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BEEF

Never so High Since the Cow Jumped Over the Moon.

Everybody Howling Because at Last the Farmer Who Keeps Us All, Gets a Little Something for His Labor.

Speaking of the high price of beef, pork and in fact all meats, we want to tell you of the success that has just attended the efforts of Wilborn Harris, of the celebrated Cooper farm just north of our village. Last fall Alex Parks bought for J. R. Cooper and his farm 40 head of young steers. They were turned over to the care of Mr. Harris, who with an assistant fed, groomed and fattened the herd just five months and last week sold the carload of beef. They went to the Hammond stock yards to be beefed and it was certainly a carload of fancy stock. The herd averaged 1302 lbs. each and were purchased by Mason and Farnum of Detroit. They brought the neat sum of $1,674 45, and the gain in weight was on an average 300 lbs. to each steer. The buyers say that the bunch of cattle was the very finest that was ever shipped out of Oakland county. The profit on the venture was nearly $1,500 and both Mr. Cooper and Mr. Harris are so well pleased that next fall they will speculate on sixty head of steers and no doubt repeat their work with more and better results.

Here are a few extracts from a Buffalo stock paper handed us by Jack Purdy of Purdy Bros., which plainly shows that the meat market man is not all a profit unto himself, and that it is not all Beef Trust that has advanced prices:

Farmers Want Big Prices.

"The farmers and stock raisers are getting high prices and furthermore they insist on big pay. Corn has been high and so have all farm feeding products. It has cost a great deal more to fat cattle lately than in years past and the farmer is not to be denied a fair return on his investment. Again when corn was high many farmers sold it forthwith and when beef went up sold their cattle without fattening them, thus getting large cows without feeding.

"If there was a trust forcing unnatural prices, Buffalo, whose trade is controlled by independent houses and has an open cattle market, would give indisputable proof of the fact. As a matter of fact we get more for our products than the trust does. That is especially true in our pork products which are considered fresher than the trust's output. Funny thing isn't it that we can get more than the trust with its alleged extortionate prices. Let anyone who is dissatisfied with the price of meat go into the cattle market and study the price of raw material or go still further to the farm. The farmer is getting more, the public is eating more and there's the whole story. It's the law of supply and demand. The supply has not kept pace with the consumption and the cost of fatting cattle has increased. There's no trust."

Edward F. Hussey of the wholesale and retail firm of Hussey Bros. on Niagara St. scouted the idea that the high prices were the result of the trust action. "Cattle in Buffalo are scarce," he said, "and prices are consequently high. People are not giving away their stock just to please each man, woman and child who happens to call at the yards. The farmer and the speculator come in, see here what we are selling and trading stock so cheap that even then there's a little money in it. A little, doesn't do that at all. Buffalo will show how much does the trust take."

Retail Business Hurt.

"If the present conditions continue, a large number of the small retailers will be forced out of business," said a West Side retail dealer. "The high prices of dressed beef has injured the trade to such an extent that our daily receipts at the present time are not much more than half what they were six months ago. My best customers, those who six months ago bought only the best porterhouse steak and the highest grade of roasts are now purchasing only 'chuck' meats and even that goes slightly beyond their purse.

"Our greatest falling off, however, is in our restaurant trade. There are in this neighborhood several restaurants that cater to a good class of people. They have always made a rule of serving only the best of steaks to patrons. Now they are compelled to buy inferior steaks and don't make a specialty of good steaks as they have in the past. In one restaurant in particular, where some of their patrons have been with them for years, steaks are not served unless specially ordered. Instead, meat-pies and roasts are served. Unless the first of July brings a material reduction in the price of meats I am going to shut up shop and go into some other line of trade."

A Memorial Association.

A few of the old soldiers of Birmingham met in the parlors of the M. E church last Tuesday. Rev. Bartram was elected chairman and J. A. Bigelow secretary pro tem. Discussion ensued upon the best manner and method of forming an association and to make it permanent for the future and to include all old soldiers, their widows and families and all interested in keeping alive the old loyal feelings engendered in 1861. Among those present were old soldiers as follows: Carr, Daniels, Fall, Hamlin and Bigelow.

This being a preliminary meeting it was resolved to meet again Tuesday evening, April 29th, at 7:30, and that a universal invitation is extended all who feel an interest in the days of '61 and on that evening perfect a permanent organization for Decoration day and memorial services. Now, old soldiers, do not forget this meeting. We need you.

The Tabor Case.

The past week has been a lively one for all the principals in the celebrated Tabor case, and Will J. proved master of the situation up to Saturday evening, when hostilities ceased by Pontiac officers serving an injunction upon Mason N. Leonard and his agents restraining them from interfering with the "Old Homestead" property on Woodward avenue, this city.

The history of this case is as follows: After the estate of Moses K. Tabor had been settled all up by Mary C. Tabor, administratrix, Will sued for his share of the estate. During this time an injunction was served on him to keep off the property and leave it entirely alone. This order of the court was respectfully obeyed. January 18, 1902, Judge George W. Smith awarded to Will J. Tabor one half of the homestead and the lands adjoining. The time given for an appeal to be taken being 40 days, after the expiration of this limit Will sold his interest to Mason N. Leonard of Troy, and since then has entered the house and has represented the same as agent for Mr. Leonard, and during the past winter has been in possession of the property and caring for it.

Through Detroit agents the property was rented to a family who expected possession this week Monday, hence the lively times and state of siege at the Tabor mansion all last week. Wednesday forenoon of last week Mrs. Tabor and Miss Mayme, with Pinder Worth as an assistant, made an effort to enter the premises. Will ordered them off and they went. The next day, with Roy Blakeslee in Pinder's place, they passed through the same experience—and they went. All day Saturday the siege was kept up. Deputy Sheriff Victor Van Every acted as "conversationist" with Will, through closed doors, on some. By night the Pontiac deputy sheriff had served papers on Mason N. Leonard, his agents, et. al. Monday morning, bright and early, Mrs. Tabor, Miss Mayme and a retinue of scrub ladies were working with might and main making ready for the new comers, who arrived Wednesday. A friend to both parties suggests that all participants in this struggle give a joint deed of the entire property to the lawyers, thus ending the fight, and allow the attorneys to divide it up to suit themselves.

AT THE THEATERS.

WHITNEY.

An absorbing and thrilling story of love and life in New England is unfolded in "A Rugged Honor," which is to be the attraction at the Whitney opera house all next week, beginning with a matinee Sunday afternoon. As the title indicates, it is a drama that tends to prove that heroes are not confined to the highly born and wealthy, and that brave deeds may be done by the lower classes as well. The drama contains a number of effects that are claimed to be entirely new, one of these being a race between a bicycle, upon which the heroine is seen dashing down hill, and a railroad train which crosses at the slope. The usual matinees will be given daily except Wednesday.

LYCEUM.

Next week at the Lyceum the Pope Stock Co. will offer for the entire week popular priced Hall Caine's wonderfully successful play, "The Christian." "The Christian" has the record for drawing the largest houses ever played to in Detroit days during its production last winter by the Pope Co. over twenty thousand persons attended the week's run. It has a story of intense heart interest, and one that appeals directly to everyone. John Storm gives up the world to devote his life to evangelical work in the slums. Glory Quayle goes to a life of triumph on the stage. In the end the woman's love for the man triumphs and Glory gives up her career to join John in his work.

Charley, Get Your Hair Curled.

A dapper looking little Franco-Austrian man stepped into Whitehead & Mitchell's store Saturday night last, took off his hat, made a low bow to Mitchell and said: "Zki bowowski domfullets, ketszski pitowski guammicaseoski?" His hair was in beautiful waves like puffs all over the top of his head, and he was beautiful to gaze upon. Mitchell winked his other eye at Bigelow and Brooks and said, "Je lem, la, fee boyah catnip-in-de corn ah onde pump-handle?" and a bargain was struck at once. For 25c this distinguished foreign count was to curl Bigelow's, Brooks', Mitchell's, Stanley Todd's and Charley Shain's hair just like his. All right. The quarter was collected and at the Monsieur's own suggestion was given to Stanley Todd to be paid when each respective head of hair was curled and the owner of the hair taught to "do" it himself. Bigelow J. Allen had a date that evening at St. James' church for supper and was anxious to look pretty, so got in the chair first, and after assuring him that the curl would stay two days and he could do it himself, the Duke began work and almost instantly called "next." Bigelow said, "Is this all?" "Yeas," jabbered Monsieur. Then J. Allen arose in his wrath and yelled "You are a darned fake. Stanley, don't you give him the cash." After young Todd had submitted to the tonsorial artist, all investors declared it a fake—gave the Emperor 10 cents for what he had done and fired him out into the cold, cold world, the biggest snide and fake traveling. Pass him up.

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Death of Mrs. Eliza Taylor.

Only last January we were obliged to chronicle the death of our old friend, George B. Taylor, and on Tuesday, April 22, Mrs. Taylor followed him, so that the venerable couple were separated only six months and 12 days.

Like her husband, Mrs. Taylor had an interesting and eventful life story, which began with her birth in slavery at Nashville, Tenn. The date of her birth is unknown, but it is believed that she was about 75 years old. While she was a small child, her father ran away and she knew nothing further about him. The tragedy of slavery—the separation of mother and child—followed. After receiving her freedom at the close of the war, she resolved on a search for her mother. Through a remarkable chain of circumstances she was led to the discovery of her mother at Royal Oak, Mich. Mrs. Taylor believed herself to be about 40 years old at this time. Her mother, Mrs. Stull, died at Royal Oak in 1890.

About 32 years ago she was married in Southfield to George B. Taylor. They had no children, but an adopted daughter, Mrs. Joseph Farmer, has been to them all that an own child could be and the stay and comfort of their declining years.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor lived in Southfield until 1881, when they went to Kansas, where they lived until 1894. Returning to Michigan, they secured a home in Birmingham, where they lived continuously until the time of their death, enjoying the respect and esteem of all who knew them.

On the day of her husband's funeral, Mrs. Taylor took a severe cold from the effects of which she never recovered. Lung trouble developed and after severe and protracted sufferings death came to her relief as above stated. The funeral was held at the house Thursday morning, conducted by Rev. M. B. Maxwell, pastor of the U. P. church, of which the deceased was a faithful and consistent member, and the remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery.

To Whip Cream Successfully

The cream must be sufficiently thick to hold the air, and must be very cold, and kept cold during the whipping. A small churn made from tin will whip one quart of cream in two minutes. Without a regular whip put the cream into a bowl and with an egg-beater or "syllabub" churn beat for a few moments, then skim off the whipped portion from the surface and drain in a colander, and so continue until all the cream has been whipped.—May Ladies' Home Journal.

The Coming Event.

The Y. M. C. A. Mandolin and Glee club of Detroit will give an entertainment at the M. E. church next Friday evening, May 2, under the auspices of the senior class of the Birmingham high school. This club consists of 35 young men and comes highly recommended. An entertainment given by them at Royal Oak recently was largely and enthusiastically attended. Besides the musical program, which consists of instrumental and vocal selections, there will also be readings.

This entertainment should be of value and interest to all our townspeople and deserves their patronage on its merits alone. It should also be largely attended out of loyalty to our high school. The receipts go toward the commencement fund. As they have had the town's patronage in the past, the class of 1902 rest assured of it at the present.

A Fine Lecture.

We are personally acquainted with Dr. May who is to deliver the lecture here this evening. We deem it a privilege to recommend him and his lecture to the citizens of Birmingham. We have seen his stereopticon views illustrating his subject, "Highways and Byways of Jerusalem," in the Bethany Presbyterian church of Detroit, and those who may avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the lecture this evening will find it to their advantage. It will be time and money well spent. This testimonial is given entirely unsolicited by Dr. May or anyone else. We are interested enough in this matter that it is a pleasure to endorse a person who is thoroughly reliable and a lecture which is elevating and edifying.

Yours most respectfully,

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A. WHITEHEAD,
GEO. H. MITCHELL,
J. ALLEN BIGELOW,
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Last fall I was taken with a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism which caused me great pain and annoyance. After trying several prescriptions and rheumatic cures, I decided to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I had seen advertised in the South Jerseyman. After two applications of this Remedy I was much better, and after using one bottle, was completely cured.—SALLIE HARRIS, Salem, N. J. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

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