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WICHITA MARKETS.

Receipts of Live Stock at the Union Stock Yards during the past 48 hours--167 cattle, 803 hogs. Shipments 127 cattle, 1,330 hogs, and 288 sheep. The cattle supply was fair, in fact there were more offered than found buyers, although there was some improvement in the demand today. There was a car load of good butchers cows and heifers which sold to one of the packers for a good price, considering the state of the market. Nearly all the other stuff which changed hands was rather common. There is a better feeling on eastern markets and prices on good to choice grades are stronger. The demand here is rather moderate. Good fat butchers grades in fair demand. The hog market opened fully 5 cents higher than Saturday's close and ruled steady throughout. All but one load of packers grades sold at $3.45. The close was steady. Packers seem to think they will buy their hogs for less money tomorrow.

WICHITA LIVE STOCK MARKET.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

CATTLE.

The supply was more than enough to supply the local demand and the speculators did not seem to care for cattle today. There was quite a demand for home consumption and more cattle changed hands than for several days past. There seems to be a better feeling on eastern markets and prices are stronger on good ripe cattle. About the only grades which are in demand here at present are good to choice butcher grades. The market closed steady.

Native shipping steers, good to extra	$3 75 @4 00
Good to extra native butcher steers, 1100@ 1200 lbs	3 50 @3 75
Good butchers steers, 800@1050	3 25 @3 40
Native feeding steers	2 75 @3 00
Native stockers	2 50 @2 70
Choice cows and heifers	2 25 @2 [illegible]
Fair to good cows and heifers	2 00 @2 20
Bulls and stags	1 50 @2 50
Fat yearlings	2 50 @2 75
Good yearlings	2 25 @2 50
Grass cows	1 60 @2 [illegible]
Calves	1 25 @1 50
Poorer grades and scallawags	1 00 @1 25
Veal calves	4 50 @7 00

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

Following are the representative sales of cattle at the stock yards today:

No.	Description.	Av'ge.	Price
24	Cows and heifers	693	2 50
4	Cows	1113	2 35
1	Heifer	1080	2 35
1	Heifer	670	2 15
4	Heifers	862	2 15
2	Heifers	775	2 00
1	Stock heifer	477	2 00
2	Veal calves	295	4 00
1	Bull	950	1 40
3	Cows and two calves		35 00

HOGS.

The supply was light. The market opened strong at $3.45 which is a big nickle higher than Saturday's top price. The packers wanted hogs and took all that were offered except a few heavies which were sold to the Mexico buyer and $3.45 was paid for the bulk of his hogs. The market was active to the extent of the supply and ruled steady throughout. Buyers for the packers seem to think they will buy for less money tomorrow, but the salesmen differed and think the market will be fully as strong and possibly higher. The close was steady.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

The following are the representative salse of hogs at the yards today:

No.	Dock.	Average.	Price
62	....	204	3 45
..	....	201	3 45
74	40	204	3 45
80	....	225	3 45
57	40	187	3 45
67	80	201	3 45
68	....	234	3 45
65	....	239	3 45
49	40	242	3 45
68	....	226	3 45
11	160	223	3 45
4	....	265	3 45
60	....	185	3 42½
4	....	262	3 40
2	....	420	3 37½

SHEEP.

There were no fresh offerings today. 278 which went out was a part of the large lot which came in last week. Prices about steady. Strong demand for stock ewes.

Good mutton sheep, 80@100	3 50@4 00
Good stock ewes, 75@80	3 25@3 50
Good stock, wethers, 90@95	3 60@3 80
Good to extra lambs	4 10@4 50

Wichita Horse and Mule Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

The market was very quiet today. No stock coming in. The demand continues good.

Extra draft horses	$125 00@150 00
Good draft horses	100 00@125 00
Extra mares	100 00@125 00
Good mares	70 00@ 90 00
Extra drivers	150 00@225 00
Good drivers	100 00@125 00
Extra streakers	95 00@110 00
Good streakers	75 00@ 90 00
Oregon	25 00@ 50 00
Pinge	25 00@ 50 00
Mules, 14 hands	65 00@ 75 00
Mules, 14½ hands	80 00@ 90 00
Mules, 15½ hands	100 00@125 00
Mules, heavy, 16@16½ hands	125 00@145 00
Mules, plugs	50 00@ 60 00

Brief Mention.

Hogs a nickle higher.

Somebody said it was hot.

Slight improvement in cattle.

Wellmer shipped twelve cars of hogs to Old Mexico last night.

T. V. Borland came in from Stafford with a car of cattle and hogs.

D. M. Williamson, Attica, was on the market with a car of hogs.

Dunnaway & Whittaker sent in a car of hogs from Attica.

B. C. Cochran, Tisdale, was on the market with a car of hogs.

P. H. Caton, Peabody, had in a car of hogs.

Sparks Bros., Nashville, had one car of cattle and a car of hogs on the market.

B. Gill & Son, Sawyer, had a car of hogs on the market.

J. Gamble, Elyra, sent in a car of hogs.

W. E. Smith, El Dorado, marketed a car of hogs.

L. B. Dodson had a small bunch of butchers' heifers on the market.

Frank W. McCoy, of McCoy & Underwood, of Kansas City, was at the yards today.

Morris & Butt, Kansas City, have just received twenty-one out of their order of 100 double deck stock cars for shipping heavy hogs to Old Mexico, and twelve of them were loaded here last night and started on their long journey. There are several improvements in them that are not found in the regular stock car. They are about eight inches wider which make them more roomy. They are also sheathed up under the roof making an air space and therefore much cooler for hogs on the upper deck. They have iron troughs running clear round the car which is a decided improvement and Mr. Hog seemed to enjoy starting off in his palace car. They made up a very handsome train as they are painted a bright straw color with black trimmings, and labled The Kansas City and Mexico Transportation Co.

Pork Packing and Provisions.

[Cincinnati Price Current, July 10.]

The week's packing in the west has been 255,000 hogs, or 20,000 less than the preceding week, and 30,000 in excess of corresponding time last year, when the total was 225,000. Since March 1 the aggregate is 4,750,000 hogs, against 4,125,000 last year—an increase of 625,000, or slightly over 15 per cent. Prices of hogs have improved considerably during the week, and close about 20c per hundred pounds higher than a week ago on the average for western points. In the provision trade there has been no special animation. The Chicago market has changed but moderately, closing with a small advance on lard and short rib sides compared with a week ago. The distributing trade continues good and the exports of produce for the week were quite large, 40 per cent in excess of corresponding period last year, the greater gain being in lard. There has been so little change in values of leading articles at Chicago in the past several weeks that speculative interest in hog product has been encouraged, especially in view of the continued free movement of hogs and the concentration of liberal stock in Chicago. Just now there is some ground for apprehension concerning the condition of corn crop, which is threatened with impairment in many districts in the west unless relief is soon reached by rains. Should the general situation of the crop be materially reduced in promise it is likely it would have some influence in stimulating the prices of hogs and of products—unless there should develop a disposition to hasten marketing operations, short of the maturity of the stock, and thus keep up temporarily or for a time a liberal movement, at the expense of supplies later on in the season.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

By Telegraph.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 14.—CATTLE.—Receipts, 5500; shipments 500. Market steady. Native steers $3 75@4 60; stockers and feeders $2 15@3 50; Texans and Indians $2 25@3 50. HOGS—Receipts 5600; shipments 2300. Market higher. Fair to choice heavy $3 60@3 70; packing grades $3 60@3 70. SHEEP—Receipts 1700; shipments 300. Market strong. Fair to choice $3 75@4 60.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 14.—CATTLE—Receipts 8500; shipments 3700. Market 10@15c lower. Steers $3 25@4 20; cows, $1 25@2 90; stockers and feeders, $2 65@3 50; range steers, $2 00@2 90; range cows, $1 25@2 00. HOGS—Receipts 5,500, shipments, 3600. Market 5@10c higher. Bulk $3 32½@3 35, all grades $3 47½@3 50. SHEEP—Receipts 2200, shipments 1700. Market steady. Good to choice muttons $4 25@4 50; lambs $5 00@5 50; stockers andfeeders $3 00@3 25.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 14.—CATTLE—Receipts 11,000, shipments 4000. Market active, steady to lower. Beeves $4 20@4 75; steers $3 50@4 40; stockers and feeders, $2 40@3 50; cows, bulls and mixed $1 25@3 10; Texas steers, $2 75@3 60. HOGS—Receipts, 2,300; shipments 6500. Market stronger, higher. Mixed $3 70@3 90; heavy $3 70@3 95; light, $3 70@3 90, skips $3 00@3 40. SHEEP—Receipts 6000; shipments 1500. Market slow, weak. Natives $3 25@5 10; Texans $3 25@4 50; lambs $5 00@6 15.

The Drovers Journal special cablegram from London says there is a moderate supply of cattle from all quarters. Demand firm at 12½c per pound for choice American steers.

Wichita Grain Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

The receipts were moderate on both corn and wheat. The market was active and prices firm.

Receipts for 24 hours—17,550 bu. corn; 1,200 bu. wheat. 5000 bu oats.

GRAIN—Car lots on track:
WHEAT—Good milling, old and new, 65@70 other grades, 60c and down.
CORN—No 3 or better 23@24c, white 25@26c.
OATS—18@20c.
RYE—No 3, or better 35c.
HAY—$4 50 per ton in car lots.
GROUND CORN—Chop in car lots 55c per 100 lbs

Wichita Provision Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

The demand for hog products is quite active, but orders as a rule are for small quantities. Orders from southern markets are moderately large, short rib sides and smoked meats being the most in demand. Prices unchanged and rather firm.

SUGAR CURED MEATS—Canvass or plain hams 20 lbs and up 9c; 14@18 hams 10@20 lbs 11½c, hams medium and up 10@12c, hams small size 10@12 lbs 10½@11c, California picnic ham 7½@7½c, breakfast bacon full width or strips 8@8½c, street beat ham extra dry 9@9½c, smoked beef tongues per doz. $3 50, cottage or boneless hams 8@8½c, New York shoulders 6½@6½c, California bacon 6½@7½c, Tennessee bacon 6½c rolled shoulders boneless 8c.

SIDE MEATS—Short clear sides packed 40 to salt, $5 45@5 75 per 100 lbs, clear ribbies 6c, English bellies 6c, long clear sides $5 30@5 50, shoulders 5@5½, clear backs $5 45@5 60 per 100 lbs, long clear bacon $5 55@6 12½ cwt, shortclear bacon $5 45@6 37½, clear bacon backs $6 00@6 62½, bacon ribbies $6 00@6 62½, bacon shoulders 5 62½.

SAUSAGE—Fresh pork sausage No 1 5½@6½c, fresh pork sausage (extras) 7c, Vienna and and Frankfurt 10c, head cheese 5c, bolognas rounds 4½@5c, bolognas middles 6@6½c, nickles bologna 4½@5c, tongue sausage 5c, liver sausage 4c, blood pudding 5c.

LARD—Basis Tc's, choice family 6½c, baker's special 6½c, pure leaf 7c, Whittaker's Star 6½c, Whittaker's pastry 6½c.

FRESH MEATS—BEEF—Sides or whole carcasses 5@6½c, hind quarters 6½@7½c, fore quarters 3@4c loins 8@10c. PORK—Pork loins 6c, tender loins 7c, spare ribs 5c, back bones 2c.

PREPARED PICKLED GOODS—Pig's feet put in half bbls and spiced. Quarter bbls, 40 lbs 1 25, kits, 15 lbs, 75c. Pickled and spiced pig's tongue—Kitts, 15 lbs, $1 25. Tripe, pickled and spiced—Quarter bbls, 40 lbs, 1 50, kitts, 15 lbs, 65c.

Wichita Produce Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

The marked ruled rather quiet today. The supply and demand on most articles being only fair. Choice butter in good demand and prices firm. Eggs weak at quotations.

POTATOES—Kansas 60c per bushel, northern 70c new, 90@$1 00 per bushel.
CABBAGES—New 2c.
ONIONS—New $1 00 per bushel.
PIE PLANT—15c per lb.
LETTUCE—2c per lb.
RADISHES—5c per doz. bunches.
ASPARAGUS—15c per doz. bunches.
SPRING ONIONS—15c doz bunches.
PARSLEY—15c doz bunches.
EGGS—9@9½c per doz.
BUTTER—Fancy creamery 14c, choice creamery 13c, choice butter 12½c, fair 10c, cooking butter 8c.
CHEESE—Eastern full cream 11c, half cream 11½ 12c, skim 8@9c, limburger 12½@14c, brick 15@16, full cream Swiss 16@18c.
CHICKENS—Live hens 5@5½c per lb., roosters 3@4c, spring, 10c.

Wichita Wholesale Fruit Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

Berries are scarce. Very good supply of apples and peaches and prices firm. Quite an active demand for oranges, lemons and bananas.

ORANGES—California Mediterranean sweet $4 50@5 00 per box, Messina $5 50@6 00 per box, imperial $5 50 per box, San Diego 4 75 per box, Redi, fancy, $4 00@4 50 per ½ box.

LEMONS—Messina per box, $8 00@9 50.

BLACKBERRIES—$2 00@2 50 per crate.

PINE APPLES—None in market.

APPLES—New, 60@75c per bu.

PEACHES—$1 00@1 50 per bu.

BANANAS—$2 00@$3 00 per bunch, fancy $3 50 per bunch.

FIGS—Layers 15@18c per lb ¼ oval boxes $3 50@3 75 per box.

DATES—Persian 60 lb boxes, 8½@8½c per lb, Fard, 12@14 lb boxes, 12½c per lb.

HONEY—California, 1 lb frames, 12@13c per lb.

Wichita Flour Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

There was a moderate local call and some shipping inquiry and inflations on the whole showed some improvement. Prices are firm as quoted below.

Best patent, per cwt standard price	$2 60
Second patent	2 30
Extra fancy	2 10
Fancy	1 80
Shipstuff, bulk	45
Bran	40

Wichita Leather Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

SOLE LEATHER—[Slaughter] 29@33c, B. A. 27@29c, good damage 20@22c.

HARNESS—Acorn oak 30c, No 1 oak 34c, L. H. 32c, Union 30c, Hemlock 27c.

CALF—Domestic 65@$1 00, French $1 00@1 50.

CUT HALF SOLES—Extra heavy $8 50, heavy $9 00, medium $7 50, light $1 25@1 75.

Wichita Hide and Tallow Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

HIDES—No 1 green 3½c per lb, No 2 green 2½ per lb, No 1 green salt 4½c, No 2 green salt 3½c, dry hides 8@10c per lb, bulls and stags 2@3c.

TALLOW—No 1, 3½c per lb, No 2 2½c.

SHEEP PELTS—35@75c each.

Wichita Wool Market.

WICHITA, Kan., July 14.

Bright condition—Bright medium 14c, heavy medium 12c, light fine 12c, heavy fine 10c.

Earthy conditions—Medium 11c, fine 8@10c, coarse 8@10c, Mexican select grades 15@18c, coarse and kempy 7@10c.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Money.

NEW YORK, July 14.

Money on call easy, ranging from 3 to 5 per cent, last loan 4, closed offered at 3.

Prime mercantile paper 5@7.

Sterling exchange quiet and steady at $4 84½ for 60 day bills and $4 89 for demand.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Ill, July 14.—Wheat—Fair speculative business and transactions based mostly upon the weather condition and crop reports. Futures closed same as Saturday.

Corn—Corn was active, a large volume of business being transacted within a fairly range. The feeling developed was strong early but later became weaker, recovered and closed near top prices of the day.

Oats—Oats were fairly active and higher.

Pork—Mess pork trading was limited. Prices were weak and 10@20c lower.

Lard—Only a moderate business was transacted; ruled 7½@10c higher.

Short ribs sides—Trading was fair and prices ruled about 5@10c higher.

The leading futures closed as follows:

WHEAT—July 87½c, August 88½c, September 89¾.
CORN—July 37½c, August 37½c, September 38½c.
OATS—July 26½c, August 26½c, September 28½c.
PORK—July $11 85, August $11 10, September $10 80.
LARD—July $6 87½, August $6 02, September $6 00.
SHORT RIBS—July $5 10, August $5 17½, September $5 20.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm, unchanged.
WHEAT—No 2 spring, 87½c; red, 88½c.
CORN—No. 2, 37½c.
OATS—26½c
RYE—49c.
BARLEY—Nominal.
FLAXSEED—$1 31.
TIMOTHY—$1 22@1 24.
PORK—$11 85.
LARD—$6 12½.
SHORT RIBS—Sides $5 10.
SHOULDERS—Dry salted $5 75@5 25.
SHORT CLEAR SIDES—$5 40@5 50.
WHISKY—$1 10.
SUGAR—Cut loaf 11@11½c; granulated 6¾c; standard A 6¾c.

ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat	16,000	14,000
Corn	317,000	572,000
Oats	147,000	328,000

BUTTER—Steady. Fancy separator 16½c; finest creamery 14@15c, fine 12@13c, finest dairy, 10@11c, fine table.

EGGS—12½@13.

Kansas City Produce.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 14.

The Daily Indicator reports:

FLOUR—XX, 65c; XXX 75c; family $1 05; choice $1 40; fancy $1 70; extra fancy $1 80@1 85; patent $2 10@2 15.

WHEAT—Stronger. No. 2 hard cash 77½@78c; July 78@79½c; No. 2 red cash 81@82c.

CORN—Higher. No. 2 cash 36½c; July 36½c.

OATS—Higher. No. 2 cash 28½c bid; no offerings; July 28½c bid, no offerings.

RYE—Steady. No 2 cash 46c bid, no offerings; July 46c.

EGGS—Steady at 9½c.

MILLSTUFF—Irregular.

CORNMEAL—55c.

CORNCHOP—54c.

BRAN—46c.

HAY—Fancy prairie, old $6 50; new $7 00.

LEAD—Quiet, soft Missouri and common $3 65 refined $3 80.

FLAXSEED—$1 25.

BUTTER—Creamery fancy 14@15c, other creameries 10@13c; dairy 8@11c; store packed 6@10c.

CHEESE—Steady. Northern twins 10@11c; Western 9@9c. Young America 10@11c, skimmed 4@5.

LIVE POULTRY—Firm; good demand. Choice hens $3 00@3 25; small fat $2 50@2 75; roosters $2 00@2 50, spring chickens $1 25@2 00.

PROVISIONS—Steady.

HAMS—$10 50.

BREAKFAST BACON—$8 50.

DRIED BEEF—$7 50.

DRIED SALT MEATS—Short clear sides $6 00; dry long clear $6 00; shoulders $5 50.

SMOKED MEATS—Long clear $6 00; shoulders $6 00; short clear sides $6 50.

PORK—$13 00.

LARD—Refined, $7 25.

St. Louis Produce.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 14.

WHEAT—Higher. Cash 88½c; August 88½@88¾c, September 89½c.

CORN—Higher. Cash 36½@36¾; August 36¾c, September 37¼@37½c.

OATS—Higher. Cash, 25c bid; August 25½c, September 25½c.

PORK—Quiet. Cash $11 00@11 50.

LARD—Nominal, straight prime steam $6 65.

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No. 3 Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago ex, daily	6 35 A M	6 40 A M
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No. 65 Accommodation, daily except Sunday	2 00 P M	2 20 P M

Elegant reclining chair cars on all trains, and Pullman sleepers from Wichita to Kansas City and Chicago without change on night trains. Tickets sold and baggage checked through to all points north, south, east and west, and steamship tickets sold to all European points at lowest rates. City ticket office 100 East Douglas avenue, corner Main street; passenger station corner Douglas and Mead avenues. Telephone 199.

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ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO R. R.

TRAINS.	ARRIVE	LEAVE
Going West, pass (to Ellsworth)	1 25 A M	1 25 A M
Going west, pass, (stops at Burrton)	4 50 P M	4 55 P M
Going East, passenger	9 00 A M	9 05 A M
Going West, passenger	10 30 P M	10 40 P M
Going East		2 25 P M
Going West to Burrton		2 27 P M

City Union Ticket office, 122 North Main street, and Union Depot, Douglas avenue.

WICHITA & WESTERN R. R.

TRAINS.	ARRIVE	LEAVE
Going West, pass (daily)		8 05 A M
Going West, freight		5 00 P M
Going East, pass	7 25 P M	
Going East, freight	10 35 A M	

D. H. BROWN, Freight & Pass. Agt. 122 N. Main Supt., cor. 4th and Douglas.

Union Ticket office 122 North Main street, and at Union Depot, Douglas avenue. W. D. MURDOCK.

ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE R. R.

TRAINS.	ARRIVE	LEAVE
NORTH AND EAST.		
Denver express	4 05 P M	4 10 P M
Eastern express	12 35 P M	12 40 P M
Colorado and California express	4 00 P M	4 10 P M
Chicago express	8 50 P M	9 00 P M
SOUTH AND WEST.		
Oklahoma & Panhandle ex	7 40 A M	7 40 A M
Texas Express	4 05 P M	4 10 P M
Caldwell Express	7 00 P M	7 00 P M

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Notice.

On and after June 8th the Santa Fe route will resume tariff rates in effect March 1st, 1890. G. F. NICHOLSON, G. P. & T. A.

Wichita, May 29, 1890. d12 tf

The Santa Fe Change.

By the new Santa Fe time table it will be observed that the Chicago fast express leaves here three hours and fifteen minutes later and arrives in Chicago the following morning, making all eastern connections. The Galveston train leaves four hours and forty-five minutes later and makes the same time to Galveston. The Denver train leaves forty minutes earlier and arrives at Pueblo at 6:20 a. m., Colorado Springs 7:45 a. m., Denver 10:45 a. m. This train is equipped with chair cars, Pullman and dining cars and will not stop for meals as formerly. d12 tf

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

National Educational Association, St. Paul, Minn., July 4th to 11th.

For the above named occasion the Missouri Pacific railway offers a rate of one lowest first class tariff fare for the round trip, plus $2 membership fee. These tickets will be on sale on July 1st to 7th, inclusive, with final return limit of September 30th. Persons wishing to visit the northern lakes during the heated term can avail themselves of this rare opportunity of obtaining cheap rates to St. Paul where arrangements have been made for reduced rates to other points. For further information apply at ticket office, No. 137 North Main, or depot, corner Second and Wichita street. E. E. BLECKLEY, Pass. and Ticket Agt., 137 N. Main 27 tf

"The Lone Star" Limited.

Are you going to Kansas City or east thereof? If so, why not take the 12:40 p. m. train via the Santa Fe route, arriving in Kansas City the same evening and Chicago the next morning, making east-bound connections. 18tf

The best, quickest and most direct line from Wichita to St. Louis and all principal eastern, southeastern and northern cities.

The Frisco line runs two daily express trains from Wichita to St. Louis without change, equipped with Pullman palace sleepers and free reclining chair cars. No other line does it. Close connections in St. Louis union depot with solid vestibule express trains, without change, to Chicago, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

The popularity of this line being universally acknowledged by all competitors, all passenger trains of other railway lines entering Wichita from the north, south and west arrive in time to connect with the Frisco line fast express trains to the east.

If you cannot purchase through tickets reading via Frisco line from your starting point, it will pay you to purchase to Wichita in order to secure the advantages and comforts of this line.

For further information regarding rates, time, connections and through reservation of sleeping car accommodations call upon or address W. D. Murdock, ticket agent, 122 North Main street, or Douglas avenue union depot. D. WISHART, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. Louis, Mo d56-tf

USES OF SOME BIRDS.

THE POSITION THEY OCCUPY IN THE ECONOMY OF NATURE.

Curious Ways in Which the Water Birds, Hawks, Owls and Other Fowl Are an Assistance to Mankind—Habits of Many Well Known Feathered Creatures.

In recent years much attention has been paid by naturalists to examining the stomachs of various birds in order to ascertain the character of their food. In those of most water fowl a percentage of seeds and roots of aquatic plants has been found. A subject well worthy of consideration is whether the migratory instincts of all water fowl is not partially utilized to carry these seeds and roots to points far distant from one another, which could not be reached by water currents, thus performing the part for water plants that air currents do for terrestrial growths.

Shore birds, such as snipe, sand pipers, yellow legs, plover, devour large quantities of beetles and worms injurious to shore and shallow water plants. They also assist in the transporting of seeds from place to place. On toast their transporting qualities affect us in another way.

Owls and hawks until within late years have had only the uncommercial value, of wisdom and sharp sight allotted them. But by a shorter method than the stomach pump investigators have clearly shown that few more valuable birds to the agriculturist exist, and now, instead of offered premiums for their scalps, they are allowed to retain them, and are protected by law in their possession. Their chicken thieving is an epicurean eccentricity not worth considering when compared with their habitual consumption of mice and other small animals which do great injury to the farmers' trees and crops. The farmers' poultry is under his immediate protection, but he cannot well go mousing to save his products.

MANY KINDS OF HAWKS.

Undoubtedly the entire falcon family demonstrate that bird will eat bird, but the varieties devoured bymost of them in any appreciable quantity are such as are indirectly useful to man as insect killers only. The appetite and capacity of one hawk for insects much more than compensate for those of all the birds it kills.

The sparrow hawk is by far the most numerous of its species. Its chief food is grasshoppers. When this insect is to be had the most tempting morsels in feathers are eschewed.

The red shouldered or chicken hawk, as it is miscalled, seldom eats chickens; then in winter only. Its food consists of small quadrupeds, small birds, lizards, frogs, snakes and insects.

The marsh hawk—the sportsman's special antipathy—never preys upon the game for which sportsmen seek. It is a rapacious eater, varying its bill of fare with frogs, coleopterous insects and diminutive members of the feathered tribe.

The sharp shinned or partridge hawk is the Robespierre of the air—blood, blood, no matter whence it comes. He has a liking for spring chicken, raw, garnished with feathers. He finds quails toothsome and ducks preeminently to his taste. He passes sentence upon almost everything that flies, yet the number of these he kills is unimportant when compared with the entrees of his bill of fare. In fact the sharp shinned and the cooper's hawk are the only members of a large family that have a few tastes in common with man. Because of this alleged sin the immense good they do should not be forgotten.

THE USEFUL OWL.

Owls continue by night the good work of the hawks by day; mice, moles and reptiles are their regular food. The barred or hoot owl and the great horned owl are the only members of the family having an unsavory reputation. The barred owl claims right of priority to an occasional partridge, and retaliates upon the sportsman's encroachment upon its preserves by foraging upon the chicken yard. It feeds principally upon mice and small birds and reptiles.

The great horned owl is singular in its partiality for skunk (no one should entertain malice toward it for that). Its children cry for it. Its nests are invariably infected by its odor. While its food consists of pheasants, large game, ducks and poultry, the dining on a single skunk gives it respectable standing as a friend to the poultry raiser and sportsman, together with all having noses in any degree more sensitive than wax ones.

The barn owl outrivals the cat as a mouser and as a nerve stirring musician by the eloquence of its silence.

For fifteen years within the writer's knowledge a neighborly pair of screech owls have dwelt upon a west Philadelphia lawn, in the midst of