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THE MYSTERY OF FREIGHT RATES.

In a recent article on freight rates on the Pacific coast in Collier's Weekly, there appears the following interesting and startling statement:

"The proprietor of a San Francisco iron works shipped on the same day two carloads of machinery of the same kind and bulk. One went to Goldfield, Nevada, a distance of about 300 miles from San Francisco, and the other went to Johannesburg, South Africa. Both carloads went over the same road to Reno, Nevada, the Goldfield shipment going south and the other keeping on its way to New York, whence it was shipped by water to an English port, transferred to another vessel bound for Cape Colony, South Africa, and from Cape Colony was shipped 300 miles by rail to Johannesburg. The freight rate on the carload from San Francisco to Johannesburg was 25 per cent less than the freight rate on the carload from San Francisco to Goldfield."

It is fair to presume that the amount which the Southern Pacific received for hauling this shipment from San

Francisco to Salt Lake, as a share of the through rate to Africa, was a reasonable compensation for the service between these two points. But that amount must have been only a small part of the total charge, and that was less than the charge from San Francisco to Goldfield. And now the question arises if the railroad can haul a shipment from San Francisco to Salt Lake as part of a through trip, for perhaps one-quarter of what is charged for the shorter haul from San Francisco to Goldfield, what sort of a basis are rates figured on? There are some mysterious features about this long and short haul business, but on this coast at least the short haul rate seems to be strictly on the basis of "all the traffic will bear."

The rail shipment of this carload that went to Africa was practically the same distance as from San Francisco to Goldfield, and we wonder what the African railroad will get out of the deal. Perhaps 10 per cent of the total charge. Yet the road seems to have been glad to get the business. And we wonder, whether on local shipments from Cape Town to Johannesburg this road charges about the same as the Southern Pacific does from San Francisco to Goldfield. We should not be a bit surprised if it did, for railroad methods seem to be about the same the world over. And to the shipper who simply wants a "square deal," they are an inscrutable mystery.

Ben Bow, a rival of Chicago in that it is a city in Illinois, is in the throes of a political revolution. A mayor of the town, who was not re-elected at a recent voting test, refuses to give up the reins of government. Inasmuch as there are only twenty-four voters in the city there necessarily cannot be much bloodshed.

The Chicago Tribune thinks that the spelling reformers are almost criminally reckless in overlooking the importance of striking out a silent letter or two in the word "Wednesday."

JUDGE MECHEM.

The appointment of Hon. M. C. Mechem to the position of federal judge will meet with general approval throughout the territory. Mr. Mechem is one of the most capable members of the New Mexico bar and has long been recognized as a man of sterling character and great legal ability. He has unlimited courage and will no doubt make one of the best judges the territory has ever had. The people are to be congratulated.

CONVERSING WITH THE MARTIANS.

An American astronomer holds out a particularly interesting opportunity for satisfying popular curiosity on a much mooted question. He declares, according to an editorial writer in the Kansas City Journal "that for a trifle of \$10,000,000" he will be able to settle the vexed and copiously debated problem of the habitability of Mars, or at least its habitability by people intelligent enough to understand the wigwag system which he has devised. That this is an exceptionally opportune time for such a move is evident from the fact that in a very short time Mars will be 5,000,000 miles nearer the earth than it has ever been before. The war planet, explains Professor Pickering of Harvard, will be just around the corner, only 35,000,000 miles away, only a little more than one-third the distance between the earth and the sun. The professor declares that once he catches the eye of the Martians, he can easily rig up a code which will permit inter-communication between the two planets.

It is worth seven dollars per mile each way to establish a heliograph line between here and Mars which will enable the inhabitants of the red planet and the green sphere we call the earth to gossip over a back fence that is 35,000,000 miles from one side to the other. Possibly the United States could get some valuable tips on the details of canal construction, and Kansas City might get some needed information on waterways, but for the most part there could be little in common between the inhabitants of the respective orbs. It is improbable there will ever be a trolley line connecting the two spheres, enabling the earth people and the Martians to visit each other. Obviously there can be for some time to come only a distant acquaintance, if

any, between the two. Even if Professor Pickering scrapes a speaking acquaintance, the chances are that the Martians would not care much about the things which take up so much of the time of the little beings on the little speck of cooling fire mist which we do so ridiculously magnify. What if the Martians should "cut us dead?"

Here's a thought from the Charleston News and Courier: One objection to professional baseball from an industrial point of view is the idleness of eight of the nine operatives on one side while the nine opposed players are busy in the field. The value of the game would be greatly enhanced if the players were musicians, so that they might give vocal and instrumental selections when not in action on the diamond.

BASEBALL SCORES.

National League.
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 4, Chicago 5; Cincinnati 3, Chicago 2.
At New York—Rain.
At Philadelphia—Rain.
American League.
At Boston—Boston 10, New York 4.
Western League.
At Denver—Denver 4, Omaha 3.
At Wichita—Wichita 5, St. Louis City 3.
At Topeka—Topeka 5, Lincoln 2.
At Pueblo—Pueblo 5, Des Moines 6.
American Association.
At Columbus—Columbus 9, Indianapolis 10.

MARKET REPORTS.

St. Louis Metal Market.
St. Louis, April 30.—Lead \$4.15; spelter \$4.95.
New York Metal.
New York, April 30.—Lead \$4.20 @ 25; copper 12 1/2 @ 13; silver 53.
New York Money Market.
New York, April 30.—Prime mercantile paper 3 1/2 @ 4; Mexican dollars 44; call money 1 3/4 @ 2.
New York Stocks.
New York, April 30.—Amalgamated 77 1/2; Atchison ex div. 107 3/8, pfd 103 3/4 bid; New York Central 129 3/4; Southern Pacific 120 3/8; Union Pacific 188; Steel 54 3/8, pfd 115 1/4.
Chicago Provisions Market.
Chicago, April 30.—Wheat close,

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May 1.23 3-4 @ 1/2, July 1.11 1-4; corn, May 70 1/2, July 68 @ 1/2; oats, May 55 7-8, July 49 3-8 @ 1/2; pork, May 17.77 1/2, July 18.00; lard, May 10.27 1/2, July 10.40; ribs, May 9.72 1/2, July 9.80.

St. Louis Wool Market.
St. Louis, April 30.—Wool strong; territory westerns, 20 @ 24; fine mediums, 18 @ 22; fine, 12 @ 18.

Chicago Stock Market.
Chicago, April 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; market strong, 10c higher. Beeves, \$4.90 @ 7.00; Texas steers, \$4.50 @ 5.60; western steers, \$4.60 @ 5.65; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 @ 5.50; cows and heifers, \$2.30 @ 6.15; calves, \$5.00 @ 7.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 17,000; market 5c to 10c lower; light, \$6.75 @ 7.20; mixed, \$6.90 @ 7.25; heavy, \$6.90 @ 7.35; pigs, \$5.70 @ 7.20; bulk sales, \$7.15 @ 7.30.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; market is strong. Natives, \$3.70 @ 6.15; westerns, \$3.50 @ 6.25; yearlings, \$6.00 @ 7.00; lambs, \$6.00 @ 8.55; western lambs, \$6.00 @ 8.75.

Kansas City Stock Market.
Kansas City, April 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000, including 400 southern, market steady. Native steers, \$5.00 @ 6.75; southern steers, \$4.60 @ 6.25;

southern cows, \$3.00 @ 5.25; native cows and heifers, \$2.75 @ 6.20; stockers and feeders, \$3.75 @ 5.75; bulls, \$3.40 @ 5.25; calves, \$3.75 @ 6.50; western steers, \$4.80 @ 6.55; western cows, \$3.50 @ 5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; market is steady to 5c lower. Bulk sales, \$6.80 @ 7.25; light, \$6.60 @ 7.05; pigs, \$5.50 @ 6.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; market is steady. Muttons, \$5.25 @ 6.60; lambs, \$6.50 @ 8.30; wethers and yearlings, \$4.80 @ 7.50; ewes, \$3.50 @ 6.00.

The body of Guadalupe Delgado, the 15-year old daughter of Sostenes Delgado, was brought here from Chaperito this morning and interred in Mt. Calvary cemetery. The girl having died of scarlet fever, every precaution was taken to guard against a spread of the contagion. The funeral party drove around the outskirts of town to the cemetery.

The Mora telephone line has been out of commission this week, but it was thought it would again be in working order this afternoon.

Starr is sure coming with many clever and amusing stunts in hypnotism.

Have not coughed once all day?

Yet you may cough tomorrow! Better be prepared for it when it comes. Ask your doctor about keeping Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house. Then when the hard cold or cough first appears you have a doctor's medicine at hand. Your doctor's approval of its use will certainly set all doubt at rest. Do as he says.

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Not wool silks but the genuine article—blue, brown, gray tan.
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7.00 " 4.67	3.00 " 1.95	2.50 " 1.67
5.00 " 2.33	2.00 " 1.33	2.00 " 1.33
3.00 " 1.95	1.00 " 67c	1.50 " 95c
1.50 " 95c	75 " 52c	1.00 " 67c

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\$2.50 **\$1.67**
2.00 **1.33**
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1.00 **67c**
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