

SHIELD SANDWICHES

Cut thin slices of bread, trimming off all the crust, and shape them like shields. Chop chicken meat very fine. Take one-fourth pound butter to two pounds chicken, rubbing in a pinch of mustard and a tablespoonful milk. Stir the chicken into this and fill the sandwiches. Frost the sandwiches at the top with fancy frosting to form the top of the shield. This should be done in red, white and blue.

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EVIDENCE OF BULL MOVEMENT IN LIVE STOCK NIPPED IN THE BUD

PACKERS AT CHICAGO AFTER MONDAY'S MARKET SHATTERED HOPES OF SELLERS.

DECLINE IS GENERAL

Beef, Pork and Mutton Prices on the Hoof Figure in the House Cleaning Killers Have Caused.

Chicago, July 25.—In spite of receipts of cattle, sheep and hogs being below the estimates for the week, most all prices are under those of a week ago and closing figures the lowest. Only the prime fed cattle quoted at \$10 last week are quotable on the close today as the season money but no sales were made at that. The run this week has carried a lot of pretty good cattle selling at \$9.15@9.65, but distributing the beef is difficult. Yearlings have been quoted hard since Monday, especially those that brought \$9 and better earlier in the week, are closing 25@40c lower. This much decline will also cover steers and bullocks not of a choice quality.

The slump in sheep prices that has been on since for the past ten days received its first check on Thursday, but only temporary as the close finds prices at about the lowest levels of the week. Declines in general at 25@75c. The action of the hog market has been most disappointing since Wednesday. The reason assigned for the slump since, regardless of a smaller run is a poor demand for pork products. While the market on the close today is but a shade over the low point of the week and 5@10c under that of a week ago.

Light Cattle a Feature.

A marked contrast to the general trend of the cattle market this week was the sale on Thursday of 73 head of light yearlings, average weight 957 lbs at \$9.95, a new high point for the year on light weight cattle. These were Missouri-bred calves of last fall but finished by the Illinois experiment station on corn and silage to demonstrate the economical gain-making with this feed. Eliminating a few cracker-jacks cattle prices are closing the week anywhere from 15@35c lower than the week, and at that cheaper cattle that are not eligible to the feeder outlet are unsalable. Big cattle on the plain or coarse order, even when fat have encountered regular change. Dealers that were doing a volume of business at \$9.75 but again several lots that brought \$9.15 on Thursday were selling at \$9.50 Monday as a comparison.

In the yearling class, the half-fat kinds have been trimmed severely and those worth \$3.25 and under have been staple value. Those bringing \$3.80 and this break would have brought at least \$5.20 on Monday, while little cattle around \$5.50@9, are figures fully 50c off. The market for medium and heavy steers is practically demoralized, there being no market for them even at liberal price cuts from early in the week. The large end of the week's price cut is shown on natives of this kind selling under \$8.75. This class shows 25@40c loss from Monday while many of the common grades are off 50c. Quite a number of medium and common quality cattle have been thrown on the market this week and packers claim the poor dressing quality has caused them to buy at lower prices or not at all while late in the week they have been hard to clear even at the lowest prices. Grass steers have been hard hit along with the common grades and show mostly 50c drop from Monday. Feeder buyers even have been neglecting some of the grassers and many are going to packers down to \$4@6.50.

Heifer Trade Slow.

There has been a slow trade in cows and heifers. Buyers were needing a few of the choicest but neglected the commoner grades. For the medium and common cows and heifers the market is generally 30@50c lower since Monday, with most lots late showing the big end of the decline. The choicest lots that have been very scarce during the week, were wanted, but when it came to the commoner quality it was very hard to get bids, let alone make a clearance. Buyers seemed to be filled up with that stuff and did not want them even at the lower prices. Many cows had bids less than cost, in the country. Grassy kinds were hard-hit all week and show the brunt of price cut. Packers had been given a good supply of the medium and common steers, which they have bought at lower prices and are taking them in place of the cows and heifers, which causes trade

to be very dull for all but the best. The cows that are selling under \$6.50 are the ones that feel the most depression, while some of the fair grades up to \$7 have been weak sellers in late days.

Declines Irregular. Declines since Monday have been so uneven and the trade so slow as to make the market hard to quote and hard and fast statements as to the actual declines impossible, but taking the trade in extremes on everything below a prime grade, which is holding up well, declines ranging from 15@50c from Monday and last week's closing levels are generally shown. Medium and plain heifer stuff, such as sold up to \$7.25 at the week's opening, and cows selling downward from \$6.25 in the Monday session are showing the widest declines, much of the heifer stuff now selling around \$6.50 looking a flat 50c lower than Monday, while 25@35c declines from the Monday basis apply to a large per cent of the cow stuff below choice grade. Even the strictly good fat classes, including cows now selling up to \$7 and heifers of values to \$8, or even higher, are 15@25c under Monday's levels and only a prime, grain-fed kind is escaping loss, such being very scarce and doing the same satisfactory market performance as the specialty grades of beef.

Canners and cutters are getting a very mean, indifferent call and have dropped back a few points from last week's price levels and to extreme bottom levels of the month. A lot of the cow stuff selling today around \$3.50@3.75 and only a good strong weight class bordering on cutter quality at \$4, shells down to \$4.

Trade on medium and common bulls was in demoralized condition, while a few top notch bolognas and fat bulls sold steady. Bottom fell completely out of the market for bolognas bulls weighing downward from 120 lbs, however, and the rank and file of the offerings are taking 50@75c declines from best levels touched early last week and some medium weight bologna bulls going even lower than low time early in the week.

Fat bulls are about as high as ever where quality is good and choice are selling fully as well as a week ago. The veal calf market has performed well on a fair demand and only demand and supplies were picked up early. The heavy run that was expected as the result of strong prices failed to materialize and the present demand is fully amply taking the offerings. The top for the week on prime sorts was boosted a quarter to \$11.25, others with quality advanced in proportion. Heaves have received better support from packers this week on a stronger and higher basis than the offerings.

Though demand from the country is still narrow for stockers and feeders, some strength developed in the mid-week and prices are well up in the air. Higher bids are being offered, little higher, selling once more to above \$3.

Buyers' Needs Small.

Killers' needs were not as urgent as a week ago, last week's purchases having been made in August, and into branch houses and other distributive channels. Central Illinois was a somewhat generous contributor of half-fat stuff, but the market for medium and heavy steers and shippers told of discouraging conditions for holding cattle. In many sections no rain has fallen for weeks and not only has pasture disappeared, but the growing crop is being menaced. Killers sidestepped these dried-out cattle persistently and how much lower they were elicited considerable difference of opinion.

Western Cattle Come.

Advises from the northwest indicate that the marketward movement of range cattle will be late. Grass is curing, but growers have no incentive for early gathering, as every pound of added weight means more money per head and gain making is merely a matter of time, feed being abundant. Some early Montana and Wyoming cattle are expected at Chicago next week, but not until late in August, getting well under way in September. Counting tails the run will probably be equal to that of last year, but there will be a deficiency in pounds of beef owing to a large proportion of little Mexican and southern stuff. Although Mexican imports have been light now that some degrees of pacification is in evidence in the northern part of that country efforts are being made to do some business. Some southern Mexican cattle are reaching Fort Worth. A consignment of 700 head reached that market from Tampico last week, but were subjected to excessive export tax. These steers were raised in Mexico and put some many miles under way in September. Counting tails the run will probably be equal to that of last year, but there will be a deficiency in pounds of beef owing to a large proportion of little Mexican and southern stuff.

grass. Torn ragged places on the horns of some of the steers shows with what difficulty the process of boring the holes was accomplished. Chicago cattle arrivals this week figure 37,539 against 45,000 estimated to arrive and compared with 45,335 for the same period a year ago. The top \$10 this week is 80c above that of last year.

Stocks Diminishing.

Stocks of pork provisions are shrinking and the light July hog run will reduce the accumulation still further. A few Canadian hogs are reaching Chicago, but the Canadian market has braced up and importing is no longer profitable operation as it was a few weeks back. A local bacon house has been buying wheat fed Alberta hogs, but they were bad shrinkers, the loss per head on the journey from Winnipeg to Chicago being 15 pounds per head. Unless disease strikes Canadian hogs, however, competition from that country must be reckoned with, as converting wheat and barley into pork is a profitable proposition. July hog receipts promise to be as light as the June run. It is the same story all around the western market circle. After sows begin moving freely the proportion of numbers will be logical. The proportion of what the trade calls "good hogs" will be small all through the summer. Corn fed cattle have been closely garnered and hogs following them trooped marketward at the same time. How serious the shortage is may be inferred from supply statistics.

The trend of the hog market this week appears to bear out the assertion of packers that consumption demand is a low ebb. Chicago clearances have been poor each day and the burden of stale hogs has had its effect in downing prices. While St. Louis levels last week were over Chicago on most classes of hogs they fell this week to hold it and the top there is only a shade above Chicago. The close for the week shows the spread a little narrow. Chicago estimated 150,000 head of hogs for this week, but only 110,000 for the same period a year ago. The top this week is 17c under that of a year ago.

Mutton Decline Checked.

Small mutton arrivals of sheep appears to have put a stop, temporarily at least, to the downward trend of the market. What little strength prevailing on the closing days has not been sufficient to overcome the reverse losses of the earlier. Shippers have taken very little here this week, and most lots sent out were feeders, consisting mainly of lambs and yearlings. Advice thus far received indicates a small range movement next week and the prospects are bright from the sellers' viewpoint, many traders expressing the belief that bottom levels of the summer have been struck. There is already a strong call for feeding and breeding stock and it promises to continue. A band of 3,000 blackface Washington yearling breeding ewes of the most desirable weights and quality is headed this way. Part of them are due to arrive here Monday, Aug. 3, and a good reception will be due them. Semi-demoralized conditions in the dressed mutton trade east this week, following the heavy western slaughter of the week previous, and the bunching of local supplies on the Monday and Tuesday markets, have been leading factors in the depression of the trade that kept declines continuous up to Thursday of this week. Part of them are due to the better get to set in. Closing prices on fat lambs are 25@35c down in feeder classes, lambs have allowance for shorter sorting now than at the time, with the best grades declining most, while western muttons are 15@25c lower and native ewes strong to a point higher. The yearling feed has acted badly, a lot of range sheep prices and rates that gave them a decidedly "worth the money" appearance. Anything fit to go to the country in the stock ewe line has commanded strong prices and demand has been by no means met.

Expectations for a better acting trade, particularly on fat lambs, next week. Around 65 fewer loads of range stock are now in sight than arrived this week and light supplies of native stock are counted upon again for the coming week. Dressing trade conditions are still far from good, but ought to improve, especially with lower temperatures, as western slaughter this week has been quite a little lighter. Unless the weather for today is radically changed the arrivals for the week figure \$4,700 head of sheep against 100,000 estimated to arrive and compared with \$1,333 for the same period a year ago. Top on lambs this week brought down to \$5.25 is identical with that of a year ago and sheep at \$5.75 is 50c higher.

Corn strengthened with wheat and owing to generally fair weather. Active selling by leading houses, soon checked the upturn and led to a reaction. The opening which was 1/4 to 1/2

higher was followed by a moderate setback all around. Hedging against pressure from the new crop made oats relatively weak. Price changes were unimportant. Provisions remained quiet despite the war talk. The market however, showed some firmness with corn and hogs.

CHARITON.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Booth are enjoying a visit from his sister Mrs. Ora A. Brady of Centerville and from Mrs. Dave McRoberts of Everlast. Mrs. A. Fredrick and son Raymond of Lincoln, Neb., former residents of Derby, who have been visiting relatives and old friends in this county, went to Albia to spend a few days. Miss Daisy Clapp went to Oakley last evening to spend a few days with Miss Myrtle Foster. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hobbs of Des Moines returned home after a visit of several days with Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Greeno. Mrs. A. E. Mandenhall left last evening for a visit with relatives in Albia. Her husband will join her there Sunday for a brief visit. Dr. J. W. Farm of Chicago is visiting in Chariton with his uncle C. W. Slattengren and family. Miss Mildred Swan of Sioux City came last evening for a visit at the home of C. W. Johnson. Mrs. Chas. Putch, little five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Connor of East Chariton, died on Tuesday evening at the hospital in Des Moines, following an operation for appendicitis. She was 10 years old but a few days before and rapidly grew worse. She was taken to Des Moines on Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held at the family home here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Chariton, the remains were laid to rest in the Chariton cemetery. The Misses Helen and Katherine Martin of Keosauqua, returned home yesterday after a week's visit at the home of their aunt Mrs. Chas. O'Garra. Mrs. Lewis Curtis and two little daughters Lucile and Maurine, of Osceola, returned home yesterday after a few days' visit with their relatives and old friends here. Mrs. Sherman Teas, accompanied by her cousin Miss May Burgo of Davenport, Wash., went to Van Wert yesterday to spend a few days with relatives. Mrs. Chas. Putch of Leslie returned home yesterday after a visit near Oakley with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Browning. Her sister Miss Bertha Browning accompanied her home for a visit.

Miss Lulu Crist of Villa Springs, Mo. and Mrs. Claude Barger of Weldon, have been visiting in Chariton this week with the latter's sister, Mrs. Fred Chandler, who with the Misses Carrie and Laura Kull, went to Derby yesterday to spend the day with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mitchell.

ASH GROVE.

The storm on last Thursday afternoon did quite a lot of damage in this vicinity. Chas Schwartz and family visited at the Jno Wolfe home Sunday. Mrs. Thurman Cassell and son Lowell and Mrs. R. E. Cox and son Dwight spent Sunday afternoon at Chas. Allen's. The male quartet from Ottumwa sang at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon. Several from here attended a reunion at the Will Burns home Sunday at Green Valley. Mrs. Howard Cassill is visiting her mother at Blakesburg this week. Mrs. Fred Proctor returned to her home in Ottumwa Sunday after a short visit here.

SALEM.

Members of Wesley chapel pleasantly surprised Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Stine on the former's thirty-fourth birthday anniversary. The evening was delightfully spent in various amusements. Mrs. Vitis Ditch is entertaining her sisters and niece, Mrs. Amanda Johnson, Blue Springs, Neb., Mrs. Adaline Taylor, Ayer, Neb., Miss Ollie Allender, Rapid City, S. D. Miss Morine Switzer of Fairfield, is

a guest at the homes of her grandparents and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and Bert Edwards and family. The following six weeks vacation spent with her sister Mrs. Berryhill at Fancy Prairie, Ill., Miss Beasle Mogel is again clerking in the Brody department store. W. F. M. S. of the Congregational church enjoyed a picnic meeting on the pretty lawn of Mrs. I. A. Martin Friday afternoon. Orin Arnold, wife and little son of Cameron, Mo., spent the past week with Mrs. Phoebe Arnold. Tuesday Mrs. Gilbert Bailey arrived from Salina, Kan., to visit her mother Mrs. Kate Brown and other relatives. Dr. Sawyer and family came from Shilford, Ill., to spend some time with relatives. Miss Goldie Miller arrived from Vermont, Ill. She is visiting her grandfather and aunt, Mason and Miss Lucy Miller. Miss Mell Mogel is visiting her sister, Mrs. Graves at Storm Lake. H. Spector of Chicago, and Miss Ida Kaufman of St. Louis are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brody. John Eighme of Grinnell, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Eighme. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Shriner and little son Walter of Chicago, are guests at the parental home, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shriner. Mrs. Caroline Campbell is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. Frank Way from Keokuk. Mrs. O. H. Martin is a guest of relatives at Holland and Edmore, Mich. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart welcomed twin boys to their home July 11. Saturday afternoon a public sale of household goods was held at the late John J. Buffington residence. Miss Mary Maris is entertaining her friend Miss Blythe Bonnett from Birmingham. Mrs. Ann Brady has for her guest, her niece, Mrs. Fred Meitner from Waterloo. Mrs. Hoyer and her sister Miss Marie Pfister of Mt. Hamill were Salem callers Saturday. During the electrical storm Thursday a cow belonging to Fred Townsend was killed by lightning. A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Friend Friday, July 17. Friday morning Miss Annie Packer returned from Des Moines. Following several weeks spent with her son Dr. W. A. Ditts and family at Indianola, Mrs. Ditts is at home. A letter from J. T. Ingram states he has taken a quarter section of land near Arvada, Wyo., and will begin improvements on it immediately. Within a few weeks Mrs. Ingram will go to her husband. They will reside on their claim one year. Miss Clara Cooper departed Saturday to visit relatives and friends at Burlington and at Monmouth, Ill.

KIRKVILLE.

Edw Sears and Ernest Shaw were business callers in Ottumwa Monday. Miss Wilda Sears was shopping in Ottumwa Monday. Mrs. George Thompson spent Tuesday at the home of her sister Mrs. McDonough of Oskaolosa. Miss Margaret Parks was shopping in Ottumwa Tuesday. Mrs. Eva Tallyre of Lu Verne is visiting relatives and friends here. Mrs. Jim Reed and daughter Clara and Lawrence are visiting with relatives at Kansas City. Mrs. Susan Tiffany spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Parks. Misses Merle and Bernice Welch spent Wednesday at the home of their aunt Mrs. Wes Moore of Cedar. Misses Rilla Newell and sister Mrs. John Lathrop departed Wednesday for Hot Springs, S. D., to visit with relatives. Mrs. Dave Masters of Hiteman is visiting her mother Mrs. Ellis Pike. Mrs. Jonathan Parks and daughter Margaret and Mrs. Susan Tiffany spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Belford near Salem.

For Sale

FOR SALE—GOOD MALE DURHAM calf, 315 South Ransom St.

FOR SALE—ALL KINDS OF SECOND HAND HOUSEHOLD GOODS. W. S. Russell, 101 South Willard St.

FOR SALE—SECOND HAND UP-RIGHT piano, good condition, rosewood finish. Price \$75 cash. Mrs. W. S. Russell, New phone 2099, No. 101 S. Willard St.

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is making a visit at the parental Dr. Allender home here.

Marriage license were issued Saturday by Clerk George Priest to Amos F. Collins and Goldie Quigley. They are from the west part of county.

Bert Boatman started Sunday for Berthoud, Colo., to visit a short time at the parental R. H. Boatman home.

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BLOOMFIELD

A. E. Miller had the misfortune to get one ankle broke Saturday. He was helping move some corn out on the Stanley farm that was in the barn that was burned by lightning and stepped out of the door of the place where they were moving the corn to, with the above result.

Joseph Cook, Jr. who has been in California for several months has returned to his home here for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. E. K. Mitchell of Mt. Pleasant is here visiting at the Jacob Angst home for a few days.

Miss Myra Heheny of Lovila Iowa visited over Sunday at the Rev. J. E. Newsom home.

J. P. Tombs visited over Sunday in Moulton with friends.

Glenn Ernest, who has been in Kansas for a few months arrived in this city Sunday to make an indefinite stay.

Rev. G. H. Purdy spent the most of last week in Coalfax attending a convention and visiting friends.

Robert Thomas went to Allerton Monday to help his brothers harvest for a few days.

Herbert Lee was called to Pulaski Sunday by the serious illness of his father, returning Monday morning.

His sister, Mrs. Harry Heisel will go this afternoon to stay until their father is better.

Link Saunders, assistant postmaster here, wife and her sister, Mrs. Joe Curl, Jr., went to Ottumwa Monday for a few days' visit with friends.

Odin Linaberry, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Young, returned to her home in Oskaolosa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Woods of Moulton arrived here Monday for a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Smith.

Tim Palmer of Moulton was seeing after business interests here Monday.

Lowell Hill while returning from the country on his motorcycle Monday morning was thrown off of it in going down a hill and badly lacerating his right knee and arm and dislocating his left wrist. No bones were broken but his bruises were very painful.

Dr. F. C. Allender of Kansas City

Bringing Up Father By George McManus

