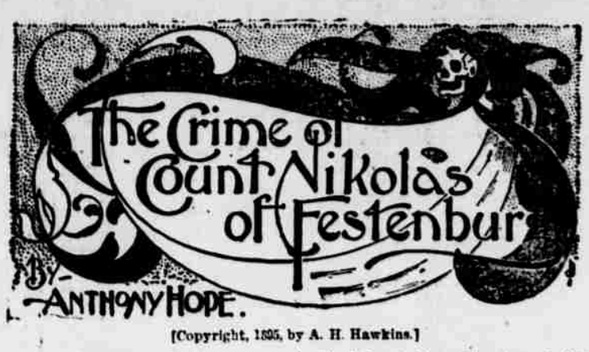

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CHAPTER I.

In the days of Rudolph the Third there stood on the hill opposite the Castle of Zenda and on the other side of the valley in which the town lies, on the site where the Chateau of Tarlenheim now is situated, a fine and strong castle belonging to Count Nikolas of Festenburg. He was a noble of very old and high family and had great estates; his house being, indeed, second only to the royal house in rank and reputation. He himself was a young man of great accomplishments, of a domineering temper and of much ambition; and he had gained distinction in the wars that marked the closing years of the reign of King Henry the Lion. With King Rudolph he was not on terms of cordial friendship, for he despised the king's easy manners and carelessness of dignity, while the king had no love for a gentleman whose one object seemed to be to surpass and outshine him in the eyes of the people, and who never rested from extending and fortifying his castle until it threatened to surpass Zenda itself both in strength and magnificence. Moreover Nikolas, although maintaining a state ample and suitable to his rank, was yet careful and prudent, while Rudolph spent all that he received and more besides, so that the count grew richer and the king poorer. But in spite of these causes of difference, the count was received at court with apparent graciousness, and no open outburst of enmity had yet occurred, the pair being, on the contrary, often together and sharing their sports and pastimes with one another.

Now most of these diversions were harmless or indeed becoming and proper, but there was one among them full of danger to a man of hot head and ungoverned impulse such as King Rudolph was. And this one was dicing, in which the king took great delight, and in which Count Nikolas was very ready to encourage him. The king, who was generous and hated to win from poor men or those who might be playing beyond their means in order to give him pleasure, was delighted to find an opponent whose purse was as long or longer than his own, and thus came gradually to pass many evenings with the boxes in Nikolas' company. And the more evenings he passed the deeper he fell into the count's debt: for the king drank wine, while the count was content with small beer, and when the king was losing he doubled his stakes, whereas the count took in sail if the wind seemed adverse. Thus always steadily the debt grew; till at last Rudolph dared not reckon how large it had become, nor did he dare to disclose it to his advisers. For there were great public burdens already imposed by reason of King Henry's wars, and the citizens of Strelsau were not in a mood to bear fresh exactions nor to give their hard earnings for the payment of the king's gambling debts; in fine, although they loved the Elphbergs well enough, they loved their money more. Thus the king had no resource, except in his private possessions, and these were of no great value, saving the castle and estate of Zenda.

At length, when they had sat late one night and the throws had gone all the evening against the king and for Nikolas, the king flung himself back in his chair, drained his glass, and said impatiently:

"I am weary of the game! Come, my lord, let us end it."

"I would not urge you, sire, a moment beyond what you desire. I play but for your pleasure."

"Then my pleasure has been your profit," said the king with a vexed laugh, "for I believe I am stripped of my last crown. What is my debt?"

The count, who had the whole sum reckoned on his tablets, took them out and showed the king the amount of the debt.

"I cannot pay it," said Rudolph. "I would play out again, to double the debt, or wipe it out, but I have nothing of value enough to stake."

The desire which had been nursed for long in the count's heart, now saw the moment of its possible realization. He leant over the table, and, smoothing his beard with his hand, said gently:

"The amount is no more than half the value of your Majesty's castle and demesne of Zenda."

The king started and forced a laugh. "Aye, Zenda spoils the prospect from Festenburg, does it?" said he. "But I will not risk Zenda. An Elphberg without Zenda would seem like a man robbed of his wife. We have had it since we have had anything or been anything. I should not seem king without it."

"As you will, sire. Then the debt stands?" And he looked full and keenly into the king's eyes, asking without words, "How will you pay it?" and adding without words, "Paid it must be." And the king read the unspoken words in the eyes of Count Nikolas.

The king took up his glass, but finding it empty, flung it angrily on the floor, where it shivered to fragments at Count Nikolas' feet; and he shifted in his chair and cursed softly under his breath. Nikolas sat with the dice-box in his hand and a smile on his lips; for he knew that the king could not pay, and therefore must play, and he was in the vein and did not doubt winning from the king Zenda and its demesne. Then he would be the greatest lord in the kingdom and hold for his own a kingdom within the kingdom and the two strongest places in all the land. And a greater prize might then dangle in reach of his grasp.

"The devil spurs and I gallop," said the king at last. And he took up the dicebox and rattled it.

"Fortune will smile on you this time, sire, and I shall not grieve at it," said Count Nikolas with a courteous smile.

"Curses on her!" cried the king. "Come, my lord, a quick ending to it! One throw, and I am a free man, or you are master of my castle."

"One throw let it be, sire, for it grows late," assented Nikolas with a careless air; and they both raised the boxes

"The Devil Spurs and I Gallop."

and rattled the dice inside them. The king threw; his throw was a six and a five, and a sudden gleam of hope lit up his eyes; he leant forward in his chair, griping the elbows of it with his hands; and his cheek flushed and his breath came quickly. With a flow Count Nikolas raised his hand and threw. The dice fell and rolled on the table. The king sank back; and the count said, with a smile of apology and a shrug of his shoulders:

"Indeed I am ashamed. For I cannot be denied tonight."

For Count Nikolas of Festenburg had thrown sixes, and thereby won from the king the castle and demesne of Zenda. And he rose from his chair, and, having buckled on his sword that had lain on the table by him and taken his cap in his hand, stood looking down on the king with a malicious smile on his face. And he said with a look that had more mockery than respect in it:

"Have I your majesty's leave to withdraw? For ere day dawn, I have matters to transact in Strelsau, and I would be at my castle of Zenda tonight."

Then King Rudolph took a sheet of paper and wrote an order that the castle and all that was in it and all the demesne should be surrendered to Count Nikolas of Festenburg on his demand, and he gave the paper to Nikolas. Then he rose up and held out his hand, which Nikolas kissed, smiling covertly, and the king said with grace and dignity:

"Cousin, my castle has found a more worthy master. God give you joy of it." And he motioned with his hand to be left alone. Then when the count had gone he sat down in his chair again and remained till it was full day, neither moving nor yet sleeping. And there he was found by his gentlemen when they came to dress him, but none asked him what had passed.

Count Nikolas now lord of Zenda, did not so waste time, and the matters that he had spoken of did not keep him long in Strelsau; but in the early morning he rode out, the paper which the king had written in his belt. First he rode with all speed to his own house of Festenburg, and then he gathered together all his followers, servants, foresters and armed retainers, and he told them that they were to ride with

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him to Zenda, for that Zenda was now his and not the king's. At this they were greatly astonished, but they ate the fine dinner and drank the wine which he provided, and in the evening they rode down the hill very merry, and trotted, nearly a hundred strong, through the town, making a great noise; so that they disturbed the Bishop of Modenstein, who was lying that night at the inn, in the course of a journey from his see to the capital; but nobody could tell the bishop why they rode to Zenda, and presently the bishop, wearied with traveling, went to his bed.

(To Be Continued.)

WOMEN'S FACES—like flowers, fade and wither with time; the bloom of the rose is only known to the healthy woman's cheeks. The nervous strain caused by the ailments and pains peculiar to the sex, and the labor and worry of rearing a family, can often be traced by the lines in the woman's face. Dull eyes, the sallow or wrinkled face and those "feelings of weakness" have their rise in the derangements and irregularities peculiar to women. The functional derangements, painful disorders, and chronic weaknesses of women, can be cured with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. For the young girl just entering womanhood, for the mother and those about to become mothers, and later in "the change of life," the "Prescription" is just what they need; it aids nature in preparing the system for the change. It's a medicine prescribed for thirty years, in the diseases of women, by Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will cure the chronic inflammation of the lining membranes which cause such exhausting drains upon the system. It *cures* nervous prostration, sleeplessness, faintness, nervous debility and all disorders arising from derangement of the female organs and functions.

Mrs. JENNIE WILLIAMS, of *Mohawk, Lane Co., Oregon*, writes: "I was sick for over three years with blind dizzy spells, palpitation of the heart, pain in the back and head, and at times would have such a weak tired feeling when I first got up in the morning, and at times nervous chills.

MRS. WILLIAMS.

The physicians differed as to what my disease was, but none of them did me any good. As soon as I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, I began to get better; could sleep well nights, and that bad, nervous feeling and the pain in my back soon left me. I can walk several miles without getting tired. I took in all three bottles of 'Prescription' and two of 'Discovery.'"

MERELY TO LAUGH OVER.

The other day a great, gaunt colored man entered the express office, and edging up to the man in charge took off his hat and asked if there had been anything received for George Washington.

The clerk looked at the man searchingly, and then with a knowing air remarked:

"Ah, what game are you trying to work on me now? He's been dead long ago."

This story is much the same as the story about the congressman who declared in an address to the house:

"As Daniel Webster says in his great dictionary."

"It was Noah who wrote the dictionary," whispered a colleague, who sat at the next desk.

"Noah nothing," replied the speaker. Noah built the ark."—Florida Citizen.

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Many years ago at the celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims in New York city, much to Archbishop Hughes' surprise he was invited to be one of the guests, and, perhaps to their surprise, also, he accepted. Among those who spoke on that occasion there was not lacking a sly dab at the church, which forms a part of the proceedings; but all in good fellowship. Ginally the archbishop was called upon to respond to a toast, which he did in his usual happy manner, and ended by proposing: "Plymouth Rock, the Blarney Stone of America!"—Boston Transcript.

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"You don't seem to admire young Lankins," said one girl to another.

"I don't," replied the other. "He is the champion all-round clumsy man. He handles a tennis racket as if it were a chafing dish, and a chafing dish as if it were a tennis racket."—Washington Star.

NEWS OF OUR INDUSTRIES.

Happenings of Interest to the Staple Trades and Particularly to the Trade in Iron, Steel and Anthracite Coal.

The Reading Railroad company reports the coal tonnage transported over its lines for the week ended Aug. 31, 1895, as follows:

	1895.	Cor'd'g w'k 1894.	Inc.
Total for week.....	285,431	252,713	32,717
Previously	9,282,474	8,492,917	789,557
Total for year....	9,567,905	8,754,631	822,274

John Stauffer has made an important discovery of anthracite coal on his farm, back of Cherry Run, W. Va., twenty miles south of Hagerstown. With the aid of his son and one hired man he has mined during the past two or three months twenty tons of coal, and landed the same at the top of a 50-foot shaft by hand. The coal was carefully covered, and the mining went on in the strictest secrecy by the light of an ordinary coal oil lamp. Stauffer has now started from the bottom of the shaft to tunnel into the mountain. The vein is very thick, and the coal has been pronounced equal to the Shamokin Valley product. Stauffer's tract embraces 1,000 acres, but the land is poor and his means are limited. Some time ago options were secured on neighboring lands, but prospecting met with no results. Before Stauffer had investigated the extent of the vein he is now working he tried to enlist the aid of local capitalists in the formation of a company, but was not successful. After this he started right in to work, keeping his movements secret and making, it is said, surprising discoveries.

Washington Post: "The wonders of modern engineering were eloquently and impressively discussed in one of the papers read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its recent session. Referring to coal as a preserved plant tissue, the speaker said that a man can mine enough of it in a day to obtain 133 horse power for ten hours and that product of one man's work for one day is equal to the physical labor of 1,200 men for a ten-hour day. In Great Britain, the speaker said, coal does the work of 100,000,000 men. We have seen no estimate of the amount of work reckoned on this basis, which coal performs in the United States, but it must be equal to many times the number of men enrolled by the census-takers. The superiority of Americans in the matter of labor-saving devices for agricultural work was shown by the statement that one American farmer raises as much grain as three in England, four in France, five in Germany and six in Austria; that in the United States, one man can raise food for 250 persons, whereas in Europe the feeding capacity of one man is limited to thirty persons. In conclusion the speaker made the cheering prediction that in the end the advance of engineering will obliterate the line between capital and labor in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. This is totally discordant with the views of those pessimistic writers who descant upon the 'irrepressible conflict between man and machine,' and in every labor-saving invention a new device for the oppression of the working millions. But it accords with the lessons of experience, and that fact is its ample vindication."

RAILROAD NOTES.

It may not be generally known that locomotives destined for exceedingly fast runs require training, as do horses for racing, but such is the fact. When a locomotive is built for speed it is first put to work on some small branch line with light trains and kept there until it becomes thoroughly accustomed to running and all parts are brought down to their proper bearings. It is then taken on more important portions of the lines and gradually worked up by increasing speed until it is finally given its place on the great "flyers." It takes several weeks to train a locomotive to really fast running.

If railroad speed continues to increase at the present rate, the two miles a minute steam engine may be here as quickly as the mile in two minutes trotting horse. The recent great runs on the Northwestern and Great Northern roads from London to Aberdeen have attracted the attention of railroad men here, and it is not unlikely that something will be done soon to bring the speed record back to America. The American railroad men do not admit that the record has ever left here. All they will admit is that for 540 miles an English train has made a faster run than any American train ever did for the same distance, and one reason no American train has ever done it, they say, is that there does not happen to be any stretch of track 540 miles long, except on the Lake Shore road. The officials of that road do not believe in extraordinarily fast time, and will not permit trains on their road to made record time. The fastest train they ever ran was the Chicago flyer, during the World's Fair. That train made the run from New York to Chicago in twenty hours.

In discussing fast running it might be timely to remark that the Lackawanna, while it does not boast of any unusual bursts of speed, can, nevertheless, do so if it wished to. The management contents itself with simply convincing the traveling public that Delaware, Lackawanna and Western trains are not liable to rear end collisions from a funeral procession. Between New York and Buffalo it has a train service and road bed that cannot be excelled, and this together with the fact that hard coal only is used makes it the most popular with traveling men of experience. During the New York Central strike many persons who had been in the habit of using the New York Central between the metropolis and Buffalo were compelled to take the Lackawanna, and, as a consequence, those people are now regular patrons of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. Frequently fast runs are made on the Lackawanna which are never heard of in the newspapers, which would put in the shade many of the bursts of speed which other roads take such delight in boasting of. It is no uncommon thing for a regular train to maintain a mile a minute gait for long stretches over all kinds of road, up hill and down, and on certain portions of the road which are conducive to fast running a mile a minute is considered very ordinary.

FOR ANOTHER'S GREATNESS.

"If it hadn't been for you," observed the shade of a Napoleon, accosting the shade of the Duke of Wellington, "the world might have been mine."

"That is true," the shade of the Iron Duke complacently replied "I must confess that I was too many for you."

"And yet," the Emperor continued, look here."

Together they leaned over the cloudy battlements.

"Observe," Napoleon said, with a broad, downward sweep of his arm, "thousands of books, millions of magazines, portraits my own mother wouldn't recognize—the whole world talking Napoleon."

"And what of me?" the Duke said.

"Well," Napoleon patronizingly replied, "now and then you are mentioned—in a footnote, maybe."

Reflectively the Duke of Wellington turned sadly away.

"And to think," he muttered bitterly, "that I should be responsible for this man's greatness. Waterloo I was!"—Rockford Tribuna.

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Sept. 11.—The stock market presented a somewhat ragged appearance at intervals today and the bears succeeded in making a decided impression upon prices owing chiefly to a further break in wheat and corn, the engagement of $1,100,000 gold for shipment to Europe and the absence of information concerning the intentions of the Belmont-Morgan bond syndicate with reference to making good the impairment of the treasury gold reserve. The lowest quotation of the day was touched shortly after delivery hour and showed a decline of ½ to 3½ per cent, the latter in Tennessee Coal and Iron. The sales were 340,312 shares.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Am. Tobacco Co.....	96¼	96⅝	95⅝	96
Am. Cot. Oil.....	24	24	23	24
Am. Sugar Ref'g Co.	111	112⅝	110⅞	111½
Atch., To. & S. Fe...	21½	21½	20⅞	21⅛
Can. South.....	55½	55½	55¼	55¼
Ches. & Ohio.....	20½	20½	20⅛	20⅛
Chicago Gas.....	62¾	62⅞	61⅝	62½
Chic. & N W.....	104¼	104⅝	103⅝	104⅝
Chic., B. & Q.....	88⅝	88⅞	87½	88½
C. C. C. & St. L.....	48¼	48¼	47¼	47¼
Chic., Mil. & St. P...	76⅝	76⅞	75	75⅝
Chic., R. I. & P.....	81	81	79⅝	80⅛
Delaware & Hud.....	132	132¼	131½	131½
D., L. & W.....	163⅝	163⅝	163⅛	163⅝
Dist. & C. F.....	20⅛	20⅛	19⅛	19⅛
Gen. Electric.....	38⅝	38⅝	38	38⅝
Lake Shore.....	150	150½	150	150½
Louis. & Nash.....	64⅛	64¼	63⅝	63⅞
Manhattan Ele.....	112½	113⅛	112⅝	113⅛
Mo. Pacific.....	40½	40½	38	39½
Nat. Cordage.....	6⅞	7	6¾	6¾
Nat. Lead.....	35	35	34⅝	35
N. J. Central.....	112	112	111⅝	111⅝
N. Y. Central.....	103¼	103¼	102½	103
N. Y., L. E. & W.....	9¼	9¼	9	9⅛
N. Y., S. & W.....	13	13	12⅝	13
N. Y., S. & W., Pr...	34⅝	34⅝	33½	34
Nor. Pacific.....	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝
Nor. Pacific, Pr.....	18½	18½	18¼	18¼
Ont. & West.....	18	18⅛	17⅞	17⅞
Pacific Mail.....	33⅞	33½	31⅝	32⅝
Phil. & Read.....	19⅞	20⅛	19⅛	19⅞
Southern R. R.....	13⅝	13⅝	13	13¼
Tenn., C. & I.....	45¼	45⅝	42¼	44
Tex. Pacific.....	12⅞	12⅞	12¼	12⅝
Union Pacific.....	15	15	14⅝	14⅝
Wabash	9½	9⅞	9½	9⅝
Wabash, Pr.....	24⅝	24⅝	23¼	24
West. Union.....	93¾	93⅞	93½	93⅞
U. S. Leather.....	16¼	16⅝	16	16¼
U. S. Leather, Pr....	84⅝	85	84¼	85

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES.

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
December	58⅝	58¾	57½	57⅝
May	62⅝	62⅞	61⅝	61½
OATS.				
October	18⅝	18⅝	18¼	18¼
May	21	21¼	20⅝	20⅝
CORN.				
October	31⅝	31⅝	30	30¼
December	28	28	27¼	27¼
May	29½	29½	29	29
LARD.				
October	5.75	5.75	5.72	5.75
January	5.72	5.75	5.70	5.75
PORK.				
October	8.15	8.15	8.07	8.12
January	9.25	9.37	9.25	9.37

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

STOCKS.	Bid.	Ask.
Dime Dep & Dis. Bank.....	125	.....
Green Ridge Lumber Co.....	....	110
First National Bank.....	600	.....
Lackawanna Lumber Co.....	110	.....
Scranton Savings Bank.....	200	.....
Scranton Lace Curtain Co.....	....	50
Third National Bank.....	350	.....
Thuron Coal Land Co.....	....	90
Scranton Axle Works.....	....	80
Scranton Glass Co.....	....	65
National Boring & Drilling Co	....	90
Scranton Jar & Stopper Co.....	....	25
Lacka. & Montrose R. R.....	....	100
Spring Brook Water Co.....	....	90
Elmhurst Boulevard Co.....	....	100
Lacka. Trust & Safe Dep. Co.	....	160
Allegheny Lumber Co.....	....	105
Scranton Packing Co.....	....	115
BONDS.		
Scranton Traction Co.....	....	95
Economy Steam Heat & Power Co	....	100
Scranton Glass Co.....	....	100
Rushbrook Coal Co., 6%.....	....	100
Scranton Pass. Railway, first mortgage 6's, due 1920.....	110	.....
People's St. Railway, first mortgage 6's, due 1918.....	110	.....
People's St. Railway, second..	110	.....
Scranton & Pittston Traction Co. 6s	....	90
Lacka. Valley Trac. Co., first mortgage 6s, due 1925.....	....	100

Scranton Wholesale.

Fruits and Produce.—Dried apples, per lb., 5a6c.; evaporated apples, 7½a8c.; California prune, 6½a8c.; English currants, 2½a3c.; layer raisins, $1.60a1.70; muscatels, 4a5c. per lb.; $1a1.25 per box; new Valencias, 5½a6½c. per lb. Beans—Marrowfats, $2a2.20 per bushel; mediums, $1.75a1.80; pea beans. Peas—Green, $1.10 per bushel; split, $2.50a2.60; lentels, 5a8c. per lb. Potatoes—60c. per bushel. Onions—60a65c. per bushel. Butter—16a20c. per lb. Cheese—6a9c. per lb. Eggs—16a16½c. per doz. Meats—Hams, 10½c.; small hams, 11c.; skinned hams, 11c.; California hams, 8c.; shoulders, 7½c.; bellies, 8c.; smoked breakfast bacon, 10½c. Smoked Beef—Outsides, 12c.; sets, 13½c.; insides and knuckles, 15c.; Acme sliced smoked beef, 1-lb. cans, $2.40 per doz. Pork—Mess, $14.50; short clear, $15. Lard—Leaf, in tierces, 7¾c.; in tubs, 8c.; pails, 8⅜c.; 4... ...—all Fco-5Qb3,4 7⅝½trg5 10-lb. pails, 8⅝c. per lb.; 5-lb. pails, 8⅝c. per lb.; 3-lb. pails, 8¾c. per lb.; compound lard, tierces, 5¾c.; tubs, 6c.; 10-lb. pails, 6½c. per lb.; 5-lb. pails, 6⅝c. per lb.; 3-lb. pails, 6⅞c. per lb. Flour—Minnesota patent, per barrel, $3.80a4; Ohio and Indiana amber, $3.50; Graham, $3.50; rye flour, $3.50. Feed—Mixed, per cwt., 95c. Grain—Corn, 50c.; oats, 30a40c. per bushel. Rye Straw—Per ton, $13a16. Hay—$15a17.

New York Produce Market.

New York, Sept. 11.—Flour—Weak, neglected. Wheat—Active, lower; No. 2 red store and elevator, 61½a61¾c.; afloat, 61½a61¾c.; f. o. b., 61¼a62¼c.; No. 3 red, 62¼a63¼c.; options closed weak and lower; September, 60⅞c.; October, 61c.; December, 63c.; May, 66½c. Corn—Weaker; No. 2, 38⅝a38⅞c. elevator; 39½a39⅝c. afloat; options closed lower; September, 37c.; October, 36⅞c.; December, 37½c.; May, 39⅝c. Oats—Dull; options quiet, easier; September, 23½c.; October, 23¼c.; December, 24c.; May, 25½c.; spot prices, No. 2, 23½c.; No. 2 white, 28½c.; No. 2 Chicago, 24½a24¾c.; No. 3, 23c.; No. 3 white, 26a26¼c.; mixed western, 25a27c.; white state and western, 26a33c. Provisions—Firm, unchanged. Lard—Quiet, weak, unchanged. Butter—Firm; state dairy, 12a18½c.; do. creamery, 20c.; western dairy, 9½a13c.; do. creamery, 12a20c.; do. factory, 8a12½c.; Elgins, 20c.; imitation creamery, 11a16c. Cheese—Dull, unsettled; state large, 5½a7¼c.; do. fancy, 7a7¼c.; do. small, 6a8¼c.; part skims, 2¼a5c.; full skims, 1½a2c. Eggs—Quiet, fancy firm; state and Pennsylvania, 16a17c.; western fresh, 14a16c.; do per case, $1.25a4.15.

Toledo Grain Market.

Toledo, O., Sept. 11.—Wheat—Receipts, 24,000 bushels; shipments, 9,000 bushels; market easy; No. 2 red, cash, and September, 59½c.; December, 60¼a60⅜c.; May, 64⅝c.; No. 3 red, cash, 57½c. Corn—Receipts, 1,000 bushels; shipments, 4,000 bushels; market quiet; No. 3 yellow, cash, 34c.; No. 3 white, 32c.; No. 2 mixed, September, 34½c. Oats—Shipments, 21,000 bushels; market dull; No. 2 mixed, cash, 20¼c.; May, 22c. Clover Seed—Receipts, 400 bags; shipments, 495 bags; market quiet; cash and October, $4.37½; January, $4.40; February, $4.55; May, $4.60.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,500 head; market firm; common to extra steers, $3.50a6; stockers and feeders, $2.25a4.25; cows and bulls, $1.25a3.75; calves, $3a6.50; Texans, $2.30a4.35; western rangers, $2.25a4.40 Hogs—Receipts, 35,000 head; market steady; heavy packing and shipping lots, $3.85a4.37½; common to choice mixed, $3.80a4.40; choice assorted, $4.25a4.45; light, $3.75a4.45; pigs, $2.25a4.10. Sheep—Receipts, 13,000 head; market firm; inferior to choice, $1.75a3.75; lambs, $3.25a4.80.

Oil Market.

Pittsburg, Sept. 11.—The only quotation on oil today on the local and Oil City exchanges was 124.

Philadelphia Tallow Market.

Philadelphia, Sept. 11.—Tallow is dull and quiet. We quote: City, prime, in hhds, 4¼a4½c.; country, prime, in bbls, 4¼a4½c.; do, dark, in bbls, 3¾a4c.; cakes, 4½c.; grease, 3½a3¾c.

THE CASE OF SPOFFORD.

Wellman's Washington Letter.

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