

Home Baking Co.

MEAT PRICES GOING DOWN.

Pork Products and Choice Cuts of Beef Lead the Way.

Chicago-J. Ogden Armour says the whole tendency in the prices of stock-yard products is toward a lower schedule. He also said the descent would be gradual and warned the public against too hastily accepting the belief that a drop from the highest to the lowest prices was due.

"The packers' prices to the retailers are based entirely on what we have to pay for the live animals," said Mr. Armour. "Generally speaking prices are lower and I believe they are working towards a still lower level. The present situation is the result of the enormous corn crop and of previous high prices that stimulated everybody to raise livestock.

"The public is getting the benefit of political conditions and should get further benefit as the increased supply of livestock reaches the market.

"The recent high prices of meats and packing house products cannot be attributed in any way to the packers nor to any combination of persons or firms engaged in the packing house industry. It has been due to conditions that developed from a scarcity and a high price for corn, which is the basis of the supply of livestock. "Conditions in livestock raising are

bigger than any packer or set of packers. Our prices are based on what we have to pay for livestock, and the sooner the people and the world at large realize that, the better it will be for everybody."

PASSENGERS FACE FAMINE.

Wreck Survivors Shut in By Storm on Katalla Island.

Cordova, Alaska-Eighty-three persons, comprising the passengers and crew of the wrecked steamship Portland, which was beached in the mouth of the Katalla river, are stranded on Katalla island. The storm which broke soon after the passengers were landed from the wrecked vessel, is raging with increased fury and all efforts to go to the aid of the marooned passengers have proved unsuccessful.

There are few people living on the island and the food supply is small. It is feared that if the passengers and crew of the Portland are not taken off soon they will be forced to undergo great hardships, owing to the failure of the food supply.

The steamship Alameda tried for 12 hours to enter the stormswept harbor, but was finally compelled to give up the attempt and turn back. The tele-phone line, the sole means of communication with the island, is down, and the stranded passengers are entirely cut off from the outside world.

PANAMA CANAL IN 1913.

Taft Is Told Work Will Be Finished Ahead of Time.

Panama-The Panama canal will be completed December 1, 1913. This information was given to President Taft while he was inspecting the famous Gatun dam. The official date of the opening remains January 1, 1915, Lieutenant Colonel Goethals desiringtone year in which to train the canal tenders and to get the machinery working smoothly.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTER

Aviator Ely Maker Successful Trip Great Falls Mont., Has 13,948 Acto Land-Wins \$500.

FLIES FROM CRUISER.

Fort Monroe, Va .- Aerial navigation has proved that it is a factor which must be dealt with in the naval tactics of the future, if the successful in 1900. flight made by Eugene B. Ely in a

Curtiss biplane from the cruiser Birmingham can be taken as a criterion.

From Hampton Roads, the scene 45 years ago of another epoch in "the hisforce of the world, the aviator flew ulent. across the lower end of Chesapeake The bay, landing on the shore opposite this fort.

With weather conditions unfavorable for flying, the aviator glided from the platform erected on the forward deck of the cruiser, swooped down until he touched the water, then rose rapidly and was off in the direction of the Atlantic. Five minutes later he landed safely on Willoughby Spit.

The impact with which the machine struck the water after its 37-foot drop from the deck broke a small piece from a propeller blade. Its speed was not lessened, however, and it darted away on its flight.

Ely did not wait for the Birmingham to get into motion, which would have aided him by adding to his momentum, but seizing an opportune moment between showers, was off before those on the tugs could get ready to follow and assist him in case of need.

Ely said afterwards that it would be an easy matter for an aeroplane to alight on a vessel which was either moving or stationary.

Captain Washington I. Chambers, who has been detailed by the Navy department as chairman of a board of aeronautical investigation, declared the flight was more than he had anticipated, and is confident the time will come when the army and navy will use aeroplanes.

When he struck the surface on diving off the platform on the Birming-ham, the water splashed onto his goggles, and he could not see for several minutes in which direction he was go-He had planned to take a differing. ent course from that followed and land

further to the north. The highest altitude he attained was estimated at 500 feet.

His striking the water, he said afterward, was due to a miscalculation. He had planned before he left to drop near the water, so as to get the momentum which he wanted to carry him upward, but he overreached the mark. It is understood Ely, by this flight,

won a \$500 prize offered by John Barry Ryan for the first flight of a mile or more from any ship to land.

CENSUS METHODS LIKED.

Canada to Follow United States Plan in 1911 Count.

Washington - Contemplating the adoption of some of this government's improved census-taking methods in connection with its next census, the

SIXTY PERCENT OF COUNT BAD

cording to New Total.

Washington - The population of Great Falls, Mont., is 13,948, a decrease of 982 as compared with 14,930

Director Durand said the Great Falls returns as originally received showed a total of 23,324, or 8,376 more than the correct count. The director blames the attempted padding to three out of tory of navy warfare, when ironclads 12 enumerators of the city, 60 per cent took their place as the sea-fighting of whose returns, he says, were fraud-

> The three men were arraigned and two of them were sent to jail for 24 hours each and fined \$150 each, while the third was put in prison for 48 hours and fined \$200. He says that the increases were obtained largely by taking the names of transient visitors to the city which were placed in the hands of the enumerators by private individuals.

The returns show a decrease from the figures of 1990 amounting to 982, but Mr. Durand contends that, as there was fraud in the 1900 census, there has been an actual growth.

Population statistics were made public for the following California citics: Oakland, 150,174, an increase of 83,-214, or 124.3 per cent, compared with 66,960 in 1900. Berkeley, 40,434, an increase of 27,220, or 206 per cent, compared with 13,214 in 1900. Alameda, 23,282, compared with 16,464 in 1900.

MARKET VALUE UNCERTAIN.

Railroad Commissioners Reject Basis of Taxation of Railroads.

Washington-Deciding to hold its 23d annual convention in this city on October 10, 1911, "the National Association of Railroad Commissioners elected the following officers: President, R. Hudson Burr, of Florida; secretary, W. H. Connolly, acting secre-tary of the Interstate Commerce commission, and assistant secretary, William Kilpatrick, of Illinois.

Many delegates opposed the adop-tion of the report of the committee on railroad taxes and plans for ascertaining the fair value of railroad property, the opposition taking the ground that market value was impracticable as a basis of taxation of railroads general-

The convention refused to adopt the report, as well as the reports of the committee on rates and rate making and on car service and demurrage.

The committee report was adopted, recommending that the Interstate Commerce commission early prepare rules and regulations for carrying into effect the uniform classification of freight, authorized by law, and to give to the commissions of the various states and all parties interested an opportunity to be heard before final adoption of the uniform classification.

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