LY LIVE STOCK REPORTER'S MARKET REPORTS ARE OFFICIAL, ACCURATE AND RELIABLE. SUBSCRIBE FOR IT AND KEEP UP WITH THE MARKET. AGENTS EVERYWHERE AT STOCK YARDS.

The Fort Worth Daily Live Stock Reporter.

L. VII. FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1903. NO. 64.

t Worth Live Stock Market.

l Run of Hogs. Cattle Run Light.

ARE ABOUT STEADY

tuff Sold Up, Poor Stuff Lower.

E MARKET LOWER

les Yesterday Were Off a Few Points.

E MARKET TODAY.

op	$7 50
op, steers	4 20

PARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
	600	1000	——
lk	$7 15@7 40		
y last week	354	376	——

IPTS FOR 1903 TO DATE

Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
19,157	9,841	489
13,135	9,022	855
1,207	278	26
936	318	245
728	577	28
1,027	1,008	
493	793	348
404	238	
964	707	
471	571	
441	561	
581	186	31
713	467	
243	209	153
1,306	782	226
629	884	146
764	578	18
354	376	420
185	571	
324	184	
966	1,039	
1,119	834	12
791	279	

HE HOG MARKET

orted up to 3 p. m. daily.)

s were liberal today, which pected after the small supply ed yesterday. Thirteen cars, , were unloaded, making re- the day figure close around , against 376 last Thursday ead for the corresponding day h.

ality today was very poor, of h mixed class, with the aver- ht around the 200 mark, and a ply of pigs of a poor quality. the offering there were, how- eral loads of fairly good mixed hogs, but nothing that would hin 15c of the $7 57½ load on y's market.

was a healthy demand from and outside buyers who were ers to get hogs gave the mar- d tone, but trading was very from the start, and the small sterday with the demand hold d gave sellers courage to ask ces. Local buyers, however, disposed to pay any great ad- d things got to moving along h sales anywhere from 10c 10c higher than yesterday. the sales that were lower were common rough light weight t the good weight hogs with y sold from steady to 10c

p price today was $7.50 for hogs 201 pounds. This will show gher mark than Kansas City's is $7.42½ today, without g quality; and considering the market will show a 25c ck.

lk of the sales today were from 7.40, with the extreme range to $7.50.

sorted hogs from 200 pounds are quoted today from $7.25 to h mixed packing lots $7 to t grades $6.50 to $7.10 and ughs $5.50 to $6.25.

ntative sales:

HOGS.

Average.	Price.
243	6 50
243	6 50
190	6 70
183	6 90
180	7 05
220	7 10
174	7 15
250	7 15
222	7 20
204	7 25
290	7 35
198	7 35
230	7 40
236	7 40
213	7 40
37	200	7 50
88	201	7 50

PIGS AND LIGHTS

38	97	6 00
1	125	5 00
28	137	6 25
25	110	6 25
19	103	6 25
5	112	6 25
6	138	6 50

THE CATTLE MARKET

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

Receipts of cattle were moderate today, with 20 cars unloaded early, making a total of 535 head, which with drive-ins made receipts for the day close to 600 head, against 354 for last Thursday, and 573 for the corresponding day last month.

The quality of steers was better, with quite a good sprinkling of the fairly fat kind, and several bunches of good cows, but as usual the bulk of the offerings was of the poor thin kinds.

The late steer market yesterday was quoted some lower by commission men, making a 10c decline for the week. The market today was active and steady at yesterday's close, with the top price today $4.20 for steers averaging 1037 pounds.

There was no change worth mentioning in the butcher stock market today, and buyers wanted the moderate supply of good cows and heifers at steady prices, with the trade active and the demand good. A good supply of the medium quality and thin cattle was among the offerings this morning, and the demand was no better than previously this week. The cows sold largely from $2.25 to $2.75, and common thin cows and canners were hard to sell from $1.50 to $2 25. This class of cattle is about 25c lower than at the close of last week.

The few bulls, stags and oxen on the market sold steady, and a good demand for the small supply of veals.

The bulk of the sales today were from $2 50 to $3.75, with the extreme range $1.50 to $4.

Choice fed steers are quoted from $4.00 to $4 60, while medium fed are going from $3.25 to $4, and light kinds $2.25 to $3 25.

Choice heavy fat cows from $3.00 to $3.50, with medium butchers $2.25 to $2.75, and light thin canners $1.50 to $2.

Bulls, stags and oxen from $2 35 to $3.25, with stags selling today at $3.50 for stags weighing around 1300 pounds.

Good choice vealers largely around $4, and heavier kinds $2.50 to $3 50.

Market closed steady.

Representative sales:

STEERS

No.	Average	Price.
24	1037	4 20
23	1002	4 00
47	1022	3 85
31	1003	3 85
23	1040	3 85
1	1330	3 65
11	961	3 65
27	920	3 65
25	863	3 65
13	965	3 65
18	790	3 40
2	860	3 25
1	730	3 25
3	876	3 25
2	865	3 00
29	754	2 85

COWS.

9	900	3 40
11 cows and heifers	780	3 25
3	806	3 25
1	700	3 25
12	908	3 25
26	651	3 00
5	872	3 00
1	930	3 00
30	716	3 00
28	774	3 00
4	907	3 00
5	902	2 90
16	687	2 50
2	820	2 50
11	689	2 00
8	797	2 00
4	832	2 00
23	565	2 00

HEIFERS.

3	690	3 25
2	555	3 00

BULLS.

2 stags	1300	3 25
12 stags	1291	3 50
2 stags	1235	3 50
1 stag	1460	3 00
2	700	2 40
1	1050	2 00

CALVES.

2	215	3 40
1	260	3 00
2	250	3 00
10	253	2 50
4	250	2 50

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.

Steers—Choice fed	$4 00@4 60
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 60
Mixed packers	7 00@7 40
Light	6 50@7 10
Southwestern pigs	5 50@6 50
Stockers	4 50@5 00

SHEEP.

Lambs	$4 00@5 00
Wethers	4 00@4 50
Ewes	3 25@4 00
Bucks and culls	1 50@2 50

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

H. H. Sperling of Minco, I. T., was sampling the Texas market today.

R. S. Stovall, Hubbard City, marketed 70 hogs, averaging 173 pounds, at $7.15.

Allen Searcy was on the market with three loads of mixed cattle that sold at satisfactory prices.

C. G. Woods of Watt had on the market 17 steers, averaging 998 pounds, which sold at $3 60.

The run today was about 1000 hogs and 600 cattle. Quality of hogs not as good as the average.

Anderson & Boyden of Pottsboro were on the market with a shipment of 198-pound hogs, which sold at $7.35.

F. G. Farrington of Alice had in a shipment of cows and heifers, averaging 651 pounds, which sold at $2.75.

Blakeley & Hill of Mt. Vernon were here with a mixed load of cattle, averaging 616 pounds, which sold at $2 40.

The top steers of today were shipped in by J. F. Drahn of Gatesville. They averaged 1002 pounds and brought $4.

Ben Hampton of Chickasha, I. T., was on the market today with a car of hogs. It was his first shipment to this market.

The First National Bank of Cuero of Karnes City, Texas, had on this market 30 cows, averaging 716 pounds, which sold at $3.

R. F. Wachtman of Llano, and his brother, C. C. Wachtman of Gates Center, Kas., two stockmen, were visitors on the yards.

D. M. Burnside of Okarche, Okla., was on the hog marked today with 80 hogs, averaging 198 pounds, which sold at $7.35.

J. M. Wells of Bonham was on the market with a load of cows and steers. The steers, averaging 1075, sold at $3.75, and some 813 pound cows at $2.50.

G. W. Sutherland from Alice was here with a load of cattle in which were 28 cows, averaging 774 pounds, which sold at $3, and some 690-pound heifers at $3.25.

Smith & Lightenberg of Smithville had in a shipment of mixed cattle out of which some 948 pound steers sold at $3 75. Mr. M. J. Smith accompanied the shipment.

W. McWilliams of Dallas was on the market with 5 loads of cattle, which sold satisfactorily. Fifty head of steers, averaging 816, sold at $3.50; 27 head averaging 727, at $3.25, and 30 head, averaging 630, at $3.

B. F. Bartholemew of Norman, Okla., topped today's hog market with 88 Poland China hogs averaging 201 pounds, which brought $7.50. They were fed on corn and alfalfa. Mr. Bartholemew, who is one of the largest shippers of his county, has been shipping to Kansas City, but intends to make Fort Worth his market from now on.

Again the Fort Worth market leads in the price of hogs. A bunch of 201-pound hogs, not top-finished, sold on this market at $7.50, which was 10c above tops at St Joseph and 7½c above Kansas City. Strictly tops on this market would have brought $7.60 today. All other markets report lower price, but the report for Fort is "higher on good stuff."

Horse Show Incorporated.

Among the list of new companies chartered is the following: Fort Worth Horse Show Association of Fort Worth; capital stock, $1,200. Incorporated by O. W. Matthews, W. B. King, V. S. Wardlaw, W. V. Galbreath, Burk Burnett, C. E. Hicks, Frank P. Holland and Ireland Hampton.

SHIPPERS IN TODAY.

CATTLE.

J. S. Franks, Valley View, 31.
Gibson & Graves, Melissa, 5.
Miller & Kluge, Gonzales, 31.
G. W. Sutherland, Alice, 31.
First National Bank Cuero, Karnes City, 60.
Miller & Hunter, Karnes City, 30.
F. W. Anderson, Hico, 31.
R. E. Smith, Sherman, 27.
Barton & Lucas, Farmersville, 34.
J. E. J., McGregor, 35.
J. F. Drahn, Gatesville, 143.
L. L. Hill, Granger, 81.
W. H. Childress, Abilene, 30.
E. L. Cooper, Paris, 48.

HOGS

J. S. Franks, Valley View, 1.
B. F. Bartholomew, Noble, Okla., 88.
Taylor & McCorn, Edmond, Okla., 73.
S. P. S., Clifton, 42.
——, Gatesville, 41.
S. P. Stone, Itaska, 90.
R. Stovall, Hubbard City, 70.
Gibson & Graves, Melissa, 58.
D. M. Burnside, Okarche, I. T., 80.
H. Sperling, Rush Spring, I. T., 75.
B. Hampton, Chickasha, I. T. 65.
W. E. Dupree, Ada, I. T, 94.
E. M. Crum, Ardmore, I. T, 107.
Jas. Crrwford, Purcell, I. T., 95.

Driven In.

HOGS—Wm. Little, 12; Bogg, 8; F. Duringer, 7; C. C. Thompson, 1.

PREFERS FORT WORTH.

A Feeder Has Found This the Best Market.

J. C. Butler, a speculator, who has been doing business on the Fort Worth yards, leaves tonight for his home at Carnegie, Okla. Mr. Butler has been doing business here since Dec. 1st, and during that time has handled about 1?00 head of cattle, most of which he bought and sold here, at the same time feeding a large percentage of them at his feeding lot at North Fort Worth.

Mr. Butler says he made money on most of the cattle handled, and the only bad deal made was on ten loads, which he shipped to St. Joseph, on which deal, considering shrink, freight, and the price, which was not any better than prices here, he lost about $7.00.

On the whole Mr. Butler is well pleased with his business here and will soon be back with the intention of working this market exclusively

CATTLE SALES REPORTED.

Prices $16 to $17 for Yearlings and $20 for 2s.

Some sales are reported, as a starter We find in the West Texas Stockman of Colorado City:

Ed H. Reid, the well known Denver buyer, was in the city Saturday, en route to Scurry county, to look at a bunch of yearling steers belonging to W. A. Johnson. Mr. Reid came here from Midland. He purchased 800 yearling steers from R. T. Reed of the O4 Cattle company, at $17 around. These yearlings are located in Crane county. He purchased 400 yearling steers, tailings from which 250 had been topped, from O. B. Holt, at $16 around. He purchased 500 two year old steers from Will N. Waddell of Odessa, at $21 around, 15 per cent cut back.

Mr. Reid departed for Fort Worth Sunday night, and it is not known what he bought in Scurry county.

The El Paso News reports:

A report reached here today that Duhamel & Sons, the stock raisers of Alpine and Marfa, had made a large stock deal during the recent cattle convention here. It is claimed that they sold to a Montana buyer 4500 head of range stock for about $20 around. Sale was made through an El Paso merchant and delivery will begin as soon as the spring equinoctials are over. The cattle are all twos and threes, and are a representative herd of Texas range stock. They are to be sent up to the northern range to be finished for the Pacific markets.

Gypsum and Consumption.

Berlin—The medical faculty is probing a peculiar observation to the effect that there is not a single consumptive among the Berlin Plaster of Paris Workers' union, many members of which were consumptive when they entered the trade, but recovered without any specific cure. Similar observation has been made in other cities among this kind of workers, which leads physicians to think that the gypsum dust kills the germs, or prevents such from taking root. More extended investigation shows that several noted health resorts for consumptives have water containing a great deal of gypsum. Newspapers are asked to give the above facts wide circulation in order that American physicians may continue the investigations and help prepare statistics of benefit to the human race.

TEXAS CATTLE FOR AFRICA

British Government Arranging for Their Shipment.

The Reporter recently made announcement of the chartering of vessels to carry Texas cattle to Africa. Carrying out this announcement, British officers are now in New Orleans to arrange for the shipment of these cattle. A telegraphic dispatch from that city dated March 25, says: Accompanied by Capt. MacMillan, Major Maude, who has been with the British remount service in Australia, arrived today to reopen British operations at Port Chalmette. Several ships have been chartered. Major Maude says no horses or mules will be shipped because the South African market is now almost overstocked. It is the cattle market that is depleted, and thousands of head of American cattle will be shipped to South Africa to re-stock the farms of the burghers. "The British Government is very much interested in these American cattle shipments," said Maj. Maude. "The government's plan is to buy cattle and ship them to South Africa for sale to the farmers to re-stock their farms. Before the war the rinderpest worked great havoc among the cattle, and the war also took off a great many, so it is necessary to re-stock the farms. There were no American cattle in South Africa before the war, but there is no reason why they should not prosper there. The Texas cattle is preferable."

They All Love Texas.

The Beeville Bee tells how a famous breeder fell under the charms of Texas: T. F. B. Sotham of Chillicothe, Mo., known all over the United States as the leading breeder of Hereford cattle, was in Beeville Saturday. A yew years ago he sold the Loveland stock farm here several animals of his breeding, among them a son of Corrector, the most valuable Hereford in this country. He had been on a visit to the King ranch and dropped off here on his return home to see what was being done here in the way of breeding fine cattle. He was overwhelmed with what he saw. He said he saw as fine cattle here as in Missouri and found that they were grown at less than half the cost. The King ranch he thinks the finest cattle ranch in the world. The level lands, with waving grass in the dead of winter, the hundred or more flowing wells, and the herds of thoroughbred cattle and horses, completely captivated the Missourian and he said if he could get a foothold in South Texas, he would move down here.

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—45c
BRAN—$1.05 per cwt.
CHOPS—$1.10 per cwt.
KAFFIR CORN—$1.15 per cwt.
CANE SEED—$1.25 per cwt.
MILLET SEED—$1.75.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $12.50 per ton.

Cotton Seed, Meal and Hulls.

COTTON SEED—Car lots $16.00 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, 8 to 9c. Green salt, 5½ to 6½c.

Wool.

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

WHY HE TURNED HIS BACK.

Youngster Intended to Give His Father Every Chance.

This story concerning a young Senator hailing from the Southwest serves to illustrate the knowingness of the small son of the house.

The Senator's wife had as her guest a young woman known to the boy as Miss Anna. When the time came for the departure of her guest the Senator's wife, being unable to accompany her to the station, asked her husband and the small boy to go in her stead. Upon their return to the hotel the Senator remained in the lobby talking politics, while the small boy went at once to his mother. In due course the Senator entered her room to find his wife in tears. After repeated questionings as to what the trouble was he was informed that his small son had told her that his father had kissed Miss Anna goodby.

"Why, my son, did you say such a thing as that?" demanded the stern parent.

"No-no, Papa," lisped the youngster, "I didn't thay I thaw you kith her. I thaid I kithed her and then I turned my back."—New York Press.

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	7,000	29,000	9,000
Kansas City	3,000	7,500	4,500
St. Louis	3,000	4.500	1,200
St. Joseph	2,400	6,200	5,800
Total	15,400	47,200	20,500

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., March 26.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 7,000. Market steady to stronger. Quality poor.

HOGS—Receipts 29,000. Market mostly 25c lower than Tuesday. Top $7.70; bulk $7.30@7.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 9,000. Market higher. Westerns $7.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

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

CATTLE—Receipts 3000. Market slow, steady. Top $4.70. Cows and stockers steady; Texas dull.

HOGS—Receipts 7,500. Market 10c lower, closed strong. Top $7.42½; bulk $7.20@7.35.

SHEEP—Receipts 4,500. Steady to strong.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

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

CATTLE—Receipts 3000; Texas 1500. Market slow, steady. Top $4.25. Natives slow, steady; top $4.85.

HOGS—Receipts 4,500. Market 5c lower. Top $7.55; bulk $7.15@7 35.

SHEEP—Receipts 1200. Steady.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

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

CATTLE—Receipts 2400. Market steady to 10c lower. Top $4 80.

HOGS—Receipts 6200. Market averaged 10c lower. Top $7.40; bulk $7.15@7.30.

SHEEP—Receipts 5,800. Market steady to lower. Lambs $7.35.

Texas Mules for Maryland.

It's a long way from West Texas to Maryland, and the mules sent from Colorado City will be tired before they reach their journey's end. The Colorado City Spokesman says: D. H. Snyder, Jr., shipped a car of mules Saturday to Maryland, where they will be placed on sale. These mules were purchased on the local market from various persons.

Live Stock Commission Houses.

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

CAMPBELL & BOSSON 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.

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—85 Shorthorn Cattle, at public sale, Monday, March 30, 1903, at Dallas fair grounds, by Jno. Burruss, Columbia, Mo. Nearly all of this stock is Immune, balance Inoculated against Tick Fever. Cows with calves at foot, Heifers safe in calf, and Herd-Headers. In this sale will be offered the Imported Bull, Advance, 179251, three times inoculated for Tick Fever. This sale will, without question, offer some great bargains. Be sure and come. Sale commences at 10 a. m. For catalogue, write C. S. Mitchell, Jr., care American Nat'l Bank, Dallas, Texas.

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.

STOCK FARMS.—We have for sale Improved Stock Farms and Pastures of 480, 640, 1120 and up to 5000 acres, RIGHT ON RAILROAD, and with absolutely PERMANENT WATER, only six hours run to Fort Worth. Horses, Mules and Cattle for Sale. WEBB & RUSSELL, Baird, Callahan county, Texas.

FOR SALE—40 head Durham Bulls, 2 to 4 years old, all red and well bred. Also 15 good Jacks, ready for service. J. W. Shepard, Plano, Texas.

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

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

Daily Live Stock Reporter.

BY THE REPORTER PUBLISHING CO.

50 cts. a Month. - - - - $4.00 a year.

Issued Every Day Except Sunday,
—at—
1108 Jennings Ave., - - - Fort Worth, Tex.
TELEPHONE 609

Address all Communications to The Reporter Publishing Co.

Correspondence telling of the condition of livestock, its progress and improvement of the industry, and anything that would be of interest to stock raisers, is invited.

NOTICE.

The public is notified to pay no money to any person representing himself as agent for The Citizen or Live Stock Reporter, except such as named in this notice

The authorized agents of this paper are C. H Beard and A. Z. Stirling.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1903.

Official paper of this and market of the Fort Worth Live Stock Exchange.

THE FORT WORTH MARKET

This is a good competitive market, where shippers can sell to the best advantage. In addition to the big packers, Swift and Armour, there are stationed at these yards buyers for several California packing houses, and butchers from all points in Texas, the Indian Territory and Oklahoma come here for their supplies. Good stuff is wanted by these men, and they will pay well for it. Fat sheep, hogs or cattle will net more to the Texas or Indian Territory shipper at this market than at any other. The demand now is for 3000 hogs, 1000 sheep and 1500 to 2000 cattle a day.

The strength of the Fort Worth market is attested by a comparison of the prices paid here and those paid at Kansas City and St. Louis yesterday. We paid 12½ cents more for hogs than Kansas City, and 2½ cents more than St. Louis. Good cattle sold here at level prices with those markets. The Reporter noted the case of a cattle feeder who split a bunch, sending the pick to St. Louis and the tailings to Fort Worth. He sold his choicest stuff at the former market for $4.15, and the tailings brought him $4.05 at Fort Worth. After paying freight and allowing for shrink he was a big loser on his St. Louis shipment.

Good mutton sheep are always in demand here, with practically nothing offered. Anything with flesh will bring $4 to $4.50, and lambs are snapped up at $5. Some 6 months lambs were sold recently at $7. They were well bred and fat, and brought a fancy price. Texas farmers have had no market for sheep, and they have got out of the way of raising them, but now they cannot excuse themselves by pleading no market. They are finding this to be a good market for all the live stock they have on hand. Receipts of sheep for March are now greater than the total for January and February, but not a fifth of the demand has been offered.

Ship to the Fort Worth market and you will not lose by it.

Remarks of the man who shipped hogs from Texas points to Kansas City and sold them at $7.45, when Fort Worth was paying $7.57½, are not printable. There are not many such shippers, but now and then one may be flushed. A single lesson is onough to make a wiser man of him, and win him to Fort Worth.

He Deserves a Pension.

The descendants of an Australian settler, 102 years of age, number 304 persons. He is in receipt of an old-age pension from the Australian government.

Malta Thickly Populated.

Malta is the most thickly populated island in the world. It has 1,360 people to the square mile. Barbadoes has 1,054 people to the square mile.

Our Fastest Torpedo Boat.

The fastest torpedo boat destroyer in the United States navy, the Stewart, made a speed of 33.8 miles an hour on her official trial.

Must Be Delightful Climate.

Water freezes every night of the year at Alto Crucero in Bolivia, while at noonday the sun is hot enough to blister the flesh.

The Origin of Blankets.

Blankets were first made by Blanket brothers, at Bristol, England, about the middle of the thirteenth century.

A LA ENOCH ARDEN.

In This Case First Husband Waited Until the Second Died.

New Bedford, Mass., March 26.—After an absence of forty years Edwin Dow of Newark, N. J., who accumulated a fortune out west, is to remarry his wife.

Dow some time after his marriage disappeared, leaving word that he would not return until he had made his fortune and could give his family a better home. A few years later Mrs. Dow secured a divorce and was married to Capt. W. J. Norton.

Dow made his fortune, and returning found his wife was happily married. He made himself known to his daughter and pledging her to secrecy told her his story. She was only to reveal the secret upon Captain Norton's death. Captain Norton died two years ago and Dow came on from the west and meeting his former wife asked her to remarry him. She consented, and the marriage wil take place Sunday.

IRISH LAND BILL.

Wyndham, the Irish Secretary, Introduces it in House of Commons.

London, March 26.—The Irish secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the government's long anticipated Irish land bill in the house of commons. It proposes a free grant of $60,000,000 for the purpose of the bill. That keen interest is felt in this new legislation, which it is hoped will promote peace and content in Ireland, was evidenced by the crowded house. The peer's gallery and distinguished strangers' gallery were filled, and there has been no such gathering of members of parliament since the opening of the session.

Michael Davitt, father of the Irish Land league, celebrated his fifty-seventh birthday by re-entering the house for the first time since he ceased to be a member, in order to hear the chief secretary for Ireland unfold his plans.

Mr. Wyndham, who was heartily cheered when he arose to speak, announced at the outset the government thought cash aid necessary for fulfillment of proposed scheme, but it attached greater importance to the credit operations than to cash operations. He then unfolded a scheme which provides for advance of money for purchase of land by tenants. The advance is to be in the shape of cash and not stock, but in order to enable cash to be raised new stock is be floated.

Advance to tenants through the provisions of the bill is limited to $2500 in congested districts and $5000 elsewhere. The bill becomes effective Nov. 1. Mr. Wyndham said $750,000,000 could be safely advanced on Irish land, but thought the scheme would not involve $500,000,000. The Irish secretary explained that while the maximum charge on English treasury would not exceed $11,975,000 in a single year, the reduction in cost of administration of Ireland would amount to $1,250,000.

At the conclusion of Wyndham's speech the bill passed its first reading.

Heavy Suits Probable.

New York, March 26.—The claims against the city for heavy damage for personal injuries received in Madison Square garden on last election night, when several bombs exploded in the crowd, during the fire works celebration have begun to appear in the office of the city controller. One for $25,000 damages to Samuel Melker, a youth, who was severely injured, has already been filed. Other claims swell the total to about $500,000, and suits will be instituted in each case if they are not settled with the controller.

Highwayman Kills Messenger.

Ukiah, Cal., March 26.—A lone highwayman held up the stage traveling between this point and Mendocino City and shot and instantly killed the armed messenger, Q. A. Overmeyer. The driver, Harry Owelway whipped up his horses and amid a rain of bullets escaped unimjured. The stage was held up in the same spot about a month ago by the same man, it is thought. Tuesday's stage carried a heavy treasure chest.

Confidence in Pennell.

New Haven, Conn., March 26.—Miss Nellie Lamb, sister of Mrs. Arthur Pennell, declares that faith in Mr. Pennell has not been shaken so far as his widow's family is concerned, by revelations in the Burdick inquest at Buffalo. "I believe the half has not been told yet," she declares, "and we certainly will not sit in judgment on my brother-in-law until all facts are known."

Assessors Lose Their Places.

Guthrie, Okla., March 26.—The repealing of the county assessor law by the recent legislature has thrown out of positions, to which they were elected only last fall, twenty-six assessors in this territory. The law prevents them from acting after March 11.

Packinghouses Combine.

Chicago, March 26.—The seven packing companies bought last summer by the Armour, Swift and Morris interest have been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. National Packing company is the name and $15,000,000 capital stock.

Cabinet Session Brief.

Washington, March 26.—Cabinet meeting was brief and comparatively unimportant Tuesday. Some consideration was given the appointment of assistant secretary of the department of commerce. No decision has been reached.

Texas Postmasters.

Washington, March 26.—The president has appointed the following postmasters for Texas:

Commerce, Dallas Herbert; Llano, Gertrude Taylor; Rockdale, E. J. Hopkins.

Resignation Withdrawn.

Caracas, March 26.—After reading his special message to congress Castro withdrew his resignation of the presidency of Venezuela.

NO OBLITERATION.

Masonic Lodges With Undesirable Members Not to Be Ruled Out.

New York, March 26.—While the Masonic lodges which are found to have undesirable members will be thoroughly purged, it is thought by Masons generally those bodies will not necessarily be obliterated. Even Doric lodge, which at least has temporarily lost its charter, will not be kept beyond the pale. The cleansing process, however, will be extended throughout the state and more than 800 lodges will be concerned. Grand Master Crandall is collecting evidence, which will soon be used in the case of men responsible for the admission of "Shang" Draper into Doric lodge. It is believed if these men are found guilty they will be driven from the order.

FAVORABLE REPORT.

Anti-Trust Bill Receives Commendation of Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Austin, March 26.—Concurrent resolution was adopted by the legislature authorizing the superintendent of public buildings and grounds to prepare the space set aside for the railroad commission to hold its hearings in the capitol.

The Connally-Meacham anti-trust bill was reported favorably by the senate judiciary committee No. 1, and an effort will be made to take the bill up in the senate. It has already passed the house.

Senator Hicks did not introduce the bill to permit horse racing at public state fairs. It is not believed any further steps will be taken on anti-pool legislation.

The house considered general land bill.

The senate considered the Terrell general election bill by sections, and as there are nearly 200 sections it will take the remainder of the session to pass it, unless the manner of considering it is changed.

The governor sent in to the senate a list of notaries public for confirmation.

REVISED RULES.

Classified Civil Service Will Be Extended to a Considerable Extent.

Washington, March 26.—Under the revision of the civil service rules, to take effect April 15, it is announced the classified service has been extended to all positions which are subject to classifications under the civil service act. The classified service hereafter will embrace all places which are not mere laborers or workmen or not subject to confirmation by the senate. The number of places excepted from examination have been reduced, omitting a large number of private secretaries and confidentional clerks, although two private secretaries will be allowed to all heads of departments. Shipping commissioners, various superintendents, engineers, examiners and miscellaneous positions have also been made subject to examination. Temporary appointments will be restricted, both in number and duration.

MORLEY NO MORE.

The Noted Chief Engineer Has Passed Away at Brooklyn.

New York, March 26.—Chief Engineer A. W. Morley, United States navy, retired, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. He was one of the best known and most capable officers of the old engineer corps of the navy. Chief Engineer Morley was born in Hartford, Conn., and entered the navy at the outbreak of the civil war. He participated in the blockade and the engagement of the West, Gulf and South Atlantic squadrons, and by the close of the war had attained the graden of first assistant engineer. Later he served on the Pacific and the North Atlantic stations, and at various periods between sea duty at the navy yard, New York.

Urge Removal of Officials.

Port of Spain, March 26.—The chamber of commerce has adopted a resolution providing that a cable dispatch be sent to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain urging the immediate removal of the governor of the island, Sir Cornelious Molony, and the principal officers "in whom the public has entirely lost confidence," and asking for the appointment of a royal commission of inquiry. The populace is quieter. The bodies of twelve of the men killed during the rioting were buried.

Thought Land Bill Will Pass.

London, March 26.—The discussion following Mr. Wyndham's exposition of the provisions of the Irish land bill brought forth little unfriendly criticism. On the contrary John Pedmond, T. Healy, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, T. W. Russel, and others, termed it a strong and probably effective bill. It is already conceded as absolutely certain that the bill will pass, though it may be modified in its minor details.

More Fighting.

San Domingo, March 26.—The inhabitants of this city were again thrown into a state of alarm by the fact of further fighting taking place at San Carlos near this city. The commission has left San Domingo for Azua and Barahona on the warship Independencia in order to bring about surrender of the places.

All on Board Were Well.

Christ Church, New Zealand, March 26.—The steamer Morning Royal, the Geographical society's relief ship for Antarctic steamer Discovery, has arrived at Lyttleton, eight miles from here. She left the Discovery in Antarctic waters with all well on board of her.

Little Girl Cremated.

Chickasha, I. T., March 26.—The four-year-old girl of Section Foreman Lavely, ten miles west, was burned to death.

ORIGIN OF NUN'S HEADDRESS.

First Placed on Pretty Head by Gallant French King.

Very few persons, says a French paper, know the origin of the headdress which so many nuns wear, and which hides so much of their faces. It was formerly the custom for convents to send nuns to the various cities and towns for the purpose of collecting alms, and as a rule two nuns, one old and the other young, went to each place. They wore small caps, and were popularly known as "Swallows of Lent."

On a certain Ash Wednesday two of them succeeded in obtaining admission to the king's palace in Paris, and though the monarch and his courtiers were at dinner, they did not hesitate to solicit alms from them. One of the nuns was very pretty, and the young nobles who were feasting cast such bold glances at her that she blushed with shame, whereupon the king rose from the table, and, taking his napkin, folded it in two and placed in on her head in such a manner that it concealed her blushes. Ever since that day, it is said, this kind of headdress has been worn by nuns.

THE INVENTOR OF VALENTINES.

New England Spinster Who First Cut Fancy Paper Hearts.

Miss Esther Howland of Worcester, Mass., invented the modern valentine in 1849. She never married, and died about ten years ago. She was a graduate of Mount Holyoke seminary, and her father had a small book store and bindery. Wishing to add a new feature of the business, she took stiff letter paper, scalloped and fringed the edges, cut heart-shaped holes in the corners, glued on colored pictures that came with raisins, tea, etc., put around the pictures borders of the lace paper that was used on the inside edges of fancy boxes, and hand-painted a little verse on them. The valentines found a ready sale; business men in New York and elsewhere began to order them for the next year, and it soon appeared that Miss Howland had developed a real business.

Parkhurst's Plain Speech.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst is widely noted for the plain way he has of stating facts. In a recent discourse he referred to those who are in the habit of dropping a nickel in the plate after listening to the eloquence and logic of some particularly distinguished divine as "showing five cents' worth of evangelical responsiveness."

Followed Her Loved Husband.

A pathetic instance of death from grief occurred in the village of Burgh Castle, near Yarmouth, Norfolk, recently. A teamster named Saunders was seized with a sudden illness and died. His young wife, prostrated with sorrow, lay all night beside the corpse, and on the following day was found dead.

Real Prosperous Farmin'.

Farmer Armour of Chicago has sold about 15,000,000 bushels of his "corner" crop of wheat and makes about $600,000 profit. He will now be able to give his wife a new dress, get an organ for his home and perhaps repaint his wagon. Farming pays in the Garden City.—New York World.

Wants Medals for Soldiers.

Secretary Root proposes to ask congress for an appropriation of $100,000 for the purchase of service medals to be conferred upon officers and men who have participated in the war with Spain and the suppression of the "boxer" uprising in China. The department wishes to distribute 446,882 medals.

Princeton University Statistics.

The new Princeton university catalogue shows a total of 1,382 students this year, against 1,354 last year. The number of professors and instructors has increased from 101 to 108. The combined Princeton libraries contain 256,000 volumes, 14,000 having been added during the year.

Horse Clippers

A Good Power Clipper For $5.50.
We are headquarters for HAND POWER Clippers of the best make.
Prices $1.25 to $12.75.

NASH HARDWARE CO., Fort Worth

FOR A HOME GYMNASIUM.

Best Use to Which Unused Room Can be Put.

If there is an unused room in the house one of the best uses to make of it is to turn it into a gymnasium.

It is not at all a difficult matter to fit up a gymnasium at home that will answer all the requirements for general exercising and carry out the plan of a regular gymnasium very well.

To begin with, there should be a rug on the floor. This need not be an expensive affair. One of the cheaper sort will do, or a rug manufactured from old carpet pieces. The latter is very thick and would be excellent for the purpose.

Very little apparatus is necessary in a home gymnasium, as well selected exercises form its main stock of usefulness. However, wall pulls, dumbells and lightweight Indian clubs ought to be put in the room.

The main idea of the home gymnasium is that it may be used by one person at a time perfectly independently.

Running as an Art and Exercise.

Running, like many other things, is an art. It is seldom an inspiration, and to be performed properly should be learned and practiced. A bad, untutored style is not only ungraceful, but it prevents a player doing the best work of which she is capable and militates against good plays as powerfully as anything can. A good, free style, on the other hand, which entails the full use of all proper muscles, gives a girl additional peace and security, with infinitely less exertion, when once it has been acquired. Moreover, it improves the carriage and lends grace to all the movements.

The Languages of France.

The bishop of Quimper, in Brittany, states that out of 310 parishes in Finisterre only five use French as the common language, while in 177 parishes no child of ten knows a word of French. In further Brittany, 483,000 persons are totally ignorant of the French language.

No Jones in the Senate.

The two Joneses in the senate—John P. of Nevada and James K. of Arkansas—went out on March 4 and left that body without a representative bearing the honored name of Jones for the first time since 1872. There is no Smith in the senate now.

World's Largest Locomotive.

What is probably the biggest locomotive in the world has just been completed at Schenectady for hauling freight over the Rocky mountains. It measures seventy feet, and on a level track can haul a train of cars a mile and a half long.

Experiments of No Value.

All eggs have a parthenogenetic tendency, which, as Boveri demonstrated at the last meeting of the German Society of Naturalists and Physicians, disappears through degeneration of the controsoma. All that Prof. Loeb of Chicago did was to show that this parthenogenetic tendency could be stimulated in sea urchins by a normal salt solution. In certain infusoria the process of fecundation consists essentially in a subtle osmosis between the sexes. The experiments of Loeb did not create life, but simply stimulated bisexual generation at the expense of parthenogenesis. These experiments, therefore, demonstrate nothing as regards the cause of life.

TEXAS RATES ON LIVE

FIGURES OF INTEREST TO SHIPPERS TO THIS MARKET

They Can Estimate the Cost and Compare It With Cost of Shipping to Northern Markets.

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

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

DISTANCE—Miles.	
10 and less	
15 and over	10
20 "	15
25 "	20
30 "	25
35 "	30
40 "	35
45 "	40
50 "	45
60 "	50
70 "	60
80 "	70
90 "	80
100 "	90
125 "	100
150 "	125
175 "	150
200 "	175
250 "	200
300 "	250
350 "	300
400 "	350
450 "	400
500 "	450
550 "	500
600 "	550
650 "	600
700 "	650
750 "	700
Over 750	

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

CHARGES FOR SELL

Rates Fixed by Live Stock Exchange for Handling Stock.

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

Cattle, 50 cents per head, but not less than $12 for a carload; calves, 35 cents; $10 for single deck and $18 for double deck.

Hogs, 10 cents per head; $8 for single and $10 for double deck.

Charges for sheep are the same as for hogs.

FEEDING CHARGES.

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

Cattle, per head
Hogs, per head
Sheep, per head

Prices charged for feed by the Exchange: Hay, 80c a bale; corn, 61 a bushel; oats, 50c a bushel; chops $1.80 cwt.; bran, $1.80; cotton seed meal, 40c bale.

OFFICERS OF THE EXCHANGE.

Officers and directors of the Live Stock Exchange are:

W. B King, president.
R. H. McNatt, vice-president.
V. S. Wardlaw, treasurer.
O. W. Matthews, secretary.
Directors: W. B. King, R. H. McNatt, V. S. Wardlaw, J. D. Farmer, W. D. Hunter, O. W. Matthews, L. V. Niles, J. P. Dickson, Grant.

—Fort Worth Stock Yards Company

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

Daily Capacity.
5000 Cattle,
10,000 Hogs,
5000 Sheep,
1500 Horses and Mules.

This Is Your Market. . . .
There is no reason to ship elsewhere.
"What's the use?"

PACKERS
Armour & Company,
Swift and Co.,
Fort Worth Packing Co.

Facilities for handling Northern and Southern Cattle unsurpassed. If you investigate the markets before shipping, you will find the Fort Worth market will net more money.

W. B. KING,
Gen'l Manager,

O. W. MATTHEWS,
Sec'y and Treas.

PROFESSIONAL.

W. R. BOOTH,
...ey .. at .. Law.
...TICE IN ALL COURTS.
...ond and Houston Sts.
...IRST NATIONAL BANK BLD'G.

J. D. MITCHELL,
...OPATHIC PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
...10-11 4th floor, Wheat Building.
Fort Worth.

...EL WORTH
...T WORTH, TEX.
...and Stock Yards Cars Convenient.

...TH RAILWAY SCHEDULE

...ROCK ISLAND & TEXAS RY. A
..."Rock Island Route." Arrive
...Omaha and Mo. River.....a 7 30 pm
...City, Chicago, Denver, ...Springs and Pueblo, ...Express.....a 7 10 am

Frisco System.
...R, TEXAS & SOUTHERN RY. Arr from north
...C & St L Mail and Ex a 2 55 pm
...RTH & RIO GRANDE RY. A Arrive from south
...Mail and Express.....a 10 55 am
...mixed a 6 00 am

...RTH & DENVER CITY RY. A Arrive
...ver, Colorado Springs ...Pueblo Mail and Ex.....a 5 10 pm
...Colorado Express.....a 6 00 am
...Accommodation.....a 9 55 am

...OLORADO AND SANTA FE. C Arr. from North
...n C. & Chicago Ex. & Mail a 9 00 pm
...n C. & Chicago Fast Ex. a 7 45 am Arr. from South
...ston & Gal. Mail & Ex. a 8 20 pm
...ston & San Antonio & ...lveston Mail & Express.. a 7 05 am

...ON & TEXAS CENTRAL. C Arrive
...ston & Gal. Mail & Ex. a 9 10 pm
...ston & Gal Mail & Ex. a 8 05 am
...Corsicana Mixed.....a11 50 am

...L, KANSAS AND TEXAS. A Arr. from North
..."Katy Flyer".....a 7 45 pm
...n. City, St. Louis & Chi-...cago Mail & Ex.....a 7 10 am
...n. City, St. Louis & Chi-...cago, Fast Express.....a 5 10 pm Arr. from South
...ston and Gal. and San ...tonio, "Katy Flyer".....a 8 10 am
...Houston Mail & Ex.....a10 55 am
...Houston Mail & Ex.....a10 50 pm

...OUTHERN BELT ROUTE. A Arrive
...mp. & St. L. Mail & Ex.. a 6 25 am
...mp. & St. L. Mail & Ex.. a 6 25 pm

...EXAS AND PACIFIC A
...in Line via Marshall. Arr. from East
...St. Louis Cannon Ball.... a 7 55 pm
...Ft. Louis Mail & Ex..... a 6 30 pm
...Louis & Memp. Fast Ex.. a 7 45 am
...Dallas News Train..... a 5 20 am
...Mins & Weath'ford Local a 2 55 pm
...Dallas Local.....
...Mins & Wills Point Local a11 30 am
...Dallas Local..... a 5 10 pm
Main Line West. Arr. from West
...Abilene Mail & Express.. a 4 15 pm
...Weatherford Local..... a10 15 am
...Paso & California Mail ...Express..... a 6 30 am
...ntinental Division via Sherman. Arrive
...arkana & St. Louis Mail ...Express..... a 6 10 pm
...assenger Station, Front St., foot
...th Union] Station, Cor. 15th and ...reets.

...arrives at Rio Grande Jct

INTERURBAN
NORTHERN TEXAS TRACTION CO.
40 TRAINS DAILY
Between
FT. WORTH AND DALLAS.
...from the business center ...every hour, and on the ...6 a. m. to 11 p. m. Cars ...Union Depot, Fort Worth, ...Fe and Cotton Belt depots.
DALLAS FT. WORTH

...e to Read Bible Daily.
...Y. E. W. Bishop, minister of ...rch, Concord, Mass., is con-...daily Bible class of 139, ...enrolled and promised to ... The present course on the ... Israel will cover eight

...in of Ox Tail Soup.
...soup, now regarded as a ...glish dish, was first made ...y poor Huguenot refugees ...e after the revocation of ...f Nantes, because ox tails ...o market value.

...ered His Card.
...ing incident occurred in ...ay's court the other day ...progress of a civil case, ...mphis Scimitar. One of ..., a Beal street pawn-...ow, Mr. ——," said the ...your face to the jury ...your name and place ... The witness reached ...pocket and, drawing ...orn bit of pasteboard, ...was mine card." Judge ...obliged to pound for

CONFIDED TO A FRIEND

The Late Mr. Burdick Told an Indianian His Troubles.

WHAT RICE RELATES.

Murdered Buffalo Manufacturer Unbosomed Himself and Spoke of the Alleged Relations of His Wife and Pennell.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.—F. L. Burdick, the murdered Buffalo manufacturer, confided his troubles to Herbert Rice, advertising manager of the Nordyke & Marmon Co., in this city, only a few weeks before his dead body was found in the Burdick mansion. Mr. Burdick and Mr. Rice were personal friends. The former's last visit here was on Jan. 27, when he called on Mr. Rice. He appeared troubled, and he took the first opportunity to unbosom himself to Mr. Rice. "He said Pennell and his wife went to Buffalo and were taken into society," said Mr. Rice, "and that the acquaintance of his wife and himself with Pennells soon ripened into friendship and the Pennells had the freedom of the Burdick home.

"He said Pennell was a brilliant chap socially, and that he admired him and knew his wife admired him also. He said Pennell and Mrs. Burdick seemed to enjoy each other's company particularly, but that he had no suspicions at first.

"Burdick said he afterward learned that Pennell and Mrs. Burdick were having clandestine meetings. He said he confronted both Mrs. Burdick and Pennell with accusations, and both confessed to having had improper relations.

MRS. BURDICK.

"On promises of Pennell to leave Buffalo, and the promises of his wife not to meet Pennell again, Burdick said he agreed not to take any action in the matter. Neither promise was kept, he said.

"When Burdick learned of the matter he threatened to bring suit for divorce. Again the guilty ones pleaded with him, he said, and on the solemn renewal of the promises first made, he again let the matter rest. These promises were also broken, he said. Burdick said he found a slip of paper containing a list of meeting places and dates made out in cipher. On this paper was one address and date Burdick thought he deciphered correctly.

"Accompanied by detecives he went to the address and found Pennell and Mrs. Burdick together.

"He determined to obtain a divorce, he said. Burdick held a conference with Pennell and Mrs. Burdick and Pennell and the woman agreed that they would not contest the suit for divorce, but would aid in securing it in a quiet way, to avoid notoriety as much as possible. Instead they put detectives on the track of Mr. Burdick, having resolved between themselves that they would contest the suit.

"Burdick said the detectives followed every move he made and trumped up a lot of false evidence against him which involved his friends, respectable people, of whom he thought a great deal.

"Burdick did not know of the evidence obtained against him until after the detectives had reported to Pennell and Mrs. Burdick. They then endeavored to get him to withdraw his suit for divorce, threatening to use such evidence as would tend to besmirch the character of several respectable persons. Mr. Burdick said that this evidence was all untrue.

"He said Mrs. Burdick called on him and pleaded with him for the privilege of having the children with her and that he consented to let her have one at a time if she would deliver into his hands the false evidence she prepared against him, and not to make use of it. This she refused to do. He said Mrs. Burdick told him that she loved Pennell in a way she could never love him.

"He said that on more than one occasion Pennell had threatened to commit suicide.

"Burdick was heartbroken and completely crushed. Tears stood in his eyes as he told me of his troubles."

Mr. Rice said he asked Burdick why he did not kill the man who had wrecked his life and Burdick replied that such a thing coud not be thought of on account of the children. Mr. Rice has written District Attorney Coatsworth at Buffalo, telling him of Burdick's confession to him with a view of contradicting the evidence that tends to besmirch Burdick's character. Rice said Burdick had not bad habits that he knew of, and that he always considered him an estimable man.

EXECUTION SALES.

Texas House of Representatives Votes Down This Contemplated Action.

Austin, March 26.—The house by a vote of 70 to 29 refused to adopt the report of the free conference committee on house bill fixing manner of advertising sales of real estate under execution, providing publication of notice of sale of real estate under execution in newspapers upon request of either party as the suit, otherwise the advertisement to be made by posting notices at the courthouse and two other places in the county. The conference committee report required the publication of all sales of real estate under execution once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding such sale in some newspaper published in the county, fixing the rate to be paid at 75c per 100 words for the first insertion and 50c per 100 words for each of the two subsequent insertions.

After three long sessions and the hardest fought committee fight of the session house judiciary committee No. 1 voted to favorably report the senate anti-ticket scalping bill with senate amendment requiring railroad companies to refund the unused portion of the ticket at the rate per mile paid.

Senator Decker secured consideration of his bill validating title to tracts of school land of 640 acres or less, sold under act of July 14, 1879, and before Jan. 22, 1883, and paid for prior to latter date.

Senator Savage had adopted an amendment that the act should not become effective unless it should be shown that the state regularly issued patents to said lands.

Senator Decker offered an amendment limiting the bill to Archer county only. It was adopted and the bill sent to engrossment.

The house adopted the Murray substitute for the Bryan land bill, and then passed the substitute bill to second reading, after amending it in several important places.

An amendment offered by Mr. Bryan of Limestone, providing that no land should be sold to any person who had been an actual resident of the state before applying for it, was adopted.

IS REVERSED.

Important Decision Affecting Validity of City Commission of Galveston.

Dallas, March 26.—In the court of criminal appeals Justice Henderson Wednesday handed down a decision affecting the legality of the Galveston city commission. It was the ex-parte case of Charles Lewis, committed to jail for failure to pay a fine, defendant holding that said fine was illegal. Ruling is that commission is unconstitutional and Lewis is ordered released.

Investigating Police.

Austin, March 26.—The Austin city council began an investigation of the police force as to the charges that members of it had hunted up persons for whom to pay polltax in the interest of certain candidates for city offices.

Child's Awful Fate.

Terrell, Tex., March 26.—At Prairieville, Kaufman county, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Clapp wsa burned to death by the explosion of a lamp. The little one's eyes were burned out and her body terribly scorched. She died in great agony.

DID THE ACT.

General MacDonald Ended His Existence at the Hotel Regenet.

Paris, March 26.—Major General Hector MacDonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges based on immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide at the Hotel Regina. He shot himself in the right temple shortly after noon and expired a few minutes later. The general was alone in his small chamber on the main floor of the hotel at the time of the tragedy.

One of the female attendants heard the pistol shot and, opening the door saw the general's figure stretched out on the floor with blood gushing from a bullet wound in the head. She ran screaming to the balcony overlooking the lobby of the hotel, where many guests, including a number of ladies, were assembled. The proprietor of the hotel was the first to reach the expiring man. Medical help was immediately summoned, but death ensued quickly.

The commissary of police was called and, accompanied by a doctor, proceeded to a preliminary investigation. No money or papers of any kind were found in Sir Hector's baggage. Two notes writtten in English were found lying on a table in his room and these were taken possession of by the authorities. It is said the notes have no bearing on the suicide. In the general's coat, lying on the bed, were found some photographs. The British embassy and consulate were advised later and Consul General Englis took charge of the body, which was placed on the bed. The door was then locked, the consul general taking the key. The French officers took possession of the revolver.

Sir Hector MacDonald arrived in Paris last Friday evening from London on his way back to Ceylon, where it was understood an immediate court martial would be held to clear up charges made against him. On reaching the hotel at night he was told that only a small room was available. He replied that that was sufficient. He was unaccompanied. He said he intended to stay only a day or two in Paris.

Auditor Clements Dead.

Kansas City, March 26.—H. C. Clements, general auditor of the Texas Southern railroad and of the Delaware and Western Construction company, died at his home.

Date of Reichstag Elections.

Berlin, March 26.—The North German Gazettet says the reichstag elections will take place June 16.

A Limit to Scorn.

"I have the profoundest contempt for money," said the impractical person.

"That," replied the friend, "is a very nonsensical assertion. Of course you are entitled to your own economic theories. But you are just as much annoyed as anybody if you accept a counterfeit half dollar."

The Cheerful Idiot.

"What is the difference," asked the Cheerful Idiot, "between the sultan of Turkey and a travel-tired continental tourist?"

The victim didn't even bat an eye.

"Because," resumed the uninterruptible, "one is the 'sick man of Europe' and the other is the man sick of Europe. He-he-he!"

Nothing in It.

At the request of the confirmed dyspeptic the operator was taking an X-ray photograph of the seat of his trouble.

"This, I suppose," remarked the sufferer, with a ghastly attempt to be facetious, "is what might be called taking light exercise on an empty stomach."

Jealousy.

Mazie—He told me that he'd never seen me looking so well as I do now.

Daisy—Why, the rude thing!—New York Sun.

The Same Way.

"I see that the skull of a monkey a million years old has been found in Wyoming."

"Now our professors can treat the Indians' ancestors as they have treated ours."

"How's that?"

"Make monkeys of 'em."

Perfectly Hopeless.

"I don't believe that man ever deceived anybody in his life," said the enthusiastic friend.

"And yet," said Senator Sorghum, "you want me to give him employment. You don't suppose I have time to teach him the rudiments of business, do you?"

His Reason.

Smithkins—There's old Bifkins. I don't care to meet him. Let's turn this way. Last summer I requested a loan of $20.

Tiffkins—Well, he ought to have obliged you; he's rich enough.

Smithkins—The trouble is he did.—Smart Set.

A Prejudiced Deduction.

Waggsby—"So De Wruyter says he wrote ninety-nine poems last year, does he?"

Naggsby—"I understood him to say 'better than a hundred.'"

Waggsby—"That's what I meant by ninety-nine. I've read his poems."

Obstinacy.

"Sir," she cried, "if you kiss me, I'll shriek."

"If it's all the same to you," he said politely, "why not shriek first?"

"Sir," she coldly remarked, "I decline to shriek at all."

Then he kissed her.

What She Would Have.

"Grandma, I am 5 years old to-morrow, and I'm going to have a cake with five candles on it."

"What would you do if you were 505, like me?"

"I'd have fireworks."—Life.

No Danger.

"So, you think we are not likely to imitate the barbaric splendors of ancient Rome?"

"Not the least danger. In this climate people want fur overcoats, not tunics and togas."

Even if Only a Compliment.

"When I visit Blackpool in the summer I always pay a visit to my old landlady."

"Well, I suppose it's only right that you should pay her something, old man."

Positively Brutal.

She (at the piano)—"How do you like my playing? I play only by ear, you know."

He (a savage bachelor)—"Hem! Why don't you consult an aurist?"

A Leading Question.

Bobbie—Pa, is red a sign of danger?

Colonel Rumblossom—Yes; I believe so.

"Then why don't you sign the pledge?"—The Smart Set.

Accepted the Second Time.

Jim—Why under the sun did you propose to a widow?

Joe—to win. You see, my maiden effort wasn't a success.

Fully Equipped.

He—That little girl has her mother's looks.

She—Yes, and her father's temper.

Rock Island System

HOMESEEKERS WESTWARD

$25.00 DAILY TO... California

Commencing February 15. Connection with Tourist Cars. Grandest Scenery. Leave Fort Worth 8:30 p. m. on the Handsomest Train from Texas.

Direct Line to Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver, Des Moines, Wichita, Lincoln, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Best Meals on Wheels.

W. H. FIRTH, G. P. and T. A., Fort Worth, Texas.

Houston & Texas Central R.R

Is the POPULAR CARRIER
Making the QUICKEST TIME
Between North and South Texas

Rock Ballasted Track

Oil-Burning Locomotives

No Smoke, Dust or Cinders

Effective Nov. 15th, Connecting at HOUSTON with SUNSET LIMITED and PACIFIC COAST EXPRESS for San Antonio, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Francisco and for New Orleans and the East.

FOR INFORMATION WRITE

S. F. B. MORSE, P. T. Mgr., Houston. M. L. ROBBINS, G. P. & T. A., Houston. T. J. ANDERSON, A.C.P &T.A., Houston.

The Most Direct Route

From either North or South, to the Famous Health Resort and Springs of

Sulphur, I. T.

IS VIA THE

FRISCO SYSTEM

Descriptive literature concerning this delightful resort furnished upon application to

Passenger Traffic Department,
FRISCO SYSTEM,
Saint Louis.

THIS IS IT

California

It's the "Switzerland of America" and the Balmiest Climate on Earth.

Commencing March 9th the

Santa Fe

will sell one-way tourist tickets to CALIFORNIA COMMON POINTS

FOR $25 with privilege of stopover at many points in California

For further particulars see agents or address

W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

The Texas... ...Midland R. R.

A STRICTLY UP-TO-DATE LINE.

"Nothing too good for its patrons."

Elegant coaches, splendid dining cars, serving meals a la carte at reasonable prices, and first-class cuisine, all go to make a journey over the road a pleasure long to be remembered.

CLOSE CONNECTIONS

made at junction points to and from all points.

Full information as to rates, time cards, Pullman reservations, etc., will be cheerfully furnished by any agent of The Midland or the undersigned, on application.

F. B. McKAY,
Gen'l Pass. Agt., Terrell, Tex.

FOLLOW the FLAG!

WABASH ROUTE

—TO—

New York, Boston, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and all Eastern Cities.

THE SHORTEST AND ONLY LINE FROM KANSAS CITY OR ST. LOUIS, RUNNING OVER ITS OWN TRACKS TO NIAGARA FALLS OR BUFFALO, N. Y. TIME AND EQUIPMENT UNEXCELLED

Three Solid Fast Trains Daily.

Leaving St Louis	9:00 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	11:22 p.m
Arriving in Buffalo	4:05 a.m.	6:55 p.m	7:50 p.m
Arriving in N. Y.	3:15 p.m.	7:40 a.m.	7:30 a.m
Arriving in Boston	5:20 p.m.	10:05 a.m.	10:30 a.m

Stop-over allowed on all tickets via Niagara Falls. Meals served in Wabash Palace Dining Cars.

HOURS OF VALUABLE TIME

Are saved by purchasing Tickets via Wabash Route. Consult ticket agents of connecting lines or address

W. F. CONNER, S.W.P.A
353 Main St., Dallas, Tex.

"But where to find that happiest spot below;
Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —Goldsmith.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good Crop Raiser. Not only Cattle, but Wheat, Cotton, Corn, Feed-Stuffs, Cantaloupes, Garden Truck and Good Health flourish here—in a district where Malaria is impossible and very little doing for Jails and Hospitals.

Land, which is being sold at really low figures—tho the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and Farms and Ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily.

We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little Book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what people HAVE ACCOMPLISHED along the line of

"THE DENVER ROAD."

Passenger Department, Fort Worth, Texas.

N. B.—We find our passenger patronage very gratifying. It is necessary to run three trains daily each way as far as Wichita Falls, and two clear thru. We continue, the year round, the excellent Class A service that insures the preference of Colorado and California Tourists, Winter and Summer. By the way, we offer now more than half a dozen routes to California, the newest being via Dalhart (also good for Old Mexico), with first-grade Eating Cars all the way.

We sell a Home-Seeker's ticket, good thirty days, at one and a third fare the round trip, allowing stopovers at Vernon and points beyond, both ways.

REPORTS DENOUNCED

Combined Business Interests of New Orleans Take Action.

PASS A RESOLUTION.

The Document Positively Asserts That at No Stage of the River's Rise Has There Been the Least Cause For Fear.

New Orleans, March 26.—At a meeting of representatives of the combined business exchanges of New Orleans, held in the rooms of the Progressive union, resolutions were adopted denouncing a dispatch sent by a news or correspondency agency of this city on March 14 and others sent by a private newspaper correspondent, which were of so alarming nature as to cause serious distress and anxiety to a great many people residing in the United States who have friends or relatives residents of this city.

Some of these dispatches were to the effect that New Orleans was in danger of being cut off by the river and becoming an island; others stated citizens of New Orleans were panic stricken and feared an overflow which might destroy their homes and probably cause serious loss of life.

The resolution says: "Under no stage or condition of the river could the levees protecting New Orleans be destroyed or the water break through it, and there is absolutely, and all the citizens of New Orleans know it well, not the remotest risk, nor has there been for a quarter of a century, of the city of New Orleans being seriously discommoded or in danger from high water in the Mississippi."

The resolution is signed by M. J. Sanders, New Orleans Progressive union, chairman; S. P. Walmsley, cotton exchange; C. M. Smith, stock exchange; W. F. Kohnke, board of trade; P. M. Schnoidan, merchants' and maritime association; Delhaye, mechanics', dealers and lumbermen's exchange.

MUCH RELIEF.

Levees Are Undergoing a Severe Strain but Expected to Hold.

New Orleans, March 26.—Though reports from all points south of Helena of a rising river, the Mississippi in front of New Orleans is practically stationary, the gauge marking 20.1. That fact naturally causes much relief here, since it means the river will have less difficulty in carrying off high water that is coming this way. The levee board continues preparations for maximum flood promised by the weather bureau. Trackboats laden experienced with reckless craft in the river which caused the special alarm by governor's proclamation, but in all flood years it has not been altogether a rare occurrence for people living along the levees to take into their own hands the enforcement of the proclamation by the use of rifles, and threats along that line are being made now. It may be said, however, that a large majority of steamboat and steamship men are obeying instructions of authorities.

Good reports come in as to condition of levees in Pontchartrain district on the east bank of the river from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. They are now undergoing a severe strain, but President Leake still believes the entire system will be held. The Mississippi and Illinois Central railroad, which would both be affected by any serious break in this territory, are co-operating with the levee board and planters in the work of strengthening the line.

Situation at Memphis.

Memphis, March 26.—The river Wednesday night fell at a fair rate of speed, the gauge showing 34.9 feet, a fall of two-tenths since 6 o'clock in the morning. The situation is rapidly assuming normal proportions, and all anxiety is practically over. Some uneasiness is still felt for the St. Francis levees in Arkansas to the north of this city, but all news from that section is of a reassuring character. No trains have yet succeeded in getting over the tracks a few miles west of Bridge Junction.

Wednesday's River Bulletin.

Washington, March 26.—Special river bulletin: River at Memphis has now fallen one foot below maximum stage, 40.1 feet, but continues to rise below. At Vicksburg the stage was 51.4 feet, and at New Orleans 20.1 feet, a rise of 1 foot at each place since Tuesday morning. The river continues to rise slowly at both above named places, and the crest will probably pass Helena about Friday or Saturday.

Virtually at a Standstill.

New Orleans, March 26.—Though reports from all points south of Helena are of a rising river, the Mississippi in front of New Orleans is practically stationary, the gauge Wednesday night marking 20.1. That fact naturally causes much relief here since it means that the river will have less difficulty in carrying off the high water that is coming this way.

Material on Hand.

Monroe, La., March 26.—A message was received here by the secretary from President Barham of the Tensas levee board who has just completed an inspection of the levee as far up as Arkansas City, saying: "Rise here three-quarters of an inch in twenty-four hours. River about on a stand and the view is more hopeful of the levees holding. We have a large force of men and material on hand for emergencies."

Break Not in Levee.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 26.—Break in at La Conia Circle was not as bad as at first reported. It was only in an embankment and not in levee.

BREAK AT BRIERS.

One Reported at the Famous Historic Plantation of Ante-Bellum Days.

Natchez, Miss., March 26.—A break in the private levee at The Briers, one of the best plantations in the county, located about twenty-one miles below this city, flooded the place, and it is now from four to five feet under water. The Briers was protected by a large private levee running all around three sides of it, and as a protection from the rear, a levee was built through the place separating the old ante-bellum residence, the quarter houses, gin, stables and barns. This back levee broke Wednesday morning, and a messenger was dispatched to Natchez for the steamer St. Joseph to go down for the stock, some 100 head being on the place. There are also 5000 sacks of cottonseed on the ground under shed, and it is feared all this will be lost. Adjoining plantations will not be affected by this break, as they have been under water for almost two weeks.

The Briers is one of the most famous places along the river, as it was there that Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, courted and married the wife who survived him. The place is now the property of Frank E. Lowe, of Cairo, Ill.

DIMINISHED RATE.

Believed That the Rich Yazoo Delta Will Be Spared Devastation.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 26.—Another day of fair weather combined with a diminished rate of rise in the river has raised high hopes in the hearts of the dwellers behind the levees, and while the danger is not yet past, it is not believed that the rich Yazoo delta will be spared the calamity of an overflow. The river here came to a standstill Tuesday evening at 51.4 and remained stationary all day Wednesday. This is a foot lower than the 1897 record.

The most serious feature just now is the danger that rail communication to the north will be entirely severed. For ten miles north of the Yazoo bridge the Valley tracks are from a foot to eighteen inches under water with the tide steadily rising. If train service is suspended it will mean much distress, as the people living in that territory will have no means of getting supplies.

CASTRO'S MESSAGE.

Says He Felt That His Abdication Was a Duty Imposed Upon Him.

Caracas, March 26.—In his special message President Castro says:

"When I abdicated it was not from my small minded nor interested calculation, still less was it the result of any sorry or ridiculous fadge, which has no place in a heart warmed by the heat of great ideals."

He then says that he believes his abdication was a duty imposed upon him in the interest of the peace of the republic.

"With my separation to-day," he says, "nobody would lose and all would gain since this would imply that my efforts and my sacrifices were always and under all circumstances at the service of the republic at its first call."

After passing in review the other difficulties in the way of the government he says he saw how his intentions were misrepresented and he was disheartened and at that moment resigned, but now will continue as president.

SENSATIONAL STORY.

Alleged Attempt to Kidnap Three Members of the Cabinet.

Winona, Minn., March 26.—An alleged attempt to kidnap and hold as prisoner in Montana or Colorado, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, Secretary of War Root and Attorney General Knox was confided to Congressman Tawney by J. C. Fremont, a negro orator of Watertown, S. D. Fremont refused to divulge the source of his information, but insisted that it was correct. Congressman Tawney places no credence in Fremont's story, but has advised Secretary Shaw of the report.

Freemont also said it was intended to assassinate the president on his western trip, but this was given up.

Mississippi River Commission.

Memphis, March 26.—This Mississippi river commission on its steamer Mississippi, en route from St. Louis to New Orleans on a high water inspection tour arrived at Memphis shortly after noon Wednesday. The commission left at 2 o'clock for the south. Stops will be made at all points of interest and at most of the larger towns. The commission is taking advantage of the present unprecedented flood to inspect the levee conditions and it will be guided largely by the data and information secured on this trip in making the next allotment of funds.

Entirely Satisfactory.

Baton Rouge, La., March 26.—Governor Heard, Colonel C. Harrison Parker and party returned from Arlington levee. The mud box has been completed and planked throughout and willow revetments, well-sacked, have been laid over its length. The situation there is entirely satisfactory.

Will Raise Large Sum.

South McAlester, I. T., March 26.—In response to a call, several mayors of Indian Territory towns, and other prominent people met here Wednesday, and by a unanimous vote accepted the congressional appropriation of $25,000 for a territorial exhibit at the World's fair, and took steps to raise the other $25,000, which was a condition of the appropriation.

Eighteen Plague Patients.

Mazatlan, Mx., March 26.—There are eighteen plague patients at Siqueros, but the general feeling is that the plague is being stamped out at this port, and there is a much more hopeful feeling.

A Massachusetts shoe factory has just completed a contract to make a pair of shoes for a negro in Arkansas. The Trilby-covers are fifteen inches long and as wide as the middle of the road. If they don't fit, the darkey is respectfully advised to try the Chinese habit. A "coon" ought not to have to squeeze his feet much to get them inside shoes of those dimensions.

There is an old and honored saw that a man with big feet has a good understanding. When we were a boy we went to school with a "kid" whose feet had spread during his early infancy. His mother stood him on his pedal extremities before he was fully out of the nebulous and waxy state, and his feet flattened. They not only spread as a babe, but they continued to elongate and broaden in that period of life when he was supposed to have known how to cross a honey-bee field without trampling all the honey-bees to death. It was a common sight to see him in those days sitting on a bumble-bee in his mad desire to pick the stingers from the leathery bottoms of his lower extremities. This unfortunate arrangement kept him in the air most of the time, and he continually wore one hand on the bottom of his trousers while the other was engaged in explorations on the flat side of his feet. It was customary with him during these sad but exciting moments to croon maddening little snatches of song accompanied by a slobbering sobbing that always touched our heart.

As he grew to manhood, he quit crossing the path of the mad honey-bee, but the sterner years brought him even less of comfort. His feet continued to grow and every time he went downtown six boys and a shying mule would step on him and fracture his corns. He couldn't buy shoes big enough and when he went barefooted his feet were the sensation of the hour. One lucky day, however, he fell in love—at a distance—and after worshiping his inamorata as the tiny floweret looks upward to the glowing sun, he got the woman in a corner, planted his feet firmly in front of her and popped the question! She tried to break and run, but she could not climb over the broad expanse of feet, and at last, thoroughly exhausted, capitulated, providing he would promise always to keep his nails bluntly manicured and take the family darning out when the washing got too heavy for one woman and a hired girl. A man with as big feet as he had will promise anything when a woman is kind to him, and he took a solemn oath to not only do this, but to stunt his feet from further spreading if possible. That was years ago. They have lived happily "ever afterwards," and once during an awful flood, when the waters came up about the house, this school friend of ours shouldered his wife and their big footed brood and carried them all safely to dry land, walking gracefully upon the surface of the water as a boat skims the tide. Contrary to all expectations the woman has not sued for a divorce, nor does she seem discontented, except at times when her husband, grown absent-minded, leaves his shoes in the middle of the floor, and she gets up in the night to stop the mad gambols of the colic in the baby's interior. On these occasions she is prone to fall into the yawning receptacles with more or less aggravation of temper, but as the husband is a light sleeper and usually brings the ladder in an hour or two that she may clamber out, she is fairly well content. It will be seen by this little tale that a man may be seriously handicapped in life by big feet but still, with a good understanding, may come out as the owner of a happy home and two pairs of shoes, hand made. As a rule, however, the ordinary man is satisfied with the expanse of his own feet and is glad they are no broader or longer or thicker, because every square inch of area is a possible stamping ground for more corns.

999

The older we get the more afraid we are of pie! There was a time in our youth when we felt no dread of the formula by which pie is constructed, but, alas! that time is history. Whenever we eat pie nowadays we do it with fear and trembling. An apprehension that we are courting a subsequent communion with little red pills and a pain or two, is all pervading. Somehow the pie of to-day is not like the pie that mother used to make. Excuse us this old reference to a mossy legend, but we speak from the heart. Many a time have we stolen softly into the pantry and clandestinely slipped a chunk of wedge-shaped pie into our face "when all was still" and mother slept unmindful of our foraging. Then to bed, and to sleep the sleep of good digestion and of peace! Now, every time we eat a diagram of restaurant or boarding-house pie, we long for that good old stomach-ache remedy, and if we had the barrel in the house, we would begin i nthe kitchen, roll into the dining room, through the long hallway, into the parlor, across the library rug and end with a gallop down the cellar stairs! We think that ought to hold us for awhile, but still restaurant pie does awful things to man's insides, and desperate diseases demand desperate remedies. Mother's pie never acted that way! It must be the pie-plant is tougher now than it used to be.

999

"Art thou the bird whom man loves best,
The pious bird with the scarlet breast,
Our little English robin?"

There is a belief, more marked among the country folk than in the city's confines, that good luck comes to the one who first sees and hears a robin redbreast in the spring. The arrival of the adventurous bird is heralded proudly to the local paper by the fortunate discoverer. The editor, with thoughts aglow and seeing the green and budding earth in the approaching distance, does full merit to the local Christopher Columbus and his welcome find. Meanwhile others have heard these adventurous songsters from the southland and the annual dispute arises, the editor having, on more than one occasion, to contradict the glory misapplied to the alleged discoverer, undeniable proof having been furnished by a more previous Ponce de Leon.

Indeed, the coming of the robin in the last waning days of winter creates a sensation. The grown folks feel a quickening of the heart and pulse at the cheery cry of their feathered friend, the babies press their faces to the window-pane to see the winged messenger from a warmer clime, and during the chilling days that usually follow the advent of the first redbreast, all feel a touch of pity while

"Poor robin sits and sings alone,
When the showers of driving sleet,
By the cold winds of winter blown,
The cottage casement beat."

When robin comes it is a sign, in the village, to begin holding town meetings for the advancement of the town. Here grave and fiery speeches are made and paper rails are laid for imaginary railways miles and miles in length. Then, before the stock is subscribed, wife begins to talk about new bonnets, new shirtwaists and new outfits for the children. The result is hard on the railroad.

The Breton legend of the red iris upon the robin's breast is a pretty one. It is well told in the English lyrics thus:

"Bearing His cross while Christ passed forth forlorn,
His godlike forehead by the mock crown torn,
A little bird took from that crown one thorn,
To soothe the dear Redeemer's throbbing head.
That bird did what she could; His blood, 'tis said,
Down dropping, dyed her tender bosom red.
Since then no wanton boy disturbs her nest;
Weasel nor cat will her young molest;
All sacred deem the bird of ruddy breast."

999

When the American hen begins a series of domestic duties in the glad spring time, the manufacturers of health foods are compelled to grow more strenuous in the pushing of their products. There is something about a nice fresh egg for breakfast that nothing can equal, unless it be another egg. Thus the cereals are pitted against a palatable foodstuff that has a determined hold on the average citizen. To emphasize the value of the hen, a laying contest has been inaugurated in Australia, where Uncle Sam's hens (excuse the gender) will be pitted against hens from the antipodes. Some of the American hens that will take part in the egg-producing rivalry, have records of 240 eggs per year, enough to make President Eliot of Harvard, cry out for joy at their fecundity. Not one of the champions from the States has a record of less than 200 eggs per year. The Australian government has offered to purchase the best layers at $25 per head, and if the American hen abroad behaves anything like she does when she sneaks under the barn to lay her eggs far from the curious eye of the housewife, she will never come back to America. The American hen sets a good example for American women, but if one is to believe President Roosevelt and the advocates of more babies, the example is little emulated. Here's hoping the star-spangled-banner-hen wins, anyhow—even if we do have to get along with pug dogs for babies at home.

999

The Chicago minister who is preaching against dudes should not waste his time and disposition in this manner. The dudes are almost as extinct as the dinosaur, which has a brain in both ends. The dude was something like this prehistoric animal, he had as much brains in one end as the other, but the combined gray matter would not sink a cerebral canoe. The dude was not popular. He was too much one way as the man who buttons his collar to a wart on the back of his neck, is the other. Unfortunately while the dudes have lessened in number, the wart buttoners seem to have increased until a young marrying man almost has to support his own wife these days. Pa won't help at all—hardly. If the Chicago minister will turn his attention to the town miser who has a wad of money as big around as the waist of the fat lady in the circus and who won't spend a cent for the benefit of the community or to cure his wife's cold, we will turn our batteries to his account. Otherwise we shall remain in a condition of statu quo! The dude is failing rapidly and we simply won't strike a man when he is down!

Watches. Watches. Watches.
We have CHEAP Watches, $1.00 to $5.00.
We have GOOD CHEAP Watches, $6.00 to $25.00.
We have [illegible] Watches, $30.00 to [illegible]
We are headquarters for Diamonds, Solid Silver and Cut Glass. Our prices are the lowest always—quality considered.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS. J. E. Mitchell Co., [illegible]
WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND MANUFACTURING JEWELERS.

PAUL WAPLES, J. D. LEEPER, D. L. PAINTER
Waples-Painter Lumber Co.
GOOD LUMBER, LOWEST PRICES. Try us.
BILLS SOLD ON MONTHLY PAYMENTS.
NORTH FORT WORTH. PHONE 1407. L. B. CURRY

Let me fill your Prescriptions.....
The only Drug Store in Fort Worth having a regular Druggist. My lable is a guarantee of purity and accuracy.
J. W. MOORE, NORTH FORT WORTH.

HOG RAISING ON ALFALFA.

Seasonable Suggestions of Interest to Farmers.

A correspondent of Farm and Ranch writes:

Recently I made a visit to Toyah Creek valley, immediately west of the Pecos river, and was forcibly impressed with the profits of hog raising on alfalfa lands. A single acre of alfalfa supports as many as ten hogs, and the average weight of these hogs at ten to twelve months old is from 200 to 225 pounds.

On Toyah Creek valley not only is alfalfa grown for the hogs, but milo maize is raised abundantly and used to harden the flesh, or top off the hogs, before they are put on the market. There is no reason why greater crops of milo maize could not be raised here, and corn besides.

In looking over the rich alluvial lands of the Wichita valley I am impressed that opportunities for money making exist here that should be speedily availed of. The lands under irrigation will grow the best alfalfa in the world. The waters from the big irrigation reservoir will care for several thousand acres of land.

The market here for hogs would be so much nearer than that for the Toyah hogs. In fact they could be loaded on the Fort Worth & Denver City railroad at Wichita Falls at daylight and delivered to Swift's and Armour's packing houses at Fort Worth before noon.

Not long since a friend of mine was in Iowa and Illinois, and out among the hog-raisers of that country. Corn is used to fatten the hogs, and notwithstanding the fact that they are constantly fed on high priced feed, the profits of hog-raising has made many a family in those states comfortable and independent and many men very rich.

In this climate alfalfa will grow the year round, affording green feed at all times for hogs. By shifting the hogs in summer time from field to field, the alfalfa that is now being grazed will in a short time grow high enough for hay and can be cut and put away. I have never known of hogs that have run on alfalfa fields to die with cholera or other diseases so common in Illinois, Iowa and other states where they are confined for long periods to feed pens.

What can be done here in the way of profitable hog raising can be accomplished in many other portions of Texas, where water can be obtained to irrigate alfalfa fields. A little grain should be obtainable at reasonable prices to top the hogs off for market.

GOT THE WRONG BIRD.

Irascible Diner Understood Why the Chicken Was Tough.

The irascible gentleman had ordered a chicken. But when he got it he wasn't satisfied—some people never are.

"Waiter," he yelled, "bring a charge of dynamite and a hatchet and an extra double steam power coke hammer. This chicken's got to be carved, even if it is made of Harveyized steel."

The waiter was desolate.

"Very sorry, sir," said he, "but that always was a peculiar bird. It even objected to be killed, though we always do everything with the greatest of kindness. But this bird, sir, actually flew away, and we had to shoot it, sir—yes, shoot it! It flew on to the top of a house, and—"

"Say no more," said the irascible customer. "I see it all now; you shot at it and brought down the weathercock by mistake. John, my friend, all is forgiven."

A Colorado Paul Revere.

Leo L. Loeb, who styles himself "the Paul Revere of Colorado," is in Washington looking for a government position. He bases his claim to consideration of the fact that on Aug. 5 last, when a dam burst at Green Mountain Falls, Col., he rode at breakneck speed to Manitou on a mustang to warn the people of that place of the impending danger. He says he covered the distance—five miles—in seventeen and a half minutes.

MAIL ORDERS SOLD

THE Famous SHOE STORE

NOT MEANT FOR THE

Mistake Put Kansas Sta[illegible] Embarrassing Pos[illegible]

Representative A. D. [illegible] Schuyler county had an e[illegible] the House the other da[illegible] somewhat mortifying to [illegible] short time. He had been [illegible] letter to his wife. In hi[illegible] prepare an amendment [illegible] tion that was pending he [illegible] wrote it on the back of [illegible] paper in the letter and se[illegible] clerk's desk. He arose at [illegible] time and said: "Mr. Spe[illegible] to offer an amendment." [illegible] tleman from Schuyler, M[illegible] offers an amendment," sa[illegible] Pro Tem. Duncan. "Rea[illegible] Clerk." Clerk Jeff Pollar[illegible] quizzical expression, began [illegible] usually loud voice: "My [illegible] gie—I find myself awfully [illegible] here without you—" "Hol[illegible] Mr. Clerk," yelled Morris, [illegible] not right. That's the wr[illegible] The House held its side[illegible] while Morris sank into hi[illegible] a very red face, and Cl[illegible] turned the paper and beg[illegible] the resolution.—Kansas C[illegible]

Queer Abyssinian Co[illegible]

A peculiar "coin" is e[illegible] small charge in Abyssinia. [illegible] other than bars of hard [illegible] salt, about 10 inches long [illegible] a half inches square, tigh[illegible] toward the end. People a[illegible] ticular about the standard [illegible] of the currency. If it do[illegible] like metal when struck wit[illegible] nail, or if it is cracked [illegible] they will not take it. It is [illegible] affection when friends m[illegible] each other a lick of their [illegible] "coins," and in this way t[illegible] the bar is decreased. Sma[illegible] than a bar of salt is some[illegible] ed, and then the native[illegible] curse to cartridges. Tare[illegible] pass for one bar of salt.

Science Above Jury [illegible]

Col. Wamsley of Rando[illegible] Virginia, was excused [illegible] duty, to which he had [illegible] on an original and unique [illegible] colonel keeps a ground [illegible] testing its reliability as [illegible] prophet and coming to co[illegible] ins would greatly interfe[illegible] study of the natural histor[illegible] hog. Col. Wamsley cl[illegible] science would probably lo[illegible] breaking into his course of [illegible] justice would gain by his [illegible] ice and he was according[illegible] from serving on the jury.

Proposal to Honor Sm[illegible]

A project is on foot in [illegible] to erect a monument to Ja[illegible] son, founder of the Smit[illegible] stitution, in recognition of [illegible] tional and philanthropic [illegible] gress will be asked to m[illegible] able appropriation for the [illegible]

Corkwood Casks the [illegible]

Casks of corkwood weig[illegible] pounds and a similar ca[illegible] wood weighs 80 pounds. T[illegible] which were recently inv[illegible] resident of Algeria, are [illegible] ors of heat and cold, and [illegible] do not warp.

Electric Lamps on H[illegible]

Electric lamps on the [illegible] carriage horses are now [illegible] mon in Berlin. The curr[illegible] plied by a storage battery [illegible] carriage seat.

Child Labor in Sax[illegible]

In Saxony, of 604,600 [illegible] dren, 137,831, or 23 per ce[illegible] ployel in trade. More than [illegible] children are employed in [illegible] industry.