MARKETS TODAY.

Good Weather Causes a Weakness in Wheat.

Corn Also Shows a Tendency to Drop.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.

Cattle Steady Somewhat but Are Still Lower.

Hogs Are Also on the Slide Downward.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—WHEAT—Fine weather in the northwest and lower cables caused a weak opening in wheat, December showing a net loss of ¼@⅝c to ½@⅝c, at 81⅛@81½c. Selling immediately became general with commission houses and local longs leading, influenced also by the weak tone of corn. During the first hour a further decline in December occurred to 81⅛c, but the tone improved slightly on a better demand at the lower prices. Foreign advices were bearish. Receipts at Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago were 799 cars.

The close was at the bottom with December at 80⅞c, a net loss of 1⅛@1⅜c.

CORN—There was no indication of the recent corn strength in the early market today. On predictions of fair and warmer weather in the corn belt and weak cables, December opened ⅛@⅜c lower, at 51@51⅛c, and sold off to 50⅝c under pressure of liberal offerings by commission houses and scalpers. Trade was moderately active and of good volume. Receipts were 425 cars.

December closed at 50⅝c, a loss of 1⅛c.

OATS—Wheat and corn weakness influenced an easier feeling in oats, but the market received better support than those grains. Receipts were smal land the cash demand early showed some improvement. December was a shade to ⅛@¼c lower, at 35⅝@35⅞c, and receded ⅛c during the first hour. Receipts were 107 cars.

PROVISIONS—Provisions opened easier and there was scattered selling early, but offerings were not large. Brokers supported the market to some extent on steady hog situation. There was no early business in October or January pork. May opened 8c lower, at $13.50; October lard was 7½c off, at $8.30, and ribs down 2½c, at $9.50.

WHEAT—Cash: No. 2 red, 81½c; No. 3 red, 80@81c; No. 2 hard winter, 78½c; No. 3 hard winter, 72@78½c; No. 1 northern spring, 90c; No. 2 northern spring, 88@90c; No. 3 spring, 83@88c.

CORN—No. 2, 51@51¼c; No. 3, 51@51¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 36@36½c; No. 3, 36c.

RYE—Sept., 56c; Dec., 56c; May, 58c.

FLAX—Cash: N.-W., $1.04; S.-W., 99c; Sept., 99c; Oct., 99c; Dec., $1.01½; May, $1.06.

TIMOTHY—Cash: $2.75@3.15; Sept., $3.30; Oct., $3.30; Jan., $3.32½.

CLOVER—Cash: $9.75; Oct., $9.75.

BARLEY—Cash: 45@60c.

Kansas City Grain.

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	Kansas City, Sept. 18.				
	Open	High	Low	Close	Yes
WHEAT—					
Dec	70⅝	70⅝	70⅝	70⅝	71⅛
May	73⅝	73½	72⅝	72⅝	73⅝
CORN—					
Dec	44⅞	44⅞	43⅝	43⅝	44⅝
May	44	44⅛	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝

Range of Prices.

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	Chicago, Sept. 18.				
	Open	High	Low	Close	Yes
WHEAT—					
Sept	79⅝	79⅞	79	79	80⅛
Dec	81½	81½	80½	80½	81⅜
May	83⅛	83⅛	82⅝	82⅞	83½
CORN—					
Sept	51½	51⅝	51⅛	51⅛	52⅛
Dec	51⅛	51⅛	50½	50⅝	51⅜
May	51⅛	51⅛	50⅝	50½	51⅜
OATS—					
Sept	37⅛	38⅛	37½	37⅝	37⅞
Dec	38⅝	38⅝	38½	38⅝	38⅞
May	40	40⅛	39⅝	40	40⅛
PORK—					
Oct	13 55	13 70	13 55	13 70	13 60
May	13 50	13 60	13 45	13 50	13 55
Jan	13 40	13 42	13 37	13 37	13 37
LARD—					
Oct	8 17	8 27	8 17	8 25	8 27
Jan	7 27	7 30	7 25	7 27	7 25
RIBS—					
Oct	9 02	9 17	9 02	9 15	9 02
Jan	7 00	7 00	6 92	6 97	7 00

Market Gossip.

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Liverpool opening cables: Wheat ⅛d lower; corn ⅛d lower.

Liverpool, 1:30 p. m.: Wheat ⅛d lower; corn ⅛d lower.

Grain receipts at Chicago today: Wheat, 82 cars; graded, 2. Corn, 425 cars; graded, 22. Oats, 107 cars; graded, 8.

Grain receipts at Kansas City: Wheat, 172 cars; corn, 29 cars; oats, 18 cars.

Closing Liverpool cables: Wheat ½d lower; corn ⅛d lower.

Northwest grain receipts today: Minneapolis, 478 cars; Duluth, 295 cars. A year ago: Minneapolis, 448 cars; Duluth, 429 cars.

Chicago: Privileges for tomorrow: December wheat—Puts, 80c; calls, 81c; curb, 80½c. December corn—Puts, 49⅞c; calls, 51c; curb, 50⅝c bid.

New York Stock.

Wall Street, New York, Sept. 18.—STOCKS—Some renewal of yesterday's selling pressure against United States Steel occurred at the opening, forcing the common stock down ⅛ point to 18⅝. This decline represented the only loss of importance in the market, transactions elsewhere showing moderate gains. Amalgamated Copper, Missouri Pacific and Atchison were especially firm. The trading was fairly active and international stocks were not affected by the confused tone of the London market.

The purchasing movement increased in breadth on the improved western weather conditions and a general further rise was made in prices. Atchison, Union Pacific, Amalgamated Copper and Tennessee Coal were most in demand and gained 1 to 1½ points. United States Steel was taken freely around 18, and the southwestern and coalers were bid up sharply. An advance of 10 points in Michigan Central and a loss of a similar amount in Brooklyn Union Gas attracted some attention, although both stocks are usually dormant. American Ice preferred fell off 1⅝ points and Sugar rose 2 points on a few transactions. Speculation was very dull at 11 o'clock, but the earlier advances were well maintained.

Room traders realized on their purchases and there was a slight set back all around which was accelerated by renewed weakness in United States Steel. Tennessee Coal reacted 1⅝ points from the highest and Sugar a point. Some minor properties fluctuated a point or two either way. The general market ruled fractionally above last night's prices, but there was no demand of consequence. The bond market was dull at noon and price changes were a little mixed.

Liquidation of United States Steel forced it down to 18⅛, another low point. The steady, downward movement of this stock aroused some misgivings among holders of other iron and steel properties and various stocks were thrown over. Pressed Steel car dropped 2⅝ points, American Car 1⅝ points, Locomotive 1⅝ points and Tennessee Coal 1 point. Crucible Steel preferred sold at 84 for 100 shares, compared with 92⅝, its last previous transaction in May, 1902. Standard railroad stocks did not participate in the decline to any extent and stiffened somewhat before 1 o'clock.

There was very little of interest to the afternoon trading aside from the speculation in United States Steel. The stock sold on the low level—18⅛, closely—and any efforts to recover met a new supply of stock and the price fell off again. Fluctuations in other active stocks were confined to the fractions and general trade was repressed by uneasiness over the lack of support to the iron and steel properties.

Range of Prices on Stocks.

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	New York, Sept. 18.				
Stocks—	Op'n	High	Low	C'se	Yes
Sugar	114	114¼	112½	112½	112½
Mex. Central	11⅛	11½	11	11⅛	11⅛
People's Gas	93⅛	93⅝	93⅛	93⅛	93⅛
C. & A., com	21⅞	21⅞	21½	21½	21⅞
Amal. Copper	45½	46⅛	44⅝	45	45
B. R. T.	67½	68	67⅛	67⅛	67⅛
T. C. I.	34	35	33	33½	34
U. S. Steel	18⅞	19⅞	18	18	19⅛
U. S. Steel, pfd	68⅞	69⅝	68⅛	68⅛	68⅛
Atchison, com	65⅝	66⅝	65⅛	65⅛	65⅝
Atchison, pfd	90⅝	90⅞	89⅞	89⅞	90
C. G. W.	15⅞	15⅞	15⅛	15⅛	15⅞
St. Paul	139⅞	140⅝	139½	139⅝	139⅞
R. I., com	26½	27	25⅞	25⅞	26⅝
Wabash, com	20	20⅝	20	20⅝	20
Wabash, pfd	32⅛	32⅝	31⅝	31⅝	32⅝
Mo. Pacific	91⅝	91½	90⅝	90⅝	90⅞
Manhattan	132⅝	133⅝	132	132	133½
*Western Union	82	83	83	83	83
Texas Pacific	26⅛	26⅛	25½	25½	26
So. Pacific	43⅝	44	42⅝	42⅝	43⅝
N. Y. Central	121	121	119⅝	119⅝	120⅝
Reading	50	50⅝	49⅛	49⅝	49⅝
Erie	28⅛	28⅝	27⅞	27⅞	28
Southern Rwy.	21⅝	21⅝	21	21	21⅝
Union Pacific	73	73⅝	72½	72½	73⅝
C. & O.	32⅛	32½	32	31½	32
B. & O.	80	80⅝	79⅝	79⅝	80⅛
L. & N.	104⅛	104⅛	103⅝	103⅝	104
Pennsylvania	123⅝	124	123	123¼	123½
Katy	39	39	38	39	40
U. S. Leather	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛
C. F. I.	42⅝	42⅝	42⅛	42⅛	42⅛
Erie, 1st pfd	66⅛	66⅛	66	66	66⅛

*Ex-dividend of 1¼ per cent.

Kansas City Livestock Market.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts today, 7,000 head, including 800 head of Texans. Market steady to lower. Natives, $4.25@5.50; Texas and Indian steers, $3.00@3.90; Texas cows, $1.75@2.50; native cows and heifers, $1.50@4.00; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.35; bulls, $2.25@3.00; calves, $1.75@5.50; western steers, $4.20@4.80; western cows, $1.75@2.50.

HOGS—Receipts today, 6,000 head. Market steady to a shade lower. Bulk of sales, $5.85@5.95; heavy, $5.75@5.95; packers', $5.85@5.95; medium, $5.90@6.00; light, $5.85@6.05; yorkers, $6.00@6.05; pigs, $5.70@6.00.

SHEEP—Receipts today, 3,000 head. Market strong. Muttons, $2.60@4.00; lambs, $2.90@5.50; range wethers, $2.50@3.75; ewes, $2.25@3.70.

Chicago Livestock Market.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts today, 4,500 head. Market slow. Good to prime steers, $5.40@6.00; poor to medium, $4.00@5.20; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.15; cows, $1.50@4.50; heifers, $2.00@4.80; canners, $1.50@2.60; bulls, $2.00@4.60; calves, $3.50@7.50; Texas fed steers, $3.00@4.40; western steers, $2.25@4.50.

HOGS—Receipts today, 14,000 head; estimated Saturday, 19,000 head. Market strong to 10c higher. Mixed and butchers', $5.70@6.25; good to choice heavy, $5.85@6.15; rough heavy, $5.55@5.80; light, $5.70@6.25; bulk of sales, $5.75@6.05.

SHEEP—Receipts today, 15,000 head. Sheep and lambs strong. Good to choice wethers, $3.25@4.00; fair to choice mixed, $2.25@3.25; western sheep, $2.75@3.75; native lambs, $3.50@6.10; western lambs, $3.50@5.45.

St. Louis Livestock Market.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts today, 2,000 head, including 2,000 head of Texans. Market steady. Beef steers, $3.60@5.70; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.85; cows and heifers, $1.25@4.25; Texas grass steers, $2.25@4.00; Texas heavy corn fed steers, $2.00@4.65; Texas cows and heifers, $2.00@2.90.

HOGS—Receipts today, 6,600 head. Market steady to easy. Pigs and lights, $5.10@6.15; packers', $5.40@5.85; butchers and best heavy, $5.75@6.10.

SHEEP—Receipts today, 1,500 head. Market firm. Natives, $3.00@3.90; lambs, $4.00@6.50.

Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 18.—BUTTER—Market steady. Creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 13@17½c.

CHEESE—Market steady to firm. Daisies, 11c; Twins, 10½@10¾c; Young Americas, 11@11½c.

EGGS—Market firm, 18@18½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Market easier. Turkeys, 11c; chickens, hens, 11c; springs, 11½c.

Kansas City Produce Market.

Kansas City, Sept. 18.—Close—WHEAT—Receipts today, 173 cars. Quotations: Sept., 70@70½c; Dec., 70c. Cash: No. 2 hard, 73½@75c; No. 3 hard, 71½@73c; No. 4 hard, 65@68½c; rejected hard, 62@64c; No. 2 red, 81@82c; No. 3 red, 79@80c.

CORN—Dec., 43⅝@43⅞c; May, 43⅝@44c. Cash: No. 2 mixed, 46½c; No. 2 white, 46½c; No. 3 white, 46c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 41@42c; No. 2 mixed, 38c.

RYE—No. 2, 55c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.50@10.00; choice prairie, $7.25@7.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 17@18c; dairy, fancy, 17c.

EGGS—Fresh, 18½c.

New York Money Market.

New York, Sept. 18.—Close—MONEY—Prime mercantile paper, 6@6½ per cent; sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8660@4.8665 for demand and at $4.8245@4.8255 for 60 days; posted rates, $4.83 and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.82⅝.

SILVER—Bar silver, 57¼c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

BONDS—Government bonds firmer.

New York Butter Market.

New York, Sept. 18.—BUTTER—Receipts today, 5,976 packages. Market steady at an advance. State dairy, 15@19c; creamery, 15¼@21c.

Sugar and Coffee Market.

New York, Sept. 18.—SUGAR—Raw sugar firm. Fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅛c; molasses sugar, 3⅛c. Refined sugar steady. Crushed, $5.50; powdered, $5.00; granulated, $4.90.

COFFEE—Market quiet. No. 7 Rio, 5¼c.

MOLASSES—Market firm.

Cotton Market

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 18.—COTTON—Market firm at 11⅝c per pound.

New York, Sept. 18.—COTTON—Sales today, 3,250 bales. Spot cotton closed steady. Quotations for 100 pounds: Middling uplands, $11.75; middling gulf, $12.00.

Wool Market

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 18.—WOOL—Market nominal. Territory and western mediums, 17@18c; fine medium, 15@17c; fine, 15@16c.

Topeka Market.

Topeka, Sept. 18.

HOGS.

MIXED	$5.45@5.60
HEAVY	5.40@5.50
LIGHT	5.50@5.70
DRY LOT CATTLE.	
STEERS	$3.50@4.25
COWS AND HEIFERS	2.00@2.50
GRASS CATTLE.	
COWS	$2.50@2.75
HEIFERS	2.50@2.75
CALVES.	
VEAL CALVES	$2.50@3.25
GRAIN.	
NO. 2 WHEAT	65c
NO. 3 WHEAT	62@63c
WHITE CORN	46c
YELLOW AND MIXED CORN	46c
NO. 2 OATS	36c
NO. 3 OATS	32c

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California Bartlett pears, box.....2.00@2.25
Utah Green Gage plums, crate.....1.25
Colorado peaches, crate .....1.05@1.25
California grapes, crate.....1.75
Utah blue plums, crate 1.25
Colorado italian prunes, crate.....1.25
ORANGES—Late Valencias, per box, $3.75@4.15.
LEMONS—California, per box, $2.75@3.25; Messenia, $4.25.
BANANAS—Fancy Port Limons, $2.25@2.45 per bunch.
GRAPES—Concord, 22@25c per basket, according to quantity.
PEACHES—Yellow Crawford, per crate, $1.25; 5-crate lots, per crate, $1.15; 10 to 25-crate lots, per crate, $1.05.
POTATOES—Kaw Valley, 68@70c per bu.; Northern, 75@75c per bu.
WAX BEANS—½-bu. basket, 60c.
PARSLEY—Per dozen bunches, 30c.
MANGO PEPPERS—Per ½-bu. basket, 40c.

VEGETABLES.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 20c.
BEETS—Per dozen bunches, 25c.
LETTUCE—½-bu. basket, 75c.
GREEN CORN—Per doz., 12c; 10 doz. lots, per doz., 10c.
SWEET POTATOES—Virginia, per bu., $1.50; per bbl., $4.00.
NEW CABBAGE—$1.40@1.50 per cwt.
CUCUMBERS—½-bu. basket, 35c.
ONIONS—New Texas, per bu., $1.00; Kansas, per bu., 75c.
CANTALOUPES—Rocky Ford, $2.50 per crate.
WATERMELONS—Per doz., $2.00@2.25.
CRANBERRIES—Per bbl., $7.00.
HONEY—24-rack cases, $3.50.
OYSTERS—New York Extra Selects, per can, 35c; New York Counts, 40c.

FULL CREAM CHEESE.

Kansas Y. A., per lb.....12c
New York State, white, per lb.....14c
Brick, per lb.....14½c
Limburger, per lb.....14c
Block Swiss, per lb.....15½c
Fishbait cheese, per lb.....5c

BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY.

BUTTER—Country, 12½c.
EGGS—Case count, 17½c.
POULTRY—Hens, 7½c lb.; roosters, 15c each; ducks, 5c lb.; geese, 4c lb.; turkeys, 8c lb.; broilers, 8½c lb.

HAY.

Market very weak and dull.

NEW PRAIRIE HAY—Loose.....$6.00
NEW PRAIRIE HAY—Baled.....6.50@7.00
NEW ALFALFA HAY—Loose.....6.00@7.00
STRAW—Baled 5.00

Topeka Hide Market.

Topeka, Sept. 18.

Prices paid in Topeka this week, based on Boston quotations:

GREEN SALT CURED FLAT.....7½c
NO. 1 TALLOW.....3½c

BRAVE YAQUI WOMEN.

May Now Pose as the Amazons of America.

In some respects the Yaqui Indian women of northern Mexico are peerless throughout the world. A generation ago Gen. Sherman said that the Yaquis were the Spartans of America. Had he lived till now he might have added that the wives and daughters of the Yaquis are the modern Amazons, for the women of that Indian tribe are active participants in the interminable warfare that the Yaquis wage against the Mexican soldiers.

Here is a bit of a recent official statement made by Surgeon Jose Batiste Alvarado of Guaymas, Mexico, to Gen Torres, commanding the third zone in the republic:

"Five Yaqui women soldiers captured by the Mexicans were in the public hospitals of the outskirts of Guaymas last month. Each had a gunshot wound. None uttered complaint at any time, no matter what her suffering might be. One woman's hand was shot half away, the result of a bullet wound two years ago. She said she had gone back to her husband in the Yaqui camp as soon as the hand healed, and that she would stick to her share in the war with Mexico until she was killed. One of the women in the hospital died from blood poisoning from a saber cut in the head. I amputated one young Yaqui woman soldier's leg at the knee."

This statement, simple and brief as it is, outlines significantly the heroic part played by the feminine members of the great Yaqui tribe in its rebellion against the authority of President Diaz in Mexico.

Down among the lonely canyons and across the yellow, sandy waters of Sonora and Chihuahua, Mexico, tragedies told by the rurales and army officers testify to the marvelous daring and physical endurance of the Yaqui women, whose one idea in life is to die with their faces to the Mexican foe. The principle that fires the blood in their veins to murderous heat is as precious to their savage breasts as that which has urged any people to fight against a dictating and encroaching power. They refuse to have their abiding places chalked out by hated hands upon the land that was their own for centuries, and for possession of which they have fought since that day that Cortez came.

In every camp of fMexican soldiers veracious anecdotes are related of young, strong and graceful Yaqui women, who, leaving their rude homes, have gone among the gulches and mountain passes to risk their lives by shot and shell, to endure the awful privations of war and to shoot and slay Mexicans, just as their fathers and brothers and husbands are doing. Daily the Mexican army officers tell of Yaqui girls who have been drilled in the work of a soldier from their early youth, and who have looked upon a soldier's life as a sacred duty in defense of ancient tribal rights.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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Remarked the Summer man,
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3 lb can E. J. Peas	25c
Good package Coffee	10c
3 lbs White Lard	25c
Package Corn Starch	5c
3 Packages Raisins	25c
7 lbs. can Prunes	25c
Basket Grapes	20c
Box Pears	$1.50
Large Mackerel	10c
2 cans Tomatoes	15c
Light Loaf Flour (Fancy Patent,) sack	$1.10
2-lbs. Butterine	25c
Parlor Brooms	15c
Baker's Chocolate	15c
1-lb. pkge. Tea Dust	15c
Large pkge. Gold Dust	20c
N. Y. Maple Syrup, qt	25c
2 loaves Bread	05c
2 pkgs. Sapolio	15c
Gal. Fancy Table Syrup	30c
Washboard	15c
Plums, per crate	$1.15

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IT ISN'T TRUE.

Mr. Ware Hasn't Quit Reading the Newspapers.

Worried Because of Favorable Democratic Comments.

HE HAS MADE FIGURES.

Finds That $3,000,000,000 Has Been Paid in Pensions.

Laughs at What He Calls a Joke on Bailey.

Pension Commissioner E. F. Ware arrived in Topeka last night on his way back to Washington from the west. He will remain here several days.

Mr. Ware attended the national encampment of the G. A. R. at San Francisco last month and since then has been taking an outing in Colorado. He stopped off in Topeka to look after some business matters.

When Mr. Ware was here last he made the remark that he had quit reading the newspapers. The statement, which was, of course, a joking one, seems to have been taken seriously by many newspapers and it was the subject of wide newspaper comment. But Mr. Ware's newspaper critics do not intend that he shall escape the opportunity of seeing their criticisms in any such manner, and when a State Journal reporter visited Mr. Ware today in his office in the Central National bank building, he had just opened a bunch of newspaper clipping which somebody had sent him.

"Anything interesting in them?" asked the reporter as Mr. Ware glanced hurriedly through the bunch.

"No," he replied; "they are only comments on my annual report."

"Topeka is a good town," said the pension commissioner, changing the subject. "It seems mighty good to be back here in this old office, and I look forward to the time when I can come back here and resume practicing law."

And the commissioner of pensions looked affectionately around the little private office which is one of the suite occupied by his law firm. It contains only a desk or two, a couple of chairs, and little other furniture, but on the wall hangs a large autograph copy of John J. Ingalls' "Opportunity," framed with a full length portrait of Ingalls himself. Near by hangs a pen and ink drawing of the former senator in the act of "hurling a defi" at Mrs. Lease, while on the other side is a bust picture of Senator Plumb.

"Nobody has been stirring up trouble for you lately," commented the reporter. "What is the reason?"

"I don't know," said Mr. Ware. "It rather worries me. Several Democratic papers have praised me lately, and I have begun to be afraid there is something wrong somewhere."

"Do you contemplate any new policy when you get back to Washington?"

"No. I just expect to take the regular routine, but there is something new in that every 30 minutes."

Mr. Ware expressed himself as well pleased with the national encampment at San Francisco.

"I had a good time and enjoyed it. The election of General Black as commander-in-chief was a splendid selection. You know General Black used to be pension commissioner himself. The next national encampment will be held in Boston, but I think the one after that ought to come to Kansas City. Then one will have been held at the extremes of the country, and one in Kansas City would be in the center.

"I have been making a little computation of the pension business which the United States has done since it started the pension bureau back in 1833. I have figured up the amount that has been paid out in pensions and the amount it has taken to maintain the bureau and pension agencies, and I find that it would make a column of gold coin ten feet square and 197 feet and 8 inches high. It is a total of something like three billion dollars."

Mr. Ware had not heard of the trouble which the G. A. R. is stirring up for Governor Bailey because he unwittingly made the mistake of appointing an ex-Confederate as justice of the peace in Manhattan over the application of a Union soldier. When the circumstances were told to the commissioner of pensions he laughed heartily.

"That's a joke on Bailey," he said. "Of course he may not have meant to make such a mistake, but you will notice that the governors in the southern states never make the mistake of appointing an ex-Union soldier to any job."

WORTH MORE THAN GOLD.

Value of Ambergris—Found Floating in the Sea—$30 an Ounce.

A hundred pounds of ambergris has been seized at Seattle as stolen property. The appraised value is $30 an ounce, or $48,000 for the hundred pounds. A hundred pounds of pure gold would not be worth as much by $16,000. And were a hundred pounds of gold to be stolen at Seattle a great stir would be made about it. Ambergris is scarcer than gold. It is more of an uncertain quantity. It is harder to find and harder to transport. It is found floating in lumps in the ocean, and occasionally in the intestines of the spermaceti whale. There are, however, few sperm whales available, and the lumps of ambergris have been growing scarcer as the whale have decreased in number.

The price has advanced, but ambergris always sold well. A piece weighing 130 pounds found inside a whale killed near the Windward Islands forty years ago sold for $2,500 on the spot, and for much more when it reached market. The Dutch East India company paid the king of Tidore a fortune for a lump of ambergris weighing 182 pounds. Forty and fifty years ago, when ambergris was worth $5 an ounce, it was as much a center of thieving, intrigues and plans as diamonds. In hundreds of cases sailors in the Caribbean sea and in Bahama waters became involved in serious trouble through attempts to steal lumps of ambergris.

In the old time it was made the subject of sea fights, and now that it is worth six times as much as it was forty years ago men plot to steal it as they would plan to rob a bank. Adventurers watch for vessels carrying 100 or 200 or 500 pounds of ambergris as train robbers watch trains carrying gold east or west. Little wonder, is it, then, that the Puget sound country is as much disturbed over the stealing of 100 pounds of ambergris as it would be over the stealing of a cargo of gold from the Klondike. Ambergris in this day is worth more than its weight in gold.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"Well, how does it seem to be engaged to such a wealthy girl?"

"Fine! Every time I kiss her I feel as if I were taking the coupon off a government bond."—Tit-Bits.

FLOCK TO RACES.

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by the performance Thursday Red Bird has something coming.

SUMMARY OF THE RACES.

2:27 pace; purse, $1,000. Red Bird first, Alice L. second, Tony W. third, Jim Duval fourth.

Tony W., by E. W. M.	4	3	2
Sunnyslope, by Happy Heir	3	6	4
Red Bird, by Chestnut Bird	1	1	1
Belle Hanson, by Chauncey F.	7	5	5
Alice L., by Hershon	2	2	6
Jim Duval, by Col. Lillard	5	4	3
Chestnut Girl, by Chestnut Bird	6	ds	

Time—2:15, 2:12, 2:12.

YOUNG TROTTERS SCARCE.

There were eleven starters on the card for the two-year-old trot, but only three of them faced the starter. Duroc Morgan, a Pilgrim horse, owned by Dr. W. A. McCarter of Topeka, was one of the youngsters who failed to show up. Dr. J. P. Kaster had his Lexington King in the race, and got in on the money.

But the race was an easy one for Cricelle who won as she pleased. Two heats decided the race.

Baby Thelma and Lexington King each got a second and a third, and divided the second and third moneys equally.

The bookmakers would not touch this race, as it was all Cricelle's way, and there were not enough horses to make an interesting speculation for the field players.

The summary follows:

Two-year-old trot. Purse $600—Cricelle first; Baby Thelma and Lexington King second and third.

Baby Thelma, by Heirloom	2	3	
Cricelle, by Parole	1	1	
Lexington King, by Patchen Wilkes	3	2	

Time, 2:41; 2:41½.

SOME GOOD FINISHES.

One of the hottest races of the day was the extra 2:25 trot, with five starters. Red Leaf, the Topeka horse owned and driven by Zack Ramsdall, took the first money, but had to fight for it every step of the way.

Red Leaf was a good thing for the insiders on the first heat. The bookmakers played her at 3 to 1, and considerable easy money was picked up by Topeka people who knew the horse. Good Bye was even money in the first heat, but it was a ghastly thing to hear the bookmaker sing out as he raked in the bets—"Good Bye, five dollars!" And it was good-bye, five dollars, all right, for the favorite was at the wrong end of the procession.

Red Leaf made a great race in the second heat. She got a bad start, and fell into a pocket at the turn. When the time came, however, she pulled around the bunch, and with a great burst of speed down the home stretch, won by half a length from Happy Way.

In the last heat it was Red Leaf against the field, and the favorite won by two lengths with Good Bye second.

2:25 trot. Purse $250—Red Leaf first; Happy Way, second; Good Bye, third; Red Van, fourth.

Good Bye	5	3	2
Red Van	3	4	4
Happy Way	2	2	3
Fay Bee	4	5	5
Red Leaf	1	1	1

Time, 2:24½; 2:27; 2:27½.

DERBY WINNER BEATEN.

G. W. Rawden, the winner of the Kansas Derby Wednesday, was beaten by George H. Ketcham in the mile running. There is strong reason to suspect that Rawden was not running his best. Horsemen say that he was not pushed to his best gait.

Ketcham being the favorite over Rawden at the books indicated that something was in the wind. Ketcham started at 1 to 2, and backed down to 2 to 3. Rawden was even money.

The time in the race was quarter of a second faster than the derby. The summary follows:

One mile, running. Purse $150. Geo. H. Ketcham, first; G. W. Rawden, second; Metaphor, third. Time, 1:45.

The starters were as follows:

G. W. Rawden, McGuire, rider.
Scarpollete, W. P. Plourd, rider.
Geo. H. Ketcham, Singleton, rider.
Major King, Johnson, rider.
Metaphor, Miller, rider.
Carno, Small, rider.
Hansworth, Byers, rider.

OTHER RUNNING RACES.

Over Again, the winner in Wednesday's half mile dash, had an easy time winning the four and one-half furlong race.

Over Again was a 1 to 3 favorite, and his victory was easy over the field of five.

Four and one-half furlongs, running. Purse, $75. Over Again, first; Jake Ward, second; Queen Victoria, third. Time, :57.

The starters were as follows:

Druggist, W. P. Plourd, rider.
Queen Victoria, by Snope, Johnson, rider.
Over Again, by Once Again, Stewart, rider.
Jake Ward, by Principle, Miller, rider.
Lucinda, by Chatham, Beyers, rider.

The five and one-half furlongs was won by Queen L, the favorite at 1 to 3. Some of the people in the crowd were doing some plunging on W. C. John, a 4 to 1 shot, and considerable money was squandered, for John did not get within the money.

Five and one-half furlongs, running. Purse, $100. Queen L, first; K. C., second; Harry Hide, third. Time, 1:10½.

The starters were as follows:

W. C. John, J. Singleton, rider.
K. C., C. Green, rider.
Precis, P. Williams, rider.
Harry Hide, Bud White, rider.
Queen L., W. Walters, rider.

ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY'S RACES.

There are two harness races on the card for Saturday. Both are in a fast class, a 2:20 trot and a 2:13 pace.

2:13 PACE—$1,000.

The entries for the pace are as follows:

Pilotelle, b. m., by Sphinxtelle, dam by Pilot Medium—R. J. Flick, Lincoln, Neb.
Lady Herod, s. m., by King Herod—John Harrison, Marshall, Mo.
Kitty Kester, by Canadian Wilkes—J. T. Wickersham, Enid, Okla.
King Walnut, bh. g., by Walnut Boy—Moore Bros., Clinton, Mo.
Bernie Wilkes, roan s., by Roy Wilkes, dam by Locomotive—J. H. Sheen, Lincoln, Neb.
Barney L., b. g., by Billy Bixby, dam by Ashland Wilkes—Mrs. A. M. Donley, Wichita, Kan.
Phyllis S., b. m., by Lock—B. C. Vandenburgh, Kansas City, Kan.
Frederick McGregor, s. s., by Fergus McGregor, dam by Coriander—William Bradbury, Topeka, Kan.

2:20 TROT—$500 PURSE.

The entries for the trot follow:

Nancy Belle, black mare—B. Howard Smith, Kansas City, Mo.
Electioneer—F. M. McKee, Hutchinson, Kan.
Little Raven—Bing & Truitt, Denison, Texas.
Bachelor Maid, b. m., by Red Heart—H. A. Perry, Kansas City, Mo.
Old Shave, b. g., by Bonnie Bells—Kendall Stock Farm, Valley Falls, Kan.
Red Leaf, b. m., by King Harold—Z. Ransdell, Topeka, Kan.
Oro, br. g., by Little Corporal—Furness Bros., Ottawa, Kan.
Bridget, g. m., by Direction, 2:08¼; William Tell, g. g., by Axtell, 2:12—J. F. Clark, Liberty, Mo.
Red Van, b. s., by Idavan—Gus Hart, Lincoln, Neb.
Colonel Woodline, s. s., by Woodline—J. T. Wright, David City, Neb.
Snider McGregor, ch. s., by Gillman McGregor—H. H. Lourey, Frankfort, Kan.
Fay B., b. m., by Ashland Wilkes—Mrs. A. M. Donnelly, Wichita, Kan.
Happy Way, b. m., by Happy Heir—Zeak Marsh, Valley Falls, Kan.
Egypta, bh. m., my Stamboul—Albert Parker, Topeka, Kan.
Good Bye, b. m., by Dan Mace; Emma S., br. m., by Askey—William Sherlock, Fredonia, Kan.
Ben Hur—Henry Harkins, Decatur, Illinois.