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The Fort Worth Daily Live Stock Reporter.

L. VII. FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1903. NO. 54.

rt Worth Live Stock Market.

er Day of Light Re-eipts of All Stock.

ARE QUOTED EASY

ale Today Was $7.20 for 176-Pounders.

LE MARKET ACTIVE

Quality of Steers, Best ale Being at $4.10.

HE MARKET TODAY.

Top	$7 20
olk	$7 00
-Top, steers	4 10

MPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
	600	300	31
ay last week	1027	1008	

THE HOG MARKET

eported up to 3 p. m. daily.)

un was light this morning, and ree cars of 166 head were in the t the opening of the market.

uality was the poorest today as been for some time, and the receipts were mostly of a light uality.

arket opened steady, and com-th the prices yesterday, sales ittle easy. The feeling is strong hing with weight and quality.

will show hogs are scarce all e country, compared with last owing a decrease of 900,000 head ix leading markets, and the num-ogs marketed in the entire West season ending the first of the month, decreased 1,965,000, com-with a year ago.

best hogs on the market today $7.20 for a bunch of 176-pound-hese were nice smooth hogs, but have the weight. The bulk of as made today around $7.00. heavy is quoted at from $7.25 to ith mixed packers $6.90 to $7.25; rades $6.50 to $7 00, and pigs $6.50.

esentative sales:

HOGS.

Average.	Price.
440	6 20
155	6 25
300	6 25
140	6 35
144	6 40
160	6 40
177	6 40
273	6 50
176	6 80
142	6 80
130	7 00
275	7 00
193	7 00
208	7 00
225	7 00
211	7 00
189	7 12½
176	7 20

HE CATTLE MARKET

eported up to 3 p. m. daily.)

ipts were light this morning, and rs were in the pens at the open-ich totaled 228 head.

quality was good again today bulk of a small run was made medium to fair grade of steers, unusually small supply of the in cows that have been so plenti-this market.

demand still holds good and the opened on a fully steady basis, held throughout the day. The rival of trains increased receipts but not enough to make any .

small run of today is evidently bad weather and farmers being to get to shipping stations. One of well fed steers, 23 head, aver-863 pounds, sold at $4, with an-unch of 995-pound steers of bet-ality at $4.10, the top price for the The balance were of medium , about half fat, and sold largely $3 00 to $3.75.

market was quoted active and on the few butcher cattle that ered, and the best cows to be had $3.85, but the quality was poorer those that sold around $3.00 and a yesterday's market.

market for calves was good and prices about steady. A few bunches sold around $3, with a few single head as high as $4. Most of the heavy calves sold at from $2.50 to $3.00.

Following were representative sales today:

STEERS.

12	995	4 10
24	992	4 10
23	971	4 00
1	830	4 00
26	938	3 85
31	822	3 75
4	1170	3 50
1	810	3 50
24	728	3 45
31	653	2 90

COWS

23	652	2 85
29	765	2 70
3	933	2 50
1	880	2 50
2	855	2 00

BULLS AND STAGS.

7 oxen	1404	3 50
3 oxen	1166	3 25
6	1190	2 50
1	920	2 50
1	970	2 50
1	930	2 25

CALVES.

12	200	3 00
8	397	2 00

Sales After 3 p. m. Yesterday.

HOGS.

81 pigs	88	4 50
20	160	6 25

STEERS

16	902	3 65

COWS.

4	787	3 10
1	750	3 10
1	710	3 10
31	716	2 80
2	1175	2 75
2	1125	2 45
1	550	2 25
1	760	2 00

CALVES.

3	150	4 00
1	200	4 00
2	300	2 50
1	270	2 00

SHEEP

109 yearlings	75	3 75
91 "	86	2 75
62 "	80	3 00

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.

Steers--Choice fed	$4 00@5 00
Medium fed	3 25@4 00
Good grass	2 75@3 25
Light thin	2 25@2 75
Cows—Choice heavy fed	3 00@3 50
Medium butcher	2 50@3 00
Light thin	2 00@2 50
Canners	1 50@2 00
Bulls, stags and oxen	2 25@3 00
Veals and calves	2 50@4 00

HOGS.

Heavy sorted	7 25@7 50
Mixed packers	6 90@7 25
Light	6 50@6 90
Southwestern pigs	4 50@6 50
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

SHIPPERS IN TODAY.

CATTLE.

F. J. Reynolds, La Grange, 43.
B. C. Caldwell, Rhome, 28.
T. E. Dublin, Jacksonville 29.
J. P. Williams, Jackson, 31.
J. W. Wiggins, Jacksonville, 30.
T. A. Bowen, Gunter, 22.
M. M. Co., Commerce, 45.
L G. Douglas, Van Alstyne, 26.
R. W. Rushing, Ennis, 28.
H. H. Childress, Abilene, 33.
J. F. Drahn & Co., Abilene, 104.
R. Bros. Athens, 32.
W. R. White, Lancaster, 56.

HOGS.

I. S Richardson, Boyd, 75.
J. H. Wilson, Justin, 47.
T. E Dublin, Jacksonville, 44.

SHEEP.

T. E. Dublin, Jacksonville, 31.

Farmer Attacked by a Boar.

Houston, Tex., March 11.—C. B. Sanders, an aged resident of this city, was attacked and almost torn to pieces this evening by a savage boar. He was caught, thrown to the ground and horribly gashed by the frenzied animal's tusks. Several deep gashes were inflicted on his legs and in his body. Two bulldogs and a man came to his assistance, releasing him and saving his life. His injuries are frightful, if not fatal.

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

Miss Robinson of the Exchange building visited in Dallas Tuesday.

J. W. Wiggins of Jacksonville marketed 24 steers, averaging 728 pounds, at $3.45.

R. G. Love of Abilene was here with 29 cows, averaging 667 pounds, which sold at $2.35.

W. M. Little of Kennedale had in a bunch of wagon hogs averaging 176 that sold at $7.05.

New walks are being laid on Exchange avenue from the railroad tracks to the Exchange building.

J. P. Williams of Jackson was on the market with 31 steers, averaging 822 pounds, sold at $3.75.

S. King of Mexia was on the market with a car of cows and 31 head, averaging 716, sold at $2.80.

Mrs. Winfield Scott was on yesterday's market with a car of mixed cattle that sold at good prices.

W. D. Davis of the Stock Yards was called to Sherman to the bedside of his mother, who is quite ill.

G. W. Hunter of Cresson was here with a load of steers, 20 head averaging 864, and selling at $3.70.

Ennis Munger from Dallas shipped in a car of cows, 24 head of which averaged 734 pounds and sold at $2.50.

Greer, Mills & Co. had in a shipment of calves from their feeding lot at Itaska that weighed 110 pounds and sold at $4.

H. O. Dutton from Cordell O. T., was on the market yesterday with a load of 70 hogs, averaging 227 pounds, that sold at $7 35.

The M. Market Co. of Commerce, Tex., was on the market with a bunch of 23 cows, averaging 652 pounds, which sold at $2 85.

Several California buyers have arrived at the yards, and are looking around with a view of buying steers for their packing firms.

The Ardmore Oil & milling Co. of Ardmore, I. T., had in a shipment of cows, 22 head averaging 722 pounds, which sold at $2.85.

J. H. Wilson of Justin had in a mixed load of cattle and hogs. His hogs sold at from $7.00@7.20 and the steers at $2.85, they being thin.

L. F. Douglas from Van Alstyne sold on the market 26 steers, averaging 938 pounds, at $3 85. They have been on light feed about 4 months.

H. F. Moore of Crockett was on the market with a car load of pigs, of which 20, averaging 160 pounds, sold at $6.25, and 81 averaging 88 pounds at $4 50.

J. P. Williams and J. W. Williams of Jacksonville were among the visitors at the stock yards. They are very enthusiastic over the market interests in Texas.

The members of the legislature have been invited to inspect the packing houses Saturday next, and will probably accept the invitation. In such case they will be royally entertained.

The hog market today was about even with yesterday's. The best price was $7.20, but this compares favorably with the $7.40 sale yesterday, as today's stuff was light and not worth on the same market as much as yesterday's top hogs.

Mr. H. L. Mitchell, who lives seven miles south of town, has a bunch of 150 steers that he is about ready to market. They are 3s and 4s, have been on feed for 100 days, and will average about 1000 pounds. Mr. Mitchell says oats are looking well in his neighborhood, and give promi se of a good crop.

Mr. Weaver of Shreveport, La., was a visitor at the yards. He is an extensive cattle shipper and has shipped to Kansas City for years but after a thorough examination has decided to ship to Fort Worth hereafter. He says he has studied the two markets and can see more money at Fort Worth than at Kansas City.

Hall Jarmon of Colorado City was at the yards this week. He was on his way home from Brownwood, where he had been the past month assisting in getting the Winfield Scott cattle shipped to market. Mr. Jarmon reports quite a loss of cattle near Brownwood. He is greatly interested in the quarantine bill, and says the number of cattle that are annually taken to the territory to be fed for the market will be about the same as formerly, but they are not in as good shape as they should be.

WILL TEST WIRELESS

Armour & Company Plan Trial of Marconi Telegraph Idea.

Chicago Drovers' Journal.

Preparatory work for a practical test of the De Forest system of wireless telegraphy is now in progress at the plant of Armour & Company, and if the test between the LaSalle street and the stock yard offices of the company prove satisfactory in every way, officials of the company say the system will be installed here for permanent use and other service dispensed with. They also declared that it is the purpose of their company to establish the service with its various branches throughout the country as soon as the reliability of the service has been demonstrated to their satisfaction.

If the scheme is found feasible—and experts say there is little doubt of its success—Armour & Company, which house has taken the initiative in the matter, will effect an annual saving of almost $100,000.

Representatives of the De Forest Wireless Telegraphy company are to make the test, which will be between the packing houses and the offices in the Home Insurance building, a distance of seven miles.

Poles will be erected on top of the highest building in the yards, and on the roof of the Home Insurance building, with wires leading to them from the instruments in the rooms below.

There are at present twelve wires between the yards and the offices, and if the new instruments prove practicable they will replace the old ones immediately. Then it will be only a matter of time to extend the system, connecting all the branch houses with the home office.

At present wires are leased from the telegraph companies at an annual expense of more than $100,000, and when these wires are broken down by storms the company suffers heavy losses and great inconvenience by its absolute dependence on the wires for information concerning changes in the market.

The company now has wires to Philadelphia, Omaha, Kansas City, New York, Boston, St. Louis, Allegheny and Sioux City, as well as to less important points. Under the wireless plan relay points would be established in these cities, making them switchboards for the branch houses. Beyond doing away with the cost of the wires, the new system would afford greater security, as it would be private, direct and certain, in that it will be controlled by the company's own men.

Trees in the Panhandle.

From the Floydada (Floyd county) Hesperian we gather this item, showing how that part of the Panhandle is moving forward:

R. E. L. Muncy will be associated with D. J. Muncy in the Llano Estacado nursery. These gentlemen will put forth a most determined effort to grow and propagate such trees and vines as are known to thrive best on the plains. They will also test many varieties never before introduced on the plains. In connection with their nursery business they will make numerous experiments growing and testing various grasses and forage crops, which will be as much a benefit and a blessing to the country at large as to themselves individually. This country is destined to become a great farming and fruit-growing country. The quicker the masses learn what is best adapted to this soil and climate the better prepared will they be to realize handsomely from their efforts. Farming and fruit growing requires intelligence the same as any other calling. Experimental tests on the plains should be encouraged.

The Greenbug is With Us.

Prof. E. Dwight Sanderson, State entomologist, writes from College Station that a number of greenbugs had been received that were found on oats near Howe, in Grayson county. A report in the Dallas News from that place says: Farmers are very much discouraged on account of the continued wet weather and the appearance of the greenbugs, same as destroyed the grain crops here in 1901. They are only in small spots now, but it is feared they will destroy the entire crop.

Preachers Against Scalpers.

The Rev. W. A. Jarrel, in a sermon delivered at Dallas recently, scored the scalpers as follows:

"As one who has watched the railroad ticket scalper business many years, seen its corruption of the public conscience, by the various tricks it leads travelers to resort to—such as lying, forgery, etc.; the tricks of brokers, such as manipulating tickets, manufacturing, forgery, etc., tickets, getting possession of passes in various scoundrel ways, and passing them off on the public, for it to use them in an equally scoundrel way—as one who has witnessed or read of all this scoundrelism and corruption of public morals, let me urge that every state outlaw the business.

"I have no money in railroads—being but a gospel preacher. If the state will not outlaw it, let the railroads stop selling excursion and other reduced-rate tickets."—Houston Post.

FINDS MONEY IN HOGS.

South Texas Farmer who Raises Forage for His Stock.

The Texas Stockman tells of what a farmer is doing in the country around San Antonio: A. Burrow finds rape a valuable food for hogs and milk cows, and there is no doubt since the value of rape and root crops became known but what they have greatly stimulated hog raising in that section. In fact some have already adopted it as their main business with highly satisfactory results. C. Burrow sold last year over $1800 worth of hogs, and according to his statement hog raising is becoming more profitable in that section than ever cattle raising was, provided one gives it proper attention. To begin with, he says, one must give attention to quality; whatever the breed it should be of the best blood, and must be followed by providing plenty of green feed, good water and plenty of exercise. He raises the Poland China and his green feed consists of rape, oats, sweet potatoes, sorghum and green corn. Mr. Burrow finds kaffir corn a valuable feed for fattening purposes, which he says is of equal value to Indian corn. Says rape is the best winter feed he knows of, and is a particularly desirable feed for hogs. He prefers cutting it instead of turning the hogs onto the field. In this way he gets two cuttings and produces more to the acre.

The Woman in Politics.

Politics is to have a novelty, in the shape of a woman candidate at Ballinger. The Ballinger Banner-Leader makes this announcement:

The friends of Miss Fannie Simmons announce her as a candidate for the office of city secretary, assessor and collector at the coming April election. Miss Simmons is well known here as an accomplished and affable young lady, experienced in clerical work and well qualified to fill the office. There is no law on our statute books against women holding office in Texas, and that we have heretofore had no lady office holders in this section is no reason she should not be elected.

Eight Hogs Sell for $207.48.

Temple, Texas, March 11.—S. S. Bryan sold his last lot of eight hogs to T. A. Jackson, a butcher of Temple, weighing 3,458, netting him the sum of $207.48 for the porkers. There is money in hogs, the porkers selling for as much as steers.

Notice was received today of the death of Harry L. Flato, who was manager of the Flato Commission Co. at St. Joseph. He will be buried at Flatonia, Tex.

Little Substance in Comets.

Sir John Herschel estimates that the largest comets, with tails millions of miles in length, do not weigh more than a few ounces.

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 9c. Green salt, 8½ 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:

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

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	5,000	17,000	12,000
Kansas City	3,500	6,500	3,500
St. Louis	1,500	3,500	1,100
St. Joseph	1,600	7,000	800
Total	11,600	34,000	17,400

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., March 12.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 5,000. Market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 17,000. Market opened 5c higher, but the advance was lost. Top $7.80; bulk $7.35@7.60.

SHEEP—Receipts 12,000. Sheep strong to 10c higher. Common lambs 10c lower.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, March 12.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE—Receipts 3500. Market steady to strong. Top $5.00. Cows higher; stockers weak.

HOGS—Receipts 6500. Market strong, closed lower. Top $7.57½; bulk $7.30@7.45.

SHEEP—Receipts 3500. Market strong. Lambs lower.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., March 12.—Receipts and quotations as furnished by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 1500; Texas 1000; 10c higher; top $4.50. Natives slow; top $5.00.

HOGS—Receipts 3500. Market 5c higher. Top $7.67½; bulk $7.25@7.55.

SHEEP—Receipts 1100. Strong. Lambs $7.35; sheep $5 85.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, March 12.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 1600. Market steady to strong. Top $4 90.

HOGS—Receipts 7000. Market averaged 5c lower. Top $7.55; bulk $7.30@7.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 800. Market 10 to 15c higher. Western lambs, $7; wethers, $5.75; ewes, $5.35.

West Texas Stockman: N. L. McKenzie last week sold a fine registered Shorthorn bull, brought here from Illinois, to J. F. Clayton for $200. This bull is a very fine animal, and one Mr. McKenzie has been using with his own herd.

WANTED, OR FOR SALE.

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

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

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

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—We have for sale at Estelline, Texas, on the Fort Worth & Denver R. R. 150 full blood Hereford bulls from 12 to 15 months old. Nothing better in the Panhandle. For prices and further information, address R. D. Green Estelline, Texas, or the Continental Land & Cattle Company, Continental Building, Denver, Colo. Bulls can be seen at any time; one-half mile from the station.

FOR SALE—REGISTERED BULLS.—I will have for sale at the Stock Yards, Fort Worth, during the Fat Stock Show, 10 registered Shorthorn Bulls; 40 full-blood bulls, 10 to 15 months old, and 50 heifers 12 months to 2 years old. All my own raising. Write for other particulars. J. T. Day, Rhome, Tex.

COTTON SEED CAKE FOR SALE.

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

FOR SALE—3500 3 and 4-year-old Steers. 3000 2 years old, and 1000 territory cows. All good cattle. See or write Bird Lewis, Coleman, Texas.

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.

FOR SALE—Farms, Ranches and City Property. List your lands with us for quick returns. Lewis & Powell, 602 Main street, Fort Worth, Texas.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

FOR BARGAINS in stock farming lands and ranches on North Plains, write or call on Dunson, Floyd & Hoffman, Dalhart, Texas, office City Hall.

HORSE BREEDERS.

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

SAFETY OF THE LEVEES

More Hopeful View Is Being Taken of the Situation.

TO STAND PRESSURE.

Second Levee or Loop at Caruthersville Pronounced of Sufficient Strength to Withstand at Least Five More Feet.

Memphis, March 12.—A telegram was received which gives a more hopeful view of the levee situation at Caruthersville, Mo., where a serious break in the embankment is threatened by the caving of the river's bank before the levee. The telegram is to Captain Lucas, United States engineer in charge of the first and second levee districts of the Mississippi river, and is from Assistant Engineer Kilpatrick, who is in personal charge of the work at that point. The telegram says that the caving of the river bank in front of the first levee has necessitated its abandonment and that the second levee or loop is now relied upon alone. Assistant Kilpatrick says that the second levee will stand further rise of five feet if no further caving of the river bank occurs.

All carpenters in the city except those employed on contract work are working overtime on skiffs. These boats are selling readily for $35 each and are in good demand.

The river Wednesday night registered 35.4 and is rising. This is an advance of only two-tenths since that morning. The weather bureau has issued a bulletin saying that the stage of 39 feet should be prepared for as such a stage seems assured.

The Georgia Lee left for Cairo with many bales of sacks aboard for Caruthersville and intermediate points. A thousand shovels were carried for the levee workmen at Caruthersville. The government steamer Chisca left for Caruthersville with a large cargo of supplies. All incoming boats from both directions are bringing numbers of refugees and the local Sunshine society is making preparations to care for the destitute among them.

Chief Engineer Pharr of the St. Francis levee board sent out several thousand sacks for various points on his levee system.

Reports from Mississippi county, Arkansas, say that a large area behind the levees is flooded by water which has seeped through and under the embankment. Reports say the flooded area extends back seven miles from the embankment and that it has been practically abandoned by all families living in the territory, grave uneasiness having been caused for the safety of the levee which has been jeopardized by the seepage of the water.

GAME DRIVEN OUT.

Drove of Deer Swam Five Miles and Was Captured.

Natchez, Miss., March 12.—A report reached here that the Texas and Pacific railroad embankment at Bougre, in lower Concordia parish, about thirty-five miles south of Vidalia, had broken, but Sheriff Gillispi of that parish could not verify the report. This embankment is fifteen feet high, or three feet higher than the high water stage of 1897 and is a new levee. To appreciate the force that would be necessary to break this levee, it is stated that the average base of a fifteen foot levee is one hundred feet through.

Parties on steamer Betsy Ann, are authority for the statement that the frame buildings in the low lands have been washed away. Residences have been torn from their foundations and some have been caught and held by the trees. The owners and occupants were glad to escape with their lives. Deer, bear and all game have been driven to the highlands and are being slaughtered. A drove of deer swam five miles before touching at Hutching's Landing and were captured on landing.

Every mile of levee on both sides of the river is being patrolled and closely guarded. The prospect for making an early crop this year has been effectually killed.

Solpping Over Crest.

New Orleans, March 12.—In front of the city the water Wednesday was slopping over the crest of the earthwork in places. The Orleans levee board placed 60,000 sacks of sand to keep back the rising flood. The board chartered a tug to haul dirt and sand for strengthening the levees.

Tendered Hilton.

St. Louis, March 12.—Alexander Hilton, general passenger aent of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, has been tendered the same position by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas system, to succeed the late James Barker.

QUIT WORK.

Nearly Two Hundred Men Laid Down Their Tools and Walked Out.

Shreveport, La., March 12.—Between 150 and 200 employes in the mechanical department of the Kansas City Southern railway shops laid down their tools and walked out, their demand of a uniform increase of two cents an hour not having been complied with. Now only a few oilers are working in the mechanical section of the shops. There are said to be a number of engines in the shops and traffic will be seriously affected by the strike. The striking mechanics include machinists, blacksmiths, boilermakers, coppersmiths, tinners, boilermakers' helpers. Strikers say the walk out will extend to other union employes of the road and a general tie up of the mechanical department of the road here is threatened.

Why all this abuse of the meek and lowly mule? The mule is a faithful worker, and no one can gainsay that he sings contralto with fervor and "linked sweetness, long drawn out!" Irving was a man who could appreciate a mule, and in his description of the beautiful and skittish Sleepy Hollow we firmly believe mention of the mule was omitted merely through oversight! His muleship would have looked well against a background of tall foliage in the heart of the Hollow, galloping like mad along the highway where the unfortunate Ichabod met his unseemly fate, or serenely poking his nose over the barnyard fence at the Van Tassel homestead! Somehow we love a mule. Considering the size of his ears, his feet are so fanciful and trim, his coat is so sleek and he is "patience on a monument"—waiting for something to kick at! But we can't blame the mule for kicking. The city man kicks at the janitor, the country man kicks at the calves in the cabbage patch—and if your ears were as long as a mule's you would kick also—or anyone else you got a chance at!

A mule will do a hard day's work, be chummy all day and calm as a cucumber—just to get a chance to put out the glim of the lantern when the hired man makes his last round for the night! At climbing mountains and passing dangerous defiles, the mule is safety itself. His step is sure and his delivery certain. Beware of the delivery! A mule would make a good billiard player; he never misses what he shoots at! When a mule crooks his neck around, looks at you out of those great, solemn eyes of his, shifts his tail slightly to one side as a woman does her skirt when she changes hands to buy a newspaper, begin to awaken your confidence. When you see the mule throw his weight on one leg and amass all his strength for a string-halt movement, toss confidence to the winds and dodge—that is, if you have time. If you haven't time it won't make any difference an hour later, as a mule always gets what he goes after, and the handles on your coffin won't cost any more now than they will in the future when you fall into a tunnel-explosion hole!

But for all that, we love the mule. We love him, not for his kicking qualities, but for himself alone. When a mere boy we heard a mule sing for the first time! Yes, we mean that. If he had ever sung before he could have done better that time. But somehow that vocal solo endeared us to the singer, and we prefer he-hawing any day to a phonograph. Some time, when we become opulent and gouty, we are going to have a beautiful home in the suburbs beside the rippling lake. There will be flowers and other glad things in the front yard, but to the rear will be located a weiner-wurst smoke-house and an army mule that can reach extra upper "C"! If the fish don't bite then it won't be our fault.

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A very large, hideous hoodoo, with deer colored eyes and a grapevine tail, has been chasing the Wayne (Neb.) Democrat man in a mad effort to induce him to take to drink. The hoodoo put an imaginary brick in the wheels of the job press and broke the press, the hoodoo wagged his tangly tail in the way of a form and it "pied," the hoodoo blew his breath into the concentric of the gasoline engine and it coughs terribly, but produces no power. The hoodoo went further and kicked in the windows, disrupted the printshop chimney, melted the rollers, broke the office towel and other commandments. The editor fumigated with formaldehyde and thought he had the hoodoo "faded." In a moment of unguardedness, however, the evil spirit pointed his finger at the old Prouty press. The wopperjaw fell into the tumblingpot, the gingcumcrack jumped the bed of the rollerinktum—and the junk man called with a dray. But you can't keep a Democrat down, and the editor was all smiles next day whooping 'er up for Wayne and Wayne business.

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When the Hindoo editor is weary of the "clank-clank" of the job-press, or sick at heart because rollers won't work, he announces a suspension for a few weeks and "takes to the woods." The Hindoo, in the United States, would grow lethargic but once in the same field. During his itinerary some lively country printer with a pocketful of type would drop into the field and have his bacon well cooked in no time. In America one has to keep moving to hold advantage. If some one wise in Hindoo physiology will tell us as to the longevity of life in Hindoostan, then we will know which plan is the better, that of the Hindoo or the American.

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The editor of the Richfield (Utah) Reaper is so nervous these days he jumps when the fair typo drops a three-em quad or the devil enters his presence unannounced. The reason is his son, aged seven and one-half years, has a bow and arrow sent by a loving aunt. As a result the Reaper family members are all Indians and the boy is zealously stalking them in a mad desire to snatch their scalps. He is also practicing the William Tell racket on his sister. Pity the poor editor!

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The editor of one of our exchanges is much elated over the fact that the hens are laying again. He must take eggs on subscription. This reminds us of a setting hen. Did you ever try to "break up" a hen that wanted to set? When a hen gets a notion into her head she is due to set, she will coddle down onto a china egg, a baseball or a croquet spheroid and be as immovable as the Rock of Gibraltar. Argument never touches her and nothing avails but muscular interference. This is not easily consummated. The average hen chooses to set in a corner where she commands the Thermopylaen Pass with a sharp bill and battering wings. She is as unreasonable as other females when strenuously determined, and fights against intrusion with bravery worthy of a better cause than nursing a five-cent doorknob. She wants to set and she remembers this to the utter oblivion of all else. And she will set unless you throw fear of pain to the winds, grasp her firmly by the neck and duck her in the rain barrel whenever she persists in hovering over the knobs and the balls. An egg-producing hen that lays piously, cackles joyously and forgets to set unless sufficiently urged, is a mortgage lifter, but the hen that insists on hatching a miscellaneous progeny of ping-pong balls, pepper-boxes and igneous rock should be made to feel the contumely of every honest chicken fancier. What we need in this country is people and hens that will stay on their eggs when there are eggs under 'em, and forget to set when they might better be hustling for grub.

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A Missouri man who has been wont to gaze upon a trusty fowling piece suspended as an ornament in his sitting room has sold the gun and vows henceforth to have little to do with firearms. When a boy the Missourian was a somnambulist, but grown to manhood, he considered himself cured. Not long since a crow made itself obnoxious about the farm, and the man from the state where the inhabitants "have to be shown" loaded his gun to the muzzle and laid in wait for the crow. Said crow not appearing to be shot, the gun was again hung in its accustomed place. The next night the Missourian dreamed of crow, and arising in his robe-de-nuit and while yet fast asleep, took down the trusty muzzle-loader and hied himself away with blood in his eye.

When he awoke it was in the middle of the night. "Far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife," he was perched on a rail fence in the far recesses of the wood. The wind was playing tag with the tails of his slumbering robe and there were goose pimples on his legs as big as Job's comforters. Strangest of all, he had fired the gun while yet unconscious of his actions. He presumes, however, that he got no game. The experience was too much for his love of hunting and there is now one less nimrod in Missouri. It does beat all what a man will do when he is asleep.

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St. Valentine's day, 1903, has passed another Rubicon. The two little doves contraltoing to each other on a stub-tailed twig have been put away in Mamie's escritoire with the arrow-pierced hearts and the passionate verse of yesteryear, and once more we are wobbling along with only our courage to help us get married. Dan Cupid is recovering from his dissipation of love-making, and recuperating for the time when the redder iris comes upon the breast of robin, when the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, and when pa is better natured because he doesn't have to buy more coal and more gas! Apollo and Hymen and Venus and Cupid have all done their worst with the paper love-tokens, and once again we are up against the cold, cruel problem of getting our spring overcoat out of pawn. It is like leaving Utopia to go to the woodshed to split kindling. Life is so practical at times it makes us grow pessimistical and long for a false and unfriendly stimulant. It is only those who receive comic valentines who are not plunged from heaven to a stranded cable car in the twinkling of an eye.

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Fight competition with printer's ink—it doesn't scatter, but it spreads like a racy rumor in a gossipy neighborhood. There is more truth than poetry in the statement that a dead man doesn't advertise. He can't, but a live one always does. He can—and he cans money and happiness thereby.

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A Texas editor asked a prominent citizen to subscribe. He replied that he took so many papers he had not time to read them all. Thirty minutes later the editor caught the prominent citizen behind the molasses barrel in the town grocery, stealing the news from the merchant's local paper.

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A Missouri editor pulled a string he saw dangling from a young lady's costume. The results were somewhat alarming, one being a ringing box on the ear. It makes a difference which string one pulls sometimes!

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Every fair typo of the curl paper persuasion may not be a press-man, but, honest now, don't you think most of 'em would like to?

Beyond His Control.

"Dear me," said the good-looking female visitor to the superintendent of the lunatic asylum, "what a vicious look that woman has we just passed in the corridor! Is she dangerous?"

"Yes, at times," replied the superintendent, evasively.

"But why do you allow her such freedom?"

"Can't help it."

"But isn't she an inmate and under your control?"

"No. She is not under my control. She's my wife."

As It Sometimes Happens.

"Anyway," said Enpeck, with a sigh long drawn out. "I may be able to worry along if they don't arrest me for bigamy."

"Arrest you for bigamy!" exclaimed the acting head of the misfit combination. "What in the name of goodness do you mean by that?"

"Just what I said," replied the meek and lowly martyr. "I seem to have married not only you, but your mother and all the rest of your family as well."

Nothin' Doin'.

The Lady—Don't you ever get tired doing nothing?

Wily William—Lidy, believe me, I git so tired doin' nothin' that I can't do nothin' else!

A Serious Problem.

"'Sh a great question," said Flutterby, and he sat down midway of the stairs to consider it.

"What?" snapped his wife, who was waiting at the head to explain it was 3 a. m.

"There 'sh two of you up zhere. Problem is, have I been taking too many dzhinks or—huh—marryin' too many wives?"—Washington Times.

Making It Easy.

"My Dear Sir," wrote the editor to the persistent young author, "in order to simplify matters somewhat we are inclosing a bunch of our 'declined with thanks' notices. If you will put one of these in an envelope with your manuscript and mail it to yourself it will make it easier for all of us, and you will be saving something in postage as well."

Proof Not Pacifying.

Dolly Sweetthynge—And will you tell me solemnly, Harold, looking me steadily in the eyes, that ever since our engagement you have not kissed another girl?

Harold Hardpressed—Solemnly and truly, Dolly. Why, I haven't even asked but four, and every one of them happened to know of our engagement.

A Proposal?

"Yes; papa's been speculating rather wildly lately," said Miss Nuritch, "but I don't care what he does with his money. I've got resources of my own, you know."

"Yes?" replied Mr. Wood Marrier. "Don't you think, Maggie—er, that is—Miss Muritch, that you had better 'husband' your resources?"

New Considerations.

"So you are not concerning yourself about the ratio between gold and silver?"

"No," answered the rural voter; "what I want to see now is some definite and satisfactory relationship between a five dollar bill and a ton of coal, or two bits and a pound of beef."

Something Wrong.

"Maria," said old Growells, "don't I allow you enough pin money?"

"Yes, dear," replied the other half of the sketch. "My allowance is ample."

"Then why is it," continued Growells, "that I can never find a pin about the place when I happen to want one."

The Modest Humorist.

"What do you regard asks the interviewer, "as the period of greatest development in American humor?"

Here the person who is being interviewed waxes thoughtful. At last he answers:

"Well, I have been writing jokes for the past five years."

Not So Bad as That.

Sympathetic Listener—In those dreary, desolate wastes, Mr. Dashpole, I suppose you grew fond even of your dogs?"

Returned Arctic Explorer—Heavens, no, miss! We had plenty of pemmican and walrus meat.

Her Excuse.

"Didn't I see that young man with his arms around you?"

"Yes, but we were just practicing the position for the waltz."

"Don't you know that?"

"Well, yes, I suppose I do; but I wanted to be sure."

Knew Whereof He Spoke.

Towne—Wasn't that Cholly Saphead who was just talking to you?

Browne—Yes. There's a fellow who has more money than brains.

Towne—Really?

Browne—Yes, I just lent him $2.

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DEFEAT OF "COBWEBS."

Manner in Which Senator Mills Vanquished Famous Rival.

In describing the defeat of Cobwebs, the noted roadster of New York, on the famous speedway, by Senator Mills, the Texas horse purchased not long ago by A. B. Gwathmey, the New York Sun says:

No time was wasted in preliminaries except to give each horse one warming spin, and then the turn was made for the start Senator Mills made a slight mistake in getting away, but it was quickly corrected. Still this gave a length advantage to Cobwebs, and he went sailing down the white stretch, increasing his lead at every stride. When the journey was half completed the old-time road king had nearly two lengths the better of the argument. From this point the Senator began slowly but surely to improve his position, until he had his head at the sleigh Cobwebs drew. Then each owner asked in no uncertain terms for more speed, but Cobwebs was already at his limit. Senator Mills responded, and he had almost reached even terms when the finishing posts were reached.

The second heat was practically devoid of interest. Neither horse made any mistake, but Cobwebs lacked the vim and rush that marked the first start, and Senator Mills held him on even terms from the start. Before reaching the finish Cobwebs began to show signs of being leg-weary, and Mr. Straus promptly took him in hand. 'I'll give you just twice the sum you paid for that horse,' said Mr. Straus to his competitor when both drew rein at the macadam. Mr. Gwathmey thanked him for the generous offer, but declined it.

West Texas Stockman: Col. E. T. Ambler, of the Llano Land and Cattle Company, was on the train Sunday, en route to El Paso. He stated in passing to a friend that he had just bought the Galbraith interest in his company's business, which was a large one. Mr. Galbraith is engaged in the hotel business at Mineral Wells.

Says Wife Was Ungrateful.

Abraham D'Zon, a Brooklyn photographer, has been sued for divorce by his wife. In his answer to the complaint D'Zon sets forth that he spent $5,000 to give his wife a medical education and secure her admission to practice and that no sooner had she become a full-fledged M. D. than she turned upon her husband and seeks separation because his calling is too humble to suit her aristocratic ideas.

In Honor of John Ericsson.

The Swedes of New York city and of the cities along the Jersey shore are planning a monster demonstration on July 31 in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of John Ericsson's birth and the tenth anniversary of the raising of his statue in Battery park. The day is always observed by the Swedes, but this year the celebration will be of unusual scope.

The Czar's Favorite Dog.

Lotki is the name of a large greyhound belonging to the Czar. This dog accompanied his master on his visit to Paris, three years ago, and shared with him in many of the honors of that visit.

Czar Shows Friendship.

To help the starving fisherfolk of Brittany the Czar has spent $5,000 "as a testimony of my sentiments of lively and unchanging sympathy for France, my friend and ally."

London Birthplace of Y. M. C. A.

London is the birthplace of the Young Men's Christian Association, and although it celebrated some eight years ago its semi-centennial, it has not become languid.

The Latest New York Drink.

The very latest drink is that of an old gentleman at one of the swell uptown hotels, says the New York Sun. He takes it every morning. It consists of a pint of a certain spring water with alternating sips of a Manhattan cocktail. This beats the man who soused his fried oysters with molasses the other day.

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The Empress as a Cen

The strenuousness which life of the German emperor slowly extended to other me his family, and now the em going to attend special rehe all new plays presented at Be aters, and such as she does prove of will be forbidden. present state of the drama the duties of the European will surely be found arduous.

What if She Had Been Ob

A Kansas teacher was am the boys, who, every time th upstairs, puffed as though th tion was too much for them, determined to stop it. She boys as they entered the r thus admonished them: "S boys, you are making too mu and hereafter when you e room I want you to leave y and pants downstairs."

Wells as a Socialist.

One of the latest recruits to ism from the ranks of literary H. G. Wells, author of "The T chine," "Anticipations" and other ventures into the realms fiction. He is moved to the science rather than sentime has been nominated for me in the Fabian society by Geo nard Shaw and Graham Wall

Prince Writes Ballet Mu

Ever since Frederick the Gr house of Hohenzollern has be spicuous for its devotion to The latest instance is Prin chim Albrcht of Prussia, the son of the regent of Brunsw has just completed the musi spectacular ballet entitled "T acle of Spring."

In Too Much of a Hurry

A New York man committed because he was afraid he had disease, but it was found w doctors examined him that he have it and probably never have been afflicted with any s ady. This shows how unwise be hasty regarding these matt

Famous French General R

Gen. Saussier, the ex milit ernor of Paris, has resigned tion as a member of the highe cil of war on account of ill The general is in his seve year. He took part in tw campaigns and has the gran of the Legion of Honor.

The Quarrelsome Man.

If a man has a quarrelsome let him alone. The world w find him employment. He w meet with some one strong himself, who will repay him than you can. A man may fight all his life, if he is disposed rel.—Cecil.

He Knew.

"What part of speech is the 'married?'" asked the girl on azza of the Hardened Wretch he, being himself a married plied: "It's a subordinate tion."

New York's Municipal Emp

The number of employes New York municipal servic reached 45,299, of whom 12 teachers and 10,000 members police and fire departments.