MARKET WAS WEAK

It Closed From 5 to 81-2 Cents Lower.

TOP PRICE WAS $3.92 1-2

Receipts Were Quite Large for Monday.

The receipts of hogs at the stockyards were quite heavy today for a Monday. Over 3,500 hogs passed over the scales. Trading was brisk and all hogs were taken at the ruling price.

The market opened weak to 5 cents lower. Later, on bearish telegrams from Chicago and Kansas City, the market declined to 5 to 7½ cents lower. Just before the close a firmer feeling took place and the market closed firm at $3.90.

The market here, as usual, compared very favorably with other western livestock centers. The prices paid were higher, everything considered, than at other points. At no time was the market off more than from 5 to 7½ cents, while Chicago reported "Hogs 5 to 10 cents lower." Kansas City said: "Hogs 5 to 10 cents lower; demand fair."

The shippers of this section are becoming more and more pleased with the Wichita market. They find that they can get better prices here than elsewhere, and can get home quickly without loss of time or money. Yesterday there was a large number of Oklahoma shippers in the city and sold an unusually large number of hogs. They say the Wichita market is far superior for them than any other in the west.

There was a heavy run of hogs early in the morning, owing to shipments having arrived on Sunday. During the middle of the day there was a lull in business, but late in the afternoon a number of large shipments came in, and the buyers and shippers were busy until late. The quality of the hogs offered was fair and the demand was excellent. There was not a hog turned back and bidding at all times was brisk.

There was a heavy run of wagon hogs for Monday and especially so, considering the condition of the roads. The offerings were but fair in quality, but brought good bulk prices.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Dock.	Av. Wt.	Price.
91	...	209	$3 92½
79	40	256	3 92½
85	40	250	3 92½
69	160	236	3 92
66	80	250	3 90
62	80	260	3 90
93	80	224	3 90
73	40	282	3 90
67	...	256	3 90
75	...	248	3 90
81	80	223	3 87½
84	80	272	3 87½
54	120	260	3 87½
66	280	299	3 87½
68	40	242	3 87½
85	180	259	3 87½
11	...	236	3 87½
5	...	240	3 90
7	...	191	3 90
6	...	230	3 90
7	...	183	3 90
1	80	440	3 87½
7	...	179	3 87½
7	40	267	3 87½
8	...	202	3 87
4	...	265	3 87
5	...	190	3 87
7	...	204	3 87
7	...	198	3 87
6	...	185	3 87
5	80	231	3 85
12	...	284	3 85
5	...	223	3 85
5	...	194	3 85
4	...	230	3 85
5	...	220	3 85
6	...	237	3 85
2	...	420	3 75
5	80	432	3 75
6	80	296	3 75
4	80	245	3 75
7	120	255	3 70
127	...	87	3 75

SHIPPERS AND NOTES.

L. W. Hamilton, one of the regular shippers from Bramen, O. T., was in yesterday with a car of good hogs, which brought a good bulk price.

Steel & Son of Blackwell were on the market yesterday afternoon with a load of hogs, which they disposed of at a good price.

J. W. Haskett, one of the old-time shippers from Riverdale, was up yesterday with his usual good lot of hogs. They brought a good bulk price.

Cal Stewart of Whitewater, one of the oldest shippers to this market, was here yesterday with a car of good hogs. They brought the ruling price.

F. B. Elkior of Pratt was in yesterday with three loads of cattle. He is on his way to Hinsley, where he last week purchased 250 head of beeves. Mr. Elkior is handling a large number of cattle and is doing a successful stock business.

Jeff Houston of Ponca City was on the market again yesterday with two loads of hogs. They brought good bulk prices.

Donohoe Bros., of Mulhall, were here yesterday with a car of hogs. They are doing a good deal of shipping to this point. Their hogs brought the ruling price.

McCormick & Taylor, the stockmen of Edmond, were on the market yesterday with a load of good hogs, which brought a good bulk price.

L. M. McCrocklin of Derby was in yesterday with a car of hogs and two cars of cattle. The former he disposed of at a good bulk price.

Campbell & Horton, the old-time shippers at Caldwell, were on the market yesterday with a car of hogs.

Fritz & Bunch of Ponca City sold two loads of hogs yesterday. They were a good lot and brought the ruling price.

Johnson & Hanna of Enid were on the market yesterday with a good load of hogs, which brought the top price of the day.

A. arland of Kiowa topped the market yesterday with a good load of hogs, which were quickly picked up by the buyers.

Dunn Winn, one of the regular shippers at Udall, was on the market yesterday with a good load of hogs. They sold for the bulk price.

Huff & Hoop were in from Udall and sold their car of hogs for the bulk price. They have been shipping a good deal of late to this market.

Hugh Griffith of Belle Plaine brought a car of swine in yesterday and sold them for the ruling price of the day.

Dunaway & Gregory of Tonkawa were in again yesterday with a load of hogs. They were sold for a high price for the day. The firm is shipping lots of hogs to this market.

The buyers had a busy day yesterday. The run of hogs was good. Following were the purchasers: Dold, 1,023; Cudahy, 254; local dealers, 170; Armour, 2. The total receipts of the day were 1,349.

Fred Dold, manager of the local plant, went to Kansas City to meet his father, Jacob Dold, Sr., who is now in that city.

E. N. Barth of Denver, Colo., is here visiting his brother, Dr. W. C. Barth, who is connected with the Dold plant.

The provision market was weak today. It closed 7 to 8 cents lower. Pork opened [illegible] and closed at $3.80. Cash lard opened at $5.25 and closed at $5.15. Cash ribs opened at $5.22 and closed at $5.25.

Belmont Elkior, a cattle man living at Pratt, who is a shipper to this market, was married Sunday evening to Miss Mabel Dunn of the same city. They will live at Pratt.

Inspector Tilford, it is said, was out turkey hunting Saturday night.

The railroads did a good business yesterday to the stockyards. The Santa eF brought up 21 cars, the Missouri Pacific 1 car, the Rock Island 4 cars, and the Frisco 1 car.

Two cars of hogs arrived from the south last night too late to be placed on the market.

The express business at the Dold Packing company continues to be very large. Shipments are made every day to all points in the south and west. The force in this department are rushed keeping up with the orders.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Good to choice steady to 10c higher; others weak to a shade lower; cow market and canners 10 to 15c lower; feeders unchanged; good to choice, $5.30@7.30; poor to medium, 4.25@5.10; mixed stockers, $3.00@3.90; selected feeders, $4.20@4.65; good to choice cows, $3.50@4.75; heifers, $3.00@5.00; canners, $2.00@3.00; bulls, $2.50@4.25; calves, $4.00@7.00; fed Texas beeves, $4.35@5.20.

Hogs—Five to 10c lower; trade active and closed firm fair clearance; mixed and butchers, $3.95@4.30; good to choice heavy, $4.05@4.20; rough heavy, $3.90@4.00; light, $3.95@4.12½; bulk of sales, $4.05@4.15.

Sheep—Dull to 10 to 20c lower, except for fancy grades; native wethers, $3.90@4.90; lambs, $4.00@5.65; Washington wethers, $4.00@4.40; Washington lambs, $5.00@5.40.

Receipts—Cattle, 16,000; hogs, 46,000; sheep, 26,000.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; market steady; native steers $4.00@6.20; Texas steers, $2.85@5.35; Texas cows, $2.00@3.15; native cows and heifers, $1.75@4.50; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.75; bulls, $2.00@3.65.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,000; market 5@10 cents lower; bulk of sales, $3.90@4.05; heavy, $3.90@4.07½; packers, $3.85@4.10; mixed, $3.90@4.05; light, $3.95@4.05; yorkers, $4.00@4.05; pigs, $3.80@4.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; market steady; shade lower; lambs, $4.00@5.50; muttons, $3.30@4.50.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market steady for natives; lower for Texans; native shipping and beef steers, $3.20@5.30, with strictly fancy grades worth $5.35; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.00; cows and heifers, $2.00@5.00; canners, $1.50@3.00; Texas and Indian steers, $3.25@4.35; cows and heifers, $2.25@3.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,500; market a shade lower; pigs and lights, $3.90@4.00; packers, $4.00@4.05; butchers, $4.05@4.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,500; market steady; native muttons, $4.00@4.50; lambs, $5.00@5.85.

PANIC IN THE COTTON MARKET

Net Decline of 23 to 26 Points on the Present Crop.

New York, Dec. 18.—Almost unprecedented excitement prevailed on the cotton exchange today. Seldom, if ever in the history of the institution has the volume of business been so great as that transacted today. No official record of the sales was made, but it is estimated that the amount of cotton traded in came near reaching the million-bale mark, the heaviest previous total beng about 800,000. There was a perfect avalanche of orders. The close was easy at a decline of 46 points. From the closing figures of Saturday, the market, as shown by the weakest intervals, broke 30 to 38 points, at which time a condition bordering on panic prevailed. The decline was attended by the greatest irregularity, with frequent and violent reactions, the price at times moving full 5 points. It was pandemonium let loose. The original cause of the collapse was heavy selling started by Wall Street interests. Sensational reports reached the exchange to the effect that the rate of money was advancing rapidly. Th emore stalwart bulls made numerous efforts to turn the market, but a renewed supply of long cotton would make its appearance on every reaction. The high point of the upward swing was in the early afternoon, when the market moved 14 points, only to topple over again. The general weakness was increased by the sympathy in South Africa leading to fears that political troubles abroad would be likely to involve other powers. The English cotton market declined 4 to 4½ points and closed at the lowest figures. The final phases of the market were a little better on covering and some buying for a reaction tomorrow. The close was steady at a net decline of 23 to 26 points on the present crop.

COTTON.

New York, Dec. 18.—It was a red-letter day for the bears on the cotton exchange and one of reckoning for the bulls, who have practically had full sway for several months. Prices went off 1 to 2 points, with excitement at the start, in sympathy with the two points loss in the English market. But no sooner had the opening passed than orders came from all quarters to sell cotton in great blocks. The failure of the Produce Exchange Trust company and of Henry Allen & Co., in New York, were telling blows against the bulls. A heavy slump in New Orleans, a rapid fall in Liverpool and a rise in money to a rate equal to 186 per cent caused prices to tumble at a terrific rate. All the regulation news was discarded, the one aim of all seeming to be to get rid of enormous amounts of cotton accumulated on the late protracted rise. Houses having extensive interests in stocks and securities were the heaviest sellers, presumably for the purpose of better protecting interests on the stock exchange. The South and the West were also large sellers, and futures went off 25 points and over. Late in the day there was somthing of a reaction on profit-taking by shorts and quiet new buying for parties believing the market entitled to a decided uplift. The close was fairly steady, with the present crop position 23@26 points net lower. The far or new crop months were but 9 to 10 points lower. Trading was by far the heaviest in several years.

Galveston, Dec. 18.—Cotton—Quiet; 7 5-16.

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Cotton—Irregular; sales, 2,400 bales; middling, 7 3-16c.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Spot cotton dull; prices lower; American middling, 4 35-32d.

New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet; 3 1-16c lower; middling uplands, 7¼c; middling gulf, 7¼c; sales, 656 bales. Futures closed steady; January, 7.06c; February, 7.06c; March, 7.12c; May, 7.18c; June, 7.20c; July, 7.20c; August, 7.15c; September, 6.95c; October, 6.85c; November, 6.80c.

THE WEATHER.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 18, 1899.

During the past 24 hours the highest temperature has been 54, the lowest 30, and the mean 42, with a dense fog in the morning, followed by cloudy weather, rising barometer and brisk north wind.

On this date last year the highest temperature was 39, the lowest 25, and the mean 37, with 1.28 inches of rain.

So far this month the average temperature has been 35, which is 4 degrees below the normal.

So far this month the rainfall has been 1.15 inches, which is .62 inch above the normal.

FRED L. JOHNSON,
Observer.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:

Kansas—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; northerly winds, becoming variable.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; northerly winds.

Not all the great bluffers are poker players.—Atchison Globe.

WARMS TO WAR NEWS

May Wheat Closes 1 3-4 Cent Over Saturday.

COARSE GRAINS FOLLOW

Profit-Taking Depresses the Provision Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Indications that the war in South Africa has reached proportions sufficient to actuate a marked improvement in the foreign demand caused a sharp advance in wheat today, May closing 1¾c over Saturday. Other grains were influenced by wheat, May corn closing ⅜c and May oats ¼ to ⅜c higher. Profit-taking depressed the provision market, May pork closing 7½c, May lard 5c and May ribs 7½c lower.

The small world's shipments, the decrease on passage and other statistics rather bullish, were completely overshadowed in the wheat pit by the foreign news. The call for additional volunteers for the British forces in South Africa alone, it was believed, increases the importance of the Boer war sufficiently to stimulate the grain market. The strength of Liverpool and the vigorous buying of foreigners was sufficient support for the theories of the local dealers, and the market, strong at the opening, added to its strength throughout the session. The crowd in the pit was large, the activity and volume of trade greater than has been before in months. May opened ⅛@⅝c over Saturday at 69⅞@70c. Shorts covered, but offerings were not liberal and the price advanced to 70⅝c. From this point the market dropped off to initial figures on selling against privileges, as the price was above calls. But this was regained and from that point to the close the advance was persistent. Outside buying orders were on the floor in force, and through it all the foreigners bought liberally, absorbing every offer not otherwise disposed of. A few minutes before the last trade had ben made May was at 71¼c. The close was 1¾c over Saturday at 71¼c.

Corn was firm with wheat and the market rather active. The respone to wheat, however, was held in check to a degree by some liberal profit-taking. May closed ⅜c up, at 33⅜c.

The animation and strength of wheat produced only a drowsy movement in the oats department. May closed ⅛ to ¼c better at 24½@24⅝c.

Provisions opened strong and there was an early advance with wheat, but this was lost on realizing, principally by New York longs, who were influenced by the Wall Street situation. The liberal supply of hogs and lower prices at the yard had something of a depressing effect. May pork closed 7½c under Saturday, at $10.22½, May lard 6c under, at $5.60, and May ribs 7½c down, at $5.42½@5.45.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 100 cars; corn, 516; oats, 228; hogs, 34,000 head.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec	68⅝	67½	66⅝	67¼
May	69⅞@70	71⅛	69⅞	71¼
July	70⅛@⅞	71⅝	70⅛@½	71⅝
Corn—				
Dec	31	31¼	31	31¼
Jan	31⅝	31½	30¼@¼	31⅜@½
May	33⅛@¼	33½	33⅛	33⅜
Oats—				
Dec	22⅝	22⅝	22¼@⅝	22⅝
May	24¼@¾	24⅝	24⅛	24¼@⅜
Pork—				
Jan	10 10	10 25	10 00	10 02½
May	10 37½	10 55	10 27½	10 30½
Lard—				
Jan	5 50	5 50	5 35	5 37½
May	5 65	5 70	5 57½	5 60
Ribs—				
Jan	5 37½	5 40	5 27½	5 30
May	5 50	5 55	5 40	5 45

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 65@67c; No. 2 red, 68@69½c.

Corn—No. 2, 31¼@31½c.

Oats—No. 2, 23@23½c; No. 2 white, 25⅝@26c; No. 3 white, 25@25⅝c.

Rye—No. 2, 51c.

Barley—No. 2, 38@40c.

Flax seed—No. 1, $1.49@1.49½.

Mess pork—Per bbl., $8.80@10.15.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., $5.20@5.22½.

Short ribs sides (loose), $5.15@5.40; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5⅝@6½c; short clear sides (boxed), $5.50@5.60.

Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.23½.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	28,000	26,000
Wheat, bu.	85,000	18,000
Corn, bu.	220,000	116,000
Oats, bu.	192,000	119,000
Rye, bu.	7,000	2,000
Barley, bu.	7,000	12,000

On the Produce Exchange, today, the market closed as follows:

Butter—Steady; creameries, 16@26 cents; dairies, 16@22 cents.

Cheese—Firm; 12½@13c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 26c.

Dressed poultry—Steady; turkeys, 10½c; chickens, 7@7½c.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Wheat—Close Receipts, 59 cars; May, 68½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 66c; No. 3, 59@63c; No. 2 red, 69@70c; No. 3, 64@68c.

Corn—May, 29⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 29½@29⅝c; No. 2 white, 29½c; No. 3, 29½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 26@26½c.

Rye—No. 2, 48c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $9.50@9.50; choice prairie, $7.00@7.50.

Butter—Creamery, 22@25c; dairy, 18c.

Eggs—Fresh, 16c.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Close: Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 69½c; track, 72c; December, 69½c; May, 72⅛@72c.

Corn—Higher; No. 2 cash, 31c; track, 32c; December, 31½c; May, 32⅝c.

Oats—No. 2 cash, track and December, 24½c; May, 25½c; No. 2 white, 26@26½c.

Receipts—Flour, 7,000; wheat 28,000; corn 83,000; oats, 65,000.

Shipments—Flour, 6,000; wheat, 28,000; corn, 30,000; oats, 11,000.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 18.—While neighboring speculative markets were in a state of demoralization today over the situation in South Africa and the disturbing features at home, wheat, on the other hand, enjoyed the biggest boom it has had in months. From Saturday's last curb figures to the best point of today was a matter of 2 cents per bushel, the jump being attended by heavy local covering and evidences of increased outside interest. Once, when visible supply figures showed an increase of 900,000 bushels, prices receded a little and were so for a long time, but only to react in the last half-hour in leaps of a quarter-cent each, closing unsettled, but strong, at a shade under top point, but 1⅝@1⅞c above Saturday. War news is always regarded as a strong bull card in brain, but until today little attention had been given to South African matters. May opened at 70⅝, sold up to 70⅞, and closed at 70⅞.

Wheat—Receipts, 96,625; exports, 61,127 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 76c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 80½c, f. o. b., nominal; No. 1 hard Duluth, 82c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 red, 72⅞c elevator; options closed: March, 70½c; May, 70⅞c; July, 70½c; December, 70⅞c.

Corn—Receipts, 155,025 bushels; exports, 258,000 bushels; spot firm; No. 2, 40½c afloat, and 40c elevator. Options closed: May, 39⅝c; December, 39⅝c.

Oats—Receipts, 47,400 bushels; exports, 60,064 bushels. Spot firm; No. 2, 29½c; No. 3, 29½c; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 30½c; track, mixed western, 29@30½c; track white, 31@34c. Options quiet, but firm.

Butter—Receipts, 5,300 packages; steady; western creamery, 25@27c; June creamery, 22@23½c; factory, 15½@20c.

Eggs—Receipts, 2,156 packages; steady; western, ungraded, at mark, 16@21½c; western, 21@24c, loss off.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Firm; ⅝@1d higher; March, 5s 11d; May, 5s 11d.

COFFEE AND SUGAR MARKETS

New York, Dec. 18.—Coffee futures opened steady at unchanged prices to 5 points advance on higher European and Brazilian cables, and small receipts at Rio and Santos. Later the market was more active, but easier in sympathy with the unsettled condition of Wall Street and the cotton market; closed 5 points higher to 5 points net lower. Sales, 11,250 bags, including: December, 5.75c; January, 5.75@5.80c; February, 5.80c; March, 5.95@6.00c; May, 6.00@6.05c; July, 6.12c; August, 6.15@6.20c; September, 6.25@6.30c. Spot coffee, Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice, 6⅞c; No. 7 jobbing, 7⅛c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 8@12½c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 21 3-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4¼ bid; molasses sugar, 3⅝c; refined, quiet.

METAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 18.—The market for metals was quiet all day, with some departments showing fair steadiness. Others, however, continued weak and irregular, with prices lower under large offerings, weak cables and a refusal of buyers to go on. The report that a tin firm in London had failed served to disquiet the local trade. At the close the metal exchange called pig iron warrants weak for futures; lake copper dull and easy at $16.50@17, nominal; tin held steady for spot, but easy and neglected for futures at $24.90@25; lead steady at $4.65@4.75; spelter steady at $4.65@4.75. The brokers' price for lead is $4.45, and for copper, $16.75.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Lead—Firm; $4.65. Spelter, firm; $4.65.

CITY IN BRIEF.

A turkey shoot will be held in Riverside park December 22.

C. L. Brown of Fort Worth, Texas, is in the city visiting Dr. J. C. Wilson.

Protracted services are to be held at the Church of God, 119 East Murdock avenue, every evening at 7:30 for some time.

Tom Voss, who had business in the vicinity of Bayneville yesterday, says he hasn't seen the roads as bad in sixteen years as they are now.

Pension Attorney J. P. H. King reports an increase of pension for S. S. Westgate, 609 North Emporia, from $17 to $30 per month, and for Thomas Newland of Andover, $8 to $10 per month.

Wilburn Jones, who has considerable faith in Wichita realty, bought another piece of property yesterday. It is the Alexander place on St. Francis street, just south of Murdock avenue.

Barnes & Newcomb have kindly donated the use of a piano to the Masonic Home for their Christmas exercises. Mrs. Hornighous is assisting the matron in drilling the children for the event.

As the northern steamer has deferred sailing to Asia until January 4, the many friends of Mr. A. O. Losely will be glad to learn that he will remain one week longer, leaving on the 28th, instead of the 21st.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ford of 338 South Emporia avenue, yesterday, a son. It is their first born and is a chubby little fellow of nine pounds averdupois. Dr. Taylor reports the whole family happy over the event.

The advance sheets show that the souvenir of Wichita which Mr. [illegible]uttler has been preparing will be a beautiful book of views of which citizens of Wichita may well be proud. It is expected to be ready for delivery next Friday.

George Oiler, who met with a severe accident several days ago on the Missouri Pacific, had his foot amputated at the Wichita hospital yesterday. Everything possible was done to save the foot, but it had been so severely mashed that nothing could be done except to amputate the affected parts.

Bell Richards, 12 years old, who lives ten miles southwest of the city, became lost while visiting in town yesterday and wandered about the city nearly all day. Her relatives became uneasy and reported the matter to the police. She was found about 5 o'clock on the Wichita and Western track in the southern part of the city and her relatives notified.

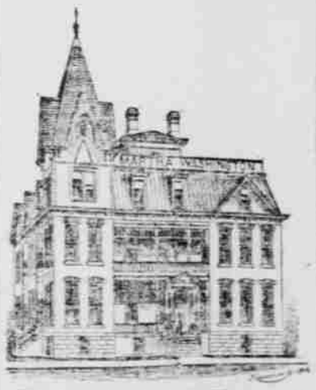
Some idea of the age of civilization in Sedgwick county and the fertile resources may be gained from the statement that J. E. Wolts has opened a wood yard on the West Side, where he has stocked cords and cords of wood that grew in Sedgwick county since Wichita was named. Mr. Wolts will ship and sell to the local demand for all kinds of fire wood.

HOLIDAY RATES.

The Great Rock Island has made a rate for the holidays of one fare for the round trip to all points within 200 miles. Tickets on sale December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, and January 1. Return limit January 2, 1900. E. DRAKE, D. P. A.

E. W. THOMPSON, A. G. P. and T. A., Topeka.

MARTHA WASHINGTON HOME



This large four-story building is admirably fitted and furnished for the care of the sick. No loathsome or contagious diseases admitted, but all other diseases that are usually treated at hospitals are successfully treated here, including Whiskey, Cocaine and Morphine Habits, absolutely guaranteed. Women, married or single, can find a safe retreat here during confinement, and a home in every case found for the child if required. A home for the poor and rich alike, as all operations and medical treatment are free, and the only charge that is made is the ordinary hospital fee, which is just enough to pay the running expenses of the institution. The best of references given when required. Write for circular to the "Martha Washington Home."

BOERS ARE RIGHT

But English Will Eventually Win in Africa;

GEORGE HORTON RETURNS

From a Trip of Six Years in Transvaal and Matabele.

Mr. George Horton, who has been in South Africa for six years, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. C. Gibbens, at 413 South Water. Mr. Horton has considerable property near Bulawayo, in Matabeleland, and expects to return as soon as the war is over between the Boers and the British. He scouted for the British during the Kaffir rebellion in 1896 and was a pioneer of Bulawayo, a flourishing town of 5,000 people, with railroads and other modern facilities now. He went into the Matabele country with Dr. Jamison and has been over great portions of South Africa with Cecil Rhodes.

To begin with, Mr. Horton says that South Africa will be the greatest country on earth to go to when the war is over. Speaking on the subject, he said to a reporter for the Eagle yesterday:

"There will be millions of capital go into that country, ten times more than ever before, and capital has been extremely eager for investment there for ten years. You will see a development and a progress such as no other country in the world ever saw. It has been an easy matter to finance any sort of a legitimate enterprise there for years. After the war is over there will be a rush. The climate is good, and just as healthful as it is anywhere. Johannesburg, a city of 75,000 people, is high and dry and in the center of the richest gold country in the world. A gold reef runs either way from Johannesburg for miles and miles. The town has electric lights, electric car lines, five-story buildings, morning and evening papers, and every sort of modern improvements."

Asked as to the conditions of civilization in the Transvaal country and the cause of the war, Mr. Horton said:

"The proper Boers are just about like a southwest Missourian or Arkansawyer twenty years ago, speaking Dutch instead of English. They farm a little, herd a little and hunt a great deal, living mostly on game. They have been making the franchise conditions as hard as they dare in order to keep themselves in power. They want to have things their own way, and above all they want to hang on to their language. That's about all the trouble. The Boers have a right to their language and to determine their own governmental affairs, to be sure, and the English want their country. The Boers patched up their laws till it takes fifteen years to get to be a citizen. When this trouble came they offered to make the term seven years and the outlanders were satisfied with this, but the English government didn't want a settlement. They wanted the country. That's the real cause of this war. The Boers are morally right, but it's there like it is everywhere else in new countries. The English language and English enterprise crowd the old slow ways to the wall. In some countries this has been done peacefully, but in many of which South Africa being one, it has brought on war. Those Boers will fight hard and it will take a long time to whip them, but the British will eventually win. The war will not end efore next August, and probably not then. Every Boer boy who is big enough to carry a gun is gone to war and gone with his mother's blessing. Besides this, the Boers are assisted by hundreds of military adventurers, men from every country on earth. If the Boers enlist the sympathy of the old Cape country the war will not end for years. The young men will all go. A man who has a farm and other property in the Cape country will not go because if the Boers should lose his property would be confiscated, but all his boys who have nothing will slip out and go. England will have to increase her army in the Transvaal very materially before she wins, but my opinion is that the Boers will be licked eventually. Oom Paul is the only man that ranks anywhere with Cecil Rhodes in South Africa. If the British manage to get Oom Paul out of the way Rhodes will be a king in every sense of the word except a crown. Rhodes is a great man but he is a gorgeous monopolist. He thinks if the Boers take Kimberley Rhodes will die there.

Mr. Horton talked interestingly of mining, ostrich farming and the different industries of South Africa. He had the claws of a lion which he had killed mounted with gold by a jeweler in Bulawayo. He had also the shells of three ostrich eggs each measuring seventeen inches around. One egg makes as much as three men can eat. He has also a number of photographic scenes from the Matabele country showing Kaffir homes, the houses and streets of Bulawayo, the Transvaal country, the streets of Johannesburg, etc., and scenes on the Zambesi river. He says the Victoria falls of the Zambesi river are greater than Niagara and he has seen them both.

Mr. Horton is well informed about every phase of South African life and has scouted with Cecil Rhodes and Dr. Jamison. The cost of a trip from Wichita to Johannesburg, he says, is about $150.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Among the many clever features of the olio of Beach & Bowers' Minstrels which are the attraction this week at Cordray's, nothing has made so big a hit as the trick riding of that wonderful young bicyclist, Donald Gordon. A little more than a year ago this young man was an A. D. T. boy in Omaha. He had always been a skillful bicyclist, and the many wonderful tricks which he learned to perform soon called the attention of bicycle dealers, and for a time he made his living riding in front of the wheel stores throughout Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Thus being able to devote all his time to the acquiring of new tricks, he rapidly developed until now he is without a doubt the finest trick rider in the world.

Gordon seems to be as much at home on a flying bicycle as an expert horseman is in the saddle. He changes from one position to another with as much ease as if he were standing on the ground. He stands on his head, turns somersaults, raises himself on his arms, hangs head downwards or rides across the stage while his wheel is rearing on its hind wheel like a fractious cayuse.

Perhaps his most remarkable trick is riding about without handle bar, or performing on a single wheel, over which he seems to have as much control as over the whole bicycle. His machine seems to be a thing of life, and to understand perfectly what is wanted of it. Its part in the performance is never played awkwardly or "guyed." It is made to do its work as cleverly as the rider does his, and it is almost impossible to believe that it is not thinking about what it is going to do next.

The manner in which the turn is put on adds much to its popularity. It is made a comedy act, and the audience are so hugely amused with the comedy of the act that it takes some time for them to realize that they are seeing the finest riding that has ever been witnessed in Portland.

The rest of the minstrel show is first class.—Portland Oregonian, November 15.

PROF. DYCHE'S NEW LECTURE.

"Life's condition in the interior of Alaska," is a new lecture full of thrilling experiences and illustrated with 100 views of animals and conditions found in that great interior frozen region. These stories are not what he has read out of books, but his own explanations. Professor Dyche has received thirty-two calls this season to give this lecture, but is limited to only deliver twenty. In speaking of his Alaskan trip he says: "In many respects it has been the most interesting trip I ever made. The scenery is fine, the mountains higher than those on any other part of the continent. Some of them are still putting forth fire and volumes of smoke, while from their sides plough rivers of ice. I never saw so many fish in any other place and never had such fine sport fishing. It is truly a happy hunting ground for the modern sportsman. The tug of war pull which got my boat to the head of the Knix river made the climbing of a new mountain all the more exilerating. I never had a more exciting time than the day when I killed five fine white sheep—the big horn rams that live only on the highest crags of the Alaskan mountains." At the Auditorium Thursday evening, December 21st. Tickets 25 cents at Romig & Howard's. At 4:15 he will lecture to the public schools on "A Hundred Stories of a Hundred Pictures of Arctic Life." All may come. Admission 10 cents.

"A STRANGER IN NEW YORK."

Charles H. Hoyt is not only the recognized playwright of the day, but the most successful. In his ten years' career as an author he has written and produced twelve comedies and has never had a failure. It is doubtful if any other theatrical attraction has as strong a hold upon the theatre-going public as the comedies offered by Chas. H. Hoyt. It may be because Mr. Hoyt is an American himself and knows just what the American public wants in the way of amusement. When a Hoyt comedy is announced for a presentation people flock to see it, for they have learned by past experiences that this playwright will offer something new and entertaining.

Next month, at the Crawford theatre, his best effort, "A Stranger in New York," will be presented. The company will, on this occasion, be headed by Mr. Paul Nicholson, Jr., who will be pleasantly remembered as one of the four comedians of the Alice Neilson Opera company the past season. Mr. Tom Martin, Douglas Flint, Harry Rogers, Chas. Hooker, Sidney Grant, Augustus Coletti. Among the many pretty ladies are Miss Norton, Mabel Davis, Florine Murray, Marta Shephard, Miss Brookfield, Reta Riley, and Master Maurice, the greatest child dancer in the world.

"A MUCH MARRIED MAN."

The Hunt Stock company open a three nights' engagement at the Crawford theatre Thursday night with this comedy. There will be a change of bill each performance and the usual Saturday matinee. To the opening performance one lady will be admitted free with each 30-cent ticket reserved before 6 p. m. The seats are now on sale at Howe's jewelry store.

On Wednesday evening, December 20, the Dobbins Bros.' big production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will hold the boards at the Crawford theatre. This is claimed to be the largest company and production of this play that has ever visited this city. Watch for the big parade, which consists of two bands, ten Shetland ponies, bloodhounds, donkeys, chariots, cabins and banners. The usual prices prevail. Seats are now on sale at Howe's jewelry store.

What promises to be the big theatrical event of the season is the presentation here at a very early date of Playwright Hoyt's famous musical trifle, "A Trip to Chinatown," re-written and polished up to date. This piece is without doubt the most popular and most successful ever written, and its drawing powers seem never to fail.

That the coming engagement will be a record breaker goes without saying.

SPIDER AND FLY.

Beautiful scenery, shapely and pretty girls and lots of singing were the attractions at the Crawford Grand last night. A good sized audience was there to enjoy all of these agreeable features, and were very liberal in bestowing their applause. There is no plot at all to the performance, but it is a splendid carriage for specialties. Mable La Claire has a good voice and stately appearance. Zambel, an evil spirit, was impersonated by Isabelle Underwood, who did not make a very fierce spirit, but sang very well. The chorus was very fair and would have been better had the girls paid more attention to their singing.

The Romalo brothers have been seen here before in the "Brownies," and deserve the highest praise for the excellent work. The comedians were also very fair and taken as a whole the performance, with a few exceptions, was very good. Next attraction is Dobbin Bros' "Uncle Tom's Cabin," on Wednesday night.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Sarah A. Allen died at the home of Dr. Fordyce, in this city, on Sunday evening in the 73rd year of her age. The funeral will take place at the residence of Dr. Fordyce, at 138 North St. Francis avenue, this morning, at 10 o'clock, to which all the friends of the families are invited, Dr. Bradt, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Mrs. Allen, who was the mother of E. T. Allen, city street commissioner, and of Prof. Joseph Allen, principal of the City High school, and of Mrs. Lucy Fordyce, wife of Dr. Fordyce, all of this city, was born at Greencastle, Indiana, in 1826, where she was brought up, and where, in 1848, she was married to Joseph Allen, the father of the individuals named. She had eight children, six of whom are living, four sons and two daughters. Her son, Charles Allen, of Greencastle, arrived at her bedside on Sunday morning, but too late for recognition by his mother. The other daughter, Mrs. Emma Albin, of Carbondale, Kansas, arrived yesterday morning. All the living children are here except Prof. Pick Allen, of the Indianapolis city schools, who will be at the interment, which will take place at Greencastle on Wednesday—tomorrow—at 1 o'clock, the body, accompanied by her son Charles, going by way of the Missouri Pacific this afternoon. All of Mrs. Allen's children are married, she being the grandmother of a number of children and the great grandmother of one, Miss Marcia Murdock. She is of a long-lived race and possessed at her death a photograph picture containing the faces of the oldest for five generations, she being one and her oldest son, E. T. Allen, being the youngest of the group.

Mrs. Allen was of the sweet and retiring women so prized by the generation to which she belonged. She was of the gentlest mold. Her husband is long since dead. She felt that she had fulfilled life's mission when she had raised to manhood and womanhood the children who in blessing her found life such a pleasure in the old home, all loving her tenderly and reverting her to the last.

The grave holds only a welcome for all who are weary of years. Death is but the waking from a dream that man calls life. In being the final goal of every race, it is the messenger to each of sure and swift relief from every mortal ill. It breaks chains, lifts clouds and brings with it a silence which is only peace. For the aged it is at once a surcease and recompense, coming with its sleep like the restful twilight-ending of a toilsome day. It