will dress well are in demand at $4.50. The market wants 200 to 300 muttons daily—not now and then, but every day.

GRIP IS AN EPIDEMIC

New York and Brooklyn Are Held in Its Grasp.

BELLEVUE CROWDED.

That Hospital Has Such a Great Number of Patients That it Seriously Taxes the Capacity of the Institution.

New York, Feb. 26.—Crowded to its utmost capacity, Bellevue hospital is hardly able to care for its patients. An epidemic of grip has brought the number of patients in the institution up to 920. When the limit had been reached and orders given to turn no one away, the attendants made efforts to set up spring mattresses as temporary beds, and every inch of available space is used this way. So serious has the epidemic of grip become in Brooklyn the health department has sent out special warning to all keepers and janitors of public buildings instructing them to use extraordinary care in keeping the buildings properly ventilated. A corps of inspectors and assistants has been started in to disinfect all courtrooms in the borough. This treatment may be extended to schoolhouses. Twelve deaths from grip were reported last week. Since January there have been forty-six deaths from the disease in Brooklyn, which health officials consider an alarming record, in view of the fact that only fifty-three deaths from grip occurred in twelve months in 1902.

SURELY SWIFT.

Solar System Is Moving About Thirteen Miles Per Second.

Berkley, Calif, Feb. 26.—The D. C. Mills astronomical expedition to the southern hemisphere, after a two years' preparatory work, will sail from San Francisco for Chile next Saturday. Observations will be conducted by the University of California astronomers, headed by Wm. H. Wright, of the Lick observatory. Owing to an injury recently received by Director Campbell he will be unable to go with the party, which expects to remain at least two years. The mission of the expedition is to throw additional light on the motion of the solar system through space. Since 1895 a line of sight velocities of some 400 of the brightest stars have been measured at Lick observatory by means of a spectograph presented by D. O. Mills. Results so far obtained indicate the solar system is moving approximately toward the southern part of the constellation of Lyre, with a speed of 12 1-2 miles per second.

Three Former Wives Missing.

Indianapolis, Feb. 26.—Albert Knapp of Hamilton, O., formerly of this city, was routed from bed at the home of his bride, formerly Anna May Gamble, by the police, and taken to Hamilton on charge of murder. The police say that Anna May Gamble is his last and surviving wife. Knapp was taken away in irons. Knapp, although only 41 years old, has had four wives. Mrs. Knapp No. 4 became the wife of the prisoner about two weeks ago. His other wives are missin.

Collided in a Fog.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 26.—During a dense fog three interurban cars crowded with workingmen collided at Acme, a small station five miles from here, and fifteen people were injured, of whom six are serious. The injured were brought to this city and placed in hospitals as soon as possible and the work of clearing away debris began. Five cars scheduled to pass at this point, and it is thought the accident was due to the fog which was so heavy as to be impenetrable fifty feet.

Eruption Was a Fact.

City of Mexico, Feb. 26.—The news of a violent eruption last Saturday of the volcano of Colima is confirmed. This volcano has often been in eruption and during one of its most active periods in recent years a young naturalist named Richardson of Boston, representing the British museum, ascended the mounutain in quest of certain butterflies, found only on the lofty mountains.

Terrific Battle.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 26.—A battle took place at Wright coal works in Raleigh county between 100 deputy marshals and 250 striking miners. The latter refused to permit injunction papers to be served. Eight of the strikers were killed and several wounded, twelve mortally. One deputy marshal was killed and two wounded.

Have Met Equally.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Rome correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt telegraphs that according to a dispatch from Berlin the kaiser's letter to Admiral Holman has been received with satisfaction in the vatican. The cardinal told the correspondent "that even in Biblical regions the kaiser and pope at las have met equally."

Louis Hubbard Dead.

Middletown, Conn., Feb. 26.—Louis Hubbard, a student at Cornell University, died of typhoid fever at his home here. He was twenty-three years old. Young Hubbard left Cornell two weeks ago on account of typhoid epidemic in Ithaca and was taken sick shortly after his arrival here.

Texas Postmasters.

Washington, Feb. 26.—President named following Texas postmasters: Henry J. Veltman, Brackettville; Wm. McManis, Baird; Louis Woote, Columbus; Erwin W. Owen, Eagle Pass.

WORST KNOWN.

Car Supply Situation Is in a Deplorable Condition in Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, Feb. 26.—While the car situation at the mines in the Pittsburg district have not been good for several months, conditions are just at present pronounced by coal operators the worst in history. Outside of the river mines and those along the Pittsburg and Lake Erie and Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railway fully seventy per cent are idle. Of twenty-eight mines of the Pittsburg Coal company on the Panhandle road sixteen have shut down and others have a fair supply of cars. Six of the largest mines of Baltimore and Ohio railroad of fifteen owned by the combination are idle. This is said to be a good showing compared with conditions at the mines of the independent producers.

REDMOND'S MOTION.

Irish Leader Believes King Is Sincere in His Utterances

London, Feb. 25.—The Irish leader, John Redmond, in the house of commons moved an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne on the subject of the Irish land question. Mr. Redmond's speech was most conciliatory. He said the amendment was not intended to be a hostile demonstration against the government, but as a "friendly warning" to the ministry that he and his friends believed the government was engaged in framing a great measure of justice and appeasement for Ireland, which, in the words of the king's speech, would "complete the abolition of the dual ownership of land." All he, Mr. Redmond, wanted, was an assurance from the chief secretary for Ireland, Mr. Wyndham, that the government but engaged in an honest attempt to solve problem on lines suggested by the report of recent land conference, which, the speaker added, offered an unexampled opportunity to end the agrarian troubles and conflicts between classes in Ireland.

SHOT A PUPIL.

It Was Brought About by an Attempt to Whip the Boy.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 26.—A special to the Citizen from Spartanburg, S. C., says Prof. Reuben Pitts of the public school at Inman shot Ed Foster, one of his pupils during a scuffle in which several larger boys attacked the teacher while whipping Foster. He is a college graduate and generally regarded as a quiet, peaceable man. Foster was shot in the abdomen. His condition is critical. The fuss grew out of Pitts' attempt to whip Foster, when the other pupils interfered. Pitts is in jail here. The affair created a big sensation.

FRANCIS PLEASED.

President of the St. Louis Exposition Received by King Edward.

London, Feb. 26.—Mr. Francis, president of the St. Louis exposition, who was accompanied by Ambassador Choate was received by the audience and by King Edward at Buckingham palace. The king was most cordial in his reception of Mr. Francis and evinced much interest in the exposition. Mr. Francis was more than satisfied with the king's promise to lend all possible influence toward providing for a full representation of Great Britain at St. Louis. The appointment of a royal commission toward this end doubtless will be announced in a few days.

HIT BY A HURRICANE.

The Fury of the Wind Both on Land and Sea Was Terrific.

Honolulu, Feb. 26.—(By Pacific cable).—The island of Tutuila and the Samoan group generally was visited by a hurricane Feb. 12. The fury of the wind on both land and sea was terrific. Much damage was done.

Mexican Fatally Shot.

Fort Worth, Feb. 26.—Refuco Cruze, a Mexican, was shot six miles north of this city. Cruze entered the house of J. D. Magglers, for supposed purpose of burglarizing it. He was captured. Garland Collins and Don Mullins started on horseback with the Mexican. When two miles from Haggler's place Cruze slipped off his horse and attempted to escape. In the struggle with the Mexican a gun was discharged, a bullet entering the Mexican's body near the heart. He was brought here and placed in the hospital ward of the county jail. He will die.

Senate and House.

Austin, Feb. 26.—The senate passed the Frisco consolidation gill. Bill was passed preventing "blind tigers" in school districts. In house bill providing an agricultural bureau was engrossed.

Killed His Wife.

Waxahachie, Tex., Feb. 26.—Ambrose Smith, colored, shot and killed his wife, using a pistol. Five shots were fired.

Southern Ice Exchange.

Atlanta, Feb. 26.—One hundred and fifty members of the southern ice exchange met in this city in convention. The convention was called to order by President Bettig of Chattanooga, Tenn. The afternoon meeting was devoted to routine business.

John O. Bigelow Dead.

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—A private telegram from Hot Springs announces the death of John O. Bigelow, a prominent broker, treasurer of the local stock exchange and consul at New Orleans for the Argentine Republic.

But One Death Tuesday.

Mazatlan, Mex., Feb. 26.—There was one death from the plague Tuesday, and that at the lazaretto.

TEXAS RATES ON LIVE STOCK.

FIGURES OF INTEREST TO SHIPPERS TO THIS MARKET.

They Can Estimate the Cost, and Compare It With Cost of Reaching Northern Markets.

A Texas market for Texas stock raisers means a great deal in the way of freight charges. We speak for Indian Territory and Oklahoma stockmen as well, for the latter, though not strictly shipping under the Texas commission rates, get the benefit of a short haul when sending to the Fort Worth market.

The following tables give the rates on beef cattle, oxen, cows, calves, goats, hogs and sheep; also on cattle three years old and over, for distances from 10 miles to 750.

DISTANCE—Miles.	RATES No. 1	RATES No. 2
10 and less	6	8½
15 and over 10	6½	9
20 " 15	7	9½
25 " 20	7½	10
30 " 25	8	10½
35 " 30	8½	11½
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450 " 400	23½	27
500 " 450	25	28
550 " 500	26½	29
600 " 550	27½	30
650 " 600	28½	31
700 " 650	30	32
750 " 700	31½	33
Over 750	32½	34

Column No. 1 is for shipment over a single line of road, or over two or more lines under one management. Column No. 2 is for shipments over two or more lines under different managements.

CHARGES FOR SELLING.

Rates Fixed by Live Stock Exchange for Handling Stock.

The commission charges for selling and handling stock consigned to the Fort Worth market are fixed by the Live Stock Exchange and are as follows:

Cattle, 50 cents per head, but not more than $12 for a carload; calves, 25 cents per head, $12 for single deck and $18 for double deck cars.

Hogs, 10 cents per head; $6 for single deck car and $10 for double deck.

Charges for sheep are the same as for hogs.

FEEDING CHARGES.

The charges by the Stock Yards Company for yardage are fixed as follows:

Cattle, per head	25c
Hogs, per head	8c
Sheep, per head	5c

Prices charged for feed by the Stock Yards: Hay, 80c a bale; corn, $1 a bushel; oats, 80c a bushel; chops $1 50 cwt.; bran, $1.30 cwt.; straw, 40c bale.

OFFICERS OF THE EXCHANGE

Officers and directors of the Live Stock Exchange are:

W. B. King, president.
R. H. McNatt, vice-president.
V. S. Wardlaw, treasurer.
O. W. Matthews, secretary.

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Rates for Fat Stock Show

The following rates on all railroads entering Fort Worth have been made on Show Cattle:

Full local tariff to Fort Worth, return free, within 30 days, provided the stock has not changed owners. This rate applies from all points within this state. . . . . .

PASSENGER RATES

All roads entering Fort Worth make a rate of one and one-third fare from all points up to and including 100 miles of Fort Worth. Over 100 miles, one fare plus 10 per cent. Effective March 3 and 4; good to return March 8. Mineral Wells to Weatherford, $1.00 round trip. The Fort Worth and Denver, the H. & T. C. and the T. & P. will grant privilege of depositing ticket with local ticket agent here and extend it, should the owner desire to attend the El Paso convention. From Fort Worth to El Paso, $15.00 round trip.

For further information write

C. J. LARRIMER,
Chairman Transportation Committee Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth, Texas

John Kelly's Son a Broker.

John Jerome Kelly, son of the late John Kelly, who was leader of Tammany Hall next before Croker, became a member of the New York Stock exchange a few days ago and was initiated with a degree of violence which bore testimony to his popularity. The members daubed his face with paint and made him dance as Indians dance in geography pictures. The reason they hazed him that way was because his father was a political Indian and because Mr. Kelly expects to do whatever brokerage business there is to be done for the Tammany Indians of this day.

Famous Drums.

The drums used by the Scots Guards in South Africa have just been sold, and in some cases they fetched between $300 and $350 apiece, a price which is nearly eight times as much as they originally cost.

Keen Competition for Small Job.

Eight ushers are wanted in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, and over 14,000 applications have been received for the posts, to which salaries of about 16 shillings a week are attached.

And Eats Kansas Beans.

It is claimed that Boston makes the finest quality of Egyptian cigarettes, produces the choicest It[illegible]oni and has altogether the best brand of the Irishman in politics.

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Lord Roberts' Magnificent Sword.

A citizen who has just returned from a trip in Europe says the sword presented to Admiral Dewey is a beauty, but that in the matter of downright gorgeousness it is a poor second to that given Lord Roberts by the city of Portsmouth recently. The American, who has examined both weapons, says the one owned by the little Englishmen is probably the costliest of its kind in the world. The handle is of English steel inscribed with all the engagements in which Lord Roberts has taken part. The sheath of gold and carved ivory, the blade solid gold ornamented with rubies, diamonds and sapphires, and the scabbard is splendidly decorted.

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NO OBJECTION.

Panama Canal Company Said to Favor Two Modifications.

Paris, Feb. 26.—It is reported in responsible quarters that chief officials of the Panama Canal company have informed American officials here that the former had no objection to two changes in the agreement suggested in a recent dispatch from Attorney General Knox, who proposed acceptance of the company's tender, subject to two modifications to to United States senate's ratification. It is assumed among American officials that this willingness on the part of the company has been communicated to the authorities at Washington. Mr. Knox's proposition is understood to refer to ratification of the treaty before March 4. Officials say that the attitude which the company will assume after that date is still undisclosed.

ANARCHISTS TO MEET.

Their Convention Means Much to Crown Heads of Europe.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Evening Telegram prints a story to the effect that anarchists from all over the world are about to meet in secret convention at Paris to devise plans that may radically affect the crowned heads of Europe. All preparations for the convention were carefully guarded, but the plans became known through the boastful talk of youthful delegate to the conference from this city. This man, an Italian known as "Angelo" and "Rudolph,' gave up his place on Saturday, declaring that he had been selected as one of five delegates from the United States to the convention.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Who Were Selected by the National Educational Association.

Cincinnati, Feb. 26.—The Department of Superintendents' National Educational association elected the following officers: President, Henry R. Emerson, superintendent at Buffalo; vice-presidents, Edwin B. Cox, superintendent at Xenia, O., and John W. Abercromble of Tuscaloosa, president of the University of Alabama and formerly state superintendent of instruction; secretary, J. H. Hineman of struction for Arkansas. Alfred Bayliss, struction for Arkansas; Alfred Bayliss, state superintendent of instruction of Illinois, read a paper, "Industrial Education in Rural Schools," which was discussed by L. D. Harvey, former superintendent of public instruction for Wisconsin; W. W. Statson, state superintendent of instruction for Maine.

One Killed and Five Injured.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 26.—One man was killed, one fatally injured and four others more or less seriously hurt in a freight wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad at Kittaning Point, seven miles west of here. The dead: J. H. Cox, aged thirty-two years, flagman. Fatally injured: R. E. Cooney, twenty-six years. Injured: H. M. Storey, fireman; C. W. Leach, conductor; T. L. Gill, brakeman, and John D. Trouse. The wreck was caused by a freight train of thirty-six loaded coal and coke cars running wild down the eastern slope of the Allegheny mountains and colliding with another freight, which was standing on the same track. Thirty cars were demolished, blocking traffic for several hours. The injured were brought to a hospital here.

Death of Water Color Painter.

New York, Feb. 26.—Henry Farrer, one of the best known water color painters of America, is dead. He was born at London in 1843.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Austin has a butter famine.

Four cases of smallpox are reported at West Point, Tex.

A tow-headed dead calf was exhibited at Burleson, Tex.

Senate Sundry civil bill recommends an increase of $3,279,701.

The legislators were tendered a ball and banquet at Galveston.

"Familiar Proverbs" was the Mardi Gras theme at Natchez, Miss.

Texas hotel men met at Dallas and organized a state association.

Arch Duke was drowned in the Neches river near Neches, Tex.

Galveston celebrated Mardi Gras by having several balls Tuesday night.

During Mardi Gras festivities at Paris, France, there were 369 arrests.

Fire did $100,000 damage to the J. I. Case company's plant at Racine, Wis.

J. A. Montgomery of Memphis, Tex., shipped a car of fine hogs to Fort Worth.

In the Hugo section of the Indian Territory cattle losses are estimated at 30 per cent.

Brother Domain Litz, one of the faculty of St. Louis college, died at San Antonio.

El Grady, colored, was found dead near Bastrop, Tex., with a pistol beside his body.

Chickasha, I. T., has accepted the proposition of Andrew Carnegie to give $10,000 for a public library.

Fire damaged the winter quarters of the Barnum & Bailey circus at Bridgeport, Conn., about $100,000.

Hundreds of cattle are reported to have died in the Chikasaw nation as the result of the recent blizzard.

Earl Woods, seventeen years old, killed his father near Frankfort, Ind., fatally wounded his mother and sister and suicided.

Mose Westbrook, the well known Lorena ranchman, who accidentally shot himself at San Angelo, died Tuesday night at Temple.

The Frisco system has closed a deal for fifty-four acres of land near Oklahoma City on which extensive machine shops are to be erected.

Houston capitalists have made a proposition to Paris citizens to establish a $300,000 cotton mill there. A like proposition has been made to Greenville.

THE ODD CORNER

Same Old Stories.

When Adam courted Eve, they say
With certain jests they whiled the hours
Of blissful indolence away
Amid the zephyrs and the flowers.

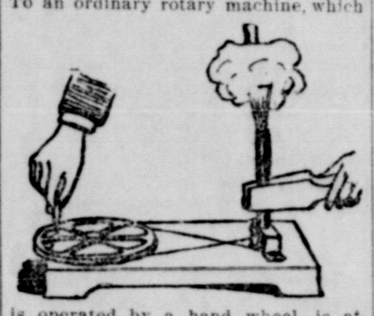
And Noah would those stories tell
Unto his sons when it grew dark,
The gloomy tedium to dispel
Which sometimes settled o'er the ark.

And 'round full many a campfire bright
Those yarns have sent a merry thrill;
They were recited with delight
At Troy and likewise Bunker Hill.

And now the Congressman comes out
And cons them o'er with guileless glee,
And scatters them around about
And all is blithe as blithe can be.

Cooking Without Fire.

It is possible to cook without fire, as a simple experiment clearly proves. To an ordinary rotary machine, which



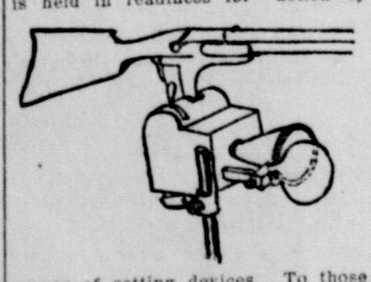
is operated by a hand wheel, is attached a metal cylinder which is filled with water, and which is closed with a plug or cork at the top. Whenever the wheel is moved, a smaller wheel, to which the cylinder is fastened, and which is connected with the hand wheel by a leather strap, is also turned. Now, if the rapid rotation of the cylinder is checked by placing a broad wooden clamp beside the funnel, and in such a manner that the sides of the clamp will rub against the cylinder when the latter is turned, the cylinder will also grow warm, and will eventually boil. As soon as it arrives at this state the steam in the cylinder will drive the plug out with great force.

A Savage Banquet.

At a recent banquet of the Savage club in London, Sir Harry Johnston, the African explorer, said that his first savage banquet was given by real savages in a very wild district in West Africa. He was a very timid guest, for he had been hauled out of his canoe to attend the banquet, and his porters were all temporarily imprisoned. It was a great feast in honor of certain ancestors, and he was told that this ancestral feast consisted to some extent of the ancestors themselves. In the course of the feast there was served a red paste of a rather disagreeable flavor. He asked its composition and received the laconic reply, "Man." He was told this paste was made from a relative who had been smoked over a fire of weeds and was subsequently cut up and made into a paste with palm oil and red pepper. By partaking of some of this he was thenceforth regarded as being no stranger to the tribe. At his last African banquet, about a year ago, it was again an assembly of black people, but this time the menu was written in French and the feast was certainly cooked under French influence, so in this, as in other directions, Africa was losing its savagery.

Curious Shooting Device.

Remarkably curious is a device which will interest military men. It is an apparatus for teaching gun practice, and it consists of a gun support, a pointer, a bull's-eye mark, an automatic clamp, and tripping mechanism. The support and pointer have universal joint supports, and are so connected with each other that parallelism of the pointer is maintained with the deviating line of the gun sight. The bull's-eye mark is located in the line which the pointer occupies when the gun is truly sighted, and there is also an adjustable mirror, which is used for bringing the images of the pointer and the bull's-eye within the visual range of the instructor. When the trigger is pulled, the automatic clamp serves to lock the parts in the proper positions, and the clamp itself is held in readiness for action by



means of setting devices. To those ignorant of the art of war it seems rather a complicated mechanism, but soldiers will at once see its usefulness.

The Oldest Stack.

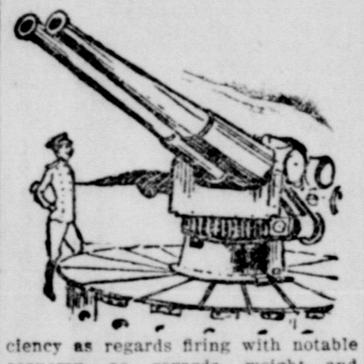
A photograph of the oldest wheat stack in England—possibly in the world—has been given in Bibby's Quarterly. The corn of which it is comprised was harvested in 1876, so that the stack in question has now been standing for more than a quarter of a century, and may be seen to this day upon a farm at Stradbroke, in Suffolk. The price of wheat twenty-five years ago was considerably higher than it is at the present day, and the owner of the stack referred to, failing at the time to realize the price of 30s. per coomb for his commodity, vowed it should remain intact until the market value had increased accordingly. As prices, however, have since been decreasing year by year, the farmer's hopes have never been fulfilled, and the stack remains today not far from where it was grown twenty-five years ago. The intervening years have completely dwarfed the appearance of the stack, while the birds and mice have also left their mark upon the aged sheaves, and it is doubtful whether a quarter of the original quantity of grain is left, though some ears of corn recently taken from the stack showed the wheat still to be in prime condition. Unique, however, as this record undoubtedly is, there have yet been instances where it has been completely eclipsed. Five years ago there was thrashed at Righton, in Yorkshire, a stack of wheat grown in the year of the Crimean war. Notwithstanding the fact that the owner was offered a good price for his product, he refused to sell, and it was not until his death, some forty years afterwards, that the sheaves were consigned to the "feeder" of the drum.

A Miraculous Escape.

On the seventh floor of the skyscraper hotel building which is being erected between Fulton and Pierrepont, Brooklyn, late the other afternoon a group of bricklayers were at work on the outer wall of the structure. One of them was Luther Kerlin, who paused suddenly in his work and began pulling vigorously at his pipe. Kerlin borrowed a match, scratched it on a brick, and lighted his pipe. "Thanks——" He did not finish, for in shifting his position he slipped and fell. Three stories down he crashed through the skylight of another building and kept on till he landed on the top of an elevator cage. When the occupants looked up and saw Kerlin on the top of the cage they were astonished. He was sitting up, rubbing his head, and with his pipe still tightly clutched in his teeth. While they were at work getting him out three of his fellow-bricklayers rushed in to gather up his remains, when he coolly requested another match. He was practically uninjured.

Novel Twin Cannon.

Military experts speak in high praise of the twin cannon which has just been constructed in Germany. The two pieces can be fired from a single carriage, and thus they occupy far less space than two separate pieces would occupy. Moreover, they can be fired with extreme rapidity, and either singly or at the same time, as may be desired. Lieut.-Colonel Delauney, a French authority on modern guns, thinks very highly of the new weapon. "It combines," he says, "great efficiency as regards firing with notable economy as regards weight, and though the present model is not of very large caliber, it is to be presumed that the same principle will very soon be applied to the largest guns."



Trained Chrysanthemums.

Chrysanthemums in Japan are trained into numerous quaint shapes, like the old English yew trees, in the forms of peacocks, etc. In Tokio there are gardens filled with life-sized figures made entirely of the flowers and leaves, the faces being masks, and these chrysanthemum figures accurately represent court ladies, warriors, children and animals, one of the favorite characters being a young lady with a fox's tail peeping from under her dress, and a mask which by the touch of a string turns into reynard's head.

A Pigeon Post on Ships.

The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique is not only trying the wireless telegraph on its ship, the Savoie, but employs a pigeon post which has given satisfaction. Out of twenty-three trials at distances of 150 to 250 miles from land, eighteen succeeded. It is found possible to have news of a ship in this way for twenty-four hours before she arrives at a port. Moreover, the birds become hardier with practice, their sense of orientation or homing instinct grows keener and the percentage of birds lost is lowered.

An Electric Hair Cut.

One of the latest Parisian novelties is an electric hair cut. The customer seats himself in the ordinary chair while the barber proceeds to lessen his growth by means of an electric cutting comb. The comb is similar to an ordinary one, except that a thin wire, which is connected electrically with a storage battery, is stretched above the upper portion of the teeth along the handle. The whole operation is so rapid that a heavy head of hair may be clipped in a few minutes.

Letter Had Traveled Far.

A letter posted at Verona, Italy, in March, 1902, was delivered at the London Express office the other day. Owing to the cramped handwriting it had gone first to London, Ontario, then to Lerado, Texas, next to Louisville, Ky., after that to Lowell, Mass., again to Lyons, France, and after wandering aimlessly about the continent for some time, it went to its proper destination.

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RUMORS OF THE ROAD

The Frisco Is Exciting Much Interest in New York.

YOAKUM IS ON HAND.

President of the Railway Company Has Been a Regular Visitor at the Banking House of Morgan Some Weeks.

New York, Feb. 26.—Numerous rumors are afloat in Wall street concerning the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, including one of competitive buying for control by Morgan interests, another that the Seaboard Air line is buying the stock and a third that Rock Island interests are after the property.

Official confirmation is lacking in every case, but conservative opinion leans toward the theory that J. P. Morgan & Co. will ultimately be found in control, in which event it is believed the property will be turned over to the Southern railway. There is practically nothing to show that Seaboard interests are after the property.

Statements that Mr. Morgan already dominates the Frisco are denied in trustworthy circles. In fact, it is understood the St. Louis Union Trust company party holds the balance of power, the stock being "trusteed," with that of President Yoakum and his associates.

President Yoakum has been a regular visitor at the Morgan banking house for weeks past and has held numerous conferences there with George W. Perkins, Mr. Morgan's partner. Some announcement concerning the Frisco is expected in the near future.

A report spread on the stock exchange that J. P. Morgan & Co. had purchased control of the St. Louis and San Francisco for the Rock Island company. It was declared that control had been acquired through the purchase of a large amount of common stock. According to these same reports the price paid for the stock was 93. 20 per cent in cash, the balance in notes extending from six to eighteen months. President Yoakum, when seen at the office of Morgan & Co., refused to confirm or deny the report. Mr. Perkins of the Morgan, with whom Mr. Yoakum had been in conference, was no more communicative.

Dispatches from New Orleans stating that the Frisco road had bought the New Orleans belt line could not be confirmed.

GREAT DEAL.

Reported That the Rock Island Has Secured Control of Frisco System.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The Record-Herald says:

It is reported on almost official authority that the Rock Island has secured control of the Frisco system, and that the deal is the forerunner of a new and far-reaching community of interest among western lines.

Within one or two months, according to the report, the Rock Island will be given representation on the Santa Fe board, and the Santa Fe interests will have an equal representation on the Rock Island.

The terms on which the Frisco passes to the Rock Island are said to be as follows:

For every share of Frisco common stock, $20 in cash, $40 in 4 1-2 per cent bonds and $55 in Rock Island preferred stock.

It is also reported that President Yoakum will be placed in charge of the new Rock Island system.

GRAVEYARD TRAGEDY.

One Man Kills Another in a Cemetery in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 26.—A special to the Arkansas Gazette from Fordyce, Ark., says: At New Edienburg Wednesday, while W. D. Atwood, a prominent merchant was placing a tombstone over his child's grave, C. R. Kilgore, an old man whose two sons were killed last year while resisting arrest at the hands of Atwood and another man both of whom had been specially deputized, appeared armed with a pistol and ran Atwood from the graveyard. Atwood armed himself with a gun and returned. Kilgore said: "That is not fair. You have a gun nd "That is not fair. You have a gun and I only have a pistol."

Atwood ordered him to drop the pistol, but instead of doing so Kilgore began firing. Atwood shot and killed him.

Kilgore has a grown son and further trouble may occur.

GOVERNOR SALUTED.

Cruiser Fires Seventeen Guns in Honor of Longino.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 26.—Shortly after receiving a salute of seventeen guns from the United States cruiser Atlanta, Governor Longino, who came here to attend the Natchez Mardi Gras carnival left the city in a box car to return to Jackson. The passenger coaches on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley train were packed with carnival visitors leaving for their homes, and as there were a number of people in the box car, Governor Longino said he could stand it with the rest of the crowd. Governor Longino is the first chief executive of this state to be honored by a salute from an American man of war lying at a Mississippi port.

One Death Wednesday.

Mazatlan, Mex., Feb. 26.—One plague death occurred Wednesday.

"DRUGLESS DOCTORS."

Measure Thus Designated Warmly Debated by Senators.

Austin, Feb. 26.—The senate, after passing the Frisco consolidation bill spent the remainder of Wednesday in discussing what is termed "The drugless doctor" bill, a measure opposed by the Christian Scientists. With the exception of that upon the drawing for terms, the debate has been the warmest that has taken place in this senate. The friends of the drugless doctors are in the majority, but upon roll call lacked two votes of having enough to excuse the absentees. To prevent the amendment proposed by the defenders of the Scientists from coming to a vote on their amendment, the advocates of the general bill brought on a call of the senate, the first in either branch of the legislature. From 6 to 7 o'clock the senate was locked up and legislating that beat the band, while the sergeant-at-arms was chasing through the rain endeavoring to bring in six absentees. Then an adjournment was taken and the medical bill went over.

The house finally passed Bryan's cattle quarantine bill, Bean's bill to prevent employers from coercing laborers to buy goods at certain stores, engrossed Stollenwerck's bill establishing a textile school in connection with the agricultural and mechanical college, appropriating $50,000 for that purpose and recommitted the bill to require private and state banks to report their assets and liabilities to the controller, so that the bankers of the state may be heard upon it.

Approximate Amount.

Austin, Feb. 26.—Mr. Boyd, chairman of the finance committee, said the committee had practically completed the appropriation bill. The total for the two years is approximated at $7,000,000.

HAD A CONFERENCE.

Democrats and Republicans Discussed the Statehood Matter.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Democratic members of the senate committee on postoffices had another meeting Wednesday with representatives of the Republican element in the senate favorable to the omnibus statehood bill for the purpose of discussing the possibility of yet securing a compromise which may be acceptable to all parties. The Democratic members of the conference assured the Republicans that the rejection of the settlement proposed by the Republican side of the senate as a whole is final. They were then requested to suggest a basis of agreement themselves. Replying that they could speak only for themselves the Democrats suggested that New Mexico and Arizona might be admitted as one state with the understanding that Arizona may become a separate state on the attainment of a population of 200,000 within the present area of that territory, and on the vote of the people of that area alone. The Republican conference promised to present the suggestion to other Republican senators. Those present at the conference were: Senators Clay, Dubois and Simmons, Democrats and Senators Quay, Foraker, Gallinger and Mason, Republicans.

Mrs. Henry Regent for Texas.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Mrs. John Lane Henry of Dallas has been selected Texas regent by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Enough to Kill a Regiment.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26.—When one of the three persons on trial in United States court charged with alleged insurance swindles was returned to jail Wednesday enough strycnine to kill a regiment and two bottles of morphine were found on him. Where he got it is a mystery.

Louisiana Oil Field Sales.

Jennings, La., Feb. 26.—The Jennings-Heywood Oil Wood syndicate just sold nine acres of its 2000 and declared $40,000 dividend. Heywood Bros. just bought the undivided one-half interest of the Southern and Jennings pipe line, which gives them control of it, as they control the Jennings Oil company, which owns the other half.

Cherokee Nation Leases.

Vinita, I. T., Feb. 26.—Rules and regulations governing leases in the Cherokee nation as formulated by secretary of the interior designate one year for grazing purposes and longer periods in other cases, but without other stipulation than rent money.

Passed by Both.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 26.—Both houses of the legislature passed Senator Campbell's bill repealing the oil inspection laws of the territory, and it has been sent to the governor for his signature.

Wiped Out by Fire.

Littite Rock, Ark., Feb. 26.—A special to the Democrat from Redfield, Ark., twenty-five miles south of Little Rock, says: This place was wiped out by fire. Every business house except two was burned. The loss is estimated at $30,000. The fire is supposed to have started from an explosion of chemicals in a drug store.

Opera House on Fire.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 26.—The Pike operahouse building is on fire. The fire started in the cellar and in a few minutes after being discovered flames shot through the whole building.

Knocked Out by McGowen.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—Billy Maynard was knocked out by Terry McGovern in the fourth round at the Penn Athletic club.

Gone to Jamaica.

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—The French cruiser Lage, which has been at this port twenty days, sailed for Jamaica. There was a noisy demonstration on the river as she departed.

KNAPP CONFESSES.

Four Times Married Man Admits Choking One Wife to Death.

Indianapolis, Feb. 25.—A special to the Sentinel from Hamilton, O., says:

Alfred Knapp, who was arrested in Indianapolis Wednesday morning and brought to this city on suspicion of having killed his wife, Hannah Goddard Knapp, Dec. 22, last, has confessed.

When it became public that Knapp had confessed, there was much talk of mob violence. Under a strong guard Knapp was removed to the county jail, where he now is under a special guard. The authorities believe they will have no trouble in keeping him. Knapp admitted to Director of Police Mason, Captain Lenthan and Mayor Bosch that he choked his wife to death on the morning of Dec. 22, but says that he don't know why he did it. He says that he then came up town, hired a spring wagon, secured a wooden box from one of the shoe stores and drove back home. There he stuffed the body into the box, being obliged to double it up in order to get the lid down. He then drove to Lidenwald, about two miles south of the city and crossed over to the Miami river just west of Lindenwald. Reaching a high bluff over the river he dumped the box containing the body into the water and drove back to town. Knapp was taken in hand by the police Wednesday morning, and ordered to take them to the place where he had thrown the body.

Knapp also told Chief of Police Kuemmerling that he had something else on his mind that he would tell before he died.

"I may tell it to you in the morning," he said, "but I will not tell anything about it now. I cry every time I think of poor Hannah, and I feel like crying when I think of this other thing."

This statement is believed to be the forerunner of a confession from the prisoner that he killed his first and second wives, both of whom died very mysteriously.

AGREEMENT HAD.

Differences in the Indian Bill Have Been Satisfactorily Adjusted.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The conference of the senate and house reached an agreement of the differences of the two houses on the Indian bill and the senate acceptel the report. There are to be 33 Indian agencies instead of 30 as fixed by the senate and 37 as fixed by the house.

The amendment for the payment of Mexican Kickapoos in Oklahoma is eliminated.

The provision of the senate for payment of the claims of loyal Creeks for damages in the civil war was compromised, and $600,000 instead of $1,200,000 was allowed.

The amendment concerning guardians for minors in Indian Territory went out. The amendment permitting the eastern Cherokees to bring suit in the court of claims was retained.

The amendment abolishing tribal government among the Seminols after 1906 was retained.

RAPID PROGRESS.

Senate Agrees to House Amendment to Philippine Currency Bill.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The senate Wednesday made rapid progress. The statehood riders to the postoffice and agricultural appropriation bills were withdrawn and both bills passed. The house amendments to the Philippine currency bill were agreed to with but slight discussion, thus sending the bill to the president. The sundry civil bill was nearly completed. A large number of pensions, 320, were also passed.

In the course of the day Civil Service Commissioner Foulke was severely criticised on account of a letter written by him to Mr. Spooner regarding the dismissal of an employe of the surveyor general's office, Idaho, who had been charged with receiving campaign contributions. The discussion arose over a resolution by Mr. Dubois calling for information in the case.

During the consideration of the sundry civil bill Mr. Spooner inquired if the appropriation of $200,000 to Queen Lilioukalani was an honorary one.

Mr. Allison replied that it was founded on claims pretended or real of Liliuokalani to what are known as the crown lands in Hawaii, of which she had been deprived.

REPORT ADOPTED.

The Army Appropriation Bill Goes to the President.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The house Wednesday adopted the conference report on the army appropriation bill and sent the bill to the president. The bill to establish a union station in this city was finally passed. The house abandoned its amendment to reduce the amount to be given to the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroads from $1,500,000 each, as fixed in the senate bill to $1,000,000, as fixed by the house. Mr. Cannon and Mr. Cowherd, of Missouri, made the fight against the motion to recede, while Mr. Morrell of Pennsylvania, supported by Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Mr. Olmsted of Pennsylvania and others favored agreement in the amount fixed by the senate.

The Fowler currency bill was debated in a desultory way.

The speaker appointed the following committee to represent the house at the dedication of Louisiana purchase exposition: Messrs. Tawney of Minnesota, Sherman of New York, Mahon of Pennsylvania, Bartholdt of Missouri, Van Vorhies of Ohio, Parker of New Jersey, Overstreet of Indiana, Mann of Illinois, Smith of Iowa, Miller of Kansas, Burkett of Nebraska, Robertson of Louisiana, Bartlett of Georgia, Saafroth of Colorado, and Hay of Virginia.

Six Buildings Burn.

Dodd City, Tex., Feb. 26.—Fire destroyed six brick business houses.

GUESSING AT WEIGHT OF HOGS

A Popular Long Island Sport that Arouses Interest.

New York Sun.

Long Island is in the very height of its hog guessing season just now. This popular sport does not have a strong hold on the business or professional man who comes to the city daily, but it occupies nearly the whole time of the farmers, the village merchants and the baymen, who find the hours a little heavy on their hands. Not only is it a source of amusement; there is excitement and a chance to bet, besides that of turning an honest penny by winning the fifty-dollar prize of the guessing contest.

The heralds of the guessing are big posters with crude representations of a mammoth pig, covering the entire top, and a lot of big type announcing that "Black Beauty," "Black Baby," or "Gay Deceiver," will be guessed for at Bill Jones' or Sam Wright's cross road house at 10:30 a. m., on January ——. Dozens of these posters cover the walls in every Long Island roadhouse and postoffice at this time of year. Where two or three of the natives gather before the bar, at the postoffice or in the country store, a conversation like this will be heard:

"Bill, you goin' up to Jones' tomorrow to guess on his porker?"

"Bet yer life I am. I lost a fifty on that brute of Smith's day 'fore yister' day, an' I'm going to make good on Jones'. Got some information from the feller as raised him that's all right, an' I reckon after I tape him I'll make a pretty reason'ble guess."

Every announcement of a hog guessing says that it will be closed promptly at 10 o'clock, or at the latest by noon. But all the guessings are at roadhouses, and any proprietor who kept faith with the announcement on his posters, would be considered the "durndest kind of a durn fool." In doing so he would be taking money out of his own pocket and preventing his patrons from having what they considered a fair chance.

Hog guessing, as practiced on Long Island, is a very exact science with established rules which take time and precision and a proper amount of enthusiasm to put successfully into practice. The guessers who follow all the "hoggings" within a dozen miles of their homes, plan to get to the scene of operations early in the day. They find a box on the hotel bar sealed up with a slit in the lid. This is to receive the guesses.

It takes two or three bracers from the obliging man behind the bar to get the guessers started right. While bracing himself he is listening to whatever conversation is going on. Was the hog swill fed or hard-grain fed? How's his disposition? Is he fretty or gentle?

Having secured that information, the guesser proceeds to the barn to look the porker over. The examination is made carefully, and the physical development noted. Is the jowl heavy or light? Is the flesh flabby or hard? The bones large or small? Then he pulls a measure from his pocket and proceeds to "tape" the beast. Every guesser has the privilege and every expert does his own "taping." The measurements from behind the ears to the tail end around the girth are taken. Then follow mysterious multiplications and divisions as a result of which the guess is made.

It costs 25c to put a guess in the box, and the same man may put in as many as he wants. It usually happens that he wants to put in several, according to the information he receives from time to time. Pools are often formed, half a dozen men going together and guessing the half dozen figures on both sides of what they believe to be the correct weight. The guesses must be nearly on the pound to have any chance of winning.

Just before dark the preparations to kill the pig are begun. The weight is then taken when he is killed, scraped and drawn. While the killing is going on the betting is the liveliest. Opinions are backed and sometimes the best guessers are fooled. He has overlooked or failed to discover a trifling incident in the career of the hog which adds to or lessens his weight.

"Well, I'm durn glad no one took that bet o' mine, yisterday, that Smith's pig didn't weigh mor'n seventy," said one of the Long Island experts in a Babylon hotel the other night. "I never was more surprised in all my born days. I didn't see where all that weight laid, 'cause she was a little slack in the jowls. I'd been given to understand that it was a swill-fed pig. I could a' seen where it got the weight if it had been fed on corn. But you know that swill makes a lot of flab."

"Yes, but look ahere, Bill," said his friend, "you've been hoggin' long 'nough to know there's lots of difference in swill. The swill that 'er pig was fed on wasn't no slush. It all come from the Argyle hotel, and them cooks down there ain't so particular as other folks about pickin' meat and taters outer the leavins'. Accordingly that swill was pretty much solid stuff, an' a man aint got to be much better'n a fool to know that a hog fed on meat and taters ain't goin' to have any great amount of flab on him. I reckoned it ud weigh clus onto ninety. If I'd a had the money when you tried to bet that hundred you wouldn't be round here now ticklin' yourself to think you didn't lose it."

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Hogs in Semi-Arid Sections.

Texas Live Stock Journal.

J. N. Davis, an occasional correspondent of the Journal, has been traveling out on the "Staked Plains" of Texas where there is not sufficient moisture for corn as a regular crop. He found many small farmers in the hog business, on a limited scale, and without exception they were securing satisfactory results. He says:

"One farmer who was raised in Virginia and lived many years in Tennessee before moving to Texas, said that while corn is regarded as the standard feed for hogs, he believes that kaffir corn, milo maize, in fact any of the non-saccharine sorghums, are about as good for hogs as corn, and all of them can be grown successfully in the semi-arid regions, whether in Texas or elsewhere. In line with his suggestion, it has been shown (as stated in Bulletin 133 of the department of agriculture) that a bushel of kaffir corn produced 10.06 pounds of pork, while with a lot of hogs fed corn for purposes of comparison, a bushel of corn produced 11.09 pounds of gain. As to the quantity of kaffir corn that can be grown, it may be stated on the authority of the Kansas experiment station, that during 11 years the average yield was 46 bushels. Taking that fact in connection with the above stated facts, as the basis for an estimate, it appears that an acre of kaffir corn would produce 487 pounds of pork. During the same 11 years the average corn yield was only 34½ bushels. An acre of corn, therefore, would produce, on the basis of the above figures, only 410 pounds of pork. On the other hand it is stated that pigs tire of kaffir corn more quickly than of corn, but if fed with alfalfa, soy beans or skim milk, they eat it readily until they are thoroughly finished, and those thus fed fatten evenly."

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