BORROWING TROUBLE.

Dr. Talmage Says It Is a Bad Habit That Unfits Many to Properly Discharge Their Duties.

God Will Meet Our Exigencies as They Arise.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows the folly of allowing forebodings to influence us and how expectation of evil weakens and destroys; text, Matthew vi, 34, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

The life of every man, woman and child is as closely under the divine care as though such person were the only man, woman or child. There are no accidents. As there is a law of storms in the natural world, so there is a law of trouble, a law of disaster, a law of misfortune, but the majority of the troubles of life are imaginary, and the most of those anticipated never come. At any rate, there is no cause of complaint against God. See how much He has done to make you happy—His sunshine filling the earth with glory, making rainbow for the storm and halo for the mountain, greenness for the moss, saffron for the cloud and crystal for the billow and procession of bannered flame through the opening gates of the morning, chaffinches to sing, rivers to glitter, seas to chant and springs to blossom and overpowering all other sounds with its song and over-reaching all other splendor with its triumph, covering up all other beauty with its garlands and outflashing all other thrones with its dominion—deliverance for a lost world through the Great Redeemer.

I discourse of the sin of borrowing trouble.

First, such a habit of mind and heart is wrong because it puts one into a despondency that ill fits him for duty. I planted two rose bushes in my garden. The one thrived beautifully; the other perished. I found the dead one on the shady side of the house. Our dispositions, like our plants, need sunshine. Expectancy of repulse is the cause of many secular and religious failures. Fear of bankruptcy has upturn many a fine business and sent the man dodging among the note shavers. Fear of slander and abuse has often invited the long-beaked vultures of scorn and backbiting. Many of the misfortunes of life, like hyenas, flee if you courageously meet them.

How poorly prepared for religious duty is a man who sits down under the gloom of expected misfortune! If he prays, he says, "I do not think I shall be answered." If he gives, he says, "I expect they will steal the money." Helen Chalmers told me that her father, Thomas Chalmers, in the darkest hour of the Free Church of Scotland and when the woes of the land seemed to weigh upon his heart, said to his children, "Come, let us go out and play ball or fly kite," and the only difficulty in the play was that the children could not keep up with their father. The McCheynes and the Summerfields of the church who did the most good toiled in the sunlight. Away with the horrors! They distil poison. They dig graves, and if they could climb so high they would drown the rejoicings of heaven with sobs and wailing.

You will have nothing but misfortune in the future if you sedulously watch for it. How shall a man catch the right kind of fish if he arranges line and hook and bait to catch lizards and water serpents? Hunt for bats and hawks, and bats and hawks you will find. Hunt for robin redbreasts, and you will find robin redbreasts. One night an eagle and an owl got into fierce battle. The eagle, unused to the night, was no match for the owl, which is most at home in the darkness, and the king of the air fell helpless, but the morning rose, and with it rose the eagle, and the owls and the nighthawks and the bats came a second time to the combat. Now, the eagle in the sunlight, with a stroke of his talons and a great cry cleared the air, and his enemies, with torn feathers and splashed with blood, tumbled into the thickets. Ye are the children of light. In the night of despondency you will have no chance against your enemies that flock up from beneath, but trusting in God and standing in the sunshine of the promises you shall "renew your youth like the eagle."

Again, the habit of borrowing trouble is wrong, because it has a tendency to make us overlook present blessing. To slake man's thirst the rock is cleft, and cool water leap into his brimming cup. To feed his hunger the fields bow down with bending wheat, and the cattle come down from the clover pastures to give him milk, and the orchards yellow and ripen, casting their juicy fruits into his lap. Alas, that amid such exuberance of blessing man should growl as though he were a soldier on half rations or a sailor on short allowance; that a man should stand neck deep in harvests looking forward to famine; that one should feel the strong pulses of health marching with regular tread all the avenues of life and yet tremble at the expected assault of sickness; that a man should sit in his pleasant home, fearful that ruthless want will some day rattle the broken window sash with tempest and sweep the coals from the hearth and pour hunger into the bread tray; that a man fed by Him who owns all the harvests should expect to starve; that one whom God loves and surrounds with benediction and attends with angelic escort and hovers over with more than motherly fondness should be looking for a heritage of tears! Has God been hard with thee that thou shouldst be foreboding? Has He stinted thy board? Has He covered thee with rags? Has He spread traps for thy feet and galled thy cup and rasped thy soul and wrecked thee with storm and thundered upon thee with a life full of calamity?

If your father or brother come into your bank, where gold and silver are lying about, you do not watch them, for you know they are honest, but if an entire stranger come by the safe you keep your eye on him, for you do not know his designs. So some men treat God not as a father, but a stranger, and act suspiciously toward Him. It is high time you began to thank God for present blessing; thank Him for your children, happy buoyant and bounding; praise Him for your home, with its fountain of song and laughter; adore Him for morning light and evening shadow; praise Him for fresh, cool water bubbling from the rock, leaping in the cascade, soaring in the mist, falling in the shower, dashing against the rocks and clapping its hands in the tempest; love Him for the grass that cushions the earth and the clouds that curtain the sky and the foliage that waves in the forest; thank Him for a Bible to read and a Saviour to deliver.

Many Christians think it a bad sign to be jubilant, and their work of self-examination is a hewing down of their brighter experiences. Like a boy with a new jackknife hacking everything he comes across, so their self-examination is a religious cutting to pieces of the greenest things they can lay their hands on. They imagine they are doing God's service when they are going about borrowing trouble, and borrowing it at thirty per cent., which is always a sure precursor of bankruptcy.

Again, the habit of borrowing trouble is wrong because the present is sufficiently taxed with trial. God sees that we all need a certain amount of trouble, and so, He apportions it for all the days and years of our life. Alas for the policy of gathering it all up for one day or year! Cruel thing to put upon the back of one camel all the cargo intended for the entire caravan. I never look at my memorandum book to see what engagements and duties are far ahead. Let every week bear its own burdens. The shadows of to-day are thick enough. Why implore the presence of other shadows? The cup is already distasteful. Why halloo to disasters far distant to come and wring out more gall in the bitterness? Are we such champions that, having won the belt in former encounters, we can go forth to challenge all the future?

Here are business men just able to manage affairs as they now are. They can pay their rent and meet their notes and manage affairs as they now are, but how if a panic should come and my investments should fail? Go to-morrow and write on your daybook or on your ledger or on your money safe "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Do not worry about notes that are far from due. Do not pile up on your counting desk the financial anxieties of the next twenty years. The God who has taken care of your worldly occupation, guarding your store from the torch of the incendiary and the key of the burglar, will be as faithful in 1910 as in 1901. God's hand is mightier than the machinations of stock gamblers or the plots of political demagogues or the red right arm of revolution, and the darkness will fly and the storm fall dead at His feet.

So there are persons in feeble health, and they are worried about the future. They make out very well now, but they are bothering themselves about future pleurisies and rheumatisms and neuralgias and fevers. Their eyesight is feeble, and they are worried lest they entirely lose it. Their hearing is indistinct, and they are alarmed lest they become entirely deaf. They felt chilly to-day and are expecting an attack of typhoid. They have been troubled for weeks with some perplexing malady and dread becoming lifelong invalids. Take care of your health now and trust God for the future. Be not guilty of the blasphemy of asking Him to take care of you while you sleep with your windows tight down or eat chicken salad at 11 o'clock at night or sit down on a cake of ice to cool off. Be prudent and then be confident. Some of the sickest people have been the most useful. It was so with Payson, who died deaths daily, and Robert Hall, who used to stop in the midst of his sermon and lie down on the pulpit sofa to rest and then go on again. Theodore Frelinghuysen had a great horror of dying till the time came, and then went peacefully. Take care of the present and let the future look out for itself. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Again, the habit of borrowing misfortune is wrong because it unfits us for it when it actually does come. We cannot always have smooth sailing. Life's path will sometimes tumble among declivities and mount a steep and be thorn pierced. Judas will kiss our cheek and then sell us for thirty pieces of silver. Human scorn will try to crucify us between two thieves. We will hear the iron gate of the sepulcher creak and grind as it shuts in our kindred. But we cannot get ready for these things by forebodings. They who fight imaginary woes will come out of breath into conflict with the armed disasters of the future. Their ammunition will have been wasted long before they come under the guns of real misfortune. Boys in attempting to jump a wall sometimes go so far back in order to get impetus that when they come up they are exhausted, and these long races in order to get spring enough to vault trouble bring us up at last to the dreadful reality with our strength gone.

Finally, the habit of borrowing trouble is wrong because it is unbelief. God has promised to take care of us. The Bible blooms with assurances. Your hunger will be fed, your sickness will be alleviated, your sorrows will be healed. God will sandal your feet and smooth your path, and along by frowning crag and opening grave sound the voices of victory and good cheer. The summer clouds that seem thunder charged really carry in their bosom harvests of wheat and shocks of corn and vineyards purpling for the wine press. The wrathful wave will kiss the feet of the great storm walker. Our great Joshua will command and above your soul the sun of prosperity will stand still. Bleak and wave struck Patmos shall have apocalyptic vision, and you shall hear the cry of elders and the sweep of wings and trumpets of salvation and the voice of hallelujah unto God forever.

Your way may wind along dangerous bridle paths and amid wolf's howl and the scream of the vulture, but the way still winds upward till angels guard it and trees of life overarch it, and thrones line it, and crystalline fountains leap on it, and the pathway ends at gates that are pearl, and streets that are gold, and temples that are always open, and hills that quake with perpetual song and a city mingling forever Sabbath and jubilee and triumph and coronation.

Let pleasure chant her siren song;
'Tis not the song for me,
To weeping it will turn ere long,
For this is heaven's decree.

But there's a song the ransomed sing
To Jesus, their exalted King,
With joyful heart and tongue
Oh, that's the song for me!

Courage, my brother! the father does not give to his son at school enough money to last him several years, but as the bills for tuition and board and clothing and books come in pays them. So God will not give you grace all at once for the future, but will meet all your exigencies as they come. Through earnest prayer trust Him. People ascribe the success of a certain line of steamers to business skill, and know not the fact that when that line of steamers started the wife of the proprietor passed the whole of each day when a steamer sailed in prayer to God for its safety and the success of the line. Put everything in God's hands and leave it there. Large interest money to pay will soon eat up a farm, a store, an estate and the interest on borrowed troubles will swamp anybody. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

The Mountain Creation.

Moses was to build the tabernacle after the pattern he had received in the mount. God was the architect, Moses only the builder. That method saved much discussion and trouble with the workers about the tabernacle. There are some things the world cannot change; God's plan for a human life is never out of date; the mountain architecture is perfect. It is neither Grecian nor Roman; it does not follow any human school; it is after the heavenly design. See that you make your architecture after the holy pattern, perfected from foundation to capstone. Strange to say that while there is wide difference of opinion as to what is artistic and beautiful in human workmanship, men are of one mind when they stand before the mountain-creation. The sermon on the mount is the pattern of the mount, the architecture of a right life. When men cry: "Back to Christ," urging us to conform to the principles and rules of the Master, they are simply repeating to all men the command that was given to Moses: "See that thou make all things according to the pattern hewed thee in the mount." What perfect harmony there would be among the life-buildings in the world if we followed the heavenly designs!—Baptist Union.

The Setting of a Hope.

The setting of a great hope is like the setting of the sun. The brightness of our life is gone. Shadows of evening fall around us and the world seems but a dim reflection—itself a broader shadow; we look forward into the coming lonely night. The soul withdraws into itself. Then stars arise and the night is holy.—H. W. Longfellow.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Vice-President Roosevelt will visit Montgomery, Ala., the second week in November.

William J. Bryan has bought the National Watchman, a labor paper, at Alexandria, Va.

Andrew Carnegie has given $50,000 to build a town hall at Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

King Edward is likely to confer a dukedom on Lord Salisbury at the time of His Majesty's coronation.

King Alfonso of Spain has planned an extended trip through France and Germany, accompanied by General Weyler.

Senator Hoar has just celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth. He is serving his fifth term in the Senate.

Brigadier-General Frederick Grant is authority for the statement that the Filipino is full of fun and knows how to take a joke.

Rear-Admiral Melville has made public his views on submarine boats, holding that they have not passed beyond the experimental stage.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

International Lesson Comments For September 15.

Subject: Jacob a Prince With God. Gen. xxxii, 1-32. Golden Text, Luke xviii. 1. Memory Verses, 24-28. Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

1. "Went on his way." In some way God had spoken to Jacob and told him to return to his native land. Gen. 31: 3. The Lord would not permit him to remain away longer, for he might become perverted in his religious life and forget the promises of which he was heir, and then, as he could no longer live in peace with Laban it was time for him to return. "Angels of God." A host of angels. See 2 Kings 6: 17. "Met him." Literally, "came, drew near to him."

2. "God's host." The angels are called hosts. 1. From their multitude. 2. From their order. 3. From their power for the protection of the saints. "Mahanaim." "Two camps."

3. "Sent messengers." These messengers were probably sent before he saw the host of angels, for they seem to have returned soon after this. "Land of Seir." This is on the east and south of the Dead Sea.

4. "Unto my lord." "Yielding pacifieth great offenses." Eccles. 10: 4. Jacob humbled himself before his brother, recognizing him as lord, and putting himself down as a servant.

6. "Cometh to meet thee." The mind of Esau was in that wavering state when the slightest incident might soothe him into good will, or arouse him to vengeance.

7. "Greatly afraid." The fear of his brother was the direct consequence of his sin, the sin that embittered his whole life. "Two bands." Disposal of his company into two bands, so that if one was attacked the other might escape, was characteristic of Jacob. He was a scheming man, and never neglected to take every possible precaution.

9. "O God of my father Abraham." In this great emergency he had recourse to prayer.

10. "Not worthy." The Hebrew expression is "little among all the mercies;" that is, too little to have received less; less than all. "With my staff." When he passed over this Jordan he had nothing but his staff, but now he has wives and children and flocks and herds.

11. "The hand of my brother." Jacob knew that his brother was coming toward him with an army, and he feared the worst. "The mother with the children." He must have had an awful opinion of his brother when he used this expression, which implies the utmost cruelty, proceeding in the work of slaughter to total extermination.

12. "Thou saidst." God's promises are the sure ground of all our hopes, and "to remind God of His promises is one of the privileges of prayer."

13. "A present for Esau." Jacob did not regard praying as a substitute for the use of means. It was rather a guide, an inspiration from God in their use.

14, 15. "Two hundred," etc. We can learn something of his great prosperity from the fact that this present to Esau consisted of 580 animals.

16. "Every drove by themselves." The disposition of this princely present in several droves, following one another at intervals, was such as to repeat the favorable impression made by each, as they successively came before Esau, accompanied with a conciliatory message. "Pass over before me." They were now near the fords of the Jabbok, close to the region of expected danger.

20. "Will apease him." Jacob hoped to pacify his brother and turn away his anger by the presents, and by the words of esteem which he had instructed his servants to speak to Esau.

22. "Rose up that night." Jacob took his family across in the night when there would be no opportunity for the enemy to see or to hinder. "Ford Jabbok." The Jabbok was a stream flowing into the Jordan about two-thirds of the distance from the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea.

24. "Was left alone." To be left alone with God is the only true way of arriving at a just knowledge of ourselves and our ways. "There wrestled." From Hosea 12: 4 we learn that the wrestling of Jacob was not merely a physical exercise, but also a spiritual one. "A man." This was doubtless the Lord Jesus Christ. In Hosea 12: 4, the man who wrestled with him is called the angel, and the Lord of hosts; and in verse 30 of this chapter Jacob calls Him God.

25. "He prevailed not." It would have been easy enough for the angel to prevail physically, but the Lord was endeavoring to lead Jacob to a complete abandonment of himself. "He touched—his thigh." The thigh is the pillar of a man's strength; Jacob was thus shown his utter helplessness and dependence on God. God can bring down to the dust the stoutest.

26. "I will not," etc. To say this from the heart is the secret of all true strength. "Thou bless me." The blessing of God on the heart is of greater value than the best this world can give.

27. "What is thy name?" God directed attention to his name as representing his character. "He said, Jacob." That is, "supplanter." Thus did Jacob admit the true state of his heart.

28. "Israel." A prince of God, or one powerful with God. God had taught him that his greatest enemy was not Esau, but himself. "Power with God." The only sure way of having power with men is to have power with God first. Earnestness, perseverance, submission, faith—these will move both God and man. "Hast prevailed." All of God's people are wrestlers. Great things are promised to those who give themselves fully to God, not the least of which is that they shall prevail with God.

29. "Tell me—thy name." Reveal thyself to me more fully. "He blessed him there." The angel did not gratify Jacob's curiosity when he asked his name, but he did bless him. 1. Consider the place. It was a place (1) of great trial (vs. 6, 7); (2) of humble confession (v. 10); (3) of pleading (vs. 11, 12); (4) of communion (v. 30); (5) of conscious weakness. V. 31. 2. Consider the blessing. He was (1) saved from a great peril (v. 11); (2) he was able to feel that a great breach was healed (33, 4); (3) he had won a new name and rank (v. 28), and was made a prince on the spot; (4) he was now under a fresh anointing, and was a superior man ever after.

30. "Peniel." Or Penuel (v. 31), meaning "the face of God." "My life is preserved." These words have a deep spiritual meaning. The only way in which the life can be preserved is to meet the angel—Christ; He is the life.

31. "The sun rose." See Mal. 4: 2. The rising sun was a type of the spiritual sunrise upon his soul. "Halted," etc. Whether Jacob was healed at this time, or was ever after a cripple, is mere conjecture.

32. "Eat not of the sinew." What this sinew was neither Jew nor Christian can tell.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The new British first-class battleship Exmouth has been launched.

The laying of the marine cable from Skagway to Juneau, Alaska, has been completed.

In Northern Bohemia the first import of oats from America has just been made.

The Board of Trade of Dusseldorf, Germany, urges the necessity of restricting the number of fairs.

Massachusetts Prohibitionists have nominated a State ticket, headed by John B. Lewis, Jr., for Governor.

It is said that 7000 persons intend to come back from Nome, Alaska, to the United States during the present season.

So many Americans visit and reside in London that an American directory is being prepared, which will include upwards of 10,000 names.

Writers of popular songs are uniting in a benevolent and protective society to guard against the alleged "rapacity" of the music publishers.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

September 15—True Honor—John v. 41-44.

Scripture Verses.—1 Kings iii. 11-13; Prov. iii. 13-16; iv. 7, 8; viii. 17, 18; xxii. 4; John xii. 26; Matt. vi. 1.

Lesson Thoughts.

If your mind is set solely on earthly glory, you may attain this ambition, but it will surely be at the expense of the heavenly honor; but "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Honor from men cannot be compared in value with that which cometh from God only: one is material, the other is spiritual; one is for time, the other for eternity; one is uncertain, the other is sure; one is often undeserved, the other is always just.

Selections.

It was a custom in Rome, that when the emperor went out upon some grand day in all his imperial pomp, there was an officer appointed to burn flax before him, crying out, "Sic transit gloria mundi," so passes the glory of the earth; which was done to put him in mind that all his honor and grandeur should soon vanish away like the smoke from the burning flax.

Virtue derives her name from vir (a man) because virtue is the most manly ornament. She was esteemed a goddess, and worshiped in the habit of an elderly matron; sitting upon a square stone. M. Marcellus dedicated a temple to her; and, hard by, placed another, that was dedicated to Honor; by which was signified, that, by virtue alone true honor is obtained.

Philip of Macedon, wrestling in the games, was thrown in the sand. Rising, he saw the marks of his body, and exclaimed, "How little a parcel of earth will hold us when we are dead, who are ambitiously seeking after the whole world while living."

As the glory of God infinitely transcends man with all his abilities and honors, so it should be in greater esteem than any or all things that can be brought in comparison with it.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING TOPICS

September 15—True Honor—John v. 41-44.

The word rendered honor is translated glory in the revised edition of the New Testament Greek. The glory of this world is fitful and fleeting. It dazzles, and deceives. Its promises is a mirage. Its fulfillment is a desert, and it must fade when the suns splendor breaks over the hills.

The glory of this world is uncertain. Is it the glory of wealth? The banks may break to-morrow. Is it the glory of war? Egypt's love of blood unsettled her throne. Does the world glory in power? The proud scepter may fall from the palsied hand tomorrow. The glory of this world is unsatisfactory. It is a hunger that gnaws, but does not nourish. Earthly glory produces insatiable hunger and leaves the deluded soul to starve.

The real glory of personal character is often unrecognized by the world. God veils the finest things from the vulgar. We have seen moss take hold of a faded and weather beaten shingle on the roof and transform that unsightly thing to living beauty. Thus the hope of Jesus lays hold of a ruined man, transforming his character into spiritual beauty. He reveals the story of the character by making the character glorious.

The greatest glory of all is to be good. Jesus stated a startling fact when he said that he received not glory from men. That was to their everlasting shame. Men ought to give him all the glory, for to Him all glory and honor are due. Some day to Him every knee must bend.

RAMS' HORN BLASTS

THE love of the law leads to liberty in it.

Christ's life is heaven's great "social settlement."

Love's softest words often have the sublimest echoes.

Self is the shortest and the deepest definition of sin.

Sympathy and sincerity are the sister keys to all hearts.

His presence all our days alone can keep us in His ways.

The advice that is dear as a gift will be dangerous as a guide.

No man will ever be wise who is unwilling to be esteemed a fool.

Your reputation will not be improved by hanging on a genealogical tree. Don't make the man with the crooked eye the compass-man of your church.

You cannot make your heart a cesspool without giving your life an ill odor.

Some people cannot even trust God with their cares without keeping a memorandum of them.

The people who are always harping on their troubles will probably never be troubled with harps.

When life will not bear grain dig in it for gold.

Temperature often depends on temperament.

It is always easier to praise virtue than to pursue it.

The glory of Christ is the only glory of the church.

Big words do not always carry great weight of meaning.

The health of the liquor business may depend on your depending on the liquor for your health.

Care-freedom will give you freedom in prayer.

A traitor is not he who fails but he who flees.

A broad platform may be but a good place to scatter on.

Except life be deepened its widening will be its weakening.

The Bible makes no mistake in describing the man who talks about its mistakes.

Our sorrows may seem to wipe out the stars but they can never blot out the Bible, our compass.

When a man wears his piety in his watch chain you may know it is paste.

Sympathy is the secret of sight.

The man who is afraid of his skin will never save his soul.

All men have equal rights but not equal resolution to reach them.

Every church ought to have a corral for the kicker to air his heels.

The sermon prepared for the head never reaches the heart.

The best friends of the devil is the man who proclaims his disease.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

New York (Special).—R. G. Dun & Company's "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "Even in cotton goods, which have been the slowest to respond to the vigorous tone of domestic trade, the past week has brought distinct improvement.

"The crop year ends with a visible supply close to a million bales, by no means the severe scarcity estimated earlier in the season; but a still more depressing fact is the decrease in takings by Northern spinners of about 200,000 bales, as compared with the average of the three preceding years.

"Quotations of steel products are still nominal, owing to the difficulty experienced in securing prompt delivery.

"Consumers of tin plate have secured supplies abroad, so that their work is not badly handicaped.

"Woolen mills are crowded with orders, even the smaller concerns participating and the wool market is steady, despite weakness abroad.

"Failures for the week numbered 202 in the United States, against 175 last year, and twenty-one in Canada, against nineteen last year."

Bradstreet's says:

"Wheat (including flour) exports for the week aggregate 6,607,611 bushels, as against 6,606,989 last week and 3,248,313 this week last year. Wheat exports July 1 to date (nine weeks) aggregate 57,286,932, as against 25,888,477 bushels last season. Corn exports aggregate 441,918 bushels, as against 523,883 bushels last week and 3,717,400 bushels last year. July 1 to date exports are 10,192,969, against 30,887,214 last season.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Best Patent, $4.60; High Grade Extra, $4.10; Minnesota bakers, $2.00@3.10.

Wheat—New York, No. 2 red, 76¾c; Philadelphia, No. 2 red, 73@73½c; Baltimore, 74c.

Corn—New York, No. 2, 59¾c; Philadelphia, No. 2, 58¾@59c; Baltimore, No. 2, 62c.

Oats—New York, No. 2, 38⅛c; Philadelphia, No. 2 white, 41@41½c; Baltimore, No. 2 white, 38¾c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $16.50; No. 2 timothy, $16.00; No. 3 timothy, $14.50@15.00.

Green Fruits and Vegetables.—Apples, Maryland and Virginia, per bbl, fancy, $1.50@1.50. Beets, native, per 100 bunches, 75c@$1.00. Cabbage, native, per 100, $3.00@5.00. Cantaloupes, Anne Arundel, Gems, per basket, green, 15@25c; do, ripe, 30@40c; do, native, large, per 100, $2.50@4.00. Carrots, native, per bunch, 1@1½c. Corn, native, sugar, per doz, 4@8c. Cucumbers, Anne Arundel, per peach basket, 20@25c. Damsons, Maryland and Virginia, per bbl, $3.50@4.00; do, per bushel box, $1.00@1.25; do, per peach basket, 60@70c; do, per bucket, 30@35c. Eggplants, per basket, 15@20c; do per 100, 65@75c. Grapes, Virginia, per 10-lb basket, Concords, 10@15c. Lima beans, native, per bushel box, 70@75c. Onions, Maryland and Pennsylvania, yellow, per bus, 65@70c. String beans, native, per bus, 35@40c. Peaches, per box, yellows, 40@60c; do, reds, 35@50c. Pears, Bartletts, per basket, 30@35c; Duchess, per basket, 25@35c. Tomatoes, per peach basket, 30@35c. Watermelons, selects, per 100, $9.00@12.00; do, primes, $4.00@6.00.

Potatoes.—Virginia, per bbl, Rose, $2.00@2.25; do, Chili Rose, per bbl, $2.00@2.25; Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bus, No. 1, 75@90c; sweets, new, North Carolina per bbl, yellows, $2.25@2.50; do, Eastern Shore Virginia, per bbl, yellows, $2.50@2.75; do, reds, per bbl, $2.00@2.25.

Provisions and Hog Products.—Bulk rib sides, 9¼c; clear do, 10c; shoulders, 8½c; do, fat backs, 14 lbs and under, 8½c; 18 lbs and under 8¾c; do, bellies, 10½c; do, mess strips, 8½c.

Hides.—Heavy steers, association and salters, late kill, 60 lbs and up, close selection, 10@11½c; cows and light steers, 9@9½c.

Dairy Products.—Butter, Elgin, 22c; separator, extras, 21@22c; do, firsts, 20c; do, gathered cream, 19@20c; do, imitation, 17@19c; ladle, extra, 15@17c; ladle, firsts, 14@15c; choice Western rolls, 15@16c; fair to good, 13@14c; half-pound creamery, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, 21@22c; do, rolls, 2 lb, do, 20c.

Cheese.—New cheese, large, 60 lbs, 10¼@10½c; do, flats, 37 lbs, 10½@10¾c; picnics, 23 lbs, 10½@11c.

Eggs.—Choice, fresh, nearby, per doz, loss off, 16@16½c; do, Western, per doz, loss off, 15½@16c; do, Southern, per doz, loss off, 14½@15c; guinea, per doz, 7@8c.

Live Poultry.—Hens, 10c; old roosters, each, 25@30c; spring chickens, 12@12½c; ducks, 8@9c; spring ducks, 9@10c.

Live Stock.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, $5.00@6.35; poor to medium, $3.75@5.50; stockers and feeders about steady, $2.25@4.25; cows, $2.25@4.40; heifers, $2.50@5.00; bulls steady, $2.25@4.50; calves stronger, $3@5.65; Texas steers firm, $4.00@5.10; Texas grass steers weak, $3.25@3.90; Westerns, $5.00@5.10. Hogs—Top, $6.60; mixed and butchers, $5.80@6.50; good to choice heavy, $5.95@6.60; bulk of sales, $6.10@6.40. Sheep—Good lambs steady to strong, canners slow; good to choice wethers, $3.35@4.10; fair to choice mixed $3.00@3.40; Western sheep, $3.25@4.10; native lambs, $3.00@5.25; Western lambs, $4.00@5.10.

East Liberty, Pa.—Cattle—Extra, $5.60@5.75; prime, $5.35@5.50; good, $5.10@5.25. Hogs active; prime assorted mediums and heavy Yorkers, $6.55@6.65; light do, $6.60@6.65; grassers, $6.50@6.60; pigs, as to weight and quality, $6.10@6.35; skips, $5.00@5.75; roughs, 4.50@6.00. Sheep steady; best wethers, $4.00@4.10; culls and common, $1.25@2.25; yearlings $2.50@4.15; veal calves $6.50@7.00.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

There is talk of the railroad unions amalgamating to resist the demands that are sure to be made on them by the recently consolidated railroad interests.

The new automatic weaving loom, invented by a mechanic in Burnley, England, is more of a revolutionizer than was at first reported. One person now operating four looms can easily attend to eight, and at the same time produce 12½ per cent. more per loom by the obviating of stoppages than under the present system.

The boot and shoe makers are gaining at a phenomenal rate. In the past year and a half $50,000 has been accumulated in the treasury, and they now control 152 factories in the United States and Canada.

"Let me look into your hat, please. I must also inspect your clothing. Now, take off your shoes, while I look inside for the union label." Hereafter delegates to the New York Central Federation Union cannot pass into its weekly meetings without examination on the above lines by the sergeant-at-arms, who is instructed by resolution adopted three months ago to inspect every labor representative's hat, coat, pants, and shoes.

Sore Lungs, Mass., say.

The man who creeps along bent over, with his spinal column feeling in a condition to snap like a pipestem at any minute, would readily give a great deal to get out of his dilemma, and yet this is only the commonest form by which lumbago seizes on and twists out of shape the muscles of the back. This is commonly known as backache, a crick in the back, but by whatever name it may be known, and however bad it may be, 10 minutes' vigorous rubbing with St. Jacobs Oil on the afflicted part will drive out the trouble and completely restore. It is a thing so easily caught, it may be wondered at why there is not more of it, but because it is so easily cured by St. Jacobs Oil may be the very reason that we hear so little of it.

Friendly Advice.

He was a great bore, and was talking to a crowd about the coming local election. Said he:

"Gibbs is a good man; he is capable, honest, fearless and conscientious. He will make the very kind of representative we need. He once saved my life from drowning."

"Do you really want to see Gibbs elected?" said a solemn-faced old man.

"I do, indeed. I would give anything to see him elected," answered the bore.

"Then never let anybody know he saved your life," counseled the solemn-faced man.

Not Popular with the Small Boy.

Small Girl—What do you think about men and boys wearing girls' shirtwaists, any way?

Small Boy (in his sister's bloomers and shirtwaist, savagely)—I don't like it! It was bad enough when we boys had to wear our big brother's old clothes, but I kick at having to wear out my sister's old things, too.

Consolation and Comfort.

Who is it that does not wish to be out in the open air or alive in some field of sport, whether it be with the bat, rod or gun; whether we go coasting over the hills and vales on the wheel or sailing over rough waves or into serene coves, it is all sport, and the springing muscles seem to need it. It is bound to happen that some mishap will occur. Thus it is that we have sprains in abundance. Slight sprains, sprains that cripple, sprains that give great pain, sprains that rob us of sleep, but sportsmen of all kinds have come to know that there is nothing better than the old reliable St. Jacobs Oil. Have it with you for use; you may rely on its cure of the worst sprain and restoration to the comforts of life.

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"Lose anything?"

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