

PACKER IS PRODUCER TOO

MASTER OF MARKETS AND MASTER OF CATTLE SUPPLY.

UNIQUE NEBRASKA SITUATION

Early This Week Swift & Co., Who Operate Feed Yards at Norfolk, Shipped Four Trainloads of Cattle to the Chicago Markets.

A queer situation concerning the relationship between the beef producer and the packer exists in Nebraska and the fact that Swift & Co., of Chicago, who have just issued a statement explaining the increase in the price of beef by saying that the producer, withholding his stock, has forced an increase on the livestock market and consequently in the retail price to the consumer, are, themselves, actual producers of beef, adds interest to their statement that "the range cattle producer is the master of the situation."

Swift & Co. have a feed yard in Norfolk where they are fattening cattle for the Chicago market and early this week they shipped four trainloads to that point. They also have feed yards in many other Nebraska points. At Pierce they are feeding a large number of cattle, as well as at Meadow Grove. The same condition prevails in a large portion of the South Platte country. The name under which the Swift people operate their feed yards is "The Illinois Cattle company," but it is the Swift interest nevertheless.

Alleged to be master, together with other packers in the so-called beef trust, of the Chicago market prices on live stock, and rapidly becoming master by constantly spreading into the business of cattle producer, according to their own statement, the unique condition resulting is that the packer, raising his own stock, sells his cattle to himself at an increased price and then, on account of the increase, boosts the retail price of meat to the consumer.

The feed yards at Norfolk which are now the property of Swift & Co., were purchased from Fred Karo several months ago. The packers would have purchased more ground, enabling more extensive feeding, if it had been obtainable. The same firm has been buying up independent feed yards in a great many towns.

A number of local feeders have watched closely the Swift methods and have adopted some of them. An effort is also made to watch the shipping days of the packer-feeder, as the latter, in case it is true as alleged that the packers know in advance the prices which prevail on the markets, have every advantage in shipping their stock into the stockyards.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Sol G. Mayer is a Lincoln visitor today.

Charles Dugan is in Norfolk from Bonesteel.

A. Howard was in Norfolk yesterday from Winside.

T. H. Davey of Fremont was in the city yesterday.

P. N. Pederson was up from Humphrey yesterday.

H. E. Hardy returned last night from a trip to Omaha.

L. A. Fisher was in Norfolk from Oakdale yesterday.

S. A. Campbell was in the city yesterday from Tilden.

F. S. Scott was here yesterday from Stanton, on business.

W. H. Brown of Schuyler was a Monday visitor in Norfolk.

Annual election in Damascus commandery will be held April 21.

Jack Koenigstein went to Pierce yesterday afternoon on business.

Mrs. W. N. Huse has gone to Haverdell, Iowa, to visit her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Emmons were in Norfolk yesterday from Madison.

Miss Amy Leonard of Wakefield is in the city the guest of Miss Jounge.

Wm. Brozosky and P. Sweeney were in Norfolk yesterday from Lindsay.

Mrs. C. Chester of Long Pine is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Ball of this city.

Mrs. C. J. Howe of Sioux City is the guest of Mrs. C. H. Vail at the Oxnard.

Mrs. C. J. Howe of Sioux City is visiting with Norfolk friends until tomorrow.

Mrs. J. C. Morey of Pierce is visiting Mrs. L. Sessions and other Norfolk friends.

Mrs. C. E. Burnham and daughter, Miss Fae Burnham went to Sioux City today.

Frank Hall of Neligh, representing the Automatic Threshold company of that town, in Madison county, is in the city on business.

Mrs. H. B. Thomas, who is now in an Omaha hospital recovering from the effects of a recent surgical operation, is getting along nicely.

Guy W. Barnes went to Tilden at noon where he will remain for a month as bank bookkeeper for E. H. Lufkart.

R. M. Sauer, who had been serving as night operator at Fremont, has arrived in Norfolk to become operator in the Northwestern yards here. J. M. Walter of Norfolk has succeeded him at Fremont.

Miss Mutter, a trained nurse from Omaha, arrived today as an additional nurse to attend little Andrew Mapes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Mapes, who is so seriously ill. Mrs. Wandell of this city has been in attendance all along and still is, but

the case is serious enough that two nurses were thought advisable.

Mrs. Mary Mathewson will entertain about thirty friends for Miss Lisle Wilkinson Thursday evening.

The Verges estate has materials on hand for fixing up the building at the corner of Norfolk avenue and Fifth street, recently damaged by fire.

A small boy set fire to the barn of J. Gall in Gregory county, S. D., while the family were away at church. Four head of horses were cremated.

An old house from North Seventh street is being moved into the southern part of the city to be repaired and made into a desirable residence property.

Local Northwestern people are pained to hear of the death of the wife of George Bidwell, son of General Manager Bidwell. Mrs. Bidwell died in Kansas and the body was brought to Omaha for interment.

A large number of severe colds are reported about town as a result of the sudden changes in the weather. Shifting rapidly from warm to very cold, the month of April has so seriously subjected people to the changes that the person who has escaped is an exception to the rule. Some of the cases have developed into stages more serious than mere colds.

Dozens of teams, drawing emigrant wagons, may be seen on the streets of Bonesteel every day, going out on the Rosebud reservation and the reserve. It is said, is literally alive with humanity. There is scarcely a quarter section of land on the entire reservation which is not occupied, thus settling that country much more thickly than is the territory around Norfolk and other Nebraska towns.

Fremont Tribune: The new Union Pacific motor car of which much has been said lately, passed through Fremont at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. It was run through from Omaha to Grand Island. The road is to make a week's trial of it on the line between Grand Island and St. Paul. Fremont people who were at the depot did not have much chance to give the car a close inspection, as it did not stop here. It is painted red and resembles in appearance the ordinary street railway car. The noise it makes resembles that of a gasoline automobile.

A party of Northwestern officials, including General Manager Bidwell, General Superintendent C. C. Hughes and Superintendent C. H. Reynolds have recently made a trip over the Nebraska & Wyoming division of the road. It was rumored up the Bonesteel line that an extension was contemplated. Concerning the report, Superintendent Reynolds said, "I know of no plans for extending the Northwestern beyond Bonesteel at present. It is possible that if the Milwaukee extended across the reservation, we might push out a little farther, but there is no reason to believe that the Milwaukee is planning to extend."

Humphrey Democrat: We notice by the Omaha papers of last week that Dr. T. E. Stack and wife, formerly of this place, are in trouble at their present home in the little town of Bennington near Omaha. Their trouble consists of an anonymous letter written to Dr. Stack casting serious reflections on his wife's character. The letter was traced to Peter M. Dickey, an elevator manager at that place, who formerly lived in Howells, and the doctor had him arrested on the charge of criminal libel. At the hearing evidence was introduced to show that Dickey had made verbal remarks concerning Mrs. Stack similar to those found in the letter and he was bound over to the district court and his bond fixed at \$300. This account should make some of our local anonymous letter writers cease troubling before their deeds are exposed to the light of day in a law court.

Primrose Day in England.

London, April 19.—Primrose day, the anniversary of the birth of Lord Beaconsfield, was widely observed today as usual. Since the death of the great statesman, in 1881, first brought to light his enormous popularity with the British people, Primrose day has year by year become more and more a national institution, and today the primrose reigned supreme. At every street corner were to be found flower girls with great baskets full of them, every bus driven and cabby sported a large bouquet, and almost every one to be seen on the streets was decorated with the common badge. The main point of interest was the Beaconsfield statue in Parliament square, and here, in unbroken stream, visitors were to be seen depositing about the heavy pedestal wreaths and trophies in infinite variety of design. The statue in Westminster abbey was also profusely decorated.

Pennsylvania Democrats.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 19.—Pursuant to call the members of the democratic state central committee assembled here today to elect a chairman and to fix the time of the state convention to name a candidate for superior court judge. Senator Hall, of Ridgway, will be chosen chairman, and ex-Senator P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte, will continue as secretary. The opinion of the committeemen appears to favor the selection of June 11 as the date for the state convention.

Letter Carriers Meet.

Cleveland, O., April 19.—The officers of the National Association of Letter Carriers began a meeting in Cleveland today. One of the principal matters to be considered is the case of the national president, J. C. Keller of this city, who became involved with the post office department and was summarily dismissed from the service.

WINTER DAYS IN MID-APRIL

SNOW AND COLD GRASPS NORTH-ERN NEBRASKA.

EFFECT HAS NOT DEVELOPED

Blanket of Snow May Have Protected Tender Vegetation, but the Fruit Buds Probably Suffered—Morning Opened With Better Prospects.

With the ground covered with a layer of snow, ice formed over still water and the air full of frost the people of this section of the state awoke this morning to a realization of what winter in mid-April may be like, and it was far from a pleasing sensation. About two inches of snow fell during yesterday afternoon and last night. Much of it, however, had melted as soon as it had fallen, but enough remained on the ground until this morning to give a December aspect.

The highest temperature yesterday was but thirty-nine degrees, and this with a strong north wind, kept things at about a freezing temperature throughout the day. The minimum last night was eighteen degrees, making warm fires and comfortable clothing rather a necessity.

The damage to developing vegetation cannot yet be estimated. It is probable that the blanket of snow has served to protect the tender vegetation springing up from the soil, but the buds on the trees may suffer. None of them were fully developed, but they had swelled noticeably and it remains to be proven whether they were far enough out to be caught and injured by the freeze.

An immediate warming up might save the fruit, but if freezing temperatures are to follow the effect will probably be disastrous. The sun came out bright and warm this morning, but whether it will warm materially during the day remains for the afternoon and evening to prove.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Joseph Scott of Osmond is in the city.

L. H. Lyle was here yesterday from Wahoo.

A. J. Carr was up from Wisner yesterday.

A. S. Marsh was in Norfolk from Hartington.

Dan Beebe of Osceola was in Norfolk yesterday.

L. A. Fisher was down from Oakdale yesterday.

Mrs. O. R. Meredith was a Pierce visitor yesterday.

Geo. A. Lindsay of Creighton was in the city today.

Sheriff Clements was over from Madison yesterday.

Jos. Skala was in Norfolk yesterday from Madison.

C. H. Churchill of Madison was in the city yesterday.

Fred Dayton was a city visitor yesterday from Orchard.

W. B. Backus was in the city yesterday from Bonesteel.

A. L. Butten was in the city from Plainville this morning.

Miss Flora Markley was in Norfolk from Oakdale yesterday.

Dr. Alden was in Pierce yesterday to see an insane patient.

E. A. Bullock made a business trip to Creighton yesterday.

Herman Freese of Pender was a Tuesday visitor in Norfolk.

W. K. Jackson of Randolph had business in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Lena Mary Johnson was in Norfolk yesterday from Lindsay.

A. D. Wilberger came down from Anoka on the early train this morning.

W. E. Friend of Plainville was in town over night on his way to West Point.

Mrs. P. F. Sprecher left yesterday for Genoa where she will visit relatives.

F. J. Hale was in the city yesterday from Battle Creek, returning home at noon today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Muffley have returned from Hot Springs, where they have been visiting.

Mrs. L. Sessions has returned to Pierce with Mrs. J. C. Morey for a visit of a few days.

Mrs. Peter Simons of St. Paul, Minn., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schorregge Saturday.

Rev. F. P. Wigton went to Wakefield today to attend the annual session of the Niorhara Presbytery.

C. B. Durland went to Ponca on the morning train on business for the Norfolk Building and Loan association.

Mrs. S. A. Campbell of Tilden was a guest yesterday afternoon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Matzen on Norfolk avenue.

C. W. Ahlman took Dr. H. T. Holden in his automobile on a hurry-up call to a place two miles east of Hadar last evening.

D. Rees left this morning for Edmonton, the provincial capital of Alberta, Northwest Territory. He went on a prospecting trip and may invest in that locality.

C. E. Staley, banker at Pierce, was in the city over night on his way home from a trip through northwestern Kansas which, he says, is showing a material development.

"Babe" Brown and Jim McIntosh, two baseball players, are in the city for a few days. Brown was with Beatrice yesterday and has signed this year with Grand Island. McIntosh was with Schuyler last year.

Rome Miller, formerly of Norfolk, who operates the Northwestern eating houses along the Nebraska & Wy-

oming line, has bought the Millard hotel property in Omaha. He has been operating the hotel, owning the furniture, for more than a year, but has just purchased the building.

Another block of cement walk is going in on Madison avenue, past the Episcopal church and the C. G. Miller residence.

Strawberries have struck the fifteen-cent gait in Norfolk and it will soon be possible for the shortcake to make its appearance on the table of the multitude.

With pieplant selling on the local market at five cents a pound there is not a reason why Norfolk people should endure that early spring craving for a fruit acid in which the pie vegetable is so rich.

Another interesting meeting of the commercial club is in prospect for Friday night, when permanent organization is to take place, and all members and prospective members will undoubtedly be on hand.

John S. Craig has chopped down and sawed into lumber a huge old tree on his farm. The tree was twenty-three years of age and it produced, when sliced into wood, two alls 8x8x22 feet, and one that was 6x6x22.

The Mitchell, S. D., Daily Star, edited by E. A. Fry, formerly of the Niorhara Pioneer, has suspended publication after a run of ten issues. Mr. Fry found that the field was well occupied by the Daily Republican and concluded that the second daily would prove a losing venture. He will move the outfit on the Sioux reservation and begin the publication of a weekly on the Milwaukee road extension.

At the coroner's inquest over the body of Conductor Porterfield, killed in South Omaha, it was found that death was partly the fault of Mr. Porterfield and partly the fault of the railroad company because of the faulty construction of the freight cars. James Porterfield of Wayne, a brother of the deceased, took charge of the remains and they have been forwarded to Monarch, Canada, the home of the parents, for interment.

Owners of teams are making some complaint about the way automobiles are sometimes run in the vicinity of Norfolk. Drivers have narrowly averted disastrous runaways, sometimes because the automobile does not share the road, but more frequently because it is not stopped when a team shows indication of fear. It would be to the interest of the automobilists to observe every precaution if full freedom of the streets is desired, because there are so many more interested in teams than in automobiles that the latter might be very much embarrassed by untold action of the former.

J. W. Porter has been appointed night watchman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Carl Pilger, who has accepted a position with the Johnson Dry Goods company. Officer Porter made the rounds for the first time last night, in company with his predecessor, and will be in charge of the night work from now until the change of city administration in May. Mr. Porter has not had experience in police work but was appointed because Mayor Hazen felt that he would be faithful and efficient in watching the streets and patrolling the alleys at night. He formerly was employed as jeweler for C. S. Hayes, at one time was driver here for the American express company and has just now returned from Illinois, where he taught school.

A blockade in the city sewer, which had given considerable trouble of late, was found yesterday afternoon to be due to the clogging of the terminal end of the sewer by a stove lid which had evidently been placed far inside the pipe for the purpose of rendering the sewer useless. It was evident that someone must have crawled into the sewer to lodge the lid there. A former obstruction in the sewer, in Norfolk avenue, had been found to be caused by a quantity of rags and shavings, but this was not at first considered to be the result of malicious work. Those who had charge of the cleaning yesterday feel confident that the pipes were obstructed by someone whose motive was either viciousness or an agitation for a new sewer system. Hose carts and apparatus were used in the work.

Hon. Francis W. Cushman, member of congress from the state of Washington passed through Norfolk on his way to Bassett, Rock county, for a visit. Mr. Cushman lived at Bassett for the three years 1889-'91, where he was engaged in the practice of law. "I still have quite an extended acquaintance in Nebraska, and Omaha, which I wish to keep up," said Mr. Cushman. "My visit has no political significance. I have just been on a visit to my old home in Iowa, and will go up to Bassett to look up some old friends there, and then on homeward to Tacoma." Mr. Cushman is especially interested in the development of Alaska, the state of Washington being a great clearing point for that new country. He states that Alaska is developing rapidly and that some farming is now being done in that territory. He has advanced a bill for several sessions to give the people of Alaska a delegate representative in congress, but it has been killed in the senate each time.

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HELPED SET ONE FIRE

EARL FAIRBANKS ADMITS HE WAS IN THE GANG.

NAMES YOUTH WHO DID DEED

The Latter Has Left Town and Policemen are Now Hot on His Trail. Tells How They Got Out of the Policemen's Way and Lit a Barn.

The case against Earl Fairbanks was brought up in Justice Elseley's court this morning and was continued, on request of Attorney Koenigstein, until Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Fairbanks was released on \$500 bail last night and is now at liberty.

Officers Pilger and Livingstone, who searched Stanton yesterday for the missing and much wanted youth, alleged to have set the fire, returned last night, no trace of the boy having been found. The officer found that there is no suspicion at Stanton regarding the setting of the fire by a Norfolk man, as it is practically known at Stanton who is responsible for the fire there.

Chief of Police Larkin left this morning for the east in search of the lad. He telephoned to Beemer last night and a search for the boy at that place was made, but he was not located. The officer went on to Omaha where it is thought the fellow is located and where a search is being made today.

Earl Fairbanks, a South Norfolk youth of eighteen years, was arrested yesterday at home and lodged in the city jail, charged with setting fire to the barn at South Norfolk which burned a week ago. He has admitted that he saw the act of setting the fire, and has named to the police another young man who, Fairbanks says, did the deed. Two others, in fact, are implicated in the work, the one who is alleged to have set the fire now having disappeared from the city. Two policemen left town at noon in an effort to locate him, and it is possible that he may be arrested before night.

"Yes, I saw the fire being set, which destroyed that barn of Beed's at the Junction last week," said young Fairbanks to a News representative today. "The three of us had been west on the passenger train at night. At Kent siding this fellow pulled the air cord and the train stopped. While the trainmen were looking around for an accident, we hopped off and returned on a freight train. Out of the journal of a freight car we got waste which, ignited, was the direct cause of the fire in the barn. After we had located Policeman Livingstone, so that we knew he was not in the way, we went to the barn. The fellow lit it and the barn burned. The boy who lit it ran home and the other two of us got a horse cart to fight fire."

"I Will Kill You Both."

"If you squeal on me," said the fellow who did it, "I shall shoot both your heads off." This, according to Fairbanks, is the threat that was made by the youth who started the fire. And so saying, he grabbed the third of the party by the neck and choked him. Nor did either of the other two give out any information until the offer of a \$500 reward, contemplated, was published in Friday's News. Then both were eager to tell what they knew, and the one alleged to have done it got out of town.

The police think that the Christoph drug store fire, the Trocadero fire and the fire in the Shaw house were all set by the same crowd. Chief Larkin gave Fairbanks several cross examinations today. Fairbanks says he thinks the other fellow is in Omaha.

"What was the motive for setting the fire?" was asked. "Mere devilment," replied Fairbanks. "The kid who did it said that he would have a devil of a time before he got out of town—and he said that he would burn several other buildings, including the Junction church and the Junction schoolhouse."

"I am sure I will get out of here all right," said Fairbanks. "I'll tell all I know about the fellow who did set the fire but I didn't do it myself."

Freak of the Muddy.

Pierre, S. D., April 19.—The Missouri river freaks are such that no man can say just how the stream will act from one day to another or from one season to the next. For a long time after the ice had gone out here this spring rivermen hesitated about putting in their large boats, as the ice from up river was expected to come along at any time. But they waited in vain, and not a sign of ice was seen at any time after it broke away and left here. Now the boatmen are wondering at the stage of water in the stream. It is as low as it generally gets at the close of the season in the fall. In fact none of them have ever seen it so low as at present for this season of the year, and boats are completely cut off from the channel on this side of a bar, compelling them to land nearly a mile up stream.

LEAVENED BREAD

Has Been Man's Constant Mainstay From Time Immemorial.

Some writer has said that "The first miller emerging from his savage state, with no thought save hunger, plucked the wheat from the stock, and, using his teeth for millstones, ground the first grist for a customer who would not be denied—his stomach." Thus gaining experience by "eat in the food line, it would be only natural for this miller to lay up a quantity of grain against an hour of need. Just when he commenced grinding his wheat in the rude stone mortar and moistening the flour preparatory to baking it in the ashes of his camp fire, and just when it was found that an old piece of dough in a fresh batch made it better or "leavened" it, is beyond the reach of historians. Certain it is that though the principle was the same thousands of years ago as it is today, it has remained for the makers of Yeast Foam to supply a yeast with all the true leavening powers minus the properties that produce sour, "runny" or soggy bread. This is the yeast that took the first grand prize at the St. Louis Exposition, and revolutionized the bread making in every home where it is used because much better bread can be made with it from any flour.

Yeast Foam is purely vegetable, being made of the best malt, corn, hops and other healthful ingredients. The factory is also the cleanest and best equipped in the world. This yeast is the only kind that preserves in the bread all the delicious flavor and nutritive value of the wheat. The bread made with it is always sweet and wholesome and stays moist until used. Forty loaves of bread can be made from one 5c package. The makers of Yeast Foam are giving out a new book called "Good Bread; How to Make It." This little book, invaluable in its way, has twenty-six illustrations in color, and tells how to make all kinds of bread, biscuits, buns and rolls, as well as containing other recipes which will be found invaluable in the home. The way of preparing the different recipes is very clear and comprehensive. The book will be sent free to any one sending their name and address, with a request for same, to the Northwestern Yeast Company, Chicago, Ill. Every woman who bakes should secure a copy.

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