

GREAT BARGAIN SALE

Monday and Tuesday

We shall offer for these two days as a record breaking bargain choice of our **High Grade Silks for 98c.**

This includes all our fancy Brocade Taffetas, Black Satin Brocades, Grain Silks, etc., that sold from \$1.25 up to \$2.00 per yard. Remember choice of any Silk in our stock worth \$1.25 to \$2.00 for 98c per yard.

Stock Taking is Over.

We have gathered together every short end and Remnant, put a price to it, and Monday and Tuesday away they go. Short ends of Silks 1 to 8 yards. Short ends of Black and Colored Dress Goods 1 to 8 yards. Ends of Staple Goods, Linens, Lace, Embroideries and Ribbons. See them all on center counters. Plainly marked. Capes and Jackets, Infant's Cloaks, Knit Sacques and Hoods at reduced prices.

BUTTS BROS.

LIVESTOCK.

The Cattle Market Is Improving.

ENCOURAGING NEWS RECEIVED FROM THE CHICAGO MARKET.

IS LOOKING UPWARD

A PROMINENT LIVESTOCK MAN FROM CHICAGO TALKS ABOUT TEXAS CATTLE.

Texas Feeders on the Market Sold Well—Change Meeting Between Old Friends—Local Yards.

Harry C. Straborn of the big livestock commission firm of Straborn-Hutton-Evans company arrived in the city yesterday, coming direct from Chicago. He arrived just in time to see the local cattlemen in better spirits than for some time past for Captain William T. Way had just displayed special received from Chicago, conveying the information that the cattle market of Chicago at yesterday's close was 25 cents higher on the hundred than the opening of Monday. Mr. Straborn also received, after arriving in the city, dispatches from Chicago confirming the reported improvement in the market.

Mr. Straborn, however, in discussing the situation candidly admitted that the rise was no doubt due in a large degree to light receipts, for which the past two weeks have been notable. His company, though, had all during December been producing an improvement early in January, and the rise which comes as a verification of the prediction may be produced by something more than the usual light receipts. As to whether the improvement will be permanent or whether a heavy run of cattle will depress the market again Mr. Straborn declared it difficult to tell, as the unsettled condition of the market generally and the menacing international relations that exist render any kind of a reliable forecast almost an impossibility. The reasonable hope, however, is that a few days will show a much better market and there is at least the doubtful consolation that it cannot well get worse than it has been.

Mr. Straborn has handled the Texas cattle for his company for eight years and is well posted regarding them. He says that Texas fed cattle have gone into Chicago hardly so rapidly this season as last. One deterrent influence was the late market. Another is that cattle as a rule are being fed longer this season than last. Many cattle were marketed last year that had been fed only forty or fifty days. Many are being kept on feed this season ninety and 100 days. The fed cattle marketed this season he pronounced better generally than those of last season, which may be due to advanced that there would not be a longer feeding. The belief has been very large second crop of feeders in Texas this season, but Mr. Straborn believes that there will be a much larger number than some people believe.

Mr. Straborn received a telegram yesterday stating that on the day before his company had made the top sale of Texas for the season. The cattle were a lot of 1330-pound steers marketed by T. B. Moody of Decatur, and brought \$1.10. The highest price paid previously was \$1.90. Mr. Straborn says that some very fine 1800-pound steers and a few calves in Chicago this season and they are among the best that come from Texas. He expects to remain in Texas for about two weeks, inspect a lot of the cattle on feed and also attend the meeting of stockmen at San Antonio.

Yesterday, being Saturday, was not a very good day at the yards so far as receipts go, but prices for hogs were again up a bit, and the best hogs on the market sold for \$3.40, and strictly top hogs would have brought 5 cents more.

The packing house brought all the best offerings and killed yesterday 800 hogs and a few calves. An extension of their cold storage facilities in other

HE HAS GIVEN IT UP

JOHN DALEY CONCLUDES TO QUIT GAMBLING.

The Enforcement of Law in New York Disgusts Him With the Business.

New York, Jan. 4.—John Daley, the veteran gambler, whose houses in this city and Long Branch have been second in magnitude and splendor only to the famous gambling resorts of Europe, has announced his intention of retiring from the sporting world and leading a quiet life thousands of miles away from the city in which for years he has practically controlled the heavy gambling.

For many years Daley made a book on the race and was also in partnership with David Gideon in the ownership of a racing stable. The stable was one of the most successful on the turf, and owned such famous racers as Hamago, Dr. Rice, The Butterflies, Keenan and Walker. About a year ago the partnership was broken and the horse sold by them retiring entirely from the turf. Already the more valuable furnishings of the Twenty-ninth street house are being removed and the house, it is said, will shortly be sold. The Barclay street house was emptied nearly six months ago. He has not yet decided what he will do with the Long Branch establishment.

A farmer's idea of what to do with convict labor, one of the live questions of the day, is now to manage our fast increasing convict force without coming in contact or competition with other interests of the state. There is a farmer's solution of this question. Let the state select some deep water port on the Texas coast, survey an air line railroad across the state, turn over to the railroad commission all short term convicts, let them be put to grading the road and getting out ties for the same. But the convict force, with its mending rails, fish plates, spikes and engines with the long term men, first grade and equip to Austin, then pass all shovels and convicts free of charge into the state, and let the state, by all other officials in reach of this road to be carried the same way. All supplies for state institutions to be handled free of charge to the state, but all other classes of freight and passengers to be carried at commission rates by means of which he thinks the road will more than pay running expenses. Plant the state in corn forage and hogs to feed the convicts while at work; put the entire construction work in charge of railroad commission; let them build two lines across the state, one from the Gulf, North, another East and West, by the time one line is completed the commission will know the exact amount it takes to build all railroads in the state. This man is not a crank, but a farmer. He gave the Journal man his plan and now you have it for your readers if it is good, all right; if it is bad or impracticable, point out its defects and show its shortcomings, for it is a question of interest to every reader of the Journal.

B. B. Hutto in the city of Hutto is one of our black land farmers with something over 500 acres of good land, a nice house and plenty of good hogs. He is a diversified farmer, has just built a new big pasture, armed himself with one of O'Connor's best Poland-China males, and wants the Journal to pass the long nights with N. Jacobson is a farmer and fruit grower on south side of Brushy, with a fine orchard, bearing from May to December. Says he likes the late fall season, which seems to be as indifferent to the situation as the last congress.—Knoxville Tribune.

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FOR AN EXPLORATION

A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION IN MEXICO.

Party Seeking the Seris to Study Them in Native Haunts—Photographs and Relics.

New York, Jan. 4.—A special to the Herald from Hermosillo, Mex., says: The United States bureau of ethnology expedition to Tiburon island returned here after two weeks' stay on the island and the adjoining mainland. All the party were in good health, the sensational reports current in Hermosillo that the expedition had been massacred by the Seri Indians being untrue.

Prof. McGee, ethnologist in charge, was not successful in the main purpose of finding the Seris and studying them in their native haunts, as the natives abandoned their ranches on the approach of the party and hid in the mountains. Several of the larger villages were visited, however, and a collection of Seri implements, made of balsa, one of the Seri red canoes, was captured on the main land and from one of the burial places a skeleton and some implements were obtained. The party brought back a large collection of photographs from the island and vicinity. A cursory examination of the island was made for minerals, but nothing was found. No additional light could be thrown on the murder of Robinson and Logan, the San Francisco newspaper men who were killed by the Seri Indians two years ago.

The party was the first scientific expedition which ever penetrated beyond the coast of Tiburon and it embraced a number of men who have visited the island and returned for fifteen years.

Prior to visiting Tiburon the expedition spent a month in explorations in Northwestern Sonora and there found the remains of a pre-historic people never before recognized by archaeologists. Two mountains covered with fortifications and entrenchments were encountered and other evidences of a great population distinct from the Seri further north, or the Tara Pumare cave farther south. These remains were mapped and photographed and collections of implements obtained.

JOINED THE CUBANS. New York, Jan. 4.—A special from Tampa, Fla., to a local paper says: Carrizosa Garza, the famous Mexican revolutionist, has joined the Cuban patriots. He succeeds Hernandez in the command. Garza, owing to his daring and experience, may have command of the rebel department of the Republic.

Carrizosa Garza is a bold and uncompromising fighter. He will cause much trouble.

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