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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

Receipts Light, and a Good Market on Stock.

HOGS TODAY 5 CENTS HIGHER

Shipment Brings $7.40, Beating Yesterday's Top.

CATTLE MARKET STEADY.

Fed Steers Topped the Market at $4.15.

THE MARKET TODAY.

Hogs—Top	$7 40
Hogs—Bulk	$7 00@7 25
Cattle—Top, steers	4 15

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Today	450	600	—
Same day last week	936	318	245

THE HOG MARKET

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

Receipts of hogs ran a little over yesterday's estimates, and 401 head were added at the pens early, with a few back, against 318 for the same day last week.

The quality was poorer today than for long time, with the bulk of the receipts running from the medium quality down to the light, thin, trashy kind of hogs.

At other markets receipts were light and opening advices came in quoting higher prices, and buyers here to keep from being started in to bid. The market opened strong to 5c higher. After the first hour of the market everything desirable was bought up and by noon all that was left was the light trashy end of the receipts.

Among the early sales, and the top hog for the day, was a smooth bunch of packers, 79 head, weighing 233 pounds, which sold at $7.40.

The packers today seemed to have plenty of orders for hogs, but they want good ones and have been paying a good price for the good well finished hogs. The trashy kind always sell, but packers are not so willing to strain a point for them.

Heavy sorted will sell from $7.25 to $7.50; mixed packers $6.90 to $7.25; light pigs $6.50 to $6.90, and pigs $4.50 to $6.00. The market closed steady.

Representative sales:

HOGS.

Average.	Price.
136	6 00
270	6 00
150	6 40
155	6 65
175	7 00
240	7 00
235	7 00
219	7 20
198	7 25
233	7 40

PIGS AND LIGHTS

120	6 00
132	6 15

THE CATTLE MARKET

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

Cattle receipts were light today, and only three cars were unloaded early, the advices received of other cars back, making receipts figure up about 600 head against 936 last Tuesday.

There was a good demand for all useable kinds of cattle today, and it was not found necessary to peddle long on offerings after they were yarded. Sales were generally on a steady basis compared with yesterday, and the supply did not seem to meet the demand even after the late receipts were yarded.

Steers were scarce and there were few good cows and heifers among the offerings, and these were made up of the fat short-fed kinds that are unpopular on the market.

Among the early sales were a bunch of nice quality 800-pound cows which sold at $3.10, and a nice smooth bunch of heifers averaging 591 pounds, which sold at $3.25, with $4.15 the best price paid on steers.

The market closed strong, and everything was cleaned up by noon except a few loads of canner steers, which nobody seemed to want.

Good fat steers are quoted at $4.00@5.00, with medium fed $3.50@4.00, and light thin down as low as $2.00.

Choice cows are selling from $2.75@3.50, with the medium going at $2.50@3.00, and canners $1.50@2.00.

Heifers have been scarce of late, and anything on the market sells readily at $2.50@3.25.

There has been very little market for bulls, stags and oxen, and those on the market are slow selling at $2.25@3.00.

There is a good demand for veals and calves, and sales are made largely at $2.50@4.00.

Following were representative sales today:

STEERS.

1	1100	4 15
2 yearlings	775	3 15
25	832	3 10

COWS

25	876	3 15
19	828	3 10
28	800	3 10
25	789	2 85
3	843	2 80
2	885	2 80
21	690	2 65
1	770	2 50
2	670	2 50
3	816	2 50
1	1120	2 50
19	747	2 40
23	700	2 40
50	728	2 40
59	712	2 40
29	725	2 40
30	748	2 40
30	740	2 40
1 canner	570	1 65

HEIFERS.

35	591	3 25
8	607	2 25

BULLS.

1	1350	2 50

CALVES.

5	430	2 35

Sales After 3 p. m. Yesterday.

HOGS.

38	133	6 25
46	241	7 27½

COWS.

6	933	3 00
1	920	2 80
25	868	3 75

BULLS AND STAGS.

2 oxen	1070	3 00
21 b. and stags	938	2 50
2	760	2 50
6	641	2 50
5	980	2 50

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.

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

HOGS.

Heavy sorted	7 25@7 50
Mixed packers	6 90@7 25
Light	6 50@6 90
Southwestern pigs	4 50@6 50
Stockers	4 50@5 00

SHEEP.

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

SHIPPERS IN TODAY.

CATTLE.

J. F. Franks Valley View, 33.
W. R. Moore, Madill, I. T., 63.
W. R. Hodges, Ranger, 35.
W. C. Kingsley, Garland, 29.
E. S. Barrett, Dublin, 28.
Scott & Robinson, Brownwood, 241.

HOGS.

A. G. Pannell, Chickasha, I. T., 81.
J. R. Rich, Ravia, 134.
L. W. Hatter, Moody, 107.
J. Crawford, Purcell, I. T., 79.
Barton & Lucas, Farmersville, 61.
Lee Taylor, Durant, I. T., 93.

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

Scott & Robinson had in 240 cows, averaging 726, that sold at $2.40.

C. E. Shultz of Llano was on the market with 89 pigs averaging 109 pounds, that sold at $6.10.

W. R. Moore from Madill, I. T., marketed 2 cars of cattle, 35 heifers averging 591 pounds, and selling at $3.25, and 28 cows averaging 800 pounds, at $3.10.

J. Crawford of Purcell, I. T., was here today with 79 smooth packers, averaging 233 pounds, which topped the market at $7.40. They were Poland China and Berkshires mixed.

A load of hogs was sold on the Kansas City market last Thursday at $7.20. The hogs averaged 233 pounds. They would have brought a nickel better at Fort Worth. The man who preferred Kansas City to Fort Worth now sees where he made his mistake.

HOGS TODAY AT $7.40.

It is hard to keep up with the advance in hogs on this market. Nearly every day makes a better showing than the day that went before.

Mr. J. Crawford of Purcell, I. T., had on the Fort Worth market today a shipment of 79 smooth hogs, averaging 233 pounds, that went at $7.40.

These hogs were good enough to top the market, and the price bid for them is enough to encourage farmers to raise the same kind for this market.

MONEY IN HOGS AND SHEEP

Record Made by Them on the Fort Worth Market.

At Fort Worth yesterday hogs sold at $7.35 and four-months-old lambs at $7. They were good hogs and good lambs, and that is the reason they brought good prices to the shippers. But they were not better than any farmer can raise if he will start in with well-bred animals and give them reasonable care.

Last week a bunch of sheep sold at $3, and that was more than they were worth. They were year-olds, and weighed a few pounds above 100. The four-months lambs sold yesterday averaged 73½ pounds. The sheep were eight months older and weighed 30 pounds more.

At the time that hogs were selling at $7.35 in the Fort Worth market, Kansas City tops went at $7.37½.

We want good hogs and good sheep. If the farmers and stock raisers will produce the right kind of stuff, they can always find a market here for anything they have to sell, at better net prices than they can get anywhere else.

IN TEN YEAR PERIODS.

Hogs Sold High in March of 1883, 1893 and 1903.

Chicago Live Stock World.

"High prices for hogs in March come around about every ten years," said an old-timer. "By looking up the records you will see that ten and twenty years ago values soared in March; in fact, with three exceptions, present prices are the highest for the month. In March, 1883, just 20 years ago, selected sold up to $8.15, and in 1893 they brought $8.55. It is a peculiar coincidence that these high price periods should be spaced apart by exactly a decade. This March is young yet, and while the records of March, 1883 and 1893, may not be reached, that of the only other March—1884—when $7.75 was paid, will in all probability be eclipsed.

Leather Lasts Only 15 Years.

A very striking instance of the deterioration of leather produced under conditions demanding quicker tanning by use of various chemicals, thus decreasing the durability of the material, is afforded by the fact that the British Museum expends $20,000 a year in rebinding books in leather. Modern leather is widely different from the material produced by what is now regarded as an effete process, its life being limited to 15 years. In the search for cheaper and quicker processes of making leather, large quantities of sulphuric acid are used, and this chemical in combination with others, causes the material to decompose rapidly in the course of a few years.—Stray Stories.

And Once He Called Her "Angel!"

A Missouri editor whose wife is a strong woman suffragist has sprung the following on his readers: "Rock-a-bye, baby, your mamma is gone; she's at the caucus and will be there till dawn; she wore pap's trousers and in them looked queer; so hush-a-by, baby, your papa is here. Rock-a-bye, baby your mamma's a terror, she's run three conventions declared for three fellows; she's great on the straddle, way up on a vote, so hush-a-by, baby, your papa's the 'goat.' Rock-a-bye, baby, the dishes are clean, papa's done scrubbing and put on the beans; your mamma is late, seems always to lag, but heaven help pap if she comes home with a 'jag.'"

FORT WORTH'S BIG PLANTS.

Proper Conception of the Great Packing House Industry.

The National Provisioner, the organ of the butchers of the United States, gives two pages to describing and illustrating the two great packing plants that were opened in this city last week, concerning which it says:

"The opening this week in Fort Worth, Tex., of the big $4,000,000 packing plants of Armour and Swift means more for the State of Texas and for the whole South than it does for the companies themselves. Texas is a kingdom in itself—in people, in area, in livestock, possibilities and general industrial energy. Fort Worth is the industrial center of the "Lone Star" State, or it soon will be. Texas has an area of 262,290 square miles and a population of 3,400,000 people. The state raises 3,500,000 bales of cotton, capable of crushing 60,000,000 gallons of cottonseed oil on a 40 per cent crushing basis, 8,821,000 cattle, 1,736,000 sheep and 2,312,000 hogs, or 12,869,000 head of edible live stock. Why should there not be big packing houses and lard refineries in Texas? The two big plants which Armour & Company and Swift and Co. opened in that state this week rise in the midst of grazing flocks and herds and among a prosperous consuming population. Items of freight are eliminated and the export trade is brought nearer to a larger consumptive population further south. These plants begin an era of revolution and industrial development in the South which will rejuvenate that section beyond any present calculation. Texas can well extend the hand to Armour and Swift and bid godspeed to the coming era which the turn of the factory wheels at Fort Worth on Thursday forebodes to Dixieland.

"The importance of these two enterprises to Fort Worth may be judged from the fact that in the plants, general offices, shipping and in the field they will employ nearly 5,000 men, who will be paid not less than $5,000,000 annually in wages. Most of this must be spent in the city where the plants are located. The plants will jointly buy about $45,000,000 worth of cattle, $5,000,000 worth of sheep and about $20,000,000 worth of hogs, or fully $70,000,000 of money annually for live stock at that point. The value of the products sent out will exceed $100,000,000 annually. Project this, and its full meaning may be imagined. Fort Worth was founded in 1849. Before the city is sixty years old it will be a Southern metropolis."

TEXAS CATTLE FOR AFRICA.

Three Vessels Chartered for the Shipping of This Stock.

The Reporter has it, upon authority that cannot be questioned, that a contract has been made for the chartering of three ships to export cattle from Texas to South Africa. The first shipment will be made from New Orleans in a short time, and the others will follow at regular intervals until the contract number of cattle have been carried over. We are not able to state the number, but it will be several thousand.

Rumors of this arrangement for exporting Texas cattle to South Africa have filled the papers for some months, but there was nothing definite in it. The informant of The Reporter is a gentleman whose position among cattlemen enables him to know what is doing.

The shipment of a large number of Texas cattle to Africa should have an effect upon prices, and when the facts become positively known, it will doubtless add to the value of the cattleman's stuff.

THRASHING OVER OLD STRAW.

Effort to Reopen the Terminal Charge Case at Chicago.

Washington, March 9.—The Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, complainant, and the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, intervenor, has filed with the interstate commerce commission a petition for the reopening of the case against the Fort Worth and Denver Railway company and others, involving through rates on livestock and terminal charges of $2 per carload for delivering livestock at the stock yards of the Union Stock Yards and Transit company of Chicago. The petition recites that the committee already had held that any charges in excess of $1 per carload for terminal or switching service was unlawful, and then recites subsequent contest proceedings before the courts and commission. The petition asks not only the enforcement of the discontinuance of terminal charges over $1 per carload, but the discontinuation of the practice of enforcing discriminating through rates for the transportation of livestock from the shipping points involved, and the proper reparation to the parties injured for the unlawful terminal charges and through rates of freight on live stock to the Chicago stock yards. The commission has notified the parties interested to make answer within the prescribed period of twenty days.

YESTERDAY'S TOP HOGS.

How the $7.35 Shipment was Fattened for the Market.

Col. Wade Hampton of Paul's Valley, I. T., a regular shipper to this market, was here with 140 head of hogs, of which 56, averaging 213 pounds, topped the market at $7.35.

Col. Hampton has had great success in feeding hogs, and now has a feed of molasses and shorts with which he can make them good and heavy in a short time.

Out of his top load there were 16 head of 9 months old Duroc-Jerseys that weighed 250 pounds, raised by E. Burch of White Bead, I. T., and fed by Col. Hampton. From the looks of the hogs it would be hard to make them any better. There was one sow in the load weighing 180 pounds when he started to feed her, and in ten days she put on 60 pounds, making a net gain of 6 pounds per day. She was weighed every morning, showing her steady and almost unprecedented putting on of flesh. It is evident hogs can be fattened cheaply, quickly and successfully on molasses and shorts.

TO HAVE FINE STOCK SALE.

Shorthorns and Herefords to be Offered at Purcell Stock Show.

At a joint meeting of the Shorthorn and Hereford breeders of the Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Texas, held at Purcell, it was decided to have a sale of pure-bred Shorthorn and Herefort cattle at that place on April 8 and 9.

The breeders who were at this meeting were: E. E. Alkire of Lexington, O. T.; J. C. Washington of Marietta, I. T.; J. W. Carey of Armstrong, Ok.; D. H. Hover of Davis, I. T.; B. C. Rhome of Fort Worth, J. F. Hovenkamp of Fort Worth, and Campbell Russell of Bennett, I. T.

Fifty head each of Shorthorns and Herefords will be sold at public sale during the Purcell Fine Stock Show. Catalogues of the cattle are being prepared for distribution.

The Farmer and the Rat.

Paris, Tex., March 9.—A big rat, nearly as large as a squirrel, ran up the breeches leg of a farmer named Daniels from Deport last night on Clarksville street, and caused him to shout lustily for help. It had to be killed inside his pants before it was removed.

Hog Brings Over $25.

A dispatch from Brownwood to the Telegram of this city says: Hugh Lee Allcover, a young Brown county farmer, has marketed here a 14-months porker that weighed 434 pounds and brought him $26.70. He thinks this a great hog country. Peter Wolff, another farmer of this county, has just sold two sorghum fattened pigs for $50.45. The Fort Worth packeries promise to stimulate hog growing in this country.

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 bushel for grain and 5c per cwt. for bran and chops:

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 54c; No. 2 white, 55c.
WHEAT—75c.
OATS—50c.
BRAN—$1.05 per cwt.
CHOPS—$1.10 per cwt.
KAFFIR CORN—$1.15 per cwt.
CANE SEED—$1.25 per cwt.
MILLET SEED—$1.15.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $12.50 per ton.

Cotton Seed, Meal and Hulls.

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

Hides.

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

Wool.

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

Live Stock Commission Houses.

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

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

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	5,000	12,000	9,000
Kansas City	9,000	6,500	3,000
St. Louis	4,000	4,000	600
St. Joseph	1,600	5,000	500
Total	19,600	25,500	13,100

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., March 10.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 5000. Market slow at Monday's decline. Six loads of Texas bulls sold at $3.35.

HOGS—Receipts 12,000. Market 10c higher. Top $7.70; bulk $7.30@7.55.

SHEEP—Receipts 9000. Market steady.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, March 10.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE—Receipts 9000. Light steady; heavy, dull and lower. Top $5.00. Cows and stockers strong.

HOGS—Receipts 6500. Market 10 to 15c higher. Top $7.50; bulk $7.30@7.45.

SHEEP—Receipts 3000. Steady to strong.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., March 10.—Receipts and quotations as furnished by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 4000; 3000 Texas; steady. Top $4.35. Natives, top $4.90.

HOGS—Receipts 4,000. Market 10c higer. Top $7.65; bulk $7.25@7.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 600. Steady, Mexican lambs $7.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, March 10.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 1600. Market steady to 10c higher. Top $4.85.

HOGS—Receipts 5,000. Market strong to 10c higher. Top $7.57½; bulk $7.35@7.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 500. Market steady to strong.

Can It Be?

The first child ever born in the Waldorf-Astoria made its appearance there one day last week. Are we to undertsand that the Waldorf is becoming less fashionable than heretofore?

Pulse in Summer and Winter.

The pulse of that rat-like animal, the hamster, beats 150 times to the minute in summer, but in winter, when the creature hibernates, this rate decreases to 15 times a minute.

Great Britain's Small Area.

Great Britain is only half the size of Sumatra. England without Wales is almost the same size as Roumania and is less than a quarter the size of France.

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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.

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

COTTON SEED CAKE FOR SALE.

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

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

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

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

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HOUSTON COULD ACT FRENCH.

How Famous Governor of Texas Received French Minister.

Representative Dudley Wooten was telling Gen. Sam Houston stories recently, says the Washington Post. He pointed out that France was the first nation to recognize the Texan republic. A Minister was sent to the capital, which was then Houston. The minister knew no English and President Houston could speak nothing but Cherokee and English. An interpreter was sent for. When he arrived the minister had his first audience with President Houston. The minister come in, bowing low and sweeping the floor with his chapeau. He made a dozen of these flourishes. President Houston watched him closely, and when it was time for him to respond he made ten or twelve of the most profound bows, each time sweeping the floor with his cocked hat. Then turning to the interpreter Houston said: "Tell the Frenchman that if I can't speak French I can act French."

ALMOST KNOCKED OUT TILLMAN.

South Carolina Senator Badly Staggered for a Moment.

Senator Tillman was once sent by the Democratic Congressional Committee out to Kentucky to orate for the ticket. The first speech he made there up to a certain point was a great success. He spoke of the necessity of electing incorruptible men to Congress, "such as the Democracy of this district has chosen to represent the people at Washington." Just at this moment some one in the crowd interrupted with: "Would Dr. Claherty sell out?" "What's that?" asked Tillman, somewhat riled at this break in his train of thoughts. "Would Dr. Claherty sell out?" repeated the questioner. "And who the blazes is Dr. Claherty?" asked Tillman. "He's the man you're asking us to vote for," came the prompt response. The Senator was stunned, and could only blurt out: "I never heard of him before."

For Seeing Under the Sea.

Signor Pino, an Italian engineer, has invented an apparatus called a hydroscope, which, he claims, enables a person to see the bed of the sea at a depth of 260 to 500 yards with a range of vision several thousand square yards. The inventor asserts that the apparatus is adapted to be used on ships and will enable the captain to see submerged rocks and reefs from the main deck. The value of the apparatus, if the claim is well based, can very readily be understood.

English Professor Coming Here.

An important event in the scientific world is the acceptance of a professorship in Columbia university by Prof. Joseph John Thomson, D. Sc., F. R. S., 1889, for the last eighteen years Cavendish professor of experimental physics at Cambridge university, England. His recent work in the investigation of atoms and molecules and their relation to electrical charges are fresh in the minds of the public.

The Intelligent Dog.

"Speaking about dogs," said Congressman Beidler of Ohio, "I suppose I have the most intelligent fox-terrier in the country and he's only a puppy yet. The other day he spilled his milk and I cuffed his ears and chucked him out of the window. Next day he spilled his milk again and I cuffed his ears again and chucked him out of the window. The next day, after he had spilled his milk again, he cuffed his own ears and went and jumped out of the window."

Mummy Flowers.

The remains of no fewer than fifty-nine species of flowering plants from mummy wrappings in Egypt have been identified. The flowers have been wonderfully preserved, even the delicate violet color of the larkspur, the scarlet of the poppy and the chlorophyll in the leaves remaining.

It's Up to Husband.

A grateful Kansas wife has published a card in the local paper thanking "an unknown gentleman" who steered her husband home the other night when said husband's steering gear had become disarranged by alcoholic indulgence. The husband's card has not appeared.—Minneapolis Times.

Birds as Benefactors to Seamen.

The cries of seabirds, especially seagulls, have frequently proven valuable as fog signals. The birds cluster together on the cliffs and coast, and their cries warn boatmen that they are near land. Some years ago in the Isle of Man there was a fine for shooting such birds.

HUNDREDS HOMELESS

Rise of the Mississippi River Cause of Great Damage.

LAND IS INUNDATED.

Numbers of Farmers Living Upon the Lowlands Above Harrisburg, Ill., Have Been Forced to Abandon Their Stock.

St. Louis, March 10.—One hundred families living below Alton, Ill., have been rendered homeless, and many have lost their belongings as the result of the rise in the Mississippi. The river also threatens to inundate fine farming lands around Missouri Point, across the river, and farmers and stockmen are moving out.

Hundreds of farmers living on the lowlands above Harrisburg, Ill., have been forced to move by the rising of the Saline and Bankston creeks, some abandoning their stock to the flood. For miles the country thereabouts is a vast sheet of water. Reports from Hannibal, Mo., state the upper Missippi is sending down great volumes of water, and the river is higher for this time of the year than for years.

At Memphis the rise continues steadily at the rate of one or two-tenths foot in twenty-four hours.

The Mississippi above Cairo is rising rapidly.

The Arkansas is also rising, while White, Black and Red rivers are now at flood stage.

Another disturbance now over the upper Missouri valley threatens to cause more rain in the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys. If this rain should fall in considerable quantities it would still further intensify the flood conditions and preparations will be made for still higher stages.

Additional bulletins will be issued daily or oftener should occasion require, giving the latest information and prospect.

GRAVE APPREHENSION.

It Is Feared Levees Will Not Stand the Coming Rise.

New Orleans, March 10.—Official river gauge marked 18.1, a rise of half a foot in twenty-four hours. This is nearly a foot and a half under the record of 1897.

Levee forces are quietly at work strengthening the front in anticipation of the flood promised by the weather bureau within the next three weeks. As there have been vast improvements in the levee system since 1897, whn 19.2 feet of water were successfully held, the fact of the twenty foot stage predicted gives no reason for grave apprehension here.

Several thousand sacks shipped down coast. The levees in that quarter are considerably endangered by the flood.

The absence of crevasses to date is taken as evidence of marked improvement in the levee system.

Old river men say the current passing here is unusually strong. If the levees hold this will expedite the discharge of the flood and reduce materially the period of high water here.

Planters' forces are on the front throughout Louisiana watching the embankments, and reports received here are generally of a favorable character.

Bayou Lafourche has extremely high water, being near the tops of the levees in many places, but no crevasse has yet occurred in that section.

New Orleans levee board has employed a large force of men who have been put to work to fill sacks with earth. These will be held in readiness to strengthen weak points as they appear.

Weather Bureau Bulletin.

Washington, March 10.—The weather bureau issued the following river bulletin: Heavy rains Saturday and Sunday materially increased volume of water in Ohio and Mississippi rivers and principal tributaries. Danger line stages prevail from Cincinnati to New Orleans.

Rainfall in Tennessee Valley.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 10.—The rainfall at this station the past forty-eight hours amounts to 2 1-2 inches and is general over the Tennessee river system. The tributaries above here are swollen and it is estimated that present conditions will bring the river at this point to twenty-six feet.

Cumberland River Up.

Nashville, Tenn, March 9.—The Cumberland river measures 40.6 feet and is stationary. This is above the danger line and distress prevails among lowlands inhabitants.

Delegates Not to Be Appointed.

Nashville, Tenn., March 10.—In the house a resolution was introduced requesting the governor to ignore the request of the governor of Wisconsin to appoint delegates to a convention to consider the race question, citing that the race question will settle itself The resolution was taken up under suspension of the rules and an amendment changing "ignore" to "decline to act on" was rejected and the resolution adopted.

Closed All Trades for Account.

Chicago, March 10.—The suspension of William Young & Co., brokers, was announced by posting notice on the board of trade to close all trades for their account.

Received by Emperor William.

Berlin, March 10.—Emperor William received President Francis of the St. Louis exposition in an audience.

LOOKING FOR MURDERER.

Posses Have Been Searching for Party Who Killed Policeman.

Waterbury, Conn., March 10.—Search for the murderer of Policeman Paul Mendelssohn, who was slain by one of the shots fired by a party of masked men in their attack upon a trolley car Sunday evening, was renewed after a posse of police had spent most of the night scouring the region about Forest park unsuccessfully. As far as known detectives have not secured any clue to the perpetrators of the crime. It is believed Conductor Weberndorfer and Motorman Chambers, both of whom were wounded in the attack upon their car, will be able to resume work shortly. Excitement runs high over the killing of the policeman, which is regarded as the climax of the disturbances which have accompanied the strike of street railway conductors and motormen. Leaders of the strike gave out an interview which declared the union would offer a reward for information leading to the detection of the men concerned in Sunday night's violence.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION.

Certain Rights Granted Armenians Who Are Now Americans.

Constantinople, March 10.—The United States legation has finally obtained official recognition of the examinations at the American Medical college at Bey Routh on the same lines as French examinations and also a settlement of a long pending question affecting the rights of wives and children of Armenians who have become naturalized Americans to leave the empire. They are now able to join their husbands and fathers in the United States without hindrance. The council of ministers has agreed to recognize American educational, charitable and religious establishments, and they are awaiting imperial approval.

It is expected authority will shortly be given to the American archaeologist, Mr. Banks, to undertake excavations at Tel Abraham, Mesopotamia, the supposed site of the Tomb of Abraham. Mr. Banks has been waiting here three years for permission.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Many Have Perished While Searching for Their Own Residences.

London, March 9.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that terrible snowstorms have been raging during the past week in the government of Samara, and have caused hundreds of deaths. Horses drawing sleds have returned to villages with the passengers frozen to death. The village bells are rung nightly to enable travelers to find their way to shelter. Many persons have been frozen to death within the villages while searching for the doors of their own homes.

DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Little Boy in New York Succumbs to the Dreadful Disease.

New York, March 10.—Henry Wehrhahn, a six-year- old boy, is dead of hydrophobia. Eight weeks ago the boy was bitten in the lip and nose by a dog he was trying to drive away from a pet spaniel. The wounds cauterized and began to heal. About a week ago young Wehrhahn became ill and a doctor declared it was hydrophobia, advising that he be taken to a Pasteur institute. This was done, but it was too late. Fears were entertained that the boy's mother has been infected with the germs of the disease. During his ravings he bit her on an arm as she was offering him food.

CUTICLE FURNISHED.

One Hundred Relatives Will Supply All of the Necessary Skin.

Newark, N. J., March 10.—One hundred relatives and friends of Miss Margaret Cummerford of this city intend to give up a portion of their cuticle to supply 300 square inches of skin for the girl, who was seriously injured in the collision at Clifton avenue crossing on Feb. 19. Miss Cummerford was one of the most seriously injured of the high school pupils in the crash. She is nineteen years of age, and her recovery, which is now said to be certain, will be due to her splendid physical condition and strong constitution.

Condition Due to Worry.

New York, March 10.—The World says that Philip Doblin, who figured prominently in the charges made by Representative Lessler that an attempt had been made to bribe him to vote for contracts for submarine boats, was found wandering in Central park in a condition bordering on mental and nervous collapse. He was taken charge of by a member of his family. Doblin's condition is said to have been due to worry.

Original Uncle Tom Dead.

Chicago, March 10.—Norman Argo, said to have been the original "Uncle Tom," is dead at Hain Lick, at the reputed age of 111 years, says a dispatch to the Tribune from Lancaster, Ky. Argo was born a slave and belonged to General Samuel Kennedy, a wealthy planter of Garrard county and a former member of the Kentucky legislature. Mrs. Stowe got most of the material for Uncle Tom's Cabin from the Kennedy plantation.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at their Houston meeting named San Antonio for next place of meeting. In future no engineer must work over sixteen hours per day.

Fitzsimmons and "Philadelphia Jack O'Brien" drew up an agreement at Pittsburg to fight in June or July on the Pacific coast. Articles call for a side bet of $5000, to be forfeited if either fails to appear.

TEXAS RATES ON LIVE STOCK.

FIGURES OF INTEREST TO SHIPPERS TO THIS MARKET.

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

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

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

DISTANCE—Miles.	RATES. No. 1	No. 2
10 and less	6	8¼
15 and over 10	6¼	9
20 " 15	7	9¾
25 " 20	7¾	10
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70 " 60	11	14¼
80 " 70	11¾	15
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250 " 200	18¾	22¾
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500 " 450	25	28
550 " 500	26¼	29
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650 " 600	28¾	31
700 " 650	30	32
750 " 700	31¼	33
Over 750	32¾	34

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

CHARGES FOR SELLING.

Rates Fixed by Live Stock Exchange for Handling Stock.

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

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

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

Charges for sheep are the same as for hogs.

FEEDING CHARGES.

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

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

Prices charged for feed by the Stock Yards: Hay, 80c a bale; corn, $1 a bushel; oats, 80c a bushel; chops $1.50 cwt.; bran, $1.30 cwt.; straw, 40c bale.

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Freight Sent from Pittsburg.

Pittsburg is the great coal and steel center of the United States. On one day recently 927 trains moved out of the city on five different railways. There were 46,225 cars and their estimated tonnage was 1,756,550 tons.

Python's Long Fast.

The great Japanese python which lately died at the Paris Zoo fasted before its death for two years, five months and three days, and in that time decreased from a weight of 165 pounds to 60 pounds.

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The Progress of Japan.

There are in Japan twenty-eight natives of the country who have been students at the University of Pennsylvania and several of them have recently met in Tokio and formed an alumni association. One of them writes: "The name is rather odd to you. We call it in Japanese 'The Same Window Society of the University of Pennsylvania.' That means we have once studied by the same window. Then we have no president of the society; we are too democratic maybe—too much Americanized, I fear. But the members are too few to need it. Only I serve the society as the secretary and treasurer and everything." He signs himself "Sada Suguira."

Bluffed Gen. Kitchener.

A certain young Canadian officer of engineers is credited with having "put down" Lord Kitchener during the troubles in South Africa. The young man was in charge of an important piece of railroad work. Kitchener appeared one morning and expressed disapproval of some features, talking in characteristically biting fashion. The young officer had his share of the independence which comes of living on this side of the Atlantic, so he said: "Am I bossing this work or are you?" Kitchener looked at him, recognized a young fellow after his own heart and walked away with a nod of approval.

Widow of Well-Known Author.

Mrs. Smith, widow of Dr. S. F. Smith, the author of "America," was 90 years old last Sunday. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Hezekiah Smith, who for six years was brigade chaplain in the continental army during the revolution and a warm personal friend of Washington. For over forty years she has been a resident of Newton, Mass.

Can Not See the Joke.

The Tennessee legislature recently passed a bill to prohibit kissing among unmarried persons between the ages of sixteen and forty-five. The bill was introduced by Representative Barnes of Lauderdale county. Before it passed it was so amended as to apply only to Mr. Barnes. Now the author is trying to get the governor to veto it.

To Raise Polled Angus Cattle.

A tract of 20,000 acres in western Kansas has been bought by Indiana and Ohio capitalists for raising Polled Angus cattle.

Profit in Municipal Ownership.

Liverpool expects a profit of $350,000 on last year's working of its municipal tramway system.

One Cause of Pneumonia.

"Street car colds" are principally responsible for the increased mortality from pneumonia.

ASTOR MAY ENTER POLITICS.

Rumor That Ex-American Seeks Election to Parliament.

A London correspondent writes "from authoritative sources that William Waldorf Astor is likely to be a parliamentary candidate for a London constituency at the next general election." He is said to have been approached more than once on this subject before, but has held back because he feared defeat. He was waited on recently by an influential deputation and without giving definite promises said he would give the matter his consideration. There is also a probability that Neil Primrose, the eldest son of the Earl of Rosebery, will be chosen member of Parliament for Midlothian, the constituency which was once represented by Gladstone. Mr. Primrose is said to have a winning personality.

Cannot Use His Own Cars.

P. A. B. Widener, the Philadelphia traction magnate, controls thousands of miles of steel railroad in America but he cannot ride in a trolley car without suffering from an exaggerated tation of seasickness. Once he made a desperate effort to overcome the weakness. Accompanied by W. L. Wilkins, his partner, he went on a twelve-mile ride and stuck at it until the trip was ended. By that time he was in a state of complete collapse. He came back on the steam railway and has not ventured on a trolley car since.

Owner of Dred Scot Dead.

Mrs. Irene Sanford Chaffee died at Springfield, Mass., aged 88. Mrs. Chaffee, who came of a leading Virginia family, once owned the famous slave Dred Scot. It was in a case involving his liberty that the United States supreme court decided that a negro, free or slave, had no rights before the law. Mrs. Chaffee, though not actually an abolitionist, was always in sympathy with the colored man. Her ownership of Scot was an accident and after the decision named had been rendered she freed the man.

New Orleans Women Try Reform.

The Era club of New Orleans, the largest and most influential woman's club in the state, and one of the largest in the South, has called upon the mayor of the city to remove one of the district street-cleaning superintendents and appoint a woman in his place. A prominent civic club of men has agreed to assist the women in procuring the woman superintendent.

Cats Were Electrocuted.

The town of Winchester, Mass., is now almost entirely bereft of cats. The superintendent of the state fish hatchery, finding that the animals wrought havoc among his poultry, fixed up wires and at night ran a powerful electric current through them. During the past two years over 20 cats have been electrocuted.

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TWENTY-TWO KILLED

Fearful Results of an Oil Explosion in New York State.

WAS IN TANK CARS.

Some of the Unfortunate Victims of the Terrible Calamity Dropped on the Railroad Tracks and Never Moved.

Olean, N. Y., March 10.—More than a score of persons were killed and a large number wounded by an explosion of oil in the tank cars of a freight train on the Erie railroad. The train broke in two east of Olean and the two sections of the train came together with a crash. One of the oil tanks was demolished. Fire broke out and the sky was lighted up for miles. A large crowd went from Olean to see the fire. While the spectators were along the tracks a terrific explosion occurred. The flames communicaed quickly with the other tank cars and a second and a third explosion followed in rapid succession. Sheets of flame shot out in all directions. Scores of persons were caught within the zone of the fire and enveloped in flames. Men and boys ran screaming down the tracks with their clothing on fire. Others fell where they were, overcome by the heat. Just how many were killed is not known, as some of the bodies were incinerated.

Sydney Fish, who has returned from the fire, said: "I went to see the fire and when I was within a quarter of a mile of the wrecked train there was a terrific explosion. Flames shot outward and upwards for a great distance. I saw several persons start to run. Some dropped on the railroad tracks and never moved. Others, who had been standing close to the wreckage were hurled through the air for hundreds of feet. Half a dozen boys ran down the tracks with their clothing on fire. I could hear their screams distinctly. They ran some distance down the track and then threw themselves to the ground, groveling in the ditches in their frantic efforts to extinguish the flames.

"I do not know how many were killed, but I county twenty-two bodies before I came away. Some were badly disfigured."

Chaffing Iron Fell on Rails.

Springfield, Mo., March 10.—The Frisco Southeastern limited which left Springfield at 4:30 Monday morning for the north was derailed at Bois d'Arc, the mail car, baggage(express, smoker and one chair car rolling over on their sides. The engines and two sleepers remaining upright. Two postal clerks, Miller and Davis of Kansas City, and the baggage master and express messenger, were slightly hurt. None of the passengers were injured. The cause of the accident was a chaffing iron falling on to the rails.

AFTER LEATHERMAN.

Proceedings to Be Instituted Against an Arkansas Chancellor.

Little Rock, Ark., March 10.—In the lower branch of the general assembly the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That Leland Leatherman, chancellor of the third chancery district, be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors and gross misconduct in office."

The resolution was adopted in consequence of a report from the judiciary committee to which had been referred charges preferred against Chancellor Leatherman by Sheriff R. L. Williams of Hot Springs, Garland county. A committee of five members of the house was appointed to prosecute the impeachment proceedings before the senate, sitting, as a trial jury.

CLEVELAND'S DENIAL.

Former President Asserts He Is Taking No Active Interest in Politics.

New York, March 10.—Grover Cleveland denied that he came to New York city for a political purpose, as was rumored. He said:

"I came solely for the purpose of attending the Beecher memorial meeting in Brooklyn. The reports that I had a political talk with Edward N. Sheppard, William C. Whitney and others are untrue.

"I am not in politics; I am out for good. I only saw Mr. Sheppard for two minutes, and politics did not figure in our conversation. Politics is furthest from my thoughts at present, although I am always ready to act in an advisory capacity if so desired.

"As for taking any active part in politics, that is not to be considered."

Alarming Situation.

Jackson, Miss., March 10.—News from the Mississippi river front is that the situation is alarming. The levee board is in session at Clarksdale and word was received here that an overflow is certain. The levees are in better shape higher an stronger than ever, except in one or two places and they are being carefully guarded. The levee board is hiring all the labor possible.

Comes Up Under Elkins Act.

Washington, March 10.—The United States supreme court reversed the case of the Missouri Pacific Railway company vs. the United States, involving a question of discrimination and tried under the old law, and ordered it sent back for trial under the new Elkin's act.

Jones Has the Grip.

Washington, March 10.—Former Senator Jones of Arkansas has the grip.

AGAINST POOL ROOMS.

Measure of Hancock Has Passed to its Third Reading.

Austin, March 10.—The bill of Mr. Hancock prohibiting pool rooms was amended so as to prevent betting at race tracks and passed to third reading.

The speaker ruled out of order a resolution by Mr. Egan that the house go into executive session and summon ex-Governor Hogg to appear to answer the charges preferred against him.

The following bills were passed to third reading:

Newton's bill providing for payment of witnesses in felony cases before the grand jury; Seabury's bill requiring notice of pendency of litigation in order to prevent effective transfers and incumbrances of certain property in suit.

A concurrent resolution was offered by Mr. Terrell of Travis providing that the room at the northeast corner of the capitol building on the first floor to be set apart for the use of the Daughters of the Confederacy, in which to place relics of Confederate warriors. Adopted.

Bird protection bill, after considerable discussion, was ordered recommitted.

Mr. Napier offered an amendment to the anti-pool room bill prohibiting betting on horseracing at any time or place. He said that he thought betting on races at the racetrack as evil in its effect as in poolrooms, and that the amendment was necessary to perfect the bill. He emphasized his sincerity in offering the amendment. Adopted.

Mr. Schluter offered an amendment to the amendment restoring the provision prohibiting leading premises for pool rooms. Adopted.

The measure finally as amended passed to third reading by 98 to 4. It was reconsidered and tabled.

Father of Twenty-One Children.

Austin, March 10.—Representative J. C. Roberts of Crowell, Ford county, received a telegram announcing the birth of his ninth son and twenty-first child, fourteen of whom are living. Mr. Roberts has been twice married, the first bearing ten children, twice giving birth to twins. The boy who has just arrived is the eleventh child by his second wife.

Struck by Lightning.

Grand Prairie, Tex., March 10.—Monday evening about 6 o'clock during an electric display, P. J. Florance's residence was struck by lightning, tearing off the cornice, corner boards and shattering one door. The family was considerably shocked. Mrs. Florance was confined to her bed sick in the corner of the room that was struck. Her sister was in the room near by and was struck by some of the flying timber, but not seriously hurt.

Died of Heart Trouble.

Texarkana, Tex., March 10.—R. C. Carloss, familiarly known as "Bob," and residing here for the past twenty years, was found dead in bed at the Little Pullman hotel. He was well connected and had held many positions of trust, among them deputy sheriff and deputy county clerk on the Arkansas side of town. He was aged about 45 years. Death is attributed to heart failure.

Many on Hand.

El Paso, Tex., March 10.—More than 500 persons arrived Monday to attend the convention of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association. The executive committee audited the accounts and found everything correct. Ropers from all directions have arrived. Trains come in sections. Storms in the Panhandle and Kansas have kept away some exhibitors.

BRYAN TALKS.

Says He Is Surprised Congress Did Not Vote Out All Money.

Toledo, O., March 19.—Colonel W. J. Bryan said referring to his recent visit to New York that the people there knew less about politics than western people knew.

"They asked me about Judge Parker," he said, "and I told them I could say nothing until I knew his attitude on public questions. They answered that he was a judge and that it would not be proper for him to discuss political topics. I think Hill is tossing a penny to see whether he or Judge Parker will run. The trouble with the plan is that Hill has an old penny that he has tossed so often that he does not know which side is head and which is tail.

"What congress has done is easily ascertained. Find out how much there was in the treasury before the session began and find out how much there is now. The wonder is that they did not take it all.

"I believe the Democratic party has taken the peoples' side of the public questions discussed in 1896 and 1900, and I believe that it will be only a question of time and not a long time either, before enough Republicans will be disgusted with the policy of the Republican party to put the Democrat party in power again.

"Such a victory when will bring relief to the people. We cannot win a victory by compromise or cowardice and if we should win a victory by such means it would be as disastrous to the party as Mr. Cleveland's victory in 1892 proved to be."

Charter Granted.

Guthrie, Okla., March 10.—A territorial charter was granted to the Texarkana, Oklahoma and Northwestern Railroad company with $15,000,000 capital stock and with Oklahoma City as the principal place of business.

Mortgage Filed.

Guthrie, Okla., March 10.—A mortgage was filed in the sum of $4,000,000 by the Blackwell, Okla. to Vernon, Tex., 235 miles. The road was recently transferred to the Frisco system.

Judge Allington Telle of Atoka, I. T., is dead. He was a full blood Choctaw and highly educated.

ANSWER FILED.

It and Accompanying Documents Turned into United States Court.

St. Louis, March 10.—Motion for a dissolution with an answer to the injunction secured last Tuesday by President Joseph Ramsey of the Wabash railway restraining officers of brotherhoods represented in the controversy and employes of the road strving on the grievance committees from calling strike have been filed with Judge Adams in the United States district court here affidavits of many brotherhood officials being simultaneously filed with the answer. The document contains about 15,000 words.

Court was in session but three minutes, during which the answer was filed and then an indefinite recess taken. It later agreed that they appear before Judge Adams Monday afternoon for hearing.

CREATED A STIR.

Alleged Utterance of Ex-Governos Hogg Causes Excitement.

Austin, March 10.—The Texas legislature went after ex-Governor Hogg yesterday again in no uncertain terms, and it came very near summoning him to appear before the bar of the house to answer alleged contempt. The matter came up over a resolution introduced by a number of members inviting the ex-governor to deliver an address in the house of representatives next Wednesday night, notwithstanding that the same resolution was voted down last Saturday. The resolution included United States Senators Bailey and Culberson. Immediately a dozen members arose and wanted recognition protesting against the adoption of the resolution. Representative Schluter of Marion county said it had been rumored that Governor Hogg had made remarks derogatory to the legislature last Saturday in a barber shop, and therefore he would rot in his seat before he would vote for the resolution. Representative Mays said he was in the barber shop when the ex-governor was advised of the voting down of the resolution, and the ex-governor had applied some vile epithets, but that he construed it to mean the lobby and not applied to the legislature. Some of the other members thought differently and wanted Governor Hogg summoned to appear before the house and requested to repeat what he had said. Representative Terrell of Travis county immediately went to the telephone and rang up ex-Governor Hogg, and asked him if he had made the statement attributed to him. The ex-governor denied any such vile epithets to the legislators.

"Then let me tell them so," said Judge Terrell. Governor Hogg replied, "No, Jim Hogg's shoulders are broad enough to bear any indignities that the legislature may cast upon them." Judge Terrell then declared he had violated a confidence in telling it. He defended Governor Hogg. The matter has created a great stir in political circles and much feeling among the members of the house. The half hour devoted to the consideration of resolutions having expired the chair refused to entertain any motions to further consider it and it went over.

BLOCKADE ON AGAIN.

State Department Is Advised That This Action Has Been Taken.

Washington, March 10.—A cablegram received at the state department from Mr. Russell, United States charge at Caracas, states that he has been notified by the Venezuelan government that the blockade of June 28 last of the Orinoco and the ports of Carupano and Guanta was re-established March 7. The original blockade caused a serious friction between Venezuela and the European powers and the latter sought to have the United States join in a move refusing to recognize the blockade. This our government declined to do, though its own shipping suffered during the operations of the allies, which involved the capture of the Venezuelan government was no longer to maintain an actual blockade so the decree was suspended. Now that the ships have been recovered it is understood the conditions prior to the European complications will repeat themselves.

Successor of Lynch.

Dublin, March 10.—C. R. Delvin, Irish Nationalist, formerly Canadian commissioner in Ireland, has been elected without opposition to represent Galway in the house of commons in place of Colonel Lynch, who is undergoing a sentence of life imprisonment for high treason.

New Hampshire Quarantine.

Washington, March 10.—The department of agriculture has issued an order quarantining the state of New Hampshire because of the presence of the foot and mouth disease. It is said one lot of cattle has been found affected.

Crowded With Refugees.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 10.—Every boat arriving in port is crowded with refugees and many others are coming in on rafts and skiffs. Schedules on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley are seriously disarranged, the principal point of trouble being at the Big Black.

Rising at Memphis.

Memphis, March 10.—The river at this point Monday night showed 24.6 feet and still rising. A stage of thirty-five feet is expected. Levees at all weak points are being strengthened.

For a Compress.

Ada, I. T., March 10.—R. M. Bain of Waco, Tex., was in the city and closed the deal for a block of land between the Katy and Frisco railroad tracks for compress purposes.

Dallas Terminal Railway company will spend $2,000,000 on improvements.

Waiting for Winter.

What honey in the year's last flowers can hide
These little yellow butterflies may know;
With falling leaves that waver to and fro,
Or on the swinging tops of asters ride.
But I am weary of the summer's pride
And sick September's simulated show;
Why do the colder winds delay to blow
And bring the pleasant hours that we abide;
To curtained alcove and sweet household talks,
Or sweeter silence by our flickering Lars,
Returning late from autumn evening walks
Upon the frosty hills while reddining Mars
Hangs low between the withered mullein stalks,
And upward throngs the host of wintry stars?

A Butterfly Shade.

A clothespin of the ordinary kind makes the body for the butterfly, and a hairpin makes the feelers. The clothespin can be gilded or covered with velvet or felt, and dusted with gold powder. The feelers are bent to form hooks to hang over the edge of the globe. The wings are made by making wired muslin the size and shape required—about six inches at the largest part being the usual size. Over this frame is then doubled crepe paper, and a preferred color (though soft, dull green is the best for the eyes), and gathered so that all the gathers can be brought through the slit in the clothespin and fastened strongly there. Glue is not so good for using with crepe paper work as a white paste made especially for the

purpose. When the wings are in place draw the paste brush lightly around their edges and sift some "flitter" on, and put a round spot of the same in the center of each wing.

How Do You Like It?

This is an excellent and amusing game for evening parties. It may be played by any number of persons. The company being seated, one of the party, called the Stock, is sent out of the room, and the company then agrees upon some word which will bear more than one meaning. When the Stock comes back he or she asks each of the company in succession, "How do you like it?" One answers, "I like it hot;" another, "I like it cold;" another, "I like it old;" another, "I like it new." He then asks the company in succession again, "When do you like it?" One says, "At all times;" another, "Very seldom;" a third, "At dinner;" a fourth, "On the water;" a fifth, "On the land," etc. Last the Stock goes around and asks, "Where would you put it?" One answers, "I would put it up a chimney;" another, "I would throw it down a well;" a third, "I would hang it on a tree;" a fourth, "I would put it in a pudding." From these answers the Stock may guess the word chosen, but should he or she be unable to do so, a forfeit must be paid.

Pretty and Easily Made.

So many really dainty and pretty things can be easily made by little folks for their parents and friends out of tissue and crepe paper that it is worth while to see just what can be done with little labor or expense. Lamp screens are always useful and pretty. One kind is made by taking a little mask made of cardboard and sewing around the face three ruffles of crepe paper in whatever color or combination of colors preferred. Each ruffle is two to three inches deeper than the other, the upper one coming up under the chin. There is a hook made

Paper Shade for Candle.

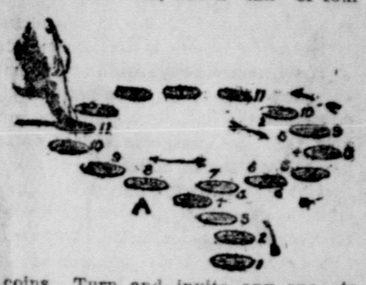
of a long hairpin fastened to the back of the head, which is to hang it by to the gas globe or the lamp. The size may be varied according to the light. When all the sewing is done the ruffles should be pulled all around to "full it."

Game of Mock Newspaper.

This game, when there is a large family party assembled in one house, affords a rich fund of amusement. An editor is appointed, who receives and prints, or copies, all sorts of contributions. His publication, which is read aloud to a laughing audience, is entitled "The Saturday's Delight," or any other appropriate name, and contains mock advertisements, daily news, verses, leading articles, sporting intelligence, etc., all of which may relate to the home doings of the contributors and be sprinkled by their proper names, disguised. The paper may also contain good-natured jests upon their employment, etc., and lively accounts, under different headings of the particular amusements, occupations, events, etc., which have distinguished the house party. As it is generally considered pleasanter by the contributors to remain unknown, it would be best to place a box in some convenient part of the house, where all may deposit their contributions, but the articles must not be taken from it except by the editor.

Thought Reading.

Take fourteen coins and make a circle with them, add a "tail" of four



coins. Turn and invite any one to count from coin No. 1 in the tail up the right of the circle, pausing at any coin he pleases. Say he chooses No. 11. From No. 11 he must count back again to the same number as indicated by the arrow, ignoring the "tail" coins. To discover which coin was the last one touched the performer has only to count to the left from A as many coins as there are in the "tail." To further mystify the audience the number of coins in the "tail" should be changed frequently.

Eggshell That Cannot Be Filled.

Get an empty eggshell and break off the large end of it, say half an inch down. Through the small end bore a hole just the size to admit a good firm straw. Now hollow out one end of a cork so that the shell will fit in it, and through the cork bore a hole to admit the straw.

Run the straw up through the cork and into the shell for half an inch or so. Make all the joints tight with sealing wax and fasten the shell to the cork in the same way.

Cover the top of the straw in the shell with a thimble, which will rest on the bottom of the shell and almost, but not quite, touch the top of the straw.

Now, to make a little tripod for this apparatus, stick the prongs of three forks in the cork and then place a tumbler under it. Pour some water into the shell. It will not run out through the straw at the bottom at first, but when it rises as high as the thimble it will begin to run, for it

Showing the Egg Syphon.

goes up under the thimble and enters the upper end of the straw, thus finding an outlet.

You may keep on pouring in water, but the shell cannot be filled, because the siphon arrangement of the straw drains it as fast as you pour. This is a very simple construction of what is called in the laboratory the cup of Tantalus.

Ants and Spiders as Food.

In some countries the people eat ants. In Sweden they mix them with rye flavor the stew with brandy. They make a dish of pressed ants and soften it with milk until it looks like our chocolate.

In Africa the children roast large white ants and eat them by the handful like popcorn. Travelers who have eaten them say they taste like almond paste.

Many people cook and eat the locust. They boil them in salty water, roast them in oil or fry them in butter. Sometimes they dry and grind the locusts and make the powder into bread by adding a little water.

The Mexicans are fond of roasted spiders. They also dry the eggs of a certain water fly, grind them into flour and sell it by the sack. This flour is sweet and much used for cakes.

These are only a few of the many queer things eaten by the boys and girls of other lands. The children of our own country often eat roasted grasshoppers and say that they tasted like parched horse corn, or maize.

Recess Game for Sunny Mornings.

This is a fine recess game for sunny mornings. The children all stand in a circle and are numbered. The child who is "it" stands in the center and calls two numbers. The children whose numbers are called must change places, while the child who is "it" tries to get one of their places. The child who is left without a place then becomes "it."

WISH CASE REOPENED

Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas the Complainant.

EXCHANGE A PARTY.

Petition Asks Case Against the Fort Worth and Denver Railway Company et Al. Be Once More Given a Hearing.

Washington, March 10.—The Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas complainant, and the Chicago Livestock Exchange intervenor, have filed with the interstate commerce commission a petition for the reopening of the case against the Fort Worth and Denver Railway company and others, nivolving through rates on livestock and terminal charges of $2.00 per carload for delivering livestock at the stockyards of the Union Stockyards and Transit company of Chicago. The petition recites that the committtee already had held that any charge in excess of $1 per carload for terminal or switching service was unlawful, and then recites subsequent contest proceedings before the courts and commission. The petition asks not only the enforcement of the discontinuance of terminal charges over $1 per carload, but the continuation of the practice of enforcing discriminating through rates for the transportation of live stock from the shipping points involved, and the proper reparation to the parties injured for the alleged unlawful terminal charges and through rates of freight on livestock to the Chicago stockyards. The commission has modified the parties interested to make answer within the prescribed period of twenty days.

Presidential Nominations.

Washington, March 10.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate: Assistant surgeon in navy, Clarence F. Ely of Pennsylvania; receiver of public moneys, David L. Geyer at Roswell, N. M. Postmasters: Louisiana, Poranta T. Hart. Rayno. Among the nominations were a number of army promotions.

SWORN IN.

Three Members of the Upper House Take the Oath of Office.

Washington, March 10.—When the senate met Monday a letter was read from President pro tem Frye appointing Mr. Kean (N. J.) as presiding officer in his absence.

The oath of office was then administered to James P. Clarke, Arkansas; W. J. Stone, Missouri and Senator Callinger, New Hampshire.

Mr. Stone was escorted to the desk by Mr. Cockrell and Mr. Callinger by Mr. Lodge. Mr. Clarke walked to the desk unaccompanied.

There being no legislative business to transact the senate at 12:05 on motion of Mr. Cullom of Illinois went into executive session.

The senate committee on foreign relations agreed to favorably report the Colombian canal treaty to the senate. No action was taken on the Cuban or other reciprocity treaties. The Colombian treaty was reported as in the former session without amendment.

When the senate went into executive session, Senator Cullom reported the treaty and it was read at length as the rules of the senate required. Under the rules an objection carried the treaty over for one day before it could be considered and Senator Morgan objected to its consideration.

After the reading of the treaty Senator Morgan stated that he desired to have the Spanish copy of the treaty so as to compare it with the English text. The state department was notified of this request.

ANXIETY AT NATCHEZ.

Fear Is Expressed That Levees May Not Show Their Strength.

Natchez, Miss., March 10.—Anxiety here is at a strong tension through fear that the levees may not be allowed to show their strength as there may be a cut at some place to save property on the opposite side from the cut. This danger is as much a source of apprehension as is the high stage of the river and the water which is yet to come.

The Mississippi at this point is two feet one-tenth above the danger line and rising. Heavy rains are of daily recurrence. The ground is water soaked and all the water is going into the river.

STATE SUSTAINED.

Conviction of John Broomfield, Colored, Decided to Have Been Legal.

Washington, March 10.—The United States supreme court affirmed the opinion of the supreme court of South Carolina in the case of John Broomfield vs. the state of South Carolina. Broomfield is a negro who resides in South Carolina and was convicted of murder. He alleges that he had been denied the equal protection of the law under the constitution because that notwithstanding four fifths of the people of the community are colored, all negroes were excluded from the grand jury by which he was indicted. Justice Holmes, who delivered the opinion of the court, said there is no proof of the allegation and therefore sustained the judgment of the state court, which was adverse to Broomfield.

Agreement Made.

Washington, March 10.—By mutual agreement between the United States and Mexico unsealed packages which contain in sealed receptacles articles which cannot be safely transmitted unsealed will be admitted to the mails between the two countries with certain minor restrictions as to covering.

The funny "fellers" have formed a jokesmiths' union. We refer to the titillators of the public risibles who write for the press! They have not only amalgamated, adopted a constitution and by-laws, but have had their pictures in the papers. There is a voluminous boquet of them beginning with joky "Al" Bixby, of the Nebraska State Journal, and ending with James Barton Adams, of the Denver Post.

Unlike Oliver Wendell Holmes, the members of the jokesmiths' union "dare to write as funny as they can," and they not only do it on every provocation, but frequently without artistic incentive, irritation or inspiration. This is because most of them have space to fill in the daily papers and believe in drawing full pay. This part of the funny business is no joke, as newspaper humorists have large and cadaverous appetites which must be upholstered three or four times a day. They believe that:

"A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the best of men!"

But while the cream of society is engaged in relishing, it is a part of the wits' sacred compact to try a little relishing of a less evanescent nature—say, sauer kraut and weinerwurst, for instance!

It was Aristotle who said melancholy men of all others are most witty. Gazing into the open work face of Roy L. McCardell, of the New York World, one is not inspired to contradict the ancient wise guy, and S. E. Kiser, of the Chicago Record-Herald, has a handsome but pious caste of countenance that prognosticates rain, followed by a long, dry spell. A few of the younger members of the union have ill-fitting grimaces tagged to their profiles that show a supercilious consciousness of the photographers' presence and the cause in which they labor. In other words, they smile to seem appropriate to their calling, and their smile is the sunshine of deceit. It is a well-known fact that humorists are a dyspeptic and grouchy lot. Even history is satisfied on this point. They go down town and are as funny as a stub-tailed monkey on a trapese all day long, to come home at night with the humor all squeezed out of them and possessed only of a mad desire to beat their wives! To beat one's wife is not particularly a characteristic that cites one as a humorist, but to be a humorist and not have melancholy and pugilistic tendencies is productive of distrust in the jokesmith's ability on the part of the amused populace. This is but natural. The sense of humor and dignity is quite equally balanced in most people; hence it stands to reason that a man who has worked out all his humor for the daily papers has left naught but dignity to practice upon his unprotected family at eventide! The average man arrives at home, sits down to dinner with a twinkle in his eye and blurts out to the admiring bosom of his family, "When is a door not a door?" The humorist reaches his abode as sad as a new wife's first apple dumplings, and seating himself at the domicile board, croaks gruffly, "This is a h—l of a layout for a laboring man!" When his wife begins to weep, he grabs a chair and, asserting his dignity, beats her into submission and diligence! For the life of us, we can't see why the funny 'fellers' have formed an amalgamation. If the wives had sought union of strength to combat dyspeptic tendencies in their witty husbands, one might understand, but except on the grounds that "misery loves company," we cannot understand the object of the organization. We pause for a reply.

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While casually reviewing the life of Oom Paul Kruger, we note with gratification that Oom Paul was the father of eighteen children. This point of excellence in the old hero should not go unnoticed by the college professors who are awakening us to the duty of rearing a goodly progeny! In other words, while Oom Paul's oldest girl was laying plans to elope with a red hot love, the old women of the neighborhood were waiting on Mrs. Oom Paul and preparing to notify Paul "It is a boy and weighs eleven pounds," or "It is a girl, and her hair promises to be curly!"

Oom Paul had 'em at all stages. He could go home at night, deftly rock the cradle and steer the rubber nipple to the orifice for which it was intended, or, he could play old sledge with his oldest boy and inculcate in him the innate wisdom of when to open a jack pot and when to quit bucking a streak of hoodoo! He could suit the age of the child to the tenor of his temperament and be happy, though married!

It is not our purpose here to discuss the life of Oom Paul. We merely refer to the size of his family in justice to him and as an ideal worthy of emulation.

The young people are often susceptible to hero worship and sometimes need a guiding star, an example of accomplishment, as it were, to beck on them onward and upward along the matrimonial way! As such Oom Paul's record is one that may be pointed to with pride by the professors who are responsible to a greater or lesser degree for the ignis fatuus each student follows from the doorsill of his alma mater. May they go and do likewise!

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"I am Sir Oracle,
And when I ope my lips let no dog bark!"

With the advent of the prognosticator who descries an early spring coming up the road to meet us, our thoughts turn, not to love, but to the president of the village strategy board who, throughout a long and tedious winter, has guided the destinies of the town village from his soap box throne back of the stove in the local grocery store. Night after night has he held a continuous engagement within the radiating comfort of the chunk heater. His reign has been supreme and his doctrines uninterrupted save when the grocer drew a jug of sorghum hard by the stove, or a voluable drummer locked horns with his argument.

All this with the coming of "The good old summer time," will be changed. The artisans who all winter long have been waiting for spring work to begin, will return to their labors, the buds will burst into bloom, the spring raking will be done and the audience of the town oracle destroyed until the suitry days of August when he will once again hold forth, this time in the borough park, where the old inhabitants will listen with quasi-indulgence to his oracular wisdom.

Often the president of the strategy board is a character, a being worthy of study. Every village possesses one of his kind, yet each is different from the other. Long live the president! Without him who would save the country? Without him who would settle the momentous questions that every day arise for solution in the country town? Without him who would run this government and keep us in the unswerving path of progress? He is no ignoramus, this local advisor. He is a man who reads and argues, talks and counter talks. Without him life in the village would be one long uninterrupted siege of ennui. Hail to the president of the local strategy board! He is a man of whom Emerson says:

"There is no true orator who is not a hero!"

a necessary adjunct to the pastoral life of this great abstract commonwealth!

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There is a young woman in Michigan who is not a Christian. We speak not with levity, but from the calm and thoughtful concentric of our very being! Several evenings ago the sleighing was good in Michigan. The moon was full and the thank-ye-ma'ms just recurrent enough to punctuate the night air with "ohs!" ands "ahs!" from the jolted merrymakers.

In the party was the aforesaid young lady, as ripe and rosy as the prettiest peach of the previous summer time. On each side of her sat two smitten but honest young men whose hands instinctively sought hers under the buffalo robe. In a moment of coquetry the sweet one slyly slipped the young men's hands together. While the sleek runners slid along over the glistening road, they held each other's hands, and cooed to the hand-free maiden. With soulful eyes she looked at the bolder youth. In a moment of madness he squeezed his rival's hand. The answering clasp he got set his heart to palpitating, while the second lover saw heaven open at his very feet!

And then she giggled!

When she had giggled some more she took both her hands from under the robe! (Quick curtain and a gob of red fire!)

Now what do you think of a girl like that?

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Woman, lovely woman! has once more demonstrated her inseparable and immeasurable utility to man!

"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale
Her infinite variety!"

In one of our American cities a party of commuters were being hurried homeward over the electric rail. It was late, dark and in the suburbs where the wind moans like a boy full of green apples, and where there is naught to warm or cheer a man along the way. The commuters were hungry and ugly, anxious to get to their own firesides to listen to the family troubles of the day!

In the tenseness of hurry, the—no, the cable didn't break—the fuse burned out! The passengers muttered and the motorman swore softly according to the rules of the company. A moment later, when he discovered he was out of fuses, out on the prairie and out of temper, he threw the restrictions of the pious general manager to the suburban Boreas and was blasphemous. The passengers were not horrified at the man—they were thinking of a long and chilling walk in a blizzardy night!

At this juncture the motorman asked the women for hairpins. They were given gladly and while their golden hair hung down their backs, the street car men made fuses of the metal pins.

And all rode gaily home in safety!

Thus again is proven the old, old story, that it is not good for man to be alone! Bachelor club papers, please copy.

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The reason an editor don't print everything that happens is because he is round-shouldered enough as it is.

FORT WORTH A STOCK MARKET

LETTER FROM MR. G. W. SIMPSON GIVING HIS VIEWS.

This Will Become the Great Market of the United States for Export Cattle.

To the Fort Worth Daily Live Stock Reporter:

I regret exceedingly that through a misunderstanding I was not present at the opening ceremonies of the Fat Stock Show on the 6th, which, coupled with the opening of the two mammoth packing houses, means more to the great state of Texas than I am able to express in words; but I cannot forego expressing the great satisfaction, not only to myself and associates, who have succeeded in securing the location of the world's two greatest packers, but also to the people of Texas, that we have been able to fulfill our promise to create a live stock market and packing center, capable of supplying not only the entire Gulf states, but also exporting via the Gulf large quantities of the finished products.

With a climate second to none and situated within a few miles of the great water high way of the world, it's reasonable to believe that the people will take advantage of their opportunity and join hands with parties from the older states who have experience and the capital required to place Texas in the foremost ranks, and the occasion of the opening of these two modern packing houses, costing about two million dollars each, means more to Fort Worth and Texas than any business enterprise that has ever located within her borders.

Perhaps a brief history of the dressed beef business may be of interest in order that we may better understand the rapid progress which has been made within a few years.

In 1869 Mr. George H. Hammond of Detroit, formerly from Massachusetts, made shipments of dressed beef slaughtered in the West to the Boston market, and although he had much discouragement and lost nearly all of his capital, he succeeded in delivering his beef in good condition and created a demand for it which enabled him to erect the packing houses in Hammond near Chicago, and although he died in 1887 he built up a large and profitable business, and is entitled to great credit for his perseverance and energy.

The next to engage in the shipment of refrigerator beef from Chicago to the Eastern markets was Mr. Gustavus F. Swift, also from Massachusetts, who had formerly purchased Western cattle in Albany and Buffalo, and later in Chicago for the Boston market, showing that New England has had a hand in the development of this great industry. Mr. Swift commenced the shipping of beef from Chicago to the Eastern market in (I think) 1880 in a small way, and by his familiarity with the business, together with his great ability and his business foresight, has increased until his products are on all the principal markets of the world.

The next to enter the field in slaughtering and shipping of dressed beef was Mr. P. D. Armour, who had been engaged in hog packing since 1869, in which he was successful, and he had already accumulated a large sum of money which enabled him to build up the beef business very rapidly, as the trade demanded almost entirely refrigerator beef in place of the fresh slaughtered. Other parties followed in the beef shipping until there are now three other large firms engaged in the packing business, all of which has been developed by progressive men, aided by the march of progress and largely by the utilizing of waste products and a saving in shrinkage and injury in shipping live cattle.

The location of Armour & Company and Swift and Co. marks a new era in the history of this great state, and one only has to look over the conditions of Fort Worth to be convinced of the benefit which has already been derived and which has just begun. This is the first time that these two great packers have located at the same place and at the same time, which may be called a "double header" for Texas, and the demand for their product should increase very rapidly. I have visited these two great plants, which far exceed my expectations. They are "Armour" plated and are able to turn out finished products very "Swift," the quality being second to none in the world. It now depends upon the people of Texas and the Territories to develop this market in less time than has been required by any other. With more than ten million cattle and the almost unlimited number of hogs which can be produced in less time and at less expense, together with the sheep, horses and mules, Fort Worth should be heard from during the coming year as the "Swiftest" market in the country.

To give you an idea of how this market is looked upon by packers, I would state that when in London a few years since I met a large cattle exporter from New York who stated that they had another competitor in the cattle and beef business with the English market. I asked him what he alluded to and he stated the Argentine shipments. I told him I had been there two weeks before he arrived and was familiar with the situation, having seen the cattle and beef, and that while the time might come when Illinois or Iowa could not afford to raise cattle for export, Texas could hold up her end and compete with any nation. Situated as she is, on the great water highway connecting with all consuming markets of the world, she has nothing to fear, having in her favor the freight rates on account of the distance, which is only about half as great as the Argentine Republic. It is now up to the stock raisers to take advantage of what lies at their door. This means improvement in breeding and feeding, also in having live stock ready for market every month in the year, which is essential and is now being done in the Northern states, and which must be done in Texas in order to secure the full benefits of stock raising.

I noticed several articles in the press relating to the locating of other packers, which is, to say the least, premature, as until there is a full and regular supply of all classes of live stock for the two great plants now in operation, capable of handling all the stock which will be offered for some time to come, it is unreasonable to expect others to consider the subject until the market has developed sufficiently to more than supply the present demand. Fort Worth is probably the last great live stock market which will be established, at least for many years, east of the Rockies, and it behooves the citizens of the great state of Texas to co-operate with the packers, thereby creating a home demand for their products, which is an advantage to producer and consumer.

I have made several suggestions which I believe are for the best interest of the people of the state, and now there are a few things which, in the interest of the parties who have expended such large sums of money in founding a market, which you should be proud of, and which will require still greater expenditure of time and money in order to place it on a paying basis. First, do not criticise the management, but rather try to encourage them and aid them by your patronage and good wishes; and next, advise your legislators to visit the stock yards and packing houses and become familiar with their methods, in order that they may appreciate more fully the advantages to the state, and be in a position to oppose any unjust legislation which may arise and which might hinder the further development of this great industry.

I am a firm believer in your great state, and shall leave nothing undone on my part to further its interests.

Yours very truly,

G. W. SIMPSON.

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Secretary Cortelyou's Assistant.

Mr. Cortelyou, secretary of the department of commerce and labor, will take with him as his new command Benjamin F. Barnes, now assistant secretary to the president. Mr. Barnes, who in his new position will have a salary of $5,000 per annum, has been Secretary Cortelyou's right hand man in the white house.

Would Write Southern History.

Prof. R. H. Dabney of the university of Virginia is going to write the history of reconstruction. The professor asks the people of the south to help him in his task. He asks those of them old enough to remember the reconstruction years to write him their personal recollections for his work.

Information for the Boys.

To become a memorable character one must be born in the first month of the year. All the executive birthdays are celebrated—Washington, Lincoln, McKinley, Jefferson, Jackson—were born between January and April 2.—New York Mail and Express.

Hickory a Valuable Fuel.

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