

MAKING MEAT FOR THE WORLD

How Stock Raising Contributes to the Prosperity of the West.

RECENT CHANGES IN THE BUSINESS

Western Prairies Unequaled as a Feeding Ground—Corn Converted into Meat—Trend of Packers' Interests Westward.

Mr. Franklin Matthews, correspondent of Harper's Weekly, in his fourth letter to that journal, rightly contends that the cattle business for 1897 was a close second to wheat as a contributor to the prosperity of the west.

Not only was the year 1897 profitable to most of those engaged in the cattle industry in the west, but it served to fix what will probably be the permanent lines along which that industry will move and develop.

The cattle are being brought to where the corn is grown and the packers are going to the same place, for the simple reason that it costs less to ship meat dressed than on the hoof.

THE OLD CATTLE TRAIL

Ten or fifteen years ago the great cattle trail of the north and west of the Rocky Mountains was the scene of picturesque and profitable activity.

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In a broad way this movement in the cattle industry is now following. West herds are produced in the north and west.

HUSTLING FOR FEEDERS

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PRODUCERS' YEAR

So much for the general movement that takes place in the industry. Last year was the year of the producer.

Western Kansas is not a place for corn or wheat. Take some of the counties in that country. In 1880 the population was 2,564.

NATURE'S FEEDING GROUND

"Fifty years ago this region was a portion of the great pasture-land of the buffalo. The buffalo was the mainstay of the industry.

It was the recognition of the fact that western Kansas was destined to be used for raising cattle that inspired the legislature of that state to pass the act of 1874.

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CITY COUNCIL WILL HELP IT

Committee Decides to Make a Popular Plan Effective.

SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRAL BOULEVARD

Matter Will Receive Recognition by Ordinance Tonight—Help for City Clerk and Health Commissioner Under Consideration.

At the general committee meeting yesterday afternoon the city council decided to pass the ordinance carrying the Central boulevard scheme into effect.

MOVING WESTWARD

Mention has been made of the fact that the tendency of the packers is to move the west and near to the feeding grounds.

LOOKING UP LICENSE MATTERS

Board of Education Committee is Actively at Work.

The special committee of the Board of Education that was appointed to secure evidence of violations of the statute, on account of which the board does not issue licenses to the drivers of milk wagons.

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CITY BUILDING DECORATIONS

Building Inspector Butler has prepared the specifications for redecorating the interior of the city hall.

CITY HALL NOTES

The asphalt contractor began repairing the pavement on North Sixteenth street yesterday morning.

A permit has been issued to the Pabst Brewing company for the erection of a hand-cranked machine for the display at the exposition grounds.

SLOT MACHINES NOT MOLESTED

Chief Gallagher Not Yet Ready to Start Another Crusade.

Chief of Police Gallagher said to The Bee and Tribune that he is not yet ready to start another crusade against the nickel-in-the-slot nuisance.

QUEEN OF PICKPOCKETS KILLED

Shot During a Row in Her Husband's Saloon.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Mabel Keating, known from New York to San Francisco as the "queen of pickpockets," has been shot and fatally wounded by Jerry Sullivan, a city hall janitor.

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE MATTERS

An exceptionally well attended meeting of the Real Estate exchange was held at noon in the Commercial club.

OLD PLAN GIVES SATISFACTION

The city system of Sunday postoffice mail delivery was put into use again yesterday and proved to be such a pleasing contrast to the plan used in the preceding Sunday that it will probably be permanently employed.

CLEANING DOWN TOWN STREETS

Limited Number of Men and Teams Put to Work.

ARREST THREE COUNTERTENERS

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SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO ALL

Irish Well Wishes to Those Who Struggle for Liberty.

SEVERAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN EASY REACH OF GATE CITY'S GRASP

Secretary Utt Shows Some in Sight of the Money They Need.

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STOCK BROKERS GET A SCARE

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