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PRICES DURING 1886.

THE BUSINESS BAROMETER OF THE PAST YEAR.

The Stock Fluctuations in Wall Street Result in Better Prices-The Cost of Food-A Prosperous Outlook for 1887. Petroleum.

The following chart presents a complete picture of the fluctuations in railroad stocks at the New York Stock Exchange during the year 1886:

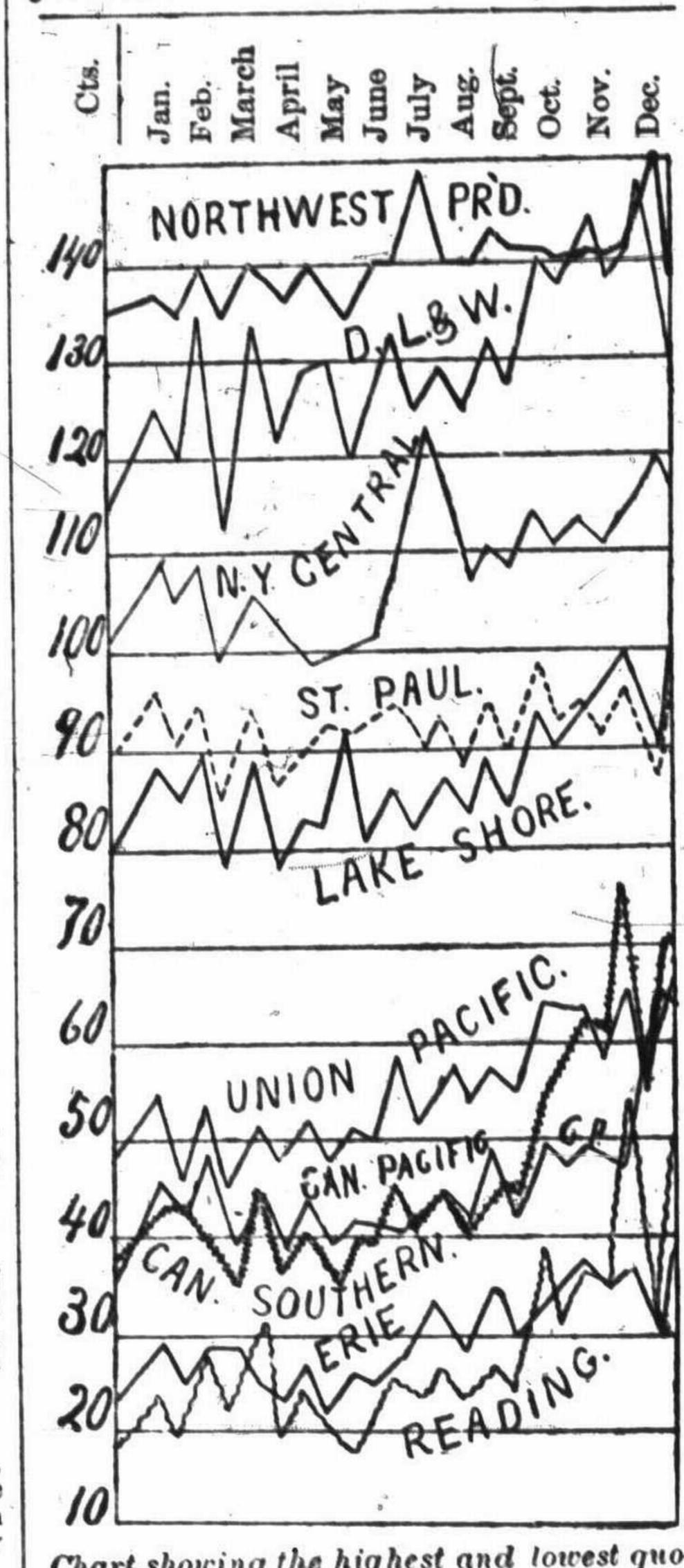
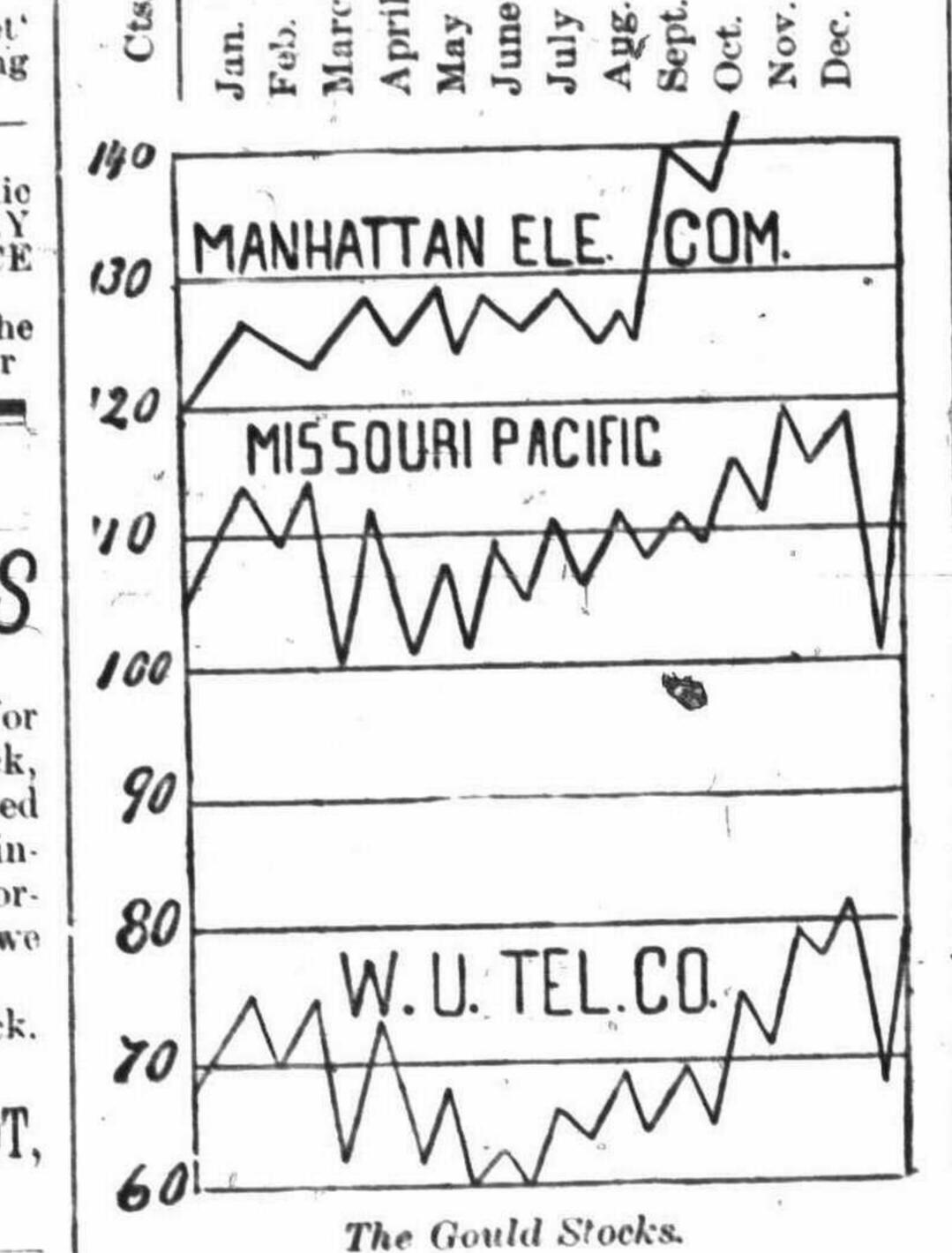
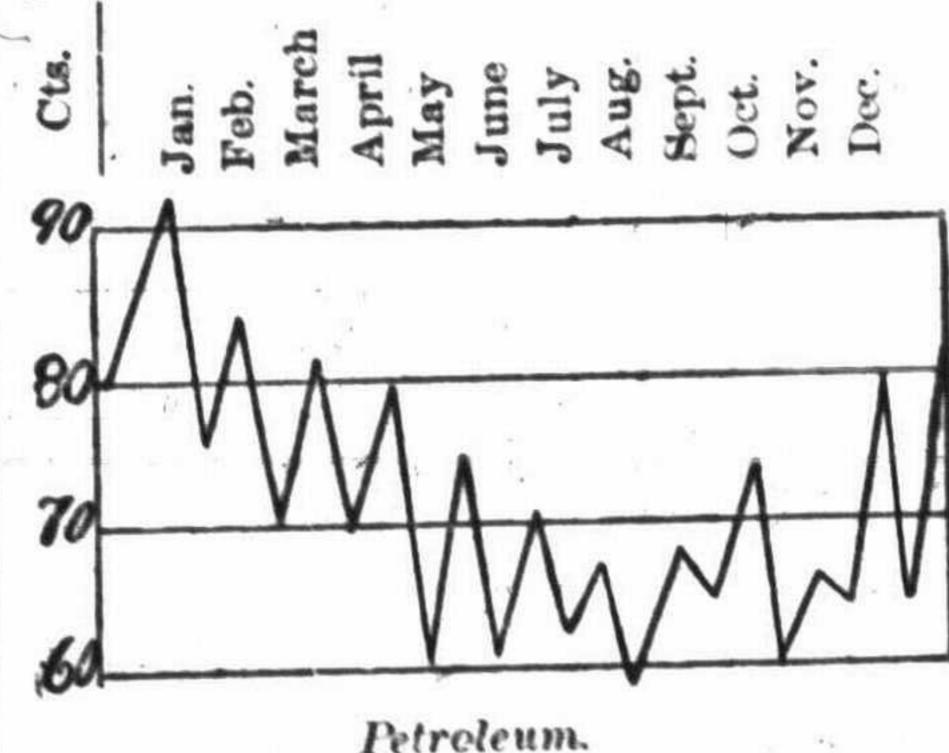


Chart showing the highest and lowest quotations of the principal railroad stocks for each month during 1886.

As in 1885 the tendency has been upward. The stocks which were lowest on the list at the beginning of the year were the ones that received the greatest proportionate advance. Reading, for instance, that sold for 18 in January, reached 54 in November. Canada Southern could be purchased for 38 in January and climbed to 78 in November. The effect of strikes, changes in management, pooling arrangements and other influences that retard or increase railroad business, can be readily traced by those interested.



Mr. Gould says he has retired from Wall street, otherwise what a temptation it would be for him to take advantage of the many turns which take place in the stock he controls. Manhattan Elevated railroad shares, which he purchased for sixty-five cents in January, 1885, were selling at from 142 to 175 in October, from 163 to 172 in November and and from 153 to 164 in December.



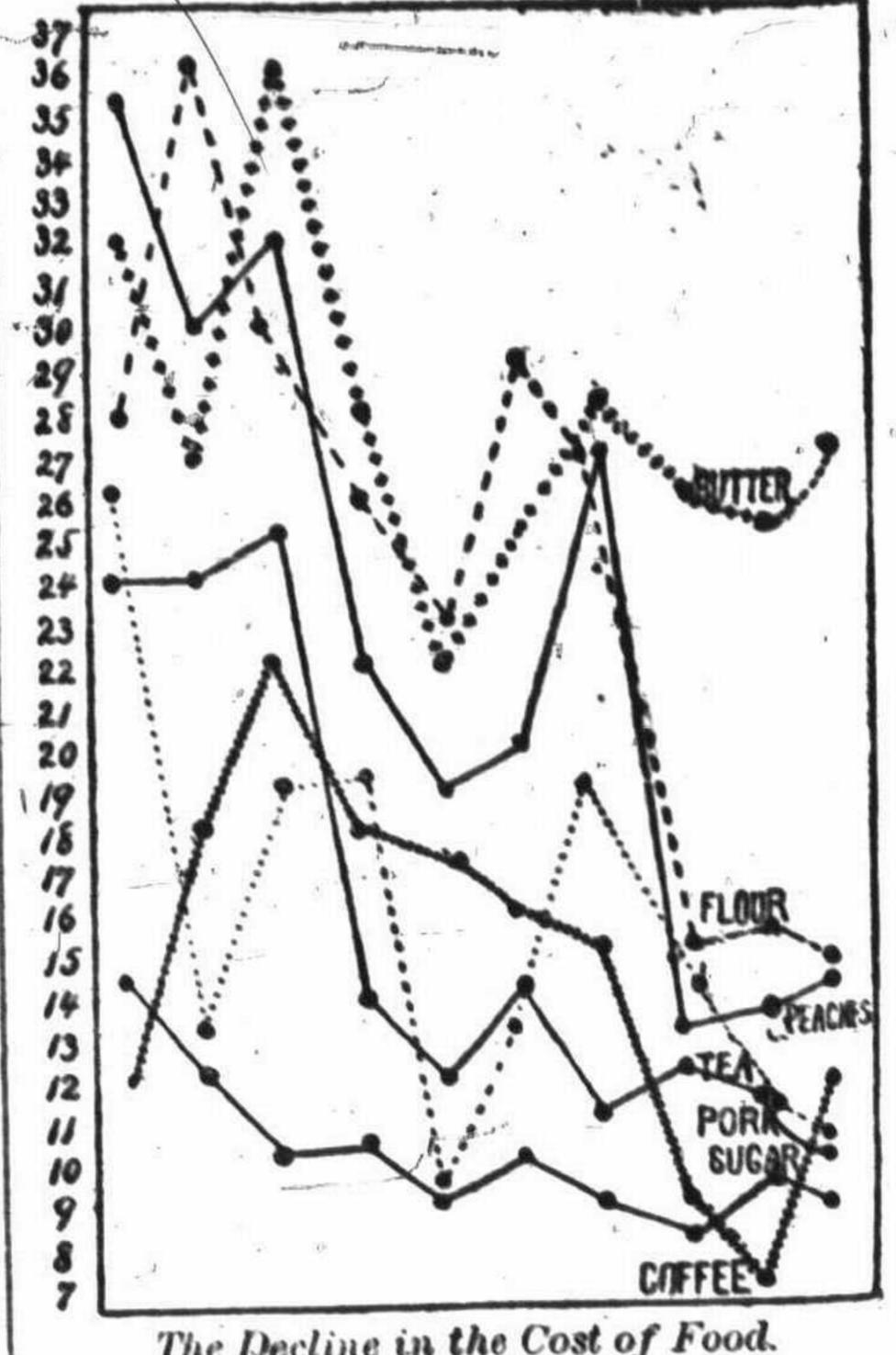
Petroleum.

Petroleum has had many ups and downs during the year It has become the chief of the gambling stocks. The chart gives the highest and lowest prices per barrel for each month during the year. From 93 cents in January it dropped to 58 cents in August, which was the lowest price it ever reached on the exchange. The following chart shows the fluctuations

in the wholesale prices for the principal articles of food during the past sixteen years. The prices of butter, tea, sugar and coffee is given per pound, flour and pork by the barrel and peaches per can. As the prices and grades of the various food products vary so greatly, the endeavor has been to record a medium grade. The value of the chart can best be understood by following the fluctuations of each line from left to right. Take canned peaches, for example. The grade which cost 3534 cents in 1870 could be purchased in 1886 for 1416 cents. Coffee, the lowest article on the list in 1870, sold at 12 cents per pound, rose to 22 cents in 1874, fell to 7 cents in 1885 and cost 12 cents in 1886. The American Grocer gives as a reason for the advance in coffees: "A steady increase in the consumption is to be noted year after year. The decline of the supply from Ceyion, the check given to setting out new plantations by reason of several years of low prices have caused the total supply of producin; countries to fall below the require-

ments of the consuming countries." The same authority says:" That the wholesale cost of staple articles of food during 1886 were with one or two exceptions lower than in 1885. Higher prices have ruled for some of the luxuries such as coffee and canned goods, but as the advance was made

mostly during the last quarter of the year it has not to any appreciable extent influenced the cost of living. Consumers never before commanded a greater variety of food and of such high quality as in 1886. Wages are good and the buyer can get more for them to day than at any previous time in a generation. Certainly there is no cause for grievance so far as the food supply is concerned. Sugar has declined 1 cent per pound; rice,



The Decline in the Cost of Food. 114 cents; tea, 2 to 3 cents; butter has averaged 4 11-16 to 2% cents higher; cheese, 11/2 cents higher on medium and lower grades; eggs, 1% cents lower; pork, \$1.50 per barrel lower; lard, 11/4 cents per pound lower; flour has averaged \$4.43 per barrel for straight winter wheat, being the lowest average price on record; wheat sold at an average of 1 to 2 cents above the cost for two preceding years; canned goods ranged from 10 to 20 cents higher for most sorts."

CURIOUS ELECTRICAL PHENOMENON.

A Strange Meteorological Occurrence in

Venezuela-An Official's Account. The following brief account of a recent strange meteorological occurrence may be of interest to your readers as an addition to the list of electrical eccentricities:

During the night of the 24th of October last, which was rainy and tempestuous, a family of nine persons, sleeping in a hut a few leagues from Maracaibo, were awakened by a loud humming noise and a vivid dazzling light, which brilliantly illuminated the interior of the house.

The occupants, completely terror stricken, and believing, as they relate, that the end of the world had come, threw themselves on their knees and commenced to pray, but their devotions were almost immediately interrupted by violent vomitings, and extensive swellings commenced to appear in the upper part of their bodies, this being particularly noticeable about the face and lips.

It is to be noted that the brilliant light was not accompanied by a sensation of heat, although there was a smoky appearance and a peculiar smell.

The hext morning the swellings had subsided, leaving upon the face and body large black blotches. No special pain was felt until the ninth day, when the skin peeled off, and these blotches were transformed into virulent raw sores.

The hair of the head fell off upon the side which happened to be underneath when the tenomenon occurred, the same side of the dy being, in all nine cases, the more seri-

ously injured. The remarkable part of the occurrence is that the house was uninjured, all doors and windows being closed at the time.

No trace of lightni . could afterward be observed in any part the building, and all the sufferers unite in saying that there was no detonation, but only the loud humming already mentioned.

Another curious attendant circumstance is that the trees around the house showed no signs of injury until the ninth day, when they suddealy withered, almost simultaneously with the development of the sores upon the bodies of the occupants of the

This is perhaps a mere coincidence, but it is remarkable that the same susceptibility to electrical effects, with the same lapse of time, should be observed in both animal and vegetable organisms.

I have visited the sufferers, who are now in one of the hospitals of this city; and although their appearance is truly horrible, yet it is hoped that in no case will the injuries prove faral. - WARNER COWGILL U. S. Consulate, Maracaibo, Venezuela.-Scientific American.

Santa Barbara's Celebration.

The people of Santa Barbara, Cal., have been celebrating the centennial of the mission at that place. A feature of the festivity was the procession, which surpassed in picturesque grandeur anything of the kind ever witnessed on the coast. Four thousand people joined in the procession, while nearly 10,-000 spectators witnessed it. The procession was headed by a band of horsemen uniformed and armed similar to the Spanish cavalry of a century ago. Following were carts such as were used in early times, leaded with rude wooden plows and other implements used by the natives, and drawn by oxen. There were in the procession a number of Indians, some of whom were 80 years old, while many participants were dressed in the Spanish costumes prevalent in the olden times. The procession represented different stages of progress during the past century in dress and in the improvements of agricultural and me chanical implements, and presented an impressive scene, -Chicago Herald.

Chinese Pheasants a l'est.

There is talk of introducing a bill at the next session of the Oregon legislature to repeal the law protecting the Chinese pheasants shipped to this country by Judge O. N. Denny. Both hunters and farms have grievances against the foreign birds, which, they claim, are becoming a pest. The former claim that the Chinese pheasants have draven all the native grouse and pheasants nway, and but few can be found where a few years ago they were as thick as crows in a cornfield. The farmers say they infest grain fields and make short work of growing crops.-Cleveland Leader.

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