"Why, Mammy who would keep money up our chimney, if it wasn't ours?" said Nellie, with better sense than grammar. She kept on raking treasure out of the embers with untroubled enjoyment. "Uncle Matt must have put 'em there, and made 'em fall down just when we wanted them."

[illegible] Nancy.

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

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ket steady; inferior to choice, $1.50a3.60; lambs, $3a5.

Oil Market.

Pittsburg, Sept. 24.—The only quotation on the oil exchanges here and at Oil City today was 121½.

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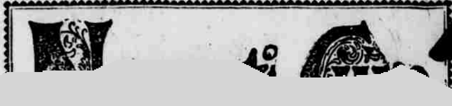

Billop Mystery

Julian Hawthorne

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CHAPTER III.

It was an October evening nine years later: the woods had glowed in their red and yellow splendor all day long the sun had set in a rivalry of glory, and now it was getting so cool that a few logs were piled on the wide hearth, and a fire kindled. The pitch-pine sticks began to crackle, and to ooze at the ends, the blue smoke whirled upwards in the huge draught of the chimney, and Nancy and Nellie having cleared away the supper things, were seated in a small and in a big chair, side by side, face to the blaze. Nellie's head leaned against Nancy's substantial knee; her silky hair, which showed some of the colors of the golden flame at which she was gazing, or of the maple leaves which she had gathered a great bunch of that afternoon, shone in the flickering light with a lovely radiance. Nancy sat back in her chair with her stout arms folded across her ample waist. Never was their an old maid who looked the conventional type less than she. She was rosy, dimpled, plump and cheery, yet she was not only a spinster of near fifty, but she had met with nothing but misfortune all her life. It is a marvel what some folks can thrive on!

But Nancy had in her bosom the innocent and kindly child's heart which was born with her; she was as much a child as the little girl beside her. Troubles could draw tears from her readily enough, but nothing could make her bitter or sullen. Her nature was of the summer quality, sometimes reverting to April, but never contracting into winter. Truly, she was not armed to contend with the artful and selfish world; yet the world could not hate her. Her vital spots were beyond the world's reach.

Being of such a make, she and Nellie were full companions for each other. They were a pair of children. Things which to others would have been foolish and trivial, interested them, and made the subject of their confidential talks. Each loved the sound of the other's voice, and was secure the other's sympathy. It is wonderful what a mutual comprehension love gives; the reason is perhaps because it so simplifies and illuminates the ordinary confusion and obscurity of ideas. We are ourselves the artificers of most of the riddles that perplex us.

"Nellie, you wouldn't have cared for me to marry that old Lawyer Corvin, would you, lovey?"

"Ugh!" said Neilie, prolonging a guttersl of disgust. "He's horrid! You don't have to, do you?"

"No; but he asked me this a'ternoon:" she gave a chuckling little laugh. "I declare, I wonder what ailed the man. He use to be spoonin' around 'bout twenty or thirty years ago; but I was young and smart then, and we was rich; and anyway, I was fancyin' som'un else myself. So I said to him today, I says, 'Whatever ails you, Mr. Corvin? I guess may be you used to want me for the sake of my money,' I says; 'but now,' I says, 'you've got the money, and what under the canopy would you be wanting of me?' So I laughed. But I thought to myself, thinks I, 'Well, I guess I wouldn't marry a man that was the cause of my dear boy Tom gettin' drowned,' not to speak of what folks said about my poor brother Matt: not that I b'lleve myself it was jest Mr. Corvin's fault, you know; but one feels things that way. I didn't tell him that; it's no use hurting folks' feelin's."

"Whatever Ails You Mr. Corvin?"

"What did he say?"

"Well, he sort o' come out, then; he says, 'That's jest it,' he says; 'you ain't got no money, an' I hate to have it that way, but what can I do?' he says. Here I've been lendin' you money these ten years back, Nancy,' he says, 'on the s'curity of your land and cattle an' stuff,' he says; 'an' now you ain't got nothin' more to pledge, and I'll have to foreclose on that mortgage tomorrow,' he says. 'An' what I thought was, Nancy, if you'd have me, it would make it all smooth and nice,' he says, 'for I was al'ays fond o' you,, you know; an' everythin's ready for you, ef you'll come,' he says. 'An' ef you don't, upon my word, I don't see how you're a-goin' to get on anyway,' he says."

"He hasn't got this house, though has he?" asked the child.

"No, lovely, he ain't: an' that's what I told him; an' I said I'd starve in it sooner'n sell it, for it was Billops' house ever sence 'twas built, an' I don't consider I've any right to make away with it while I live. An' I told him, may be the folks aruond would give me work to do; anyhow, marry, I couldn't. By'n by he said, 'Well, I'm sorry to foreclose,' he says; 'but I can't help it; I need some cash to put into a new investment,' he says; an' then he went on to tell about a man had come to town with a new invention—some way of making crops grow with 'lectricity, but I didn't understand how 'twas. Mr. Corvin, he wanted to buy the stock of the invention, and had to have cash. So he said ef I wouldn't marry him, and didn't have the money for the mortgage tomorrow, why he'd be sorry, but he'd jest be obliged to sell up the farm an' fixin's. So I said, 'Well, ef you have to do it, sell away, Mr. Corvin,' I says; an' don't you bother 'bout Nellie an' me,' I says; 'I guess the Lord'll look out after us some way:' an' then I told him I'd have to be gittin' the dinner ready, an' asked him would he stay? But he said no, an' off he went."

"Do you thing the Lord will take us to Heaven, now we have no money?" Nellie inquired.

"Oh, well, I guess we'll get on all right down here for a spell yet, lovey," Nancy replied, cheerfully. "I'll trot over to the village tomorrow, and ef may be I can't get somethin' to do—cookin', or sewin', or such like. There's a good long bit between you 'an me an' starvin,' my pet; an' we al'ays got the old house to live in, you know—thanks be!"

Nellie made no rejoinder, and they sat silent. The fire fell into red embers, on a cushion of white ash. The wind rose, without, and the boughs of the great trees swept across the roof of the house with a swishing sound, as if caressing the venerable building over which they had stood guard so long. How many generations of Billops had that soothing sound hushed to sleep! Nancy was beginning to nod, when suddenly she felt Nellie start slightly, and saw that she had lifted her head and was listening intently.

"What is it lovey? Rats?"

"Music!" whispered Nellie. "There—don't you hear?"

Nancy uttered a faint cry, and sat rigid.

Music! It was unmistakeable. At first a light and airy strain, rising and falling with the breeze, like the notes of an aeolian harp. It was a fitful, undulating call, as of fairy minstrels signaling with elfin horns. But presently it assumed a measured form: it gathered itself into a diatonic melody, warbling delectably. What made it? Where did it come from? After a moment, Nellie jumped up, ran to the window, and threw it open. In came the crisp cold air; the stars sparkled; the music sounded more distinct, but still aerial and remote. It was impossible to determine whence it came. It sounded now here, now there. Sometimes it seemed to emanate from the listener's own heart.

"Oh, isn't it good! Oh, don't let it stop!" murmured Nellie, with groans of delight.

But it did stop, almost as if out of contrariness. A last note swelled out, and went off in a diminuendo, and sank into silence.

"Oh, do-o let it play some more!" she sighed, as if the invisible orchestra could be propitiated by entreaty. "Mammy, you ask 'em!"

Nancy had all this while remained in her chair, in a state of breathless agitation. She now managed to find a week and quivering voice. "Come away from that window, child! Lovey, it's ghosts, the same as used to be when your Uncle Matt was livin'. Oh, my sakes—what a turn it give me!"

"Ghosts?" said Nellie, stepping back from the window, in momentary dismay. But she recovered herself. "If ghosts can make such nice sounds as that, I like them."

"It won't play no more this time, once it stops," said Nancy. "I rec'lect how't used to be well enough! It 'ud play a bit, an' then stop, an' then 'times it 'ud say somethin', an' then you wouldn't hear no more. That's how 'twas when poor Matt was livin', an' I guess this is the same ghost."

"But did it ever do any harm to Uncle Matt? Didn't he like it?" enquired the child.

"I don't know as he ever exactly heard it himself; it 'ud mostly come when I'd be alone, and he off on his business som'ers. When I'd tell him about it, he'd look grave, an' then he'd say, 'Well, Nance, mind you al'ays listen what it says,' he'd say, 'an' whatever it says mind you do it; for ghosts knows more'n we do,' he'd say. All the same it scared me awful."

"May be it isn't ghosts but fairies—good fairies; and they mean to do us good somehow. Didn't they do Uncle Matt good?"

"Well, I b'lieve he did sort of foller what they said, when I wasn't too scared to recollect it, an' he used to say, 'times, that the Voices, as he called 'em, was as good for bus'ness as what a spellin' book is for a child learnin' to read. But all the same, I'm scared of what I can't see, and don't know what it is; an' al'ays thought it was them ghosts that carried poor Matt off, myster'ous like, at last."

"May be they will bring him back again, then, and he'll make Mr. Corvin stop troubling us."

Nancy shook her head. "Ghosts is ghosts, lovey; they may be good or bad; but I never heard as they was able to pay folks' debts for 'em. Ef they could do that, I don't say but what I . . . . . . Sakes alive!"

The cause of this ejaculation was not supernaturol, but material. There was a heavy thump on the hearth, and the wood ashes flew out into the room. Some heavy object had fallen down the chimney, and struck against the smouldering embers. The next instant a light blaze broke out, burnt actively for a minute or so, and then died down.

"Land sakes! it jest makes me sick! Must be a brick out of the chimney, I s'pose. But what was that burned up so? It didn't sound like a brick, neither."

Nellie picked up a thin stick, and poked among the ashes. "Why, mammy, it's money—a whole lot of it!" she presently exclaimed. "It was done up in paper, and that's what burnt."

"Money, child? You're crazy! Whatever would money be doin' in our old chimney?"

"But it is money," persisted Nellie; and with that she raked out a couple of ten dollar gold pieces "Oh, do see—what a lot of 'em!" She continued raking out gold and silver coins, and brushing away the ashes. There were scores of them—hundreds of them. "We're rich, now, ain't we, mammy; you can pay Mr. Corvin tomorrow and make him go away," said the child, looking up smiling with excitement and pleasure.

Nancy, her simple soul rent between fear, curiosity and half-incredulous joy got down on her knees on the hearthstone, and picked up one of the goldpieces between her thumb and finger.

"It's real true gold, jest as sure as you're alive," she murmured; "an the same kind of coin poor Matt used to like to have about him. 'Gold eagles don't fly away as easy as other kinds,' was what he used to say. Well, it don't seem like it could be real, does it? 'Tis, though, all the same! But I don't know—may be the money ain't jestly ours, a'ter all. We don't know where it come from, an' ef we was to use it, an' then som'un was to come along and say it was theirs, what 'd we do?" and made 'em fall [illegible] we wanted them."

"Hark!" cried Nancy.

A whisper—a sigh—a voice, filling their ears, coming from they knew not where, slowly uttering speech, and dying away into silence.

"It's Real True Gold."

"For you, Nance—for you and her—pay the debt—pay the debt—your brother Matt sends it—pay the debt, and free the land, and give me peace."

(To be continued.)

NEWS OF OUR INDUSTRIES.

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

The Reading Coal and Iron company has issued orders to have its seven mines in the Shamokin region start work on full time till further notice. Five thousand men and boys will be affected, and the pay roll increased $20,000 per month.

An illustration of how space is annihiliated by the telegraph was afforded a few days ago by two telegraph clerks sitting opposite each other in a Chicago office. One of them was sending a message to New Orleans; the other was receiving a message from the same city. The sender wanted to borrow a plug of tobacco from his colleague, but it would have been a breach of the rules to ask for it. He thereupon wired to New Orleans and asked the receiver there to tell his partner to hand him a "chew." In less than a minute the plug came over the glass partition which separated the two operators. The message had traveled considerably over a thousand miles, although only a yard separated one operator from another.

The Philadelphia Stockholder Saturday printed a long review of the coal trade, in the course of which it said: Most of the independent operators hold contracts which enable them to stop mining coal when the tidewater price touches $3.25. While it is extremely difficult to determine the cost price, owing to the great variety of conditions that enter into such calculation, it may be safe to assume for present purposes that the cost figure is about $3.25. With this as a basis, the following table, showing the actual average net prices received for coal during 1895 to date, f. o. b. net, New York harbor, is interesting:

	Brok.	Egg.	Stove.	Chest.
January	$3 25	$3 35	$3 30	$3 30
February	3 20	3 25	3 25	3 20
March	3 10	3 10	3 20	3 15
April	3 00	2 90	3 05	3 00
May	2 95	2 90	3 00	3 00
June	2 88	2 90	3 00	2 95
July	2 75	2 75	2 85	2 75

The new prices f. o. b. net tide-water are: Stove and chestnut, $3.25; egg, $3.15; broken, $3. Freights have naturally suffered through this decline. The age of arbitrary freight rates on coal has passed, and the figures are not quite generally 40 per cent. of the selling price. A year or more ago Lackawanna, the last adherent to the old system, acknowledged the new by reducing its rate from the mine to tidewater from $1.75 to about $1.50. This latter figure ruled till about last spring, when there was a further reduction to conform to the 40 per cent. basis, making the rate $1.25. The Buffalo rate was reduced from $2 to $1.75. Through all these changes the companies have been able to arbitrarily maintain their line rates fairly well, although the reduction to Buffalo necessitated a reduction to line points in that direction. The line points between the mines and tide-water are still suffering under an apparent discrimination, the freight being greater than the tide-water rate. On a basis of the selling price of coal during July the freight rate should have been $1 per ton. If present asking prices become the current figure, the warranted rate will about equal that now current. There has been advanced two very clearly defined theories to account for this sudden improvement in the coal trade. The one current among coal men is in effect that the companies are tired of losing money and propose to get back some of it for their coal. The other is that the coal men simply obeyed orders when they advanced prices, and that these instructions came from a carefully organized body, styled by some a "coal combination." Just how the companies can logically expect to bring about a rehabilitation of the industry without an understanding, in view of the boasted tonnage difference and a capacity that greatly exceeds the demand, does not appear. The best evidence that such a deal has been perfected is the statistical position of the industry. When the trade was "going to the dogs" the output was greatly beyond requirements, amounting to an excess of over two and a half million tons, as stated. A combination of this policy would have placed the industry in a hole, from which it could not have been lifted in several years. The fact that from the date in question the production commenced to decrease, and that up to July 6 the heavy increase had been cut in two, shows that there was a guiding hand beneath the surface. There have been no figures to show what the production has been since that date, but it is claimed by good market judges that the heavy increase has been nearly wiped out. The immediate future of the trade promises interesting developments, and if there are further sharp increases in prices it can be assumed without fear of contradiction that the trade is in control of a few powerful interests who propose to speedily put it on its feet.

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STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Sept. 24.—The market for stocks ruled quiet today, the transactions aggregating 257,500 shares. At the opening the market was quite active and prices advanced ⅛ to 1¼ per cent., Sugar, Chicago Gas, Grangers, Manhattan, General Electric all being more or less prominent in the upward movement. Chicago Gas sold at 71⅝, the best figure attained in weeks. Rock Island was strong, and rose to 80⅝. About 1 o'clock the market received a setback, and from that time on the course of issues was downward. The selling was due to reports of the engagement of one million or more of gold to be shipped by Saturday's steamer. The decline in stocks during the afternoon ranged from ¼ to 2⅞. Sugar leading. Net losses were ⅛ to 2⅛ per cent. Speculation closed weak.

The range of today's prices for the active stock 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.

	Op'n-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Am. Tobacco Co.	100½	101½	99⅝	100
Am. Cot. Oil	22¾	22¾	21	21
Am. Sugar Re'g Co.	108⅝	109½	106⅝	107
Atch., To. & S. Fe	23½	23½	22⅝	22¾
Can. South	55¼	55¼	54½	54½
Ches. & Ohio	20⅞	20⅞	20½	20½
Chicago Gas	71½	71⅝	69⅝	70⅝
Chic. & N. W.	105⅝	105⅞	104⅞	104⅞
Chic., B. & Q.	87¼	87⅜	86	86⅛
C. C. C. & St. L.	46½	47	46½	46⅝
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	78¼	78⅜	77⅛	77¼
Chic., R. I. & P.	80⅛	80⅝	79⅜	79½
Delaware & Hud.	132¾	132¾	131½	131⅝
Dist. & C. F.	21½	21⅝	20⅞	21⅛
Gen. Electric	39½	40⅛	38¼	38⅜
Ill. Central	103¾	103¾	103¼	102¾
Lake Shore	150	150	150	150
Louis. & Nash.	64¼	64¼	63⅝	63¾
Manhattan Ele.	112½	112⅞	111½	111½
Mo. Pacific	39½	39½	38⅝	38⅝
Nat. Cordage	8¾	8⅞	8	8
Nat. Lead	36⅞	36⅞	35⅞	35⅞
N. J. Central	114¼	114¼	112	112
N. Y. Central	102⅝	102⅝	102⅛	102⅛
N. Y., S. & W.	13	13	13	13
N. Y., S. & W., Pr.	35¾	35¾	34⅞	54⅞
Nor. Pacific	5¼	5¼	5¼	5½
Nor. Pacific, Pr.	19½	19½	19	19¼
Ont. & West	18⅜	18½	18¼	18¼
Pacific Mail	32⅛	32⅜	31⅝	31⅝
Phil. & Read.	20⅜	20⅜	19⅜	19⅝
Southern R. R.	13½	13⅝	13	13¼
Tenn., C. & I.	43½	43¾	42⅛	42½
Tex. Pacific	12½	12⅝	12⅜	12⅜
Wabash	9⅝	9⅝	9½	9½
Wabash, Pr.	24½	24½	23⅜	23½
West. Union	92¾	92¾	92⅝	92⅝
W. L.	15⅝	16⅛	15¼	15⅜
U. S. Leather	16¾	17¼	16¾	16¾
U. S. Leather, Pr.	85⅞	87⅝	85⅞	86¼

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES.

WHEAT.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
December	58½	60	58½	59⅜
May	62⅞	63⅜	62½	63½
OATS.				
October	18½	18¾	18½	18¾
May	20¾	20⅞	20¾	....
CORN.				
October	30½	31	30½	30⅞
December	27⅞	28¼	27⅞	28⅛
May	28⅞	29¼	28⅞	29¼
LARD.				
October	5.75	5.77	5.75	5.77
January	5.77	5.82	5.77	5.82
PORK.				
October	7.87	7.97	7.87	7.97
January	9.35	9.47	9.35	9.47

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

Name.	Bid.	Asked.
Green Ridge Lumber Co.	...	110
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	125	...
Scranton Lace Cur. Co.	...	50
Nat. Boring & Drilling Co.	...	90
First National Bank	600	...
Thuron Coal Land Co.	...	90
Scranton Jar & Stopper Co.	...	25
Scranton Glass Co.	...	65
Lackawanna Lumber Co.	110	...
Spring Brook Water Co.	...	90
Elmhurst Boulevard Co.	...	100
Scranton Axle Works	...	80
Third National Bank	350	...
Lacka. Trust and Safe Dep. Co	...	169
Allegheny Lumber Co.	...	105
Scranton Packing Co.	...	115
Scranton Savings Bank	200	...
Scranton Traction Co.	10	...
BONDS.		
Scranton Glass Co.	...	100
Economy Steam Heat & Power Co	...	100
Scranton Pass. Railway first mortgage, due 1918	110	...
Scranton Traction Co.	...	95
People's Street Railway, first mortgage, due 1918	110	...
Rushbrook Coal Co.	...	100
Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co.	...	90
People's Street Railway, Second mortgage, due 1920	110	...
Lacka. Valley Trac. Co., first mortgage, due 1925	...	100

Scranton Wholesale.

Fruits and Produce.—Dried apples, per lb., 5a6c.; evaporated apples, 7½a8c.; California prunes, 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. Peas — Green, $1.10 per bushel; split, $2.50a2.60; lentels, 5a8c. per lb. Potatoes—40c. 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.; 10-lb. pails, 8⅛c. per lb.; 5-lb. pails, 8⅛c. 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, 6¾c. 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. 24.—Flour—Held firmer. Wheat—Dull; No. 2 red store and elevator, 63a63⅝c.; afloat, 64⅝c.; f. o. b., 65½c.; No. 1 northern, 64½c.; options closed firm at 1⅛a1⅝c. over yesterday; September, 63½c.; October, 63⅝c.; December, 65½c.; February, 67⅝c.; March, 68⅜c.; May, 69c. Corn—Steady quiet; No. 2, 38⅝c. elevator; 39⅝c. afloat; options quiet, strong; September, 37¾c.; October, 37⅜c.; December, 36c.; May, 35¼c. Oats—Quiet, steady; options quiet, firmer; September, 24⅛c.; October, 24c.; December, 24½c.; spot prices, No. 2, 24a24¼c.; No. 2 white, 27¾c.; No. 2 Chicago, 25a25¼c.; No. 3, 32½c.; No. 3 white, 26c.; mixed western, 24½a26c.; white state and western, 25a32c. Provisions — Quiet, unchanged. Lard—Easy, steady. Butter—Firm; state dairy, 12a20c.; do. creamery, 21½a22c.; western dairy, 9½a13c.; do. creamery, 12a22c.; do. factory, 8a12½c.; Elgins, 22c.; imitation creamery, 11a15c. Cheese—Firm, steady, unchanged. Eggs—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 16½a17½c.; western fresh, 15a16½c.; do. per case, $1.50a4.50.

Toledo Grain Market.

Toledo, O., Sept. 24.—Wheat—Receipts, 22,500 bushels; shipments, 6,500 bushels; market firmer; No. 2 red, cash, and September, 65c.; December, 66c.; May, 68½c.; No. 3 red, cash 62½c. Corn—Receipts, 18,500 bushels; shipments, 2,000 bushels; market quiet; No. 2 mixed, cash, 34c.; No. 2 yellow, 35c.; No. 3 do., 34c.; No. 2 white, 33½c.; No. 3 do., 32½c. Oats—Receipts, 4,000 bushels; market dull; No. 2 mixed, cash, 21c.; No. 2 white, 22½c.; do. May, 25½c. Clover Seed—Receipts, 830 bags; shipments, 12 bags; September, $4.40½; February, $4.45; March, $4.60.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000 head; market easy; common to extra steers, $3.50a5.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50a4.25; cows and bulls, $1.50a3.75; calves, $3.25a6.50; Texans, $2a3.40; western rangers, $2.25a4.75. Hogs—Receipts, 20,000 head; market weak and 5a10c. lower; heavy packing and shipping lots, $3.60a4.30; common to choice mixed, $3.70a4.30; choice assorted, $4.20a4.30; light, $3.70a4.30; pigs, $2a4.20. Sheep—Receipts, 14,000 head; mar-

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RAILROAD NOTES.

The St. Louis Southwestern Railway company recently completed at its Pine Bluff shops a heavy eight-wheel engine for passenger service.

The Richmond Locomotive works are building five consolidation compound locomotives for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad company.

According to recent instructions Lehigh Valley employes are required to commit to memory the contents of the book of rules in effect on the road.

The Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad company has placed an order for 100 box cars with the Wells and French company, of Chicago, Ill.

The Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad company has in use seven locomotives of the Shay type, manufactured by the Lima Locomotive and Machine company, and has placed orders for two more.

The Michigan-Peninsular Car company, of Detroit, Mich., is to build 600 coal cars for the Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling Railroad company. The company will order altogether about 950 cars of this type.

The Calumet and Blue Island Railroad company has just ordered from the United States Car company 200 box cars to be used in coke traffic. It is reported that the company will soon place orders for 150 more cars.

The Baldwin Locomotive works, of Philadelphia, have orders for three locomotives from the Guatemala Central Railway company, one from the Central Railway company of Georgia, and two from the Mobile and Birmingham Railroad company.

Work in the New York Central locomotive shops at Depew, N. Y., is increasing so rapidly that additional mechanics are being put on every day. The working time has been increased from nine to eleven hours, and the pay has been increased accordingly.

The Illinois Central Railroad company has an order for thirty engines, twenty-four of which are moguls, two suburban and four switchers. The Rogers Locomotive company, of Paterson, N. J., will supply ten moguls and two suburban, and the Brooks Locomotive works fourteen moguls and four switchers. The company will soon order twenty additional locomotives.

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