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## LIVE STOCK MARKET

MODERATE SUPPLY OF CATTLE ON TODAY'S MARKET.

Opening Slow—Steers Went to the Scales on Steady to a Shade Lower Bids. Good Cows in Demand and Steady. Others Slow, Weak—Bulls and Calves Steady.

HOGS IN LIGHT SUPPLY, OF FAIR QUALITY.

Market Opened Strong and Sales Were 5 to 10 Higher than Yesterday's Close. Good 290-Pound Hogs at $4.70.

### RECEIPTS.

| | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Today | 3,000 | 1,250 | 400 |
| Last month | 935 | 1,372 | 230 |
| Same day 1903 | 1,086 | 523 | 1,819 |

### Official Receipts Yesterday.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cattle | 1,915 |
| Hogs | 1,265 |
| Sheep | 250 |
| Horses and mules | 21 |

### Range of Selling Prices Today.

CATTLE—Steers, top $4.25, bulk $3.20@3.40. Cows, top $3.00, bulk $2.00@2.50. Calves, top $4.25, bulk $3.00@3.50.

HOGS—Top $4.70, bulk $4.50@4.60.

SHEEP—Bulk $4.25.

## THE CATTLE TRADE

### Today's Quotations.

| | |
|---|---|
| Steers—Good to strict choice | $3 65@4 15 |
| Medium fed | 3 00@3 60 |
| Stockers and feeders | 2 50@3 25 |
| Yearlings | 1 25@2 50 |
| Cows—Choice heavy fed | 2 75@3 50 |
| Medium butcher | 2 15@2 50 |
| Cutters | 1 65@2 15 |
| Canners | 1 00@1 75 |
| Bulls, stags and oxen | 1 50@3 50 |
| Calves—Good to fancy veals | 2 50@4 25 |
| Common to fair | 1 00@2 50 |

Receipts of cattle today were fairly liberal, but only a moderate supply were on the market. Fifty cars were in at the opening of the market, of which ten were going through—one train of transient cattle was reported back, and total receipts for the day were estimated close around 3,000, against 4,687 for last Thursday, 935 for the same day one month ago, and 1,086 for the corresponding day last year.

### BEEF STEERS.

Only a moderate supply of steers came in, of from medium to fairly well finished grades.

The opening market was extremely slow. Buyers did not seem anxious for cattle, and salesmen claimed they were bidding lower. Buyers were a long time getting around, but finally when cattle started to the scales, there was no quotable change from yesterday. There may have been a few weak spots in the trade, but the general run of sales were steady.

Good to choice heavy fed steers are quoted at a range of from $3.65@4.15, medium fed from $3.00@3.65, stockers and feeders $2.50@3.25, and yearlings $1.25@2.50.

Representative sales:

| No. | Ave. | Price |
|---|---|---|
| 14 | 1298 | 4 25 |
| 18 | 945 | 3 50 |
| 26 | 918 | 3 40 |
| 45 | 1028 | 3 40 |
| 23 | 1053 | 3 40 |
| 23 | 864 | 3 20 |
| 25 | 863 | 3 20 |
| 4 | 862 | 3 15 |
| 2 | 780 | 3 15 |
| 3 | 793 | 3 00 |
| 2 | 685 | 3 00 |
| 7 | 741 | 2 85 |
| 5 | 622 | 2 00 |

### BUTCHER STOCK.

The small supply of butcher stock today was composed mostly of mixed loads, with only one or two small bunches of well finished cows to be had.

All prime killing cows met the usual good demand and sold fully steady. There was a poor demand for canners and medium grades, and trading on this class was slow and weak.

Good to prime cows and heifers are selling at a range of from $2.75@3.50, medium butchers from $2.25@2.75, cutters $1.75@2.25, and canners $1.00@1.75.

Supplies of bulls were small and sold steady with yesterday, largely at a range of from $2.25@2.65.

Good to choice fat bulls, stags and oxen are quoted at a range of $2.50@3.25, with the common to fair kinds from $1.50@2.50.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Cows.** | | |
| 2 | 980 | 3 50 |
| 1 | 630 | 3 00 |
| 21 | 800 | 3 00 |
| 3 | 813 | 3 00 |
| 2 | 1050 | 3 00 |
| 6 | 1090 | 3 00 |
| 3 | 966 | 3 00 |
| 2 | 903 | 2 90 |
| 2 | 900 | 2 85 |
| 29 | 950 | 2 80 |
| 1 | 755 | 2 75 |
| 4 | 1020 | 2 75 |
| 1 | 682 | 2 75 |
| 1 | 830 | 2 75 |
| 20 | 1090 | 2 75 |
| 19 | 930 | 2 60 |
| 1 | 754 | 2 50 |
| 6 | 810 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 870 | 2 40 |
| 3 | 920 | 2 25 |
| 13 | 706 | 2 25 |
| 6 | 764 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 666 | 2 25 |
| 15 | 1140 | 2 25 |
| 19 | 809 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 627 | 2 10 |
| 1 | 700 | 2 10 |
| 22 | 714 | 2 05 |
| 7 | 594 | 2 00 |
| 6 | 803 | 2 00 |
| 7 | 608 | 2 00 |
| 2 | 705 | 2 00 |
| 20 | 596 | 1 80 |
| 10 | 663 | 1 75 |
| 2 | 640 | 1 50 |
| 1 | 670 | 1 50 |
| 1 | 800 | 1 50 |
| **Heifers.** | | |
| 10 | 446 | 2 15 |
| 2 | 580 | 2 00 |
| 1 | 660 | 2 00 |
| **Bulls.** | | |
| 1 ox | 1410 | 3 75 |
| 4 stags | 1310 | 3 50 |
| 1 | 960 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 1100 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 1100 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 1180 | 2 10 |
| 1 stag | 770 | 2 00 |
| 1 | 520 | 2 00 |
| 3 | 710 | 1 75 |
| 2 | 870 | 1 75 |
| 1 | 970 | 1 50 |

### CALVES.

Considering the small run, the supply of calves was fairly liberal.

One full load came in, with a liberal sprinkling around the yards. A few good vealers arrived but the bulk were only medium.

There was a good outlet for all offerings on a steady basis, and sales were largely at a range of from $3.00@4.25.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 16 | 180 | 4 25 |
| 1 | 150 | 4 25 |
| 1 | 150 | 4 00 |
| 6 | 108 | 4 00 |
| 26 | 141 | 3 50 |
| 84 | 162 | 3 50 |
| 1 | 100 | 3 25 |
| 12 | 134 | 3 25 |
| 6 | 125 | 3 25 |
| 1 | 400 | 3 00 |
| 83 | 216 | 3 00 |
| 1 | 420 | 2 75 |
| 1 | 360 | 2 55 |
| 4 | 372 | 2 50 |
| 9 | 340 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 460 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 110 | 2 25 |
| 2 | 245 | 2 25 |
| 12 | 417 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 190 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 390 | 2 25 |

## THE HOG TRADE

### Today's Quotations.

| | |
|---|---|
| Choice sorted | $4 55@4 70 |
| Mixed packers | 4 40@4 55 |
| Lights | 4 25@4 40 |
| Pigs | 3 50@4 00 |
| Stags and roughs | 3 00@4 00 |

The hog trade today was moderately supplied, and while sixteen cars were in at the opening several were only part loads mixed in with cattle, and including wagon hogs total receipts figured about 1,250, against 1,880 for last Wednesday, 1,372 for the same day one month ago, and 523 for the corresponding day last year.

The supply of hogs from Oklahoma and Indian Territory was some larger today, but still the bulk of offerings were from Texas points.

The market took a turn for the better today. At the opening salesmen were priclag their hogs generally 10 higher, and from the strong feeling at the close yesterday knew that buyers had fresh orders and would want hogs today.

While salesmen were unable to advance the market 10c over the close yesterday, the general trade was active and 5 to 10c higher, and just about regained the loss of the early market yesterday.

The quality today was about on an average with yesterday, but of lighter weight.

A few corn fed wagon hogs averaging 290 pounds topped the market at $4.70, several loads of fairly well sorted hogs averaging around 200 pounds were good enough to land at $4.65, but the bulk of sales went at a range of from $4.50@4.60.

Choice sorted are selling at a range of from $4.55@4.70, mixed packers $4.40@4.55, light grades $4.25@4.40, pigs $3.50@4.00, and boars, stags and roughs from $3.00@4.00.

Representative sales:

| No. | Ave. | Price |
|---|---|---|
| **Hogs.** | | |
| 18 | 134 | 3 90 |
| 42 | 134 | 4 20 |
| 4 | 142 | 4 25 |
| 47 | 198 | 4 35 |
| 2 | 170 | 4 35 |
| 2 | 165 | 4 40 |
| 23 | 162 | 4 42½ |
| 2 | 300 | 4 45 |
| 5 | 172 | 4 45 |
| 80 | 179 | 4 45 |
| 18 | 183 | 4 45 |
| 13 | 213 | 4 50 |
| 3 | 217 | 4 50 |
| 83 | 170 | 4 50 |
| 10 | 207 | 4 50 |
| 5 | 182 | 4 50 |
| 17 | 204 | 4 50 |
| 91 | 186 | 4 50 |
| 2 | 360 | 4 55 |
| 2 | 220 | 4 55 |
| 6 | 195 | 4 55 |
| 21 | 214 | 4 55 |
| 52 | 205 | 4 60 |
| 107 | 175 | 4 60 |
| 2 | 280 | 4 60 |
| 4 | 280 | 4 60 |
| 86 | 191 | 4 60 |
| 80 | 198 | 4 62½ |
| 82 | 209 | 4 65 |
| 86 | 207 | 4 65 |
| 39 | 212 | 4 65 |
| 3 | 290 | 4 70 |
| 88 | 209 | 4 70 |
| **Pigs.** | | |
| 1 | 100 | 2 50 |
| 20 | 117 | 3 50 |
| 18 | 94 | 4 00 |
| 8 | 117 | 4 00 |

## HORSES AND MULES

### Horses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Drafts, good | $140@150 |
| Chunks, good | 75@130 |
| Drivers, good to fancy | 75 up |
| Drivers, medium | 55@ 75 |
| Southerners, common to fair | 35@ 50 |
| Southerners, good to extra | 75@100 |
| Plugs | 15@ 20 |
| Rangers, plain | 10@ 30 |
| Choice range horses | 50@ 75 |
| **Mules.** | |
| 13½ to 14 hands, fat | $ 50@ 60 |
| 14 to 14½ hands, fat | 75@ 85 |
| 14½ to 15 hands, fat | 90@120 |
| 15 to 15½ hands, fat | 125@140 |
| 15½ to 16 hands, fat with quality | 145@160 |
| 16 to 16½ hands, extra, 1,200 to 1,500 | 165@175 |

## THE SHEEP TRADE

### Today's Quotations.

| | |
|---|---|
| Lambs | 3 50@5 50 |
| Wethers | 3 50@4 50 |
| Ewes | 2 50@3 50 |
| Culls | 1 50@2 50 |

One double-deck of medium quality fairly well finished mixed ewes and wethers arrived today.

The supply did not begin to meet the good demand, and the offerings sold out early at a strong price compared with yesterday.

Two hundred and ninety-four, averaging 80 pounds sold at $4.25.

Representative sales:

| No. | Average. | Price. |
|---|---|---|
| **Sheep.** | | |
| 148 clipped | 79 | 4 25 |
| 146 clipped | 81 | 4 25 |
| 1 cull | 100 | 3 00 |

### RECEIPTS AT YARDS TODAY.

| | |
|---|---|
| **Cattle.** | |
| S. A. Roberts, Blooming Grove | 33 |
| Miller Bros., Cuero | 70 |
| J. E. Hord, Cuero | 23 |
| H. B. Holmes, Luling | 38 |
| W. G. Jackson, Luling | 28 |
| Serra & Woduphol, Sabinal | 84 |
| J. E. Langford, Commerce | 45 |
| J. E. Chiles, Celeste | 31 |
| H. C. Sanderson, Whitesboro | 28 |
| G. W. Sutherland, Eagle Lake | 131 |
| J. Smith, Gatesville | 26 |
| W. Shannon, Gatesville | 24 |
| Wisehart, Morgan | 47 |
| Simmons & Co., Cleburne | 21 |
| J. J. Bailey, Nocona | 30 |
| E. W. G., Denton | 60 |
| J. & R., Denton | 38 |
| R. C. Peck, Rockwall | 20 |
| W. B. Sweatman, Corsicana | 31 |
| W. M. McKinney, Corsicana | 25 |
| W. C. Smith, Malakoff | 25 |
| W. S. Coats, Kerens | 31 |
| Barton & Lucas, Farmersville | 49 |
| M. H. Francis, Abilene | 54 |
| J. H. Wright, Abilene | 36 |
| Cook & Reeser, Terrell | 37 |
| Wilson & Cook, Terrell | 36 |
| A. J. Meyers, Vineyard | 47 |
| S. J. Allen, Comanche | 34 |
| S. D. Felt, Hico | 81 |
| Hillje Bros., San Antonio | 50 |
| Through shipments— | |
| A. A. Birchfield, Monahans | 307 |
| Nelson Morris, Midland | 1,178 |
| **Hogs.** | |
| Powell & Roberts, Berry, Tex | 87 |
| J. J. Bailey, Nocona, Tex | 17 |
| R. C. Peck, Rockwall, Tex | 39 |
| C. C. Wilson, Pawnee, O. T | 80 |
| E. Kile, Ripley, O. T | 86 |
| J. Smith, Gatesville, Tex | 13 |
| Simmons & Co., Cleburne, Tex | 21 |
| Brook & Gibson, Pauls Valley, I. T | 82 |
| W. C. Smith, Malakoff, Tex | 36 |
| W. R. Coats, Kerens, Tex | 79 |
| King, Naples, Tex | 73 |
| Sam Williams, Foss, O. T | 116 |
| W. P. Chaffin, Elk City, O. T | 101 |
| D. L. Bopst, Bridgeport, O. T | 94 |
| Hinton & Miller, Hydro, O. T | 91 |
| W. L. Lyons, Elk City, O. T | 95 |
| **Sheep.** | |
| J. B. Wallis, Brownwood | 295 |

### BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET

| | |
|---|---|
| **Cattle.** | |
| Armour & Co. | 1,033 |
| Swift & Co. | 477 |
| Hodgkins | 18 |
| Saunders | 81 |
| Mars | 35 |
| Logan | 35 |
| Alley Bros. | 26 |
| Others | 31 |
| **Calves.** | |
| Armour & Co. | 65 |
| Swift & Co. | 38 |
| **Hogs.** | |
| Armour & Co. | 905 |
| Swift & Co. | 515 |
| Others | 2 |
| **Sheep and Goats** | |
| Swift & Co. | 400 |

### TRANSACTIONS AT THE YARDS.

Following figures show receipts, sales and shipments yesterday:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Cattle.** | | |
| On hand | 1,172 | |
| Receipts | 1,905 | |
| | | 3,077 |
| Sold packers | 1,541 | |
| Sold others | 226 | |
| Shipped out | 648 | |
| | | 2,415 |
| Held over | | 662 |
| **Hogs.** | | |
| On hand | 208 | |
| Receipts | 1,268 | |
| | | 1,476 |
| Sold packers | 1,420 | |
| Sold others | 2 | |
| | | 1,422 |
| Held over | | 54 |
| **Sheep.** | | |
| On hand | 131 | |
| Receipts | 250 | |
| | | 381 |
| Sold packers | 250 | |
| Shipped out | 130 | |
| | | 380 |
| Held over | | 1 |

### THE NEW ORGANIZATION.

**Plan of the Cattle Raisers to Better Their Condition.**

The Cattle Growers' Interstate Executive committee, the new organization that was formed at Denver on Tuesday, makes further announcement of its plans. A sum of $100,000 is to be put in the treasury for a war fund. This money is to be obtained by an assessment of one-fourth of 1 per cent on every head of stock owned by those who join.

Committees will be appointed by the board of managers which will begin a vigorous canvass of the railroad stock yards and packers of the country. A corps of assistants will be employed to gather data of the methods employed by the meat trust. The evidence will be laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission and a committee will later call upon Attorney General Knox to institute proceedings against the meat combine.

Conferences will be held with heads of railroads handling live stock transportation regarding improved transportation and lower rates. The plans of the board of managers include the formation of local organizations in the various states represented in the conference for the agitation of the appointment of a board of railroad commissioners in each state.

### TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

| | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 5,000 | 22,000 | 9,000 |
| Kansas City | 2,000 | 7,000 | 1,000 |
| St. Louis | 2,500 | 7,000 | 1,200 |
| | 9,500 | 36,000 | 11,200 |

**Chicago.**

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, May 5.—CATTLE—Receipts 5,000. Market steady. Beeves $3.75@5.60, cows and heifers $1.75@4.50, stockers and feeders $3.00@4.50.

HOGS — Receipts 22,000. Market steady to strong. Top $4.90, bulk $4.65@4.75. Mixed and butchers $4.70@4.80, good to choice heavy $4.70@4.85, lights $4.55@4.75, pigs $4.00@4.40.

SHEEP—Receipts 9,000. Steady.

**Kansas City.**

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, May 5.—CATTLE—Receipts 2,000. Market steady. Beeves $3.65@5.25, cows and heifers $2.00@4.75, Texas and Westerns $3.00@4.50.

HOGS — Receipts 7,000. Market 5 to 7½ higher. Top $4.80, bulk $4.60@4.75. Mixed and butchers $4.60@4.75, good to choice heavy $4.70@4.80, lights $4.50@4.70, pigs $3.50@4.25.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,000. Steady.

**St. Louis.**

Special to The Reporter.

National Stockyards, May 5.—CATTLE — Receipts 2,500. Texas 1,100. Steady. Steers $3.75@4.70, cows and heifers $2.00@3.50.

HOGS — Receipts 7,000. Top $4.80. Pigs and lights $4.10@4.65, packers $4.50@4.70, butchers $4.60@4.80.

SHEEP—Receipts 1,200. Steady.

### GENERAL NOTES.

Brady, in McMullen county, reports that 50,000 head of cattle have been shipped from that place to Northern pastures.

F. M. Weaver of Fort Worth has purchased of W. C. Bishop a two-thirds interest in 60,000 acres of land in Dawson county, with about 6,000 head of cattle. The cattle were put in at $10 each.

A feature of the storms of last Tuesday was the unusual fatality on account of lightning. D. F. Holland, a farmer living near Bryan, was killed and a child knocked senseless. An old man named Hope was killed near Lott, and his wife so badly shocked that she is not likely to recover. Seymour Knox was killed while plowing on his farm near Whitney. These are the reports of one day. In addition, a barn was struck near Temple, a negro knocked senseless and a horse killed.

### ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS TODAY.

Don't forget the sale of registered Shorthorn cattle on May 13th.

Hinton & Miller from Hydro, O. T., sold 91 hogs, average 186, at $4.50.

W. M. McKinney from Ellis county sold 25 steers of 863 pounds at $3.20.

C. C. Wilson got $4.62½ for 80 hogs of 198 pounds shipped from Pawnee, O. T.

A. J. Meyers sent in from Jack county 20 cows of 596 pounds average that sold at $1.80.

J. B. White drove in from his farm with 3 wagon hogs of 290 pounds average, and sold them at $4.70.

G. W. Sutherland from Colorado county was on the market with 29 cows of 755 pounds that sold at $2.75.

W. S. Lyons from Elk City, O. T., sold 52 hogs of 207 pounds average at $4.60, and 42 lights of 134 pounds at $4.30.

J. B. Wallis had 294 clipped sheep, ewes and wethers, on the market. They averaged 79 pounds and sold at $4.25.

J. E. Chiles sold 21 cows and heifers of 812 pounds at $3, and 2 cows of 980 at $3.50. They were from Hunt county.

A heavy run of cattle was in today, but a large part of them were going through. On the market were about 1,400.

This is the first day of comfort to the hog shipper since the week opened. The downfall was checked and an advance scored.

W. N. King had in hogs from Morris county. He sold 4 head of 280 pounds at $4.60, 47 of 198 at $4.35, and 20 pigs of 117 at $3.50.

H. B. Holmes was in with a mixed shipment from Caldwell county. He sold 14 steers of 1293 pounds at $4.25, 4 of 1310 pounds at $3.50, 1 ox of 1410 at $3.75, and 1 stag of 1360 at $3.25.

H. C. Sanderson had a load of Grayson county mixed cattle on the market. He sold 18 steers of 945 pounds at $3.50, 3 of 793 at $3, 6 cows of 966 pounds at $3, and 1 calf of 400 at the same price.

J. W. Montague has just returned from San Angelo country, where he was visiting his O-9 ranch. Cattle and sheep are looking poor, he says. It started raining last Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock and rained until 9 o'clock the next day, covering all of that dry country from Ozona to San Angelo. It was the first rain since last June, and all the cattle and sheep men are rejoicing.

### FROG FARM IN CALIFORNIA.

**Novel Industry Conducted Successfully By a Woman of Los Angeles.**

Los Angeles Times: Barring the regions about Naples, with its Mediterranean outlook, there is no more beautiful place in the world than the slopes of the Berkeley hills that lie across the harbor from San Francisco. These hills are an arm of the Coast range, and sweep by swelling undulations in a broad curve around the suburban cities until they meet the bay in a sharp deflection. At this point is Stege, a station at the beginning of the long overland route, and named for the late proprietor of the adjoining ranch and the pioneer in California frog breeding. The estate is large, with many important industries, but the unusual part of it comprises only a few acres, hedge-inclosed, lying immediately around the attractive, old fashioned country house that is half hidden by lovely roses.

Coming into this secluded spot from out the yellow stubbled fields, the eye at first sees but a tangle of tropical plants and gorgeous blooms that only gradually resolve itself into an enchanting piece of landscape gardening. Every enticing, shrub-bordered walk reaches at last a low paling, festooned with vines, that encircles one or the other of three miniature lakes. Even a Californian cannot repress an exclamation at the infinite number of callas, whose snowy chalices, surrounded by glossy leaves and upborne by stalks three and four feet high, form thick hedges inside the inclosures. Here and there are islets covered with vendure that hangs low over the water, while lily pads and rare aquatic plants are everywhere mingling their shadows with the pendent willows that line the banks. A drifting boat adds charm to the scene and hints at idle hours and happy dreams, and the unpractised eye can see no token of a "frog farm," nothing whatever that whispers of commercial value in this cool retreat, that seems made for the songster over head and to thwart the heat of summer days. Yet the visitor is assured that there are no less than 10,000 frogs within the small compass of these three ponds, that are arranged to meet the needs of convecutive periods of development.

All the ponds are fed by living springs, and the depth of the water is graduated. The "nursery" is shallow and less shaded, because the rapidity with which the spawn is hatched depends mainly upon the temperature. If warm enough, four days only are required for hatching; from that, the time runs up to 30 days, while many eggs may be destroyed by a late frost. The tadpole that wriggles himself free from the gelatinous mass that envelops the spawn is an interesting little creature, and it has been the ambition of children innumerable to watch the metamorphosis that discards a tail for legs. Unfortunately, ignorance concerning a few essential conditions has raised a big crop of disappointment. For their developement depends upon the abundanee of food and the temperature of the water. The most favorable conditions are a shallow pool, readily warmed by the sun, and well stocked with organic matter—that is, an old pond.

In this state the frogs may reach a length of several inches, and in a period varking from two months to two years the first indication of the adult form appears in the protrusion of the two hind legs. The forelegs, or arms, are much later in coming out. As the legs become functional the tail is absorbed and furnishes material for growth, so that little food is taken. As the gills are replaced by lungs during this time, the tadpoles must have access to land or a resting place, and it is a period of peculiar difficulty in the creature's existence. When the tail is absorbed the purely aquatic life is forsaken for the amphibious, and food is changed from dead to living matter which must demonstrate its living condition by motion. The peculiarly formed tongue—loose behind, so that it may be thrown out to quite a distance—is covered with a viscid secretion, so that the frog readily captures any insects or small animals that approach it closely. Their defenceless condition makes them fall an easy prey to fish, reptiles, some mammals, other frogs and wading birds, and it is in the prevention of this wholesale destruction that man may profitably "interfere."

The owner and superintendant of the Stege "farm" is a daughter of the house, who directs every detail of this "intervention" so successfully that these numerous enemies are kept at bay, and only occasionally does an old frog escape from his own domain to gorge himself and play havoc among the pollywogs. If at any time, in the opinion of this wise young lady, artificial food is necessary, a mixture of raw liver and oatmeal is given. Generally it is required in the spring by all the ponds, for frogs are more or less emaciated when they crawl out of the mud after hibernation.

As soon as warm weather declares itself and the chant d'amour of the adults begins, the water is carefully drained off from the breeding pond and the young ones, now a year old, are driven into pond 2, which has been prepared for them. Here, also, watchful care is necessary, for they are not yet so large but that they offer a delicious temptation to the old croakers, separated from them by only a few yards, and a barrier that too insistent greed finds means to overcome. The frogs remain in this inclosure one or two years and begin to have monetary value, for though they have by no means reached full growth, special orders are frequently received for two or three-year-olds, and filled at special prices. The ordinary marketable fellows are found in the third pool—and found by the thousand.

If there are rush orders the water is drained off and the frogs caught by hand, otherwise a dip net or a hook baited with a bit of red flannel cloth is used. Both hook and net may be used in the day, but night is better, for then a large lamp and reflector are placed in the bow of the boat, and whether Mr. Frog comes into the glare from curiosity or is driven there by some law of nature, makes little difference; he is there in vast numbers, to spring eagerly at the alluring bait or to be dexterously "dipped" by an under sweep of the net.

The habit of frog eating, well established among the Romans, was, perhaps, acquired by the people of France in imperial days; at any rate the French alone, of modern nations, until quite recently, recognized the food value of this particular batrachian. The countries of Europe fell into line slowly, and last of all came the United States. Now the annual consumption of frogs in America is more than ten times as great as it is in France. The annual catch of frogs from swamp and "farm" in the United States is over $1,000,000, and the cost to the consumers more than $200,000 a year, a goodly portion of which goes to the enterprising mistress of Stege.

**DAILY WEATHER FORECAST.**

Weather Bureau, Fort Worth, May 5.—Local weather forecast: Tonight and Friday, partly cloudy, with occasional showers.

### THE URUGUAYAN CATTLE BUYER.

The Uruguayan cattle buyer who travels from ranch to ranch in pursuit of his business is sometimes a very picturesque figure, says the Drovers' Journal. This is the description of a buyer who visited an estate on the River Platte with the object of purchasing a troop of fat bullocks: "He was altogether a distinguished looking individual; he wore a broad-brimmed straw hat, a loose jacket and wide trousers, over which were drawn long boots of fine leather, and attached to them a pair of heavy silver spurs. Round his waist he wore a belt made from the skin of the wild pig, fastened in front by large silver buttons, while into this was stuck a silver handled knife. His saddle was heavily mounted with silver and so were the reins, bit and breast plate, the stirrups being of solid silver, and really very valuable. His black horse formed a good contrast to his equipment."

The buyer's mode of purchasing is as follows: All the cattle on the estate having been rounded up at an appointed spot, the buyer with two of his men rode into the middle of the herd and picked out any animal he preferred. When he had made a choice he took one side, one of his men took the other, and the third closing in behind, the three ran out the bullock in the direction of a small herd of tame cows, which had been stationed for the purpose about 150 yards from the herd of ranch cattle. If the selected bullock proved docile, it was escorted to and joined the tame cows until the buyer had picked out all the beasts he required; but if it refused to be driven or tried to break back to the herd, it was at once lassoed and thrown to be killed where it fell.

### JAPAN WILL WANT MEAT.

**Prospective Demand for American Meat for Her Armies.**

The National Provisioner says: There is a feeling in meat circles that Japan will soon need and will order large quantities of American canned and other meat supplies for the front. That nation is rapidly mobilizing its big army and advancing its lines of defenses. The base of supplies, which the reserves will guard in the rear, will be permanently established as soon as a nearer base than Japanese territory itself is required. This will necessitate an extensive mobilization of food. This market is being sounded for supplies for future delivery at no designated port.

Japan will soon have 500,000 to 600,000 men in the field. This force will require rationing for a campaign of many months. The speed at which the Japanese army moves eliminates live cattle from its bill of fare. The mountainous country of much of the seat of war is also against walking meat. The Japs are unused to fresh meat diet and are not liable to invite intestinal troubles by its use. The compound meat-vegetable conserved food will be more acceptable. The sounding of the market at this time means activity at the front and large impending army orders for American foodstuffs.

### THE COLORADO CHAUTAUQUA.

**Program of the Meeting at Boulder, Colo., for this Season.**

The Colorado Chautauqua for the summer of 1904 will be one of the most interesting ever held there. It begins July 4th and extends to August 7th. Among the speakers will be Sam P. Jones, Frank R. Roberson, Rabbi Leon Harrison, John G. Wooley, Dean Alfred A. Wright, Rev. William A. Quayle, Lou J. Beauchamp, Rev. Eugene May, Toyokichi Iyenega and many others.

Any person desiring to learn more about this Chautauqua can get full information from F. H. Boggess, Boulder, Colo.

**Unreasonable.**

"What are you kicking about?" asked the lawyer.

"Why, we won the case," replied the client, "but I can't see what I get out of it."

"You get enough to pay your lawyer's fees, don't you? What more do you want?"—Chicago Post.

**Nothing Like the "Old School."**

"I wish I could send my boy to the old school," said Hawkins. "These gentlemen of the old school always seem to know everything."

I consider time as a treasure, decreasing every night, and that which every day diminishes soon perishes forever.—Sir William Jones.

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### Organs Lost by Disuse.

It is a suggestive fact not always sufficiently considered that "as soon as any organ or faculty falls into disuse it degenerates and is finally lost altogether." Through all the ages that man has had the power of speech this power has not been fixed in us in any degree whatever by heredity. It is regarded as definitely proved that if a child of civilized parents were brought up in a desert place and allowed no communication whatever with man it would never make any attempt at speech.

Up to the last century it was not uncommon to find persons living in a wild state in the woods and forests of England, France, Germany and Russia who were utterly incapable of speech, though they could make sounds in imitation of the cries of wild animals. Certain parasitic insects have so completely degenerated that they possess neither eyes, legs, heads, mouths, stomachs nor intestines.—Lippincott's Hour.

### A Queer Death Superstition.

A curious relic of the superstitious ideas of the middle ages still exists in many parts of England—the notion that when the death of a person is imminent the fastenings of the door of the death chamber or of the other rooms of the house hinder the departure of the soul from the body, thus making final dissolution doubly painful.

A gentleman writing about half a century ago for a collection of antiquarian papers states that when he was curator at Exeter he had a call to the deathbed of one of his parishioners. Upon arriving there the wife of the patient told the minister that she had expected her husband to die during the previous night and on that account had left the doors all open or unlocked. Upon asking for reasons for this odd proceeding he was told of the neighborhood superstition.

### The Heart of Robert Bruce.

When Robert Bruce, king of Scotland, lay upon his deathbed in the year 1329 he remembered that he had registered a vow to help wrest the Holy Land from the heathen Turks. It was clear that the time for fulfilling this vow had passed, but a new thought presented. Why not have his heart removed and sent to Jerusalem for burial? To make the story short, this was decided upon, and Sir James Douglas was commissioned to carry it in a silver urn "to a place as near as possible to where the Saviour was crucified" and there bury it. Arriving in Spain, Sir James, with the precious relic strung to his neck by a chain, was killed in a battle with the Moors. Sir Simeon Locard returned with the heart to Scotland and deposited it under the altar of Melrose abbey, where it now is.

### Our Debt to Asia.

It is noteworthy that out of Asia came our alphabet and our Arabic numerals. The compass we owe to the Chinese, who knew the magnetic needle as early as the second century A. D. Gunpowder originally came out of Asia, and so did the art of printing and the manufacture of paper. The Chinese invented movable types in the middle of the eleventh century, 350 years before Gutenberg. They also made silks long before Europe and porcelain that has never been equaled by Europe. Truly, Asia is the cradle of the race. On the original lines of the Persians, Arabians, the Hindoos and the Chinese our modern society has been built.—Portland Oregonian.

## IS COMPLETED.

### Cattle Growers Have Chosen the Board of Managers.

Denver, May 5.—The convention composed of delegates of the cattle growers of the states west of the Missouri river completed the organization of the Cattle Growers' Interstate Executive committee and adjourned. The following board of managers was elected, the second name for each state being that of the alternate:

Texas—Mardo McKenzie and Captain John T. Lyttle.

New Mexico—W. C. Barnes and Frank Low.

South Dakota—Frank M. Stewart.

Montana—J. M. Boardman and J. M. Holt.

Colorado—Conrad Schafer and A. N. Parish.

Utah—John White and M. K. Parsons.

Kansas—M. M. Sherman and Senator Miller.

Nebraska—W. C. Comstock and H. D. Robinson.

Wyoming—A. L. Bowie.

Indian Territory—H. P. Ward and Dr. J. S. Fulton.

Idaho—R. F. Buler and JJ. F. Hagenbarth.

Iowa—A. L. Ames.

W. W. Turney of Texas and F. P. Johnson of Denver, president and secretary respectively, of the interstate committee are ex-officio members of the board.

An assessment of one-fourth of 1 per cent of stock owned by those who joined the order. This will furnish a fund of $100,000 it is said.

H. H. Robinson of Denver was elected president.

Committees will be appointed by the board of managers, which will begin a vigorous canvass of the railroad stockyards and packers of the country. A corps of assistants will be employed to gather data of the methods employed by the meat trust. The evidence will be laid before the interstate commerce commission, and a committee will later call upon Attorney General Knox to institute proceedings against the meat combine.

Conferences will be held with heads of railroads handling livestock transportation regarding improved transportation and lower rates. The plans of the board of managers include the formation of local organizations in the various states represented in the conference for the agitation of the appointment of a board of railroad commissioners in each state.

## NOW IN CONTROL.

### Uncle Sam Has Possession of the Panama Canal Property.

The United States canal commission Wednesday took formal possession of the canal route and of the property of the Panama Canal company. William Russell, the retiring minister to Panama (recently appointed United States minister to Colombia), Secretary Lee of the United States legation and Dr.

MAP SHOWING ROUTE OF CANAL AND MANINI RAILROAD.

Pierce, superintendent of sanitation work, were among those present.

The canal works will be under the direction of Major Brooke of the engineer corps of the United States army, who represented the canal commission at the ceremony of the transfer. Immediately after the transfer the United States flag was hoisted over the legation and over the canal offices in the Cathedral plaza.

### Speeches Made.

El Paso, May 5.—At the Texas Bankers' convention Wednesday General W. R. Hamby of Austin spoke on "State Banks; Are They Useful and Desirable Aids to Commerce?" R. H. Webster of San Antonio offered a few suggestions. Hon. Jonathan Lane of Houston spoke on "Bonded Warehouses." Hon. R. D. Gage of Pecos delivered an address on "Mercantile Collections." He was followed by J. T. Scott of Houston, who discussed the subject, "Can the Present Method of Transporting Money Be Improved?"

### Fire at Texarkana.

Texarkana, May 5.—The two two-story brick stores on East Broad street, owned by Abe Weinstein and W. T. Murphy, the first being known as Orr's opera house, were burned. They were occupied by several firms. Total loss is about $25,000.

### Killed by Lightning.

Bryan, Tex., May 5.—D. F. Holland, a prosperous and highly esteemed farmer of the Reliance community, was killed by lightning.

## NO YELLOW FEVER.

### Monterey Officers Say There Is None in Their City.

Monterey, Mex., May 5.—Consul General Philip Hanna has received a communication from the Washington authorities regarding the health conditions in this city, and has replied that the city is entirely free from yellow fever, and that there is not even a suspicious case.

Word to the same effect has been received from the United States consul at Tampico.

It is expected here, in view of those inquiries, that the government will soon bring about a settlement of the quarantine difficulties at present existing between the Mexican and Texas authorities.

## STATE OR NATIONAL.

### Which Set of Quarantine Rules Has Supremacy May Be Issue.

Washington, May 5.—The only information the department of state has touching the reported friction between Mexico and the state of Texas over the question of cattle quarantine is contained in a telegram from Consul General Hanna at Monterey saying that Texas has threatened a quarantine against Mexican cattle, that the Mexican cattle are free from disease and that the proposed action might lead to retaliation. The matter may involve an interesting question as to the supremacy of state and national quarantine laws. The department of agriculture, through the bureau of animal industry, probably will take part in the investigation to be made.

### Rev. Hingley Secretary.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 5.—The absence of many delegates at the opening session of the thirty-first general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, due to the belated trains, disturbed to some extent the programme that had been arranged, and the first day's work ended with nothing accomplished except the selection of the conference secretary. This fell to Rev. James B. Hingley of the Minnesota conference, and it required three ballots to make a choice.

### Status of Strike.

Topeka, Kan., May 5.—Santa Fe railway officials announced a resumption of shopmen all along the line from Chicago to the Pacific coast. They state that in most cases shops are running with a full complement of men. Vice-President Buckalew of the Machinists' association says that the trouble has just begun, and that not another man would return to work. He says, further, that many will go out in sympathy.

## ASKED TO RESIGN.

### This Request Made of New Orleans Police Commissioners.

Chicago, May 5.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New Orleans says: Mayor Capdeville has asked the members of the board of police commissioners of New Orleans to resign as a result of the charges by Commissioner John A. Woodville that the commissioners are "grafters" and are responsible for gambling houses and lottery shops. The mayor's action produced a sensation. Riotous scenes attended the meeting of the board, and on adjournment Woodville was cheered and carried about by a crowd of his supporters.

## SAM PARKS GONE.

### Ex-Labor Leader Passes Away In Sing Sing Prison.

Ossining, N. Y., May 5.—Sam Parks, the New York labor leader, who was sent to Sing Sing prison some months

SAMUEL J. PARKS

ago after conviction on a charge of extortion, died in prison Wednesday. He had consumption at the time of his conviction and failed rapidly since.

## HUSBANDS PROTEST.

### Kicks and Cohorts Say They Are Tired of Nursery Work.

Bayonne, N. J., May 5.—Twenty-one husbands of this city have met and organized the Married Men's Anti-Euchre and Home Preservation society. They declare it is high time their wives and other men's wives were cured of the progressive euchre habit and propose to use all their efforts to establish such a cure. Several letter from other towns and cities were read endorsing the movement.

A gentleman of the name of Kicks, in accepting the presidency of the new society, said: "It is high time we asserted our manhood and made a determined effort to down this habit, which threatens to wreck our homes. Many a night I have had to walk the floor with the baby until 2 or 3 o'clock, waiting until my wife returned from a euchre party. It has got so that the clubs meet every afternoon and evening and are now talking about playing on Sunday."

Other men spoke in a similar vein and resolved to curb the popularity of euchre by every means in their power.

### Diamond Prices Advance.

New York, May 5.—Diamond importers have been advised of another advance by the European syndicate in the selling price of stones. The change amounts to 5 per cent and affects all grades of uncut diamonds.

### Jockey Fatally Hurt.

Louisville, Ky., May 5.—During a horse race here the animal Jockey Schimmel was riding fell. Latter had his right leg broken in two places and was injured internally and may die.

## ONE HUNDRED KILLED.

### Cochin China Ravaged by a Death Dealing Wave of Wind.

Saigon, French Indo-China, May 5.—A hurricane ravaged Cochinchina May 1. About 100 natives were killed. Great damage was done to property. All telegraph lines at Saigon were destroyed. Many native vessels sustained injury, but otherwise there was no damage to shipping here, though small craft in minor ports suffered.

During the Baptist revival at Abilene, Tex., there were over 100 conversions.

T. F. Millikan, stenographer for the Second Oklahoma district court, died at El Reno.

Japs captured on the Yalu forty-eight guns, thirty officers and 900 Russian privates.

Near Davilla, Tex., Willie Robinson, a boy, and the horse he was riding were killed by lightning.

Ten brick stores and six fine residences will soon be erected at Venus, Johnson county, Texas.

Citizens' National bank of Ennis, Tex., capital stock $50,000, has been authorized to do business.

John Moore was shot to death at Hughes, forty miles west of Lawton, Okla. J. M. Bryan surrendered.

The oil gusher at Big Hill, near Matagorda, Tex., is reported to be flowing between 800 and 1000 barrels daily.

## The SPORTING WORLD

### Another Vanderbilt Turfman.

Facts of large interest in the racing world have just come to the surface, to the effect that Reginald Vanderbilt contemplates going into horse racing and will do so just as soon as he feels that the newspaper fame which he achieved in recent months has worn away.

But for it his colors probably would be worn at the spring meeting at

REGGIE VANDERBILT.

Sheepshead Bay, New York. As matters now are it may be that he will not participate in the sport actively until 1905, though he is one of the executive committee which designs a brief sporting meeting at Newport, R. I., during the season.

Just at this time it can be no violation of the ethics which obtain on the turf to say that Mr. Vanderbilt's intentions are to purchase about half a dozen two-year-olds, some two or three three-year-olds and a like number of four-year-olds of class if any prove to be obtainable within reasonable figures. The trainer who has been selected says that under no circumstances would he advise the purchase of more than fifteen horses at the outside.

### The Quaker Nationals.

The Philadelphia National Baseball club's "winter of discontent" has been "made glorious by the sun" of prospective good fortune. With the treasury replenished by a 10 per cent assessment on the stockholders, cheerfully paid; with the ground improvements under way at reasonable cost, with a splendid schedule, with the valuable Kid Gleason finally permanently secured, and with a competent manager and pretty good team, it looks as if President Potter's tribulations were about over. The only clouds now hovering over the club are the damage suits, which, it is safe to predict, will not go against the club. With those suits out of the way President Potter will not spare money in securing a first class winning team.

### More Haggin Racers.

Fred Littlefield says that he does not expect to get any of the eight fillies he recently got from James B. Haggin's Elmendorf farm ready to race before fall. They are a well bred lot of misses, chiefly by Rancho del Paso stallions, but they require a lot of attention.

Cold as the winter in Kentucky was, they did not once sleep under shelter. It was not that the Elmendorf folk were either thoughtless or cruel. There were simply so many horses at Elmendorf no cover could be found for them. Having had that experience, they will hardly take cold from exposure this spring.

### Miller and Leeds.

Andrew Miller of the Saratoga Racing association is a newcomer to the stake list during the eastern turf season, and his principal campaign will be one of two-year-olds. W. B. Leeds, who only had Nevermore in his stake list last season, has added greatly to his stake contributions with such horses as Major Daingerfield and Hurstbourne, and, with no two-year-olds last season, this year he has a likely string well engaged.

### Fencer Pavese Challenges.

Generoso Pavese, the noted fencer, will shortly go to St. Louis for the exposition, where he will give exhibitions, and while there he will be ready to meet any professional fencer for the trophy and a side bet of from $1,000 to $5,000. He is ready to post a forfeit to bind a match.

### New Indianapolis Ball Park.

If plans now hanging fire materialize Indianapolis will have a baseball park this season within four minutes' car ride of the center of the business district. It is almost certain that the new park will be constructed on the show grounds immediately west of White river.

### In Pat Powers' League.

President Powers announced recently that every club in the Eastern league had signed its complement of players for the season and that the outlook for a successful campaign never was better. All the clubs have been materially strengthened.

### Twirler Lynch's Demand.

Pitcher Lynch, the Brown university star, has named his terms for professional baseball. He wants $2,500 for the season after college closes. This makes about $700 a month.

### Jim Robinson.

Jim Robinson has been engaged as trainer at Princeton for three years, beginning July 1. He began his work at Harvard, but went to Princeton about 1885.

### An Odd Fir Stump.

Posing as an altar in the Grant's Pass (Ore.) lodge room is an odd looking fir stump, its top shaped like a human head. Even the features grew there naturally, and except for a little carving to improve one eye no alteration was necessary after a woodman discovered the curio in the midst of the forest. A right ear is the only lacking feature. There is even a beard, represented by a white fungous growth.


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## How to Make a Fortune In Literature

[Original.]

They had met at Lake George. Now they were on the day boat going from Albany to New York, thinking of the charming days they had been spending in idleness. Seated on camp chairs on the upper deck they enjoyed the scenery and talked of their outing. The man smoked and the woman held a magazine in her lap.

"Tomorrow," said the former, "I shall be back in my office."

"Do you work hard?"

"No; my work is very easy. People who have anything to sell come to me. I only buy what is cheap; therefore I have no trouble in selling it."

"My work, too, is pleasant. I sit in the morning after breakfast in my cozy room by an east window where I get the sunlight and scribble for half a day. In the afternoon I do a little domestic work, then amuse myself."

"What is your line of literary work?"

"Fiction."

"So you are the Irene Buckingham whose story appears in that magazine you are holding so lovingly?"

"It is my first published story," she replied, smiling from her brows to her chin.

"How many times have you read it in print?"

"Let me see. I think it is six"—blushing.

"I must have read my first production in print sixty times."

"You? I did not know you were an author."

"Not very many people know that."

"You keep modestly in the background. How delightful! Your works go out incognito."

"No; they have usually been published under my own name."

"But I never heard"—

"Of Matthew Briggs?"

"Pardon me; I"—

"Singular, since I have had considerable success. I have made a fortune at literature."

"You surely don't mean that you write this trash that is so profitable?"

"My work has been as good as my talents would produce. I think I can say that it is far above the average."

"You made a fortunate hit—wrote something that was original."

"I wrote several original things, but the more original they were the greater difficulty I found in securing a publisher. One very original bit of mine was published, but I mismanaged the disposal of it and made nothing out of it, though it took like wildfire."

"Do, please, satisfy my curiosity. You say that you have done good, legitimate work which it does not appear, from what you say, has been remunerative, and yet you have made a fortune by it."

"I will give you a brief account of my career. My first productions were in imitation of my favorite author. They were not even accepted. My second were my own peculiar ideas written in my own style. They, too, remained unsold. Finally I made up my mind to write what the people wanted rather than what I wanted. Fortunately there was a field in which I was very much at home. There was plenty of romance in it and this I extracted. I wrote what seemed to please every one, but my productions did not reach the great mass of the public. The result was a failure. At last I found a friend, a partner in a publishing house, who gave me his influence, and the concern published a novel for me."

"I see. This was your chance. How many thousand copies were sold?"

"Two thousand."

"Only two thousand? Surely this could not have made you a fortune or a reputation. By and by you will tell me of some great work of which I have often heard."

"I never wrote another."

"Well?"

"My royalty on my novel was $300. I made a fortunate investment of this money and got what men who have made fortunes declare to be the hardest part of their work—i. e., the first thousand dollars. I lived on little more than nothing and kept turning over my money. Today I am accounted a rich man, all, as you see, made in literature."

"But you could as well have made it in molasses."

"I had no molasses to sell. I had a faculty for scribbling, and this gave me a lump sum. Fortunately I had the good sense not to try to live by literature alone, so that I could invest my little capital. While I was making my living this capital was making money for me. The disproportionate ability between capital and labor to make money is as the sands of the sea to a single grain. Of the million dollars of which I am possessed three-hundred-millionths were made by a very high order of intellectual work and the rest by capital."

"I am disappointed."

"I fear you will be more disappointed if you set your heart on making a large sum without any other assistance save your brain. The brain is simply a lever to put that powerful engine, capital, into operation. If the brain and the muscles, after keeping the body alive and in condition, do this they will do all that should be required of them. The rest is the work of capital."

"But how about authors who make great sums from their works?"

"Tell me about the winners of the first prize in a lottery, and I will respond with something of interest about these literary prize winners."

She, too, made a fortune at literature. She married the man who got his start as a capitalist by writing a novel. EDWARD SANDERSON.

## TEXAS LIVE STOCK RATES.

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| 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 | 14½ |
| 80 and over | 70 | 11½ | 15 |
| 90 and over | 80 | 12 | 15½ |
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| 125 and over | 100 | 13½ | 17½ |
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| 350 and over | 300 | 21½ | 25 |
| 400 and over | 350 | 22½ | 26 |
| 450 and over | 400 | 23½ | 27 |
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| 550 and over | 500 | 26½ | 29 |
| 600 and over | 550 | 27½ | 30 |
| 650 and over | 600 | 28½ | 31 |
| 700 and over | 650 | 30 | 32 |
| 750 and over | 700 | 31½ | 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.

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Interstate Live Stock Com. Co.
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North Texas Live Stock Com. Co.
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| Calves, per head | 15c |
| Hogs, per head | 8c |
| Sheep, per head | 8c |

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| Mail and Express... | 8:35 pm |

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**River, Texas & Southern Ry.**

| | Arrive. North |
|---|---|
| K.C.&St. L. Mail&Ex. | 2:55 pm |

**Ft. W. & R. G. Ry.**

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

**orth & Denver City Railway.**

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

**issouri, Kansas & Texas.**

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

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| | Arrive. |
|---|---|
| St. Louis & Mem. Ex | 7:25 pm |
| St.Louis Ex.via Dallas | 1:50 pm |
| Dallas, Mem. & St.L. | 6:50 am |

**exas & Pacific Railway**

| | Arrive. East |
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| St. Louis Cannon Ball | 7:45 pm |
| St. Louis Mail & Ex | 4:45 pm |
| ....Dallas Local.... | 5:15 am |
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| ....Dallas Local.... | 1:50 pm |
| ....Dallas Local.... | 6:10 pm |
| ..Wills Point Local.. | 11:00 am |
| St. Louis Mail & Ex. | 9: am |
| Main Line West. | Arrive. West |
| Colorado Mail & Ex.. | 7:00 am |
| Weatherford Local.. | 9:45 am |
| ..El Paso Express.. | 6:00 pm |

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| | Arrive. |
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| Texark. & St. Louis. | 4:35 pm |

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| | Arrive. |
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**Colorado & Santa Fe Ry**

| | Arrive. North |
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| K. C. & Chi. Fast Ex. | 7:50 am |
| | Arrive. South |
| Hou. & Gal. M. & Ex. | 8:20 pm |
| Hou. & San Antonio Gal. Mail & Ex..... | 7:40 am |

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| | Arrive. |
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| Hou. & Gal. Mail & Ex | 8:00 pm |
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**the Cretaceous Period.**

rble beds of New Jersey, the s of England and the lime- s of Eureka Springs are formations of the cretaceous These formations contain the the great reptiles and of the succeeded them.

# BLACK VERSUS WHITE

[Original.]

During the civil war the border states were infested by lawless bands who took advantage of the general demoralization to rob and murder. In Kentucky there was a man who had sprung from good stock, but had gradually run down from one occupation to another till he landed in what he called "partisanship," but what was really highwaymanship.

Armsby was fond of going about alone, suddenly appearing in places occupied by the national forces and as suddenly disappearing. It is probable that he did this to visit his confederates and receive information which would enable him to attack those who were bearers of money. When able to overpower such persons without the aid of his gang he would usually do so.

One day a banker desired to send $1,000 to a neighboring town, both places being within the Union lines. There was no competent escort at hand, and Simon, the bank's colored janitor, volunteered to carry the funds through. He was a wizened little old man, weighing about 100 pounds, with a sunken chest and a lame leg. The banker resolved to trust the money to him, hoping that his insignificance would protect him.

Simon started off on foot to traverse a matter of ten miles. Over his shoulder he carried a sack of meal, within which was a bag of gold coin. He had made two-thirds of the distance when a man on horseback came along. It was Armsby, and he at once recognized Simon, having seen him about the bank.

"Good morning, Simon," said Armsby, reining in.

"Good mawnin', Cap'n Armsby. Reckon de Lawd might' good to me to send you 'long hyar just now."

"How's that, Simon?"

"Waal, I's gwine to M— to bring back some money. I's tired workin' fo' nothin', 'n' 'cluded ef I could happen on a good excuse I mought hole onter some ob de gold. I could make a big story 'bout meetin' Cap'n Armsby, 'n' tellin' how he tuk"—

"Yo' black scoundrel, do yo' think I would demean myself by sharing plunder with a nigger?"

"No, sah. But in the generosity ob yo' Armsby soul"—

"Yo' old humbug! Yo're not going to bring back money. Yo're taking it and have it in that bag. Now I am collecting funds for the Confederate hospitals and will trouble yo' to hand it over."

"Yah! Yah! Mars' Armsby. D'yo t'ink I 'spec' to fool one ob de fust gentlemen ob de souf? No, sah. I war jist axin' a leadin' question. I wanted to see how de plan would strike yo'."

"Hand out the money or I will show yo' how a bullet will strike that black skull of you's."

"Mars' Armsby," whined the old man, "yo' hain't gwine t' take 't all and leave poor Simon to go back to wuk all de res' ob he days? Cain't yo' find it in yo' generous heart to gib me a leetle ob de gol'? Remember, de Armsbys might' fine people."

Whether the captain was touched with pity or shame, or flattered at Simon's reference to his family, he consented.

"Well, get out the stuff and I'll see."

Simon opened the meal sack, drew out a small canvas bag which he also opened, and, taking out a dozen half eagles, said:

"Ef yo' only gib me these 'n' shoot a lot o' holes in my clothing to show dat yo' tuk de rest de Lawd 'll bress yo' honorable soul. There's a thousand dollars in all."

"No one of my name ever refused a request. Keep what yo' have and hand me the rest."

"Yo' hain't goin' off without firin' holes fo' me to show."

"Hand up the bag, and I'll fire all the holes yo' want."

"On de word ob a Armsby?"

"Yes, yo' rascal, on the word of an Armsby," replied the bandit, flattered in spite of himself at the confidence in the integrity of one of his tribe.

Simon gave him the bag, then, standing off a few yards, held up his hat, and Armsby fired two shots into it.

"Now put some into my coat," said Simon, holding up the garment.

Armsby put a couple into the coat.

"Jest one mo' into de weskit."

Simon held up his tattered waistcoat and just as the robber fired gave a slight start. Armsby missed.

"Mebbe yo' losin' yo' nerve, Mars' Armsby," said Simon.

"Losing my nerve, yo' lying nigger! It was yo'r fault. Hold up the rag again. There! There's but one button on it. I'll pink that button."

Armsby had no sooner fired than a wonderful change came over Simon. When the smoke cleared away the captain saw the negro covering him with a revolver. Armsby had fired six shots, all there was in his own weapon.

"Hands up!" said the negro.

"Yo' black rascal"—

A shot whistled so close to his cheek that the blood followed it.

"Throw down de bag 'n' git off'n yo' hoss."

Armsby cast a contemptuous look at his captor, but obeyed. Simon picked up the bag and mounted Armsby's horse.

"March down de road!" said Simon. "Ef yo' look back I'll shoot."

Armsby did as he was bid. When he had gone 100 yards Simon, who had increased the distance between them, turned the horse and galloped away, followed by the bullets of the robber's twin revolver.

When it was learned that Simon had outwitted the redoubtable Armsby he was thenceforth retired on a pension.

JOHN TURNER WYETH.

## WILD DOGS OF ASIA.

**Fierce Animals That Pursue and Kill Bears and Tigers.**

The quality of courage possessed by hunting dogs of Asia appears in a marked difference of habit from that noticeable in all other carnivorous beasts. As a rule, each ferocious animal has its natural and favorite prey, which may vary in different localities, but is in each case the easiest and most profitable victim. Tigers, for instance, are cattle slayers or deer killers just as cattle or deer happen to be most abundant in their district.

Leopards prey on goats, sheep and, when they can get them, on tame dogs; wolves on sheep and cattle, stoats or rabbits and hares, and weasels on rats and mice. But, though the jungles which they visit abound in defenseless animals, the wild dog does not limit his attacks to these. The packs deliberately pursue and destroy both the black and Himalayan bears and the tigers, affording perhaps the only instance in which one carnivorous species deliberately sets itself to hunt down and destroy another. From their rarity, the uninhabited nature of the jungles which they haunt and their habit of hunting at night—which a probable suggestion makes the basis of the early legends of the demon hunter and "hellequin" at a time when the "red dogs" still remained in Europe—observations of their habits are rare.—London Spectator.

**The Despised Left Hand.**

The despised left hand makes good its claims in many cases to be the defter of the two. The fingers that touch and adjust with such nicety the strings of the violin are surely as cunning as those that move the bow. The hand that guides the reins and steers with exactness the horse through the crowded streets is quite as cunning as, one might say much more than, the hand that wields the whip. But great is fashion; unanswerable is theory.

It would appear that as life becomes more and more complex we are becoming more and more specialized, and the difference between our limits is encouraged rather than hindered by every screw made in Birmingham and every slap administered to the offending fingers that would dare to shake hands incorrectly.—Chambers' Journal.

**Betrothals In Germany.**

When a maiden is betrothed in Germany she is called "bride" by her sweetheart, who addresses her thus until it becomes time to call her "wife." Immediately upon betrothal the lovers exchange rings, which, if the course of true love runs smooth, are to be worn ever afterward until death parts them. The woman wears her betrothal ring on the third finger of her left hand until she is married, and then it is transferred to the third finger of her right hand. The husband continues to wear the ring just as the wife wore hers when she was a "bride," so that one can tell easily at a glance if a man be or be not mortgaged as to his affections.

**The Snow Leopard.**

In the highlands of central Asia lives the snow leopard, which never descends below the snow line of the mountains. Its color is a gray, inclining to buff. A few large dark spots show about the lower parts and a number of smaller ones congregate about the head and the neck. The back and the sides are marked with faded looking brown rings or rosettes. The comparatively enormous tail of the animal is fully as long as its body.

**A Night Mare.**

"Look here, you old fraud, that mare you sold me is blind as a bat."

"Well, well! Ain't it funny I never found that out? Ye see I allus used to drive her after dark, an' then she could see as good as any other hoss."

**Refined.**

Mrs. Nuritch—I think I'll take this watch. You're sure it's made of refined gold. Jeweler—Certainly. Mrs. Nuritch—Because I do detest anything that ain't refined.—Philadelphia Ledger.

# HIS GRUDGE?

[Original.]

"I've heard, sub, that there has been a fight in this place, and one of the contestants took an unfair advantage of the other."

"Yer referrin' to the set-to in the Empire saloon last night. Yas; the Texas man shot t'other feller when he was lookin' down on the floor for a half dollar he'd dropped. They'd had some words about the cards, but none of us 'bout here expects a man to shoot when t'other feller isn't expectin' nothin'."

"Do you know the Texas man's name, sub?"

"No, sir; he hain't been here long. Why are you concarned about him?"

"I've been lookin' fo' a man, sub, and when I heard that this Texas man had done a mean, murderous trick I wondered if he weren't the man I'm lookin' for. Has he been arrested?"

"Well, no. There ain't nobody here as likes to tackle him."

By this time a number of citizens had gathered round the man who was looking for some one. He was a white headed old man, but very erect and with plenty of vigor, at least in his eye. He was well dressed and had the air of a gentleman.

"There he is now," said one of the bystanders as a man emerged from a saloon and walked across the street.

The stranger started, the blood rushing into his face, then rushing back again. His hand shook. Indeed he trembled all over. Then he mastered himself and said coolly:

"Gentlemen, that's the man I'm lookin' fo'. I request yo' purmission to change the co'se of the law somewhat. I would like to fight the 'accused.'"

There was a look of surprise on the faces of those standing by.

"Oh, he'd eat you up," said one of them. "He's young and spry and mean enough to rob a dead nigger. You're too good stuff to buck against a man like that."

"I know I'm not young, suh. How could I be when I served under General Lee in Virginia? Trust me, suh, I've just enough grit left in me to tackle that man—not another man; that particular man."

The stranger turned and walked toward the object of his search. The crowd went with him. The Texas man saw them coming and gave them a defiant glance. Suddenly he recognized the stranger and paled.

"I've found yo' at last, Jim," said the old man, "but I've had a long hunt." Then, turning to the crowd, he added: "This man and I desiah yo' purmission to settle a private matte'. Will any gentleman present make the arrangements?"

A representative man was urged forward and at once began to provide for a meeting. The principals were to step back into the "clearing," off the street, stand thirty paces apart and at a signal advance, firing till their revolvers were emptied. The crowd submitted under protest, for they did not doubt that the Texas man would commit another murder. However, some of the onlookers observed that he was growing nervous under the veteran's glittering eye, which was never for a moment withdrawn from him.

Slowly as at a burial, for no one doubted that one at least of the principals would die, the party passed between two houses and proceeded over crackling twigs through a wood to the clearing. The Texas man and the stranger walked a little in advance, the former peering straight before him, as if to escape the fixed glance of the veteran, who kept his head turned toward his enemy, never for a moment relaxing his gaze. Once only did the murderer turn to meet that relentless glance, and then he shuddered as if the very marrow in his bones had been frozen. One of the followers who held the advance and saw the expression of the old man's eyes dropped back and whispered to another: "Thet ain't no live man. He's come back from the dead to avenge some wrong."

In the center of the cleared space the party stopped, the manager of the affair examined the principals to make sure they had no concealed weapons, relieving the Texas man of a revolver and a knife, and then placed them in position, handing each a revolver. The master of ceremonies stood with a pistol in his hand waiting for the crowd to get back out of the way. Now that the Texas man was face to face with his opponent he seemed to have passed under a spell. He was cowering under the other's merciless glance, vainly endeavoring to turn his own aside. Then the veteran, as if to give the man a chance to recover his equanimity, turned to the manager.

"We ar' waitin' fo' yo', suh."

The manager with deliberation raised his weapon to give the signal, the veteran still looking at him, then just before the signal turned again to his enemy. The Texas man had apparently recovered from the spell and when the signal shot rang out raised his weapon with the rapidity of lightning and sent a bullet tearing his opponent's coat at the side of the left breast and passing between the breast and the arm. Before he could fire again the veteran had emptied a chamber of his revolver. The Texas man stretched himself upward on his toes (there was a red hole in the very center of his forehead) and fell. His enemy stepped over to where he lay and looked down at him. The fallen man shuddered and was dead.

"Stranger," said the manager, "we're much obleeged, and now that the affair is over would you mind tellin' us of the grudge you bore him?"

"I could not do it, suh. I should have to couple with his the name of"—The veteran's voice broke tremulously. "Gentlemen, good mornin'."

And he strode away.

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The Rev. Dr. Fourthly—For twenty-seven years I have been trying to preach, but I confess I have never quite grasped the meaning of St. Paul in this particular passage. The Rev. K. Mowatt Laightly—Why, doctor, I cleared that all up in the first sermon I ever preached. I'll let you read it if you like.—Chicago Tribune.

**Carlyle and Paint.**

When Carlyle went to sit to Sir John Millais for his portrait in Millais' grand new house he turned on the stairway to ask, "Has paint done all this, Millais?" and, getting a smiling answer in the affirmative, remarked, "Ah, well, it shows what a number of fools there are in the world."

**A Fishy Romance.**

Mabel—So Jack Miller didn't marry Miss Herring after all? Judith—No. She rejected him. Mabel—How did Jack take it? Judith—Oh, he said there was as good fish in the sea as were ever caught out of it, and went after Miss Salmon.

## SCOTLAND'S CROWN.

**The Precious Relic Still Kept in the Castle of Edinburgh.**

A once precious diadem, which is now only a historic relic of much interest, is the ancient crown of the Scotch kings kept in the castle of Edinburgh. It is supposed to have been made for Robert Bruce and is formed of two circles of gold, the upper and narrowest circle being surmounted by a row of crosses and gem incrusted imitation flowers. The lower ring, the headband proper, is adorned from end to end of the golden band with large precious stones of different kinds, mostly in their rough, unpolished state. Above rise two arches of gold, which unite and are surmounted with the historic "cross and ball." Even when the Stuarts became kings of England they went to the trouble of going to Scotland to sent themselves for a few moments upon the celebrated "stone o' scone" and to have King Bruce's diadem pressed upon their royal heads.

Charles I. declared his intention of removing Scotland's famous relic to London so that such ceremonies could be carried out at home, but the sturdy Scots soon convinced him that such a proceeding would be an infringement upon their rights, so the king had to go to Edinburgh, as others had done before. The wife of a preacher of the name of Granger once stole the Scotch crown and the other royal insignia, this in 1652 or 1653. At the time of the restoration they were transferred to Charles II. They were returned to Edinburgh castle in 1707.

**The Wing of a Bird.**

The typical vertebrate limb, variously modified in the arm of a man or the fore limb of a cat or frog or bird, has one bone in the upper arm, which gives support to two in the forearm, which similarly yield to four at the wrist, and from these five digits can just comfortably be extended. The bird, however, decided to fly rather than grasp with its hand, so that three and a half fingers are all it has retained of the five which its reptilian ancestors bequeathed to it.

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## PRICE OF CATTLE AND BEEF.

Official Statistics Show Falsity of Sensational Newspaper Charges.

The National Provisioner, New York: The careful attention of the "yellow" press is called to the monthly summary of finance and commerce issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor for the month of March, 1904. We have been hearing nothing for months but "higher beef and lower cattle," and the tune has been played until a great many people have come to believe in its truth from hearing it so often. It must therefore, be somewhat of a shock to these believers to read the government's official figures, which indicate that beef cattle show an increase in price over the same month a year ago, while meat reveals a marked fall in price. Perhaps the agitators will take notice of these official statistics—most probably they will ignore them as not suiting their purpose. The report says:

"The Bureau of Statistics has for many years published in its monthly summary of commerce and finance quotations of prices of about 60 leading articles entering into the markets of the United States. The quotations presented are in each case those for a given day of each week in the leading market for the article named—in most cases New York, though in a few articles, such as beef cattle, Chicago prices are named. The latest issue of the monthly summary of commerce and finance presents a study of these prices and also shows the prices from week to week, running back through the entire year, and thus enables a comparison of prices in March, 1904, with those of March, 1903, for certain dates in that month, in many cases as late as the 25th. A study of the prices thus presented, comparing those of the latest available date with those of the corresponding date one year ago, shows that in some articles of domestic production prices are less in March, 1904, than those of March, 1903, in practically all cases except cotton, wool, wheat, corn, oats, beef cattle, and refined petroleum, or kerosene.

"Curiously, while beef cattle show an increase in price, family beef shows a marked fall in price. Texas steers are quoted in the Chicago market at $4.20 per hundredweight for the fourth week of March, 1903, and at $5 for the fourth week of March, 1904; and native steers are quoted at 5.50 in the fourth week of March, 1903, and $5.75 for the corresponding week in March of this year.

"Yet family beef, which was quoted at $15 per barrel in New York markets in the fourth week of March, 1903, is quoted at $12.50 per barrel in the fourth week of March, 1904. Mess pork, which was quoted at $19 per barrel in March, 1903, is given at $15.50 in March, 1904. Lard, which was quoted at 10.5 cents per pound in March, 1903, is given at 7.2 cents in March, 1904. Oleo-stearine also shows a fall from 10 cents per pound in March, 1903, to 7 cents in March, 1904; tallow, a decrease from 5⅝ cents per pound in March, 1903, to 4⅞ cents in March, 1904."

The table which follows shows the prices of articles quoted by the Bureau of Statistics for March, 1903, and March, 1904, the quotation of 1904 being in each case compared with that for the corresponding period of the same month in 1903:

| | March 1903. | March, 1904. |
|---|---|---|
| Native steers, per lb.... | $.055 | $.0575 |
| Texas steers, per lb.... | .043 | .050 |
| Beef, family, per bbl.... | 15.00 | 12.50 |
| Pork, mess, per bbl..... | 19.00 | 15.50 |
| Lard, per lb..... | .105 | .0725 |
| Oleo stearine, per lb... | .10 | .07 |
| Tallow, per lb..... | .0575 | .0487 |
| Hides, per lb..... | .1250 | .1175 |
| Wool, Ohio XX., per lb.. | .31 | .33 |

# PILED UP IN HEAPS.

Thousands of Japanese Bodies Lie Upon Battlefield.

## RUSSIAN VIEW OF IT.

Claim That In Order to Achieve a Victory General Kuroki Had to Sacrifice Numbers of the Mikado's Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—The gloom which prevailed here Tuesday was almost completely dispelled Wednesday morning when the people read the story of the glorious fight made by General Zassulitch's handful of rough regiments against the flower of the mikado's legions on the Yalu and the utter defeat of Vice Admiral Togo's new attempt to seal the entrance to Port Arthur. It is now plain that not more than 8000 Russians were actually engaged in fighting on the Yalu against a Japanese army whose total strength was between 24,000 and 40,000. Losses on both sides, which are reported to reach 1000, and possibly 1200, for the Russian force and twice that number for the Japanese, make it one of the bloodiest fights in history. At the river crossing Japanese dead lie piled up literally in heaps, and General Kuroki's success was purchased at such a heavy cost that Russia is disposed to regard it rather as a defeat than a victory for him. General Kuropatkin's dispatch shows the Russians fought with such bull tenacity and bravery against the overwhelming numbers of the enemy that the latter's nominal victory is eclipsed by the prowess of the czar's soldiers. General Kuropatkin's report also served to restore General Zassulitch in public favor with those who are disposed to criticise him. Even at the headquarters of the general staff, where, it is conceded, he made a tactical blunder, officials now say he redeemed himself by his gallantry in the action and the damages he inflicted upon the enemy. People are especially impressed with the desperate bayonet charge of the Eleventh regiment. The mental picture of the regiment advancing against the enemy, with bands and bugles blaring, a priest with the cross aloft at the head, appealed to the dramatic sense of the Russian population as nothing else could. The survivors of this regiment, which cut its way out, declare that the position is surrounded by more than 1000 dead Japanese. The loss of guns, which, according to the best information obtained, consisted of twenty-two pieces and eight machine guns, is considered particularly unfortunate, even though they are of no service to the enemy on account of the removal of their breechblocks, but members of the general staff say the science of war offers many instances where guns have been sacrificed to allow the infantry to get away in good order.

### CHINA NEUTRAL.

Celestial Government Says It Is Being Strictly Maintained.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—The Chinese minister, who in consequence of rumors of the possibility that China might not remain her neutrality, applied to Pekin for information, has received a cablegram from his government and Viceroy Yuan Shi Kai, which reads as follows: "In reply to your telegram of April 22, and with the object of putting a stop to unfounded rumors, we request you to deny them, declaring again in the most formal manner that China and the Chinese people are faithfully observing neutrality. You are authorized to say the central government has given rigorous orders to local authorities to see that neutrality is strictly maintained and that the most complete order is preserved in the whole territory declared neutral. Moreover, we are able to guarantee, owing to measures we have taken that any renewal of events like those of 1900 is impossible."

### Not True.

New York, May 5.—A special to the London Chronicle stating New Chwang had been captured by the Japanese is not true. New Chwang is thirty miles from the sea, and it would require at least two days' attack to capture it.

### Fired Many Shots.

Port Arthur, May 5.—Owing to bombardment of Tuesday Russian ships and batteries fired 2500 shells, while the machine guns of the gunboat Gilliak shot 3000 times.

### DUE TO JEALOUSY.

Parties Had a Hostile Meeting and Both Fatally Shot.

Shreveport, La., May 5.—Dave Speeks and Robert Lee, two negroes employed by H. P. Moore on the Trilby plantation in Bossier parish, shot and fatally wounded each other. The wounded men were brought to this city. Speeks died soon after reaching the hospital, and Lee's death occurred some hours after. Jealousy over attention paid the wife of Lee, who had left him, led to a hostile meeting between Lee and Speeks, in which a shotgun and pistol were used.

### THREE CHILDREN DROWN.

Section Around Austin Visited by a Terrific Cloudburst.

Austin, May 5.—As the result of the cloudburst that visited central Texas and this section Tuesday afternoon not a train moved in or out of this city for the north Wednesday. About five miles of the International and Great Northern tracks have been washed out north of here and trains have not arrived since Tuesday. Three children were drowned Tuesday night in a creek five miles from this city. Fields are under four to eight inches of water to the south of here for fifteen miles. Rivers and creeks are swollen far beyond their banks.

The children drowned were returning from school. They were in a vehicle, which overturned as it was crossing a creek six miles south. There were six in the party. Those drowned were Eugenia Smith, Rowland and Jessie Foster.

### DAMAGED BY WATER.

Williamson County Losses About Ten Thousand Dollars.

Georgetown, Tex., May 5.—On account of heavy rains and washouts, train on the International and Great Northern and the Katy did not leave Georgetown Wednesday morning. The bridge across Chandler branch on the International was washed away. The bridge over O'Possum creek on the Katy was damaged. Telegraph wires were down, but are now repaired. About four inches of rain fell. Judge Wilson estimates the damage to the county in bridges at $10,000. One negro is reported drowned near Taylor.

### FIRE AT WACO.

Cameron Companies Sustain Heavy Loss in One Department.

Waco, May 5.—Fire Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock destroyed the wall paper, paint and mantle screen departments of the Cameron Lumber company. Loss is estimated at $15,000. Origin of the blaze is unknown. General headquarters of the firm, which has branches and yards in various parts of Texas and Louisiana, are located here. The fireproof door prevented destruction of offices. The firemen consumed nearly two hours in subduing the blaze. Officials of the company state that the damaged buildings will be immediately repaired. Cameron people presented the firemen with a check for $200 in recognition of the splendid work in preventing a spread of the flames.

### Reward Paid.

Austin, May 5.—The state paid Police Officers O. H. Gibson and John Bracken $250, the amount of the reward offered by Governor Lanham for the arrest and conviction of Henry Simmons, the murderer of Miss Lula Sandberg. Gibson says that $25 will be given to each of the two negroes who informed on Simmons. The officers refused to accept the $100 reward from Sheriff Matthews, saying they had not right to accept it from a brother officer.

### Opposed by El Paso.

El Paso, May 5.—The rigid quarantine restrictions in force against Mexican yellow fever districts is causing great dissatisfaction among business men here and a strong protest will be made. It is contended yellow fever cannot exist at El Paso, and that as this city is 400 miles away from East Texas it is an injustice to local business men.

### Girl Bitten by a Snake.

Paris, Tex., May 5.—A little daughter of L. C. Fite, living six miles east of here, was bitten on the ankle by a ground moccasin and for awhile was quite ill from the poison. Prompt medical attention saved her life.

### Schooner Beached.

Matagorda, Tex., May 5.—Captain Senger has arrived here with the intelligence that he beached the schooner C. H. Moore off Lake Charles, ten miles below here. The boat was then in sinking condition. She was bound for Point Isabell with lumber.

### Houston's Secretary Dies.

Houston, May 5.—D. D. Bryan, city secretary and president of the State Federation of English Singing societies, died Wednesday morning of gastritis after a brief illness.

### Cordie Ragsdale Convicted.

Paris, Tex., May 5.—Cordie Ragsdale, on trial for being accessory to the fatal poisoning of her child, was given life imprisonment.

### LARGEST MORTGAGE.

Filed by Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.

Lawton, Okla., May 5.—The largest mortgage ever known in Oklahoma was filed with the registers of deeds in a number of counties by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company for $143,000,000, recovering the location held by the Central Trust company of New York on the property owned by the railroad. The fees paid the registers are $25 each.

### Is Disappointing.

Fall River, Mass., May 5.—Reports from many of the corporations which have been shutting down their cotton mills two days each week indicate that the curtailment of the past month has been largely disappointing in its results. Some of the manufacturers favor complete shut down of all the mills here unless a relief is shortly forthcoming from purchasers. The operatives are showing symptoms of uneasiness. A shut down will not be ordered, however, until the present plan has been tried out further.

### Successful Texans.

Annapolis, Md., May 5.—Among the successful candidates for admission o the naval academy are the following Texas boys: E. A. Rudt, F. Cannon, S. Cochran, Hugh Henry, G. O. McCauley and O. T. Shiller.

### Taken Possession.

Panama, May 5.—The United States canal commission has taken formal possession of the property of the Panama Canal company.

### CARRIED BY HEARST.

Iowa Democrats Instruct For Him by Large Majority.

Des Moines, Ia., May 5.—William Randolph Hearst swept the field in the Iowa state Democratic convention held here Wednesday. He had a majority of over 150 in the convention, and Hearst resolutions were adopted, the Hearst delegations from the contesting counties were seated and Hearst delegates were selected and the convention was instructed to vote as a unit and stand by Charles Walsh as a member of the national committee.

The convention was boisterous, and the orators, of whom there were many on both sides, were hissed, some of them being driven from the stage.

Cries of "Bought!" "Brass collar!" "How much did it cost?" met the Hearst speakers whenever they attempted to speak, and pandemonium reigned in the convention.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Will Hawkins, sixteen years old, was drowned near Franklin, Tex.

Ashbel P. Fitch, president of the Trust Company of America, is dead at New York.

Hon. Elihu Root will be temporary chairman of the Republican national convention.

Near Lott, Tex., a man named Hope was killed by lightning and his wife fatally injured.

Victor Whitmire, twelve years old, was stabbed at Dallas in the left lung by another small boy.

With a bullet in his brain sixty hours, Charlie O'Leary died at Dallas. He was shot in a difficulty.

For the second time within a week Colonel W. F. Diggs of Mineola, Tex., has been bitten by a skunk.

# HARBOR BOTTLED UP.

Corking Process Said to Have Been Successfully Done.

## TOKIO IS REJOICING.

Scenes of the Most Enthusiastic Description Enacted, Men Parading With Bamboo Poles, Banners and Flags.

Tokio, May 5.—The reports which have been received of the successful blocking of the entrance to Port Arthur harbor by the Japanese coming on the heels of the victory on the Yalu stirred Tokio to another popular demonstration Wednesday, and thousands of men carrying lanterns and banners swinging higher from bamboo poles, paraded through the city. Half a dozen bands of music led the various processions. The offices of the war and navy departments and of the general staff were the scenes of the greatest enthusiasm. Two imperial princes visited the naval department and the assembled crowd welcomed them with cheers. Then the throng called for Admiral Ito, chief of the general staff, and hero of the fight on the Yalu during the Chino-Japan war. He appeared in response to the calls of the people, and saluted them. The report which has reached here from Europe that General Kuropatkin, the commander in chief of the Russian troops in the far east, is personally leading 20,000 men from Liao Yang to Feng Wang Cheng, is welcomed as good news on the theory that the more aggressive the Russian campaign becomes the more speedy will be the Japanese final victory.

### Completely "Corked."

London, May 5.—The Tokio correspondents of both the Telegraph and Chronicle assert that Port Arthur is effectually "corked."

### MORE RIGOROUS.

Censors Cause Greater Delay by Their New System.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—Since the emperor's removal to Tsarkoye Silo a new system has been introduce of communicating official messages intended for publication to a special committee of military and naval censors. Formerly all telegrams addressed to the emperor received direct at the winter palace were sent to Admiral Abaza, who deciphered them and forwarded them to the commission sitting in the telegraph office. The censors read the messages carefully and omit any word or passage likely to prove useful to the enemy and then duplicates are given out to correspondents quartered in an adjoining room. The only delay arose from the censors adjourning from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m. Present arrangements involve further delay. Messages have to come back from Tsarkoye Silo after being deciphered. Those relating to land operations to the war ministry and those referring to sea movements are taken to the marine ministry, which are respectfully entrusted to give them out. Tuesday General Kuropatkin's first telegram reached the war ministry at noon, but official in charge had taken a train for Tsarkoye Silo to report to the emperor, and consequently the dispatch did not reach the public till night.

The emperor has received additional details of Sunday's fight on the Yalu river from General Kuropatkin. The general staff explains that the Russian batteries at Kiullen Cheng and Poteetingsky succeeded in withdrawing from the second position, whence they poured a murderous fire on the Japanese, who occupied the heights to the Russians' left. The Japanese attacked at three points—frontal Kiullen Cheng, on the flank at Chingo and the other flank at Liatan Gow or Liatun Gow, northeast and southeast respectively of Kiullen Cheng. Losses were very heavy on the flanks which protected the retreat of the main body from Kiullen Cheng.

General Zassulitch's force is resting at Feng Cheng. No renewal of the attack has been made. It is believed that General Kuroki is also resting on the river. There is a strong Russian position back of Feng Wang Cheng on the line parallel with Mukden and Liao Yang, where troops are concentrating, and it is considered likely that a really decisive engagement may be fought there. To force the pass beyond Ling Weng Cheng directly is considered practically impossible. General Zassulitch only had forty guns altogether and sixteen of these were left at Antung early Sunday morning and reached Feng Wang Cheng safely. Second and Third batteries of the Sixth brigade lost all but two guns, namely twenty-two. Eight machine guns which were used to cover the retreat were also lost.

### RUSSIAN LOSSES.

Two Thousand Men and Forty Officers Is Official Estimate.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—The Russian losses at the battle of Klu Lien Cheng were 2000 and forty officers—far greater than previous reports indicated. This is the official estimate of Major General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack, and whose report was received Wednesday by the emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses were higher. Gen. Kashtalinsk mentions also that more than 700 wounded had arrived at Feng Weng Cheng, and these may not be included in his calculations. He made no attempt to estimate the Japanese losses, merely stating they must have been colossal.

Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for delaying the enemy's crossing of the Yalu.

### TWO MEN KILLED.

Proprietor of Sherman Establishment and Employe Victims.

Sherman, Tex., May 5.—At what is known as the Frisco, John Stevenson, the proprietor, and M. R. White, an employe, were both almost instantly killed. Deputy Sheriffs Dee Burns and Oscar Kirk went to Stevenson's place with twenty warrants for the arrest of two negro men, charged with local option violations. The officers failed


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### SEVERAL SPEAK.

Number of Addresses Made at Missionary Conference.

Waco, May 5.—In the Methodist missionary conference ... Hon. D. M. Alexander presided. ... the leading speakers were Dr. ... bishop of Dallas, Elder J. T. ... Bishop W. W. Duncan and Dr. ... Lambuth. Rev. J. D. Scott ... the opening exercises. Bishop ... drix preached.

In the afternoon Rev. C. B. ... presided and Rev. R. C. H. ... ducted the opening service. ... L. Nelms of Georgetown was ... the speakers.

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### Buried Under Wreck.

Wirth, I. T., May 5.—An extra ... bound Katy freight train was ... here Wednesday morning. ... A. J. Farmer of Denison was ... under the wreckage, consisting ... cars.


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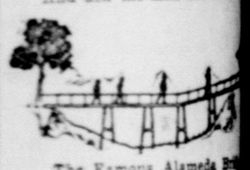

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