

THE COST OF LIVING SOARING SKY-HIGH

Statement By Local Butchers On Conditions.

CAUSE OF ADVANCE

In These Days Poor People Must Live On Salt and Pepper—Profits On Meats.

The cost of living! Oh, don't mention it. It has taken a balloon ascension and is still in the air. In fact it is reported that some cannot keep the pace and have decided to quit living or at least to quit eating. It's a safe bet that there will be more gardens in this part of the world this year, that people will raise more chickens and that there will be general economy in every line.

What is the cause of the high cost of living? A writer says that there are three; the tariff, the trusts and extravagance, and the greatest of these is extravagance, which The Advertiser firmly endorses. Every article of household necessity has advanced materially in price except salt and pepper. Moral: eat salt and pepper. Lard and flour, just common lard, and flour that you buy in sacks and regard as such common things, even to the extent of having them sent around to your back door, are such luxuries now that one feels like meeting the delivery boy at the front door, bringing the goods into the parlor and holding a family consultation over the purchases. Oh, rats!

But on the meat question, fresh meat, common cow and pig. People are paying 20 cents the pound for pork and pork sausage, and 15 cents for steaks. Some are inclined to blame the local market men, but they are really not to blame; it is not their fault. The Advertiser reporter has made inquiries about the meat business and he finds that the local market men make in clear profits of only about 3 cents a pound on beef and just about the same on pork. They pay 3 1-2 cents for beef; in the killing and cutting there is a waste of about 55 per cent, making the cost about 7 1-2 and for this they get an average price of about 10 to 11 cents the pound. Hogs cost them 10 cents the pound and there is a waste there of 33 1-3 per cent. So the local butchers are not at fault.

Asked why he thought meat had gone up so, Mr. S. G. McDaniel said yesterday: "It is not our fault; the hogs that we buy in Tennessee have gone way up. They say that the packing house people bought up all the big hogs early in the year, and the supply has not equalled the demand and the price is just forced up on us. We get nearly all our pork from Tennessee; in fact, we can't get them locally."

Mr. McDaniel said that he bought about 10 per cent of his beef cattle from foreign markets.

Extravagance is the principle cause for high cost of living. The rich have just gotten too rich and they don't mind paying any old price for what they want. Their luxuries living has forced up the prices to almost beyond the reach of the poorer people. How to remedy things. The Advertiser doesn't know. Ask Tom Lawson; finances are in too "frenzied" a condition for the reporter to give a sane opinion right now.

WARE SHOALS BOYS ACQUITTED.

Alleged Gamblers Are Tried By Jury And Found Not Guilty.

Two weeks ago The Advertiser had an article concerning the arrest of twenty-two young men of Ware Shoals on the Laurens side of the line, charged with gambling on Sunday afternoon. It seems that some of the young men took great offence at the publication of the fact that they as "alleged" gamblers were arrested, for this office has received two communications on the matter, replying somewhat to the charge, but of such a nature as to make their publication impossible. The letters state that the trial was held that they were represented by Attorney McDowell of Greenwood, and that the jury empanelled by Magistrate Kelleff acquitted them of the charge.

The young men should stop to think that the word "alleged" was used and that does not mean that they really are gamblers, but that that is the charge against them, upon which they were arrested. Since they have been acquitted, the matter is ended, at least so far as the newspaper accounts of it are concerned.

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More Apt to Kill Chickens and Birds Than Rats.

Many an innocent hawk, skunk, owl and weasel has been shot for the deeds of that sleek highwayman, the house cat. It is safe to say that this marauder, which enjoys all the comforts and protection of a home, destroys in the aggregate more wild birds and young poultry than all the native natural enemies combined. A cat has been known to kill a whole brood of chickens in a day, a feat unequalled by any predaceous animal, with the possible exception of the hawk. Others in the course of a season have practically destroyed whole coveys of quail or grouse or nests full of young songsters. A well known naturalist estimates that in the New England states alone 1,500,000 birds are destroyed annually by cats.

The offender is not so often the well fed household pet as it is the abandoned and neglected outcast. In 1906 the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in New York city killed monthly an average of 6,000 sick, injured or homeless cats—a total for the year of over 70,000. A considerable proportion of these were pets abandoned by people who had gone to the country for the summer.

Moreover, summer visitors to the mountains or seashore sometimes take with them their cats, which, on their return home, are too often left behind to swell the local overflow and make serious inroads on the birds of the region. It is safe to assume that in the rest of the state outside of New York city as many cats follow a nomadic life as in the city, and if we assume that each cat kills one bird a week we have a grand total of over 3,500,000 birds destroyed annually. In the milder parts of our country, as in the chaparral region of California, where bird life is abundant, cats often revert to a semi-wild state and never revisit their old homes except for plunder. Sportsmen and bird lovers should be ever watchful and whenever possible remove marauding cats from the coverts.

The principal reasons given for keeping cats are their attractiveness as house pets, their usefulness as companions for children and their alleged value as rat and mouse killers. It is impossible at present to obtain correct figures on the subject, but it is safe to say that few persons during a normal lifetime run across more than half a dozen cats that habitually attack rats. Occasionally a hunter cat is found which seems to delight in catching rats, gophers or ground squirrels. It is a common experience to find premises that are well supplied with cats overrun with rats and mice. At a certain ranch in the west a member of the agricultural department in Washington trapped eight mice in his bed, although there were eight cats on the ranch.

Facts About the Potato.

An authority tells us that the potato has a large and unique relationship. Tobacco, tomatoes, eggplant and peppers belong to the family. Probably that is why the potato bug is so often destructive to these crops. It is asked, "How can a potato grow other potato vines from the eyes since it is not a root, fruit or seed?" That is answered by way of illustration: A stem of almost any plant will produce another plant from the place where the leaves come out on it. If one will break off a piece of rosebush and plant it in a favorable place it will produce another rosebush, just as a potato will produce another vine.

In a wild state the potato vine is very hardy and will grow to a considerable height. It is said that the In-



A WELL SHAPED SEED POTATO.

dians did not cultivate the potato except for its leaves, which became known as their tobacco; hence the leaves and stalks of tobacco are large, but there are no signs of potatoes at the roots. So much for cultivation.

On account of the starch they contain, potatoes are valuable as food. The potato tuber consists mainly of a mass of cells filled with starch and encircled by a thin, corky rind. As stated, the chief value of the potato as an article of diet consists in the starch it contains and, to a less extent, in the potash and other salts. The quantity of nitrogen in its composition is small.

Treatment of Sick Fowls.

In the majority of cases the sick fowl should be killed, according to an authority. Generally it does not pay to doctor sick fowls, and often the sick fowl that recovers is not the one that amounts to anything afterward. This is particularly the case with fowls sick with the roup. This disease seems to permeate every fiber of the birds, and if they recover at all they are of little value for a long time. It is doubtful if they ever fully recover their old vigor. If one owns a high priced bird it may prove to be profitable to cure it for the sake of the eggs that it may produce, which eggs may be used for hatching other high priced birds. But a fowl that has been sick and has been cured should not be sold to an unsuspecting customer. The fowls that are to be doctored should be given good food and good surroundings rather than anything else. Their native vigor will help them to recover when medicine would be a detriment. Sunshine is an invigorator and may well be considered a great help in the doctoring of fowls.

AMONG THE EXCHANGES

The Logical Candidate.

Some friends of Hon. C. C. Featherstone seem to think a strong motive back of the attempt to pass a statewide prohibition bill this year is because so doing would discredit his claims somewhat as the logical prohibition candidate for governor. This will hardly be of any weight, however, with those who would vote for "the" prohibition candidate. Mr. Featherstone is the logical candidate of the prohibitionists, no matter who enters the race. His memorable race as the first prohibition candidate has not been forgotten so soon. And he is an able man besides. He will get many votes in this section and indeed, the man who beats him will be the next governor of South Carolina.—Greenwood Index.

A Laurens Rube.

Some of the members of the legislature who drink branch water mostly at home get so tony when they go to Columbia that nothing will do them but Glenn Springs water.—Exchange.

Which calls to mind the Laurens county man who went to Charleston on an excursion and stopped at a hotel. The waiter asked him what sort of tea he would have, and he replied, "Store tea, you fool, you. Think I'd come all the way down here to Charleston to drink sassafras?"—Newberry Observer.

The Same Principle.

The Advertiser pays for its passes; they are not free. Some newspapers advertise for a clothing house and accept a suit of clothes in payment of the bill; the suit is not a gift.—Laurens Advertiser.

He "accepts a suit of clothes in payment of the bill." But he doesn't accept the whole stock of suits, and he would not be permitted to "accept" any more suits than "the bill" comes to.

The cases are not similar.—Newberry Observer.

The Race For Governor.

Of course there is Mayor Bleasde, of Newberry, Mr. Featherstone, of Laurens, and Mr. Manning, of Sumter, all announced as candidates for governor. I am not authorized by any of the gentlemen named above to state that they are candidates. It seems to be understood that Mr. Lyon will not run for governor this year. I had heard some time ago that he made the statement that he would be a candidate if he was successful in convicting any one in the graft cases, and if it is true he is not going to run, it may be that he does not consider the plea of Mr. Farnum a sufficient victory to warrant his entering the race. But he has another court yet before the campaign opens and he may have better success.—E. H. Aull in Newberry Herald and News.

In another part of this issue the fact is noted of Mr. E. B. Machen's return several days ago from Columbia hospital. However, on Sunday Mr. Machen experienced a relapse, and on Tuesday he was taken back to Columbia for another examination and possible operation. His friends exceedingly regret this change in his condition but one and all hope for him a complete restoration to health ultimately.

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