

Market Report

Dealers Say Country Is Bare of Fresh Stock — Produce Weeker.

Egg dealers viewed with alarm the drop in temperature and the fall in snow recently, declaring it would have a hardening effect on egg prices which now are at a high stage. Some dealers predicted that the change in weather conditions would cause a heavy decline in the already light receipts. The wholesale market is in a very firm position. Dealers say they are unable to cope with the heavy demands made upon them for fresh stock. The country has been secured for good eggs, but the result is a small portion, they say. It is predicted that prices will soon go to 50c on the wholesale buying side if present weather conditions prevail.

There is a good demand for the creamers stockholder. Cheese is holding steady. weaker on all kinds of stuff. Outside the vegetables market was slightly dealers were more liberal on the buying side and shipments were heavy. Local dealers, grocers and restaurants also were heavy buyers. Grape fruit is scarcer, but the demand is small and prices are steady. Valencia lemons are slightly weaker. Oranges are weaker to steady with the demand improving. Southern wax beans have displaced the home grown stock and are quoted at \$2.75 per bushel. The quality is good. Cabbage is being rushed to the market in larger quantities. A market in larger quantities and dealers are quoting it \$2.00 to \$2.50 per ton. The kraut making season is just beginning and produce dealers say they look for a heavy demand for it.

Holland seed cabbage in the next two weeks. Potatoes are unchanged with the market firm. Smoked meats show a decline, bacon dropped 31c to 21c. Wide bacon is down a like amount to 17 1/2c. Green shoulders are 48c to 52c. Pork sausages are 1/2c up to 13 1/2c. Fresh meats are steady. Dealers in poultry report the demand extremely active with receipts correspondingly light. Dealers say they are unable to fill half the orders they receive for fowls and poultry of all kinds.

HUNTERS FROM U. S. FLOCK TO ONTARIO

Quail and Duck Plentiful but Partridge Are Protected—Skunks in Session.

The hunting season in Essex is now well opened up, and the hostilities are filled with visitors from American cities. Partridges being plentiful enough in some parts of Western Ontario, are scarce in Essex, and their haunts are deserted. Shooting there has been forbidden till their ranks have been strengthened with "plum" birds.

Quail, which come in November 15, are plentiful, and winter ducks are flocking to Pelee marsh and to the eastern shores of Lake St. Clair in large numbers.

A "skunk convention," now in session near Ruthven, threatens a resolution that will interfere with late fall duties of the farmer folk. A number of trappers are endeavoring to disperse the meeting.

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SOCIALISM IS ON THE WAY

Prof. Carver, of Harvard, Doesn't Regard It as a Cure-All, but Thinks It Will Help Some.

Cambridge, Mass.—Prof. Thomas Nelson Carver of the economic department at Harvard asserts that socialism is a factor to be reckoned with in the industrial life of the future, and although he does not believe it a final remedy for existing conditions, he thinks it will act as a mild preventive for many encroachments on the workers' rights.

Prof. Carver says: "The 'trusts,' although sometimes so called, are not a product of evolution. They were produced by the turbulent and uncertain conditions that prevailed prior to their organization and still prevail today." I challenge any one to prove that the trusts, or any one of them, has proved more efficient in lowering the cost of production than individual concerns. They have, however, been able to lower the cost of distribution through their control of the markets and by taking advantage of special conditions.

"The capitalists are doing the very thing that is likely to bring about their own destruction, for they are by their present conduct continually adding to the dissatisfaction. The minute the dissatisfied among the proletariat outnumber the satisfied ones, then socialism will come. I believe, however, that any such happening would be a disaster."

BUCKERS DISTURBED FARMERS.

Thousands of Fish Make Strange Noise in Trying to Ascend Dam. Monticello, N. Y.—Myriads of suckers which have infested Smith Meadow Brook, near Monticello, Sullivan County, have been the cause of great disturbance to the farmers living near the brook. A mysterious thumping noise, heard all through the night, had caused many to believe that ghosts from the earth's graveyard were prowling about the neighborhood.

The origin of the sounds was not discovered until Dewitt Olmsted, little brother, then a neighbor, sought to discover when the noise came on and after dark crept down to the water, taking a stand near an old dam which crosses the stream in the rear of his house.

Belonging to this dam, where the water falls into a pit, he found thousands of suckers trying to reach the pond above by swimming up the falls. He also learned that the noise came from the fish in their repeated endeavors to reach the chutes seldom succeeded, while scores of the largest ones would furiously butt their heads into the thumping noise which the noise came from the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

The only solution of the trouble was to destroy a portion of the dam, which was promptly done, and the noise was allowed to move on up stream unobstructed.

UNDER THE SEA TO THE POLE.

Dr. Kemp of Germany Building a Submarine to Rival Capt. Nemo. Berlin, Germany.—The old idea of reaching the north pole by submarine, was so greatly revived by Jules Verne's story of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" that Dr. Kemp has been revived by the announcement that Dr. Anschütz Kemp, the well known inventor, has resolved to make the attempt.

It is said that he has been working for a decade upon the project and that he will build a submarine of his own design. It will be capable of being lowered, of remaining under water at a great depth for a long period. Dr. Kemp has also invented and patented an apparatus by means of which he hopes to take his soundings and bearings when deeply submerged.

WHY THE PIG WHISTLED.

On Being Cut Up a Piece of Spring Was Found in His Throat.

Bloomington, Pa.—Daniel Howell has found out why the pig whistles. He says that for weeks prior to butchering time the hog would invariably start whistling at feeding time; and this brought all the other hogs to the trough they got to eating it and the food that followed.

Howell was puzzled over that whistle until the porker, a fine one, was cut up, and there in its throat was a section of a spring wire as it found in the roller of a window curtain.

A Posthumous Patient. El Paso, Texas.—Jerry Faust, an employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad, just received a letter which was addressed to him at Pittsburgh. It was written and mailed at Blanchard, Penn., on July 2, 1875, by his step-mother, Mrs. Mary Still. Faust left Pittsburgh many years ago. His step-mother has been dead fifteen years.

Skunk Sled in Massachusetts. Boston.—A bill was considered which is to impose fines up to \$500 and imprisonment up to a year on any one who kills in the State of Massachusetts a skunk which is described as a member of the Mephitis mephitis family of American musteloid carnivores, ordinarily known as the skunk.

Will on Small Piece of Pasteboard. Reading, Pa.—On a piece of pasteboard two inches by one and one-half in dimensions, the late John W. Brown was depicted as an estate of \$10,000, of which \$7,000 represents life insurance. The will contains these words: "All I possess, real and personal, bequeath to my wife absolutely at my death."

A FEAT IN IDENTIFICATION.

Body of Man Found in Hudson Discovered to Be That of Soldier.

Washington, D. C.—Feats in identification are of frequent occurrence in Adj. Gen. Alaworth's office. A body was found recently in the Hackensack River off Hackensack, it had been in the water for many days, and identification seemed impossible.

A bit of underclothing, all that remained on the body, somewhat resembled that worn by privates in the army, and a New York detective came to the War Department with a photograph of the body. This was used for identification. The adjutant general sent for an impression of the dead man's fingers, but it proved unsatisfactory because the local health officers had picked the body so that the skin of the hands and fingers had been greatly contracted and wrinkled. But the surgeon at Fort Jay went to the morgue and injected in each finger and thumb a fluid which made them return to their original form, so that a good record could be taken.

The imprints were sent to Washington, and in ten minutes the dead man was identified as a corporal who had disappeared some time before the war. The parents were notified and the body was given a decent burial instead of being interred in potter's field. Moreover, the detectives obtained clues which may lead to the murderer of the man who had a bullet hole through his forehead.

Horse Was a Savings Bank.

Pateron, N. J.—Jim, a big bay horse of the fire department, has been a dime savings bank for three years, but the fact was not discovered until Dr. Pateron, the city veterinarian, was called to look at a swelling in the animal's left shoulder. The doctor declared it wasn't a carbuncle, and the horse had met with no recent injury. As the horse was in pain he opened the swelling and a dime thick had been imbedded more than an inch in the horse's flesh dropped to the floor. The firemen recalled that Jim slipped on the asphalt pavement on Main street in going to a fire three years ago and was lashed along his shoulder for two hundred feet. They are convinced that Jim picked up the dime at that time.

DEEDED ESTATE TO CHRIST.

Consideration, Love and a Cent Found on Premises. Worcester, Mass.—Transforming the little suburban estate in Auburn valued at nearly \$50,000 to the Lord Jesus, and appointing himself trustee of the property, the late Charles Hastings, a wealthy resident of the town, made one of the oddest deeds ever recorded in Massachusetts. The instrument, drawn more than a quarter of a century ago, deeds a garden and several buildings, erected 130 years ago, to the Lord Jesus, with the explanation that he is the right owner of all lands, according to the first book of laws, the Bible. The deed was given, according to the record of the registry, in consideration of the love and good will of the Lord and one cent found on the premises.

In making the deed Hastings interposed conditions giving himself the right to occupy the place for life, to be paid to him and to his heirs, taxes and insurance on it during his occupancy of the same.

DECAY OF POLITENESS.

French Clerk Deplores "Copying Faults of the English."

Paris, France.—M. Andre de Fouquieres, who is called the last of the Paris dandies, declares in an article in the *Revue* that the French people are losing their reputation as the politest people on earth. "We are copying the faults of our friends across the Channel," he says, "and we are copying them badly. Brummell, the dandy, who went out of his way to be rude, is the model today. Our young 'elegant' will barely be at the pains to notice the guests with whom they have to dine, thinking that is the English fashion."

"They are wrong. A modern Englishman, though he feels truly sorry for any one who is not lucky enough to be born in the British Empire, is always perfectly courteous."

M. de Fouquieres is also of the opinion that no quality is more useful to a democracy than politeness.

TEN BULLETS IN HEAD; LIVES.

Negro Also Slashed Throat Three Times in Attempt to Die. Hartford, Conn.—After Robert Sturgis, a negro farmhand, twenty-seven years old, of Deep River, had emptied seven bullets into his skull, had refilled the gun and sent three more after them, he threw the revolver in disgust and attempted to record a successful suicide by slashing his throat with a razor three times.

Even then he failed to end his life, and when he had been brought four miles to a hospital in this city the famed physicians announced that barring possible blood poisoning Sturgis would probably recover. The razor cuts were so deep as he did not have strength enough to hold the razor at the proper angle.

MAD GANDER SAVED CHILD FROM DEATH

Caused an Automobile to Upside as It Nears Baby in the Roadway

THE GROUCH REDEEMS ITSELF

Fowl, a Terror for Ten Years, Inadvertently Does One Good Act and Dies—Tale of a Cantankerous Bird with an Evil Eye.

Montville, N. J.—A mad tempered old gander, known to everybody in the village as "The Grouch," redeemed a bad reputation of ten years standing, and at the same time lost its life, in saving Agnes Stilton, 3 years old, from death under the wheels of an automobile.

When the child was ready to go out and have her usual romp in the little-frequented road the hired man chased the gander into the smoke house and closed the door by means of an old fashioned wooden button. It was necessary to take this precaution because the gander was so much as to pursue the little girl with flapping wings and shrill squaws. In this way every time it had a chance it would frighten her into the house, leaving it in a disturbed possession of the road.

Whether the smoke house door was not buttoned tight or the gander squeezed through a crack, or flew out a window, is not known, but at any rate Agnes had not been playing alone when "The Grouch" sailed into the road, raising the dust, hissing and snapping its wings, and making for her with all its might.

"Mamma!" cried the child in terror, shielding its face with its outspread hands.

Just then a touring car, driven by Harold Grant of East Orange, rounded the sharp turn in the road. The barn stands at the turn, cutting off the view in both directions. The road rarely is used by automobiles, and this is the reason why the Stiltons did not permit to play there. The car was going fast on a level stretch, and as he swept around the turn the old white gander stood up so large in his startled vision he did not see the fleeing girl beyond. The gander neck stretched out, its bill extended and the wings were spread wide apart.

That was no time to stop, and when, an instant after seeing the goose, Grant sped the little girl ahead, he let out a yell or scream that brought all the folk out of the Stilton farmhouse on the rush. The East Orange man involuntarily closed his eyes to avoid witnessing the tragedy he felt, as he said afterward, was sure to happen.

But it didn't. The automobile struck the gander full tilt, but the impact swerved the front wheels out of their course, and the car, which "The Grouch" had come down, lifeless, from its skyrocket flight, the auto had darted diagonally across the road and was lying upside down in the ditch. Grant had instinctively let go the steering wheel at the psychological moment and he shot over the top of a post-and-rail fence and stuck, feet up, in a pile of fertilizing material. He lost no time in withdrawing his head from the mess, and then fell on his knees and prayed—just why, he says, he doesn't know.

As for Agnes, all had happened so quickly she hadn't had time to be scared at anything but the mean old gander. She whimpered a little when she saw how thoroughly and completely dead the gander was. Then she stood and watched her father and other persons right the automobile and set it on its wheels. "The Grouch" was to be useful and mounted.

"The bird isn't deserving of it," said Stilton, "but, it saved my girl's life, though it didn't mean to, and I'll do it good."

"The Grouch," which in its younger days was called "Peter," was for more than a decade a terror, not only to the other fowl, but to Farmer Abner Stilton's barnyard, but, also to Mrs. Stilton and all the children in the neighborhood. It was a cantankerous bird with an evil eye, and when it got after either dog or child there was sure to be some tail running to get out of the way.

Stilton's Muscovy duck, "Sarah Jane," was the only living thing with wings that even put up a fight. When "The Grouch" and "Sarah Jane" got going everybody flocked to see the fight. The gander was so much as to tomcat up a hemlock tree by the well, and kept it there until the cat was attacked and killed by a large hawk.

Bayonet for Cavalry.

Berlin.—According to a statement just published it is probable that the German cavalry sabre will shortly disappear and be replaced by a new short sword arm which can be used as a bayonet with the new pattern cavalry carbine. The military authorities consider that for cavalry arms quarters the sabre is not a good weapon on horseback, and with the carbine and bayonet for fighting on foot, the sabre would become superfluous. The value of the carbine combined with the new sword arm for cavalry work has already been proved in fighting in German Southwest Africa.



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FARMERS MUST RAISE COWS AND CORN

Otherwise Meat Famine Predicted Tillers Of The Soil Not Growing Rich Says Sanford

Plano, Ill., September 26.—"There is a great margin of expense somewhere between producer and consumer which leads to the justly founded complaint of the ultimate consumer of the high cost of living," said Charles Sanford, president of the Farmers' National congress, in calling the thirty-third annual session to order today.

This, Mr. Sanford asserted, "leads to confusion in the public mind as to the real status of the farmer and the profits arising from his occupation." "During the last two decades the agricultural industry has not kept pace with the increase of population, falling behind 15.2 per cent; during this same period there has been an extraordinary increase in the valuation of farmlands until it is no longer an easy matter for the average man to become the owner of a well-improved farm. Moreover, the percentage of tenant farmers is continually increasing, in some states with alarming rapidity. It cannot be said with any show of reason that the growth of a tenant class indicates a stable or desirable economic condition."

Depends on Average Farmer. "Without minimizing in any degree the importance of efforts to increase production and to conserve the fertility of the soil, it may be safely affirmed that American agriculture will not be permanently established until it is made possible for it to become permanently profitable for the farmer of average ability."

"While the man of exceptional ability or of exceptionally favorable circumstances may become wealthy by reason of increase in land values, or good fortune in the yields of good crops, the stability of agriculture and the ultimate prosperity of our entire citizenship depend upon the prosperity which attends the labor of the average farmer in the average farm home. These conditions are with us, while we strive continually to remedy them, wherein they are adverse, we must in common justice to all men strive to make it reasonably possible for men to attain the ideal state of the home owner."

"Therefore, this congress should give due weight to such policies as tend to relieve the pressure of the handicap of this economic burden and establish equitable relations between producer, consumer and the distributor of products."

"If the agriculture millennium does not arrive in the near future, it will not be for the lack of agitation in behalf of the farmer."

Development of the hills of New England with their bountiful springs and green and growing shade as a beef producing country. Substitution of corn for cotton in the southern states was a conservative development of the cattle and hog production. The report of the executive committee sounded the first note of the danger of a famine.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADA HAS OPTION ON STAG ISLAND

May Buy It for National Park, Symbolic of Peace; Cost, \$300,000.

Samia, Ont.—Announcement has been made that the Canadian government has taken a 99-year lease on Stag Island, with a view to converting it into a National Park symbolic of the many years of peace between Great Britain and the United States. The purchase price is said to be \$300,000. The island was originally purchased for \$700 by the late Nelson Mills of Marysville.

PORT HURON—Failing to tooth his horn while speeding his motor car, George Keeley ran down and severely injured Mabel Bolwell. He was fined \$100 for violating the pure milk ordinance.

PORT HURON—Judge Law entered an order clearing the title of Charles William Ludwig Beauvoir to property in the southern part of the city, clearing up a dispute of 50 years' standing.

ALGONAC—Charles Schram was arraigned in court charged with the murder of his father. He is the father of 15 children, six of whom reside at home. He was released on probation, for the sake of his wife.

PORT HURON—Carl A. Warner appointed probation officer of St. Clair county on recommendation of Judges Tappan and Law.

CHEBOYGAN—Roy Redell and Max Ross, of Aloha, this county, were taken guilty of violating the game laws and paid \$19.75 each.

