

Daily Eagle

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THE COST OF LIVING THESE TIMES

There is a great wall going up all along the line against the meat trust. The meat eater is at the mercy of the packing combine which, in turn, robs the farmer. The price of live stock is being continually crowded down, and the price of meats forced up. There is no possible competition unless the butchers of small towns go to peddling fresh meats for the extra profit there is in it. Last year at this time the top price for hogs was \$5.65 per hundred. Now it ranges around \$4.90, a decrease of 75 cents a hundred. Pork loins last year sold for ten cents. This year they are sold for twelve and thirteen. With the hogs decreasing 75 cents per hundred the meat has increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per hundred. This indicates outright robbery which can be traced to the great packing combine of Chicago.

Speaking of the cost of living, the most complete of the many investigations into recent changes in the cost of living, that of Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of Labor, shows that during thirteen years past the lowest point was reached in 1896 and the highest in 1902, when the cost of the average family's needs was not only 16.1 per cent greater than in 1896, but 19.3 or practically 11 per cent above the average for the period. Of twenty-five articles or groups of articles of food the retail prices fluctuated 15.4 per cent, while wholesale prices had an extreme range of 37.2 per cent. Retail prices both rise and fall less sensationally than wholesale, which have usually hitherto been used in such comparisons. Hence the value of comparisons based upon actual retail cost.

Of the 2,567 families whose accounts have been compared the average income was \$827.19, and the average expenditure \$768.54, of which \$326.90 went for food. As these families contained on an average 5.31 persons, it seems to cost \$61.59 a year, or 17 cents a day, to feed each member, and \$145 a year, or not quite 40 cents a day, to supply all his expenditures. The apparent average saving of nearly \$60 a year is proof of the thrift which has made American savings banks the world's wonder. The saving was greatest in the western states, where the average income is highest, and least in the south, where the lowest incomes are reported.

A COUP D'ETAT IN STATESMANSHIP.

Our Democratic contemporaries are inclined to criticize President Roosevelt for his haste in recognizing the new republic of Panama. Would they have had him do otherwise? In the light of subsequent events, wasn't it a coup d'etat in statesmanship? Didn't the United States of America get all that congress asked and without wronging any one? Colombia shows up short some ten millions of dollars, but Colombia lost nothing in losing Panama, whose rights she has always ignored. So far as the canal is concerned Colombia will receive full benefit aside from the bonus of money. Panama has made concessions that Colombia would not make and never would have made in all probability. But Panama in making those valuable concessions receives sufficient money to set up house-keeping with not only, but a guaranty of, protection by the United States, which is far more valuable than money. The United States, on the other hand, will own the canal and the land through which it runs, the ports at each end, and practically the cities of Panama and Colon at the termini of the canal.

THAT OLEAGINOUS OCTOPUS.

To be a stockholder in the Rockefeller-Flagler coal oil combine is a guaranty of fatter dividends than the stock of the steel trust. Oil is not as plentiful as water is thicker and richer. There seems to be no end to the ever increasing flow of oil nor to the wealth that flows from it into the coffers of the combine. The dividends for the present year will be little if any short of 50 per cent. This oleaginous octopus has declared a dividend of \$12 per share, payable December 15, to stockholders of record November 20. This is an increase of \$2 from the dividend declared at this time a year ago, and brings the total dividend for the year to 44 per cent, compared with 45 per cent last year, a falling off of 1 per cent. The total amount paid out this year in dividends is \$44,000,000 as compared with \$45,000,000 last year. In the last ten years the company has paid dividends amounting to a total of \$338,000,000. Another advance in price to the consumer need cause no surprise in view of the facts stated above.

KANSAS' ABSCONDING CATTLE MAN.

The statement is going the rounds that Grant F. Gillett desires to return to Kansas, the time in which he could have been prosecuted having expired. That may be true or not, but the Mexican Herald, in its Mexican news department, imparts the following information, which goes to show that Gillett is turning his speculative genius to such profitable account that he will be able to make his creditors good if he so desires. The Herald says:

"Grant G. Gillett while in New York, whence he returned last week, made three mining deals in New York and other eastern capitalists. One was the Ipanema mine, almost in Parral, and now held by the house of Stalk fourth of that place. The price was in the neighborhood of \$100,000 gold. Another was the Grenadina mine Victor Primrose, in the Santa Barbara camp, price \$50,000 gold and 10 per cent cash. His third deal was a mine in the Concepcion district thirty miles from Parral and belonged to himself, L. W. Knotts and Ricardo Hughes. This is reported a cash deal for \$20,000 gold."

THE PRESENT INFLOW OF GOLD.

The movement of gold from Europe to the United States may be explained to some extent by the figures on the foreign commerce of this country for two months past. In September the exports of the United States exceeded the imports by about \$28,000,000. The balance of trade in favor of the American republic was rather small, for an autumn month. Imports were larger than usual, and exports fell below the figures for the corresponding part of last year. But in October the change was extraordinary. Imports were almost exactly the same as in September. They dropped nearly \$6,000,000 below the figures for the

corresponding month of 1902, though exceeding the October record for other years. But the exports were astonishing.

The gain over September was almost \$50,000,000. October, 1902, was beaten \$16,000,000. The balance in favor of the United States was over \$78,000,000. The exports nearly doubled the imports. A great change was made in the calendar year's commerce.

It is now apparent that the surplus of exports for 1903 will be very large. It cannot equal the margin in a few other years, but it will be great and imposing. It is about \$300,000,000 for the first ten months of the year, and exports are always heavy in November and December.

THE ORIGIN OF LETTERS.

In reviewing the results of the late researches by the English and German archaeologists the London Chronicle ventures the prophecy that we are on the verge of a discovery which will affect no one's happiness or habits, but which has an unparalleled academic interest. Sir John Evans' remarkable finds in Crete have already been noted in these columns. The writing upon the clay tablets from Knossos has been thought to show that letters were evolved from picture writing in Crete about 4,000 years ago. This, as we have observed, would give to Europe the credit attaching to the most powerful weapon of civilization; for the letter is mightier than the battery. But possibly we shall have to bow to the east after all, for now the same inchoate alphabet has been found at Bœotia and the question arises whether Crete or Bœotia was the first. When that is settled we must search Phœnicia and Egypt for the germ of the idea. Meanwhile we may back the English explorer of Crete against the German student of Bœotia. And the classical faunt against the Bœotians is turned against the scorner.

THAT WHITE GREENLAND.

Captain Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, thinks that the stars and stripes should float over northern Greenland. He says:

"As is well known, the entire northern shores of Greenland from Cairn Point to Cape Jessup and down the east coast, except sixty miles between Cape Bryant and Britannia, were discovered by Americans.

"Moreover, the stars and stripes have crossed northern Greenland from the southwest to the northeast four times, and since May, 1900, an American ensign has flown from the extreme northern point of Greenland, in the Whale Sound region, from Cairn Point to Cape York, the stars and stripes have been flying over my headquarters and from my ships almost continually from July, 1891."

AN IMPORTANT TAX DECISION.

Judge Smart of Lawrence, has rendered a decision in a tax injunction case in which he says: "The board of commissioners and county clerk have authority to call in any one who, they have reason to believe, has not properly listed his property for taxation, and question him under oath touching such property and his ownership of the same, and his liability to pay taxes upon it."

IT NEVER COMES AGAIN.

There are gains for all our losses, There are balms for all our pains. But when youth, the dream, departs, It takes something from our hearts, And it never comes again.

We are stronger, and are better, Under manhood's sterner reign; Still we feel that something sweet Followed youth, with flying feet, And will never come again.

Something beautiful is vanished, And we sigh for it in vain; We behold it everywhere, On the earth, and in the air, But it never comes again.

—Richard Henry Stoddard.

According to a tabulated estimate of the New York World the market value of the Rockefeller companies' stocks amount to \$1,041,521,582, with a market value of \$484,979,282. The capitalization of the Morgan companies is placed at \$2,153,061,600 but only of a market value of \$1,020,119,812. By this showing the Rockefeller outfit represent the bigger pile of actual cash value by upwards of \$20,000,000.

The Topeka Herald scintillously observes that "The Wichita Eagle thinks it has discovered a reason why the Columbians should rejoice over the disposition of Panama. Colonel Murdock advocating his new-found theory before a Columbian audience would be about as safe as a Canuck would be while attempting to pull down the flag that floats over the Eagle office."

Mrs. Nation, who used to sit on the curbstone in the prohibition town of Medicine Lodge, with a grind-organ on her lap, singing temperance songs, now lightly swings from before the histrionic footlights into the galleries of the United States senate to make speeches. With Carrie it seems to be a question of a prance or a song and dance.

Three months ago the United States was begging Bogota for the privilege of paying Colombia millions for her consent to do just what Colombia wanted done. Now that Colombia desires to say "yes," Uncle Sam sticks his fingers in his ears with a far away innocent look on his face.

Four thousand deer were shipped the past month from Ontario through Toronto to New York, killed principally by sportsmen of the last named city. Canada's deer make her doubly dear to Uncle Sam's boys.

That is a mighty mean fight which the Topeka contingent are making on Pollock. Pollock's demand for a copy of the charges will not lower him in the estimation of a man of Roosevelt's make-up.

The Toronto World, still sore over the Alaska decision, says: "Uncle Sam will maintain the Monroe Doctrine on this continent even if he has to conquer every blooming republic in South America."

Did the Democratic minority in congress unanimously vote for the Cuban treaty because they think Roosevelt is right, or for the purpose of putting the Republican majority in a hole later on?

There is a complaint that brain-fag is making appalling ravages in the upper stratum of society. It is more probably brain vacuum that is troubling the monkey-dinner contingent.

Will somebody explain how it is that while the price of cattle and hogs has been steadily declining, the meal consumer is still paying the same old prices and even higher?

The Duke of Roxburgh was no fortune hunter, and his purely accidental discovery of Miss Godelt simply shows what a man will see when he hasn't got a gun.

The Kaiser being forbidden to speak, it is no wonder that a German has sold his car for \$5,000.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1852, FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO TODAY.—Chas. W. Dow was killed by Franklin N. Coleman, Pro-Slavery, near Hickory Point, Douglas county. The Free-State men held a meeting on the 22d, at the scene of the murder. That night Sheriff Jones arrested Jacob Branson, with whom Dow had lived, for taking part in the Free-State meeting. Jones, with his prisoner and a posse of fourteen men, proceeded toward Leocompton via Hlanston. Near J. R. Abbott's house, at Hlanston, Jones' party was confronted by a party of fifteen Free-State men, among them Samuel N. Wood, J. E. Abbott and Samuel F. Tappan. They requested Branson to leave the sheriff's party; he did so. Jones sent to Shawnee mission for aid. A meeting was held in Lawrence, and was addressed by Branson. A mob from Missouri was feared, and the citizens were placed under arms.

IN 1851, THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO TODAY.—An Old Soldiers' excursion left for the east from Lawrence.

IN 1833, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY.—Governor G. W. Gilck, attending the cattle show at Chicago, declared that Kansas Democrats were in favor of Joe McDonald for president, judging by his own wishes.

IN 1833, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY.—Delegates began gathering in Wichita for the convention of the Kansas Irrigation association, to be in session the next two days.

IN 1886, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY.—The entire state was swept by a genuine western blizzard and sleet began falling early in the morning, which later turned into snow. Trains on all railroads were delayed.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"All true work is sacred."—Caryle.

For pointers on how to remain neutral in politics, address M. M. McCollister, city, coroner.

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OLD AND NEW OWNERS OF THE EAR MUST LAY WITH THEIR HEADS TOGETHER FOR TWELVE DAYS.

These were the Kansas City Journal's headlines on the ear grafting story. The Eagle's Piker column had the first LAY on the ear graft yesterday morning.

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The blinger the coal bill, the smaller the ice debt. This was handed in under the heading, "A Nice Joke."

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Tom Horn was rescued—in a horn.

Cuban reciprocity Has now become a law. Colombian ferocity Is all that's left to law.

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A POOR, BUT POSSIBLE ONE. Did you ever hear the story of the lump of coal? No. What is it? It's dirty.

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Another reason that weddings are more numerous than divorces is that while divorces don't ALWAYS follow marriage, two marriages GENERALLY follow a divorce.

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Once upon a time a man riding through the state of Maine on a stage coach puffed the owner of a farm the stage was passing because it was so rocky. A man jumped up from behind the fence and shouted, "I ain't as poor as you think I am. I only own a quarter of an acre of this farm."

MORAL: Panama would better reject all offers of Colombian territory outside of the isthmus.

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Theater performers and theater goers are complaining of the man who persists in talking to the pretty woman at his side while the act is in progress. Why not secure, occasionally, an actress of sufficient merit to overcome the side attractions in the audience?

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The beautiful snow was expected. It is always the unexpected that happens.

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There are two sides to every quarrel, unless there are three papers in a town; then there are three sides to every quarrel.

Shawnee, O. T., you're it.

THE WAY DR. BURTON "COVERS" A SUBJECT.

"Angelical souls, how blessed, how happy should we be, so loving, how much we trust in the devil, and have another heaven upon earth!"

"But this we cannot do; and which is the cause of all our woes, miseries, discontent, melancholy, want of charity. We do invent arguments, contentions, consult, vex, torture, molest, and hold one another's noses to the grindstone hard, provoke, rail scoff, calumniate, challenge abuse (hard-hearted, implicable, malicious, peevish, inexorable as we are), to satisfy our lust or private spleen, for toys, trifles, and impertinent occasions, spend ourselves, goods, friends, fortunes, to be revenged on our adversary, to ruin him and his name. It is all our study, practice, and business how to plot mischief, mine, countermine, defend and offend, ward ourselves, injure others, hurt all."

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A subscriber propounds the following questions over the signature, "Magna." Being very conscientious ourselves, we do not wish to encroach on the rights of the bar, and so leave the answering of these questions to that august body. The questions follow:

First—The law prohibiting or restricting divorced parties from re-marrying from a period of six months, commencing or extending to other states. That is, parties procuring divorcements in other states. Can they be legally married in this state irrespective of the six months, and vice versa, go into any other state and be legally married?

Second—Under the installment system of selling goods, in default of any payments by purchaser, can the salesman or his agent enter the house where the goods are and take them without due process of law, if purchaser refuses to surrender the same to him?

Third—In that qualification for procuring a marriage license "of sound mind and body," will it disqualify an invalid pensioned soldier? If not, why not?

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If smokers would burn more tobacco and less sulphur, they wouldn't always have to be boring honest men for matches.

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Carrie Nation's intolerance toward all opponents is almost as striking as that of Col. W. J. Bryan.

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It was Marc Antony or one of those old Romans who tried to borrow an ear. The modern millionaire buys one.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

Correspondence from East Giffins announces that "Rachelor Street" is becoming a thing of the past. The impression prevails that it was always that kind of a thing.

J. E. Royalty, a young plumber of Balmores, Texas, reported by the Democrat to have become a "raving maniac" while at El Reno. He has been taken home.

The Guyton Herald copies a joke that starts off like this: "While at an ice cream parlor." All will agree, without reading further, that it's a mighty poor joke.

The Canadian county commissioners will meet tomorrow to accept the new court house.

An investigating committee reports everything straight in Roger Mills county offices. It commends the present officials.

The Methodist church at Gayman is being rushed to completion for an egg-colling, Easter.

The Tonkawa News records the death of Jacob G. Mason, member of the Tonkawa tribe, who died from hemorrhage of the lungs. He was but twenty-two years old.

The foundation for a water tower at Guyton has been marked out. The town plans to have waterworks soon.

The Baptists at Guyton have organized J. M. Newman, who was general missionary for the northern half of the Indian territory formerly, has been called as pastor.

Two hundred teams were employed on the streets of Tonkawa last Saturday. And the counter wasn't compelled to count by pairs, either.

J. R. Stender, the tie contractor at Shawnee, has offered a reward for the capture of the thief who stole his horse and buggy. It was stolen from a camp west of the city.

Snuffy Joe Miller reports the cattle suffering from the dry weather.

Geary's waterworks problem is said to be more interesting than the age of Ann.

Three girls and one boy were born at Elk City last week. Elk City is surely coming to woman's stage.

The Blackwell Times-Record calls attention to the fact that the law requiring inspection of animals to be slaughtered is still in force. Guilty or not guilty?

One neighborhood of Curtis can't have a Sunday school because there are no "praying men" in that district, according to one of the natives. The Courier promises to furnish one until a few natives can be trained.

Most Tate, living near Hennessey, gathered over six bushels of Gentian apples from one tree, this season. The Clipper declares the record far above the average.

The postoffice of Thompson is now at Wichita. John P. Garrison, the postmaster, was moved with the office.

The territorial newspapers have unanimously come to the decision of Judge Boree. Politics doesn't figure in the case with them.

KANSAS CURRENTS

James Edgar, of Rice county, raised an ear of corn that had over 1200 grains on the cob. Such an ear would be as good as a Chinese abacus.

Seventy-five dollars' worth of chickenpox was sold at Lyons' entertainment, recently. It wasn't an African Methodist social, either.

The Sterling Bulletin declares that now is the time to form county literary societies. The Bulletin is looking out for its winter store of news.

The local papers say that when three Hutchinson boys held up the employe of the salt plant and fired three shots at him, a knife in his pocket saved his life. Now, we would like to know in which pocket that man carries his knife.

R. T. Simons, in the Caldwell News, declares that history shows that all great public men, even George Washington, have been vilified. Simons was a member of the last legislature.

Melvane has quietly abandoned her gas well drilling. It was decided that it would be nearer and cheaper to go round to China and bore up.

The announcement comes through Senator Simons, of the Caldwell News, that Editor Crane of the Conway Springs Reporter has declared himself a candidate for state senator to succeed Mr. Simons. But Mr. Simons protests and it would seem that some of the other professions in Sumner county ought to be given a chance.

A young man has been "taken in" by a widow in Butler county. She was an old one, too.

No one wants to "shoot in," but if Davy's spirit would just slip around and put Carrie's "next" in what she's coming to, it might save the nation from holding another special session.

A Clearwater amateur company played "East Lynne" at Norwich, Monday night, and was treated nice. Such forbearance is deserving of a reward, and it is hoped that the next bill will be "Uncle Sam's Cabin," "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," or something equally up-to-date.

The time-keeper at a concert plant in Iola is missing. He probably figured that he would have steadier employment in South America.

A ghost is doing a stunt at an Iola smelter, and its existence is doubted because some men from a billiard hall went out and couldn't see it. Might it be a self-respecting ghost and particular about the company it keeps?

There was skating at Norwich this week.

A committee has been appointed by the Caldwell Commercial club to begin work on a road south to the state line.

A wagon was backed up to a coal car belonging to the Hutchinson salt plant the other day, in broad daylight, and the coal fell behind it. No doubt it will be arrested now, and again will make a solemn vow to be open in his dealings men with discouragement.

Hutchinson is demanding that the government, while establishing gauging stations along the Kaw, not forget Cow creek.

It was five above zero at Dodge City, Wednesday.

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A small lot of Boys' Heavy Undershirts; 25c values. Will close out today, 15c

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