



AUGUST 21-27, 2000

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, AUGUST 24.

PANIC AND SHIPWRECK

At St. Bartholomew, cold dew," says the weather lore for August 24, but cold dew was hardly the problem on that day for victims of the Panic of 1857. Embezzlement in the home office of the Ohio Life Insurance & Trust Company caused a failure at its New York branch. When the New York banks closed their doors, a general panic resulted, and a run on the banks began. In response, a 272-foot steamship, the S. S.



Central America, was sent out of Panama in early September, carrying (in secret) 15 tons of gold, bound for the U.S. banks. Lacking good weather information, the ship sailed directly into the path of a hurricane—and sank 200 miles off the coast of South Carolina.

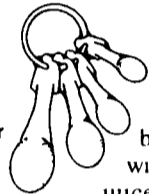
Pray to God, but row away from the rocks.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Grass clippings are a good addition to your compost pile.

BLUEBERRY SLUMP

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon each: nutmeg, cinnamon, and cloves
- 8 slices firm-textured bread
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter
- 4 cups fresh blueberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind



kle with 2 table- spoons of the sugar mixture. Add half the berries, sprinkle with half the lemon juice and rind, then repeat the layers, ending with a top layer of bread. Bake at 375°F until the blueberries start to bubble, for about 30 to 45 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream. **Makes 6 servings.**

Blend sugar with spices. Brush bread with melted butter, then cut it into strips. Place a third of the bread into the bottom of a 9x5-inch loaf pan and sprin-

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



At St. Bartholomew (Aug. 24), / There comes cold dew.

If the wind increases during a rain, fair weather may be expected soon.

Lightning brings heat.

Got a Question? Every day the editors of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* answer a question on the Internet. All questions are archived there as well. See Web site address below.

New Wilmington Livestock Auction

New Wilmington, Pa. Monday, August 14, 2000 Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 90...(PDA). SLAUGHTER STEERS: few Standard 1-2 56.50-59.50. HOLSTEINS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1285-1385 lbs 59.50-60.50, few Choice 2-3 1255-1340 lbs 55.00-58.50, few Select 1-2 53.50-55.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: few Breakers 75-80% lean 41.25-47.00, Boners 80-85% lean 37.00-47.25, Lean 85-90% lean 35.00-42.00. Shells down to 25.00.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 1 1545 lbs 50.25, few Yield Grade 2 1280-1590 lbs 45.00-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium 1 660-785 lbs 67.00-73.00; HEIFERS: couple Medium 1 450 & 615 lbs 67.00; BULLS: couple Medium 1 400 & 420 lbs 88.00 & 103.00, few 855-940 lbs 51.00-62.00, few Medium and Large 2 425-625 lbs 64.00-76.00.

CALVES 167...VEALERS: few Good 135-150 lbs 100.00-117.50, Standard and Good 70-105 lbs 45.00-70.00, Utility 50-70 lbs 20.00-30.00.

FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 110-125 lbs 110.00-150.00, 85-110 lbs 115.00-158.00, No 2 85-120 lbs 60.00-120.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 80-95 lbs 330.00, No 2 75-130 lbs 155.00-280.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 70-120 lbs 100.00-210.00.

HOGS 152...BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-280 lbs 42.25-44.25, 4-H resale hogs to 47.50, 45-50% lean 220-280 lbs 39.60-41.25, 40-45% lean 210-290 lbs 36.00-39.25.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-500 lbs 30.50-35.00, few 500-600 lbs 38.00-42.00.

BOARS: few 350-600 lbs 17.00-18.00, few 200-225 lbs 24.00-27.00.

FEEDER PIGS 42...Few US 1-3 40-60 lbs 25.00-39.00. - per head.

SHEEP 145...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: few High Choice and Prime 74 lbs 92.50, 70-135 lbs 70.00-82.50, 60-100 lbs 70.00-88.00, Good and Choice 45-75 lbs 60.00-69.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 30.00-50.00. GOATS 2...(All sold by the head). One Large Kid 47.50.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa. Report Supplied By USDA Monday, Aug. 14, 2000

MONDAY CATTLE 412, CALVES 542, HOGS 26, SHEEP 49, GOATS 110, LAST MONDAY 388, 485, 80, 35, 122.

CATTLE: Compared to last Monday's auction; slaughter steers and heifers sold unevenly steady. Slaughter cows were 1.00-3.00 higher with most strength on the leaner kinds. Slaughter bulls traded steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 few 1175-1240 lbs 68.50-69.25. Choice 2-3 1145-1400 lbs 62.75-67.75. Select 1-3 59.00-65.50. Standard 1-2 few 51.00-55.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2 individual 1255 lbs 58.25. Select 1-2 51.50-55.75. Standard 1-2 43.50-48.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1135-1365 lbs 68.00-69.50. Choice 2-4 1000-1225 lbs 61.25-67.75. Select 1-3 few 57.25-61.25. Standard 1-2 49.75-56.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean 40.75-45.25. Boners 80-85 percent lean 38.25-43.75, few low dressing down to 36.25. Lean 85-90 percent lean 33.00-41.75, bulk of the sales 35.00-40.25. Shells down to 28.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 few 1350-1780 lbs 50.50-55.00. Yield Grade 2 1250-1750 lbs 43.00-49.75. Bullocks: Select 1-3 47.50-56.75.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1 350-395 lbs 114.00-116.00; few 545-795 lbs 74.00-86.00. Medium and Large 2 225-290 lbs 84.00-93.00; 340-440

lbs 74.00-84.00; 700-840 lbs 46.00-63.00. FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 few 200-285 lbs 117.00-117.50; 360-495 lbs 81.00-95.00; few 560-640 lbs 73.00-75.00; 795-885 lbs 61.00-68.00. Medium and Large 2 few 455-500 lbs 70.00-74.00.

FEEDER BULLS: Medium and Large 1 few 250-350 lbs 94.00-130.00; 450-645 lbs 78.00-89.00. Medium and Large 2 500-640 lbs 65.00-70.00.

CALVES: Compared to last week's auction; Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold steady, while Holstein heifers were steady, instances 15.00 higher.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-115 lbs 30.00-60.00. Utility 55-80 lbs 10.00-21.00. RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls Number 1 90-125 lbs 95.00-127.50, couple up to 130.00; 80-90 lbs 90.00-100.00. Number 2 80-120 lbs 55.00-97.50; 70-80 lbs 40.00-55.00. Holstein heifers Number 1 85-105 lbs 285.00-370.00. Number 2 70-85 lbs 100.00-230.00. Beef type bulls and heifers 80-95 lbs 100.00-192.50.

BARROWS AND GILTS: 40-45 pct lean Couple 290-335 lbs 39.00-46.00

SOWS: Prices were steady. US 1-3 Few 370-420 lbs 33.00-40.50 500-550 lbs 30.50-37.00.

BOARS: Couple 605-720 lbs 12.00-13.00 Individual 220 lbs 30.00

SHEEP: Slaughter lambs trended 10.00-15.00 higher than last Monday.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 40-55 lbs 112.50-150.00; 65-90 lbs 91.00-108.00; 100-145 lbs 74.00-81.00. Good and Choice few 45-60 lbs 70.00-77.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: Utility 1-3 30.00-47.50.

GOATS: All sold per head. Billies: Large 75.00-150.00. Medium 45.00-72.50. Nannies: Large 42.50-57.50. Medium 32.50-50.00. Kids: Large 29.00-55.00.

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Morrison's Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.

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CATTLE 97 HEAD STEERS: CHOICE 63.00-67.00, GOOD 61.50-63.50 HEIFERS CHOICE 62.50-65.50, GOOD 59.00-62.00. COWS UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 36.50-43.50, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 17.50-34.50 BULLOCKS GOOD & CHOICE 48.00-54.50 BULLS YG#1 49.00-54.25 FEEDER CATTLE STEERS 61.00-

74.00, BULLS 59.00-71.00, HEIFERS 61.00-88.00. CALVES. 93. PRIME, NO MARKET TEST, CHOICE 85.00-96.00, GOOD 72.00-84.00, STANDARD 25.00-60.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 60.00-110.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS 140.00-260.00 HOGS. 282...US#1-2 41.00-43.00, US#1-3 39.00-40.00 SOWS. US#1-3 30.00-38.00 BOARS 13.00-27.00 FEEDER PIGS: 31 US#1-3 20-50 LBS 16.00-54.00. SHEEP. 65 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 89.00-98.00, GOOD LAMBS 82.00-88.00, SL. EWES 28.00-37.00. GOATS: 12.00-84.00.

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