

A FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS

A Geographical View of this Great Country of Ours—Its Market Reports—The Commercial Classification of Stock—The Difference in Prices of Beef, Lamb, Fish, Potatoes, Frogs etc.

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.) This is a big country. We all know it and most of us say it. But mightily few of us, I think, appreciate its differences in climate, productions, etc. We understand that our fellow citizens up in Alaska are raising reindeer, grizzly bears and loon-burgs at the same time that our fellow citizens in Florida are picking oranges and kumquats. We know that Texas onion growers are packing their season's crop for market, about the time in the spring when New England farmers are wondering if they haven't better get out some manure before the ground thaws.

By the way, here's a little question in geography for the school-boys—and their fathers, too: Where is the east-and-west center of the United States? That is, if Quoddy Head, Me., is the latitude of the westernmost point of the United States, and the westernmost Aleutian island and belonging to us, is 137 degrees west from Greenwich, which is according to my latest maps, the United States will stretch about 17 degrees east of this same island of Attoo, which is just as much a part of the United States as Fishers Island or Key West.

Very few of us farmers are likely ever to camp on Attoo, or to fish for whales over the east-and-west center of the United States. But we do, as a rule, appreciate the tremendous differences which exist in farming and marketing conditions in the various sections of our body of our land. While we are ready to assume that there must be some likeness between farming in different states and selling in different markets, I doubt if any of us really comprehend how utterly unlike the whole system is in west and east, in north and south. Of late, I've had a chance to see a lot of farm papers published in the various sections and devoted to the interests of farmers in Texas and Missouri and Minnesota and Washington and Iowa and Colorado and various other states. Some of the correspondence and many of the advertisements in these papers are practically unintelligible to me. I have a general idea of what a "lister" is and what a "header" is, but what is a "drag-o-way" and what do you do with a "horse gouger" and such tools wouldn't be advertised for them to buy.

One of the most amusing fields to me, however, has been that opened by the market reports, with their quotations of prices on rural products. Take cereals, for instance: I observe that all grains are sold in bushels, and that on June 4th of this year, oats in that market brought \$2; corn \$2.15; timothy hay \$1.50; each quotation being by hundred weight. I don't see any real prices for the great west, eh? In the same city they sell vegetables by the pound, and quote new potatoes at 6 cents, wax beans at 18 cents; tomatoes at 15 cents; asparagus at 15 cents; "dressed" at the rate of \$3.50 a bushel for new potatoes and ten cents for a two-pound bunch of asparagus. I can't sell a bushel of the very newest of new potatoes for over \$1.50 in my market, while I can't raise enough asparagus at 35 cents the two-pound bunch to supply clamoring customers.

Some western fish quotations may be interesting to readers along-shore. In Minneapolis, for example, they quote "crappies, large, 11 and 12 cents; medium, 9 cents; small, 7 cents." The same market sells "red-horse" at 10 and 3 cents. "Skipper" back to Salt Lake, the fish men there quote flounders, halibut and brook trout all at the same price of 15 cents per pound, while shad is 12 cents, and catfish and codfish both cost 17 cents. I wonder if they ever heard of porgies, and whether they'd want a dollar a pound for them! In St. Louis, under the heading of "Fresh Fish," they quote: "dressed cat, with collar bones off 10 cents, collar bones on 8 cents; grass, 5 cents; just below I read: "Buffalo, large gross 3 cents, medium gross 2.5 cents, and then comes "soft shells 4 cents; snapping turtles 3 cents. They also sell "crappies" at 6 to 10 cents and "spoon-bills" at 7 to 12 cents.

Some of the oddest quotations are those on live stock. Minneapolis quotes "cutters" at 2.25; "canners" at \$1.75; "butcher bulls" at \$3.75, and "bologna bulls" at \$3. St. Louis sells "good to choice stockers" at \$4.40 to

\$4.75, "common grassers" at \$4.10, and "pretty good cakers" at \$3.55. "Sausage bulls" bring \$3.25 and "straight cows" \$3.80. In the same town they quote "choice milk-fed veals 6 1-2 cents per pound; herefords, 3 and 3 1-2 cents." So, you see, they still regard herefords in civilized America—at least, if the part around St. Louis is classed under that name. In Kansas City, they are less explicit as to details, and just group their cattle under "stockers and feeders" at \$1.90 to \$1.80 and "packets and butchers" \$1.90 to \$7.25. Considering the prices we in the east have to pay for beef, some of us can't help wishing that we might get a few Kansas City "packets and butchers" at even \$7.25. But undoubtedly they'd be too tough to feed anything smaller than a threshing machine. Fort Worth, Texas, however, caps the climax in its item under the head of "Cattle Market": "Ten loads of she-stuff met with a slow demand in sympathy with the dullness in the steer trade." How's that? Milwaukee has "cutters" and "canners" but it adds three new grades to the list, viz: "stockers," "springers" and "throw-outs."

In the dairy line I've struck a few queer looking items. Deseret quotes, under the head of cheese: "Daisies 13 1-2 cents, twins 13 1-4 cents, long horns 13 1-2 and 3-4." Houston, Tex., quotes "fancy creamery butter 31 cents per pound, country butter 12 and 15 cents per pound, according to quality." Looks very much as if the Texas housewives weren't shining successes as butter makers. This same Houston market quotes Japan rice, with 4 heads and clean, at 3 cents per pound. Quite a difference between that and what we pay for the same Texas-grown rice here in New England!

There is a big variety of odd products quoted in some of these papers, too. Minneapolis and St. Louis, for instance, both quote frog legs regularly, one city at from 50 cents to 15 cents per dozen, the other at 2 cents to 7 cents per dozen. If you like frog legs it would really make a difference which city you moved to. But I should certainly hate to have to catch and dress frogs in order to get two cents a dozen for the legs. Omaha buys bones at \$10 to \$13 per ton, "country rags" at 55 cents per cwt., and sells second-hand barrels for from 50 cents for broken or, on moist land properly packed, at \$1.00 to \$1.25. It adds 30 cents for paint or tar barrels.

St. Louis and Kansas City seem to agree in a somewhat curious judgment about the value of "shortening." They quote "country lard" at 8 to 8 cents per pound, and "oleostearine" (which is what we in the east know as "lard compound") at 13 1-4 cents. This is an almost exact reverse of New England prices.

Some of the quotations for hides and pelts bring out queer nomenclature. Dallas, Tex., grades its hides as "dry flints, dry fallen, dry salts, green salts and dead green butchers." They refer to "Paul buys wildcat skins at \$4.50, red fox at \$2.50 and gray fox at \$5 cents, mink at \$2.25 to \$2.50, muskrat at 7 cents to 45, skunk at 20 cents to \$2.25, and bear from \$3.25 for cubs to \$16 for big grizzlies.

St. Louis also regularly quotes prices for "roots and herbs." It pays from \$4.75 to \$5.75 a pound for ginseng, \$1.25 for golden seal, 15 cents for lady's slipper, 10 cents for walrus hide, 10 cents for wild ginger, 4 cents for bloodroot and 3 cents for spikenard. It's a little curious to me that so little is done in this line in New England. There's no danger of anyone's ever getting rich digging roots and collecting bark and herbs, but there's some money to be got from them, nevertheless, and there are dull seasons on the farm when the boys and girls could earn quite a little gathering them. It would be better than idleness.

The chief interest of these distant market reports to me, however, is in the sidelight they throw on the diversity of our rural interests and the variety of our rural productions. The strange difference in prices is also illuminating. Just fancy a day in the future when the aeroplane has become the common vehicle; the thrifty New England housewife looks over her morning papers from Oshkosh and Dallas and Eastport and Tampa Bay. She wants some frogs' legs for dinner and finds that they're selling at two cents a dozen in Oshkosh. "Well, there you go, Johnny," she calls to her youngest; "just take the red aeroplane and fly over to Oshkosh and get me two dozen frogs' legs. Here's four cents to pay for 'em, and—hold on! Now, don't start till you get 'em. Just come 'round by St. Louis on your way back and get a pound of country lard at six cents. Give me back those papers, here's ten cents;—and—hold on! Oh, there will be great chances for domestic economy in this broad country of ours—when we get a few more inventions to working!"

THE FARMER.

HOWARD VALLEY

Miss Julia McLaughlin of Brooklyn is spending a few days at H. Hume's. Elmer Hawkes has returned from Canada.

TOLLAND COUNTY.

COLUMBIA Town Has Many Summer Visitors—Essays Read at Sunday School Session—Some Big Potatoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Clark of Hartford were at their summer cottage in this place over Sunday.

Well Written Essays.

Two excellent essays were read at the session of the Sunday school on Sunday, one by Miss Marion Lyman, subject, Athens, and the other by Miss Carrie Palmer on Corinth, both appropriate to the Sunday school lessons of the present quarter.

Rev. Claus Gant of Mount Rose, N. Y., has joined his family at his farm and summer home near Hop River and will spend his vacation there.

Coventry and Columbia mines played a game of baseball on Columbia green last Saturday afternoon. Score 23 to 2 in favor of the Columbians.

F. A. Hunt has sixteen boarders; Mrs. Mitchell also has a number; and Mrs. Hannan has the various camps and cottages about the lake. They come from New Britain, Hartford, New Haven, Boston, New York and Brooklyn.

S. B. West is spending a week with friends in Providence. He is with relatives in Hamden over Sunday.

Representative William H. Bliss was one of a party of nine to drive with Senator F. L. Luther at his home in Hartford Tuesday evening. The party was made up of members of the committee on education, of which Senator Luther is chairman and Representative Bliss secretary.

The large congregation at the morning service last Sunday enjoyed some unusually fine music. A beautiful solo was sung by Mr. Nash of Brooklyn, N. Y., who with his wife is staying at Bricktop, the summer home of the Sawyer family at the lake, and later in the service a fine duet was sung by Mr. Nash and Miss Grace Sawyer.

Mrs. Mary B. Yeomans who intended to leave for Maple Lake, N. Y., on Berkshires on Thursday last week, was unexpectedly detained, and left on Monday last, expecting to remain away during August.

James P. Little spent a portion of last week with friends in Hartford.

Raising Large Potatoes. Charles Fredericks of West street has some fine large potatoes, notwithstanding the severe drought; they were started early in the season, carefully planted to keep the sprouts from breaking off, on moist land properly irrigated. The potatoes are of the Sawyer family at the lake, and later in the ordinary time are generally small in this section.

STAFFORDVILLE

Village Residents Attend Wales Celebration—C. R. Kemp Injured at Mill.

Miss Myrtle Brown of Pittsfield, Mass., was home over Sunday.

Mrs. Susan Belden of Stafford Springs was the guest recently of Mrs. M. E. Fogg.

Mrs. Fred Bowden and Miss Isabel Bowden have been recent guests of Mrs. Edward Wilson in Worcester.

Mrs. Frank Brown and daughters, Mrs. Eva, Maud and Ethel, are spending a week at Clinton beach.

Mrs. E. M. Goodall and daughter, Bessie, of East Longmeadow, Mass., are spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bosworth.

Rev. C. G. Fogg of West Tisbury, Mass., visited friends over Sunday.

At Old Home Day Celebration. Those who attended Old Home day celebration at Wales, Mass., last Saturday were: Mrs. M. E. Fogg, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Mary Hick, C. F. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson and son, Miss Hattie Converse, Mrs. Frank Belcher and son Clifford, Willie Converse, Charles Egan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, and son Ernest, Raymond Converse, Mr. and Mrs. A. West, Mrs. Lina Booth, Miss Chloe Largess and Merrick Converse.

C. R. Kemp Has Close Call. C. R. Kemp, formerly of Staffordville, was caught in a machine at the mill here some time ago. He was thrown into a hole, and narrowly escaped terrible injury. If it were not for Walter Hall's quick action in seizing Kemp as he was being drawn into a machine, he must have been killed. Hall succeeded in holding Kemp while almost all his clothing was torn off his body. He was bruised and the flesh was torn in numerous places on his body. A doctor dressed his wounds, which are not expected to be dangerous.

BOLTON

Notes of Summer Outings—Visitors Home from Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ruggles left last week for the west. They will be back in a few days. They went as far west as Vancouver before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Whitton, Mrs. H. M. Barnard, Mrs. Hayes and Miss Lucia Whitton of East Hartford are occupying the Eldridge cottage for this month.

Mrs. Isadore Spencer of Florida is visiting Mrs. Cary D. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Pinney are spending a week at Crescent beach.

Mrs. Raymond Yeomans of Andover is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Milburn.

Anthony Codani has returned to New York after a visit to town.

One of Charles E. Warnum's pair of work horses died Saturday while he was drawing a load of grain from the station to his home.

cea Walker, who also attended South-bridge high school, and is now a student at Northfield seminary.

Notes. Miss Lixie Moore was in Worcester on business recently.

The Cleveland house is to be remodeled and the older part taken down.

Deer are very common here this summer and play around the fields in great numbers.

The hottest day on record this year was 94 degrees in the shade last week Friday noon.

GILEAD

Hall Association Elects Directors—Road Contracts Let.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Strong of Ayon spent a few days recently at F. B. Post's.

The L. A. S. held a business meeting at the Hall Monday afternoon.

Directors Elected. At the meeting of the stockholders of the Gilead Hall association Monday evening, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: E. L. Way, W. N. Hills, C. S. Hutchinson, W. J. Warner, C. F. Burt, Mrs. J. R. Gilbert, W. S. Ellis.

On Pacific Coast. J. L. Way and Mrs. Way have gone to California, where Mr. Way will preside at an insurance convention. They expect to be absent about a month and will visit Seattle and other places.

Sherwood Raymond and Miss Helen Hodge have been visiting in Enfield, Mass.

Mr. E. W. Buell is entertaining her sister, Miss Louise Joyner of Providence and Miss Maude Gray of Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. McNeill, her son and daughter, left on Saturday to spend August in guests Tuesday at Julius Hills.

Contracts for eight sections of state road, aggregating 7,700 feet in Hebron, have been awarded A. E. Douglas of Glastonbury.

R. F. Strong of West Hartford is spending a few days at Maplelawn.

STORRS.

Social Notes of the Vacation Season—Grading About New Hall.

Prof. and Mrs. L. A. Clinton and their daughters, Ruth, Ruby and Olive, left on Saturday to spend August in a cottage near Rocky Point, R. I.

Miss Hopkins has gone to her home in Plainfield.

Mrs. Frederic Stoneburn entertained last week Mrs. Condon of Norwich, Miss Agnes Jones of New York, Mrs. Geer of Lisbon and Miss Wheeler, a speaker at the meeting of the poultry association.

Mrs. C. A. Wheeler entertained Miss Lauretta Barber of Springfield last week. Mrs. Wheeler left with her children on Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Knapp, in Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Edmond attended the wedding of Professor Lamson in Bridgeport.

Grading in front of Storrs hall is being finished. Work on the roadway and garden beds near the horticultural building is still going on.

A house is in process of erection by John N. Fitts.

SOUTH COVENTRY

Miss Newell to Be Principal at Glastonbury—Fourteen Tents Pitched on Dunham's Point.

Miss Edna Newell, who has taught in the Center school, being principal for several years past, has been engaged to teach as principal of a Glastonbury grammar school the coming year.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church and their friends met with Mrs. William Weaver on the Laitner farm Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Wolfe is at her cottage at Niantic. Mrs. Clough and children of Willimantic are at the farm during her absence.

Lyman Cogswell of Hartford is a visitor at Mrs. Hannah Noble's.

H. C. Barlow has purchased Mr. Tracy's steam runabout.

There are fourteen tents of campers on Dunham's point, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ledoyt and son, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Kingsbury and two children, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Dunham, Earl Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ledoyt and niece and Henry Brainerd.

GURLEYVILLE

Church Closed Until the 29th—Automobile Party from Moosup.

BOLTON NOTCH.

Preacher Resigns—One Way of Drilling a Well—Bad Grass Fire.

A flat car loaded with steel rails caught fire while climbing the mountain early Wednesday morning. The train was stopped at the station and the fire extinguished after about 20 minutes' hard work on the part of the fire crew. The bottom of the car was damaged.

Rev. C. C. Parker has resigned and will leave town with his family about the middle of this month.

C. Stirling's man set fire to some old hay near the barn Monday, went away and left it. When he returned the fire had spread and gotten beyond his control. He saw that the houses and outbuildings were in danger, so summoned help, and after a hard fight succeeding in putting the fire out but not until it had done considerable damage.

Dynamite for Well Drilling.

Loren S. Maine's well is bound to go dry just when he needs water most. This year he decided to sink it deeper and see if he could not remedy the matter. He cleaned it out and drilled a hole about two and a half feet and put in a stick of dynamite. The neighbors think it must have been very good dynamite for when it exploded it shook the earth for miles around and shattered six large windows in Mr. Maine's house.

Ernest M. Howard has purchased a small strip of land adjoining the Carver place from Judge Nathan C. Maine.

ELLINGTON

Picnic at Forest Park.

Mrs. Martin Doane of Boston was at A. H. Peck's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Kibbe of Springfield were at Mrs. Leslie Charter's on Sunday.

Members of the Sunday school and a number of townpeople enjoyed a picnic at Forest park Wednesday.

Mr. Schneelock and family of Springfield, who spent the week with Mrs. W. A. Jones at Pinney, returned home on Saturday.

Raymond Kibbe of New York is at his home here for a vacation.

Mrs. Belding and son, Richard, of Hartford, are visiting Mrs. Geary.

Rev. L. E. Jones and Mrs. Jones have returned from their annual vacation at Block Island.

CHESTNUT HILL.

Grave Crossing to Be Done Away With.

C. Oehlers and family have as guests Mr. Oehlers' mother and a brother, George Oehlers, of New York.

C. B. Buck is working with team for E. L. C. Co. at the crossing east of the station. The track will be bridged and the grade crossing done away with.

Sears Harvey of Hartford was here over Sunday, the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. A. Collins, Jr.

Teachers have been secured for several of the schools of the town. In some cases the teachers are engaged.

Mrs. Gardon Chappell, who was taken suddenly ill a few days since, is recovering.

Burt Oehlers of New York is visiting his parents in this place.

WILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Horton are the purchasers of the Lucien W. Holt place at East Willington, the old Hosea Vinton place. The newcomers are from Panama and the vicinity of the canal. They find the change to Connecticut agreeable.

Erna A. Morse and son Louis have laid the foundation for a monument in the family lot in the new cemetery.

The Cosgrove, Sleigh, Brown family monument recently erected in the new cemetery is handsome and substantial.

Rev. and Mrs. Darrow are spending their vacation with their parents in Waterford, the parents of both living in that town.

Rev. Mr. Connell of Hartford will preach for the Baptists next Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sleigh returned to New York on Monday. Mrs. Brown has gone to Aubury Park, N. J., to visit Mrs. Wesley Stout.

John Merrick and his daughter, Mrs. Lathrop, are at Mount, Minn., for the summer. He mentions also the item regarding the old Dr. Barrows' farm and says that in his boyhood the place was known as the Tom Merrick farm where his father's uncle, Thomas Merrick, lived and where all his children were born. The children were George, N. Murlida, who married Ralph Griggs, Lovisa, Harriet and Harvey. Only a few of their children's children are now living.

UNION.

Mrs. G. L. Baker and family of Hartford are at their summer home on the Hill.

Miss Florence Marcy visited friends in Southbridge last Friday.

Rev. Isaac Booth of Stafford, who formerly preached in Vermont, preached at the Congregational church last Sunday.

WASHINGTON CT., R. I.

Richmond Baptist Church Calls Providence Pastor.

At a business meeting held Wednesday evening the Shannock Baptist church voted to call Rev. Walter Reynolds of Providence as pastor for the coming year.

Mrs. Adelia P. Briggs of Flint, Mich., is visiting Charles Weaver and family.

Isaac Dixon of Peacedale is the guest of Henry and Edwin Hoyle.

John A. Phillips spent Sunday with his mother at her home in Beaver River valley.

Richard E. James is employed by Joseph James at his farm at West Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bliss of Matunick spent Sunday with E. K. James and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Moore and son Andrew spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Matunick Beach.

ROCKVILLE

Funeral of Mrs. John E. S. Crandall.

The funeral services of Mrs. Lucy Pendleton Crandall, wife of John E. S. Crandall, were held in the Rockville church Sunday and were conducted by Rev. E. E. Sutton, pastor of the Rockville Seventh-day Baptist church, of which Mrs. Crandall had been a member for over forty years.

A quartet from the church choir sang two selections and a trio from Ashaway also sang twice. The floral tributes were beautiful. Burial was in the Rockville cemetery.

Personals. Dr. Wayne Burdick of Stamford, Conn., was a guest of his sister, Miss Louie Burdick, this week.

Judge and Mrs. Nathan B. Lewis of West Kingston were guests at Emory C. Kenyon's Wednesday.

Prof. D. L. Burdick went to New Haven Tuesday.

ESCOHEAG Mr. and Mrs. Manton Coombs of Providence are at Pebe Wilcox's.

Arthur Brown's sawmill, located near here, caught fire Tuesday night. The blaze was put out before much damage was done.

Many about here are preparing to

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attend Greene camp meeting August 8th. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Manchester are here for the season.

HOPKINTON

Signboards to Be Erected as Warning to Motorists—Kindly Neighbors.

The meeting of the school committee was held at the home of the clerk Monday morning. Bills were ordered paid to the amount of \$155.35.

Probate Court Matters.

The town council met as a probate court Monday afternoon. A petition of the heirs of Frances M. Kenyon, deceased, for the appointment of Edwin R. Allen or some other suitable person as administrator on her personal estate was referred to September 7 with order of notice.

The report of Henry H. Crandall, commissioner of the insolvent estate of the late James W. Bitgood, was received, allowed and ordered recorded.

Arthur K. Collins was appointed as custodian of the estate of Frances M. Kenyon, and authorized to sell the poultry for not less than \$12.

The town council appointed Thomas S. Maine railroad police officer to serve without pay.

The town clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for collecting the taxes of 1909. James W. Austin, surveyor of highways in district No. 4, was instructed to notify the Lane Construction company to remove without delay the stone crusher out of the limits of the highway.

Frank W. Crandall was appointed a committee to cause to be erected suitable sign boards regulating the speed of motor vehicles in town, according to the public law.

Bills were ordered paid to the amount of \$458.24.

Fred C. Allen and wife of Boston arrived in his automobile Saturday morning at the home of his father, ex-Lieut. Gov. E. R. Allen for a vacation.

Several men in this neighborhood went to the farm of George S. Main, who is ill, and did up his hay.

The board of assessors began their task of assessing the town, state and poll taxes for 1909, Tuesday at the Town hall.

ARCADIA

Shore Party—Personal Items.

Frank Woodmansee is boarding at Eben Bass' and working for E. M. Tillinghast.

Benjamin Sheldon was the guest of Mrs. Cynthia Phillips of Ekono on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Benjamin Albro and little son of Hope, R. I., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Haddfield.

James Monroe Wilcox of Central Village was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Barber Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. William B. Tillinghast, formerly of this place, now of Thornton, R. I., is visiting relatives and friends here.

A shore party, consisting of Hon. G. B. Reynolds, T. H. Barber, Howard C. Barber, Harold Barber, William Lewis, Isaac Andrew, Everett Cahoon and Elmer Crowning went to Sand Point Sunday.

It matters less what color the city automobiles are painted than they be painted uniformly and distinctively, as the new ordinance plainly directs. This reform has been so long obvious that it should have been effected long ago, and with less necessity for agitation. Though the first move towards making the city property unmistakable was made early, New York passed Boston in creating an ordinance. There will be fewer accidents in Boston's motors hereafter.—Boston Record.

No Place Like Home.

J. P. Morgan and J. W. Gates returned from Europe full of optimism. There are times when the United States looks better than at others.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Great Through Absence.

Mr. Foraker out of the senate is of more significance than Mr. Dick in it, and Mr. Foraker may yet be Mr. Burton's colleague.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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