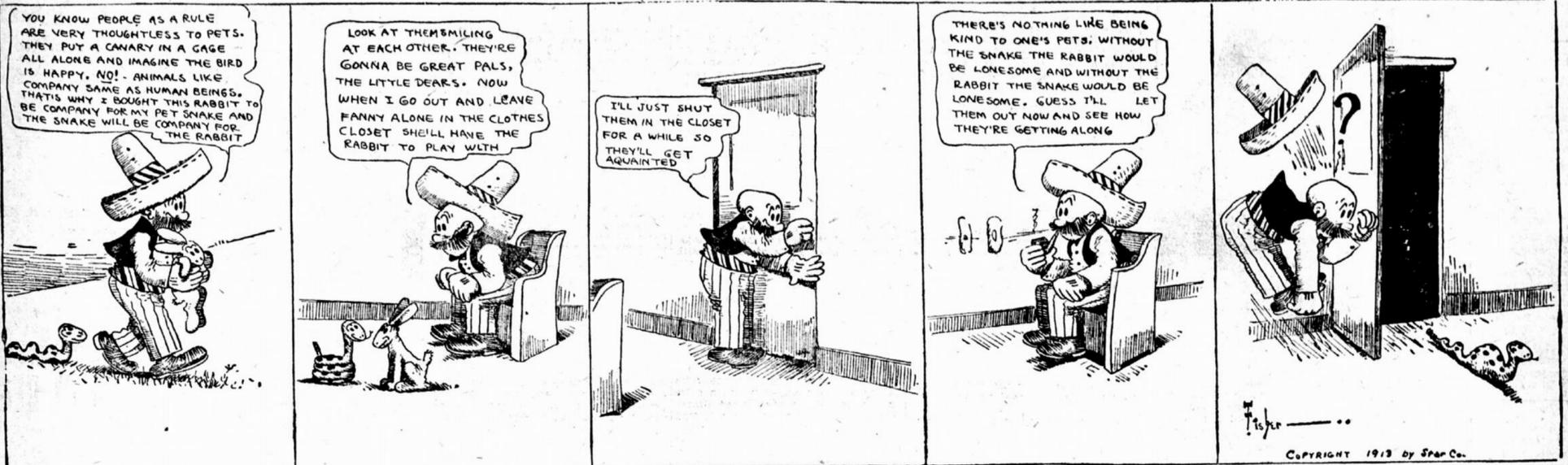


They Get Along All Right; Yes, They Do

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Preferred Fire to Flood

Probably a majority of readers have never seen an extensive flood or the ravaged country after the waters have subsided. It has been the writer's fortune—or misfortune—to have seen many floods, as far north as the upper Missouri, on the mad Missouri, as far south as the delta entrance of the Mississippi; floods in Cuba, in China, Mexico; cloud-bursts in Arizona and June rises on the north Saskatchewan.

Every one of them is ghastly in its effects, but I never saw more depressing devastation than that following the floods of last March on the Ohio and its tributaries. I was impressed by what a San Franciscan said as he looked over the Muskingum valley three weeks after the highest water had subsided: "I lost everything I had by fire in San Francisco in April, 1906." I could not help but think that the destruction there was bad enough, sad enough, I can tell you. But it was clean compared to this. Why, I don't believe I could have made good again, as I did, if I had found what was left of my property in such shape as that you do. Look at that mass, that mess of filthy, unhealthy looking mud, and that pile of debris with dear knows what of former value tangled up, twisted about, smeared with dried slime. If I must clean it up again, let it be cleaned out, not buried under and drowned in it."—The Christian Herald.

LIVE STOCK REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

(From Saturday's Daily)

Chicago, Dec. 20.—In cattle and hogs this week an excessive supply has been received and the market closed in a demoralized state, hand weight cattle excepted. The movement of sheep has been less than anticipated for the week but prices nevertheless show the biggest decline of all stuff on record. The extreme top of \$8.25 of last week failed to hold and closing prices are from 25 to 30c under that.

The unofficial figures for hogs this week total 225,000 the largest since 1908 being almost 7,000 in excess of last week, and some 70,000 greater than a year ago.

Chicago for some time past has been relatively higher on hogs than the southern river markets and this may account in part to the excessive movement, though indications point toward a desire to reduce feed bills as a more prime factor for the enormous arrivals. With this over-supply of porters, packers have had things their own way and only occasional strong spots have been noted throughout the week.

Handy Weight Cattle Strong.

Killers have shown evidence of their needs this week for fancy beef and have not hesitated to pay a premium price. Yearlings under 1,000 as well as heifers around that weight with a good finish have been easy sellers at a ready demand, commanding as high as \$10.25 and good many bringing from \$9.10 to \$9.75. The lesser grades however were less fortunate and show a decline this week.

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are hardly a criterion for the rest of the market.

Sheep Less Active.

In spite of the falling off in the movement of sheep and lambs that market has displayed very little activity throughout the week. Various reasons have been assigned for the decided slump, over the week ago, among them being a let up in the eastern demand for dressed stuff and that coolers are well filled for the Christmas needs. This was hard for the sellers to believe. The buyers however added to their reasons that the arrivals were only half finished or over weighty stock was arriving and was not worth the money. The fact however, that everything from prime to inferior grades sold liver, merely lets the last named excuse come in as a probable one.

A double deck of 84-pound Iowa fed westerns sold this week at \$8 and Monday and Tuesday this week, at a city butcher but these sales were in a class by themselves.

The receipts this week were 24,000 under the estimate and about that much under last week. The market closes this week at the bottom prices. The comparative prices are as follows:

Last Saturday—

Lambs, good to prime	..... \$7.50@8.25
Lambs, fair to good	..... 7.40@7.85
Lambs, common to fair	..... 6.85@7.85
Lambs, culls, coarse bucks	..... 5.75@6.75
Lambs, fair to best feeders	..... 6.35@7.00
Yearlings, good to ch. handy	..... 5.50@7.00
Yearlings, fair to ch. heavy	..... 4.50@5.00
Wethers, good to prime	..... 5.40@5.75
Wethers, fair to good	..... 5.00@5.40
Wethers, feeders	..... 4.25@4.85
Ewes, good to choice heavy	..... 4.50@4.75
Ewes, good to choice handy	..... 4.50@5.00
Ewes, medium to good	..... 4.00@4.50
Ewes, culls	..... 3.00@3.75
Ewes, feeders	..... 3.25@4.00

Yesterday—

Lambs, good to prime	..... \$7.50@7.80
Lambs, fair to good	..... 7.00@7.50
Lambs, common to fair	..... 6.50@7.00
Lambs, culls, coarse bucks	..... 5.50@6.25
Lambs, fair to best feeders	..... 6.25@7.00
Yearlings, good to ch. handy	..... 5.15@6.25
Yearlings, fair to ch. heavy	..... 4.50@5.00
Wethers, good to prime	..... 5.25@5.50
Wethers, fair to good	..... 4.85@5.50
Wethers, feeders	..... 4.25@4.85
Ewes, good to choice heavy	..... 4.25@4.50
Ewes, good to choice handy	..... 4.50@4.85
Ewes, medium to good	..... 3.85@4.25
Ewes, culls	..... 2.75@3.50
Ewes, feeders	..... 2.85@4.00
Bucks, fair to choice	..... 3.25@3.75

Next week's receipts will probably be lighter owing to the holiday, and that there will be enough to go around on Monday, if not more, is the general impression. Open weather, industrial depression, and competition of foreign beef have been bearish factors and the week of light supply would be in the nature of a beneficence, especially as poultry is a serious competitor of beef around the holidays.

Fancy Pigs at \$8.50.

A consignment of fancy piglets this week brought \$8.50, while the general market for "baby porkers" has done well to hold around last Saturday's price of \$7.75 for the best sorts, and down as low as \$7.50 on Tuesday.

The quality the past week has been good though the amount of stuff over 275 pounds has not been of a large volume, there being a more liberal supply of 140-150 averages.

The movement of hogs this week has been the largest since December, 1908, the total being even greater than last week, was 225,000 in round numbers, this being about 25,000 greater than the estimates for the week. An unsettled market prevailed throughout the week and only here and there a strong tone was noted.

Price comparisons are as follows:

Mixed selling at \$7.60@7.75 last Saturday, sold down to \$7.40@7.55 on Tuesday and back a nickel yesterday on a decline of 15¢ to 20¢ for the week; medium weights at \$7.55@7.60 on Tuesday against \$7.75@7.85 last Saturday and close the week at \$7.55@7.65; light butchers and shippers closed yesterday at \$7.50@7.60 compared with \$7.65@7.75 last Saturday, and \$7.45@7.50 on Tuesday; heavy butchers were off 20¢ to 22¢ the first three days of the week and close at 20¢ decline over a week ago at \$7.65@7.70; heavy packers also saw a decline of 15¢ to 20¢ during the week and likewise recovered somewhat from the slump but the close is still 10¢ to 20¢ under last Saturday; at \$7.55@7.65; light hogs around 135 to 155 pounds have been pounded the most during the week the decline for the first few days being 20¢ to 25¢ with a little recovery noted yesterday, bringing the price to \$7.20@7.40 compared with \$7.45@7.65 last Saturday; pigs with declines on the close amounting to 15¢ to 25¢ from last Saturday, the high spots of \$8 and \$8.50 for roasting stock

here last week at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. William Jones.

Clark Windhurst, who made a business trip to Chicago last week, returned Thursday and stopped for a day at the home of his parents here before returning to his home at Genoa Bluffs.

The Progress club met last week at the home of Attorney J. F. Kirby and began the study of Shakespeare's King Henry the Fourth, led by Mrs. A. C. Moon, who gave a synopsis of the play. Source of the plot, Mrs. F. W. Tomasek; history of Henry's reign, Miss Helen Doherty; Shakespeare's London, H. E. Hull. Some thirty members of the club went to Cedar Rapids Wednesday to hear E. H. Sothorn and Julia Mariow in "Romeo and Juliet."

D. J. Jones and sister, Sarah Pugh, who have been away visiting their sister, Mrs. Thomas Anwyll of Columbus Junction, are now home. John T. Jones of Cedar Rapids also a brother of Mrs. Anwyll was present and thus the two brothers and two sisters, ranging in age from 64 to 74 years, enjoyed a pleasant reunion.

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burn were united in marriage at the Christian parsonage in Charlton on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, 1913, at 6 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Burli Gilpin. The bride was attired in a dainty dress of light blue silk crepe de chene, with a drapery of white tulle and a large corsage of the bride's sister, Miss Susie Bryan, and Cory Holms. They expect to go to Emporia, Kas., the first of the year where they will be at home after February 1 on a farm recently purchased by the groom. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. John Spencer of near Woodburn and for some time has been engaged in school teaching. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bryan of Linn township and is a worthy young man of good character and habits. Both have a large circle of friends, who will extend congratulations and good wishes on this happy occasion.

HIGHLAND CENTER.

Mrs. R. Kelly and daughters Maud and Jennette left Thursday for their home near Iowa Center, Wyo., after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pribble and other relatives.

Born, Dec. 11, 1913, to Mr. & Mrs. Guy Pendurgarth, a daughter.

Mrs. P. Olson of Ottumwa, spent Friday at the J. P. Wycoff home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. B. Shuttlefield, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dennis were passengers to Ottumwa Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Hamilton of Greeley, Kan., spent Monday evening at the George Eane home.

Miss Georgia Willard of near Ottumwa arrived Friday evening for an over Sunday visit with her sister, Mrs. B. L. Denny and family.

Miss Norah Cornwall has returned home after a week's visit with her uncle, J. Cannell and family of Nugen.

A. J. Rogers and daughter Mrs. W. Lowenberg, M. Buckner and daughter Mrs. R. Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Russell and son Fred were shopping in Ottumwa Thursday.

Mrs. M. Knight is visiting her daughter Mrs. D. Packwood and family of South Ottumwa this week.

O. C. Stevens shipped two car loads of hogs to Ottumwa Wednesday.

Bert and Phillip Denny of Dahnloga spent Sunday with their brother B. L. Denny and family.

Miss Mary Morgan of Hedrick visited at the F. Bayers home Wednesday. Quite a number from here attended the farmers' institute in Ottumwa last week.

H. Emery shipped two car loads of sheep and one car load of cattle, and D. Clawson shipped one car load of cattle and F. Savers shipped two car loads of sheep and one car load of cattle to Chicago Sunday morning.

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