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LIVE STOCK MARKET

Today's Receipts of Cattle, 500; Hogs, 1,350.

BEEF STEERS STEADY

Butcher Cows Active, Strong. Cows Higher.

HOGS STEADY TO ACTIVE

Bulk of Offerings Were from Texas Points.

RECEIPTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.
Today	500	1,350
Last month	1,736	1,179
Same day 1903	233	408

Official Receipts Yesterday.

Cattle	1,016
Hogs	2,482
Sheep	856

Selling Prices Today.

CATTLE—Steers, top $3.45, bulk $3.15@3.35. Cows, top $2.60, bulk $2.00@2.25.

HOGS—Top $5.55, bulk $5.50.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Steers—Good to choice	$3 35@3 75
Medium fed	3 00@3 40
Stockers and feeders	2 00@3 00
Yearlings	1 25@2 50
Cows—Choice heavy fed	2 50@3 40
Medium butcher	2 15@2 50
Cutters	1 85@2 15
Canners	1 00@1 75
Bulls, stags and oxen	1 50@3 00
Calves—Good to fancy veals	4 00@6 00
Common to fair	2 00@3 50

The cattle supply has been simmering down all week and today hardly enough came in to make a market quotable.

Fifteen cars were in at the opening of the market, or 450 head. Very few were reported, and with the few drive-ins total receipts were estimated not to run over 500, against 725 for last Friday, 1,736 for the same Friday in January, and 233 for the same day one year ago.

BEEF STEERS.

The supply of steers today was light, and offerings were limited to a few medium loads.

One load of choice heavy well finished cattle arrived and sold on the late market yesterday, averaging 1232, and brought $3.70, which was fully steady with the same cattle last week.

The small supply today met a good demand and trading was active and strong, the best bringing $3.15.

Representative sales:

No.	Ave.	Price
25	1045	3 45
17	1030	3 35
25	923	3 20
4	1040	3 15
23	954	3 15
35	948	3 15
48	960	3 15
5	880	2 90
1	710	2 60
5	558	2 60
1	580	2 60
1	760	2 50
17 yearlings	419	2 15

BUTCHER STOCK.

The supply of butcher stock was light, of from common to medium quality.

The best demand for the week has been on the medium to well finished cows, but with the small supply coming, buyers today were hungry for all kinds, and trading was active and strong.

There was no change in the bull market from yesterday, and the small supply sold steady.

Cows.

1	1220	3 00
3	970	2 65
25	776	2 60
11	729	2 50
1	750	2 50
1	970	2 50
1	1070	2 50
2	740	2 30
2	725	2 25
4	679	2 25
5	1001	2 25
1	900	2 15
1	870	2 15
1	790	2 15
3	586	1 90
1	850	1 75
1	940	1 75
4	692	1 75
21	571	1 70
18	895	1 65
2	755	1 65
1	1010	1 50
1	780	1 50
3	823	1 50
10	577	1 40
1	600	1 25

Heifers.

1	540	2 10
4	492	1 70

Bulls.

2	1070	2 15
1	1470	2 00
8	773	2 00
1	880	1 75

CALVES.

Only a few calves were marketed, mostly of medium kind.

There has been a call from packers for calves all week, who have not been getting enough, and the market has gained an advance of from 25 to 50c.

Good to choice vealers averaging from 100 to 200 pounds are quoted from $4.00@5.50, with an occasional sale of something fancy as high as $6, with the common to medium heavy calves from $2.00@4.00.

1	170	3 50
1	80	3 50
3	253	2 75
1	160	2 50
2	255	2 50
7	232	2 50
17	283	2 00
2	385	2 00
1	530	2 00
12	248	2 00
4	392	2 00
4	307	1 75
2	280	1 50

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$5 40@5 60
Mixed packers	5 25@5 45
Lights	5 10@5 35
Pigs	3 50@4 50
Stags and roughs	3 50@4 00

Another fairly liberal run of hogs arrived today making receipts so far this week run over 2,000 larger than for the corresponding time last week.

Sixteen loads were in at the opening of the market, or 1,050 head; two more loads arrived about noon and total receipts figured close around 1,350, against 439 last Friday, 1,179 for the corresponding Friday last month, and 408 for the corresponding day one year ago.

The bulk of offerings were from Texas points, and while of medium weight the quality was good, while on the supply from Territory points the quality and weight were both medium.

The market opened steady and an active trade ruled while the supply lasted. The top today was $5.55 for two loads of corn-fed Texas hogs averaging 194 and 229 pounds, with the bulk of sales around $5.50.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.

No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
87	.....	184	5 47½
57	.....	200	5 50
85	.....	196	5 50
86	.....	177	5 50

Texas Hogs.

13	.....	157	3 50
13	.....	138	4 25
30	.....	119	4 35
1	80	500	4 75
1	.....	500	4 75
14	.....	160	5 05
1	80	610	5 15
56	.....	205	5 25
65	40	178	5 25
15	.....	172	5 30
64	.....	210	5 50
78	.....	190	5 50
79	.....	194	5 55
80	80	229	5 55

Wagon Hogs.

5	.....	185	5 10
2	.....	455	5 35

THE SHEEP TRADE

Today's Quotations.

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

HORSES AND MULES

Horses.

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

Mules.

13½ to 14 hands, fat	$ 50@ 60
14 to 14½ hands, fat	75@ 85
14½ to 15 hands, fat	90@120
15 to 15½ hands, fat	125@140
15½ to 16 hands, fat with quality	145@160
16 to 16½ hands, extra, 1,200 to 1,300	165@175

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

B. A. Harper, San Marcos	24
Coyle & Grace, Maramac, O. T.	5
S. P. Stone, Itaska	25
J. M. Tannehill, Decatur	42
F. P. Shifflett, Krum	30
E. C., Denton	46
Moberly Bros., Italy	23
J. B. Heath, Commerce	33
W. W. Mars, Commerce	36
A. F. Sansom, Itaska	56
Snow & Smith, Gatesville	50
C. McClendon, Kopperl	30
L. B. Hamm, Wills Point	40
S. King, Mexia	28

Hogs.

Coyle & Grace, Maramac, O. T.	56
C. C. Wheeler, Norman, O. T.	83
B. F. Bartholomew, Norman, O. T.	83
E. Kile, Ripley, O. T.	87
E. Kile, Cushing, O. T.	86
F. Shifflett, Krum, Tex.	78
C. McClendon, Kopperl, Tex.	15
J. B. Heath, Commerce, Tex.	27
Pharr Bros., Sulphur Springs, Tex.	68
L. Edwards, Seymour, Tex.	90
F. B. Gallion, Arapahoe, O. T.	89
E. & C., Denton, Tex.	15
B. F. Sansom, Alvarado, Tex.	60
B. F. Gearhart, Celina, Tex.	80
Taylor & Hamlin, Celina	80
S. King, Mexia	15
R. A. Nabours, Rockdale, Tex.	93
Peters & P., Lott, Tex.	81
C. E. Bullard, Madisonville, Tex.	102

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET.

Swift & Co.	401
Armour & Co.	327
Pulius House	116
Saunders	16
Hill & Son	16
Others	5

Calves.

Swift & Co.	103
Armour & Co.	32

Hogs.

Armour & Co.	1,244
Swift & Co.	1,085

Sheep.

Swift & Co.	344

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS.

F. Shifflett from Krum sold 11 cows of 728 pounds at $2.50.

Coyle & Grace of Maramac, O. T., had in today 57 hogs averaging 200 pounds, which sold at $5.50.

W. W. Marrs from Commerce sold 25 cows, average 776 pounds, at $2.60, and 8 bulls of 773 pounds at $2.

B. F. Gearhart of Celina had in today 79 hogs averaging 194 pounds which sold to Armour & Co., at $5.55.

M. Sansom & Co. drove in from their feed pens near town 177 steers that averaged 1030, and sold at $3.35.

C. Wheeler of Norman, O. T., marketed today 85 hogs averaging 196 pounds, which sold to Swift & Co. at $5.50.

Snow & Smith were in from Gatesville with steers. They sold 25 of 1045 lbs. at $3.45, and 25 of 923 pounds at $3.20.

Taylor & Hamlin of Celina were represented on the market today with 80 hogs averaging 229 pounds, which sold at $5.55.

Frank Shifflett of Krum, one of the well known hog men of the state, was in today with 78 hogs of his own raising and feeding, averaging 190 pounds, which sold at $5.50.

Eugene Kile, regular shipper to this market, had in today two loads of hogs from Ripley and Cushing, O. T., 86 averaging 177 sold at $5.50, and 87 averaging 184 sold at $5.47½.

Receipts of hogs this week run ahead of cattle. To date we have in 7,500 hogs and 5,150 cattle. No such condition has occurred in any former week. Generally the cattle outnumber the hogs two to one.

RUSSIA AS OUR RIVAL.

With Chinese Cheap Labor She Threatens Our Meat Trade.

The National Provisioner says: The war between Russia and Japan has been hailed in some quarters as a stimulant to American export trade, especially in meats and provisions, because of the great quantities of these latter products needed to feed armies and camp followers in war times. Russia, in particular, has placed orders in this country for several million pounds of meats and meat products, and has in the past been a heavy buyer for her armies of soldiers and her armies of workmen in the Orient as well. It is evident, however, that these purchases are intended to continue only until such a time as Russia can carry her development of Manchuria to a point where her own industrial and agricultural forces will be able to supply not only her own needs, but also those of the rest of the eastern world. In this lies the menace to American trade in the Far East—not only in Manchuria and China, but throughout the whole of the Orient.

It will probably surprise Americans, even provision exporters, to learn that there are a number of modern meat packing establishments in operation at the new Russian commercial city of Harbin, in the heart of Manchuria. Though the city is but a year or two old, there are plants now in operation costing $130,000. "They cure hams, bacon and all varieties of smoked meats and produce excellent articles," says Consul Miller, of New Chwang. "Hogs and cattle in this part of the country are grain fed and make splendid meats, and the Russians are experts in preparing it for markets. So far these concerns have not been able to supply the Manchurian markets, but the cheap labor of the country, in combination with the cheap grain and the familiarity of the Chinese with hog raising, makes a good foundation for the growth of the industry, and I can see no reason why it should not continue to grow sufficiently to produce all that may be required for the Oriental markets."

WORK OF PLANTING TREES.

Chicago Drovers' Journal: The work that is being done in the West by the forestry department to save the trees and grow new ones is commendable and timely. Lumber companies have denuded millions of acres and wantonly destroyed much of the young growth, and it is about time that the government was putting a check on timber depredations. The bureau of forestry at Washington has just entered into an agreement with a company controlling 1,300,000 acres of timber land in the states of Washington and Idaho to prepare working plans for their enormous holdings which will provide for growth of new trees to take the place of those that are cut, thereby securing a constant replenishment against denudation. Tree planting and the natural reproduction of deficient forests receive a constantly increasing share of the attention of the Agricultural Department. Last year the department prepared plans for tree planting in twenty-nine states, involving the examination of 40,557 acres of land, including the prairie regions along the Fort Worth & Denver City railroad, 640 acres in Alabama, the Dismal Forest River reserve of Nebraska, the San Gabriel forest reserve of California, in Oklahoma, North Dakota and Arizona. The work for this year will include tree planting on Pike's Peak, Wichita, Prescott and San Bernardino forest reserves, in New Mexico, the extension of the timber belts of Kansas, restocking cut-over pine lands in Southern Michigan, a study of second-growth white pine in New England, and a co-operative study with the state of California in improving the stands of timber, also the suppression of forest fires.

OKLAHOMA LIVE STOCK MEN.

Guthrie Selected as the Next Place for the Meeting.

The last day of the meeting of the Oklahoma Live Stock association at Oklahoma City was full of business. Resolutions were adopted requesting the Federal authorities to do all within their power to clear up the Indian reservations from infection of fever ticks, to request the railways to issue free return tickets to live stock shippers under such restrictions as will adequately protect the interests of both the railways and the shippers; for concessions in the matter of exorbitant freight rates; for independent packing plants; and urging fast service of railways in moving live stock.

Guthrie was selected as the next place of meeting.

President Carr appointed the following committees for the ensuing year, after which the convention adjourned sine die:

Quarantine committee: B. W. Murphy, Marshall, O. T.; M. C. Campbell, Wichita, Kan.; George W. Boyd, Mangum, O. T.

Legislative committee: E. E. Alkire, Lexington; Joe Madison, Karoma; C. Porter Johnson, Oklahoma City.

Executive committee: J. H. Cox, Moscow, O. T.; A. H. Tandy, Woodward; T. P. Seward, May, O. T.; John O'Neil, Marshall, O. T.; R. M. Bressie, Ponca City; C. H. Gorten, Snyder, O. T.; W. A. Moore, Oklahoma City.

County vice-presidents: Beaver county, John George, Liberal, Kan.; Woodward county, C. H. Lockland, May; Woods county, D. W. Harrington, Alva; Day county, M. F. Ward, Grand; Dewey county, B. F. Simpson, Bloomington; Grant county, A. J. Engbert, Pond Creek, O. T.; Roger Mills county, E. K. Thurmond, Elk City; Greer county, Ed T. Davis, Dock, O. T.; Kiowa county, C. E. Walker, Olden, O. T.; Canadian county, George O. Conville, El Reno; Kingfisher county, E. W. Hunt, Kingfisher; Kay county, Tonk Smith, Ponca City; Noble county, —, Beadles, Antrim, O. T.; Logan county, B. W. Murphy, Marshall; Oklahoma county, E. Bracht, Oklahoma City; Cleveland county, Henry Perry; Payne county, F. C. Burtis, Stillwater; Comanche county, W. D. Campbell, Apache, Kansas state, Scott Rupert, Medicine Lodge; Colorado state, John Stinson, Springfield; Texas state, Robert Moody, Canadian.

MUCH LAND IS YET VACANT.

Uncle Sam Has Still Broad Acres to Give Away to Settlers.

Chicago Chronicle: The material development of the country is quietly progressing at a remarkable rate in one direction which is not given much popular attention. More than 22,824,299 acres of the public lands were turned over to private individuals last year. This means that an area almost equal to that of the state of Indiana has within that time been added to the productive regions of the United States. Most of these newly opened lands were homesteaded by farmers, as will be seen from the following figures: There were 54,365 patents of all classes issued within the year. Of this number, 47,654 are classed as agricultural, 4,904 as Indian allotments, 1,104 as mineral patents, 2000 as coal patents, 276 as private land claims, 187 as railroad patents, and forty as swamp land patents. The total sum which the government got by way of fees and commissions for issuing these patents was $11,024,744. Under a recent law the most of the receipts from the sale of public lands will henceforth be set aside for reclaiming arid lands by irrigation.

In the public domain there are still unappropriated 380,979,307 acres of surveyed lands, and 591,976,169 acres of unsurveyed lands, or a total of more than 970,955,000 acres. A great many tracts in this immense area, of course, will always remain uncultivated and unsettled, but it has been estimated that when the contemplated system of irrigation shall be put into working order so much good land will be opened that a population as large as the whole nation's present population could find room there to thrive prosperously and contentedly.

Rapid strides are now being made in the development of the public domain. The excitement and uproar of former pioneer days are absent in this work, but the process is marked and very effective. The passenger traffic on Western railroads is evidence of this fact. Agreeable reflections arise in contemplating that the United States still owns so much arable public land. The dangers of an overcrowded population by immigration or natural increase are still remote. The census for many years yet to come will not show an excess of people above what the West will need in settling up its vacant lands.

CROKER'S IRISH BACON FACTORY.

Having made his fortune in politics in New York City, Richard Croker has now decided to set up a bacon factory in Ireland and drive the American hog product out of that country. At least, that is what is deduced from London reports of the latest plans of the ex-New York boss. Having tired of being a plain country squire at Wantage, he has gone over to Ireland to become a "captain of industry." Reports say that he has begun his residence in Ireland by throwing himself into the industrial revival that is proceeding there. His first scheme is the creation of a bacon factory in Tipperary. He is not going to run it exclusively as his own, but he is finding the money to set the machinery in motion. He has planked down $20,000 to put up a building which will be supplied with the latest machinery and appliances for bacon curing purposes. He has financed a delegation which is now exploring Denmark for the purpose of ascertaining the latest methods employed in that country in creameries and bacon curing.

GOOD SALE OF TEXAS HORSES.

Dallas News: Fred Wood returned to Dallas yesterday from Los Angeles, where he has been with five horses. He did not bring them back with him, but after winning $2,500 in purses with Paul Whaley and Stemwinder, both well known in Dallas, he sold the five.

Paul Whaley brought $1,500, Stemwinder brought $2,000 and the other three sold for $500.

If you want the best Photographs for the least price, guaranteed, take your face to Leffler's, cor. 5th and Houston streets, Fort Worth, Tex.

THE COTTON MONEY.

Where It Is Going—Central Schools. Good Roads—Telephones.

With about $250,000,000 more to its credit than in any previous year in its history, the south finds it necessary to pause and think awhile before going on with its development. This estimate is based on the increase of revenue from cotton, to say nothing of the increased yield of grain, hay, cane, etc., as well as the interests of stock raising, which is growing as no other industry of this section. The increase in the price of cotton alone gives a surplus of $15 each to the 16,000,000 inhabitants of the eleven cotton growing states. This is no small item in the way of "extra change," especially when we consider that only a small percentage of three or four of the states' inhabitants are engaged in cotton raising. It therefore follows that the real surplus is far in excess of the amount named when we consider only actual growers.

The result of this state of affairs is plainly apparent on all sides, and the observant stranger may note the changes for the better. New dwellings, new barns, new stores and new public buildings are going up. The new centralized school buildings are a feature in the rural districts and are resulting in much good wherever they have been established. There is also an increasing interest in the construction of good roads and the extension of the rural free delivery of mails and the improvement of the rural telephone service. It is a significant indication that the more a man has the more he wants. When awakened to the condition of his existence he moves around to seek out new ways of improvement.

The trend of these improvements, while directed considerably to the public utilities, is more largely devoted to advancing agricultural methods. The clearing of the fields, so as to permit of the working of improved implements, is one feature of the advancement noted. Then there is the mapping out of the farm in which diversification and rotation are given attention. On many southern farms different characters of soils are found, and farmers are considering the adaptability of the soil to the crop intended. This means at least a partial solution to the restoration problem, as many of the so called wornout fields still contain much of the fundamental elements of fertility necessary to the successful culture of certain crops. One of the difficulties of the situation is just how to determine what crop to plant on each plat. There are just two ways to take—one is chemical analysis of the soil; the other, experimentation, is equally satisfactory. This forms one of the most fascinating details of diversified agriculture, and, while it may have had its origin in mediæval times, it has been practiced only of late years in the south. We now see "mapped farms," showing the terracing, indicating the lay of the land and distribution of the various crops.

Another effect of the increase in the circulating medium is the increase in the price offered to labor, which is now 20 to 75 per cent above the price given last season. Despite the extra inducements extended to farm workers, there is now an unparalleled scarcity of help.—Georgia Cor. Country Gentleman.

Figuring on the Rice Crop.

In order to answer constant inquiries about the rice crop the Crop Reporter publishes the following table, but says that the figures of production, while the best obtainable estimates of a reliable commercial authority, do not show the actual full product, but only the amounts placed upon the market. The quantities consumed by the producer and retained for seed are probably considerable, but no reliable figures showing the same are available.

Years.	Production. a	Exports. b		Imports. b
		Domestic.	Foreign.	
	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
1883-84	110,700,000	103,512	10,147,554	94,352,000
1884-85	109,501,000	653,102	8,659,102	119,074,577
1885-86	159,500,000	1,700,576	6,479,877	97,562,353
1886-87	155,993,500	4,126,650	4,871,060	102,550,329
1887-88	145,630,700	1,856,726	5,836,122	155,623,501
1888-89	174,732,100	2,800,027	8,223,324	156,276,560
1889-90	171,122,000	2,681,979	8,604,615	124,027,171
1890-91	156,770,000	2,493,826	8,119,574	214,302,582
1891-92	155,056,000	16,256,796	10,581,952	148,103,695
1892-93	227,547,000	13,714,798	10,061,805	147,452,828
1893-94	122,985,000	10,706,249	11,177,253	142,161,817
1894-95	199,850,000	1,623,336	10,272,244	219,564,339
1895-96	188,685,440	15,031,554	13,619,466	146,724,607
1896-97	96,986,400	3,906,754	11,607,634	195,816,134
1897-98	116,304,700	6,590,957	10,306,494	190,285,315
1898-99	136,906,750	15,324,689	13,117,488	204,177,293
1899-00	219,278,500	41,966,417	18,271,141	116,679,891
1900-01	253,129,500	25,327,846	9,550,968	117,199,719
1901-02	388,925,200	29,591,774	11,482,495	157,658,894
1902-03	319,386,900	19,770,148	9,952,587	169,856,184

a Estimates of Dun Talmage's Sons' Co.
b From reports of treasury department.
c Not including rice flour and meal, to the value of $339,534.

Things That Are Said.

What is needed is public spirit, a willingness to do a service to the neighborhood without selfishly demanding pay for every stroke of work done.

To every young man entering upon life is allowed one year for blunders while he learns how to oil the wheels of the business which he is trying to smoothly run.

About the loneliest boy in the world is the one who has found out that his father promises him things that he never does.

Take no man's thoughts as your own unless you know them to be God made and heaven born.

The things that interest us most are generally none of our business.

The farm is nearest to heaven of any spot on earth.

Kubanka and Wild Goose, though macaroni wheats, were grown under irrigation at the Montana experiment station without any apparent softening of the kernel. Russian 2995, supplied by the department of agriculture in 1899, is one of the most promising milling wheats.

Read The Live Stock Reporter.

DAILY WEATHER FORECAST.

Weather Bureau, Fort Worth, Feb. 26.—Local weather forecast: Tonight and Saturday, generally fair. Colder.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	3,000	33,000	8,000
Kansas City	2,000	10,000	2,000
St. Louis	1,200	7,000	1,000
St. Joseph	600	7,500	3,300
	6,800	57,500	14,300

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Feb. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts 3,000. Market steady. Top beeves $5.55.

HOGS — Receipts 33,000. Market steady. Top, fancy $5.80, bulk $5.35@5.65.

SHEEP — Receipts 8,000. Market steady.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Feb. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts 2,000. Market steady. Top $4.60.

HOGS — Receipts 10,000. Market strong to 5 higher. Top $5.60, bulk $5.30@5.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,000. Steady.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Feb. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts 1,200. Texas 400. Texas steers $3.00@4.35, cows and heifers $2.00@3.10.

HOGS — Receipts 7,000. Market strong. Top $5.70. Packers $5.15@5.55, pigs and lights $4.90@5.20.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,000. Steady.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

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

CATTLE — Receipts 600 Market strong to 10 higher.

HOGS — Receipts 7,500. Market 5 higher. Top $5.65, bulk $5.35@5.60.

SHEEP — Receipts 3,300. Opening steady. Trains late.

FERTILIZER FRAUDS.

Farmers Warned Against Buying Worthless Recipes.

G. S. Fraps of the Experiment Station writes:

Farmers are warned against purchase of receipts for making fertilizers for two reasons: first, formulas are furnished free of charge by the Experiment Station; second, the recipes usually sold are practically of no value.

We are reliably informed that the following formula for a fertilizer is now being sold in this state:

"2 lbs. Bluestone
2 lbs. Saltpetre
2 lbs. Nitrate Ammonia
2 lbs. Soda Ash
4 lbs. Potash—Ball

dissolved in 5 gallons of water and sprinkled on sand, makes a ton, sufficient for one acre."

None of the substances mentioned is used in making fertilizers. Bluestone and soda ash have no value as fertilizers. Saltpetre, ammonium nitrate and potash contain potash and nitrogen, but they are too expensive to use as fertilizers. Besides, the potash would act on the ammonium nitrate and drive off the ammonia.

Without considering the value of the labor, the above ingredients would cost $1.50 to $2. They would contain about 3 pounds of potash and one pound of nitrogen, with a fertilizing value of 31 cents. In other words, the purchaser of this recipe pays his money to learn how to get 31 cents worth of fertility for $1.50 or $2. Applied to an acre of land, the mixture would have practically no effect on the crop and would merely lead to disappointment. Three dead cats and two buckets of wood ashes would be of greater benefit.

Farmers are warned against the purchase of recipes for making fertilizers, particularly if they are claimed to be "secret" or "wonderful discoveries." Numbers of these recipes have been sold in different parts of the country at from $2 to $5 and more. As a rule, they are of no value. The experiment station at College Station will furnish free of charge correct formulas for the mixing of fertilizers, for cotton, corn, potatoes or any other crop, to any farmer in the state. Do not purchase recipes, when correct formulas can be had for nothing, particularly when the recipes that you buy will probably cause waste of time and money in the preparation of mixtures which are of little value, and disappointment in the crop produced.

The law requires the analysis of every fertilizer sold in this state to be printed on a tag attached to each bag. This tag should bear the signature of the state chemist. Sale of any fertilizer not bearing this tag is contrary to law, and farmers are warned not to purchase such.

REPORTS OF THE GREENBUG.

A dispatch from Midlothian says: R. B. Reeves, who lives on route No. 1, three miles from town, stated yesterday that the green bugs were badly damaging the oats and wheat.

W. E. Sewell, from the Mount Peak neighborhood, states that the green bugs are ruining the fall oats in that community.

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A Sad Sunset.

Dean Farrar soon after he went to St. Margaret's, Westminster, was dining at Professor Jowett's and toward dessert took up the parable against Irish. His voice rose higher and higher, he spread himself around him, and he was heard thundering out, "What I complain of as a clergyman is that I have to do what no human law to do. I have to beg and beg in vain. Fashionable ladies come to my church glittering with precious gems, and yet they will not sacrifice one diamond from their great tiaras in order to save some ragged sister from destruction." When he finished the silence grew chilly. All the learned looked gloomily at their plates. Then Jowett, who had been musing as though he meant mischief, suddenly cut, "What I object to as a clergyman is that I have to exaggerate so!"—St. James Gazette.

He Died Cured.

There used to live near Doylestown, in New Hampshire, a physician who had a reputation for pigheaded stupidity.

A good story about this physician used to circulate in the town. According to it, an old woman stopped his gig one day and pointed toward a house with crape on the door.

"Yes, doctor," she said mournfully, "Mr. Brown is dead, for all you pronounced to cure him, eh?"

The doctor looked at her in his pompous, stupid way.

"You're mistaken," he said. "You didn't follow the progress of the case. It's true Mr. Brown is dead, but he died cured!"

Slower Time.

Englishmen in Queen Elizabeth's time dined at 11 a. m., and Shakespeare rang up the curtain at the Globe theater at 1 p. m., the performance ending between 5 and 6 o'clock. By the time of Charles II. dinner had advanced to 1 o'clock and the play began at 3 p. m., as Pepys records. A century later Horace Walpole complained of dinner being as late as 4 o'clock and evening not beginning until 6 o'clock. Up to the middle of the last century theaters opened at 6:30, dinner being proportionately earlier.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

A Winter's Tale.

Good old footboard warmer.
Good old footboard foamer.
Good old footboard stomper.
Good old footboard mourner.
Good old footboard rank;
Good old footboard doctor;
Good old footboard bill.
—Washington Star.

He and His Money.

Towne—Our friend Lenders must be the proverbial fool.

Browne—Oh, make sure, that's rather hard!

Towne—Well, I heard Burroughs remark that he was a "perfect gentleman."—Philadelphia Press.

Professionally Speaking.

Smartone—There's a couple getting married that I bet you will have it both and toe nail.

Spectatone—Why so?

Smartone—He's a dentist and she's a chiropodist.—Baltimore American.

Good at Criticising.

There was a young student named Rough
Who was more than enough "up to snuff;"
In fact, I believe
He'd a card up his sleeve—
Namely, notes on the edge of his cuff.
—Salt Lake Herald.

Boston Matrons.

Mrs. Greene—I wonder if Mrs. Butler's hair is her own?

Mrs. Gray—Well, that's a nice question. You see, she had it sent on approval, so of course she hasn't paid for it yet.—Boston Transcript.

Sacrificial Severity.

"Mr. Gladboy has such a pleasant smile! I think he must have a very sweet temper."

"Um-m! Probably his wife has!"—Brooklyn Life.

Fatal Error.

He wrote a song melodramatic
And hoped that some fame it might bring.
But it failed. There was not a grammatical
Mistake in the whole blooming thing.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

Attentiveness of New Friends.

Edmonia—How you do love to make new friends!

Fumacle—Yes; they are so much more polite than the old ones.—Detroit Free Press.

A gold discovery is reported on the Pennington river, Indian Territory, in what is known as the "Devil's Den."

RUSSIANS IRRITATED.

Seems to Be Strong Feeling Against People of United States.

ORDERS CANCELLED.

Will Not Purchase Any More Goods In This Country, It Is Given Out, on Account of the Affair at Chemulpo.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The irritation against the United States on account of the supposed unfriendly attitude of that country toward Russia, which was slightly ameliorated throughout the far eastern negotiations, seems to have become daily more pronounced, and since the Vicksburg incident at Chemulpo, when the commander of the American gunboat is said to have refused to unite with the commanders of other foreign warships at Chemulpo to protest against the fighting which resulted in the loss of the Russian warships Varing and and Korietz, and the fact that the Vicksburg did not take on board survivors of the Russian ships, American business men here are really alarmed concerning the possible effect upon American trade.

Within the last few days orders for American goods have been countermanded, the only explanation being given that the prospective purchaser did not expect to buy American goods under the circumstances.

United States Consul General Watts has been appealed to in the case of an American firm which had a large contract for school supplies, the contract having been peremptorily cancelled.

Orders for a large importation of wood pulp have also been countermanded, the intending purchaser saying in his letter that he could not be expected to do business with America after the Vicksburg incident. Mr. Watts has felt it to be his duty to write to the state department, pointing out the state of public feeling here, and the great prospective damage to American trade unless measures are taken to allay the irritation.

BOTTLE OR DESTROY.

The Opinion That Viceroy Has of Japanese Intentions.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Following the dispatch of Major General Pflug, saying the Japanese had again attacked Port Arthur Thursday morning and had been repulsed, Viceroy Alexieff has sent in an identical dispatch to the czar. The fact that the Japanese have renewed the attack is interpreted here to mean that they are determined to bottle or destroy the Russian fleet at Port Arthur in order to give themselves freedom for land maneuvers to cut off or invest the city, or as a feint to cover a movement elsewhere.

No Further News.

London, Feb. 26.—No further news of an attack on Port Arthur after the telegram in which the Japanese attempted to sink vessels in such a manner as to block the harbor entrance has reached London. Almost all the English newspapers, in discussing Viceroy Alexieff's reports, incline to the belief that Admiral Togo succeeded in so far as to make the channel impassable for large battleships, even if it is still free to smaller craft, and presume that the reported second attack, if it did occur, was directed to an attempt to sink further obstacles to navigation.

Were Passengers.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 26.—Horace G. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific railroad, and Mrs. Burt were passengers on the Korea, reported seized by the Japanese at Nagasaki. The cargo of beef carried by the Korea, and which is reported seized, was packed and shipped from South Omaha.

None West of Liao River.

Tie Kow, Feb. 26.—Foreign engineers on the Shan Hai Kwan, New Chwang railroad, say that according to their information there is no Russian force west of the Liao river with the exception of a guard of twenty-five Cossacks at Kouperatsvo.

Confirmed by Refugees.

Tie Kow, Feb. 26.—Native reports that the Japanese have landed at Posiet Bay and subsequently undertook operations against Hun Chun and towards Kirin, have received qualified confirmation from English missionary refugees, who have arrived at New Chwang.

Going to the Front.

Tokio, Feb. 26.—Japanese are going to the front. They are splendidly equipped, but will suffer from the cold. It is claimed the Japanese have a large enough force to check the Russians in Korea.

May Shell Port Arthur.

Tokio, Feb. 26.—The Japanese may shell Port Arthur. A few shells thrown over the hills into the basin holding the bay and town could not fail to do serious execution.

Two Indicted.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 26.—The grand jury returned indictments against B. F. French, attorney for Curtis Jett, and Ed Callahan, former sheriff of Breathitt county, on the charge of subornation of perjury in the late Jett-White murder trials.

Nominations Handed In.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The president sent to the senate the following nominations: Marshal, Victor Tolsel, Eastern district of Louisiana; agent for the Indians, J. Blair Rheenfelt of Wyoming, Union Indian agency, Indian Territory.

TERRIBLE DUEL.

One Man Badly Wounded, Other Believed to Have Suicided.

Mount Vernon, Tex., Feb. 26.—The most shocking tragedy ever enacted in Mount Vernon occurred at 7 o'clock Wednesday night. J. Cullen Stringer and A. L. Pratber, two prominent business men, had a personal encounter on the street. Three shots were fired, one of which inflicted a wound. It will be fatal, wound on Stringer.

Rumorers report that after Pratber had wounded Stringer he turned the weapon to his own head and fired, killing himself almost instantly.

IMPORTANT OPINION.

Editor Cannot Advocate a Candidate in His Editorial Columns.

Austin, Feb. 26.—Attorney General Bell has rendered an opinion on the Terrell election laws that it is a violation of the law for an editor to advocate a candidate for office in his editorial columns, if said candidate pays for the same.

To announce a candidate for office is not a violation of the act. The violation is of the law in this connection is confined to the editorial, provided the candidate pays for the same.

Thought in Houston.

Houston, Feb. 26.—Mrs. C. F. Dodge, whose marriage to Banker C. W. Morse of New York has been annulled, is believed to be in Houston. Information to this effect was received, and a woman from New York answering her description is consulting with attorneys.

Plays With "Wizard of Oz."

Greenville, Tex., Feb. 26.—A contract has been closed by Mrs. Blanche Atkinson-Grundy, a talented vocalist and beautiful lady of this city, by which she takes a leading role in the "Wizard of Oz," a prominent attraction.

Injunction Dissolved.

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 26.—District Judge Pope has dissolved temporary injunction restraining Southern Pacific from double tracking its main line through Beaumont. This work will be completed and a large passenger depot built.

Dynamited and Robbed.

Waco, Feb. 26.—The safe in the store of A. B. Jones & Son at Ross, ten miles north, was dynamited and some money taken. Stamps were taken from the postoffice, in the same building.

Released on Bond.

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 26.—A. W. Looney, postmaster at Orange, charged with rape, has been released on $5000 bond.

IS COMPLETED.

It is Thought Isthmian Canal Commission is Selected.

Washington, Feb. 26.—President Roosevelt has completed the personnel of the isthmian canal commission. Announcements have been received by the president that S. C. Ewald Grunsky of San Francisco, a hydraulic engineer, will accept, although his formal acceptance has not been received. It is probable that the seventh member of the commission, as heretofore indicated by the Associated Press, will be Benjamin M. Harrod of New Orleans, a member of the Mississippi river commission.

Large Pythian Prizes.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—The executive committee of the Biennial association has decided to offer cash prizes of the total value of $10,000 for competitive drills at biennial encampment of the Knights of Pythias. The encampment and sessions of the grand lodge will be held at Louisville beginning Aug. 31.

Hailed With Delight.

Odessa, Feb. 26.—Large and excited crowds soon gathered in the streets when the news of the United Isles sensie having ratified the canal treaty became known. The shops immediately displayed Chinese lanterns and the railroad offices were prettily decorated with red, white and blue electric lights, fireworks and music lasted all night long and everywhere there were manifestations of frantic delight.

No Obstacle.

Paris, Feb. 26.—No obstacle will be placed by the Panama Canal company in the way of the consummation of the agreement with the United States for the sale of its concession.

Price of Rolls Raised.

New York, Feb. 26.—Master bakers on the west side have decided to advance the price of rolls from 20 to 22 cents per dozen owing to the high price prevailing for wheat and flour. Many bakers have reduced the size of loaves, but no action has been taken toward raising the price of bread.

No Truth in Report.

London, Feb. 26.—The war office tells the Associated Press there is no truth whatever in the rumor published by the Manchester Dispatch that the First (British) army corps had been ordered to hold itself in readiness to depart for India within a few days.

MINOR MATTERS.

Dallas retail grocers will organize a fire insurance association.

Camphor, owing to war in the east, is fast advancing in price.

Eagles gave a house warming at Cleburne, which was attended by 500 persons.

A half interest in the Cleburne opera house has been sold to John R. Johnson for $11,000.

Congregation of State Line Methodist church at Texarkana will erect a $25,000 house of worship.

In a difficulty near Clarksville, Tex., Will Dennis was shot and Charles Wilson put under $500 bond.

M. L. Baker, on trial at Galveston on the charge of killing Con Downing, was given twenty-five years.

Date of execution of Brazier Smith, colored, convicted of wife murder at Waxahachie, has been set for March 25.

TRAIN AND TRACK.

The average annual dividend on the capital stock of American railways is 2.61 per cent.

An average of fourteen railway collisions a day is the record in the United States last year, as shown by the report of the interstate commerce commission.

Last year 5,725 miles of new steam railroad track were built in the United States. That was thirty-nine miles more than the total mileage constructed in 1902.

The American company which is building the railway from Guayaquil, Ecuador, to Quito has opened the station at Guamote, at an elevation of 10,000 feet, 126 miles from Guayaquil. The most difficult part of the work on the railroad has now been accomplished.

DECLARED OLD HULKS

Paris Report Says These Are What Have Been Destroyed

NEAR PORT ARTHUR.

They Were Towed in the Mouth of the Harbor by Torpedo Boats To Obstruct Passage and Bottle Up Russians.

Paris, Feb. 26.—Additional details that the Japanese attempted to close the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur have been received from most authoritative quarters. These say the Japanese sent in five or six old transport hulks, convoyed by torpedo boats, to Port Arthur with the evident purpose of sinking the hulks at the entrance of the harbor. The battleship Retvizan discovered their approach and her fire on them was strongly seconded by that of the shore batteries north of Port Arthur. Reports add that two Japanese ships were wrecked and lie in Tiger bay; that along the shore another Japanese ship burned, and that a fourth lies wrecked on the shore outside of Tiger bay. It is believed these wrecks are not warships, but hulks designed to be sunk at the entrance of the harbor. These wrecks are said to be at a considerable distance from the harbor entrance, which remains open. This report gives no information concerning the Japanese fleet, which is said to have supported the operations against Port Arthur.

COUP FAILED.

Tactics of Japanese Pronounced by Russians of No Effect.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—No further details were available Thursday morning of the unsuccessful attempt of the Japanese to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking old merchantmen at the mouth of harbor. Brief details contained in the official dispatches indicate the coup was planned according to the usual Japanese tactics to take place during the night, that it was desperately pushed and backed by eight torpedo boats, which continued fighting until daylight, but it failed completely. Great praise is given to the Russian battleship Retvizan, which lay outside the harbor entrance, for gallant work in beating off the enemy. Her part in the action shows reports of injuries which she is said to have sustained in the attack of Feb. 8 were grossly exaggerated.

Official dispatches do not make clear the exact number of ships sent in for the purpose of blocking the throat of the harbor, or whether the four vessels damaged were beached by fire from shore batteries or by the fire of the Retvizan, consequently all unknown additional details are expected from Viceroy Alexieff. As he is at Mukden, the report of the commander at Port Arthur first goes to him and is thence forwarded to the czar. The report that after daylight floating torpedoes were seen in the roadstead caused anxiety.

News of the Japanese repulse were received here with great rejoicing and looked upon as partially wiping out the score against the enemy.

Official bulletins were given out too late for editorial comment, but the news of the initial success of the Russian arms was prominently displayed. Not one newspaper here had up to noon Thursday yet received special dispatches giving news of the Japanese repulse.

The czar telegraphed his warm congratulations to Viceroy Alexieff and the entire Russian squadron at Port Arthur on the able manner in which they repulsed the latest attack of the Japanese.

The battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch will be temporarily employed at Port Arthur as guardships, in which capacity it has been decided their formidable guns can be utilized to good advantage. It has been found that the necessary repairs to these ships can only be fully made in dock at Vladivostock, so the vessels will be temporarily patched up and remain at Port Arthur until circumstances permit their being sent to Vladivostock.

Rumors that savings banks have met demands for repayment of deposits in consequence of the war are emphatically denied by the official Messenger.

MANCHURIA RISING.

Ten Thousand Men Are Enrolled to Repel the Russians.

New York, Feb. 26.—Manchuria is rising against the Russians, says a World dispatch from Chefoo. Five thousand Russian troops have been moved from Mukden to Sun Min Tung because in the villages along the west side of Liao Tung peninsula the natives are making active preparations to cut off small bodies of Russian troops. Ten thousand Manchurians have already been enrolled in the movement.

FOUR SENT IN.

All of Them Were Sunk and Two Are Still Burning.

Port Arthur, Feb. 26.—Four steamers were sent in by Japanese Wednesday in an attempt to block the entrance to the port. All of them were sunk. They are lying in the following positions: One is behind the Golden Hill, one near Retvizan, two between the entrance of the channel and Lao Thie Shan peninsula. Two of the vessels are still burning.

May Support Russian View.

Paris, Feb. 26.—It is the belief in the highest official quarters that the powers will support the Russian view of the invalidity of the Japanese treaty with Korea so far as it creates a Japanese protectorate over Korea owing to the emperor being under duress.

FIRING GOING ON.

Reported at St. Petersburg Port Arthur Was Being Bombarded.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Rumors were in circulation here Thursday afternoon to the effect that the bombardment of Port Arthur was going on.

Advices from Port Arthur are the cruisers Bayan and Novik pursued the Japanese torpedo flotilla. It is said one torpedo boat was sunk.

At about 2 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 24 a Japanese squadron of torpedo boats approached Port Arthur and the Bayan and Novik were ordered to chase the Japanese ships, which, however, did not open fire and afterward steamed away in the direction of Port Dalny. The cruiser Pallada has entered the dock here.

CHESHIRE TO DEPART.

United States Consul at Mukden Proceeds at Once There.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Fleming D. Cheshire, the newly appointed United States consul to Mukden, one of the three American representatives named for Manchurian ports under provisions of the treaty last October, has arrived here en route to the orient. Regarding the recent announcement that Russia will probably object to the new consuls assuming their functions in Manchuria, Consul Cheshire says he is received no advices on this point and is simply following out the instructions given him in Washington to proceed at once to his post.

FLEMING D. CHESHIRE.

HEBREW REGIMENT.

It is Hardly Probable That Its Members Can Aid Japan.

New York, Feb. 26.—Leopold Moss of Chicago, who is in this city, announced his intention of recruiting here a regiment of Hebrews for service in the Japanese army. Moss was colonel on the staff of the late Governor Altgeld of Illinois and served as a captain in the war with Spain. Officials of the Japanese government repeatedly stated their country's laws do not permit service of aliens, so Colonel Moss' regiment is not at all likely to reach the front.

Taken to Japan.

Seoul, Feb. 26.—Yi Yong Ik, who was formerly minister of war and practically dictator of Korea and considered a friend of Russia, was taken by the Japanese when they entered Chemulpo, and on the same night put on board a warship, which took him to Japan. He went on board in court dress.

From Chief of Staff.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Major General Pflug, chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, telegraphs as follows under Thursday's date: "Enemy again attacked Port Arthur from 1 to 3 a. m. and were repulsed. Details follow."

Not One Injured.

London, Feb. 26.—The British foreign office received an official dispatch saying that not one Japanese torpedo boat was injured in the attack on Port Arthur Feb. 24.

Cut Telegraph Wires.

Seoul, Feb. 26.—Russian videtles advanced south of Anju and cut telegraph wires between Anju and Pin Yang.

GIRL AND MAN BURN.

Mother of the Former Managed to Save Her Life by Jumping.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 26.—Two lives were lost in a fire that destroyed three buildings and threatened the business section of the city Thursday. The dead are: Lela Smith, a fifteen-year-old girl, and a man whose remains were charred beyond recognition.

The girl perished in her room at a lodging house, from which her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, escaped by jumping. The remains of the man found in the debris was lodged between the timbers of the two buildings that burned. Loss in property is about $16,000. Three horses were burned in their stalls and three others had to be shot. The fire is supposed to have been started by tramps in a livery stable adjoining the rooming house.

LARGE SUM INVOLVED.

W. H. Ham Alleged to Be Responsible For Immense Amount.

Boston, Feb. 26.—Wallace H. Ham, manager of the American Surety company's branch here, was arrested on larceny charges, the total amount involved being $194,000, according to Chief Inspector Watts. Although the sum mentioned in the warrant was $194,000, the American Surety company in a statement just issued said the shortage was $190,000, and that the accounts of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents and of St. Paul's church of this city, for each of which Ham was treasurer, were affected.

Had a Rough Trip.

Port Said, Feb. 26.—The United States torpedo boat destroyer flotilla, escorted by the auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, arrived here on its way to the Philippines. The vessels had a rough trip, but sustained no damage.

Will Do No Seizing.

London, Feb. 26.—Premier Balfour who, on his first appearance Thursday in the house of commons since his illness, was greeted with cheers, replying to a question, confirmed the statement made in these dispatches Feb. 20 that there was no truth in the reports that Great Britain intended to seize certain points on the Spanish coast in the event of continental war.

Grunsky Accepts.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—C. E. Grunsky has accepted a position on the Panama canal commission. He says he will pay particular attention to the improvement of sanitary conditions on the isthmus.

Voted Down.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 26.—The lower house of the Mississippi legislature voted down almost unanimously a resolution to invite William J. Bryan to address the legislature.

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20 and over 15	9	9½
25 and over 20	7½	8
30 and over 25	8	8½
35 and over 30	8½	9
40 and over 35	9	9½
45 and over 40	9½	10
50 and over 45	10	10½
60 and over 50	10½	11
70 and over 60	11	11½
80 and over 70	11½	12
90 and over 80	12	12½
100 and over 90	12½	13
125 and over 100	13½	14
150 and over 125	14	14½
175 and over 150	14½	15
200 and over 175	15	15½
250 and over 200	15½	16
300 and over 250	16	16½
350 and over 300	16½	17
400 and over 350	17	17½
450 and over 400	17½	18
500 and over 450	18	18½
550 and over 500	18½	19
600 and over 550	19	19½
650 and over 600	19½	20
700 and over 650	20	20½
750 and over 700	20½	21
over 750	20½	21

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Hogs, per head	5c
Sheep, per head	5c

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HEREDITARY RANK.

Place In England as It Struck an American Girl.

I saw a young American girl who, England under the care of an lor's family and attending her e dinner party and looking , selected as the guest in the most interested her one man guished aspect, whom she re- watch. When the guests ered into the dining hall ac- o the laws of precedence she rself at the very end of the procession as one of two un- beins in the room, assigned ort of the very man who had her and who turned out to l Rogers, the poet and patron of art and the recognized head of literary society in England. She always said that she secured two things at that entertainment—namely, the most delightful companion that she ever had at a dinner party and, moreover, a lesson in the outcome of mere hereditary rank that would last a lifetime. Rogers' poems are not now read so much as formerly, but at that time the highest literary honor a man could have was to dine with Rogers. He was also one of the richest bankers in London and was very possibly the only person in the room who had won for himself a reputation outside of his own little island, but he was next to nobody in that company, and the little American girl was the nobody.—Thomas Wentworth Higginson in Atlantic.

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THE WRITERS.

Joel Chandler Harris, the author, has rejoined the editorial staff of the Atlanta Constitution after an absence of more than a year.

Mme. Sarah Grand, the celebrated authoress, is a firm believer in the health giving results of doing everything by rule and having a time for everything.

Justin Huntly McCarthy's two novels, "The Proud Prince" and "If I Were King," have been debarred from the Iowa City Public library because of their alleged immorality.

Jules Verne, the venerable author, says it is untrue that he has been stricken with blindness, nor is he spending his old age in poverty, but is still in receipt of a comfortable income from the sale of his books.

A QUESTION OF CHARITY

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Thousands of dainty lanterns, half hidden among the branches of the trees or swinging merrily on invisible wires, flooded the place with soft light. There were long tables, over which presided young women in white, who strove to sell you all sorts of dainty, impossible things; a tent where an occasion-made gypsy told your fortune; a lottery with prizes ranging from peanuts to a French doll; a refreshment bar where the only change from your proffered bill was a surfeit of gratitude and an engaging smile. Well down the lawn, behind an impromptu screen of potted plants, an amateur orchestra was struggling—heroically, at least—with classic overtures.

For something over half an hour Mr. Robert Weston had been wandering about, making most reckless purchases at the tables and playing the lottery with all the abandon of a born plunger. To all appearances his course about the place was very like that of a ship without a rudder. Yet there was method in his madness, and all the time he was being outrageously swindled, at the various booths, from the corner of his eye he was watching for a certain white dress and a crown of copper colored hair. Presently his patience was rewarded. Far down toward the palm screen he saw her sink into a lawn chair. He deposited his bundles in an undignified heap on a neighboring table and made his way to the lawn chair.

"Nan," he said gravely as he came up to her, "you're tired to death, poor child!"

"Oh, no," she said. "Only I'll be glad when it's all over."

"Come away from it for awhile," he advised. "I'll take you down to the boathouse."

She rose and slipped her hand through his arm. Together they descended the slope to the river and went out to the end of the little pier by the boathouse, where they sat down on a little bench.

"Well," Weston said, "was it a success?"

"It would be if everybody spends money as recklessly as you have been doing," she replied.

He laughed. "I was particularly fortunate in the lottery," he explained. "I drew four bags of peanuts, a doll and a box of hairpins. My last purchase was three aprons and a half dozen flatiron holders. Imagine it," he chuckled.

"Anyway," she said, "you've done your best to help us out. You're a dear, good boy."

"Ah," he said solemnly, "I knew I should be discovered some time.

"Tell me, Nan, what this is for," he went on after a pause, "prayer books for the Eskimos or blankets for the Fiji islanders?"

"The money goes to St. Agatha's Home For Orphans and Foundlings. We support it mainly," she explained.

"H'm-m!" he mused. "Don't suppose you ever see the 'orphans and foundlings,' do you? Just turn over the money to 'em and let it go at that, eh? Say, Nan," he said, with a sudden seriousness which rather surprised her, "I don't believe all this giving money to charity is the best way of doing it. There are plenty of old moneybags trying to buy a chance to heaven who'll look out for that end of it. I say, for those who are fitted for it, personal work among the needy is the most practical thing."

"Perhaps a few details would make your suggestion more explicit, Bobby," she said.

"Undoubtedly," he assented cheerfully. "Now, for instance, take a case I know about. There's an orphan, and he's cold and hungry and lonesome. It isn't so much money he needs as some one to take an interest in him, to stand behind him, as it were. You see, they won't take him into a home"—

"Why not?" she interrupted.

"Well," he said slowly, "to begin with, his age"—

"What is his age?"

"Thirty-one."

"Gracious! I should say he wouldn't get into a home. The age limit at St. Agatha's is fifteen. Thirty-one!"

"I realize it's a crime for him to be thirty-one," he said. "Still, that really isn't his fault."

"What's the matter with him?" she asked sharply. "Doesn't he work? Is he lazy?"

"The laziest rascal alive," he said. "But he really doesn't have to work, you know. He's got money enough, as far as that goes—keeps a horse or so and an automobile. When I said he was cold and hungry I meant he was cold for lack of interest and hungry for sympathy and—oh, hang it! You know well enough what I mean. The orphan is me," he burst out ungrammatically, "and—and—for heaven's sake, don't send all your charity to St. Agatha's, but save a little for the lonesome thirty-one-year-old orphan!"

"Bobby," she said severely, "you're proposing again, and you promised me you wouldn't—not for a year."

"An ability to tell the truth never did run in our family," he said dismally. "I assure you, I won't offend in the proposal line again, however."

"No, I don't think you will," she said, laughing.

Something in her eyes made him suddenly slip an arm about her and draw her close to him.

"What makes you so sure?" he asked very gently.

"I've been thinking it all over, and I've concluded that charity—now, Bobby, let me go. And you stand over there by the rail. Yes, that's right. I've concluded that charity begins at home."

JOHN BARTON OXFORD.

Testing a Horse's Eyes.

The unsuspecting farmer is often "bit" by the professional horse trader in having a horse with defective sight palmed off on him. The trader makes a John L. pass at the horse's eye with his fist, and the force of the air causes the horse to baf or blink his eyes, though he may be totally blind in one eye and weak in the other.

If the farmer will blindfold one of the animal's eyes and make gentle passes at the any ten feet from it, he can tell how strong the animal's sight is in that eye. Then blind the examined eye and go through the same process with the other.

This little hint may save you getting the "small end" of a swap.

Hours and Luck.

As strong as the superstition of Friday is that concerning certain hours in European and oriental countries.

In Paris the superstition is so prevalent that an enterprising business is that of selling cards on which are printed the hours that should be avoided.

The famous Gambetta consulted a reader of cards as to the auspicious day for embarking on any important enterprise.

President Carnot was skeptical of such things, and he chose an unlucky hour for his journey to Lyons, where he was assassinated.—American Queen.

Sir Roger de Coverley.

Ralph Thoresby, writing in 1717 of the family of Calverley of Colverley, Yorkshire, says: "Roger was a person of renowned hospitality, since at this time the obsolete tune of 'Roger a Calverley' is referred to him. He was a knight and lived in the time of Richard I." This passage carries the date of the origin of the tune back to about 1190. The Spectator in a description of Sir Roger, now called "de Coverley," says, "His great-grandfather was the inventor of the famous country dance which is called after him."

FT. WORTH RAILWAY SCHEDULE

Rock Island System.

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

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

Frisco System

Red River, Texas & Southern Ry.

Depart. North		Arrive. North
11:15 am	E.C.&St. L. Mail&Ex.	2:55 pm
5:30 am	..... Mixed	7:50 pm

Ft. W. & R. G. Ry.

Depart.		Arrive.
3:15 pm	Brownwood M. & Ex.	10:55 am
9:30 pm	..... Mixed	6:00 am

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

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

Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

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

Cotton Belt Route.

Depart.		Arrive.
10:30 am	St. Louis & Mem. Ex	5:05 pm
12:30 pm	St. Louis Lt.via Dallas	1:20 pm
9:30 pm	Dallas, Mem. & St.L..	6:50 am

Texas & Pacific Railway.

Depart. East		Arrive. East
7:45 am	St. Louis Cannon Ball	7:45 pm
8:00 am	St. Louis Mail & Ex.	4:45 pm
9:25 am	....Dallas Local.....	5:15 am
10:35 am	Dallas & Wea'fd Local	2:55 pm
12:30 pm	.... Dallas Local....	1:20 pm
1:55 pm	.... Dallas Local....	12:30 pm
6:00 pm	..Wills Point Local..	11:05 am
7:45 pm	.St. Louis Mail & Ex.	9:25 am
9:30 pm	.... Dallas Local....	6:50 am
Depart West	Main Line West.	Arrive West
8:20 pm	Colorado Mail & Ex..	7:00 am
3:00 pm	Weatherford Local..	10:30 am
9:45 am	..El Paso Express ..	7:00 pm
	Transcontinental Division via Sherman.	
Depart.		Arrive.
8:30 am	Texark. & St. Louis.	4:35 pm

International & Great Northern Ry.

Depart.		Arrive.
7:05 am	Houston &San An.Ex.	7:35 pm
3:20 pm	Austin " " "	12:05 pm

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

Houston & Texas Central Railroad.

Depart.		Arrive.
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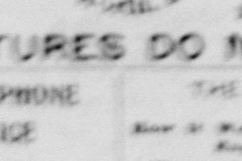

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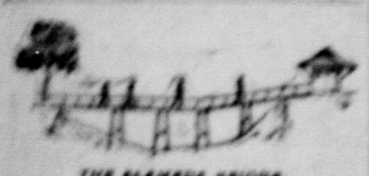

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THE WORD "MOB."

How It Worked Its Way into the English Language.

The word "mob" is an abbreviation. It is nothing but a fragment of the full Latin original "mobile vulgus"—"the fickle common people." When the word "vulgus" was dropped, "mobile" coming the common use was in a few years cut down to "mob." By itself it was dismissible, in the king day, as a peculiarly offensive kind of slang. Addison sympathized with this feeling. In No. 185 of the Spectator "mob" is put down by him as one of the offensive words which he hopes will in time be hooted upon as part of the speech. There exist here days a race of minor Grubstakers of the gentry of our tongue who deserved to be compelled to use and polished in that fact an evidence of the growing degeneracy of the language. But the manifest force shortly held its ground and outlived its opponents. Addison's hopes have been disappointed. The abbreviation has thoroughly naturalized itself, accordingly a word which their predecessors stigmatized as a corruption of the elect kind is now used unconstitutionally by the most precise of modern purists. The reason of its permanence is obvious. It came to supply a very popular want. There is no other single word that contains definitely the idea of a particular sort of riotous assemblage.—Harper's.

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK.

An Ancient Phrase That Has Many Phases of Meaning.

The phrase "by hook or by crook" may simply refer to an ancient custom which allowed persons to collect for fuel dead wood in the King's forest parts as they could hook off and remove with "cart, hook and crook."

Some trace its significance "by foul means or by fair" to the contracted name of the footpad's hook or the highwayman's crook.

Others resolved us of the expression to very early days "by hake or hook"—that is, by bending the knee and cringing low.

Another plausible explanation is that after the great fire of London disputes as to ownership of land were settled by two surveyors whose names were Hook and Crook.

Quite different is the view taken by those who tell us that when Strongbow sailed for Ireland he instructed his men to make their attack by Hook, a promontory northeast of Waterford, or by Crook, a harbor on the south coast.

In any case, the phrase is very old, for it was used by Bacon (1560), by Skelton, the poet laureate (1500), and by Chaucer nearly 600 years ago.—Pearson's.

The Award.

His schoolmates call him Lie, for short,
And he's shortly laid
It's quite enough to make him sort
Of any fellow mad!

—Harper's Magazine.

BAILEY AND TILLMAN.

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BOTTLE-HELD GARGLE.

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NAVAL BILL.

Bayer of Louisiana Led the Fight For Members of the Minority.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The latching programme of the navy as contained in the pending naval bill, occupied the attention of the house throughout Thursday. The minority members of the naval committee under the leadership of Mr. Bayer of Louisiana are campaigning for a reduction in the number of ships to be authorized. The amendment to strike out the six battleships made by Mr. Burton of Ohio was defeated. The contests then were put to the test, and enough friends for them were found for their retention.

The construction of the ships in government yards proved to be a fruitful topic for discussion, and an amendment by Mr. Bell of California requiring one vessel to be built in a government yard was adopted.

"Don't give up the ship" was the plea made to the house by Representative Bayer, who opened the debate and addressed himself to the amendment of Mr. Burton to strike out the provision for the battleship authorized in the bill.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mexican sugar trust will be given one year to liquidate.

A true bill on Ed Berry, a boy, at Lexington, La., killing him.

Five miles east of Atlanta, Tex., one Mexican killed another.

Beulah ladies of Dallas have organized the Daughters of Omphalia.

Arizona, Tex., is to have a national bank with $25,000 capital stock.

It now develops that the late Senator Hanna's estate is valued at $7,000,000.

Citizens' State bank of Hedrick, Okla., has gone into voluntary liquidation.

At Buffalo, N. Y., Charles Fuchs, a well known horseman of St. Louis, suicided.

Five miles west of Texarkana Tom Goodwin was seriously shot. Jim Wylie was arrested.

A male infant two months old was left on a porch at McKinney, Tex. The little one was in a basket.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana is expected to attend the Republican state convention at Dallas March 27.

Citizens' State bank of Burton, Okla., was dynamited, but burglars were frightened away and got nothing.

An Iron Mountain freight train was wrecked near Sykeston, Mo. Engineer Black and Fireman Hare were scalded to death.

The engagement of Miss Cathleen Clayton, youngest daughter of American Ambassador Clayton, to A. C. G. Duff, British charge de affaires at City of Mexico, is announced.

ADVERSE TO MORSE.

Recorder Goff Holds That He Is Not a Competent Witness.

New York, Feb. 26.—Recorder Goff ruled that Charles W. Morse, the banker, and former president of the New York Ice company, is not a lawful witness before the grand jury in the "John Doe" proceedings to investigate the alleged [illegible] of Mrs.

Combination Sale
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...CATTLE...

Under the auspices of the Texas Shorthorn and Hereford Association. The Shorthorns to be sold on the 9th of March, and the Herefords on the 10th of March, during the Eighth Annual Fat Stock Show, at the Fort Worth Stock Yards, Fort Worth, Texas. For catalogues of the Shorthorns, apply to J. [illegible] Hovenkamp, Fort Worth Stock Yards, and for Hereford catalogues to W. [illegible] Meyer, Blue Grove, Texas, after the 20th of February.

Lawrence Dodge-Horse, the former wife of Charles J. Dodge, who is now under arrest in Texas in connection with the case, and the Horse is not in authority of court or refusing to answer questions to the grand jury, and not to proceed further with his arrest, where a specific charge is made against him.

NEGRO CONVICTED.

Charged With Drowning Her Infant in a Water Fountain.

Galveston, Feb. 26.—Rose McCoy, colored, was sentenced to serve a year imprisonment for infanticide. She is seventeen years of age, and was convicted of placing her two-months-old infant daughter in a water fountain near the passenger station on the night of Feb. 7, where it was found dead the following morning.

New Position for Galbraith.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 26.—It was announced in this city that J. H. Galbraith, assistant general manager of the Mexican National railroad, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. Mr. Galbraith has been connected with the National for fourteen years, and is widely known in railroad circles.

Attacked By a Negro.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Dorsett, a young woman, was driving along the White Rock road, a negro jumped from the bushes and seized her horse's bit. She screamed and the animal ran away, dragging the negro. Mrs. Dorsett fell out and was seriously injured. The aforesaid negro a posse was formed and went in pursuit.

Inspected Property.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26.—George J. Gould inspected the national Texas and Pacific railway properties here. The mayor prepared a reception for Mr. Gould, but the magnate gave him the slip and just his car stopped in the yards and switched around on the belt railway.

Killed With Pine Knot.

Atlanta, Tex., Feb. 26.—About two miles west of here John W. Sims was killed by being struck on the head with a pine knot. George Easterwood surrendered, and claims he acted in self-defense.

Guthrie Next Meeting Place.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 26.—At the last day's session of the Oklahoma Livestock association, Superintendent Tice of the Santa Fe railway spoke on "Livestock Transportation." Resolutions favoring free return railway tickets, and requesting the government to clear up Indian reservation from the infection were adopted. Next convention will be held at Guthrie.

Cases Reinstated.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 26.—Because the territory requested a continuance of the cases for the term, Judge Gillette reinstated Charles E. Wadsworth, the accused city engineer, and Pat O'Brien, street commissioner, and continued their cases for the term. They had been suspended pending investigation on the charge of corruption and were ready for trial.

Chief of Police Removed.

Sharon, Okla., Feb. 26.—At a special meeting of the city council Chief of Police Hill was ordered removed. Council Stinson succeeds him. Assistant Chief Kelly resigned.

PRESIDENT NOT INVITED.

Mayor of New Orleans Refused to Ask Him to Attend.

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—Mayor Capdevielle balked when requested to invite President Roosevelt to attend the Southern Good Roads association, to be held here April 6 and 7. He said the president had been invited to attend the Louisiana centennial celebration last December and had not replied. President Moore of the association went to Baton Rouge to ask Governor Heard to invite the chief executive, and he readily agreed to do so.

Ratifications Signed.

Washington, Feb. 26.—President Roosevelt Thursday signed the ratifications to be exchanged between the United States and Panama on the isthmian canal treaty. The exchange will be made at the state department between Secretary Hay, acting for the United States, and Mr. Bunau-Varilla, the minister of Panama. The president himself does not sign a treaty. Subsequently a proclamation will be issued by the president announcing the completion of the convention and putting it into effect.

A unique trade was made in Augusta, Me., recently, where two families swapped parlor stoves, the transfer being made while each stove had a coal fire in it, and, though the persons lived at some distance from one another, the exchange was made without losing either fire.

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CURIOUS COLLINGS.

An ingenious Vienna telegraph has invented an electric halo which will play round his bride's head during the wedding ceremony.

A walking match at Heywood, England, for £100 between a one legged man with a crutch and another with a cork leg was won easily by the latter.

An old lady being in a store in a Connecticut town sat down and extended her feet to an iron safe, remarking that she was so glad that "the air tight stoves had come into fashion again."

Marie Tempest is considering an offer to go back to musical work temporarily. The title roles of "Carmen" and "The Daughter of the Regiment" have been offered her.

After producing "Tom, the Terrible," Richard Mansfield may appear in "Macbeth" and also a tragedy written by Lord Byron. His season will extend until the middle of next June.

A snail eating contest took place recently in a Paris restaurant for 50 bottles between two boulevardiers. Special Burgundian snails, fed on vine leaves, were used. An excited crowd watched the competition and enthusiastically applauded the victor, who had swallowed 243 snails.

GOWN GOSSIP.

Sleeves are quite short and show beautiful white wristbands.

The cavalier cuff is again worn, and this is charming with a frill of old lace falling over the hand.

Blue and green, or, as the French call it, peacock, shadings are very chic, and embroidery in these shades is the latest touch in trimming.

Toques are narrow and elongated, while picture hats are abnormally large. The lace "curtain" behind and the lace veil over the face will continue to be worn.

The new belt is decidedly decorative. It is of imitation silver filigree, wider at the back than in front. Woven in and out through it is a double strand of inch wide velvet ribbon of any preferred color.

Everything is to be tucked, we are informed, but the tucks are by no means to be the straight around or even up and down variety. Tucks in all sorts of circular and crescent shaped designs are presaged.

Skin Leaves.

It has been calculated that the loss from illness averages 20,000,000 weeks of work in a year, or 2½ per cent of the work done by the whole population between fifteen and sixty-five years of age.

Golden Weddings.

Only one out of every 1,000 married couples live to celebrate their golden wedding.

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