

The Fall in Prices.

The decline in the prosperity of this country has been coincident with the decline in prices. In the latest Bradstreet's current report of prices this fact is proved by figures enabling us to measure our disaster. The figures cover movements of prices in 98 staple articles. They are as follows:

Oct. 1, 1890	114.171
Jan. 1, 1891	101.741
April 1, 1891	103.304
July 1, 1891	97.833
Oct. 1, 1891	95.051
Jan. 1, 1892	94.257
April 1, 1892	92.761
July 1, 1892	86.439
Oct. 1, 1892	88.574
Jan. 1, 1893	90.797
April 1, 1893	101.740
July 1, 1893	85.280
Oct. 1, 1893	84.327
Jan. 1, 1894	80.381
April 1, 1894	78.320
July 1, 1894	97.650
Oct. 1, 1894	77.501
Jan. 1, 1895	80.700
April 1, 1895	72.052
July 1, 1895	77.314
Oct. 1, 1895	79.306
Jan. 1, 1896	76.886
April 1, 1896	67.189
July 1, 1896	67.182
Oct. 1, 1896	72.178
Jan. 1, 1897	75.044
April 1, 1897	74.915
May 1, 1897	74.193

The figures cover a period of six and a half years or from Oct. 1, 1890, to May 1, 1897. The highest index number is that of Oct. 1, 1890, being 114.171. From that point there was a steady decline of two or three points every two or three months, until, on Jan. 1, 1893, the low point of 90.797 had been reached.

The next quotation following that, is of April 1, 1893. Cleveland had been inaugurated March 4 preceding, and with him had come a Democratic House and Senate. The country, which had voted for a departure from the Republican financial policies which had forced low prices and their consequent industrial prostration, had taken courage and prices advanced. The figure representing prices at the beginning of April, 1893, was 101,790, a gain of more than eleven points above the figures at the beginning of that year, showing the effect of the popular belief that a sweeping change of policy was to come in with the new administration.

How the country was disappointed is too recent history to need retelling here. Before Cleveland had been in office two months it was known that his financial policy was that of the Republicans, with the addition that silver was to be still further degraded. Carlisle began redeeming all government obligations in gold. The silver bullion in the Treasury remained unpoised. And Congress, under the lash of patronage, gave no sign of effective resistance to the Wall street conspiracy.

Then the reaction set in. Between April 1 and July 1, 1893, prices dropped from 101,790 to 85,289, and from there the drop has been continuous, with one or two exceptions, as unimportant as they were transient, until the latest marking, that of May 1, 1897, less than a month ago, was 74.193.

And the bottom is not yet reached. The tendency is still downward. Some day a historian will write the record of this crime in burning words. Until then we have these figures to tell the history of the ruin of a people.—Post Dispatch.

When to Wed.

In Austria a man and woman are supposed to be capable of conducting a home of their own from the age of 14. In Germany the men must be at least 18 years of age. In France the man must be 18 and the woman 15; in Belgium the same. In Spain the intended husband must have passed the 14th year and the woman her 12th. In Hungary for Roman Catholics, the man must be 14 years old and the woman 12; for Protestants the man must be 18 and the woman 15. In Greece the man must have seen at least fourteen summers and the woman twelve. In Portugal a boy of 14 is considered marriageable, and a woman of 12. In Russia and Saxony they are a little more sensible, and a youth must refrain from entering into matrimony till he can count 18 years, and the woman till she can count 12. In Switzerland the men from the age of 14 and the woman from the age of 15 are allowed to marry. In Turkey any youth and maiden who can walk properly, and can understand the necessary religious service, are allowed to be united for life.—Kansas City Star.

The latest directory estimate of Chicago's population shows a total of 1,800,000.

Dave J. Cooper, of McCracken county, was thrown from a buggy and killed.

Wm. White, sixteen, and Fanny Long, fifteen, of Bloomington neighborhood, were married at Frankfort.

The Illinois House has passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to sell or manufacture a cigarette.

Jas. Myer at Kingston, N.Y., threatens to commit suicide because he believes he is the ugliest man in the world.

The Mississippi Legislature refuses to pass the bill for a new capitol over the Governor's veto.

The Democratic convention in the sixth judicial district renominated Judge T. R. McBeath and Commonwealth's Attorney Weed S. Chaff, by acclamation.

MONEY IN STRAWBERRIES.

One Town Ships 15,474 Cases and Clears \$25,240 in Three Weeks.

(Columbus, Kentucky, Enterprise.)

We made editorial reference last week to the culture of strawberries in this immediate section. The shipping season closed on last Saturday and for the information of our readers, we have gathered the facts concerning the strawberry shipments from this place during the season. The figures which we publish are from headquarters, they are official and may be relied on. Until the organization of our strawberry associations, those who were employed in berry culture, were greatly troubled and annoyed on account of the expense of shipping, and when returns were received, the shipper was too often brought out in debt.

It was very evident that something must be done to facilitate shipments and concert of action by the strawberry growers was accomplished. An association was formed, to which all engaged in the culture, belonged. This association was after a year or two divided into two to-wit: "The South Western Kentucky Strawberry Association," of which Mayor Harry Pearson is president and the "Columbus Strawberry Association," I. R. Cook, Esq., president. All of the berries shipped from this point this season have passed through these two associations.

Never were the benefits of organization more clearly demonstrated than by these two associations. We have procured the figures following from the records:

The South Western Kentucky Association (President Pearson) has shipped during this season 6,528 cases of berries. The Columbus Association (President I. R. Cook) has shipped 8,964 cases, making a total of cases shipped 15,474. A case contains twenty-four quarts or six gallons of berries. These cases have averaged \$2.50 each, gross.

Multiplying the number of cases shipped by the price per case and we have the sum of \$38,885, the gross sales of the berries during the season. Now in order that we may ascertain the net proceeds of these berries, we must deduct from the above the expenses of picking, shipment, commissions, etc. The cost of picking, and of boxes and cases, is sixty-five cents per case which amounts to \$10,058. Freight is sixty cents per 100 lbs and three crates weigh one hundred pounds, amount of freight 5,158 pounds, at 60 cents per hundred, \$309.48. To this must be added ice charges, which are 15 cents per hundred west of Chicago, and 20 cents east of same. As the shipments were generally made west of Chicago, we will estimate it at 15 cents, which amounts to the sum of \$77.37.

Adding all these expenses together we have the total expense (except commission charges) ten thousand four hundred forty-four dollars and ninety-five cents or in round numbers \$10,445.

Deduct this amount from the gross sales and we have the sum of twenty-eight thousand two hundred and forty dollars net proceeds, from which must be deducted commissions, etc., above mentioned.

Now when we consider that the boxes and cases are all manufactured here, and that the price of picking is all paid here to those who reside in the community, it will be seen that the bulk of the money is distributed right here in our midst. The Pollock Bros. have a box factory here, and they have supplied all the boxes and cases used. This firm received 13 1/2 cts. per case, which amounts to \$2,088.90. The pickers received \$7,969.11, this making a total of more than \$10,000 part of the expenses, paid out in our midst.

Indeed all of the money comes back, except the freight and ice bills and commissions, which are a very small portion of the expenses. With these facts staring us in the face, who will say that strawberry culture is not a lucrative business?

Near Carthage, Tenn., Felix Woodman was shot from ambush and killed, while riding from church by the side of his wife.

Throat Coughs

Is there a tickling in the throat? Do you cough a great deal, especially when lying down? Are you hoarse at times? Does nearly every cold you take settle in your throat? These "throat coughs" are very deceptive. Don't neglect them. Troches, or cough syrups won't touch the spot. You must take remedies that will enrich the blood, tone up the nerves; and heal the inflamed membranes.

SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites contains such remedies. It has wonderful nourishing and healing power. The cause of the cough is removed; the whole system is given new life and vigor; and the danger from threatening lung trouble is swept away.

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HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; any sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the Kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of Kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effects of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists price fifty cents and one dollar. For a single bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail, mention the HOPKINSVILLE KENTUCKIAN. Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SOLLER.—We are authorized to announce Prof. John Sollee, of Crofton, as a candidate for Superintendent of Schools for Christian County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

CLARDY.—We are authorized to announce Prof. U. L. Clardy, of Bell, as a candidate for Superintendent of Schools for Christian County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce Ben W. Williams as a candidate for constable in the Longview district, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

HORN.—We are authorized to announce S. L. Horn, of Concord district, as a candidate for sheriff of Christian County, subject to the action of the Democratic convention. In August.

Notice Not to Harbor.

Wm Perkins, my son, has left me without permission and I give notice to the public not to hire or harbor him. He is 19 years old, low and heavy set, brown complexion and since leaving home last March has assumed the name of Anderson Russell. Last heard from near Fairview, Anderson Perkins, Fairview, Ky.

Card to the Public.

I take this method of announcing to the public that I have opened up a full line of fresh drugs in the Ragsdale building, next door to John H. Kitchen, where I would be pleased to have you call when in need of anything in the drug line.

I also carry stationery, toilet articles, fine cigars, tobacco, etc. Mr. Elmo Trabern, of Lafayette, an experienced pharmacist, will assist me in the prescription department. Prescriptions compounded at all hours, night or day.

Respectfully,
L. P. MILLER,
Late of Pembroke.

Administrator's Sale.

The E. H. Sivley place on Canton pike, 2 1/2 miles from Hopkinsville, about 22 1/2 acres of rich land, about 35 acres in timber. Two dwellings on place, barn, stables and etc., will be sold first in two parts then as a whole on Monday, June 7th, at Court House door at 11 o'clock. Terms of sale 1/3 cash, balance in 12 and 18 months. Notes to bear interest from date.

H. H. & C. E. SIVLEY,
Admsrs. E. H. SIVLEY.

Ohio Valley Earnings.

Receiver John MacLeod, of the Ohio Valley railway, has filed his report of the earnings and expenses of the road from February and March in the office of the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court. The earnings for February were: Freight, \$13,979.64; passenger, \$7,791.82; miscellaneous, \$46.89; total, \$21,818.35. The expenses were: Maintenance of way, \$4,223.61; maintenance of equipment, \$1,053.44; general expenses, \$2,345.38; total, \$21,846.10; net earnings, \$472.25.

During the month of March the road earned in freight, \$16,581.73; passenger, \$8,093.90; miscellaneous, \$44.75; total, \$24,720.38. The expenses were: Maintenance of equipment, \$3,514.84; conducting transportation, \$10,827.20; general expenses, \$2,264.01; total expenses, \$22,047.93; earnings, \$2,702.45.

Ohio Silver Republicans.

Columbus, O., May 27.—The Silver Republicans of this State are in conference here to-day, seventy five delegates being in attendance, adopted resolutions denouncing the financial policy of the Government, declaring in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and pledging their support to the party that will labor to bring about favorable legislation. This act is equivalent to a declaration to support the Democratic State ticket and John R. McLean for the United States Senate. A State Central Committee was selected and empowered to nominate a State ticket in the event silver was not given proper recognition in other party platforms.

J. J. Harper, of Washington Court-house, was selected as State delegate, to the conference of Silver Republicans to be held in Chicago June 8.

The Ashland Coal and Iron Co., has cut the wages of its employes 10 per cent in honor of the coming of McKinley prosperity.

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75c	Sailors cheap at \$1.00	75c	1.50 Sailors sold in the city	2.25	1.50

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White lilies and sweet peas for sale by Mrs. E. C. Phelps.

For Sale.

Finest farm in Christian county, containing 687 acres. Situated in South Christian, on Clarksville pike. This farm must be sold and any one desiring to buy land would do well to call on or write Walter S. Hale, attorney at law, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Frank L. Miller, of Hodgenville, a pupil in Etnel College, Russellville, was fatally shot by his room mate Joe Page, who was carelessly handling a pistol. He died soon afterwards.



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Farms for Rent.

Two fine farms near town on Clarksville Pike, well improved and first class land. Will rent to good men for a term of three years.

John T. Edmunds,
at abstract office.

Monroe County Court offered a reward of \$250 for Johnson Smith, the murderer of Deputy Sheriff Joe Patterson. Governor Bradley offered \$250 and Sheriff J. T. Patterson \$200, making a total of \$700. He is thought to be in the Roaring River Hills of Jackson County, Tean.