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TELEPHONE 226.

Where's the guy who said we were to have a mild winter?

Missouri reports male prices exceptionally high. No use to kick.

"Nicaragua remains silent," says a press dispatch. Amen—let the good work continue.

Spain has been flood-swept again. If that country likes water is certainly ought to be happy.

Farm property in the United States has increased in value about forty-four per cent since 1900.

No wonder the world is warped, when suckers live eternally and a new one is being born every minute.

But what the women would like to hear is how much Mrs. Cook really knows and what she thinks about it.

But there are some moaning billows on the deep now if that Boston tidal wave got into the baked bean district.

Down in Texas the governor doesn't believe penitentiaries were intended for women and has pardoned all the female convicts.

The greatest business year in the history of the country is the record for 1909, according to figures compiled by Bradstreet.

Nick Longworth is being mentioned as a compromise candidate for governor of Ohio. However, the compromise isn't with Alice.

Admiral Dewey has just celebrated his 72d birthday. Nearly fourteen years since Cousin George took his seat in the good old fame wagon!

A will written on a bed slat is being contested at Crawfordville, Ind. Now we'll see whether the court can break the will without cracking the slat.

Expenditures for new buildings in the United States last year were \$50 million dollars, 40 per cent more than in 1908, and exceeding those for any preceding year.

Worse and worse. Comes now the revelation that a Danish newspaper man wrote that first pretty story for Doc Cook. All the same it was a "dinger" and worth the reading.

With hundreds of dead and dying, at Bluefields, and many suffering or facing starvation, Nicaragua seems to have cast aside opera bouffe warfare and gone into the legitimate as defined by Gen. Sherman.

Mr. Zelaya, we are told, boasts that he is the father of forty-two children, only six of whom were born to his wives. Great and virtuous man! No wonder President Diaz and Mexico are giving him a royal welcome.

FARMERS PROSPEROUS.

That the farmers of the nation have enjoyed the most prosperous year in the history of agriculture is stated by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in his thirtieth annual report. He places the revenue received by farmers for their products for the year just passed at \$8,760,000,000. "This revenue," says Secretary Wilson, "has paid off mortgages; it has established banks; it has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world; it has provided him with the means for improving the soil and making it more productive." One of the most interesting sections of Secretary Wilson's report is that dealing with the increases in prices of foodstuffs. As compared with the average for the period from 1896 to 1900, the relative price of all commodities, he says, in 1909 was as 122.6 to 100.

He says that an investigation was made of the retail price of beef in fifty cities and that the average increase of the retail price over the wholesale price was found to be 38 per cent. He points out that this great difference between wholesale and retail prices on this one commodity, is largely due to the fact that there are so many retail meat shops, each one finding it necessary to maintain delivery wagons and other equipments, the cost of which must be borne by the consumer.—LaFollette Weekly.

A NEW START.

This is the season of resolutions. We look backward, perhaps not so often as we look forward to pleasures that are gone, hopes that have been shattered and resolutions that have been rudely broken. We have done this very thing at the beginning of each new year so far back as we can remember until it has become force of habit with us as a nation.

What was the result of our observation as we gazed upon our record during 1909? Were we better men and women for having had our share of the good things and opportunities of that year of our stewardship here below?

If we lost those opportunities for improvement they are gone forever. There will never be another year 1909, it has gone and we are steadily traveling in its wake—one year nearer our tomb.

What are we going to do for body and mind this year, that you did not attempt to do last year? You are either better or worse morally and mentally than you were twelve months ago. You alone can answer as to which side you have chosen to place yourself. Are you satisfied with the result? If not make an honest effort and a new resolve now for a vast improvement for this the dawning of 1910.

It has been growing harder for men who drink to get or keep jobs. One after another the great railroads have posted notices warning employees of instant dismissal if they are known to drink. Such a rule has more practical effect than a thousand temperance lectures. Frick's great iron and steel works at Homestead are under an absolute total-abstinence regime. Marshall Field & Co., enunciated a rule which has been followed to a less or greater extent by other mercantile establishments: "We will not, to our knowledge, place in our business a young man who drinks." Many a bank clerk has passed a very humiliating quarter of an hour in the office of some surety company, while learning that because he was known to drink the company would refuse to sign his bond unless he could furnish it acceptable security. The United States Labor Department, using percentages based on several thousand reports, found that ninety per cent of the railroads, seventy-nine per cent of the manufacturers, eighty-eight per cent of the trades and seventy-two per cent of the agriculturists discriminate against drinking men as employees.—The Delinquent.

England has a sensation, created by the death of Earl Percy, member of the British parliament and high in official circles, which occurred at an obscure place in Paris. It was attributed to pneumonia or something of that sort, but the generally accepted story is that it was caused by a bullet wound received in a duel with another Englishman just outside Paris. It is said the Englishman received Percy into his home as a friend; Percy proved treacherous, and the challenge and duel followed. That sounds like old times. Are the English-speaking people going back to the old duel code of three quarters of a century ago?

Now comes word from Washington that an Anti-Trust League is being organized, the members pledging themselves to boycott any trust or concern that forces the price of necessities above reasonable amounts. Gee! It's a cinch, all the members are doomed to starve to death—for we don't know of anything eatable they can't get their hands on that doesn't doesn't directly come under that category.

It is said Wall street is taking serious note of the raise of prices of necessities and is looking for the cause. It's so hard for Wall street to realize that anybody else is entitled to do any skinning.

From all over the state comes the reports of a bountiful ice harvest and from present indications there will be plenty of ice cream next summer.

Cheap and Safe.

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SAMUEL LICHTY, Sec'y.

BE THOROUGH, SAYS UNCLE

Pointing Out to Nephew Just How He May Be Certain of Getting a Square Deal.

"If we fail, Henry," said Uncle Hiram to his hopeful young nephew, "you may be sure that we owe it as a rule not to our limitations or to lack of opportunities but to our lack of thoroughness, to our not using the talents we have to the best advantage. It is an old, old story, Henry, but however old a story may be it still remains new to those who hear it for the first time; and are not new hearers coming into hearing all the time, to whom everything, the whole world, is new? Now let me say this say again for your benefit.

"When I see the window cleaner failing to get down into the corners to dig out there, failing to make a perfect job of his work, I know not only that he lacks inspiration, I know that he lacks the two simple essentials of application and thoroughness; he lacks the two elementary requirements for getting on in the world at all. As he grows older he will wonder why he doesn't get ahead faster, and when dull times come he will wonder why he is laid off while other men are kept at work; and then, unless happily light should come to him, he'll get sour and discontented and in his own way cynical; he'll think that everything in the order of things is wrong, that he isn't getting a fair deal, when the fact is that every man is his own dealer.

"As it is about the window cleaner so it is with every one of us in whatever we may have to do. We all of us think we can do big things when, as we say, 'we get a chance'; but the truth is that unless we can do a little thing well we never get a chance. Big things are made up of little things. If a man or a boy couldn't sweep a sidewalk clean nobody would think of hiring him to clean a city.

"Don't think you've got a mean job and slight it till you can get something better; no matter what your work may be, magnify it and dignify it by application and thoroughness. It is the only way to get on, and in that way you'll be sure to get on. There's nothing the matter with the deal, Henry. Every man can have a square deal if he wants it hard enough, for every man can deal for himself if he will."

How the Normans Dined.

The Normans dined at nine in the morning and supped at five, the Dundee Advertiser says. The tables of the princes, prelates and great barons were sumptuously furnished with every delicacy they could procure from foreign parts. The monks of Canterbury had 17 dishes every day, besides a dessert; and the monks of St. Swithin's, in Winchester, complained to Henry II. against their abbot for taking away three dishes they had previously been allowed. Thomas a Becket gave 25 (equivalent to 215 in our money) for a dish of eels. When this proud prelate went on a journey he had in his train eight wagons, each drawn by five of the strongest horses. Two of these wagons contained ale, one the furniture of his chapel, another the furniture of his kitchen; the others were filled with provisions, clothes and other necessities. He had, besides, 12 pack horses carrying trunks containing his money, plate, books and the ornaments of the altar. To each of the wagons was chained a fierce mastiff, and on each of the pack horses an ape or a monkey.

No Sale of Books.

"Yes, madam," said the agent, with a bland smile, as he opened his bag and extracted the volume. "I am sure that this book will prove of great value and help to you. You have children?"

"None," said the lady.

"Exactly," said the agent. "The fact interested me at once, and I resolved to call. Here, said I, is a lady who, more than anyone else, will find profit and pleasure in Miss Bosbyshell's great work. It is called 'How to Bring Up Children,' bound in leather, costing three dollars."

"It won't do for me, my dear sir," returned the good woman. "None of my children are bound in leather, and there isn't one of them that has cost less than nine dollars. Here, Towser," she added, turning to the bulldog, "show the gentleman the short cut to the highway."

And the man and dog went out together, only the former led the way.—Judge.

Actor Was Only Acting.

Stephen Phillips, the dramatist and poet, whose financial misfortunes are so widely regretted, began life as a member of F. R. Benson's repertoire company. Mr. Benson had told him that the great thing for an actor is to act. "It does not matter," he continued, "so much what the words are which the actor speaks as the impression which he conveys to the audience by those words." Then he gave Mr. Phillips the part of Balhazar in "Romeo and Juliet." On the first night Balhazar managed the first line of his part, and then forgot the rest. Romeo, in the person of Mr. Benson, had to go to his assistance and speak the rest of the part for him, while Balhazar exhibited an agony of speechless grief.

"What do you mean," Mr. Benson afterwards demanded, "by going on the stage without knowing your part?"

"I was only doing what you told me. You said the great thing on the stage was not so much the words you speak as to act. Well, I was acting."

MARKET LETTER.

Letter From our Regular Correspondent at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Jan. 3.—Cattle supplies last week ran largely to short fed steers, on which class there was a decline of 15 to 25 cents for the week, but all other grades were scarce, and sold at stronger prices, except that stockers and feeders showed some weakness after the middle of the week. The run of cattle today is 9,000 head, and the market is strong to 15 higher, greatest strength today on the stuff, and butcher grades, the kinds that led the market last week. Steers also show substantial improvement today, many scales 10 higher, although the top is \$6.85, which figure does not represent the full strength of the market, as prime steers would sell at \$5.25 to \$6.40, cows at \$3.00 to \$5.25, heifers up to \$6.25, bulls \$3.25 to \$5.00, calves \$4 to \$9, all of which kinds except the steers are at the winter's highest prices. Cattle receipts during the year 1909 were second largest on record here, and were two hundred thousand head more than the previous year, yet prices averaged the highest ever known at close to \$43 per head. Hog receipts show a big shortage for the year, in common with all the leading markets, but sheep receipts were heaviest on record here for any year. The extraordinary prices for all kinds of live stock last year made the total value of live stock received here during the year almost twenty per cent more than in any previous year, exceeding one hundred and seventy millions of dollars.

Hog receipts last week remained at holiday volume, and through the exhibition of extreme indifference packers were able to break the market 15 to 25 cents by the close of the week from the high point. The supply today is 9,000 head, and prices are 5 to 10 higher, top prices \$8.45. The feature today is the strength shown in hogs weighing under 200 pounds, which kind sell up to \$8.40, a point nearer heavy hog prices than they have reached before this winter. One of the biggest buyers here stayed out of the market today, refusing to bid more than steady prices, and as his house will have to buy more heavily balance of the week, their action today may help prices later in the week.

Sheep and lambs made a good gain in price last week, and the market is 10 higher today, run 6,000 head. Lambs brought \$8.60 today, and yearlings \$7.50, each a new high price for this winter. Wethers are worth \$5.25 to \$6.00, and ewes \$4.75 to \$5.50, goats around \$4.25. Receipts since the first of December show a decrease as compared with a year ago, indicating a shortage on feed this winter, and light receipts ahead.

J. A. RICKART,
Live Stock Correspondent.



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