OBSERVATIONS.

June 1 will be "Kansas Day" at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

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A joker refers to one of St. Joseph's most exclusive clubs as a "home for fallen men."

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A Frederick avenue man advertises 100 horse collars for sale at from 50c to $1.50 each. Buy a collar.

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The Grand Island railroad has retrenched by letting out 16 clerks and stenographers in the St. Joseph general office.

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Someone has discovered that in the past 3,000 years there have been only 60 years of uninterrupted world-wide peace.

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He who surrenders when he is wrong, is wise. He who surrenders when he is right—is married. But he too, is wise.

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The European war cost 35 billion dollars up till Jan. 1, 1915. This is a right smart sum of money—more than many men make in a life-time.

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Bus rides at 5 cents per have hurt the street car companies in San Francisco and Portland. It is probable that a bus line will be started in St. Joseph soon.

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A stockman says: "Men who buy or sell wheat stand a good chance to lose and yet, strange as it may seem, the chance is as good to make money selling as buying. Watch the price fall."

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It is pointed out that a dinner which would cost $7.50 in New York could be had for $2.50 in Berlin. However, we don't recommend Berlin as an ideal winter resort this season.

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Henry Allen: "China refused to prepare for war. She had a half dozen wars in 100 years and she has been licked every time. Switzerland has maintained a state of high preparedness for war. Althe a veritable mite of a nation, she has an army which could be recruited in a few weeks to 500,000 men. She is probably the most peaceful nation in Europe and has not been bothered with for a hundred years."

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Elmer Scott was convicted at Williams, Ariz., of giving away a drink of whiskey. This is the first case in Arizona brought under the new prohibition amendment.

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Henry Mousel produced an average of 100 bushels of corn per acre in a 15-acre field on his ranch on Medicine creek, near Cambridge, Neb. This is a record for Furnas county.

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True Sherill was sentenced to 6 months in jail as a result of beating Homer Lawrence, former of Parsons, Kan., on the head with a club following an argument over the price of wheat.

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The annual corn and alfalfa convention will be held at Aberdeen, S. D., Feb. 8 to 15, during which some of the ablest speakers in the northwest on leading farm problems will be present.

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Jackrabbits are multiplying rapidly around Pierre, S. D., and the many hunting parties do not appear to have made any apparent impression upon their numbers. Alfalfa is suffering greatly from these animals.

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The Southwestern Kansas Farmers Live Stock convention for Labette, Wilson, Bourbon, Neosho, Crawford and Cherokee counties, will be held at Parsons, Feb. 15 and 16. An attendance of 1,500 farmers and stock raisers is expected.

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Five men are under arrest at Oklahoma City and the lower house of the Oklahoma state legislature has voted to appropriate $15,000 to be used for the suppression of bank robbery in the state as the result of the robbing of four banks in the last 5 days.

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The bureau of markets of the United States department of agriculture, says in a statement that the major portion of the wheat crop is no longer held by the farmers. The enormous profits which were expected to accrue to grain holders will go to a large measure to the speculators.

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Many passengers and enginemen on the Clover Leaf railroad, owe their lives to Jacob Merger, a farmer of Edwardsville, Ill. Seeing the two trains speeding for each other and a head-on collision almost unavoidable, Merger leaped to the tracks and flagged both trains. He received the thanks of the passengers and crews and returned to his work in the field.

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It was the unanimous opinion of those attending the Midwest Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealers association that the farmer should pay cash for his machinery. The opinion seemed to prevail that the farmer is able and therefore should be obliged to do so.

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Mrs. Bessie Myers Robinson, grandniece of the late Jay Gould and a prominent figure in Denver society, is spending with Bert Board of Denver in Dallas, Tex., where the pair expect to be married. Word to outwit the young woman's mother, sent his clothes to the Pullman and boarded another coach disguised as a hobo.

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IS NOT IN FAVOR OF ANTI-VIRUS BILL.

M. E. Melsker, of Nodaway county, Mo., who disposed of a shipment of hogs on Wednesday's market, says he is not in favor of the bill to prohibit the use of cholera virus now pending before the Missouri legislature. He declared that the passage of such a bill would prove detrimental to the interests of hog raisers thruout the state.

"In the first place," said Mr. Medsker in discussing the matter, "such a measure would stop, to a large extent, the vaccination of hogs in Missouri and this would leave the hog growers of the state in virtually the same fix as before the serum method of preventing cholera was introduced. I think it would be a crime to undo the work that has already been done toward reducing the losses thru hog cholera. If farmers by vaccinating their herds cannot get permanent immunity against cholera—and they can and without the use of virus—they will simply quit vaccinating entirely and revert to the old way of raising hogs and trusting in Providence that cholera won't hit their droves and wipe them out. There is still some farmers who scoff at the vaccination idea as a means of preventing cholera but as a general thing they are those who have either never used the serum treatment or were victims of unscrupulous manufacturers when the serum method was first introduced. The government has since stepped in with its inspection system and the user of serum is now protected against getting worthless stuff put out in the guise of serum by irresponsible manufacturers.

"I had occasion to test the merits of the serum treatment just a few months ago. My hogs became sick and I had the entire herd vaccinated, with the exception of 8 head, that were in an advanced stage of the cholera. Of the 80 head treated I lost but 5 head, this, mind you, after the disease had gotten a good start in my herd."

FORTY-NINE CARS OF IOWA STOCK ON TRAIN

Forty-nine cars of Iowa stock were yarded at the St. Joseph yards early this morning after the Burlington's Cumberland special train arrived. The Cumberland special arrives at the St. Joseph market every Thursday morning in the year with a big string of Iowa stock.

Those who had shipments on the train included, E. J. Ryan, C. Beck, Bonters & Co., C. Leach, Wilcox & Wilson, W. C. Seibert, F. M. Boxes, W. O. Pulman, J. F. Gordon, I. F. Cloud, R. Hansen, W. F. Bruner, O. A. Bruner, R. Hargis, Mrs. R. Hood, A. A. Hornlog, W. H. Sease, H. Everling, B. Baldwin, Wray Bros., W. E. Lechart, Gault & Co., M. J. Jordan, E. J. Pulmply, H. D. Brown, A. J. Earp, E. Devore, W. A. Devore, G. A. Johes, A. E. Pace, Parrish & Voerath, N. J. Hindmoor, E. A. Stokes, Wallace & Grounds, D. F. Funke, B. E. Witham, A. B. Moore, Kelley Bros., Wm. M. Pfaffer and Riggs Bros.

Shipments were received from the following Iowa towns: Cromwell, Creston, Cumberland, Massena, Bridgewater, Greenfield, Spurgeling, Afton, Lenox, Clearfield, Tingley, Conway and Bedford.

Hog slaughterings.

Special reports to The Price Current-Grain Reporter, show the number of hogs packed since Nov. 1, 1914, at undermentioned places compared with last year.

	Jan. 9, '15.	Jan. 10, '14.
Chicago	1,044,103	1,453,000
Kansas City	411,200	471,000
South Omaha	342,303	427,600
St. Louis	424,500	410,600
St. Joseph	411,600	465,000
Indianapolis	478,400	418,000
Milwaukee	270,000	183,500
Oadsby	253,000	196,000
Cincinnati	144,600	188,000
Columbus	183,000	172,000
Cedar Rapids	161,000	136,000
Sioux City	244,500	171,000
St. Paul	391,600	243,600
Cleveland	274,100	184,000
Louisville	18,100	29,700
Wichita	83,000	54,000
Detroit	386,400	177,400
Nebraska City	44,200	36,200
Fort Worth	87,600	84,300
Oklahoma City	87,600	77,400
Above and all others	7,090,000	9,470,000
For the week	937,000	859,000
Preceding week	473,000	833,500

Weights are reported as follows: 209, 223, 224½, 208, 223, 233, 243, 220, 200. Six report quality as "good," one as "good mixed," one as "fair," and one as "medium."

A baby born in St. Louis got into the year 1915 by just exactly one minute, by appearing at one minute after 12 o'clock on Friday morning January 1, 1915.

German Soldiers Share Mid-Day Meal

Two sympathetic soldiers of the Kaiser's army sharing their lunch with two little Belgian waifs at an outpost near Antwerp

THAT "FREE WILL OFFERING."

An Omaha Man Who Is Not Impressed With $1.24 Per Capita.

That there are one or two more who like this paper believe that mountebank "Billy" Sunday should be surprised (by cutting off his receipts which would quiet him) is shown by the following communication sent to the editor of the Omaha World-Herald and printed in that paper. It hits so near the way that The Observer feels about it, that the article in full is reproduced as follows:

We were pleased reading your very humorous editorial relative to the "$1.24 per capita," concerning the kind-out or "free will offering" of $12,444 to the Rev. "Billy" Sunday for his seven weeks' salvation work in Des Moines lately closed.

"Billy" used to be a ball player in the days when salaries were not what they are today. He sniffed the rich air of the future and changed his line of base. He had heard the parables of the fans and believed they could be put to a financial gain personally. He was smart enough to realize that the louder roarings of the general public could be worked into the emotional satisfying cult to a profit. So he espoused the cause. And that he has made a most wonderful success no one can deny. But are his methods those of true religion? It is true he makes converts by the hundreds, but are they more than temporary?

We are one of many who believe in less religion. We believe there are sufficient citizens in our country who are in the work of the Lord with the purest of motives and who should be supported. We do not believe in the sensational revivalist who is apparently for self and who exploits the services of the clergy, where he secures a city for his own good. If the successful men who paid for the sensational proceedings with their cash the city's clergy, we fear most of them would not be in the work here.

The city of Des Moines, like other large cities in which the Rev. Mr. Sunday has held forth, has many poor within its midst. One of the great objects of the church is charity. They are called upon to relieve the wants of distress. We presume it would not be stretching the statement if we should assert that the combined churches in Des Moines have not donated to the wants of its city poor this winter the sum of $12,444. And yet "Billy" Sunday was donated this amount for less than two months labors.

We can imagine that we see the Rev. "Billy" with outstretched arms imploring the people to accept salvation, with the exhortation that "it is better to give than to receive," the Lord bless a cheerful giver" and other appropriate quotations. While at the same time we see the outstretched arms of hundreds of suffering poor beseeching assistance for their families to sustain life. Are we to believe that the Lord glories in the purchase of salvation at such a cost?

We are knowing to the fact of the visit of another of these sensational revivalists to a small town in Iowa, who worked under similar methods of the Rev. "Billy," and who tarried five weeks for $3,000, and yet several of the resident pastors found it very hard work to even get that the small salary promised them for their labors. And the revivalist recommended the Young Men's Christian association in a larger city to send a representative to the small town at once as "money came easy."

The poor we have with us always, the revivalist only occasionally. Thank God, the Rev. "Billy" Sunday is not scheduled to reach Omaha until next year, when, we presume, funds must be furnished for a tabernacle to his taste, and the same procedure will be gone through with as at other cities, and our city will be purged of its inequity, the amount to be paid for same to be determined later. And still the good work goes on.

Bills for state-wide prohibition and to prohibit advertising of liquor in newspapers or periodicals were introduced in the Alabama state senate.

The Farmers Elevator Co., Adams, Neb., elected H. J. Merrick president, Henry Rabel secretary and John Fritz, treasurer.

THEY BLAME IT ON WILSON.

The delicatessen man found
That all his sweet pickles were sour;
His beans were improperly browned
And worms had got into his flour.
"Oh, why is your coffee unground?"
I asked, and he answered me true:
"I blame it on Wilson, on President Wilson;
I blame it on Wilson, I do!"

The barber was cutting my hair
(You, poets have it scissored sometimes).
He said: "On this morning so fair,
I've made only three little dimes!"
I said: "If long tresses we wear,
Who's guilty?" He gave me the cue:
"I blame it on Wilson, on President Wilson;
I blame it on Wilson, I do!"

A dramatist gave us a play
That wasn't exactly a hit;
It ran one consecutive day,
And then to the storehouse for it!
I heard the mad dramatist say:
"You call it my fault, sir? Poohpooh!
I blame it on Wilson, on President Wilson;
I blame it on Wilson, I do!"

Smith wanted to go for a walk,
But found it had rained in the dark;
Jones simply was aching to talk,
But never a human would hark.
They cried: "At such hoodoos we balk!"
The answer blew out of the blue:
"Go blame it on Wilson, on President Wilson;
Go blame it on Wilson, just do!"

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You're blamed if an auto won't fly!
You're blamed for most any old freak!
For this is the cry of the crew:
"We blame it on Wilson, on President Wilson;
We blame it on Wilson, we do!"

THE WANDERING OF A DIAMOND PIN

Story told on a woman by one of her best friends. A married woman recently visited several weeks in St. Louis and while she was there she was wined and dined by a millionaire. In fact, he was wildly infatuated with the winsome woman, but according to the story she confided to her trusted friend she was strong enuf to keep her head and she insists their relations were entirely respectable. However, the millionaire was one of those who believe in putting out lots of money for nothing in return and he presented her with an exquisite diamond pin. Knowing her husband would object to her receiving presents from another man, even if their friendship was platonic, she pawned the diamond pin and brought the pawn ticket home with her. One day her husband told her that he had to go to St. Louis on a business trip. She told him that she had found a pawn ticket while she was in St. Louis and that it wouldn't be too much trouble he might drop around to the broker and see what the ticket represented. When the husband returned home he reported that he had gone around to redeem the pawn ticket. But the pawn broker had told him that the pin was a sham affair and had sold it for a few cents when the time limit expired. A few days later when the woman visited her husbands office she was mortified to see her beautiful diamond pin adorning the neck of her husbands swell-looking stenographer.—Atchison Globe.

SAYS KANSAS CAN BE MADE INTO A GREAT GAME STATE

Declaring that Kansas can just as well raise 10,000 pairs of wild game birds every year as not, George J. Klein, of Ellinwood, has announced that a determined fight would be made in the 1915 legislature for radical changes in the game laws of the state. "The sportsmen of the state are getting a square deal," Klein declared. "We pay hunting license fees, are allowed next to no hunting, and the money we pay for licenses goes to visionary fish propagation and the promulgation of the theory that it is well for the Kansas farmer to breed skunks for profit. Now, what do you think of that? Skunks! The amendments to the game law have not been whipped into exact shape as yet, Mr. Klein said, but they will include a provision for 15 days open season in the fall for quail, and provide for the propagation of migratory wild fowl. And somewhere in the proposed amendment will be a provision that will get rid of one I. I. Dreba, the present fish and game warden. "The hunters are entitled to 15 days quail shooting," said Mr. Klein. "And every sportsman in the state would help see to it that such a law was obeyed. As for raising wild fowl—I am raising 1,800 pairs of migratory birds a year on my little patch of ground near Ellinwood. Kansas can be made into a great game state."

AUTO ON THE FARM A PAYING INVESTMENT

An automobile on the farm is a paying investment in many ways. On many farms it does service both as a pleasure car and a truck. By removing the body of the car it is converted into a truck on which farm products are quickly taken to market at very little expense.

In the old days if a member of the family, or a valuable horse fell ill or was hurt, or a machine broke down in the midst of harvesting, the farmer had no choice but to take the consequences. He would drive off to town for help, but it was a long slow drive over bad roads and help almost always arrived late. The car gives him the quick service he needs.

When it comes to the boys on the farm, no one can doubt the influence of the automobile in making the farm attractive. Both the boys and girls of the farm drive the car and take care of it, and you may be sure that the young man or women on the farm where there is an automobile see to it that the car is kept in good shape.

The automobile has promoted the good-roads movement all thru America. This is decreasing the cost of transporting agricultural products to market. And so important an item is this that it could almost be said that the improvements in roads alone would more than pay a big interest on the amount the farmer has invested in automobiles. Even now, road improvements have made it possible in many places to use the car every month of the year.—Farmers Mail and Breeze.

HOGS LOWEST IN ALMOST 3 YEARS

Prices fgor hogs Thursday were the lowest paid in nearly 8 years. The range of values on the local market yesterday was $6.85@6.80, which the records show was the lowest since March 12, 1912, when the range was $6.60@6.75. The market at that time was on the upgrade, hogs having sold around the $4.00 mark during the greater part of January and February. By the close of March, 1912, hogs were selling at $7.40@7.60, prices showing nearly a dollar rise in the latter half of the month. At the close of April the market was on a $7.50@8.00 basis. Prices declined during May, the close of that month finding prices back to a $7.00@7.50 level. Prices ranged slightly higher in June and by the end of July prices were up to $8.05 on best grades. Prices advanced in August, the top late in that month reaching $8.70, while September boasted an $8.90 summit. October was the high month of the year with a top of $9.05. A reaction set in during November and by the close of December prices had slumped back to a $7.05@7.35 basis.

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