

LIVE STOCK MARKET IS SHOT TO PIECES; PRICES SLIDE DOWN

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

Western live stock markets were all shot to pieces on account of the switch and yardmen's strike last week, and this was especially true at Chicago, where the strike originated, later spreading to various other centers. The Chicago strike has been in effect for two weeks now, and the hope of confining it to that city, held during the first few days, proved futile.

One would naturally suppose that very light receipts would stimulate prices, and did until the strike caused eastern outlet embargoes. The simple fact that the Armoors bought no hogs in Chicago during the entire week throws sidelight on the situation. The coolers supplied the home market, and as there was little chance for outside shipment the Armour house killed the left-over stock in their own pens and their own small daily direct shipments, and let go at that.

Sold on Declining Scale.

This explains why the few hogs received at Chicago and other western packing plants were sold on a declining scale—lack of transportation for the product. Hogs slid down 25 cents at Chicago on Saturday, with receipts of 5,000 head, the largest of the week and of these 2,500 were billed direct to Swift from Omaha, leaving but a comparative handful for a dozen other packers.

Shipments were entirely out of the market during the week. Not a single sheep or lamb was on the Chicago general market on Saturday, all that came in being shipped direct to Swift & Co. and one other packer.

The day's average at Chicago on hogs, \$14.40, was the lowest in two months, and the week's average price at \$14.50 was 70 cents below that of the previous week, which was \$15.20. The average price just a year ago was \$20.30 and in the same week in 1918, \$17.50. Chicago had a top of \$15.75 on Friday for light butchers, the best of which sold at \$15.25 on Saturday. This was just \$1.50 below the Tuesday high. The western country has been advised to stop shipping live stock.

Hogs at Omaha.

Omaha was demoralized on Saturday, the range being from \$14 for the early top to \$11 at the very bottom, very few going at either extreme, the bulk selling around \$12.50. Omaha received nearly four times as many hogs and cattle as did Chicago last week, and five times as many sheep.

The eastern markets all advanced liberally last week, owing to shortage in supplies. Pittsburgh had a top of \$19 on hogs last Friday and of \$14.25 on Saturday, the latter price being up \$1.15 from the previous Saturday.

The losses for the week in the west, however, more than offset the eastern gains, the tops on Saturday showing losses of \$1.75 at Kansas City; \$1.50 at Omaha and Sioux City, and \$1 per hundred weight at St. Paul.

Nothing Doing at Indianapolis.

There was no trading in hogs at Indianapolis on Saturday, not that there were no arrivals for about 3,000 head came in by rail and truck, previous to the announcement of an embargo by the roads. But there was no trading, owners and agents deciding to hold their stock over rather than to take the cut prices offered by killers, and shippers were, of course, entirely out of the market, for they couldn't ship to any point on the map.

Hogs sold as high as \$16.25; good mixed mediums up to \$16.75; and fancy light butchers up to \$17 on Friday, from which prices shippers were offered a drastic cut on Saturday. Our regular market page tells the story of today's markets, and our news columns will inform as to the strike outlook at the time of going to press.

Car Lot Oats Strike \$1.05.

The speculative fever has finally advanced No. 2 oats to \$1.06 on track at Chicago, and No. 4 mixed corn to \$1.65 per bushel. The May option has been steadily climbing on both corn and oats, corn having sold at over \$1.68 and oats over 95 cents on Saturday, for next month's delivery.

The grain corporation contracts with millers expire on July 15, and it is thought that trading in wheat futures may not begin until that time, though it is possible that the bars will be let down on July 1.

Masonic Calendar

Monday, April 12—Richmond Commandery No. 8 K. T. Work in the Order of the Temple 7 o'clock.

Tuesday, April 13—Richmond Lodge No. 192 F. & A. M. Called meeting. Work in Entered Apprentice Degree beginning 6:30.

Wednesday, April 14—Webb Lodge No. 24 F. & A. M. Called meeting. Work in Fellow Craft beginning 7 o'clock.

Friday, April 16—King Solomon's Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. Called meeting. Work in Mark Master degree.

Saturday, April 17—Loyal Chapter No. 49 O. U. S. Stated meeting and initiation of candidates.

TWO AIDED IN SAME FAMILY; A FT. WAYNE AVENUE MOTHER SAYS "PEPPEN IS SPLENDID"

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The Farm and The Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

Should you drop in at the Farmers' State bank at New Madison, Ohio, and have a chat with P. C. King, cashier, you would conclude that this progressive little town is in the heart of a mighty good farming section and that the farmers keep good, healthy balance in the bank. You might learn, too, that land has been bringing good prices in this vicinity.

J. L. Bashore transferred 40 acres recently at \$300 per acre, after which Mr. Bashore bought Henry Wright's place just east of town. There has been about a dozen transfers since January 1, and the bankers inform us that all deals made east of town will average at least \$250 per acre. Included in the transfers around March 1 was that of the Humphrey Stump acreage, on the sale of which Mr. Stump immediately invested in the W. L. Dean property.

They raise a lot of tobacco around New Madison, but the prices brought are considered too low by the growers and certain it is that the tobacco acreage will be cut this year, partly on account of the scarcity of men to do the tilling. Aside from that, it is expected that cultivation will be up to the pre-war average, insofar as farmers are able to care for their crops.

Resources of \$500,000.

New Madison is a good business town and some of the credit for the large assets shown by the Farmers' State bank must be given to the Farmers. The bank showed resources of \$493,203, at the date of the last call, Feb. 28. This was the high-water mark of their official statements, although this amount has been slightly exceeded between calls, totaling better than \$500,000 at times this year.

In the Track of the Cyclone.
An inspection of considerable territory on Saturday showed but little change in the scene as yet, except that the wreckage which had been broadly scattered in some instances, had been collected and piled. In

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some cases the ruins stand just as on the Monday morning, after the storm, with no signs of life on view. In other cases there were members of the family and their friends inspecting what was left of their once comfortable homes.

Binder Prices Slightly Up.
"We bought the binders we shall deliver this summer, a year ago," said an implement dealer on Thursday. Prices have advanced lately, the new costs being from \$7 to \$9 higher than quoted a few weeks ago. Manufacturers tell us that their principal trouble is in getting raw material to work up, this applying to everything in the machinery line.

Farmers who have cement work to put in are advised that mixers now selling at \$215 will cost them \$240 when the next shipments arrive. All Richmond dealers claim that the difficulty lies in getting goods, rather than in making sales. No complaint of lack of orders has been made by a single concern handling implements, feeds or farm seeds; all claiming business to be first class.

Many cars of machinery are due in Richmond and the switchmen's strike at Chicago may possibly cause both dealers and farmers considerable further inconvenience and delay. In one instance we were shown a bill of lading for a car which has been five weeks in transit or on some side track, which should have reached Richmond in five days from date of billing.

In the main, however, all early placed orders have been provided for and since the roads became passable a lot of machinery has been delivered.

The orders now to arrive are largely for replacement, though in one instance a car of belated disc cultivators have nearly all been sold.

FIRST GUN CLUB SHOOT.
There are about 25 or 30 enthusiastic gun club men at New Madison, O., and the first contest of the spring season will be pulled off on the club grounds on Tuesday. The club is in good shape financially, and owns a nice club house where sociability rules and good times are enjoyed.

Farm Federation

Many activities of interest to the agriculturist of the state featured a number of important sessions held at the headquarters of the Indiana Federation of Farmers' associations in this city during the last week. John G. Brown, of Monon, president of the federation, presided at the meetings which included a session of the board of directors, a special conference of the permanent live stock committee, and a school of instruction of the state speakers and organizers. In many ways it was a banner week crowded with movements started in behalf of the organization which the officers of the federation hope will be of great benefit to the membership throughout the state.

Important changes brought about at the board of directors meeting included the appointment of E. E. Reynolds of Lafayette, as the new state treasurer, succeeding William Bosson, resigned; the appointment of Mr. Reynolds as associate editor of the Hoosier Farmer Organized as a member of the executive committee; the appointment of Secretary Taylor as temporary editor of the magazine, and the acceptance of the resignations of W. H. Puntenney and H. M. Widney, district directors, along with that of W. H. Hickman, editor. Pressure of personal business caused Mr. Puntenney and Mr. Hickman to retire, while Mr. Widney has become a political candidate. Before the new district directors are selected, recommendations will be received by the executive committee from the districts affected.

The directors went on record unanimously as branding unfair and misleading to the members of the federation a recent editorial appearing in the Indiana Farmers' Guide. The editorial had to do with the affairs of the organization and a resolution of protest was adopted and the matter referred to the executive committee for further action.

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After Whooping Cough—What?

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Whooping cough is the "meanest" disease that childhood is heir to. While rarely fatal in itself, except to children under two years of age, still it hangs on so long—the coughing paroxysms are so violent, preventing proper sleep and digestion—that when the disease does disappear it leaves the child weakened and run down. In addition to the violent coughing racking and straining the air passages and after recovery this irritation frequently remains.

During this period of convalescence the child should be most carefully watched until full strength is restored and the air passages regain their normal tone. A prominent authority even goes so far as to say—"There is more criminal neglect in connection with whooping cough than with any other disease."

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