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LIVE STOCK MARKET

Today's Receipts of Cattle, 2,500; of Hogs, 1,900.

CATTLE STEADY, STRONG

Steers Active, Steady—Cows in Good Demand.

HOGS OPENED 5c HIGHER

Quality Fairly Good, but Average Generally Light.

RECEIPTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H&M
Today	2.500	1,800	210	100
Last month	1,078	3,268	...	202
Same day 1903	693	620	...	...

Official Receipts Saturday.

Cattle	388
Hogs	120
Sheep	1,508
Horses	52

Selling Prices Today.

CATTLE—Steers, top $3.75, bulk $3.00@3.50. Cows, top $2.50, bulk $2.00@2.40. Calves, top $4.50.

HOGS—Top $5.10, bulk $4.80@5.00.

THE CATTLE TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Steers—Good to choice	$3 35@3 75
Medium fed	3 00@3 25
Stockers and feeders	2 00@3 00
Yearlings	1 25@2 50
Cows—Choice heavy fed	2 50@3 00
Medium butcher	2 15@2 40
Cutters	1 85@2 00
Canners	1 00@1 75
Bulls, stags and oxen	1 50@3 00
Calves—Good to fancy veals	4 00@5 00
Common to fair	2 00@3 50

Receipts of cattle today were moderate. While commission men as a rule were expecting a good run, at the opening only fifty cars were in with 1,625 head, with enough reported to make total receipts close around 2,500, against 1,691 for the opening day last week, 1,078 for the same day in January, and 693 for the same day one year ago.

BEEF STEERS.

The supply of steers was small. Several loads of medium steers arrived, with one load of choice well finished cattle. All offerings met a good demand from local packers, and trading was active on a steady basis with last week's close. The top price paid was $3.75 for those averaging 1,230 pounds, with the bulk of sales around $3.25.

Good to choice fed steers are quoted from $3.35@3.75 ,medium fed from $3.00@3.25, stockers and feeders $2.00@3.00, and yearlings $1.25@2.50.

Representative sales:

No.	Ave.	Price
20	1230	3 75
42	1082	3 50
45	1095	3 50
3	913	3 25
53	897	3 15
25	923	3 00
6	810	2 80
1	970	2 65
50	761	2 40
37	723	2 40
34	718	2 40
45	793	2 40
35	756	2 40
30	718	2 40

BUTCHER STOCK.

The supply of butcher stock was fairly liberal, of from medium to fair quality. There was an extremely good inquiry from local packers and outsiders, and trading was active on a steady basis.

A good many commission men were sold out and sitting around on their horses shortly after the opening of the market, and while they could see no quotable advance they called the market strong, and sales could be made easier than for some time.

A few good choice cows and heifers landed at a range of from $2.50@3.00, with medium butchers largely from $2.15@2.40, cutters $1.85@2.00, and common shells $1.00@1.75.

Bulls sold freely on a steady basis at a range of from $1.75@2.25, with common to choice bulls, stags and oxen quoted from $1.50@3.00.

Cows.		
2	1010	2 75
6	930	2 60
1	970	2 50
31	703	2 50
17	727	2 50
12	634	2 50
14	923	2 40
11	706	2 40
27	792	2 20
28	664	2 35
4	1012	2 35
5	804	2 25
13	730	2 25
1	950	2 25
16	797	2 20
2	885	2 20
8	678	2 10
21	710	2 10
1	890	2 10
7	685	2 10
15	774	2 10
2	710	2 00
11	680	1 90
26	616	1 90
7	704	1 85
20	691	1 75
1	830	1 70
16	628	1 70
11	684	1 70
18	687	1 65
30	561	1 50
28	500	1 50
4	765	1 50
3	706	1 50
5	696	1 50
1	710	1.50
2	705	1 50
3	546	1 50
2	580	1 50
4	482	1 35
1	880	1 25
30	686	1 00
Heifers.		
1	560	2 25
3	656	1 90
1	430	1 50
Bulls.		
3	1033	2 40
4	985	2 40
1	1030	2 25
2	1220	2 25
1 stag	830	2 25
3	863	2 10
3	1063	2 00
1	1090	2 00
1	530	2 00
2	895	1 90
3	746	1 90
4	665	1 85
2	915	1 75
1	780	1 70

CALVES.

There was no quotable change in the calf market. The supply was moderate and met a good demand on a steady basis.

Good to fancy vealers are selling largely from $4.00@5.00, with common to fair kinds from $2.00@3.50.

2	165	6 00
1	110	5 00
1	220	4 50
169	183	4 50
57	151	4 25
2	120	4 00
1	100	4 00
1	120	4 00
1	310	3 50
7	111	3 25
2	185	3 00
38	223	3 00
3	263	2 50
1	430	2 40
7	401	2 35
9	311	2 25
3	193	2 25
2	340	2 25
6	283	2 25
4	332	2 25
10	221	2 00
3	236	2 00
3	373	2 00
3	210	2 00
7	304	1 75
3	276	1 75
32	132	1 50
10	378	1 50

THE HOG TRADE

Today's Quotations.

Choice sorted	$4 85@5 05
Mixed packers	4 75@4 99
Lights	4 60@4 80
Pigs	3 75@4 50
Stags and roughs	3 50@4 00

Receipts of hogs were fairly liberal for the opening day of the week, the supply figuring about the same number as on the market last Monday, but somewhat smaller than the run for the corresponding Monday one month ago.

Twenty-one cars were in at the opening of the market, with 1,733 head, and total receipts for the day were close around 1,900, against 1,841 for the opening day last week, 3,268 for the same Monday in January, and 620 for the corresponding day one year ago.

The bulk of the supply was from Territory points, with eight loads of Texas hogs. Quality was fairly good but of light weight, the heaviest load averaging around 230 pounds, and while a good many loads had heavy hogs in them, they were mixed with a good many pigs and the total run would probably average around 185 pounds.

The market opened with a good demand for good quality hogs from 200 pounds up, and on all of this kind trading was active with sales 5 to 10 higher than last week's close. After the best of the supply was cleaned up the market lost its strength and late trading on the common thin Texas hogs was slow and dragy with a clearance finally made on a steady basis with Saturday's low time.

The top today was $5.10 for 68 averaging 234 pounds, with the bulk of sales from $4.90@5.00.

Choice sorted are quoted from $4.85@5.05, mixed packers $4.75@4.90, light grades $4.60@4.80, pigs $3.75@4.50, and boars, stags and roughs from $3.50@4.00.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.			
No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
80	.....	100	4 10
8	.....	125	4 15
19	.....	110	4 25
35	.....	132	4 52½
84	240	175	4 80
63	120	196	4 90
91	120	196	4 95
81	80	192	4 95
79	320	221	4 95
93	.....	188	5 00
88	160	209	5 00
86	80	206	5 00
55	100	235	5 00
81	40	224	5 05
68	.....	234	5 10
Texas Hogs.			
19	.....	144	4 25
91	40	205	4 50
54	.....	168	4 57½
52	.....	192	4 80
8	.....	127	4 80

MAKES A POWDER-PUFF.

Here is new use for molly cottontail's caudal attachment. The American Farmer says: The tiny tuft of fur that serves "B'rer Rabbit" for a tail, makes a fine powder puff after it is well dried. It is especially nice to use for the babies, as wetting does not hurt it. A swansdown puff becomes matted and hard if moistened, but the rabbit's tail needs only a shake after it is dry to make it as fluffy as ever. A. L. P.

FOR A BETTER SERVICE

KANSAS CITY AFTER RAILROADS CENTERING THERE.

Will Keep a Record on All Trains Arriving With Live Stock, Showing the Time Made.

We take the following from the Kansas City Drovers' Telegram of Saturday:

The live stock interests of Kansas City have decided to try the "publicity remedy" on the railroads, which are suffering from a severe attack of debilitated service. They have pleaded with and threatened, coaxed and cajoled the railroads in an effort to get live stock to this market with something like reasonable promptness, and have failed. The service continues bad and there is no promise of an improvement. The transportation committee of the live stock exchange and Commissioner Trickett of the transportation bureau have held several sessions the past week and have formulated a plan which they are satisfied will produce results. Briefly stated, this plan is to keep an accurate record of the arrival of live stock shipments daily and publish it. Where there is improvement in the service, it wil be duly noted. Where there are delays, they will be given just as they occur. The exchange has employed a representative whose business it will be to keep tab on the arrival of trains and report the delays and the absence of delays.

The transportation committee of the live stock exchange has addressed the following communication to the members of the exchange:

"To Members:—We have not had sufficient facilities with which to deal effectively with the annoyance and loss resulting from poor service long since rendered by the railroads, and have concluded to inaugurate a system of checking stock from the time it reaches the terminals until delivered at the stock yards as well as the time made while en route to Kansas City. We believe that the so-called tonnage rule, in effect by the different lines, is responsible, at least in part, for the slow time made on live stock and that much of the delay which occurs within the Kansas City terminals is unnecessary and can be avoided. The transportation committee, with authority received from our board of directors, has employed D. W. Vaughn, sr., to assist in carrying out our new plans, and while he will make his headquarters in the office of the secretary, much of his time wil be spent in the railroad yards with a view of securing more prompt delivery of stock after arrival in Kansas City.

"Daily records of the service rendered by the different lines will be compiled and made public, along with such further action as the committee may deem most expedient.

"Unanimity of action is necessary to bring about the much needed relief, and in addition to the information which we shall obtain in the manner previously mentioned, individual reports from members will be appreciated.

"By so augmenting the transportation bureau we believe that our combined efforts will be successful and it is the purpose of the committee to vigorously prosecute this matter until better service is secured and maintained.

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The evil of a poor railroad service is worse at Fort Worth than at Kansas City, on interstate shipments. We have some relief on shipments originating in Texas,as the State Railroad Commission has power to overhaul delinquents in such cases, but when hogs are loaded at Oklahoma or Indian Territory points the commission has no jurisdiction. The loudest complaints are made from hog shippers. A split shipment from a point equally distant from Fort Worth and Kansas City will reach the former market six or ten hours sooner than it gets to Fort Worth. Hog shippers sometimes go to Kansas City, knowing their hogs will not bring as much as at Fort Worth, because of the quicker run to that market. If the publicity remedy works there, we ought to try it here.

HORSE AND MULE SALE.

Buyers and Sellers Gathering for the Auction Sale Tomorrow.

The February sale of the Fort Worth Horse and Mule Commission Co. will begin tomorrow. Buyers are coming in, and the promise is for a good attendance. Mules are wanted by them, and broken ponies are in good demand. The class of stuff to be sold is better than any offered at any former sale. It is evident that the buyers and sellers are acquiring confidence in the Fort Worth market, as is seen in the increased attendance at each sale.

The next sale will be on the 23d, 24th and 25th of February. This means that hereafter the Fort Worth Horse and Mule Commission Co. will hold its auction sales twice a month, instead of monthly.

TO RANGE HOG RAISERS.

Suggestions to Them, from a Writer Who Has Fed Hundreds.

Lorena, Tex., Feb. 7.

Editor Daily Live Stock Reporter—We have been reading your paper for some time, and think it one of the best stockmen's papers published. We read some time ago an article you had on mast versus corn hogs. We believe the people in East and Southwest Texas, as well as other parts, could make more money on hogs than they do, if they would get a few Poland-China, Essex or Berkshire boars and turn them loose in the woods with the common sows. This would make a difference of 50 cents to $1 per 100 pounds in the course of two years in the grade of the hogs. They should also, by all means, spay all sows except the best for breeding purposes, as the range hog has to be fattened on corn before the packers want it. It is a hard matter for a feeder to fatten open sows. Every feeder in the country will pay 25 to 75 cents more for strictly spayed sows and for barrows to feed, than they will for open sows, as spayed sows will fatten better. All who have range hogs and want to make money on them, should at once round them up and spay the sows.

We have been feeding hogs by the hundreds for some time, and know there is a wide difference between open and spayed sows. Besides, this gives you a better chance to grade up your herds. So let us insist now, while the weather is cool, that you should round up your hogs, spay the sows, alter all the common boars, and get a few good ones, then see the difference when you go to sell next winter. Respectfully

MILES & CONYERS.

BALTIMORE STILL BURNING.

Today's late telegraphic dispatches from Baltimore say the fire that broke out there at 11 o'clock Sunday morning was still raging, and estimates of the loss of property were from $150,000,000 to $250,000,000. If this is true, it has been more destructive than the Chicago fire.

RATE REDUCTION IN MISSOURI.

The Missouri Railroad Commission has ordered the railroads in that state to reduce their charges for hauling live stock, the reduction ranging from 5 to 40 per cent. This will effect shipments made entirely in Missouri. If stock is sent across the Mississippi at St. Louis to the National Yards, the shipment is interstate, and the reduction doesn't go.

RECEIPTS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.	
R. B. Moore, Stephenville	35
C. W. Griffin, Shamrock	6
W. Hollman, La Grange	25
W. C. English, Dangerfield	35
F. Shifflett, Krum	30
J. H. Bray, Valley View	29
J. S. Franks, Valley View	27
W. H. Hughes, Mt. Pleasant	59
C. G. Hughes, Mt. Pleasant	31
J. R. Rich, Mt. Pleasant	31
J. M. Dupree, Mt. Vernon	41
J. B. Merrell, Mt. Pleasant	94
Chisp Tew, Mt. Pleasant	31
C. E. Hicks, Hicks	20
Coleman & K., Encinal	217
Johnson Bros., Millett	25
T. P. W., Hillsboro	44
W. A. Halley, Oakwoods	28
E. Kerr, Ector	37
S. C. Arnett, Monahans	155
J. D. McCutcheon, Monahans	106
A. J. Wilcox, Midland	116
C. R. Morgan, Bowie	35
McCommon & Woodley, Sabinal	282
J. M. Combs, Waco	24
H. E. Ruff, Denton	30
Chas. Schreiner, Kerrville	19
B. & V., Belton	90
C. E. Taylor, Brownwod	29
W. A. Butler, Brownwood	36
A. A. Hartgrove, Brownwood	53
Carroll & Baker, Brady	27
Whitehead & G., Blanket	36
W. M. Tyson, Dublin	33
J. H. Meyers, Dublin	40
E. S. Barry, Dublin	30
W. L. Stephens, Dublin	36
Mills Clements, Dublin	34
S. J. Allen, Dublin	72
Jno. Oxford, Stephenvile	38
N. D. Thompson, Iatan	224
Jno. Lovelady, Colorado	20
W. L. Clark, Gainesville	63
Hogs.	
J. S. Fisher, Pawnee, O. T.	81
Donohue Bros., Mulhall, O. T.	86
J. N. Payne, Graham, Tex.	69
C. Watts, Yukon, O. T.	191
Howe Bros., Billings, O. T.	69
Jas. Austin, Doxey, O. T.	63
A. White, Washita, O. T.	62
A. Lacy, Foss, O. T.	80
W. Moore, Weatherford, O. T.	88
H. R. Paden, Geary, O. T.	93
J. D. Dezell, Marquez, Tex.	102
J. D. Dezell, Oakwood, Tex.	160
E. D. Bose, San Antonio, Tex.	89
R. A. Shepard, Cleveland, O. T.	105
C. R. Morgan, Bowie, Tex.	3
W. H. Cantsinger, Wortham, Tex.	107
E. Chilton, Mounds, I. T.	199
D. L. Bopst, Watonga, O. T.	159
Sheep.	
Swift & Co., St. Joseph, Mo.	210
Horses and Mules.	
H. M. King, Alice	60
M. R. Birdwell, Mineral Wells	23
Jas. Austin, Doxey, O. T.	2

BUYERS ON SATURDAY'S MARKET.

Cattle.	
Armour & Co.	140
Swift & Co.	110
J. Williams	29
Saunders	65
Others	8
Calves.	
Swift & Co.	30
Armour & Co.	11
Hogs.	
Swift & Co.	614
Armour & Co.	49
Eastman	3
Z. T. Burkett	2

WAR AND FOOD PRICES

SOLDIERS IN THE FIELD MUST HAVE MEAT TO EAT.

Probable Effect of a War Between Russia and Japan on Our Cattle, Hogs and Wheat.

The news from the East today assures war between Russia and Japan. Both of these countries, as well as China, which is likely to become involved, are extensive users of our cotton, and a war will largely cut off the demand. This has had its effect on our cotton market. Saturday the loss was $4.30 per 100 pounds. This means that a 500-pound bale of cotton that would have sold for $80 on Friday's market, was worth but $68 on Saturday. Cotton is still going down. We heard of a farmer near Arlington who had 10 bales that he was offered 15.90 for in the early part of last week, and refused the offer, saying he was going to hold for 20 cents. The best price he could get today is about 13 cents.

While cotton is hard hit by the war, beef, pork and wheat are boosted up. Soldiers in the field must be fed. The Japanese are not meat-eaters, living mainly on rice and fish, but the Russians must have meat. When a big army is put in action the soldiers demand beef. The big packing houses of the United States are the only source that they can look to for their supplies. Such a demand ought to make better prices for cattle. They will not make drafts on our bacon supplies, as this meat is too high priced. It is said that the American and British armies are the only ones that are fed on pork or bacon, as the price is too high for the European armies.

If the war should last for six months, covering the time of the next wheat harvest, it will advance the price of wheat considerably. Russia is the only European nation, except France, that raises an exportable surplus of wheat. War will diminish the crop of that country and increase the demand. The Japanese warships may be able to blockade and close the ports of Russia. In this case the consuming nations of Europe must look to the United States as the sole source of supply, and this increased demand will bring about a considerable advance in price.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	22,000	33,000	25,000
Kansas City	7,000	6,000	3,000
St. Louis	5,000	6,000	2,000
St. Joseph	1,500	3,300	4,000
	35,500	48,300	34,000

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Feb. 8.—CATTLE—Receipts 22,000. Market steady to 10 higher. Beeves, $3.50@5.75, cows and heifers $1.50@4.00, stockers and feeders $2.25@4.10.

HOGS — Receipts 33,000. Market strong, 10 to 15 higher. Top $5.25, bulk $4.40@5.05. Good to choice heavy $4.95@5.25, mixed and butchers $4.60@5.15, rough heavy $4.85@5.05, light $4.65@4.90, pigs $4.25@4.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 25,000. Steady.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—CATTLE—Receipts 7,000. Market steady. Beeves $3.50@5.00, cows and heifers $2.00@3.60, stockers and feeders $2.50@4.10, Texas and Westerns $3.50@4.25.

HOGS — Receipts 6,000. Market strong, 5 higher. Top $5.10, bulk $4.80@4.95. Good to choice heavy $4.95@5.05, mixed and butchers $4.75@5.00, lights $4.55@4.80, pigs $3.50@4.50.

SHEEP—Receipts 3,000. Strong.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Feb. 8.—CATTLE — Receipts 5,000, Texas 2,700. Steady. Texas steers $2.75@4.10, cows and heifers $2.00@2.90.

HOGS — Receipts 6,000. Market strong, 5 higher. Top $5.10. Butchers $4.80@5.10, packers $4.65@4.85, pigs and lights $4.40@4.65.

SHEEP — Receipts 2,000. Steady; $2.70@4.00.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 8.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 1,500. Market slow, mostly steady.

HOGS — Receipts 3,300. Mostly 10 higher. Top $5.10, bulk $4.70@5.00.

SHEEP — Receipts 4,000. Market steady. Colorado lambs $5.75, Nebraska ewes $3.85.

The Bulk of Snow.

A cubic foot of new fallen snow weighs five and a half pounds on the average and has twelve times the bulk of an equal weight of water.

Tobacco Shops in France.

Keeping a tobacco shop in France is a position greatly coveted by gentlewomen in reduced circumstances. The sale of tobacco being a state monopoly, the government generally bestows the right to keep a bureau de tabac on the widows and daughters of officers and government officials.

Europe's First Carpets.

The first carpets made in Europe were manufactured in France in 1664, in imitation of some which had been brought from Turkey.

DAILY WEATER REPORT.

Weather Bureau, Fort Worth, Feb. 8.—Local weather forecast:

Tonight and Tuesday, generally cloudy weather.

Probably light rain or snow.

ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS TODAY.

H. R. Paden had in from Geary, O. T., 93 188-lb. hogs, which sold at $5.

J. R. Rich sold 30 steers from Jacksboro, of 718 pounds average, at $2.10.

Donohue Bros. of Mulhall, O. T., had in 86 hogs averaging 206 pounds that sold at $5.

C. G. Hughes sent in from Mt. Pleasant 80 steers of 777 pounds average that sold at $2.40.

The week starts off with a good run of hogs and cattle, and with good markets for both.

A. Lacy, a regular shipper from Foss, O. T., marketed 79 hogs averaging 221 pounds at $4.90.

James Austin, of Doxey, O. T., had in 63 196 pound hogs that went to Armour & Co. at $4.90.

Johnson Bros. from Millett had 25 steers on the market that averaged 923 and sold at $3.

F. Shifflett was in from Krum with 25 cows that averaged 827 pounds and brought $2.40.

J. S. Fisher of Pawnee, O. T., marketed today 81 hogs, averaging 224 pounds, which sold to Swift & Co. at $5.05.

Coleman & Keeran sold 48 good cows, shipped in from Coleman. They averaged 716 pounds and brought $2.50.

C. E. Hicks from Hicks Station sold the top steers today. Twenty head of 1230 pounds average brought $3.75.

A. A. Hartgrove, who is regularly shipping to this market from Brownwood, sold 53 steers of 897 pounds average at $3.

H. C. Edrington drove in from his feed lots near Fort Worth 87 steers that averaged 1088 and sold at $3.50 to Swift & Co.

J. B. Merrell had a long string of steers from Mt. Pleasant on today's market. Sales were, 121 head, average 738 lbs., at $2.40.

On the late market a load of 68 hogs, averaging 224, shipped in by Howe Bros., from Billings, O. T., topped the market at $5.10.

Arthur White of Washita, O. T., had in 55 hogs averaging 235 pounds which sold at $5, with 8 pigs averaging 125 lbs. at $4.15.

H. Moore of Doxey, O. T., had in his first shipment, a mixed car of hogs, steers and mules, which sold at satisfactory prices.

C. R. Morgan from Bowie sold 12 cows of 634 pounds at $2.50, and 15 of 774 at $2.10. The lighter cows were fat, and sold well.

W. Moore, of Weatherford, O. T., was represented on the market today with 88 hogs averaging 209 pounds which sold at $5.00.

J. A. Kelley of Gainesville has taken charge of the Transit House restaurant, and will serve three regular meals a day hereafter, and cater to regular boarders as well as short orders.

Spencer D. Green, cattle buyer for Swift & Co., has gone to Chicago on a vacation. His many friends here wish him a good time and speedy return. Mr. Berry of St. Louis will attend to his work during his absence.

C. Watts, one of the regular and well known shippers to this market from Yukon, O. T., had in two loads of 191 hogs. Two lots of 81 and 91, averaging 192 and 196 pounds, sold at $4.95, with 19 110-lb. pigs at $4.25.

E. Chilton sent in 84 hogs from Mounds, I. T., of 175 pounds average that sold at $4.80, 35 of 132 pounds at $4.52½, and 8 pigs of 105 pounds at $4.10. Though Mr. Chilton has been shipping to this market regularly, this is his first trip to the yards. He likes this market better than Kansas City or St. Louis.

J. N. Payne came in from Graham with a load of hogs. He sold 52 averaging 192 pounds at $4.80 and 8 pigs of 127 pounds at the same. Mr. Payne says these hogs were high grade Berkshires, some of them eligible to registration. He bought them from the farmers, a few at a place, making up a car load. He paid $520.27 for them, and they brought $528.96. Adding the freight and other necessary expenses leaves Mr. Payne out of pocket, showing that he paid more for the hogs than he should.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE.

I have a few car loads of cotton seed from GATHERED COTTON for sale at $9.75 per ton f. o. b., Waxahachie, Tex. H. A. PIERCE, Waxahachie, Tex.

Labor Saving Device.

"Yes," said the boarding school teacher, "I think that is a model letter for you to write your fiance. But of course you will copy it, leaving out those numerous spaces?"

"Oh, dear, no!" replied the girl. "Those are for 'dearest.' I have it on a rubber stamp."—Detroit Free Press.

Excess of Attention.

"Did her father show you the door?"

"He did better than that. He showed me the door, the front gate and the corner drug store two blocks away."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The oyster at its best is inferior as a toothsome delicacy to the succulent clam.—Providence Journal.

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

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Notice to Agents.

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Standing an Egg on End.

Any fresh egg can, without being boiled, be balanced on either end by any one possessing patience and a steady hand.

In order to save time the egg should be placed for a short time on the end upon which it is desired to balance it, so as to allow the yolk to settle; then both forearms of the person making the experiment should be rested on the edge of the table and the egg should be taken between the three fingers and thumbs of both hands and slowly turned around until the center of gravity is found. This experiment may at first require a little time, but after a little practice it will be found very easy to do. It would be well to try it first on the tablecloth and then on the bottom of a plate.

It is conceded, of course, that the present century is far more advanced than that of Columbus, so it is only to be expected that different ideas should have been formed, even as to the balancing of eggs.

A Defense of Dancing.

It is not necessary in these days to defend the claim of the dance to a place among the arts. As soon as we have got rid of the Puritan prejudice on the point (and one may hope that this no longer exists for the intelligent part of the population) the claim is too overwhelming to need apology, for if we take art to mean the production of beauty then the case only needs stating to be conceded, while if we understand it as self expression in some concrete form we shall find that the dance, which is a kind of fusion of music, painting and sculpture, is pre-eminently capable of giving expression beyond the possibility of words to the basic, and therefore largely inarticulate, parts of our nature—the hunger of the spirit and the joy of life.—London Outlook.

Genesis of Life Insurance.

Life insurance originated in 1706 in London. In that year there was formed the first life insurance company. It was called the Amicable Society For a Perpetual Assurance Office. It was a mutual benefit concern.

Each member, without reference to age, paid a fixed admission fee and a fixed annual charge per share on from one to three shares, and at the end of the year a portion of the fund accumulated was divided among the heirs of those who had died, in accordance with the number of shares each dead person had held. Out of this company, with its crude and imperfect methods, life insurance as it exists today has grown.

Swinging Round the Circle.

In the journey of life we often travel in circles. Therefore do today the good that is in you. Plant your blossoms. You will come back to them by and by. It is the beauty of the things that you do today that has most to do with making beautiful your tomorrow. One of the blessings of the sunset is in reaping the memories of what was planted in the morning.

The First Corset.

The first corset—not counting ancient modifications of the Grecian zone and girdle—was introduced into France by Catherine de' Medici. It was a strange affair and fashioned after the style of a knight's cuirass. The framework was entirely of iron, and the velvet, which decorated the exterior only, served to hide a frightful and cumbersome article of torture.

Good Scheme.

Hicks—You keep duplicates of all your old love letters? What an idea! Wicks—Yes; when I have done something particularly foolish I just read over one of those letters. It is quite encouraging to know that I'm not nearly so much of a fool as I used to be.—Boston Transcript.

The Literal Truth.

Dunns—What do you mean by sending me word that you were not in? Debts—I didn't. I sent you word that I was out. Dunns—Well, and what did you mean by that? Debts—Exactly what I said. I am out of cash.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Amplifying Him.

First Guest (at banquet)—Is this diamond backed terrapin? Second Guest—That's what the caterer calls it. First Guest (tasting it)—Well, he's a prevaricaterer.—Chicago Tribune.

Sentence Suspended.

"Her voice was tried by a famous singing master."

"Was it found guilty?"—Princeton Tiger.

Getting in debt is like sliding down a greased pole; getting out is like climbing the same pole.—Augusta (Ga.) Herald.

REPLY NOT ACCEPED.

Japan Has Severed Diplomatic Relations With Russia.

ROSEN LEAVES TOKIO

Mikado' Government Says It Became Tired at the Dilatory Tactics That Have Been Pursued at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—Count Lamsdorff, Russian foreign minister, has officially informed Russian representatives abroad that Japan has decided to break off negotiations with Russia and to withdraw minister and whole Japanese legation staff from St. Petersburg. The Russian foreign minister thereupon ordered Russian Minister Baron de Rosen and his staff to leave Tokio.

Although the fear was general here that the presentation of the Russian note to Japan might be followed by an act on the part of the Japanese government, which would plunge the countries into war, the startling action of Japan in severing diplomatic relations with Russia before the actual delivery of the Russian note came like a bolt from a clear sky. It was believed that the receipt of the note might have unmasked an ultimatum, but that Japan was sever diplomatic relations, a step little short of a declaration of war, was almost like a blow in the face under the present circumstances and it is resented here accordingly. The authorities believe this action places Japan distinctly in the wrong before world and moreover, after such a "piece of impudence" as it is denominated here, makes easy an appeal to the patriotism of the Russian people.

The Russian note was already in the hand of Baron de Rosen, Russian minister at Tokio, for delivery to Baron Komura, the Japanese foreign minister, when at 4 o'clock M. Kurino, the Japanese minister here, presented himself at the foreign office and informed Foreign Minister Landsdorff that his government, in view of the delays connected with the Russian answer and the futility hitherto of the negotiations, considered it useless to continue diplomatic relations and would take such steps as it deemed proper for the protectionof Japan's interests. In obedience to instructions, therefore, he asked for his passports.

Exactly what else passed at this interview is not known, except that Count Lamsdorff expressed surpriise and regret at this hasty resolve of the mikado's government.

STEP TOWARD WAR.

This Is the View That Is Now Held at Tokio.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—The severance of diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan appears to be a step towards war, although when the ministers of Russia and Japan withdraw from their respective posts quick and decisive action is expected. When Minister of Foreign Affairs Komura, on Saturday, notified Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, of Japan's determination to sever diplomatic relations, he is reported to have declared to him that Japan is tired of Russia's delay, evasions and insincerity, and has decided to take independent action for the conservatism of Japan's oriental interests.

Why Japan Thus Acted.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Japanese to France says the reason his government broke negotiations with Russia was because the latter did not treat his government with proper courtesy. Russia received Japan's last note Jan. 15. Several times a reply was requested, but it did not come until three weeks. In the meantime Russia continued to make military preparations and to concentrate troops in the vicinity of the Yalu river.

BLOODY TRAGEDY.

Four Persons Lost Their Lies, and Three Were Wounded.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 8.—A bloody tragedy was enacted in the little mining town of Coal Creek, Tenn., forty miles northwest of Knoxville, as the result of which four lives were snuffed out and three person wounded, one haps fatally. The clash was the culmination of trouble between union and non-union labor and the excitement which followed rivalled that when nearly 600 lives were crushed out in an explosion in the Fraterville mine in May, 1902. Three of the dead men were killed by guards employed by the Coal Creek company while the fourth victim, a deputy sheriff, was killed by guard he had gone to arrest.

Was Still Raging.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—At 3 o'clock Monday morning the fire raging fiercely. So far as known at that hour no serious casualities have been reported to the police. Telephone wires of all kinds are prostrated. Express wagons have been kept busy all night removing furniture and fixtures from the counting rooms and warehouses in the threatened district. The fire has now covered an area of three-quarters of a mile in length by a quarter of a mile width, taking the most valuable buildings in the city. No one will venture on an estimate of the monetary loss.

Dodge Is Held.

Houston, Feb. 8.—After hearing the argument in the Charles F. Dodge habeas corpus case Judge Burns decided to hold appellant in bond of $10,000 and will listen to argument on the appeal about the 17th inst.

General Reyes has been elected president of Colombia.

TEXANS SUE.

Company at Fort Worth Bring Action at Helena, Mont.

St. Paul, Feb. 8.—A special from Helena, Mont., says Rosario Mining and Milling company of Fort Worth, Tex., have begun suit in United States court here to secure judgments for $400,000 and $100,00 respectively, against William Falconer, Frank L. Sizer and Charles W. Clark, the latter a son of Senator Clark, administrators of the estate of Edward W. Whitmore. The $400,000 judgment sought is alleged to be the purchase price for Osario mine in Mexico, which, it is charged, defendants refuse to pay for, and $100,000 claim for damages alleged to have been sustained because property was not taken over according to agreement.

LABOR UNION SUITS.

Reported That Attorney General Will Assist In Prosecution.

Austin, Feb. 8.—District Attorney Bee of San Antonio was here conferring with the attorney general regarding the anti-trust suits against certain labor organizations in San Antonio. The suits were instituted under the new law and were filed some time ago.

It is alleged that the attorney general will assist in the prosecution and that the cases will be set for trial some time within the next thirty days.

Seriously Hurt.

Victoria, Tex., Feb. 8.—While boarding a moving train at this place Fred W. Hewitt, a well known salesman, had an arm cut off, a leg broken and probably fatal internal injuries. His parents, brother and sister, residing at Groesbeck, are at his bedside.

Thirty-Five Years.

Cleburne, Tex., Feb. 8.—John Bateson was given thirty-five years in the penitentiary. He was charged with the murder of W. S. Pate. His attorneys will appeal.

Doctors Testified.

Houston, Feb. 8.—Judge Burns in the federal court Saturday resumed hearing of the application of Charles F. Dodge for a writ of injunction against Governor Lanham of Texas and others to prevent extradition to New York on a charge of perjury. The entire morning was taken up in testimony of physicians, evidence tending to show that Dodge's health is in a precarious state and it would be dangerous to remove him to New York at the present time.

BEARS CONFIDENT.

They Seemed to Have an Inning In the New York Market.

New York, Feb. 8.—Buying cotton Friday supposed to be for bull leaders on pool orders to regain control of the market came to naught again Saturday, when a sensational break in Liverpool, very threatening war news from the far east, heavy estimated receipts and bearish visible supply statements rendered local bears more confident than ever.

New York market opened weak at a loss of 40 to 55 points, which had been increased to 52 to 76 points on active months before call was completed, with March selling as low as 13.83, May at 14.05 and July at 14.08. Following this there was considerable covering and prices rallied a few points from bottom, but every trifling bulge brought out fresh pressure and the market ruled very feverish and irregular.

Not Much Excitement.

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—Cotton market Saturday opened steady with prices irregular. There was a large business, but not much excitement until the last hour, when prices gave way in some cases 25 points from the highest. Later they rallied, but again weakened, closing 4 to 12 points lower than Friday's closing, except October and November, which were 1 point higher.

Shorts Anxious to Cover.

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—The cotton market opened weak and from 30 to 65 points down Saturday. It, however, had a sold out appearance and the shorts showed some anxiety to cover. Leading bulls bought quietly, but heavily, and on these purchases the tone became steadier and prices showed some improvement.

THREE CLOSE CALLS.

Broken Limb, Broken Arm and Several of Man's Ribs Fractured.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Death through three agencies has come close to Malcolm Lindell, all within a few minutes. As mementos of his adventure he has a broken leg, a broken arm and several fractured ribs, which will necessitate a stay in the hospital. Lindell was crossing the Lake Shore railway bridge over the Calumet river when a Pennsylvania train bore down on him. He leaped directly in front of a passing Lake Shore train. He was hurled over the bridge rail into the river. The engineer of the Pennsylvania train saw the accident, stopped his train and went to the rescue. A rope was lowered and Lindell wrapped it around his body and he was drawn to safety.

Wrong Place Named.

Little Rock, Feb. 8.—The town of Lake Village, Chicot county, was erroneously reported by the Associated Press Thursday night to have been swept by fire. No fire occurred in Lake Village. The item should have referred to Lake City, Craighead county, where property estimated at $25,000 in value was destroyed by fire Thursday.

Government Had Majority.

London, Feb. 8.—In the ultimate division in the house of commons on Mr. Robinson's amendment to the address, the government had a majority.

In Beal addition to Lawton, Okla., oil has been struck.

A Reminder.

"There," said the tailor; "that suit certainly fits you perfectly."

"Yes, indeed. You may justly feel proud of that," replied the customer. "It's a credit to you."

"Well—er—I hope you won't forget it's a debit to you."—Exchange.

Respect.

"Children don't seem to have as much respect for their parents as formerly."

"No," answered the cynic, "and I have never quite been able to make up my mind whether this is because modern children are less dutiful or more discerning."—Washington Star.

Soothing Sirup.

Vexed Wife—There is no calamity that can befall a woman that I have not suffered! Amiable Husband—Wrong, my dear. Now, you have never been a widow. Vexed Wife—I said calamity, sir!

BUTLER ACQUITTED.

Jury Says He Is Not Guilty of Bribery, as Charged.

Fulton, Mo., Feb. 8.—The jury in the case of Col. Edward Butler, the millionaire St. Louis politician, on trial on a charge of bribing nineteen members of the house of delegates of St. Louis, returned a verdict which reads: "We, the jury, find defendant not guilty." The verdict was returned at 10 o'clock Saturday. When court opened at 8 o'clock the jury had come in and reported that they were unable to agree. They were ordered back to the room to further consider the case.

Circuit Attorney Folk, who was in court, appeared dumbfounded. "I thought the state presented a good case," he said. "Beyond that I have nothing to say now."

About eighteen ballots were taken, according to Foreman Rosser, and at the start the jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction.

MOSQUITO AND OYSTER.

New Jersey Will Exhibit Two of Her Most Famous Products.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—It is New Jersey's ambition to show at the World's fair how to cultivate the famous and delicious New Jersey oyster and to exterminate the infamous and mighty New Jersey mosquito.

New Jersey will do a lot of other things at the exposition, but Lewis T. Bryant, secretary of the New Jersey commission, says that two exhibits which have been allotted space in the Palace of Forestry, Fish and Game will be of more than common interest. All who have tickled their palates with the luscious bivalves and all those who have yielded up their rich, red blood to satisfy the voracious appetite of the pesky Jersey mosquito, which seems to thrive in all states, will be glad to know how to multiply the former and be overjoyed to learn of the fate that awaits the latter.

The New Jersey commission has prepared a special big tank and will have it filled with the larvae of the dreaded mosquito and also will install a fleet of mosquito destroyers. An eminent scientist will be in charge.

STATUS OF PLAYERS.

This Will Be Made Known at a Meeting to Be Held Soon.

Little Rock, Feb. 8.—President W. H. Kavanaugh of the Southern Baseball league, who is also a member of the national board of arbitration of the Minor Baseball Leagues' asosciation, has received the official call of Chairman M. H. Sexton for a meeting of that board in Cleveland, Feb. 23, to hear the report of Mr. Hanlon, the minor league representative, at the San Francisco peace agreement meeting. Until that meeting the status of Southern league players now on the coast cannot be fixed.

PRESIDENT INDORSED.

Resolution of Sympathy For Senator Hanna Also Passed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The National Republican Editorial association at its meeting here unanimously passed a resolution offered by Charles S. Francis, editor of the Troy, N. Y., Times, strongly endorsing President Roosevelt for the nomination for the presidency and pledging the best efforts of the association to that end. Another resolution offered by Thomas P. Peters of the Brooklyn Times, expressing sympathy of the association with Senator Hanna in his serious illness, also was adopted.

ENDURANCE RUN.

It Is Proposed to Have One During Present Year.

New York, Feb. 8.—Plans are being made for the largest and longest endurance run ever held in the country. In connection with the endurance run itself, it is also hoped to hold a series of club runs, all to have St. Louis for their goal. If proper arrangements can be made the race track of St. Louis may be secured for a week or more at the close of the run, and besides used as a gauge, races and exhibition runs will be held.

Those who have been discussing the subject are inclined to believe that some time in June, probably from the middle to the end of the month, would be the most acceptable time to run.

Fatally Shot Conductor.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Two unidentified robbers shot and fatally wounded George Beckler, a conductor on the Western avenue electric line on Saturday, when he resisted their attempts to rob him. The attempted robber occurred at the northern terminus of the line at Fullerton avenue. The robbers escaped.

Seven More Closed.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Seven more carriage and wagon factories have closed because of the demands of the union for increased wages and a closed shop. There are now 101 factories shut and 1058 carriage and wagon workers idle.

Extremely Weak.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Hanna was in an extremely weak condition Saturday, but the attending physicians were not alarmed. Many inquiries were received and cards of sympathy sent.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Near Timpson, Tex., Mrs. A. D. King suicided by jumping in a well.

Thirty bales of cotton were sold at Albany, Tex., for 15½ cents per pound.

Robert Ellin, the noted stone and wood carver, is dead at Yonkers, N. J.

About 1000 acres in Nacogdoches county, Texas, are to be planted in tobacco.

Durant, I. T., city council has sold the $104,000 bonds to a Cincinnati firm at par, flat.

The death of Colonel George E. Dodge, a noted attorney, is reported at Little Rock.

With a bullet hole in his breast the remains of V. H. Ryan were found near Bon Ami, La.

Japanese residents of San Francisco have been ordered to return at once to their native land.

In a runaway near Vinton, La., Mrs. E. Parker was thrown against a telephone pole and her neck broken.

Body of George Bearskin was found between Grove, I. T., and Seneca, Mo. He had been frozen to death.

Edward M. Underhill, former expert accountant of the Texas railroad commission, died at Austin.

Hogg-Swayne syndicate has sold to the J. M. Guffy Petroleum company 700 acres in and near the Batson oil field.

General Nelson A. Miles is president of a syndicate which will carbonize crude oil in the Gwendale, I. T., district.

A fire in the general offices and warehouse at the Advance Thrasher company at Crowley, La., did about $15,000 damages.

Abilene Dry Goods and Grocery company, Abilene, Tex., filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities about $30,000; assets over $40,000.

Red hematite has been found near Gwendale, I. T., five miles west of Vinita. A syndicate will erect smelters and steel mills.

Central Oklahoma fair will be held at El Reno, beginning Oct. 10 and continuing six days. Grounds will be secured soon.

An aged man of Shawnee, Okla., named Thomas Pruitt, fell off the Choctaw bridge over Squirrel creek and sustained fatal injuries.

Dr. J. W. Thompson of Hillsboro, Ark., who last March killed Dr. A. Finley, has met the same fate at the hands of Ben Finley, brother of Dr. Finley.

Deputy George H. Miller has been appointed by Judge Clayton United States marshal ad interim until ex-Marshal Hackett's successor is appointed.

A negro who made remarks relative to the recent assault on Mrs. Shields and her little girl at Roanoke, Va., was tied to a telephone pole at Salern and unmercifully flogged.

Katy railway will use International and Great Northern track between Austin and San Marcos so as to make complete line from San Antonio to St. Louis.

Mrs. Bettie Nealy was arrested at Paterson, N. J., charged with stabbing to death with a bread knife James Kohn. The woman, her husband and Kohn were drinking.

Eighteen Kentucky mountaineers called on Mayor McClellan of New York. One of them told the mayor he fought against his father during the civil war, but voted for him for president in 1864.

BURNED BOTH.

Negro and His Wife Suffer Death In the Flames.

Memphis, Dec. 8.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Doddsville, Miss., says:

Luther Holbert and his wife, negroes, were burned at the stake here Sunday by a mob of over 1000 persons for the killing of James Eastland, a prominent white planter, and John Car, a negro, on Wednesday morning at the Eastland plantation, two miles from this city.

The burning of Holbert and his wife closes a tragedy which has cost eight lives, has engaged 200 men and two packs of bloodhounds in a four days' chase across four counties, and has stirred up this section of Mississippi to such a state of excitement as it has never before experienced in its history.

Wind Storm at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Tex., Feb. 8.—Wind and hail did damage here Sunday. The Hughes hotel was injured several hundred dollars' worth, and other buildings damaged.

Child Burned to Death.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 8.—While alone in the house, the five-year-old daughter of Allison Bayliff of Cherokee was burned to death.

NEW INDUSTRIES.

Some of Those Established In Texas and Also Louisiana.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—New Texas industries the past week as follows are reported by the Manufacturers' Record: Oil refinery at Sour Lake; development of lignite coal lands at Alba; salt plant at Grand Saline; increase of capacity of cement plant at Dallas; cannery at Kleburg, and lumber mill at Trawick.

Following are reported in Louisiana: Pickling plant, coffee roasting plant and hide and tallow plant at New Orleans, and oil development at Crowley.

Language Prohibited

New York, Feb. 8.—The Commercial Cable company has been advised by the Japanese administration that language is prohibited in private messages to Japan.

Report Caused Scare.

London, Feb. 8.—The scare in official circles here was exemplified Saturday by the wild report current on the stock exchange that a severe naval engagement had taken place in which three Russian and two Japanese ships were sunk.

When She Listens.

He—A woman would rather talk than listen. She—Well, that depends. He—Depends on what? She—Whether or not a man is making her a proposal.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

They Were Not There.

"Are these men the future husbands of our daughters?" said a matron at the afternoon swell wedding reception.

"No," said a knowing mother. "They are downtown, making a living."—Cleveland Leader.

Too Much Chin.

Gassaway—My razor's in pretty poor condition. I believe it's tired. You know, they say razors get that way. Sharply (wearily)—Ah, yes; tired of your chin.—Pittsburg Post.

"Lots of men," said Uncle Eben, "kin look wise an' lots kin talk wise, but de men dat kin act wise is mighty scarce."—Washington Star.

TEXAS LIVE STOCK RATES.

Tariff Fixed for Shippers by the State Railway Commission.

The following tables gives the rate on beef cattle, oxen, cows, calves, goats, hogs and sheep; also on cattle 2 years old and over, for distances from 10 miles to 750.

DISTANCE—Miles.	RATES. No. 1	RATES. No. 2
10 and less	6	8½
15 and over 10	6½	9
20 and over 15	7	9½
25 and over 20	7½	10
30 and over 25	8	10½
35 and over 30	8½	11½
40 and over 35	9	12
45 and over 40	9½	12½
50 and over 45	10	13
60 and over 50	10½	13½
70 and over 60	11	14¼
80 and over 70	11½	15
90 and over 80	12	15½
100 and over 90	12½	16¼
125 and over 100	13¾	17½
150 and over 125	15	18¾
175 and over 150	16¼	20
200 and over 175	17½	21¼
250 and over 200	18¾	22½
300 and over 250	20	23¾
350 and over 300	21¼	25
400 and over 350	22½	26
450 and over 400	23¾	27
500 and over 450	25	28
550 and over 500	26¼	29
600 and over 550	27½	30
650 and over 600	28¾	31
700 and over 650	30	32
750 and over 700	31¼	33
over 750	32½	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 shipment over two or more lines under different managements.

LIVE STOCK COMMISSION FIRMS

Now Having Offices at the Exchange and Doing Business at the Yards.

The following live stock commission firms are members of the Fort Worth Live Stock Exchange and have their places of business in the Exchange Building:

Barse Live Stock Com. Co.
Campbell & Rosson L. S. Com. Co.
Cassidy-Southwestern L. S. Com. Co.
Evans-Montague L. S. Com. Co.
Evans-Snider-Buel Co.
Geo. W. Saunders L. S. Com. Co.
Greer, Mills & Co.
Interstate Live Stock Com. Co.
National Live Stock Com. Co.
North Texas Live Stock Com. Co.
Russell-Flato Live Stock Com. Co.
Way-Ware Com. Co.

CHARGES FOR SELLING LIVE STOCK

Rates Fixed by the 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 a 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.

Yardage Charges.

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

Cattle, per head	25c
Calves, per head	15c
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 a bale.

Officers of the Exchange.

Officers and directors of the Live Stock Exchange are:

R. H. McNatt, president.
Sam Davidson, vice-president.
V. S. Wardlaw, secretary.
Marion Sansom, treasurer.

Directors: R. H. McNatt, Sam Davidson, C. L. Brown, D. Wyrick, W. B. King, J. W. Montague, A. F. Crowley, R. Barse, John Daggett.

The Cream of Tartar Tree.

The oldest tree now extant is probably the baobab (Adansonia digitata) of Africa, alias the sour gourd or cream of tartar tree (Adansonia gregorii) of Australia. This remarkable tree has a rather short and branching trunk not more than sixty or seventy feet high, while its girth at the ground is from eighty-five to ninety-five feet. One of them has names cut upon it which date back to the fourteenth century, and the naturalist Adanson, who gave the genus its botanic name, calculated from certain data that its age must be upward of 5,000 years. The hollow trunks of these trees, which are capacious enough to hold comfortably thirty or forty bodies, are used as tombs by the native Africans, where the suspended corpses soon become thoroughly mummified and preserved.

Her Double Turn.

"Is there any foundation for the popular belief that the constituents of man's body are renewed once every seven years?" inquired the female medical student.

"I do not know how it is with a man," replied the grumpy old professor, who does not approve of having women attend his lectures, "but I have read of a certain female whose body underwent two complete physical changes in the course of a very few minutes."

"How and when did such a wonderful thing happen?"

"It was Lot's wife. You remember she turned to rubber and then almost at once turned to salt."

Security For the Future.

Wife—Darling, we dined at the Squatsons just one week ago tonight. Do you realize that we must make out dinner call? Husband—Suppose we don't. Wouldn't they like it? Wife—Why, they never would forgive us. I'm sure they would never ask us again. Husband—Good! Then we won't go.—Brooklyn Life.

What He Wanted to Say.

"So," demanded the cross examining lawyer, "you desire to make a categorical denial of all these charges, do you?"

"No, sor," answered the witness, "but I'll say there ain't a worrud of truth in any of them."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Wifely Optimism.

Husband—When I see all these bills I am tired of life. Do you think the time will ever come when we shall be out of debt? Wife (cheerfully)—Why not, darling? You know that you are carrying an exceptionally large life insurance.—Harper's Bazar.

ORTH RAILWAY SCHEDULE

Rock Island System.

trains at T. & P. Passenger Sta- t of Main street:

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

Frisco System

d River, Texas & Southern Ry.

	Arrive. North
am K.C.&St. L. Mail&Ex.	2:55 pm
am ..... Mixed	7:50 pm

Ft. W. & R. G. Ry.

	Arrive.
pm Brownwood M. & Ex.	10:55 am
pm ..... Mixed	6:00 am

Worth & Denver City Railway.

	Arrive.
Denver, Colo. Springs am and Pueblo Mail & Ex	5:10 pm
pm ... Amarillo Ex.	7:25 pm

Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

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

Cotton Belt Route.

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

Texas & Pacific Railway.

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

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Citation by Publication.—No. 22883.—The State of Texas. In the District court, Tarrant county, Texas, February term, A. D. 1904. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded that, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Tarrant eight weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon the heirs of Joseph White and wife Sarah White, late of Tarrant county, now dead, said heirs being named Annie Chambers and husband Tom Chambers, and Lizzie Tyre and husband James Tyre, and further complaining of the heirs of James E. Weathers, late of Tarrant county, Texas, now deceased, said heirs named as follows: Bill Weathers, Jane Hodge, Martha Ice, John Weathers, Jane Weathers, Catherine Parker, John Weathers, Ed Weathers, Ben Weathers, Guy Weathers, Mary Weathers, Marthy Stone, Beckey Shaddy, Will Prichard, Acy Prichard, Harriett Berryhill, Logan Prichard, Ben Prichard, Cicero Prichard, and other heirs of said James E. Weathers, the names of whom are unknown to this plaintiff, all of which are herein styled as defendants, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District court, to be holden in and for the county of Tarrant, at the court house thereof, in the City of Fort Worth, on the second Monday in February, A. D. 1904, the same being the 8th day of said month, then and there to answer the petition of L. C. White, as plaintiff, filed in said court, on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1903, against the heirs of Joseph White and wife Sarah White, late of Tarrant county, now dead, said heirs being named Annie Chambers and husband Tom Chambers, and Lizzie Tyre and husband James Tyre and further complaining of the heirs of James E. Weathers, late of Tarrant county, Texas, now deceased, said heirs named as follows, Bill Weathers, Jane Hodge, Martha Ice, John Weathers, Jane Weathers, Catherine Parker, John Weathers, Ed Weathers, Ben Weathers, Guy Weathers, Mary Weathers, Marthy Stone, Beckey Shaddy, Will Prichard, Acy Prichard, Harriett Berryhill, Logan Prichard, Ben Prichard, Cicero Prichard, and other heirs of said James E. Weathers, the names of whom are unknown to this plaintiff, all of which are herein styled as defendants. Said suit being numbered 22883, the nature of which demand is as follows, to-wit: That heretofore on the — day of ——, 1870, he purchased from Joseph White and wife Sarah White, by general warranty deed, the south half of the R. B. Williams 160-acre survey in Tarrant county, Texas, which said land has been in the possession of this plaintiff since 1870, and plaintiff would further show that on the —— day of ——, 1881, he purchased from J. E. Weathers by general warranty deed, the following described land being situated in Tarrant county, Texas, said land described as being forty (40) acres off of the east end of the J. E. Weathers —— acres survey in said county and state above mentioned. Plaintiff would show that the said deeds to said land was never recorded, but was kept at his house until about the — day of ——, 1891, when by accident his house was destroyed by fire, together with said deeds above mentioned, and there being no record of the same, he is unable to obtain copies thereof; wherefore premises considered, plaintiff prays that he recover of said defendants and each of them his said land, together with all improvements thereon, and that he be allowed to re-establish his said deeds, and for all special and general relief, etc. Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness, Jno. A. Martin, Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant county. Given under my hand and seal of said court in Fort Worth, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1903.

(L.S.) JNO. A. MARTIN,
Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas.
By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
No. 25691.

The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District Court of the Forty-eighth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for eight consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in February, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and unknown heirs of Jas. M. Robinson and H. P. Carver, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Forty-eighth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 8th day of February, 1904, then and there to answer the first amended petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of December, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, State taxes amounting to $18.70, county taxes amounting to $33.60, fees allowed by law amounting to $38.25, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Ninety acres of J. M. Robinson survey abs 1337, tract No. 2, in Tarrant county, Texas, for taxes for the years 1885 to 1893 inclusive, and 1895 to 1902 inclusive.

Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief.

Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 7th day of December, 1903.

(L.S.) JNO. A. MARTIN,
Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas.
By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

**Citation by Publication. No. 25202.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and J. M. Robinson and H. P. Carver, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the original petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of September, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $1.14, county taxes amounting to $2.34, fees allowed by law amounting to $2.25, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lots 11 and 12, block 84, Polytechnic College addition to the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the year 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 5th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25226.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and J. S. Murphy, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the original petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of September, 1903, in said above numbered cause wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $0.75, county taxes amounting $1.35, fees allowed by law amounting to $2.25, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 16, block 20 Union Depot addition to the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the year 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said taxe lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 5th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 25014.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the Districa court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and H. C. McCuown and Land Mortgage Bank of Texas, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the original petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of September, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $2.28, county taxes amounting to $4.06, fees allowed by law amounting to $2.25, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 45, land 500, in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the year 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 5th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 24852.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in January, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and R. B. Zachary, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, then and there to answer the original petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of September, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $2.28, county taxes amounting to $4.06, fees allowed by law amounting to $2.25, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: Lot 45, land 500, in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the year 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 5th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

Citation by Publication. No. 24893.—The State of Texas. Suit pending in the District court Forty-eighth Judicial District of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Tarrant county—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to make publication of this citation in some newspaper published in said county, for three consecutive weeks previous to the second Monday in February, 1904, the return day hereof, and thereby notify and summon the unknown owner, and Mrs. Annie Shelmire and Mrs. Florence Rossington, whose residence is unknown, and all parties owning, having or claiming any interest in the land herein mentioned, to be and appear before the said District court of the Forty-eighth Judicial District of Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, on the second Monday, the 8th day of February, 1904, then and there to answer the original petition of the State of Texas, filed in said court on the 5th day of September, 1903, in said above numbered cause, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and the hereinbefore named parties defendants, and in which the plaintiff alleges that there are now delinquent and unpaid to the State of Texas and county of Tarrant, state taxes amounting to $2.58, county taxes amounting to $4.60, fees allowed by law amounting to $2.25, including a penalty amounting to 10 per cent of said taxes for the year, including and since the year 1897, for which the said taxes are delinquent, together with 6 per cent interest on said taxes from the first day of January next succeeding the years for which any taxes are delinquent, and that the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs are delinquent, unpaid and due to the plaintiff, and that the amount thereof is a charge against and a lien on the said land in Tarrant county, Texas, described as follows: S ½ of lots 1 and 2, block 3, Mulkey addition to Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas, for the year 1902. Plaintiff prays judgment for the amount of the said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for a foreclosure of the said tax lien against all of said defendants on said land, to satisfy the amount of said taxes, penalty, interest, fees and all court costs, and for all other general legal and equitable relief. Herein fail not, but have then and there before this court on the first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon indorsed, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Fort Worth, this the 5th day of December, 1903. Jno. A. Martin, Clerk District Court, Tarrant County, Texas. (L.S.) By E. J. Brock, Jr., Deputy.

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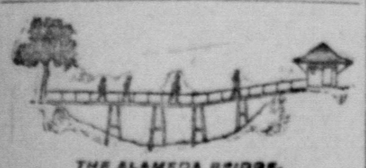

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The Hardiness of Trees.

An expert nurseryman says the hardiness or nonhardiness of trees depends largely upon where the seeds from which the trees in question sprang came from. Satisfactory results are seldom experienced by planting a seed obtained from the sunny south, say. By planting seeds generally farther north, however, trees may be at length hardened and acclimated until a seed from such a tree may be reasonably expected to thrive and mature its fruits.

Trees, like people, acquire their habits from the climate in which they live. The northern tree knows instinctively when the time has come to ripen its fruits. The southern tree follows the same instinct, being in no hurry, as there is little likelihood of real cold. With transplantings farther north its habit changes.

The great trouble with most people is that they want to jump a tree from south to north at one move. This same idea is evident in the attempt to bring various fruit trees from Russia to the northern United States.

Apples and plums from the land of the great white czar have taken kindly to the below zero conditions of the gentle Dakotas.—Philadelphia Record.

Queer Korean Ways.

The women of the commonalty are voluble and vixenish and ever ready to slap a handful of ashes into the eyes of a husband or into those of a timid and shrinking tourist should the occasion arise. The women of the upper class are rigorously excluded from masculine eyes, and a hearty vote of thanks is due the committee who fathered this unwritten law. The dainty little Japanese mousmee, teetering along in sandals or on wooden geta, is a genuine relief to the eye after a view of the uncomely Korean woman.

Until Korean boys are married and acquire the pseudo dignity of the topknot their hair is worn girl fashion in twin plaits down their backs. So much do they resemble girls that it is sometimes difficult to determine the sex, and one is oftentimes uncommonly surprised to observe what he is positive are two girls sprawling and viciously fighting in a Korean street.—Outing.

A Wife's Stratagem.

A London journal tells an admirable story of beauteous Kesa, who loved her husband, but who was herself sought by her wicked and powerful cousin, Molito. Knowing that Molito would take her husband's life unless circumvented by guile, she laid a terrible plot. Summoning Molito, she told him that on a certain night her husband would be sleeping in a certain room and that she intended to unloosen his hair so that under no circumstances could he be mistaken for another man. On the night in question Molito entered the room, severed the sleeper's head with his sword and, holding it up to the moon by the hair—beheld the face of Kesa herself.

Customs of Colliers' Wives.

The wives of north country colliers observe a very touching and pathetic custom when an accident occurs in the pit. Directly it is known to the wife of a collier that an accident has happened in the pit where her husband works and that his fate is uncertain she throws open the house door, and, however inclement the weather may be, she keeps the door open and a candle burning in the window, night and day, till the man is brought home, dead or alive. In some cases the door has remained open and the candle slight during several weeks.—London Chronicle.

The Time.

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Newspaper Offices Have Sustained Enormous Losses.

FURY OF THE WIND FANNED THE FLAMES.

Some of the Most Massive Business Structures In the Historic Old Monumental City Swept Out of Existence.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—The fire which broke out at a few minutes before 11 o'cock Sunday morning in the wholesale dry goods house of John E. Hurst & Co., has raged with unrestrained fury continuously ever since, and at midnight it was still unchecked, but was still steadily eating its consuming way eastward on Baltimore street, after having destroyed almost all of the large stores and warehouses in the wholesale district around Hopkins Place and all the buildings on both sides of Baltimore street from Howard to Holliday street, from Charles and Baltimore to Charles and Lexington, and on Lafayette street from Charles to Holliday, including a total of about twenty blocks of the most modern and substantial buildings in Baltimore, involving a loss which cannot now be estimated, but which has certainly already had $30,000,000 or $40,000,000.

Ever since about 6 o'clock, when darkness came, the fire department, although aid by engines from Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington and the surrounding suburbs, were utterly powerless to make any effective resistance to the consuming element, though for hours as many as 400 streams of water were thrown into the flames. Indeed, so terrific was the heat and so dense and suffocating the volume of flying sparks adn burning cinders that it was difficult for the firemen to stand long within fighting distance of the flames, while early in the afternoon seven trucks and engines were hopelessly disabled by timbers. At 7 o'clock the situation was so desperate that Chief Norton decided that the only thing left to do was to dynamite buildings at threatened points, and thus prevent, as far as possible, a further spread of the flames. In pursuance of this plan a number of buildings on South Charles street, between German and Lombard, were blown up. Subsequently the splendid structure of J. W. Pitts & Co., notion dealers, at Charles and Fayette streets, was dynamited, and when the Daily Record building, Ross' drug store and others. But this heroic remedy merely delayed, and did not seriously impede the onward march of the conflagration, and for two hours or more the fire department was practically helpless and resourceless in the face of the roaring furnaces which sent their tongues 200 feet into the air, and which filled the heavens, first with a pall of black funeral smock, and then with living sheets of sparks and lurid cinders.

Following the rapid destruction of the palatial commercial buildings in the wholesale district, the cyclone of roaring flames burst into Baltimore street, licking, within a few minutes, the seven-tory Mullins hotel like an insatiate monster and rapidly rolling with irresistible force both eastward and westward, cutting down wholesale and retail houses, manufacturies, shops, jewelry store, furniture emporiums and restaurants. At Charles street the remorseless tide swept on down Baltimore street, but also turned into Charles street, where it quickly engolfed the eleven-story Union Trust building, starting eastward on Fayette street. By 8 o'clock the occupants of the Daily Herald building, at Fayette and St. Paul streets, and the Record building opposite, were compelled to vacate from the crushing, as were the occupants of the Calvert and Equitable buildings, two of the most massive structures in Baltimore.

Down Baltimore street a parallel wave of roaring, crackling flames swept, consuming everything in its course, speeding reaching the Evening News building, from which the employes had to hastily flee, though not until valuable records had been removed. Shortly thereafter the Continental Trust company, a fourteen-story building, took fire. A block below, the American Newspaper building was enveloped in clouds of sparks and burning splinters, and the employes were ordered out.

Two truck wagons caught fire, and were consumed, and an engine was buried by a falling wall, the firemen fleeing for their lives.

The whole city was notified of the conflagration by a terrific explosion, which occurred some minutes after 11 o'clock. A sharp, splitting roar went up reverberating thunder. This was followed by a peculiar whistling noise, like that made by a shrill wind. The churches in the central section of the city were filled with worshippers, many of whom became frightened and, while no panics ensued, hundreds of men and women left their seats and went outside to see what had happened.

In a few moments the streets and pavements all ovr the city were crowded with excited people. Another deafening crash occurred, and dense columns of cinders and smoke shot over the central section of the city, and in a huge brown column, moved rapidly towards the northwest.

Two more explosions followed and thousands of people hurried to the scene of the fire. Of all the spectators, comparatively few saw the fire itself. They could not get within a half block of it. Even the policemen guarding the approaches to the fire had to repeatedly shift their positions and dodge falling cinders. Pieces of tin six by eight feet were lifted into the air by the terrific heat, sailed upward like paper kites and when they reached a point beyond the zone of the most intense heat fell clattering to the streets.

At 10:30 oclock the roof of the building occupied by the Associated Press took fire and the employes were compelled to vacate, though they had time to take away with them their telegraph instruments, typewriters and other valuable equipments. They found refuge in a branch office of the Western Union company on Clay street. This they had to acate, and went to the Baltimore and Ohio depot.

The burned district of Baltimore is the heart of the business section, including the entire wholesale trade and a great part of the retail trade. In the fire district were all the important business and office buildings, all newspaper offices, two hotels, the central building of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, the city hall, the court house, the postoffice building, the Western Union and Postal telegraph offices, the Bell telephone building, police headquarters, Holliday street threatre and several of the important banks. Baltimore was the main business street of the city.

Eighteen women, two babies and seven nurses were taken from the Maternity hospital on West Lombard street in police ambulances and given quarters at the city hospital.

At 3 o'clock a tremendous explosion of about 150 barrels of whisky, stored in the upper floorse of No. 24 Hanover street, hurled tons of burning matter across the street on to the roofs of the buildings opposite, which the firemen were drenching with water in a vain hope to make Hanover street the eastern boundary line of the conflagration. The flames quivered for a few minutes under the water, but soon ate into the buildings on the east side.

Four explosions, following one another quickly, marked the opening of the worst disaster in the history of the famed old city. Explosions sent bricks, wood, iron, tin and rocks high in the air and shook the business portion of Baltimore to its foundation.

TERRIBLE WIND.

It Fanned the Flames and Caused More Destruction.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—A terrible wind was raging and the fire department, reinforced by corps from Philadelphia, Washington, New York and other points, is a pigmy battling with a giant. The city is under marcial law and the authorities are fighting the conflagration with dynamite. Tons of dynamite have been used and rows of buildings blown up in the path of the flames.

Briefly summarized, the fire has laid waste the territory bounded by Charles and Lexington streets, Lime street, St. Paul and Howard streets.

Fire Chief Horton was knocked senseless by a live electric wire and Mayor McLane, with several assistant fire chiefs, took active charge.

Reached Jones' Falls.

Washington, Feb. 8.—A telephone message from Baltimore Monday said the fire had reached Jones' Falls, the stream that divides Baltimore from East Baltimore, and that a high wind was blowing. The East Baltimore section consists of residences.

The fire at that time is three-quarters of a mile long and two to eight blocks wide.

Philadelphia's Response.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—In response to an appeal for hel from Baltimore, Mayor Weaver sent six fire companies and 50 policemen to that city on special trains. The six fire companies, each of which took along a steamer and a hose wagon, were augmented by extra men from other companies.

Published at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The entire staff of the Baltimore Sun was transferred to Washington and that paper issued by the use of the plant of the Evening Star.

In Memory of Gordon.

Ardmore, I. T., Feb. 8.—Throughout the Indian Territory Sunday services in memory of General Gordon were held. In Ardmore the services at Robinson's opera house were conducted under the auspices of the John H. Morgan Camp Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy. Brigadier General John L. Galt was master of ceremonies. The various church organizations participated.

Hanna Doing Well.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The following bulletin regarding Senator Hanna's condition was issued Sunday afternoon: "Senator Hanna is doing well. His morning temperature was a little higher, but the heart action is good and there are no complications."

Created a Panic.

Long, Ia., Feb. 8.—Fire in the First Christian church, which broke out just after services began Sunday, created a panic. The flames communicated to the bell tower, which fell in a few moments after the congregation escaped. No one was hurt.

South Texas League.

Galveston, Feb. 8.—Salary limit of South Texas Baseball league was fixed at $1000 per month, an increase of $200. There will be two series of limits. Season opens April 30.

Unexpected.

The girl who in the flat above
Doth on the grand piano play
Makes music of the sort I love;
I fain would hear it night and day.
—Baltimore American.

The Bore's Service.

If it were not for bores it would be very difficult for us to realize what eternity is.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Ingenuity.

The man who writes the novel
Has ancient plots, you'll find.
The advertisement writer
Has the most inventive mind.
—Washington Star.

Getting Anxious.

She—I can read you like a book.

He—Can you see my finish?—Detroit Free Press.

Result.

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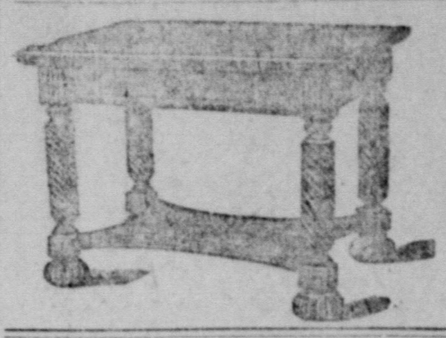

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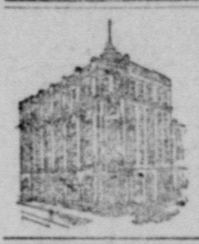

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PLANTING COTTON WITH CORN.

A correspondent writes to the San Antonio Stockman and Farmer:

G. C. Harrison, who lives some three and a half miles from Big Foot, and five miles from Moore, handed me the following facts of interest to farmers of this section. Mr. Harrison plants two rows of cotton, then two rows of corn, alternately. He has followed this plan for the past three years. The first year he tried it he divided sixteen acres equally, planting half of it according to the old and customary way, that is, the corn and cotton each to itself; and the other half according to the method above mentioned, that is, two rows of cotton, then two rows of corn. Results: He made more cotton in proportion to acreage, and heavier,—made double as much corn to the row; and as much cotton in proportion to acreage. Last year Mr. Harrison made more of both corn and cotton to the acre—good heavy corn, and good cotton; he realized forty bushels of corn, and four-fifths bale of cotton. He finds that by pursuing this method his crop of corn is surer, and his cotton from fully as good to better, than by the usual method.

JAR OF BUTTER 42 YEARS OLD.

Decatur, Neb. Jan. 30.—On a farm in Burt county, Neb., was found recently a stone jar containing butter. The manner of finding it and the history thereof makes it one of the strangest incidents in local history.

Forty-two years ago a family by the name of Decatur lived on the farm, and one day in summer this jar of butter was brought to them, and was taken down and placed in a spring known as Deca spring, that was on the farm.

A few days later, when they went get the butter, it was gone, and no t of it was to be found. The fa thought that the butter had been ta by Indians.

The years went by and nothing ever heard of the butter, and the f had changed hands many times. weeks ago a man was excavating on farm near the spring and unearthe stone jar. On investigation it was fo to contain butter. The jar on being posed to the air crumbled to pieces, ing the butter intact. It was not outside, but yellow and of good within. The butter was brought to t and neighborhood tradition soon es lished that it was the butter that was in the spring forty-two years ago.

The spring contained quicksand the butter was entombed.

It is now on exhibition at the W Fair at St. Louis as a curiosity of of butter being preserved intact half a century.

Living and Working.

Few people outside of hoboes and dians not taxed really live wi working.

Those who work without really ing are much more numerous, in ing, as they do, billionaires and stresses with more than six small dren.

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