

## THE LACLEDE BLADE

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### Shrinkage of Beef Cattle in Transit

The shrinkage or loss in weight of beef cattle in the course of shipment from western farms and ranches to the markets has been made a subject of special study by the Department of Agriculture, and what is believed to be the first authentic information on this subject has been compiled and published as Bulletin 25. The investigation covered three years in various cattle-raising sections of the West. The cattle were weighed at the point of loading, on arrival at their destination, and again after having rest, feed and water. The weight was also taken when the animals were sold. The records include the weighing of Texas and Northwestern range cattle and calves, and of corn-fed, silage-fed and beet-pulp-fed cattle.

In all, 265 shipments were weighed, 19,000 cattle.

All cattlemen know that when their stock arrive at market they are usually lighter in weight than when they started. This loss in weight is called shrinkage. It is due to excretions from the alimentary canal and from the urinary organs, and to moisture given off by the lungs in breathing. A portion of this loss may be regained at the market by the food and water taken into the system. This is termed the "fill."

The shrinkage of cattle in transit is such a variable factor that no one can say definitely how much it will be during a journey, but by the use of very large numbers of cattle an average shrinkage will be obtained which may be used as a basis for estimating the amount of shrinkage on cattle shipped similar conditions.

The net shrinkage (that is, the difference between the weight at the point of origin and the weight of the animals when sold at the market after taking the "fill") was found in the department's investigations to range all the way from 15 to 75 pounds per head, or from 2.14 to 7 per cent, depending upon the length of time and other conditions. The time that the cattle were in transit varied from less than 24 hours to more than 72 hours. The normal shrinkage may be regarded as from 3 to 6 per cent of live weight.

### Pure Bred Live Stock

The coming sale of registered draft horses of all breeds to be held in Trenton March 9, is interesting breeders throughout northwest Missouri. The consignments will be from Livingston, De Kalb, Clinton, Harrison, Mercer, Grundy, Daviess, Nodaway, Linn, Sullivan, Putnam and Gentry counties and come from some of the very best herds of the most reliable breeders in this section of Missouri. They are sending in the entries now. They close February 20.

The sale is under the direction of the Pure Bred Live Stock Association of North Missouri and is promoted to bring the buyer and seller together for mutual profit. It is not a money making scheme but gives the men who are striving to better the country by encouraging the breeding of better horses an outlet for their surplus products.

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### Some Evening Reveries

In the ideal home the ruling principle will be love. Love to the Supreme Ruler of the universe and love for each member of the family. Here the golden rule will be followed in all intercourse of one with another. Perfect harmony exists between parents in regard to the management of household affairs and the training of the children. The same rules of courtesy will be observed that we expect to find in society. In some respects, the parents sustain the same relation to children that officers of the law sustain to the people. Good citizens never disobey the laws, requiring the infliction of punishment, and were in all probability, reared in homes where the majesty of the law was inculcated without the aid of corporal punishment. In the "ideal home" children will be taught the principles of obediences and self-denial as soon as they can understand, although it requires "line upon line, and precept upon precept." With the exercise of much patience, the model parent will gain the love and obedience of the child without harshness, or what some one has designated physical persuasion, and instead of trying to beat goodness into children will make their natural tendencies and possibilities the subject of earnest study; then by kindness and gentleness, so train these as to secure a harmonious development, physical, mental and moral, the normal activities will be directed into laudable channels and desire created to do what is required.

The line of conduct chosen by a young man during the five years from fifteen to twenty, will, in almost every instance, determine his character for life. As he is then careful or careless, prudent or imprudent, industrious or indolent, truthful or dissimulating, intelligent or ignorant, temperate or dissolute, so will he be in after years, and it needs no prophet to cast his horoscope, or calculate his chances in life.

A single bitter word may disquiet the home for a whole day, but like unexpected flowers which spring up along our path, full of freshness and beauty, so do kind words and gentle acts and sweet dispositions make glad the home where peace and blessings dwell. The heart will turn lovingly toward it from all the tumults of the world, and home, "be it ever so humble," will be the dearest spot under the sun.

The main thing with children is to have them well started with good principles which they will carry through life. Obedience, truth, unselfishness, purity are essentials, and these can all be lovingly cultivated, and will flourish in the right home atmosphere.

A practical committeeman in presenting diplomas last June to a graduating class spoke as follows: "Girls, in presenting you these diplomas, if, by their significance you are led to allow your mother to do all the work, bake all the bread, sweep all the floors because you can read Latin or demonstrate a theorem in geometry, then has your school been a most unfortunate course, and in all the teaching you have ever received at my hands, I trust there has been no lesson that has weaned you from the dish pan. Boys, if from this graduation you go out into the world too nice to carry wood and swill the hogs, if need be, then has our school failed in its purpose and sown the wrong seed."



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