

Today in Columbus History: On June 8, 1857, the *Daily Sun* carried an interesting article about a meat market run by Philipp Giittinger and Michael Barschall, both butchers from Germany. These two men were brothers-in-law; they had married the Burrus sisters, Adelheidt and Mary, respectively. The article proclaimed that Giittinger and Barschall would sell meat to the "hungry poor" after hours – at reduced prices. The next day, another butcher, John D. Arnold, announced that he would do even better: he would GIVE meat away to the poor! He questioned the motives Giittinger and Barschall, saying they were slashing prices just for competition. Giittenger was born in Germany 1809 and died in Columbus 1890; buried in Linwood Cemetery. His daughter Emily married Francis Joseph Springer. Barschall was born in 1807 and died in 1868; also buried in Linwood. John D. Arnold was in Columbus till 1880; his whereabouts after that are unknown.

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To the Hungry Poor.

It will be seen, by reference to the advertisement of Messrs. Giittenger & Barschall, in our advertising columns, that after regular market hours they will sell beef at greatly reduced prices from those demanded during market hours.— This arrangement, they inform us, is for the accommodation of the poor people of the city, who are not able to pay the high prices now asked for all kinds of meat, and is an act of generosity on their part worthy of commendation.

Beef Three Cents per Pound.

THE undersigned have re-commenced business at the old stand in the Market House, where we will keep, during market hours, such meats as our market will afford in quality, which we will sell at the following rates until further notice:



RETAIL PRICES.

Beef, hind quarter.....	10	cents.
“ fore “	6	“
Mutton, hind quarter.....	12½	“
“ fore “	10	“
Pork.....	12½	

WHOLESALE TO ORDER.

Beef, hind quarter.....	7c
“ fore “	4
“ by the side.....	5
“ by the beef.....	4

After market hours, we will sell, for cash only—

Beef, hind quarter.....	5 c
“ fore “	3
Mutton, hind quarter.....	6¼c
“ fore “	3
Pork	6¼

GIITTINGER & BARSCHALL.

June 1, 1857-ly

Note toward bottom of ad: "After market hours, we will sell, for cash only --"

THE HUNGRY POOR.

I NOTICE in the Sun of yesterday morning, that Messrs. Giltinger & Barschall, in a spirit of generosity and philanthropy, (heaven save the mark!) had determined to reduce the price of Beef one half, after market hours, and that this arrangement was for the benefit of the poor people who are not able to pay full price. I will do a great deal better than that—I will give the hungry poor good pieces of beef at any time, free of cost, when I am satisfied that they are really needy, and deserving, but I will not sell them refuse or rubbish beef at any price. Now gentlemen, if you wish to be generous, be so, and don't go at it by halves. I understand, however, that one of the firm has stated that the reduction in the price after market hours, was for the purpose of competing with the peddlers, and their extraordinary generosity therefore is over the left—nothing but a disposition to monopolize.

June 9-11

JOHN D. ARNOLD.

From The Daily Sun, June 9, 1857.