

BEEF INTERESTS

GIGANTIC MERGER WITH MILLIONS OF CAPITAL.

PACKERS WILL ORGANIZE FIRST

Afterward the Same Firms Will Amalgamate the Yards in Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago, St. Joseph, St. Louis and Other Places.

CHICAGO—The Record-Herald on Friday says: Two big consolidations are planned by beef interests. The packers will combine first and then effect a merger of all the stock yards in the country.

With the exception of the Chicago stock yards, which are controlled in Boston, all the properties involved are owned and controlled by the owners of the principal beef packing interests.

The different yards that will probably be included in the deal, aside from the Chicago yards, are those at South Omaha, Kansas City, East St. Louis, St. Joseph, Fort Worth and Sioux City.

The Armour interest is probably the largest in the Kansas City yards. The Armours, Swift and Morris control the East St. Louis yards, the Swifts own the St. Joseph yards, the Armours and Swifts own the Fort Worth yards, the Armours, Swifts and Cudahys control the Omaha yards and the Swifts control at Sioux City.

While the control of the Chicago yards is held in Boston, the Chicago packers have large holdings of the stock also and their recommendations would undoubtedly have great weight with the eastern capitalists.

The plan for consolidating the various stock yards has not progressed as yet to a point where the amount of stock required has been more than discussed. It would undoubtedly run well to \$100,000,000, exclusive of the amount required for the packing companies' combination, which is said to be \$500,000,000.

THANKSGIVING.

President Proclaims November 27 as the Time.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt on Wednesday issued his proclamation designating Thursday, November 27, as a day of Thanksgiving. The proclamation is as follows:

According to the yearly custom of our people it falls upon the president at this season to appoint a day of festival and thanksgiving to God.

Over a century and a quarter has passed since this country took its place among the nations of the earth and during that time we have had on the whole more to be thankful for than has fallen to the lot of any other people.

Generation after generation has grown to manhood and passed away. Each has had to bear its peculiar burdens, each to face its special crisis, and each has known years of grim trial, when the country was menaced by malice, domestic or foreign levy, when the hand of the Lord was heavy upon it in drouth or flood pestilence, when in bodily distress and anguish of soul it paid the penalty of folly and a forward heart.

Nevertheless, decade by decade, we have struggled onward and upward; we now abundantly enjoy material well being, and under the favor of the Most High we are striving earnestly to achieve moral and spiritual uplifting.

The year that has just closed has been one of peace and of overflowing plenty. Rarely has any people enjoyed greater prosperity than we are now enjoying. For this we render heartfelt and solemn thanks to the Giver of Good, and we seek to praise Him not by words only, but by deeds, by the way in which we do our duty to ourselves and to our fellow men.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving, Thursday, the 27th of the coming November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks unto Almighty God for the manifold blessings of the last year.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1902, and of the independence of the United States the 127th.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
By the President:

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Cholera Epidemic Decreasing.

ST. PETERSBURG—Cholera is decreasing in the Amur districts and in all other infected districts. There has been only one fatal case of suspected plague at Odessa since October 21.

VISIT THE COAL MINES.

Arbitration Commission Begins Tour to Examine Anthracite Region.

SCRANTON, Pa.—The seven commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt to adjust the differences existing between the anthracite mine workers and their employes on Thursday made a tour of the extreme upper coal field and saw every step taken in the production of coal from the time it is blasted to the point where it is sent to market.

The arbitrators had an interesting day and returned to their hotel at night, grimy from coal dust and tired after eight busy hours. They had to endure many discomforts, making their way through wet places in the mines, almost crawling along some of the gangways and passing through clouds of coal dust in the breakers. Notwithstanding this their eagerness for information was not diminished and they expect to put in another hard day's work in the same manner.

"Every suit that has been brought," he said, "has been successful under this section." He said he would curb trusts, not destroy them.

The tariff will have to be revived, he said, again and again and again.

In conclusion Senator Hoar discussed strikes, saying that to him, if capital combined he could not see why labor could not also combine. "I believe the sympathy of all true Americans," he said, "is on the side of labor and its attempt to better its condition. Capital and wealth will in the end take care of themselves."

EVILS OF TRUSTS.

Eight of Them Named by Hoar of Massachusetts.

BOSTON.—Senator Hoar, speaking here Monday night, said:

The evils of the trust are:

First—Destruction of competition.

Second—The management of industries by absent capital.

Third—Destruction of local public spirit.

Fourth—Fraudulent capitalization.

Fifth—Secrecy.

Sixth—Management for the private benefit of the officers.

Seventh—The power to corrupt elections and in some cases to corrupt courts.

Eighth—Indifference to public sentiment.

If the first, fourth and fifth can be cured the cure of others, in my opinion, will follow.

Now, is it not the duty of wise statesmanship to go slowly and carefully in this matter so that we cure or prevent the evil without sacrificing what is good?

Senator Hoar then reviewed the Sherman anti-trust laws, and claimed that he himself had inserted in the bill the section declaring any combination or trust which restricts trade to be illegal.

ARIZONA SEEKS STATEHOOD.

Governor Brodie Files His Showing at National Capital.

WASHINGTON—Governor Brodie of Arizona, in his usual report, renews the plea for statehood and makes the following explanation:

Under the Leland-Hansbrough act the claims of Arizona for government aid in irrigation to be fully carried out and extended so as to inaugurate in the territory the first of the great irrigation systems under that action, action to rejuvenate the depleted forest area; increases in school facilities; in the salary of the governor; of the appropriation for the Arizona national guard; appropriation to improve the Colorado river and construct a levee from Yuma to the Mexican line; to prevent the overflow of cultivated land by the annual freshets; and appropriations for purchasing sites and erectings in Arizona. The governor places the total taxable property of the territory at \$39,083,178.

AMERICA ANSWERS COLOMBIA.

Deals with Question of Sovereignty of Isthmus.

WASHINGTON—It was learned Tuesday that a prompt answer had been made to the latest Colombian note respecting the Panama canal treaty which was transmitted on Monday. Its nature was not divulged, but the presumption is that it deals almost entirely with Colombia's representations regarding the sovereignty of the isthmus. The Colombians feel their rights have been seriously invaded by the acts of Commander McLean and Admiral Casey in preventing the prompt movement of troops across the railroad. The state department is anxious that a speedy settlement be reached in order to facilitate the completion of the Panama canal treaty.

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NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

SHOOTING IS A MYSTERY.

Victim Refuses to Tell How the Injury Was Received.

SILVER CREEK.—Monday afternoon a man was found at the coal house west of town yelling for dear life. He was taken in charge and on examination was found to have been shot directly under the left shoulder-blade. The man is about 30 years of age, gives his name as James J. Francis, says he is from Baltimore, but refuses to talk further.

Three hours after the shooting a man boarded an eastbound freight west of town and persons seeing him say he answers the description of the man who was with Francis. The doctor gives little hopes of the wounded man's recovery.

COLUMBUS.—Chief of Police Shack received a description of a man wanted at Silver Creek and within twenty minutes had his man in jail. He was afterwards sweated by Sheriff Burnes, but absolutely refused to say a word. When searched he had a new Smith & Wesson 38-caliber revolver and a bottle of some kind of acid. Sheriff Burnes says he is confident that this man and the one who was shot are both wanted for postoffice robbery at Belgrade. The descriptions tally exactly. The Merrick county officers will be after the man. He stands perfectly dumb before all questioners and if he has a voice the officers have had no evidence of it.

LARGE IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Propose to Build a Ditch One Hundred and Fifty Miles Long.

LINCOLN.—One of the largest irrigation projects conceived in Nebraska is involved in a hearing begun before State Engineer Adna Dobson, being the matter of a protest filed by the Farmers' Canal company and the Farmers' Irrigation District against the application of William Frank. Mr. Frank's application for water from the North Platte river in Scotts Bluff county was filed last April and the irrigation district filed one subsequent to that date, but the real contest dates back five or ten years. Bonds to the amount of \$400,000 were once voted by the irrigation district, but they have never been disposed of. The Farmers' Canal company built twenty-one miles of what was intended to be an extensive line of ditches and then stopped work. Now two contending companies desire to complete the original plan. Mr. Frank proposes to build a ditch 150 miles long, at an estimated cost of \$580,000. The district expected to build eighty miles with the \$400,000 bonds voted. Robert Walker succeeded to the rights of the Farmers' Bond company. He has sold his rights to William Frank, who has associated with him H. G. Leavitt of the Ames Sugar company. They are admitted to have a prior claim, dating from 1887, but the other side alleges that these rights have been abandoned.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER.

Anton Christenson Must Pay Heavy Penalty for Killing His Wife.

OMAHA.—The solemn hush that attended the sentencing on Monday afternoon of Anton Christenson to spend all the rest of his days behind prison walls was broken by the quick, vehement clapping of the sister of the wife whom he had murdered. Never was applause less expected and never has it been more startling to those who heard it. The little group about the condemned man had been breathless as the judge pronounced his blasting words, and shuddered to hear that sound of exultation which is so rare in court rooms, even when the pronouncement is one of hope instead of withering doom. The prisoner uttered not a sound, but bowed beneath the blow, meekly and with all hope gone. Christenson shot and killed his wife last August.

Wolves Attack Hogs.

TECUMSEH.—For many years Johnson county farmers have been troubled but little with wolves, but this is not the experience of W. P. McCoy, who lives northeast of this city. His herd of hogs has been pestered with the animals considerably of late. One evening recently Mr. McCoy heard a disturbance at his hog pen, and upon going out found two big wolves attacking an old porker. Before Mr. McCoy succeeded in driving them off they had wounded the hog to the extent that he died soon after.

Sneak Thief Robs York Store.

YORK.—Some sneak thief entered the store of W. G. Boyer some time in the night and took \$35 from a drawer behind the prescription case. It is supposed he crawled in through a cellar window.

dog but holdfast is a better one.

could hardly be improved on at this day.

BRIEF NOTES.

The first automobile has made its appearance in Fremont.

A movement is on foot at Grand Island for starting a canning factory. The soldiers' monument on the court house square at Beatrice has been completed.

Rev. Hess of Beatrice last Sunday preached his farewell sermon. He will locate at Tipton, Iowa.

Nebraska produced in 1902 the following: Wheat, 60,216,670 bushels; oats, 58,503,007; rye, 11,797,123; barley, 2,152,522.

Fifteen houses have been built in Yutan during the last few months. One \$5,000 church has been erected and two more churches were renovated.

P. W. Birkhouser of Sarpy county has been showing his friends a second growth of strawberries that he picked from his farm south of Papillion.

While threshing near Ellis, Gage county, Chris Knoche, a prominent German farmer, had the misfortune to run the tine of a pitchfork in his right eye.

Nebraska's corn crop for the past five years shows the following: 1902, 224,201,950 bushels; 1900, 241,935,527; 1899, 244,125,093; 1898, 180,611,944; 1897, 229,907,853.

Alfred J. Anderson, a farmer living east of Oakland, had a valuable riding pony stolen. The animal was taken while its owner was attending an entertainment in town.

From some unknown cause the High school building at Arrapahoe was burned and is an entire loss, not even the brick walls remaining intact. The aggregate loss is \$20,000, with \$8,000 insurance.

One of the largest stones ever quarried in the state was cut at the Blue Springs quarry, recently. The stone is forty-five feet long, four feet wide and eighteen inches thick, and made a good carload.

A horse driven by E. B. Cowles, former county superintendent of Jefferson county, ran away and, while crossing the railroad tracks, overturned the buggy, throwing Mr. Cowles to the ground, severely injuring him.

Capt. A. H. Hollingsworth, who piloted company C while the First Nebraska regiment was on duty during the Philippine war, and Miss Myrtle Ross, a leading society girl of Wilber, were married at the bride's home last week.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Luther Academy at Wahoo it was decided to erect a new school building at a cost of \$18,000. P. L. Plym, an architect from Lincoln, was appointed to draw up the plans and specifications.

At a dance given at the home of David Kluck, a farmer living two miles north of Richland, a man named Young, about 25 years old, was seriously stabbed during an altercation with a fellow from Schuyler. Young's condition is said to be serious.

Charles Ogoms committed suicide at his home eight miles northwest of Gibbon. He was a farmer in good circumstances, owning a farm of 160 acres, with stock and a good crop. He leaves a wife and five children. His home relations were pleasant and comfortable. Land in Boone county is changing hands rapidly. Within the past two weeks 8,000 acres of the ranch and farm lands recently purchased by a New York syndicate, has been sold by McKillip & Swallow, their agents. This land has all gone to individual land owners.

A peculiar freak of nature occurred on Martin Klim's farm, near Adams, a few days ago. About twenty-two days ago one of his cows gave birth to a calf which was dead when it was born. Sixteen days later the same cow gave birth to another calf which is alive and doing well.

The verdict of the jury in the Lillie murder case at David City before Dr. Sample, the coroner, was rendered after being locked in a room three days and three nights, and is as follows: That Harvey Lillie came to his death by a gunshot wound, feloniously inflicted by a party unknown.

The senior class of the State university has received a report from the committee to select a list from which the class orator shall be picked. The names submitted embrace Henry Waterson, Senator Beveridge of Indiana, Mark Twain, Thomas B. Reed and Hamilton Mable, editor of Outlook. The list was presented to Chancellor Andrews.

Coroner McCabe of Lincoln county was called on to examine into the cause of the death of two men. Word was received from Wallace that a man, name not given, was found dead under a wagon box. All evidence indicated an accident. R. A. Brown, mail driver between North Platte and Gandy, was found dead in his wagon. The team pulled up to the Myrtle postoffice with the dead body. The mail was undisturbed and all indications were that he had simply dropped dead.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE—There was only a light run of cattle Saturday and for the week receipts show a decrease as compared with last week, but an increase over the same week of last year. There were a few spotted steers on sale and there did not seem to be much of any change in the prices paid. The cow market did not have the life to it today that was noticed yesterday. As compared with a week ago the market may be quoted 15¢ to 25¢ higher, the greatest advance having taken place on the better grades. Bulls, veal calves and stags did not show much change, but for the week bulls are a little lower if they are not good. There were only a few stockers and feeders on sale and not much change in the market took place. There were only a few western steers in sight and the market showed but little change. There has been a good active demand all the week and prices have advanced 10¢ to 15¢. Range cows were a little lower, but 15¢ to 25¢ higher for the week.

HOGS—The market opened fairly active and 2½¢ higher. Along toward the close, however, the feeling grew weaker and the last sales were not much more than steady with yesterday's average. The bulk of the sales went from \$6.00 to \$6.65, with prime loads selling mostly from \$6.65 to \$6.70. Heavy packing grades went largely from \$5.55 to \$6.60.

SHEEP—Quotations: Good to choice yearlings, \$3.75 to \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.25 to \$3.65; good to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$3.85; fair to good wethers, \$3.10 to \$3.35; choice ewes, \$3.00 to \$3.25; fair to good ewes, \$2.65 to \$2.90; good to choice lambs, \$4.65 to \$4.75; fair to good lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; choice native lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.50; feeder ewes, \$2.75 to \$3.00; feeder yearlings, \$2.90 to \$3.25; feeder lambs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; cull lambs, \$1.50 to \$2.50; feeder ewes, \$1.25 to \$2.00; cull ewes, 75¢ to \$1.25; stock ewes, \$2.50 to \$3.25.

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Native and western beefs steady; quarantine stuff active, firm; stockers and feeders dull, weaker; stock calves broke 25¢ to 75¢ during the week; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.50 to \$7.45; fair to good, \$3.50 to \$6.45; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.00; western fed steers, \$3.15 to \$5.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.00 to \$4.25; Texas cows, \$2.40 to \$3.00; native cows, \$1.50 to \$4.00; native heifers, \$3.10 to \$3.75; canners, \$1.00 to \$2.25; bulls, \$2.25 to \$3.65; calves, \$3.00 to \$5.60.

HOGS—Opened 5¢ to 10¢ higher; closed weak; top, \$6.55; bulk of sales, \$6.65 to \$6.60; heavy, \$6.55 to \$6.65; mixed packers, \$6.50 to \$6.00; light, \$6.40 to \$6.57½; yorkers, \$6.55 to \$5.75; pigs, \$5.85 to \$6.35.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady; native lambs, \$3.60 to \$6.20; western lambs, \$3.00 to \$5.15; fed ewes, \$3.10 to \$3.90; native ewes, \$3.45 to \$4.00; western wethers, \$2.95 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$1.95 to \$3.25.

GENERAL MILES AT MANILA.

Takes Up His Abode at Palace White in the City.

MANILA—General Miles reached here on the United States transport Thomas from San Francisco Friday morning. A salute in his honor was fired from Fort Santiago.

General Davis and a squadron of cavalry met General Miles at the landing place in Manila and escorted him to the palace, where Governor Taft and the other members of the civil commission awaited the visitor. General Miles has accepted Governor Taft's invitation to live at the palace while here. The garrison in Manila will be reviewed by General Miles on Saturday. The general will then proceed to Dagupan, where he will visit Colonel Charles L. Davis of the Fifth Infantry, General Miles' old regiment. The general's plan for a tour of the archipelago has not yet been completed.

Rid of a Horse Thief.

GUTHRIE, O. T.—Residents of Cadizo county, in the vicinity of Swan lake, discovered the body of an unknown man swinging to the limb of a tree, and it has developed that he was a member of a gang of horse thieves that terrorized that portion of Oklahoma for several months past. It is supposed he was captured by enraged farmers who had lost stock and lynched.

Indian Would Cheat the Gallows.

SIoux FALLS, S. D.—James Robbins and ex-Sheriff Joseph M. Dickson, who were death watch over Walking Shield, the Indian hanged here last week, have been appointed to a similar capacity in connection with George Bear, the Sioux Indian convicted a few days ago of the murder of his stepson and a white employe on the Rosebud reservation and sentenced to be hanged December 5, next.

Thanks the Workmen.

WASHINGTON—After breakfasting at the White House Friday, President Roosevelt informally received 191 of the mechanics and laborers who have been engaged upon the repairs of the mansion. The president thanked them as a body for having facilitated by their work the completion of the repairs to the mansion, thereby enabling him to once more occupy it.

No Prize Fighting There.

WATERBURY, Conn.—In response to complaints from clergymen and other citizens regarding the proposed match between Young Corbett and Austin Rice on November 6, John P. Kellogg, assistant state attorney, on Friday sent a letter to the manager of the match, warning him that any violation of the law against prize fighting will be immediately met with the arrest and punishment of any one concerned.

SAVED A LIFE.

Gratitude promotes publicity, and its no wonder people testify when life is saved.

Every reader with a bad back is in danger, for bad backs are but kidney ills and neglect may prove fatal. Neglected backache is quickly followed by too frequent urinary discharges, retention of the urine, painful urination, Diabetes, Bright's disease.

Read how all such troubles can be cured.

Case No. 34,520.—Mr. Walter McLaughlin of 2922 Jacob street, Wheeling, W. Va., a machine hand working at J. A. Holiday & Son's planing mill, says: "I firmly believe had I not used Doan's Kidney Pills when I did I would not be alive now. I was in a terrible condition, and although I took quarts of medicine and was attended by doctors, I got no better, but worse. Friends spoke of my bad appearance, and thousands knew about it. I could hardly get around and felt and looked like a dead man rather than a living one. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at the Logan Drug Co.'s store, were a blessing to me; half a box relieved me; three boxes entirely cured me."

A free trial of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. McLaughlin will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

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If the wife is a slave to fashion the poor husband must of necessity be a slave to the almighty dollar.