

THE ST. JO BOOM.

A City of 60,000 That Will Number 100,000 in Twelve Months.

"Most remarkable statements are heard in every hotel lobby and on every railroad train about St. Joseph, Mo.," writes a press correspondent. "A large amount of Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis capital is being invested in St. Joseph real estate, and I hear that a number of large enterprises, employing thousands of men and with a capital that tops millions, have completed arrangements for moving, bag and baggage, to this new center of emigration. I met a St. Joseph man on a Wabash train to-day. He tells me that the immediate cause of the great boom is the extension of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. This great system is making St. Joseph its Missouri River depot for its freight and stock traffic between Chicago and the Northwestern ranges, and has given the city a prominence as a railroad center equaled only by Chicago. The extension of the Rock Island has induced the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul to extend the diagonal southward to St. Joseph, and the Santa Fe to come up direct from Topeka and Atchison, in order to secure a short cut to Chicago, said to be sixty miles shorter than by any other way. The Rulo bridge will be completed by the first of August, and that will send the Burlington and Missouri trains from Denver straight through St. Joseph, eastward via the Hannibal. These and other favorable circumstances have combined to bring about a boom which, as I said in the outset, has become the absorbing topic of conversation in every prominent hotel lobby half way across the continent. I hear of men who have made a fortune in one day on an investment of \$1,000. People are buying lots in hollows and on top of bluffs, and half the sales are made from the map without an inspection of the ground whereon they are located. The city has about 60,000 inhabitants, and not the least remarkable fact is that she is quoted in the last United States census as, next to Portland, the richest town of her size in the country, controlling the wholesale trade of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico. Her shipping facilities, coupled with her large wholesale trade, have made her perhaps the best manufacturing and pork-packing point in the West. The new Stock Yards, the most complete west of Chicago, cover 440 acres of ground, and will shortly combine an hotel, stock exchange and several large packing houses, with other facilities. Local capitalists are erecting a new \$300,000 hotel, a safe depository, and companies have been organized to build a belt line and two cable roads, while the Council has just granted the right to two of the street-car companies to employ the electric motor. An inspection of the Boston Post's weekly clearing-house reports for the past three months shows the percentage of increase the largest of any city quoted in the report. Under such like circumstances, my informant thought, the boom rested upon a solid footing. Strangers are coming in by every train, and he predicted that the city would have a population of 100,000 in the next twelve months. Large additions to the city are planned, put on the market and sold in two days for residences, manufactory and business purposes, the real estate deals ranging from \$250,000 to \$700,000 a day, those of last week footing up \$3,500,000."

The Inquisitive Boy Again.

A young lady and a small, bright-eyed boy entered a street car on Lake avenue yesterday afternoon. The lady deposited her fare and the boy's, and the bell rang.

"Aunt Ella," said the boy, "what makes the bell ring?"

"The driver rings the bell," was the reply.

"What does he do that for?"

"Why, he does it to register the fare."

"What does he do that for?"

"Because he has to."

"Oh."

Then there was a silence for half a minute. Presently the boy said:

"What is that round thing up there?"

"That is the register."

"What is that for?"

"To register the fare."

"You said the ring registered the fare."

"No, I didn't say that."

"Yes, you did, Aunt Ella."

"Now, Johnny, don't you contradict me; you are a naughty boy."

"Well, that's what you said."

A silence of two minutes followed. It was broken by the boy, who said:

"Say, Aunt Ella, what made you tell me that the ring registered the fare?"

"Oh, I don't know."

"You did say so, didn't you, Aunt Ella?"

"Yes, Johnny."

"Then what made you say that you didn't say it?"

"I didn't say that I didn't say so. Don't bother me, Johnny."

After another brief silence the boy returned to the attack. "Say, Aunt Ella, did you go to Sunday-school when you was a little?"

"Yes, child, of course I did."

"Did you take any prizes?"

"Yes, lots of them."

"Did you tell wrong stories as much as you do now?"

"Johnny, you are a bad boy. I shall tell your mother."

"I wish you would tell her two times; that's what I wish."

"Why, Johnny?"

"Cause you wouldn't tell the same story two times; that would let me out."

—Rochester Herald.

Frankness.

Mistress—"The coffee is so strong this morning that it's absolutely bitter, Kathleen."

Maid—"Yes, ma'am. Th' polaceman on this bade do be complin' in th' wakeness av it all winter, an' durin' th' cowlid wither cook is after humorin' th' poor divil a bit."

—Tid-Bits.

CARDINAL DE RICHELIEU, the famous prime minister of France during the reign of Louis XIII., died in 1642, after twenty years' reign as the real head of the country, the King being little better than an imbecile.

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Asteroid Comets.

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The Most Remarkable Business in the Country.

Our citizens have observed notices in the leading papers, from time to time, of a little harmless food plant called Moxie, found in South America last year. Its fine taste as a beverage, and ability to restore nervous, weakly women in a few days, and help overworked people of both sexes to do two days' work in one with less fatigue, have made the demand so immense that 5,000,000 bottles have been sold in 17 months. What will be the sale in five years at this rate?

A Notable Remnant.

Another member of the immortal "Six Hundred" has just died. There must have been about 1,300 of them when they went into the fight, and some 3,000 must have come out alive to account for the numerous mortality since. —*New Orleans Picayune*.

\$10,000 were spent in eighteen years by Prof. C. A. Donaldson, of Louisville, Ky., in trying to get rid of his rheumatism, but he found no relief until at last he used St. Jacobs Oil, which speedily cured him.

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"There seems to be considerable wealth," remarked the customer.

"Yes, dar seems to be; but hit's all a snare and a collusion. Yesterday I wanted change foah a \$5 bill. I hunted all frum my pockets, and I hain't foun' it yet. I nebber seed a town where it was so hard to git change foah a pore \$5 bill."

—*Drake's Travelers' Magazine*.

How to Know Good Meat.

Dr. Letheby lays down the following simple rules for the guidance of those in search of good meat:

It is neither of a pale pink nor of a deep purple tint.

It has a marked appearance from the ramification of little veins of fat among the muscles.

It should be firm and elastic to the touch. Bad meat is wet, sodden and flabby, with the fat looking like jelly or wet parchment.

It should have little or no odor, and the odor should not be disagreeable. Diseased meat has a sickly, cadaverous smell, and sometimes a smell of physic. This is discoverable if the meat is chopped and drenched with warm water.

It should not shrink or waste much in cooking. —*Heald of Health*.

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THE way for an orator to avoid making heavy speeches is to weigh his words well before speaking.

A Daring Robbery.

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