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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

Heavy Runs of All Kinds on Today's Market.

HOGS STRONG TO HIGHER

Prime Corn-Fed Territory Hogs Sold at $6.15.

BEEF STEERS STEADY.

Feeder Stuff Slow---Calves Slow and Weak.

THE MARKET TODAY.

Hogs—Top	$6 15
Bulk	$5 75@6 00
Sheep—Top	4 75

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Today	6,300	1,400	2,800
Monday	588	222	978
Same day last week	1,918	1,801	2,997

RECEIPTS FOR 1903 TO DATE

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
January	19,157	9,841	489
February	13,138	9,022	853
March	17,870	15,077	2,432
April	39,203	19,611	29,393
May	40,608	10,709	40,041
Feb. 1	3,475	1,052	3,049
Feb. 2	2,421	260	95
Feb. 3	2,340	815	473
Feb. 4	929	509	1,047
Feb. 5	516	769	499
Feb. 6	525	510	540
Feb. 7	1,918	1,801	2,997
Feb. 8	1,159	429	834
Feb. 9	1,339	728	34
Feb. 10	1,203	724	—
Feb. 11	1,545	743	—
Feb. 12	588	222	978

THE HOG MARKET

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS:

Imported	$6.10@6.15
Packers	5.75@6.00
[illegible]	5.50@5.75
[illegible]	4.50@5.00
Roughs	4.00@5.00

Receipts of hogs today were fairly heavy. Seventeen cars were in at the opening of the market, making a total of 1,400 head. Total receipts for the week close around 1,400, against 1,801 on the opening day last week, and 690 on the corresponding Monday last month.

The quality today was only medium. Several fairly good smooth loads came in, but the largest portion of the run, while of good quality, were very mixed and of a light weight, with a large mixing of pigs. The general average of the day's receipts was not as good as the hogs that arrived at the yards of last week.

The demand was good and competition strong, owing to outside buyers on the market with orders for a few car load lots, and bidding was generally steady with Saturday's quotations.

When trading opened up there was some unevenness in the sales, in some instances sellers were quoting their hogs, taking the quality into consideration, while others were steady, while others were quoting sales strong to 5 higher. The general opinion centered on a strong, active market.

The top price today was $6.15, with the bulk of the sales within a range of 5 to 6.

Choice heavy sorted are quoted from $6 to $6.15, mixed packers from $5.75 to $6.00, light grades $5.50 to $5.75, choice pigs $4.50 to $5, and boars, stags and roughs from $4 to $5.

Representative sales:

TERRITORY HOGS

Average.	Price.
145	5 00
145	5 35
183	5 75
205	5 70
204	5 80
208	5 85
183	5 85
200	5 85
179	5 85
201	5 90
188	5 90
208	5 90
183	5 90
210	5 95
203	6 00
202	6 00
204	6 00
232	6 00
233	6 10
233	6 15

THE CATTLE MARKET

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS:

Steers—Choice fed	$4.00@4.50
Common fed	3.00@3.75
Good grass	3.00@3.75
Light thin	2.25@3.50
Cows—Choice heavy fed	3.00@3.50
Medium butcher	2.25@3.00
Light thin	2.00@2.25
Canners	1.25@2.00
Bulls, stags and oxen	2.00@3.25
Veals and calves	2.25@4.50

Receipts of cattle today were the heaviest on record. About 180 cars came in, making a total of close on to 6,300 cattle, but out of these 4,366 were feeders going through to South Dakota and Nebraska points, leaving about 1,900 cattle on sale, against 1,918 for the opening day last week, and 2,377 for the corresponding Monday last month.

BEEF STEERS.

The quality today on steers was fair. While a good portion of the run was only partly fed, many of those offered were nice handy weight cattle of good quality.

The market was slow to open. Buyers realized that there were enough for all, and bidding was on a lower basis. Salesmen held out, however, and as the supply of steers was no more than enough to meet the demand, trading became steady with the close of last week, with a fairly active movement of cattle toward the scales by noon.

The top price on steers was $4.30 for 23 head averaging 1054 pounds, with the bulk of the sales from $3.50 to $4.30.

Choice fed are quoted from $4 to $4.50, with medium fed and good grass from $3 to $3.75, and light thin from $2.25 to $3.50.

Representative sales:

STEERS

No.	Average	Price.
1	1250	4 75
23	1054	4 30
22	1135	4 30
23	1190	4 25
18	1169	4 10
23	1043	4 00
25	996	3 75
25	995	3 75
46	1038	3 70
26	1011	3 65
36	924	3 65
48	938	3 65
26	1010	3 55
1	970	3 50
58	985	3 50
38	988	3 50
32	810	3 50
2	990	3 40
1	880	3 40
56	877	3 40
29	930	3 40
14	958	3 40
29	936	3 40
16	980	3 40
25	981	3 30
12	800	3 25
20	1094	3 25
27	887	3 15
11	834	3 00
1	650	3 00
10	807	3 00
22	654	2 75
1	770	2 50
16	584	2 50
1	1080	2 00
26	950	

BUTCHER STOCK.

There was no change in this branch of the cattle market. The market was a little slow to start, but buyers wanted the supply, provided they could get them at steady prices, and when trading started there was an active movement of cattle.

The closing market last week was lower on bulls, stags and oxen, and today, even with the small supply of this kind of cattle, buyers could not get prices in a higher notch.

Choice heavy fed cows are quoted from $3 to $3.50, with medium butchers from $2.25 to $3, light thin $2 to $2.25, and canners $1.25 to $2, and bulls, stags and oxen quoted from $2 to $3.25.

The supply of calves was small, and trading was on a steady basis with last week, with good to fancy vealers quoted from $4 to $4.50, and common to fair from $2.25 to $4.

COWS

20	1094	3 25
3	1083	3 25
51	770	2 55
15	852	2 50
7	780	2 50
1	870	2 50
1	880	2 50
27	801	2 50
52	752	2 45
47	767	2 45
51	758	2 45
11	800	2 40
32	755	2 35
2	975	2 25
1	640	2 25
9	664	2 25
32	745	2 25
1	970	2 00
11	663	2 00
3	811	2 00
2	985	2 00
1	850	2 00
2	860	1 75
1	830	1 50

HEIFERS.

17	576	2 10

BULLS AND STAGS

1	730	2 75
4 ox	1305	2 50
1 stag	970	2 50
3 ox	1360	2 50
2 ox	1125	2 25
1 ox	1410	2 25
1 ox	1010	2 00
3	1265	2 00
1	970	2 00
1	940	2 00
2	1105	2 00
1	970	2 00

CALVES.

63	172	4 25
21	188	4 00
1	210	3 60

THE SHEEP MARKET.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.

Spring lambs	$4.75@6.00
Lambs	4.00@5.00
Wethers	3.50@4.50
Ewes	3.00@3.50
Culls	1.50@2.50

Receipts of sheep today were liberal. About 3,000 head came in, out of which 1,082 were offered for sale on the market, against 2,997 last Monday, and 577 for the corresponding Monday last month.

The quality was only medium, and sales were steady, with top prices for the day $3.70 for 83-pound ewes and wethers.

Representative sales:

124	85	3 70
122	83	3 70
113	82	3 70
134	82	3 60

SHIPPERS ON TODAY'S MARKET

CATTLE.

Branch Bros., El Campo	98
C. Branch, Edna Pens	99
McFadden, Victoria	69
R. L. Hendrickson, Artesia	64
———, Elgin	71
Kerr & Hotchkiss, D'Hanis	99
R Thompson, Eagle Pass	160
J. G. Luchner, Alto	34
J. J. Summers, Cuero	25
J. L. Dubose, Cuero	52
S. J Wright, Wades	90
F. T. Summers, Cuero	25
S. H. Woods, Alice	31
J. O Pratt, Temple	52
L A Bigham, Temple	27
L. C. Perry, Waco	53
W. E. Stovall, Waco	26
Punchon, Reisel	72
R. McDonald, Baird	42
C. W. Clark & Co. Stamford	321
C. H. Wadecker, Boerne	21
Hotchkiss & K., San Antonio	28
H. Oppenheimer, San Antonio	32
Mimms & Simpson, Cleburne	56
J. E. Hart, Cleburne	25
J. K. Brasher, Comanche	50
C. Brysen, Comanche	25
J. E. Williams, Dublin	28
P. Durham, Dublin	27
F. S. Slocum, Cresson	69
J. M. Parkerson, Cresson	23

Through to Northern Points.

A. F. Crowley, Midland	668
W. Garger	111
Geo. Harris	387
J. A. Martin & Co	2,500
Cannon & Haase, Colorado	700

HOGS.

C. D. Smith, Lindsay, I. T	76
W. Jorgenson, Perkins, O. T	87
Babcock Bros., Stillwater, O. T	94
E. Kile, Cushing, O. T	82
O. Wheeler, Norman, O. T	73
Geo. H. Brett, Ponca City, O. T	67
Brett & Lillard, Ponca City, O. T	69
T. L. Lillard, Ponca City, O. T	74
C. Watts, Yukon, O. T	264
L. F. Hiss, Cleo, O. T	81
J. W. Teams, Foss, O. T	79
Turner & Crowder, Elk City, O. T	86
O. B. Kidney, Hennessey, O. T	93
W. B. Johnston, Lahoma, O. T	83
E. W. Johnston, Pond Creek, O. T	85

SHEEP.

R. L. Carruthers, San Angelo	292
W. W. Noelke, San Angelo	296
J. M. McLymont, Del Rio	2,211

Driven In.

HOGS.

Jim Brown	2
Geo Barnhart	2
M. Hovenkamp	2

PURCHASERS ON MARKET TODAY

CATTLE.

Swift & Co	520
Armour & Co	780

HOGS.

Swift & Co.	722
Armour & Co	341
Houston Pkg. Co	335

SHEEP.

Swift & Co	493

TEXAS ALL RIGHT.

The Kerrville Sun takes this view of it: Texas is all right. She's the biggest and best there is. She has fields of sugar and syrup. Fields of wheat to make flapjacks to wallow in the syrup. Fields of rice to put the sugar on. Fields of cotton and heads of sheep to furnish cloth. Forests of pine and quarries of granite to build houses. Every cow in the state has one young calf except those that have two. The fences are wire. The posts are peach trees and the fruit is ripe.

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

A good run of all kinds of stock was at the yards today.

Hogs strong and higher today, with top prices at $6.15.

The official receipts Saturday were, cattle, 588; hogs, 222; sheep, 978.

L. A. Bingham of Temple had in 32 steers of 810 pounds that brought $3.50.

Brett & Lillard were in from Ponca City, O. T., with 69 head of 233-pound hogs that brought $6.10.

J. W. Nard of Llano was in with 51 cows, 770 pounds average, that brought $2.55.

Robert Thompson sent in from Eagle Pass 150 cows, 759 pounds average, that sold at $2.45.

J. McLymount of Del Rio sold 359 sheep of 83 pounds, at $3.70, and 134 of 82 pounds, at $3.60, to Swift & Co.

Six thousand cattle, half as many sheep, and 1,400 hogs, were today's receipts. About half the cattle were billed through

Turner & Crowder had another shipment of hogs from Elk City, O. T., on the market, averaging 188, that sold at $5.90.

J. O. Pratt had in a load of good stags, shipped from Temple. They averaged 1194, and sold for $3.25. He also had 15 cows, 852 pounds, that brought $2.50.

O. B. Kidney, one of the "regulars," was in from Hennessey, O. T., with 93 hogs, 183 pounds average, that sold at $5.90.

R. S. Hendrickson, from San Antonio, had a load of steers on the market, 654 pounds, that brought $2.75, and 32 cows, 745 pounds, that sold at $2.25.

C. Watts, a strong friend of Fort Worth, was on today's market with 264 head of good hogs from Yukon, O. T. They averaged about 202, and brought $5.90 for one load and $6 for two loads.

T. L. Lillard of Ponca City, O. T., one of our regular shippers, had the top hogs on today's market. Seventy-four head, average 232 pounds, sold at $6.15. This is the best price for hogs paid this month. Armour & Co. were the purchasers.

A sale was made today of a single steer at the fancy price of $4.75. He was shipped in by J. M. Parkinson from Cresson. He was a high grade Hereford, pastured and fed on cake. He weighed 1250 pounds. Mr. Parkinson had 22 other steers, well fed animals, that averaged 1135, and brought $4.30.

BANQUET AT THE EXCHANGE.

Stock Yards Men and Bankers Feast and Exchange Pleasantries.

Saturday evening a company of choice spirits gathered in the dining room of the Exchange to enjoy a supper to which they had been invited by the Stock Yards National Bank. There were present the commission men at the yards, representatives of the stock yards, the heads of departments of the packing houses, railroad men, bankers of Fort Worth, and a few outside guests.

Mr. Sansom, president of the bank, welcomed his guests, saying: "While we of Fort Worth and North Fort Worth are proud of the packing houses, and expect to derive the greatest benefit from the standpoint of a single city, yet we are glad to know and feel that all of Texas will be benefited and that there is glory enough for all. While it is a fact that you do not represent all the money invested in this great packing industry, it is also a fact that you do represent the brain and muscle that will build here the great Southwestern packing plant of these United States. In referring to this as the great Southwestern packing plant of America, it is not an idle dream of mine alone, but comes from those high in authority. You will pardon me for appearing sanguine for this and other Texas industries, when I tell you I was born in Texas at a time when the Indians had full sway and buffalo occupied the very ground now covered by the stock yards. I will not worry you in telling why we necessarily advanced slowly; there are many reasons, over most of which we had no control, but, thanks to the energy and good sense of our people, these drawbacks are for the most part past and behind us, never to return. I bid you all welcome this evening."

Brief addresses were made by the chosen speakers, on topics pertinent to the live stock and banking fields of business.

Severe Cold in Europe.

England and the continent of Europe have suffered from frost and cold this spring more than for twenty years.

Poverty in England.

Great Britain spends $112,500,000 a year on the support of the poor. This does not include private charities.

Fewer Saloons in Britain.

Since 1890 the number of liquor licenses in Liverpool, England, has been reduced by 422.

Fragrance in White Plants.

Plants with white blossoms have a larger proportion of fragrant flowers than any other.

CONDITIONS AT EAST ST. LOUIS.

Stock Yards Still Under Water, but Will Resume on Thursday.

The present situation of the National Stock Yards at East St. Louis is indicated by a telegraphic dispatch from that place, this morning, saying:

"The stock yards are now clear of water, but all railroads in the yards are still under 1 to 5 feet of water. Water falling at the rate of 1 foot every 24 hours. The yards will probably be ready for business next Thursday."

KANSAS CITY OPENED TODAY.

The Stock Yards a Scene of Desolation, but Ready for Business.

Kansas City, June 15.—Drovers' Telegram reports:

CATTLE—Receipts Sunday 500, 800 hogs, no sheep. All sold.

Monday—Cattle, 10,000. Market 10 to 15c lower. Top steers $4.85. Heifers weak. Feeders unsalable.

HOGS—Receipts 20,000. Market 5 to 10c lower. Top $6; bulk $5.70 to $5.90.

SHEEP—Steady with prices before flood.

The Kansas City Stock Yards announced last week that it would be ready to do business on Monday. This must be in a small way, as the picture of ruin and desolation painted by the Drovers' Telegram is such as to convince shippers that it will be many a day before the evidences of the flood will be got rid of. In some respects, however, the loss is not as great as was feared. We take the following general statement of conditions from the Drovers' Telegram:

The damage to the stock yards by the flood, while of great magnitude, is hardly so large as might have been expected when the waters covered all the West Bottoms. The big mule barns and the exchange building, massive brick structures, served to stand as barriers and break the force of the current, deflecting the latter to the east and west and thus saving the frail native cattle and hog pens from being completely washed away. The loss of pens and fences is relatively small compared with that of bridges and railroad tracks, and it is the repairing of the latter that necessitated the discontinuance of business this week.

The Stock Yards Losses.

After carefully inspecting the entire yards, General Manager Rust announced today that the physical loss to the company would approximate $200,000, of which sum, half, or $100,000, went down with the two iron bridges that spanned the Kaw to the west of the exchange building, and the other half consisted of damage done to the buildings and other structures of the yards proper. Mr. Rust said that the chaotic mass of wreckage visible immediately after the waters had subsided caused the officials of the company to fear a much heavier loss, but when a part of the wreckage had been cleared away, it was found that $200,000 would about cover the actual destruction to the property owned by the yards company. In addition to this loss the commission men who have offices in the basement and first floor of the exchange building, and the mule and horse dealers, had office fixtures and furniture damaged to the extent of $25,000, the losses ranging from $100 to $1,000 to each firm. All of the railroad stock offices had their furniture and other paraphernalia utterly demolished by the waters. The loss of live stock reached $35,000, making the total damage to the stock yards aggregate $200,000, the worst disaster in the history of the Kansas City market.

The packing houses make the following announcements:

Armour Packing Co.—Plant little damaged. Ready to kill cattle, hogs and sheep at once in as large numbers as at any time this season.

Fowler plant.—Damage comparatively light.

Swift & Co.—Buildings intact. Salvage more than expected and machinery little damaged. No killing for about a week.

Schwarzschild & Sulzberger. — All buildings standing. Damage not over $100,000. No killing for about a week.

Cudahy.—No buildings washed out, save part of box factory. Plant covered with mud. Refrigerators in good shape and machinery not hurt. No killing for about ten days.

Ruddy Bros.—Plant not damaged save by mud.

ALFALFA FOR MILK.

In conversation with Mr. Spann of Dallas, one of the best known dairymen and breeders in Texas, he said, "I have lost five or six thousand dollars the past winter because I did not know the value of the alfalfa crop I have been growing for several years. I want to go to the Farmers' Congress and tell some of my friends what a wonderful feed I have found alfalfa to be. It is a complete ration in itself for dairy cows when fed green or slightly wilted. It is simply a wonder. Cow men should study its feeding value."

OATS IN THE PANHANDLE.

Boydston correspondence Clarendon Banner-Stockman:

The community is becoming famous for oat raising. Last summer quite a nice little revenue was derived from oats. This year the largest acreage that has ever been here will be cut. The rain Friday afternoon from 5 to 8 o'clock put a different face on the oat crop. W. W. James has 45 acres; Levi Angel, 75 acres; W. S. Boydstun, 70 acres; W. S. Cole, 40 acres; John Fraser, 75 acres; P. E. Johnson and Henry Corbin have each 50 acres.

AT OTHER MARKETS

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep
Chicago	30,000	50,000	20,000
Kansas City	10,500	20,000	———
St. Joseph	10,000	9,000	5,000
	50,000	79,000	25,000

CHICAGO.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., June 15.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 30,000. Market averaged 10c lower. Top $5.50.

HOGS—Receipts 50,000. Light, steady, others 10 to 20c lower. Top $6.25; bulk $6 to $6.15.

SHEEP — Receipts 20,000. Sheep steady; lambs mostly 10 to 25c lower.

ST. JOSEPH.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 15.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts 10,000. Market 10 to 20c lower. Top $5.

HOGS—Receipts 9,000. Market 5 to 15c lower. Top $6.10; bulk $5.95 to $6.05.

SHEEP — Receipts 5,000. Market strong to 15c higher. Spring lambs $7; yearlings $6; ewes $4.65.

Production of Gold.

During the last year California produced twice as much gold as Alaska, and Colorado produced more than three times as much.

California's Chief Product.

California produces more dollars' worth of oranges than of gold—oranges over $18,000,000 and gold $17,000,000.

London's Unoccupied Houses.

A count of the unoccupied houses in London shows 40,069. That is one house in fifteen of the whole city.

New Idea in Alarm Clocks.

Bedsteads with alarm clocks as part of the headrail are being made for South London early risers.

For Sale or Trade.

Wanted--Stock Hogs.

I want 100 stock hogs. Write number you have, and location. Address X, care Daily Live Stock Reporter, Fort Worth.

MISCELLANEOES

MEAL AND HULLS

For Prompt Shipment, at market prices, we offer a few cars of meal, cracked screened cake and hulls.

Royse Cotton Oil Co., Royse, Tex.

FOR SALE—TYPEWRITERS.

Typewriters and supplies—all makes. Easy terms. Dallas Office Supply Co., and Fort Worth Office Supply Co.

CATTLE.

FOR SALE—A small herd of young thoroughbred Holsteins. All subject to register. Consisting of 20 females and 4 bulls. They are extra highly bred, and will be sold low, considering their high breeding. If interested, address J. B. MITCHELL, Fort Worth. Terms satisfactory.

REGISTERED Hereford Bulls for sale, near Fort Worth, 12 to 20 months old. J. L. CHADWICK & SON, Cresson, Tex

Stock Cattle

TWO HUNDRED Hill county steers, yearlings; 200 cows and heifers. Address W. HERRICK, Whitney, Texas.

MULES

MULES FOR SALE

THREE AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Twenty-six head of good well bred 3 and 4-year old mules, broke and unbroke, for sale on my farm at Rio Vista, Johnson county, Texas, at $75 per head by the bunch, or $125 to $225 per team, if sold at once. R. E. GATEWOOD.

LAND.

20 SECTION RANCH—The best ranch of its size in Texas. The best watered and grassed, and the best situated, in the very nerve center of the choice cattle industry. Location convenient to railroad, and has about 1,000 high grade cattle and registered bulls. Will sell entire ranch or an undivided interest. Map and particulars furnished on application. GILLILAND & HARWOOD, Fort Worth.

I HAVE FOR SALE pasture 642 acres and farm 320 acres, all very fine land, on head of Mary's Creek, five miles north of Aledo, Parker county, and 20 miles west of Fort Worth. Bargains can be had if taken next sixty days. A. S. THURMAN, Administrator, Aledo, Tex.

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

FEED.

ATTENTION, FEEDERS—For delivered prices on cotton seed meal, hulls or screened cake, also corn, oats, chops, rice-bran and hay, address DAVID BOAZ, 906 Main St., Fort Worth.

MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LOAN on farms and ranches by W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Co., Board of Trade Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas.

THE FLOOD AT KANSAS CITY.

Incidents of the Overflow and Curious Results of It.

The Kansas City Drovers' Telegram, which was suspended for two weeks on account of the flood, on Friday got out its first number since May 30. Reporting the odd incidents of the great overflow, it says:

Among the heavy sufferers in the exchange building was the Hereford Breeders' association. The bulk of its extensive records covering years of statistical history of the breed were stored in the basement of the building. They were finally rescued from beneath the mud and water but were in a horrible condition. The figures are still legible, but it is probable that the entire records will have to be copied. The principal office is on the second floor of the building and, of course, escaped injury.

A number of commission firms were extremely unfortunate in losing their valuable list of customers' names in the flood. In some cases the books containing the names were never found, while in others the names were hardly legible. One broker found a part of his list in a building two miles below his office. This is perhaps the source of the heaviest loss with a number of commission men. These lists represent the accumulated work of years and cannot be replaced entire. A list of this kind is one of the few things that cannot be purchased.

A live mule swam into the Transit house and landed on the bar. But there was no one present to administer the life saving, and it died.

The day before the flood the Frisco brought two loads of horses into the yards and turned them on the Wabash tracks. The stock belonged to a railroad contractor who was billing them through to the country. In the hurry and scurry attending the influx of the waters these horses were evidently forgotten. On Monday, June 8, over a week after the flood, the boys at the horse barns while on a tour of the loading chutes came across this load of horses. Water marks on the animals showed they had stood for days with only their heads out of the flood. They were emaciated, and the boys have every reason to believe that the poor animals kept alive in the water for a whole week with no food.

Trees and Novels.

Nine successful novels recently published in the United States had a total sale of over 1,600,000 copies. Since the average weight of each book sold was probably twenty ounces, a little calculation will prove that these 1,600,000 books contained approximately 2,000,000 pounds of paper. A manufacturer of paper asserts that the average spruce tree yields a little less than half a cord of wood, which is equivalent to about 500 pounds of paper. In other words, these nine novels swept away 4,000 trees and they form but a small part of the fiction so eagerly read by the American people.

Monument to Rumsey.

An effort will be made to secure an appropriation from the West Virginia legislature for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of James Rumsey, who, it is claimed, was recognized by George Washington as the inventor of the steamboat. The proposed memorial will be erected on a high cliff of the Potomac river at Shepherdstown, overlooking the spot where it is alleged that the first application of steam to the purpose of marine propulsion was made.—Scientific American.

Was Always Running.

The Duke of Argyll tells this story of Winston Churchill, which shows that the talent for talk developed young in the author and member of parliament. Some years ago he visited Harrow, and noticing a boy running around the cricket field all by himself asked what he was doing it for. "That's Lord Randolph Churchill's son, and whenever he talks too much we make him run three times round the cricket field."

Gun Had Been Worn Out.

The bursting of a twelve-inch gun on the Iowa is still under investigation, but it is known that with the quarterly target practice for six years the bombbombarding of San Juan and the battle with Cervera it had been fired more than 200 times. The average life of the large-bore, built-up gun is estimated as ranging from 150 to 200 rounds, so the gun has had its day.

He Was Next.

"And so this is Tommy, is it?" said the visitor. "Let me see, you are the third of the family, aren't you?"

"No'm," replied Tommy, "I'm the sixth."

"Indeed! I thought you were next to your sister, Miss Eveline."

"Next to her," repeated Tommy promptly. "Well, I just guess, yes! I'm next to her all right, all right—she kissed him three times last night!"

An Effectual Quietus.

He—Why, we haven't even to extol the virtues of men to prove the inferiority of women. The very failings of womankind prove the point. No woman, for example, has a sense of humor.

She—She hasn't? Then why is it that all bits of bright repartee are called Sallies?

Careful of His Words.

Teacher—Now, Harry, can you tell me where good little boys go when they die?

Harry (who doesn't like the teacher)—Yes, sir. They go to heaven.

Teacher—That's right. And where will I go?

Harry—Pa says I musn't say that word.

Irresistible.

A man who carries everything before him.

Hardly Appropriate.

He is an eccentric chap, and often does strange things, eminently philosophical, but queer, you know. And so it was that upon becoming engaged to be married he presented to the young lady a ring, on the inside of which was engraved the motto:

"In time of peace prepare for war."

Pure Sarcasm.

Miss Ann Teek—Yes, Henry has my wedding ring all ready, and it has "Kismet" engraved inside it.

Miss Speitz—Kismet?

Miss Ann Teek—Yes, don't you know what that means?

Miss Speitz—Why—er—is it Latin for "Better late than never"?

A Market Valuation.

"I'm afraid you have no sense of humor."

"My friend," answered Senator Sorghum, "you wrong me. I value humor highly. If I had a speech to make I'd be willing to pay as much as anybody for a few good guaranteed anecdotes to put into it."

A Good Remedy.

"I hear," said the boss, "that you've been kicking because you've got so much to do."

"Well—er—yes," replied the clerk. "I did think——"

"Well, we'll have to give you so much more to do that you won't have time to kick."

Happy Day.

"What are you writing?" asked the freshman.

"Just dropping a line to my governor, wishing him many happy returns of the day," replied the sophomore.

"Why, is this his birthday?"

"No; payday. He sent me a check this morning."

Neck and Neck.

"Let me write the songs of a nation and I care not who makes its laws," said the musical young man.

"Oh, I don't know," replied the practical young woman. "I guess there are about as many ragtime laws as there are ragtime songs."—Comfort.

Not the First One.

Oh, she's so sweet, so angelic and fair," sighed Lovett Fursyte. "But I know I shall never succeed in winning her love."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed May Sharpe. "Lots of other men have succeeded. Why shouldn't you?"

The Young Mother.

"She is worried about the baby."

"Why, there is nothing the matter with him."

"That's just it. If there was something the matter with him the doctor could tell her what it was, but he says he can see nothing."

Not Very Catching.

"I understand that in Russia they disinfect their money every now and then. Seems to me that would be a good idea for this country to try."

"Oh, I dunno. I never noticed that money here was alarmingly contagious."

Something More Important.

"Yes, I explained the whole theory of the new discovery to my wife."

"And what did she say?"

"She said, 'George, can you remember who the Sourfield girl married? I've been trying all day to think of his name."

Exception in Her Case.

Stella—They say a woman is as old as she looks.

Bella—Never mind, dear, we all know you're only 26.

THE OUTLOOK FOR AUTHORS

Really Good Writers Need Not Fear Discrimination.

The rush of the crowd to read a book which may have no literary merit or vitality, either of material or of presentation, simply because it is talked about, is never wholesome, and if the crowd has grown more critical and clear-minded in its judgments, and has ceased to move upon sudden impulses and learned to decide for itself, the loss will fall, not on writers of real merit, but on a few whose rewards were generally beyond their deserts. The average of literary work in this country in many departments is high. If great books are not produced in large numbers, good books are produced in very considerable numbers, and in soundness of knowledge, in good taste and literary workmanship, a great advance is evident over the work of an earlier generation. It is a period of quiet progress, a time of preparation rather than a time of accomplishment.

Has Held Position Long.

Sir Walter Murton, now in the United States on a sightseeing tour, has been solicitor to the London board of trade since 1875.

Paints Pictures by Gaslight.

Some of Solomon J. Solomon's most attractive pictures have been painted by gaslight. He has accustomed himself to artificial light.

To Cure Horses of Rheumatism.

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Just an Incident in Georgia.

Mr. Bud Spinks was awakened the other morning by a strang, grunting noise in his room, which proved to be the voice of a medium-sized alligator that was warming itself by the smoldering ashes of his fireplace and incidentally trying to swallow his boots, which he had placed there to dry, and which he had bought on the installment plan and had only made one payment on them. The saurian had succeeded in swallowing one boot and had the other down—clear to the straps, which Mr. Spinks seized and pulled it out. The 'gator is now on exhibition at Minche's drug store, but will soon be slain in order that Mr. Spinks, who is going around with one boot and one slipper, may recover the other boot.—Adams Enterprise.

FALLEN A FOOT.

Conditions at St. Louis and East St. Louis Are Fast Improving.

St. Louis, June 15.—The river has fallen nearly one foot, the government gauge registering 36 feet, 1 inch. The river is receding slowly and according to prediction the danger line, thirty feet, will not be reached for several days.

Proprietors of levee stores expect to open their establishments in a few days.

It was with considerabl difficulty, necessitating at times threats of punishment, that the armed guards stationed where the viaduct joins the Eads bridge proper, succeeded in keeping the crowds of sight seers from passing them into the flooded territory of East St. Louis.

At the inquest of Clifford Hanley, the young member of the St. Louis Naval Reserves, who was killed near Belleville Saturday night by alleged levee cutters, was begun by the coroner Sunday. J. S. Bratton, the horseman near whose property the fight took place, was brought from Belleville to East St. Louis to attend the inquest. A number of witnesses were examined but no positive evidence as to who fired the fatal shot was adduced. Bratton was taken back to Belleville and locked up pendng action by the coroner who will continue the inquest.

Conditions in East St. Louis are improving the flooded portions south of Brodway and west of the Southern railroad tracks, showing a decided fall in the water since the break in the levee Wednesday morning.

FIRST OF KIND.

Memorial to Slaves Who Served the Barrington Families.

Barrington, R. I., June 15.—A memorial monument to negro slaves and their descendants in recognition of valuable domestic and patriotic services before and during the Revolutionary war, the first of its kind to be erected in the United States, was dedicated here Sunday.

The memorial is a white quartz boulder, buttressed at the corners by large black stones, emblematic of the inter-dependent relations of the white and black races and bears a tablet inscribed: "In Memory of Negro Slaves and Their Descendants Who Faithfully Served Barrington Families."

Mother St. Ann Dead.

New Orleans, June 15.—Mother St. Anne of the Mount Carmel convent died Sunday, aged eighty. She was one of the founders of the organization and had been in it for sixty-four years. She was Miss Marcelite DeLaune, a member of a prominent Louisiana family.

Shot by Negro Policeman.

Richmond, Ind., June 15.—While attempting to get away from officers here who were raiding a resort, Charles Moore, fourteen years of age, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Granville Bundy, a colored policeman.

Shamrock Has Arrived.

New York, June 15.—Safe and sound after a rough passage from Gourock, Scotland, of sixteen days and twenty-four hours, Sir Thomas Lipton's latest challenger for the America's cup, the Shamrock III., is now lying at anchor off Tompkinsville, State Island.

MINOR MATTERS.

Pope's health is good.

Grimes county, Texas, went dry.

Lord Roberts will visit United States in August.

Hunt county, Texas, voted against special road tax.

Many natives perished by a typhon in Cochin China.

Prohibitionists carried Fannin county, Texas by about 1800 majority.

Sinton, Tex., shipped her first carload of watermelons for 1903 on the 12th.

The Viterbo well, four miles south of Spindletop, is giving out nearly 300 barrels of oil daily.

A tract of land has been sold in the Jennings, La., oil field for $180,000. Purchase was 143,000 acres.

J. A. Jaster was shot and killed at Mannville, I. T. C. J. Jaster, the dead man's son, was arrested.

About 150 linemen employed in Louisville, Ky., by the Cumberland Telephone company, have struck.

The Sour Lake National bank of Sour Lake, Tex., capital stock $50,000, has been authorized to do business.

Sixteen strikers, alleged to have violated an injunction, were fined $10 each at Chicago by Judge Holcomb.

Ex-President Cleveland has written a San Antonio friend that he does not contemplate a southwestern tour.

George Wassom was struck by a train between Richmond and Rosenberg, Tex., and his skull fractured.

In a fight at East St. Louis, Ill., over an alleged attempt to cut an embankment, one of the naval reserves was killed.

Mrs. Wash Miley, charged with the alleged killing of Bob Skillern in Nacogdoches county, Texas, has been placed under $1000 bond.

James H. Harben, a prominent lumber man, having offices at New York New Orleans, Galveston and Little Rock, died at Portland, Me.

Grain and seed warehouse of D. S. Gay, at Winchester, Ky., burned. It contained the largest stock of bluegrass in the world. Loss $100,000.

Jack O'Keefe of Chicago, and Jimmy Brett of San Francisco, fought twenty rounds to a draw in the presence of 10,000 people at Butte, Mont.

Claiming that James Black, a white man, had insulted the wife of Charles Blue, a negro, at St. Joseph, Mo., the latted choked the former to death.

Rector Johnson of St. Paul's Episcopal church, San Antonio, has resigned. He will have charge of St. Peter's church, Marlin. He leaves in July.

J. M. Payne suicided on a train near Lafayette, Ga., exploding a stick of dynamite. His body was frightfully mangled and the rear end of the coach blown out.

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ZEBRA MULES FOR ENGLISH ARMY.

The Colentha Englishman says: The Indian army remount department has recently imported two zebra mules through a Hamburg agent We have been unable to find out the price paid for the animals, but the innovation has, without doubt, cost the remount department somewhat dear. As an experimental measure of the right kind even this outlay is not to be grudged. The unfortunate losses we have suffered through the horse sickness among transport animals call for some immediate remedy, and we see the remedy in the employment of zebra mules. The donkey is perfectly immune from horse sickness, and so is the zebra. The latter animal in particular is extremely hardy, as appears from the fact that when the rinderpest swept the eastern and central portions of Africa in the early 90's the percentage of deaths among the zebra is said to have been very small indeed. A mule, therefore, out of two such hardy parents as the donkey and the zebra is undeniably the transport animal required for the army. The Germans have already discovered the value of the zebra, as their extensive zebra farms at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro testify.

The Editor Ate Too Much.

The editor and wife had another square meal Sunday on account of having received an invitation to dine at the hotel. Perk said he was afraid we wouldn't accept, but we did. For the benefit of our lady readers we will state that they had chicken and the stuff that goes with such a layout, and strawberry shortcake and lettuce. Our wife wore her blue and white and looked real dear. Mrs. Perkins had a new skirt and looked too sweet for anything. The editor wore his Sunday. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday suit and was sick all night.—White (S. D.) Leader.

Razor 150 Years Old.

Charles Morton of Bardstown, Ky., is the proud possessor of a razor that is something over 150 years old, but is in a splendid state of preservation, and is far superior to the razors of modern times. The razor was formerly owned by Judge Veneble of the colony of Virginia, and who was a prominent patriot. Judge Veneble was appointed judge of Kentucky county by Patrick Henry, governor of Virginia, Kentucky then being a county of that commonwealth. The razor was made at Sheffield, England, in the year 1751, and is very heavy, the blade being extremely thick and broad, with a large wooden handle.

The Artist's Revenge.

A Chinese story tells how a very stingy man took a paltry sum of money to an artist, who always exacted payment in advance, and asked him to paint his portrait. The artist at once complied with the request, but when the portrait was finished nothing was visible save the back of the sitter's head. "What does this mean?" cried the sitter indignantly. "Well," replied the artist, "I thought a man who paid so little as you did wouldn't care to show his face."

Rabies Prevalent in Chicago.

The prevalence of rabies has reached such dangerous proportions in Chicago that education of policemen in the symptoms of the disease is urged as necessary.

New Tunnel for New York.

The New York Rapid Transit company anticipates putting a second tunnel under the East river from Maiden lane to Nassau street, Brooklyn.

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"Alas!" mourns the vo semper paratus baritone, day suppers they were; i ouard and I did sing; and ly dows rattled."—New York Ma Express.

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