

WHEAT GOES UP A LITTLE

SHORTAGE IN ORIENT BRINGS BETTER PRICES.

Cattle and Hogs Higher—Lemon Prices Soar Swiftly.

From the coast comes the news that on account of the shortage of wheat in the orient the price of wheat in the United States has gone up. It seems to have affected all of the markets alike and blue stem went up a whole cent in one day. This is taken as an indication that from now on the orient will look to the United States for its wheat, until the market in South America begins unloading. It might be safely predicted that before spring the price of wheat will be in the neighborhood of the dollar mark and perhaps higher. For the man who has held on to his crop this is going to mean a good many dollars over the fall prices.

Cattle and Hogs Higher.
Cattle have brought eight cents for some of the poorer grades and hogs went up ten cents on account of the shortage. The receipts were not up to the standard and bidding was lively. Unless the market is flooded with hogs before Saturday the price will not vary greatly between now and then.

Celery Coming from California.
A carload of celery is on the way to Portland from Jersey Island, California, the first to be shipped since the frost. Jersey Island is off the southern coast of California and the frost is said not to have done as much damage there as on the mainland.

Suspicious of Oranges.
Four cars of good oranges are said to be on the track in the metropolis, but the suspicion that they might be frozen has caused buyers to let them severely alone. There is a goodly supply on the La Grande market but it is only a question of time when oranges will not be obtainable. Lemons will be so expensive that the refreshing drink at five cents will not be dished out this summer at that price unless some other country comes to the rescue. Following are the corrected quotations to date:

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Fruit, Etc.
Home grown apples—75c @ \$1.00 a box.
Oranges—48c.
Bananas—40c per doz.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Care With Which England's Standards Are Preserved.

Every twenty years government officials compare the current weights and measures with the standards, which are sealed up in the staircase of the house of commons. There are only two standards, the pound weight and the yard measure. The standard pound is of platinum, which despite its weight is no larger than a cubic inch, and small as it is, the metal of which it is composed is worth \$40. The standard yard is a bar of bronze thirty-eight inches long, on which a yard has been marked off in thirty-six divisions of an inch. The greatest possible care is taken of these two important articles.

When a comparison is being made they are handled with tongs. The pound weight is weighed in the most delicate of chemical balances, and the yard is measured with a micrometer. When they are done with the pound it is wrapped in a special soft paper and laid in a silver gift case, which is placed in a bronze case, this being put in a wooden box, afterward screwed down and sealed. The yard measure is placed on eight rollers in a mahogany case, which is carefully sealed. Both cases are then put into a leaden casket, which is sealed by soldering. The packing is not yet finished, however, for the lead case is placed in a strong oak box. When this is screwed down it is placed in the hole in the wall. The wall is built up by a mason, and the standards can only be obtained by demolishing it once more.—London Globe.

A HANDICAP IN GOLF.

It Was a Rather Mean Advantage, but It Won the Game.

An unusual golf handicap was played on one of the local links recently, the proponent of the same winning hands down. One of the rules of golf is that one must not talk to a player when he is about to make a drive, nor must others discuss any subject in his hearing. It might take his mind off the game for just an instant, and that might prove fatal.

In Kansas City lives a crack but extremely nervous golfer. He had been in the habit of beating a fat and phlegmatic friend until the latter tired of it.

"I'll tell you what I'll do," the friend said not long ago. "I will play you eighteen holes if you will give me a handicap."
"Done," said the nervous player. "Name the handicap."
"Three times during the game, and not more than three, I am to be permitted to stand behind you and say 'Boo' while you are preparing to drive."
Every time it was the nervous man's play his fat friend walked up and just stood behind him. Never once during the game did the fat man say "Boo" or anything else. But the anticipation of the expected "Boo!" was fairly nerve shattering, and the fat man won hands down.—Kansas City Journal.

Grant and Lee.
In reminiscences of President Grant by Robert M. Douglass, his private secretary, in the Youth's Companion he says:

"One afternoon a tall, handsome man of splendid presence and with a grave, courteous face entered my office and modestly announced himself as Robert E. Lee. When I told the president he directed me to bring the distinguished visitor in at once. Their meeting was cordial, but apparently their recollections brought feelings of sadness to both men. The president, with his usual consideration, presented me to General Lee who knew my family and who greeted me kindly. I expressed my pleasure at meeting him and then retired from the room. I felt that at such a time no one should intrude. The visit was merely one of courtesy and did not last long. I believe that it was the only time after the war that the two great generals met."

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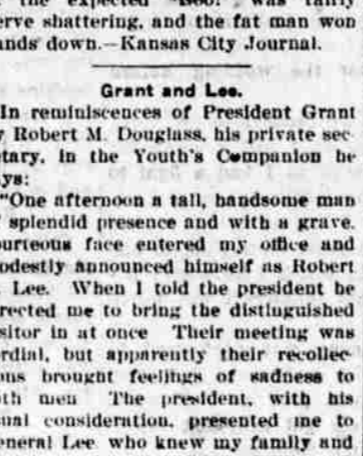
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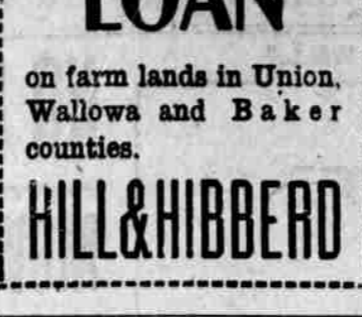
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