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## CATTLE.

The Mark Lane Express says that because of American shipments the price of beef has become too small to pay British farmers for its production and advises them to abandon cattle raising and raise draft horses on their farms.

A war with Spain would be mostly a naval war. The land operations would be upon the island of Cuba. There could therefore be but little government demand for fresh meat supplies. The navy and army would be supplied principally with salt and canned meats.

We hear now no denials of the existence of a shortage in cattle, but some of the men who have been vigorously making such denials, throughout the season are now contending that it will be made good in a year or two and then the market will have a super-abundance of supplies. But the men who have had the experience and have observed most closely are staking very heavily on the presumption that there can be no material decline in values for several seasons.

As experience shows the superior value of good blood in cattle bought for the feed pen the tendency will be to discriminate more strongly than ever against common and scrub steers. The number of men who will buy anything that has horns and hoofs will grow smaller year by year. It is more difficult to fatten the "thoroughbred scrub" than the ordinary feeder possesses, as well as very much more feed and time, and after all it is done that can be done for such an animal it never has the appearance that enables its owner to secure top prices.

Among the influences that will tend to delay the time when the cattle stock of the country will grow up again to the demand of the market is one that has been little noted. The Journal has reported the fact that large portions of Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico where cattle have formerly ranged are now being surrendered to the sheepmen. The same change is going on to a very considerable extent in Arizona. There are climatic reasons to cause this but the operations of cattle thieves have much to do with it, and the money for the herds that are being sold out by the men going out of the business will generally be reinvested in sheep, and the buyers of the cattle will take them out of the country. It seems that Texas, so long the principle nursery of cattle, is destined to be practically the only one remaining.

Some cattlemen of experience evidently believe that the really high price for good cattle is still ahead of us. The best values now are undoubtedly in a good breeding herd. The feed lots are still holding many cattle, enough to restrain advance in price to some extent, but that influence will soon cease to be felt, and the estimated relation of the actual existing supply to demand will exert its influence more fully than it has been doing through the winter. No one now denies that there are too few cattle in the United States for the demand of home and export trade. There are differences of opinion as to how long it will take to make up the shortage, but the operations of men who have had the largest experience and the best means of information indicate that they look for several years of high prices. It is to be noted, however, that the class of men who are spending vast sums of money in stock cattle are the men who are also buying in large numbers registered bulls, showing that they recognize that future demand will discriminate more and more in favor of the well bred animals.

An effect of the war talk is being felt on the cattle market. Credits are being restricted and dealers, to some extent, have been unable to obtain money for continuing their operations as extensively as they would if banks were as liberal in advancing funds as they have been earlier in the season. This, of course, would have a tendency to depress prices, and yet one day last week the report from one of the markets said: "Exporters were good buyers around \$4.75 to \$6.00, the best American cattle selling for 11 cents per pound in Liverpool, an advance of 1/2 cent over the top price a week ago." The export trade, of course, takes the best that goes into the market, and for it money is most easily obtained. And it is not probable that the export trade will be materially affected for the reason that men in that trade have already secured space on vessels for some months ahead. The difficulty in obtaining money will affect principally the more speculative operations and those which require considerable time for the development of results. The Journal does not believe, however, that the ordinary processes of the cattle business, the movements and exchanges of its legitimate and ordinary course, will be seriously hampered or that there will be any material decline in prices. The business conditions of the country are unusually good. There is now in the United States about \$750,000,000 in gold and silver still coming in very large amounts notwithstanding the general belief that war is inevitable. Though money is not so easily obtained as it was a few weeks ago it is here in abundance and obtainable for deals that offer ample security and are readily consummated. And to sustain prices is the essentially important fact that the prosperity of the cattle industry is not fictitious but the inevitable result of a larger demand in this country and abroad than existed during the era of business depression from which we have just emerged, and a generally increased ability to buy, together with a very evident diminution of supply on the stock farms as well as on the range. The man with a good herd of cattle and a range to hold them is absolutely safe. There seems to be in the situation no possibility of any contingency that can bring to him any serious hurt.

## HORSE.

The young horse stock on the farm not yet matured sufficiently for regular work should be taken up and handled regularly enough for training purposes as all the utilities for which each is fit. The easiest time to train is when the animal is young, and good handling then under the saddle or in harness has the best value ever after.

Among some of the good horses brought to Texas recently is Precursor 5301, by Nutwood. Precursor is said to be a horse of unusual merit and his sire, at one time at the head of the great McCerrance breeding stock near Louisville, Ky., has since in California produced some of the most notable trotters of the country. Precursor is the property of Mr. S. F. Schurman, who has recently removed from Carthage, Mo., to Terrell, Texas.

Every day the reports from centres of horse breeding and of horse dealing show that the demand for good horses is out of all proportion to the supply. The several classes that are wanted are bringing readily such prices as are satisfactory to the producer. But more than ever before the active demand is for certain well defined types. Common scrub horses are just a worthless mass as ever and it is simply a foolish waste of grass to raise them at all. The country would be better off if canaries could be started to use up all of them and sell them to any of the foreign people who have no prejudice against horse meat.

Sometimes the trouble which a horse exhibits seems difficult of explanation, but might become easily understood by examining the animal's mouth. It occasionally occurs that the teeth wear so unevenly that a rough and jagged edge is continually cutting and irritating a tender part of the mouth, causing the animal to feed badly. At times the soreness will cause it to obey the bit without any uniformity, or it learns that hard pressure on the bit deadens the pain and soon the animal becomes hard-mouthed and difficult to control. The mouth should be frequently examined and such trouble promptly relieved.

### A TUMOROUS GROWTH.

A gentleman at Sidel, Tex., has written to the Journal as follows: "I have a horse that was taken with a cough one year ago, and shortly after the cough commenced there was a callous formation started on the left side of his throat close behind the jaw, and now the formation is as large, and perhaps larger, than a goose egg. Now he has commenced to heave. I have been using him very little since the trouble began." There is a tumorous growth and the only remedy is the removal of the growth. A veterinary surgeon who understands the anatomy of the parts to dissect it out.

## THE CLEVELAND BAY.

Mr. P. H. Ellis contributes to the February number of the Farmer and Stock-Breeder and Chamber of Agriculture Journal, published in London, Eng., an interesting communication on "The Cleveland Bay—Its Claims as a Carriage Horse." Speaking of the origin of this family, he quotes from Prof. Low as follows:

"It is the progressive mixture of the blood of horses of higher breeding with those of the common race that has produced the variety of coach horses usually termed the Cleveland Bay, so called from the color and the fertile district of that name in the North Riding of Yorkshire on the banks of the Tees. About the middle of the last century this district became known for the breeding of a superior class of powerful horses, which, with the gradual disuse of the heavy old coach horse, became in request for coaches, chariots and similar carriages. The breed, however, is not confined to Cleveland, but is cultivated through all the great breeding districts of this part of England. It has been formed by the progressive mixture of the blood of the race horse with the original breeds of the country. To rear this class of horses the same principles of breeding should be applied as to the rearing of the race horse himself. A class of mares, as well as stallions, should also be used having the properties sought for. The district of Cleveland owes its superiority in the production of this beautiful race of horses to the possession of a definite breed, formed not by accidental mixture, but by continued cultivation."

Mr. Ellis says there has been no infusion of thoroughbred blood within about the last fifty years, although the back blood is, as Prof. Low says, "full of it." The type of blood that results is that in the well bred Cleveland Bay one now possesses a grand, whole-colored carriage horse, varying from 16 to 16.2 hands, with plenty of good, clean, flat bone, which is necessary to carry weight; splendid feet, and owing to the large amount of thoroughbred blood infused since between 1750 and 1850, full of high courage."

One advantage the Cleveland Bay has is its fidelity to color, and another is its uniformity in size. Does it have the propensity that will fix its own characteristics in its offspring? That is a question that will interest American breeders. It is seen that much of what is best in its make-up is derived from the thoroughbred strain in its ancestry, but the Cleveland Bay society in England does not now permit the introduction of that blood, though it is still occasionally employed in the breeding of the Yorkshire coach horse. A horse said to have more quality and action, and to be finer in type than the Cleveland Bay. Mr. Ellis, in speaking of the market for the latter, says that the United States may again be expected to purchase in the near future.

The Journal, however, sees no advantage that can be obtained by such purchases. There are many great families among our trotting bred horses in which form, size, style and lofty carriage are matters of inheritance, and which possess speed with graceful, frictionless, easy movement that make them the most superb animals in the world for fashionable purposes.

## SWINE.

No matter how small the farm, pigs may be profitably kept on food suitable to them that without them would probably be wasted.

It don't pay to send hogs to market without getting them first fat and smooth, and at the very least they should be fed a few weeks on grain. Keep them in good flesh from the time of weaning—strong, thrifty and developing frame—and have them ready to market by the time they are ten months old, earlier if possible. Let them have plenty of grazing, but some grain should accompany it.

It pays best to raise for market hogs of the best grades, and it pays to give them the treatment necessary for their best development all the time. This should be begun with the pigs through the sow from before the time she brings her litter and continued without interruption. It is an actual loss to permit them any time to become stunted. It is more than a loss of time, it takes more feed to start them again and much more after getting them started, for every pound added to their weight that would have been necessary had their improvement been steadily continued.

In Wisconsin some years ago an experiment was made in feeding that shows the importance of feeding liberally the sow while suckling. A litter of seven pigs was taken, weighing, when first dropped, 18 pounds. At the end of three weeks their weight was increased to 98 pounds. All this gain was, of course, through the milk of the dam. Shortly previous to farrowing the diet of the dam should be light, and no increase should be made for twenty-four hours after the pigs are born. Then the increase should be gradual, so as not to disturb the digestive organs. The gains of the pig should be growth instead of fat, and it is recommended for that purpose that the dam be fed bran, shorts, oatmeal or other foods of that character,

## SHEEP AND WOOL.

The roughest land on the farm need not be idle. Stock it with sheep. They will pay interest and taxes, and if properly handled will pay a good deal more.

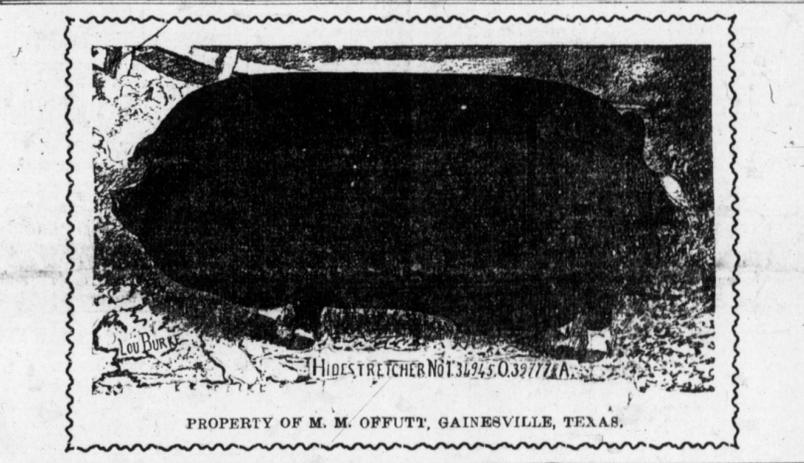
The report that the New York Wool Exchange had abandoned the auction sales of wool, and that if the system is re-established it will be in Boston, is denied by the New York establishment. The sales have been discontinued, but will begin when the new clip comes to the market. The Wool Exchange says that in its six sales there were sold 9,500,000 pounds of wool, with a great reduction of the expense to the seller that had attached to the former method of selling the clip.

The reports at the market centers indicate that the receipts of lambs are increasing every year. It is said that recently 75 per cent of the receipts have been lambs. The demand is for better meat and makes the profit to sheepmen better. In England very few old sheep go to the market, and the tendency here seems to be toward the same market conditions. This will, of course, require a larger number of animals, and while they can be prepared for market at less cost than mature sheep, they can be sold at better prices.

The sheepmen of New Mexico have good cause to be satisfied with the present condition of their industry. It is reported in the Santa Fe New Mexican that those about Gallego have refused 20 cents per pound for their spring clip and \$2 for their wethers. These yearling wethers are those which buyers threw out in the fall when sheepmen were selling their lambs. A firm at Roswell recently sold 10,000 head of sheep at \$4.15 per head. A year ago they bought them at \$1.75. Over much of the range there has been plenty of rain for abundant pasturage, and the owners of herds are well able to hold, knowing that nothing in the

## COLLINS IN RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL.

This county was named for Hardin B. Runnels, the statesman and cotton planter of Bowie county, and one of the before the war governors of Texas, and its seat of government for Judge Ballinger of Galveston, one of Texas most distinguished jurists, and is located in one of the broad valleys of the Rio Colorado, and "if it would only rain" this valley would produce worlds of cotton, garden truck, fruit and all the tribes of cereals, but scantiness of rainfall considered, twenty years of experience has demonstrated that this belt of country can produce more beef and mutton-making forage than any country in the world. I believe it was Governor Roberts who went to record as saying, "Civilization begins and ends at the plow." I will not take issue with the good governor, provided he will agree that the man with the plow and hoe who sets up shop in this dry, short grass buffalo belt will give bond with approved security as soon as he comes here, that he will not try to grow cotton, corn, oats and wheat, but will do all his plowing for sorghum, milo maize, Kaffir corn, Johnson and other hay and blade making grasses, and keep always on hand cattle or sheep to feed them to. In a word, the stock farmer can succeed anywhere in this belt, while the straight digger all out of the ground farmer will be in the swim about one year in every seven, and after having crossed and recrossed this belt about twelve times at points from Western Nebraska to the mouth of the Rio Grande, my observations have been that the straight farmer has one year in seven of good times, and six years out of seven of digging mesquite roots and hauling to town to sell for fire wood to get money to buy his sugar, coffee, tobacco, whisky and a dress for the wife and "young uns" occasionally, but he that mixes stock growing along with his farming is a lord in the land, and the eyes of his tall, handsome sons and pretty daughters stick out with fatness. But the Journal's missionary has harped so much and so long on this one idea that it has be-



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instead of corn. Such a diet is certainly better for the health of the sow and gives to her milk a more healthy quality.

Prof. W. A. Henry, of the Wisconsin experiment station has been testing methods of feeding pigs, stock hogs young pigs make as good gains when fed and fattening hogs. He finds that the quantity of feed as after weaning, when put on the same feed. The feed he found best was middlings, milk, barley, wheat or rye, all ground together, with some corn, the last ground to meal or fed soaked. With heavy feeding, there must be abundance of exercise, pasturage of some sort being furnished. He says: "Peas are an excellent feed for pigs of all ages. Sow the common field varieties at the rate of two bushels per acre, covering them about four inches deep. When the peas are planted, sow three pecks of oats per acre and harrow this in. The peas will help support the peas when the peas are in the pea field when the peas are two-thirds grown in the pod. Pigs will do their own mowing, and the pea vines and oat straw will afford much manure to the field. Peas should yield from 15 to 25 bushels per acre, and the pigs will eat from two to three pounds daily."

A writer in one of the agricultural exchanges says that if a man has a good grade of sows and will go to the trouble and expense of getting a good boar of one of the standard breeds, and will stick to that breed, each litter received will be better than its predecessor. The suggestion contains several important conditions; that the boar be individually a good animal of his breed; that he be purely registered, and that the breeder do not make the mistake of trying to sever all the excellencies of all the several standard breeds by crossing with other breeds. This last is, unfortunately, done too often, with the result of losing the certain benefit achieved by persistently grading up along one line, and probably producing a nondescript mongrel that has only the most undesirable qualities of either breed. Such a process simply throws away all the results of generations of judicious matings. It has been tried with all kinds of live stock, with horses and cattle and sheep and swine, and in the poultry yard, and never has it accomplished as a rule, the object sought. Possibly there may sometimes result a satisfactory offspring of such cross-mating because of the dominant propensity of one parent that cancels the blood influences of the other; but the failures are too many to make further tests reasonable.

situation warrants any fear of a serious decline in prices.

Perhaps the highest priced lambs and sheep going to the markets are those that have made their gains largely on alfalfa. They have been finished with less grain and in less time than those that were fed hay with the grain feed. In grazing on the alfalfa, however, there is always the danger of bloat. It is claimed that if the sheep are fed plenty of grain and never permitted to become hungry they will not eat the alfalfa with such greedy haste or in such quantity as to bloat them. This, probably, is true, but the Journal would not advise feeders to rely too strongly on this as a safeguard. The Pecos valley lands are destined to become an important feeding section because of their alfalfa pastures, and the quantity of feed they supply and the quality of meat they make will make them an important factor in the sheep industry of Texas, but the Journal would be glad to see this valuable feed produced in other parts of the state on an extensive scale, and believes it to be entirely practicable.

The farm breeding of sheep will have a continually growing importance as better ideas of how to utilize all the possible benefits of general farming have their influence. The farming classes of Texas have gone through experiences that have set them to thinking. A few years ago wheat was considered the solid foundation for the farmers' prosperity in Northern Texas. Unfavorable seasons and low prices discouraged him greatly. He did not discard wheat, but he tried other things, too. The cotton grower is now down, and probably four out of five have decided that other crops than cotton will bring them relief, and some sort of live stock will help still more. Anywhere in Texas sheep can be cheaply raised. It requires but little capital to get a start, all the best feed for them can be raised on the farm, they do not require very much care, they increase rapidly and give handsome profits both in wool and mutton products. And all the time they are adding to the productive qualities of the land. With all these advantages the extent of their breeding on Texas farms must increase to a matter of very great importance.

The reports of shipments indicate a change in English demand for mutton, the demand now being more pronounced for dressed mutton and less for live sheep. During 1897 the British imports of dressed mutton were 3,192,000 cwt., an increase of 500,000 cwt. in two years; on the other hand the imports of sheep and lambs in 1897 were 601,500 head, while in 1895 they were 1,055,500 head.

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A fertilizer for potatoes should have a large percentage of potash. Pottery manure does not have this. Wood ashes furnish a good proportion and may be used to advantage.

The poultry raiser should have a bone cutter, but if he does not have one he should pound green bones into small pieces with ax and feed to his hens.

For convenience in plowing the garden such vegetables as asparagus and rhubarb, that stay in the ground several years, should be planted in the outside rows or all on one side of the enclosure.

The selection of the best layers among the younger fowls cannot be made until late in the summer. Many pullets that lay well earlier in the season will begin to drop off then, enabling the owner to select those that will lay best to keep. The hen that gets through the moulting process quickly is generally a good layer, and may be selected for breeding. It is only by studying individual fowls that such a process of weeding out can be adopted as will establish a steady improvement in the flock.

It is claimed by some that Brahmas, Langshans, etc., are better layers than the smaller breeds, but the Journal does not know that the claim rests on any actual comparative tests made under conditions alike as to the different breeds. The poultry interest is so large that it is entitled to much attention at experiment stations, yet it is doubtful whether any number of experiments would settle finally the question as to the comparative merits of the different breeds. Each will always have its champions as each has its merits.

One of the best feeds for young chicks is stale bread, broken fine and soaked in milk. This should be given frequently but in small quantities each time. Shelled oats is another good feed. After the first ten days milk may be given more freely than during the earlier period of the chick's life, and as it becomes older a larger proportion of uncooked food may be used. One valuable feed is a mixture of fine middlings, wheat bran, a little corn meal and a little cotton seed meal well moistened with milk. Grain screenings are useful, the best being wheat screenings in which some whole grains, broken in threshing, are left.

A method often used in watering roses may be used to advantage in watering tomatoes, small fruit trees, etc. Set a flower pot or tin can with the bottom knocked out in the ground near the plant but far enough away to not interfere with the roots. When the plant needs watering fill this can with water and keep it supplied until enough has been given. The advantage in this is that the water passes downward to the fibrous plant roots dissolves a portion of the plant food in the soil and before reaching these roots is prepared to furnish them more or less nutriment.

Government statistics show that the United States exported in 1897 about 465,000 more bales of cotton than in 1896 and received about \$21,000,000 less money for it. There is no reason to doubt that the Texas farmer will profit by the severe lesson there was in this. Texas produced, probably, about one-third of this crop and her farmers have about one-third of the loss, or about \$7,000,000. They bought, too, a very large proportion of their supplies. When cotton planting brought very large profits the planter could afford to buy his meat and bread, but he has learned that conditions do not now render it prudent for him to depend upon other farmers to furnish him supplies, and more and more he will devote his time and energy to the production of the variety that is seen upon prosperous farms in other sections.

The Black Breasted Red Game, while really a fancier's fowl and the thoroughbred of all the poultry breeds, is really a useful fowl and has qualities that make it valuable to the farmer. The hens are good layers, good sitters and good mothers, taking better care of their chicks than any of other breeds. All of this breed are excellent foragers and will thrive well with but little care as to feeding provided they have a range that gives them a chance. Though long legged they have the full, meaty breast that makes the excellent table fowl. Their eggs are large and white and it is claimed by some of their admirers that both the eggs and the meat of this breed have a superior flavor. Like the thoroughbred among horses they have the faculty of transmitting strongly the characteristics of the breed. These qualities, together with their splendid beauty of form and coloring, make them desirable, but the farm is the place to raise them to advantage, where they have full range, and their industry and courage have a peculiar value.

Some time ago an agent, Prof. Niels E. Hanson, was sent by the department of agriculture on a journey through Eastern Europe and Asia in search of new plants that might be profitably cultivated in those parts of our own country where there is often an insufficient rainfall for the production of ordinary crops. Prof. Hanson has returned and has brought with him the seeds and roots of many plants adapted to arid conditions, some of which may become of value in Western Texas and other grazing portions of the West, though there may be differences in soil and atmospheric conditions to prevent their useful development in this country. Full tests will be made as soon as practicable. Among the seeds that may produce valuable results are those

breeding of valuable stock an intellectual employment that dignifies life upon the farm and replaces the farmer upon the plane he has always occupied until about 1850 years as a member of the class that more than any other controlled the destinies of the country by the right of conservative and cultivated intellect as well as patriotic purpose.

FROM OLD COTTON PLANTER. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: There is much valuable information gained by a careful perusal of the short, pithy articles to be found in the columns of your paper headed "Cattle, Horses and Swine." Farmers as a class prefer plain, practical illustrations when referring to agricultural matters. The stock raiser who expects to realize the full market price for his beef cattle must use graded cattle, or he will be compelled to take a longer time to make the necessary cross. The Hereford, Durham and other breeds are working wonders in the improvement of Texas beef cattle. The purebred Little Brown or tan-colored gentle Jerseys in the past decade are fast demonstrating the fact that as fine butter can be made in Texas as in any other section of the old world. Jerseys are raised on our rich Texas black lands in such abundance that the day is not far distant when there will be an extra quality of butter for exportation. Surely there is no excuse for sending out thousands of dollars worth of butter in the form of an article we can make so cheaply at home. Since our civil war many Northern and Western farmers have come to Texas, bringing with them much enterprise and thrift, which has been of immense benefit to the state at large. Of late there has been some improvement in this respect, but in many localities there are large neighborhoods in which there cannot be found a valuable bull, nor any sheep, and hogs are too few in number to meet home demand. Such communities can have no permanent prosperity until their methods are changed, and raising live stock of good quality becomes an important part of their farming operations. With such a change will come the recognition of the actual value of the pure strains of breeding stocks, and purchases of them will be more frequent.

WHITE COCHINS. The most beautiful of all feather-legged chickens are the White Cochins. They are very rare birds, yet are as easily bred as any other variety, have the true Cochin shape and as layers will average as well, almost, as the Leghorns and better than any of the heavily feathered varieties. One breeder reports one White Cochin hen as laying thirteen eggs and hatched and raised twelve chicks out of the setting. The plumage is white as snow and very fine—no coarse feathers nor dark spots to be found. They are white to the skin and meat, when cooked, is nearly a pure white all over. As far as the Journal can learn there are only two breeders of this fowl in Texas and they report them to be the easiest handled, easiest fattened and the best layers among the large varieties.

Unlike other white fowl, the White Cochins are always clean, gentle in disposition and make the best mothers. The little chicks are like huge balls of pure white down and are so large at two months old that it seems ridiculous to call them anything but grown chickens. For beauty and utility nothing can surpass the White Cochin.

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An interesting discussion has been recently conducted in the Live Stock Indicator relative to the benefit the farmer can receive from state agricultural colleges. As these institutions are closely connected with the agricultural experiment stations in the different states they practically each form a part of the other and their value to our agricultural and live stock interests is so conspicuous and important that we feel it our duty to call attention to it to the attention of its readers. One value, not considered a direct result of the administration of these institutions but, nevertheless, of very great influence upon our agricultural development, is that the scientific training received by the agricultural pursuits by giving them an intellectual dignity which they have not formerly possessed, and thereby tends to retain upon the farms of our country a higher ability than has heretofore sought opportunity for advancement in professional or mercantile life.

A farmers' institute has recently been organized in Dallas county. Here it is an experiment. Elsewhere the institute has passed beyond the experimental stage and has demonstrated itself as a factor of good to its membership, and its beneficial influences have broadened out in the service of large communities. The institute seeks for its members the objects that are sought in the agricultural schools and at the experiment stations, the knowledge available for securing the best results in all the departments of rural industry. The three should keep all ways in close touch with each other. Each can work to the advantage of the other. The school and the station have the appliances for scientific investigation and the skilled training for conducting it and applying it to practical use. The institute through its members can make practical tests, on a scale not large enough to interfere with their regular routine of farm work, of plants and seeds, of fertilizers, of methods of cultivation and of handling the products of the farm under conditions of soil and climate different from those attending investigation at the school or station. Would it not be well for the Dallas County Farmers' Institute to at once take the initiative in arranging for collaboration with the school and the station at College Station? The tests referred to the Dallas institute might be assigned by a committee of that body to its several members and so distributed at the discretion of the committee as to make the labor light in each assignment, and each on making a test could report succinctly, but fully, at a regular meeting the result of his work. And get the young men on the farms to take an interest in these things. Commit much of this work to them and persuade them to come to the meetings, to report their experiences and to take part in the discussions. Let them appreciate that successful farming implies more brain than brawn, that there is the generation that will make the production of successful crops and the

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OUTSIDE MARKETS.

HOUSTON MARKET.

Houston, Texas, April 8.—The following market report is furnished by Saunders & Hotchkiss: Choice heaves per 100, \$3.75; medium heaves \$3.25@3.50; choice hogs and helters, \$2.75; common cows and helters, \$2.00@2.25; bulls, stags and work oxen, \$1.75@3.00; choice yearlings, \$3.50; medium yearlings, \$3.00@3.25; common yearlings, \$2.50; choice calves, \$4.25@4.50; choice calves, baby, \$4.75@5.00; choice mutton, \$3.75; corned hogs (solid), wholesaler, \$3.75; top corned hogs (solid), \$3.75@4.00; masted hogs, \$2.75@3.25.

GALVESTON MARKET.

Galveston, April 9.—Receipts of cattle and calves for past week more liberal. The demand for all classes of stock is still active, with prices firm. No good sheep or hogs on market. Present quotations—Beaves, choice, \$3.50@4.00; beaves common, \$2.50@3.00; cows, choice, \$3.00@3.50; cows, common, \$2.50@2.75; yearling cows, choice, \$2.90@3.50; yearling cows, common, \$2.50@2.75; sheep, choice, \$3.50@4.50; sheep, common, \$3.00@3.50; sheep, masted, \$2.50@2.75.

KANSAS CITY MARKET.

Kansas City, Mo., April 11.—The supply of native cattle was small, which fact stimulated prices and an active, strong market prevailed. The bulk of the dressed beef offerings brought \$4.40@4.85, including westerns at \$4.50@4.65. Cows and heifers continued strong, selling at \$2.70@4.50 for the poorest to the best. Bulls, stags and oxen were active at \$3.00@3.80. Thirteen hundred cattle arrived in the southern division and excited sharp competition among packer buyers. Steers constituted the greater supply and sold at \$3.90@4.45. Hogs ruled 5 to 10 cents lower, the bulk selling at \$3.55@3.70, and the top price being \$3.77 1/2.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

National Stock Yards, Ill., April 11.—Cattle receipts were 2660 head, including 1100 Texans; shipments 800. The market was easier, fair to fancy native shipping and export steers ranging from \$4.35@5.60, the bulk from \$4.75@5.40; dressed beef and butcher steers from \$4.25@5.05, the bulk from \$4.40@4.90; steers under 1000 pounds from \$3.25@4.35, bulk of sales from \$4.00@4.30; stockers and feeders \$4.65, bulk from \$4.00@4.50; cows and heifers from \$2.00@4.85; Texas and Indian steers from \$3.75@4.85, bulk of sales from \$4.15@4.50, cows and heifers from \$2.15@3.30. Hog receipts were 8200 head, shipments 5300. The market was 10c lower, yorkers ranging from \$3.60@3.75, packers from \$3.50@3.80, butchers from \$3.75@3.85. Sheep receipts were 3000 head, shipments none. The market was steady, native muttons ranging from \$4.25@4.75. Lambs from \$5.25@5.75. Texas muttons from \$4.25@4.60.

THE DENVER MARKET.

Cattle—The run of cattle has been fairly liberal this week, but good killing stuff was scarce and not sufficient to supply the demand of our killers, which is very strong for the best grades of cows and steers. Prices, however, have met with a decline of 15 to 20 cents a hundred in sympathy with the depreciation of values at the river markets, and also in consequence of the very heavy supplies of dressed beef from the East which is being sold here at prices that compelled our regular buyers of live cattle to pound prices down a few points so that they could compete with the dressed beef meat.

The great likelihood of this country going to war with Spain has had the effect of tightening the money market and in consequence country buyers have been very scarce this week as the big per cent of them have to depend on their banker to furnish the funds to buy their cattle and we do not look for much improvement in the demand for feeders until confidence has been restored in financial quarters. We quote the market as follows: Choice corned steers, \$4.20 to \$4.50; choice halfed steers, \$3.90 to \$4.20; choice feeders, \$4.00 to \$4.60; common to good steers, \$3.40 to \$4.00; good to extra cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$3.90; common to good cows, \$2.90 to \$3.30; bulls, \$2.00 to \$3.00; veal calves, 175 to 225 pounds, \$5.00 to \$6.00; veal calves, 250 to 400 pounds, \$4.00 to \$5.00. THE SIGEL-BARNES LIVE STOCK COMMISSION CO.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., April 11.—There was a fairly active general demand for cattle. Good cattle sold all right, but common and medium grades, which again comprised the principal share of the offerings, were weak. The greatest part of the cattle crossed the scales at prices ranging from \$4.40@5.10, the commonest consignments selling slightly below \$4.00, while strictly prime shipping heaves were scarce and strong at from \$5.25@5.50. Stockers and feeders went mostly by from \$4.20@4.55 with prime young lightweight steers saleable from \$4.75@6.90. Canning cows from \$2.50@3.00, medium to prime cows and heifers from \$3.25@4.70. Prices for hogs were forced down from 5@10c by the liberal supply. Sales were at an extreme range of from \$3.70@4.00 for the poorest to the best hogs, the greatest part going from \$3.50@3.75, pigs from \$3.50@3.85. Prime lightweight hogs sold for \$3.92 1/2. Sheep were in active demand at nearly steady prices, but lambs again comprised the greater part of the offerings and sold about 10c lower for woolled lots as a rule. Sheep were wanted at prices ranging from \$2.90@4.65 for shorn and at from \$4.70@4.90 for good woolled lots. Lambs, shorn from \$4.00@5.00. Prime woolled sheep were scarce, shorn lots predominating. Receipts of cattle were 18,000 head, hogs 35,000 and sheep 25,000.

COTTON, GRAIN AND WOOL.

COTTON MARKET.

Dallas, Tex., April 11.—Higher prices are paid by merchants for customers' cotton, but normal quotations follow: Ordinary..... 37 1/2 Good ordinary..... 41 1/2 Low middling..... 44 1/2 Middling..... 47 1/2 Good Middling..... 51 1/2 Middling fair..... 54 1/2 Galveston, Tex., April 11.—Spot cotton quiet and unchanged. No sales. Ordinary..... 41 1/2 Good ordinary..... 44 1/2 Low middling..... 47 1/2 Middling..... 51 1/2 Good middling..... 54 1/2 Middling fair..... 57 1/2

GRAIN MARKET.

Galveston, Tex., April 11.—Grain quotations unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 soft \$1.04@1.05; No. 2 hard 97c. Receipts to-day 1,624,000, since July 1 10,897,852. Corn—Quotations f. o. b. Galveston: No. 2 mixed in sacks is offered to the trade at 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4 per bushel; No. 2 white western 4 3/4 @ 4 5/8. Receipts to-day none, since July 1 4,634,985. Oats—No. 2 Texas or Territory 27 1/2 @ 28c sacked; No. 2 white western 30 1/2 @ 31c; clipped Texas 31 @ 31 1/2. Wheat receipts to-day 4060 bushels; since July 1, 10,881,612 bushels. Corn receipts to-day —; since July 1, 4,634,985 bushels.

WOOL MARKET.

The following is the official classification by the New York Wool Exchange: TEXAS. Fine 12 months..... 15 @ 16 Fine medium 12 months..... 16 @ 17 Medium 12 months..... 17 @ 18 Fine and fine medium spring, 6 to 8 months..... 14 @ 15 Medium spring, 6 to 8 months..... 16 Fine and fine medium fall..... 12 @ 14 Medium fall..... 13 @ 15 TEXAS (SCOURED BASIS). Fine, 12 months..... 49 @ 50 Fine medium, 12 months..... 46 @ 48 Medium, 12 months..... 44 @ 46 Coarse, 12 months..... 40 @ 43 Fine spring, 6 to 8 months..... 45 @ 46 Fine medium spring, 6 to 8 months..... 44 @ 45 Medium spring 6 to 8 months..... 43 Fine and fine medium fall..... 40 @ 42 Medium fall..... 38

TERRITORY.

Wyoming, fine..... 11 @ 13 Wyoming, fine medium..... 14 @ 15 Wyoming, medium..... 16 @ 17 Arizona, fine..... 11 @ 12 Arizona, fine medium..... 13 Arizona, medium..... 14 New Mexico, fine..... 12 @ 13 New Mexico, fine medium..... 13 @ 14 New Mexico, medium..... 14 @ 15 Colorado, fine..... 13 @ 14 Colorado, medium..... 15 @ 16 Colorado, quarter..... 14 @ 15 Colorado, improved choice..... 18 @ 20 Colorado, coarse and carpet..... 15 @ 17 Montana, fine choice..... 15 @ 16 Montana, fine average..... 12 @ 14 Montana, fine medium choice..... 17 @ 18 Montana, fine medium average..... 15 @ 16 Montana, medium choice..... 17 @ 18 Montana, medium average..... 15 @ 16 Montana, quarter..... 17

TERRITORY STAPLE (SCOURED BASIS).

Fine..... 54 @ 55 Fine, medium..... 52 @ 53 Medium..... 47 @ 48 TERRITORY ORDINARY (SCOURED BASIS). Fine..... 50 Fine, medium..... 47 @ 48 Medium..... 42 @ 43

NEWS AND NOTES.

CATTLE SALES. San Angelo—R. N. White to C. W. Merchant, 250 steers from three to five years old, at \$17 for three and \$20 for four and fives.... E. C. Eason to C. L. Browne, 23 speyed cows at \$22....

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLACED LARGE ORDERS FOR CANNED MEATS AND BARRELED BEEF FOR SHIPMENT TO THE NORFOLK NAVY YARD.

The Spanish steamship Barcelona left New Orleans on the 8th, carrying 600 mules, 25 horses and a big cargo of supplies for the Spanish army at Havana. The "Frying Pan" ranch of 76,000 acres in Potter and Randall counties has been sold by Col. Glidden to W. H. and Eliza G. Bush of Chicago, for \$68,000. Henrietta News: B. R. Cobb recently picked up around the country 270 head of two and three-year-old steers for J. D. Stine at an average price of about \$22.00. The cattle were delivered to Mr. Stine at his ranch this week.... John H. Belcher recently sold 3500 acres of the south end of his pasture to A. W. Raht at \$5.00 per acre.

COLEMAN VOICE: STOCKMEN FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SECURE FEED FOR THEIR HERDS, AND THE RESULT IS A GREATER RATE OF MORTALITY THAN IS USUAL WHEN WINTER PASTURAGE IS GOOD.

A crematory is in operation at Henrietta and farmers for a distance of ten miles are supplying it with milk. There is talk of establishing another at Wichita Falls. Childs County Index: The cows are dropping calves early this spring. N. G. Lane says he has 175 old cows on his home place and about 75 of them had dropped calves before April first. He is afraid of a cold spell. Albany News: Frank Pate came in from Coleman last Sunday with a bunch of fifty-five Whiteface yearling bulls for the Monroe Cattle company. Mr. P. Stephens had two in the lot that were said to be extra good, having cost him \$75 each. Brenham Banner: The market gardeners are at work again, and this time they say they are not much afraid of any recontraed movement on the part of Col. Jack Frost, who did business in a very Weyleresque fashion in North Texas last week. Hallettsville Herald: Farmers from all portions of the county report that much of the young early cotton is being plowed under. The cold winds blighted and whipped the young plants and all that has been up for more than a few days will have to be replanted. The West Texas Press association which was to have met in Abilene on the 8th, has postponed its meeting until April 26 in order to join in the Texas and Pacific teachers' excursion to El Paso, which will leave Abilene on the 27th. It has been arranged for a stay of two or three days at El Paso. It is now reported that some fruit in Brown county has survived the late cold weather. The same report has come from Grayson county, and now it may be hoped that Texas will produce a fair supply of peaches, pears, etc., though so many have been killed. Grand Falls New Era: Armour & Company's expert, who ought to know if anybody does, calculates that it only costs one cent and a quarter a pound to raise pork on alfalfa; here where we raise fair crops and our seasons are longer the cost will not be one-half so much. W. H. Featherstone has bought from the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing company of Worcester, Mass., the Sanborn pasture of 17,337 acres in Clay county. The consideration is \$74,000, or about \$4.25 per acre. There is a farm of 1000 acres on the land, planted mostly in wheat. Many applications have been sent to Washington by Texans for the Russian alfalfa seed recently imported by the department of agriculture for test in this country, but the seed has been found to contain so much foul stuff that Secretary Wilson has decided not to permit it to be distributed. Concho Herald: District court convened Monday morning and adjourned Tuesday evening. Everything was continued and the grand jury never found a bill. This makes two sessions of the grand jury in succession without finding a bill. What county can beat this record? Our jail has been vacant four years without a prisoner. A recent letter from the commissioner of the general land office to Mr. Carlisle says that there has been surveyed for the permanent school fund of Texas about 28,000,000 acres of land. The quantity held by lease up to the 31st of March is 10,834,929 acres. The revenue from leases in 1897 was \$282,860. In March there was leased 624,763 acres.

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Flowersville Chronicle: The rush in cattle shipments has reached Floresville, and beginning to-day a train load of cattle will be shipped out every day for the next five days, except Sunday, when two train loads will be shipped. Merchant & Chittim will ship four train loads and Lanier Bros., of Purcell, I. T., will ship two train loads. Merchant & Chittim cattle are from the Tom Downes ranch and the Lanier shipment from the Dilworth ranch. In all there will be something over 100 cars.

Denison Herald, April 8: Gardeners and fruit raisers are finding much to encourage them as the effects of the freeze can be more readily traced. Much that was apparently dead in re-planting and many fruit buds are promising a healthy growth.... Corn that was killed by the recent frost and freeze has been replanted. In some instances the corn was not killed and is growing right along. Some of the gardens on the south side of hills were not killed, but were set back.... Many farmers in the city yesterday afternoon and to-day report that they are ahead of their work. Some of them have planted cotton, but most of them have deferred planting till the weather is warmer. Such cold, varying weather as we have been having causes seed to rot, and they do not germinate.

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HOUSEHOLD.

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TO HUSBANDS.

"It husbands only knew, or if knowing, only cared, how very much their words and manners affect the temperature of the home world, if they would never by word or deed leave it enshrouded in gloom," says a writer in Woman's Home Journal, in an article entitled "Praise Your Wife." I have said much on this subject, too much, perhaps the husbands have thought, but I hope they will pardon me for saying something further. First, would ask of the husbands who read this how many of you make it a habit to give to your wife every day words of praise for the help, the cheer and the comfort she has given you, tolling by your side? Do you not know those words of praise will lighten all burdens for her, will be sunlight in her path and music in her ears, song in her heart? No great power has ever been given me in this life. If I could, for the asking, have power to influence men for a day, an hour, a minute, I would use it to get them to bring this sunlight, this music, these songs into their homes every day, and all good things would follow. To most wives the husband is the sun around which every thought revolves. There is scarcely an instant in which his presence is not felt as she goes about her duties or even at rest. The meals are prepared as she likes them. His every word and look is recalled to mind. What he likes is recalled to place, what he dislikes is rejected. If she looks about she sees his hats and coats. The hats invariably wear the same expression he wore in the morning—a jolly, good humored look if he went away pleasant; if angry, a gruff, defiant attend-to-your-business air. A trifle, yes, to him, but enough to obscure the sun in that little world for many a weary day, perchance never forgotten.

There is no true woman but will repay over and over again for kind, thoughtful treatment. You may call this selfish, but it is always a woman never forgets—never. All little deeds of love and thoughtfulness by your hand yield a certain and abundant harvest. She may love her home better than any other spot on earth, yet sometimes gets so weary of the daily routine of never ending duties that fall to her lot, she cannot help an occasional feeling of discontent with those who have more time for recreation, for all the little things dear to the heart of every woman, but which the stern hand of duty debar her from enjoying. Still for all that she would not, for the world, exchange places, even if she could, with any other woman, leaving her husband, her home, as the price for freedom and care—never.

If your wife has been all you could ask, and more than you deserve, tell her so. Do you think it lowers your manliness to look deep into her eyes and whisper those words of praise which will be her sunlight, make her life what it is, bright and full of joy or dull and weary, for you plead with her to trust you, to place her happiness in your hands, to leave father, mother, home and cleave unto you as long as you both should live. So do not begrudge her words of praise, for they are of far more value to her than gold; remember there are some things which money cannot buy, and wounds which it cannot heal. But love levels all obstacles, overcomes all difficulties and immeasurably sweetens life.

We have two new members this week from a distance. The welcome we would send them is warm enough to melt the snows of their Northland. Northerners have no troubles for which to ask sympathy. She comes to give sympathy and appreciation. I hope her visits will be frequent and always as happy.

I shall hold Sadie to her promise of writing us of her country. Her letter impresses me that she is a woman of good sense and much wisdom. Do you know good common, practical sense is a quality rarely found? I believe it is rarer than genius. Write again, Sadie. Valentine is right in defending the cowboys. Have we not declared often they are the salt of Texas? Yellow Rose asks why women are not more sincere with women? I, too, ask that question. Will some man of the Household answer? Why have men one code of honor for men, another for women?

Vox Homo is always welcomed with delight. How can he say to admire woman is a weakness, not altogether becoming in man? Why, what was man created for but to admire, to serve, to protect woman? Is it right to judge womankind by the treachery of one heartless, faithless one? Of course flirting is a sin, just as much as drinking or gambling. You girls read what Vox Homo says and take heed. Here is Madge next to Vox Homo. As she seems so joyous and full of life I hope she will use her youth and beauty only for good—never as a power over men with such possible results as Vox Homo pictures. Flirting is much worse than dancing. I have a letter from a young lady requesting a reply to "Too Late." Will some one send it? I also have a very good letter from Lily M. Dalton, but she has written on both sides of the paper so cannot publish it. Hope she will write another and conform to our rules. Also have a letter signed with initials B. J. Will not publish any letter without knowing full name. Please remember this.

NO TROUBLES TO PUBLISH.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I have been much interested in the many letters from the sunny Southland. Will you kindly admit one from a Northern clime to your charmed circle? I would advise Miserable Man and Miserable Woman to take the logical view of Miles Standish when refused the hand and heart of Priscilla, and say with him, "Twas but a dream—let it pass; let it vanish like so many others. What I thought a flower is only a weed, and is worthless." However, that is as far as I would follow his example as I would prefer to do my own courting. I am glad to observe that the subject "Is Marriage a Failure?" is receiving less attention than formerly. I certainly believe with the poet, "As unto

the bow the cord is, so unto the man is woman," provided of course that she is of the pure, modest and virtuous kind. I think Critic rather hard on Cowboy, for a cowboy certainly can be a gentleman as well as men in other walks of life. A man's occupation or profession, provided it be an honorable one, should not cause us to be prejudiced against him. We have plenty of snow here at this writing, and the sleighing is excellent. Although well aware that I cannot write such letters as Marguerite and others, if given a hearing will come again.

With no troubles to publish and good wishes for all members of the Household. NORTHERNER. Abington, Ill.

FRIEND OF COWBOYS.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I cannot stay away any longer; have kept silent over a year. I hope the cousins will not frown at me much, as I am not going to stay long. I enjoy reading the other letters that are more interesting so much that I do not want to occupy a great deal of space. Old Timer, I agree with Eve, for I know that we have some genuine cowboys on this side of the mountain, and I think you have some over there, because I met them at the camp meeting year before last. Where do you live? I am sure if Critic knew more about cowboys she would change her mind. Cowboys make as nice and desirable sweethearts as any others. Flora, I feel like I had known you always. Charlie and I are old friends. If you knew the Mexicans as well as I do you would not fear them. I speak their language almost as well as our own. Carpediem gave some good advice about reading. I love to read good books when I have time. I love art very much and work at it most of my spare time. Mrs. B., I have your picture in my mind. Some time I may write to and send you. I like to draw landscapes and animals. Have some pictures of deer standing on a cliff which looked so tempting to my little brother that he took a shot at one with his "nigger shooter."

The subject "Is Marriage a Failure," is one that everybody can't agree on. It only depends on the disposition of people. If they are disposed to make married life happy and love each other as the Bible commands them to love, why should it be a failure? If things are reversed it can't be any other but a failure. Still I do not think there are many of us if any who will not try it if they get a chance. Circle Dot, let us sympathize with each other. The death angel has visited our home since Christmas, 1896, and taken our "rosy cheeked darling, the light of our home."

Oh, how early she is resting! How soon tired her tender feet! Ah, how soon we saw her drooping Like a flower 'neath midday heat.

Yet we should not grieve for our loved ones, for we have not lost them, they have only gone up to that brighter dwelling where death can never blight them more. Dutchie, I have relatives living up there near you. I wish I knew your real name. Alamo, why have you deserted us? Is it because you are so taken up with your own household? I wish you a happy life and sincerely hope that you won't find marriage a failure. Man, have you grieved yourself to death? I think if you would come to the Pecos valley you would cheer up. There are no broken-hearted people here. Charles Bill, you have my greatest sympathy. Your letters remind me of a cowboy friend I have here. My father had his leg broken three summers ago by his horse slipping in mud and falling on him.

Wun-Lung, what kind of a companion do you think you would make for an angel? If you wish to know how to cook hot tamales, chile con carne or any other Mexican dish I will tell you. Peck's Bad Boy, I have the "Cowboy's Sweet Bye and Bye." Also "The Last of Two Soldiers," "The Chief of the Wild Woods," "Putting on Style," and "The Dying Cowboy." I would like to get "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," "The Two Orphans" and "Sitting on the Stile, Mary." How many of the Household members are Leagues? We have an Epworth League here; all the young people belong to it and most of the older ones. But now I have forgotten my promise and stayed too long. Mrs. B., if this is not worthy of printing dash it into the basket and I will try again. With love to you and the cousins, I am VALENTINE. Pecos, Texas.

GIRLS, READ THIS AND TREMBLE!

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Friends: Again I come, tapping at the door of the merry Household, requesting admittance into the interesting circle. Allow me to express my sincere thanks for those complimentary remarks by Tube Rose, as she writes as though she might be one of the many that might be called true. Lilac No. 2 says she thought at first she knew me, but decided she did not. Probably, she does, for I have often been in Wise and Jack counties, and have acquaintances at almost all of the towns in these counties. I also accept Nilo's remarks and I return the compliment. Peck's Bad Boy, I sympathize with you, for I'm sure you deserve the sympathy of the entire Household. Eunice also writes nice letters but she need not bestow her sympathies on the girl that gets me Vox Homo for I have sworn bachelorhood for the remainder of my days. For I am like Miles Standish, of revolutionary fame—I can never again withstand the sarcastic and undoubted "no" of a woman. While as Peck's Bad Boy says, "at he is sure that inside of six months "I was loving another girl as hard as thunder could bump a stump." I will admit that I have a weakness that is not altogether becoming of man, and that is to admire. But I have the will power to resist this weakness (if it be called weakness), of any woman, if in no other way by never coming in contact with them. The fact that I have experienced their treachery in the past is experience enough for me. I shall always believe that flirting is wrong. I think girls should ponder well the crime they are even committing when they are flirting. I have known some three young men whose futures were brightened by Eekle sweethearts. They resort to drink to drown their sorrow and disappointment, do many things

rash; even commit crimes. One of whom I have in mind was "guyed" or criticized for being so silly or weak-minded as to be disappointed by women, whereupon he took offense, and in a moment of anger, killed his tormentor, and now he languishes in the state prison, where he will remain until death, and all on account of an insincere woman. I know another circumstance which was almost equal to the one already related. After disappointment they lose all self-respect, all pride, and it is a conceded fact that when a young man loses his self-respect he is on the threshold of ruin. I know this from experience, for once in my own life, in a fit of despair, I came near committing an act that would have doomed me forever, and had it not been for the respect I had for my father, my mother, brothers and sisters and the reproach about it would have brought upon them, I in all probability would have not been enjoying the freedom that I am at present, and in addition to the remorse and mortification it would have brought upon my parents, brothers and sisters. The thought of it almost makes me shudder. The escape was so narrow.

A great many girls think it a disgrace to be sought by men. They do not possess the principle to inform the suitor in a womanly way, but he is not desired, but they must show him all the courtesies (deceit) that is possible to be shown, and even by extremely encouraging and in last moment discard him and tell them to meet their lady friends and tell them how completely she succeeded in captivating him and getting him completely infatuated, and then how surprised she was that he even dared to profess his admiration to her; that she was perfectly astonished that he should so completely insult her as to ask her to share his life in the future. In fact, they never once consider it a greater honor to be sought than not to be sought at all. When they are flirting with men they should consider the consequences and remember how many young lives they have blighted from the face of the earth, not directly, but indirectly. They should remember the career of Sam Bass, Hardin, Aaron Burr, Zachary Taylor, and many others too numerous to mention. Well, I will close, or I fear the waste basket, and take a rest and prepare for the wrath that I'm sure to call down on my head.

VOX HOMO. Lubbock, Texas, April 6, 1898.

WHY ARE NOT MEN MORE SINCERE WITH WOMEN?

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Here comes a blue-eyed girl from Eastern Texas, asking admittance into the happy Household. I have been a reader of the Texas Stock and Farm Journal now for some time. I enjoy the Household very much, but have put off writing until now because there were so many more that could write so much more interestingly than I can. But to-night I will make the break. Well, I believe the subject you are discussing is, "Is marriage a failure," and "I loved and was loved, but that marriage is a failure, although I have never tried it" but there are a great many people that make it a failure. If the parties that were about to make the leap, would put on their studying caps and think what they were going into, there scarcely would be any failure. I cannot agree with some of them. I would like to know if it is better to have lost and lost, than to have not loved at all. Anyone could live all their lives without love, but to love and believe you are loved in return and then lose it after you think it is yours, is a bitter thing, the bitterest we have to bear, I think, unless it was to be by death, and then it would be different. Vox Homo come again and tell us why men are not more sincere with women. I think the subject, "Is there true love without jealousy," a good one, but will not express my ideas at present; will do so later on. Anabel, please send me the song, reply to "Too Late." Send to Mrs. Buchanan, the way I have it printed, perhaps. Love to all; I will close. For my Household mate, HOMER, TEXAS.

A GOOD LETTER.

Dear Household Friends: As I have never yet seen a letter from this part of the country, I have often thought of writing; and after reading "Blood Heart's" letter could no longer resist. Oh, how my sympathy goes out to her and to the many other poor, tired mothers who must live with such tyrants of men as the one she describes. I do not know what I would do if in her place, but I do not think I could live with such a man. Married life is not all sunshine, even with the best of men; for "Into all life some rain must fall, Some days be dark and dreary." But how much easier to bear the trials and disappointments of life with a husband who is willing to help and do his part, especially if there are children to do for and to attend. There are so many little things that a man can do (when around the house) that will help the wife. I have been married nearly thirteen years and have four children—three boys and a sweet little girl. I know what care they require and the work there is to do. But my husband has always been considerate, and always helps me all he can in every way, when he is at home (he is employed in town), and I can say that my "marriage has not been a failure." Because some men are brutes does not prove that all are so; and there are a great many women who are just as mean and contrary as they can be; who never seem to appreciate anything their husbands may do for them, and are always finding fault with everything. I am afraid Vox Homo will never find the woman of his fond dreams. He is expecting to find an angel and must remember that the best of women are only human after all. He seems to think that she would have nothing to do but anticipate his every little wish and want. When a wife has a thousand cares resting upon her she cannot always be in smiles waiting to receive him with his "easy chair and paper drawn up to the fire," as he expects to find them. She is glad if she can have his meals ready for him. Of course, I do not say that she cannot see to his comfort to a great extent. But oftentimes she is more tired than he. With the worry of little ones all day, she cannot always do as she would like, and often a great deal must

be left undone, unless they are able to hire help. My letter is getting too long and I'm afraid it will not pass. If I see this I may venture to write again and say something about our country up here in Ohio, for I believe it is so different from your Texas. I am always glad to read about the Sunny South, and often wish I could visit it. I never was farther south or east than the "Old Dominion," and thought it delightful. With love to Mrs. Buchanan, I am a friend to the Household. Dayton, Ohio. SADIE.

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am in good trim for eating something good I will make it convenient to call again at the McFarland ranch about dinner time.

I called on T. M. Rabb of Weatherford, a few days ago to have my horses shod. He is one among the few blacksmiths who makes horseshoeing and the anatomy of a horse's foot a study. He has several books treating on the subject of horseshoeing. I stood by and watched his work with much interest. He fits the shoe to the foot—not the foot to the shoe. He gave me many points about horses' feet I never knew before. The gripper had had me fast the past three weeks and I feel like I had been run through a cane mill. I think it a milder disease than the yellow fever. To-morrow morning I shall quit the Sunflower farm for the Southwest. I have ordered snake medicine, fishing tackle, etc., to Weatherford, which I will get as I go through to-morrow, and I expect a good time for the next three or four months. C. C. POOLE. Sunflower Farm, Parker Co., Tex.

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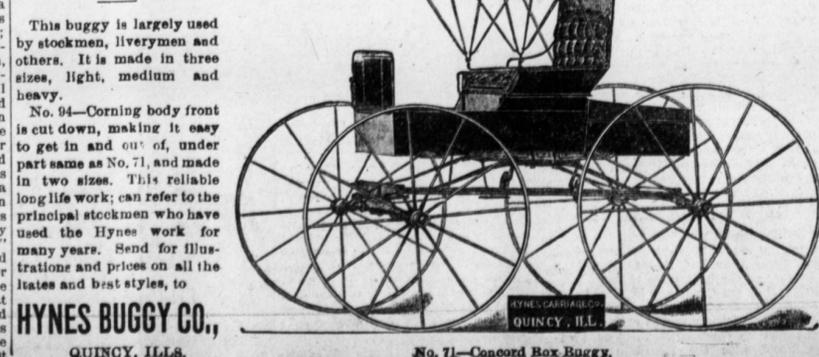
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DALLAS MARKET.

The Armstrong Packing company reports sales good through the past week. The receipts of hogs have been fairly good, but the quality is inferior to that of hogs previously coming in. Prices are a little weaker than at the close of last week and a decline of 5 cents per 100 pounds was reported Monday. Good, fat hogs, weighing 200 to 300 pounds, in carload lots, are reported strong at \$3.45; in wagon load lots at \$3.30. For lighter, heavier and rough hogs, 10 to 25 cents less per 100 pounds than above quotations.

At Thomas & Searcy's stock yards business has been very light. The following are among the sales reported: August Tosch of Mesquite, sold a small bunch of cattle at \$3.10; E. A. Norton of Ferris, 11 head at \$3; Rector & Combs of Dallas, 12 head at \$2.75 to \$3.50; Church Goforth of Garland, 13 head at \$2.35 to \$3.05; Dodge Mason of Kemp, sold 200 heifers and 200 steers, all two years old, to T. I. Collins of Cleburne, and 200 cows and calves to C. H. Brown of Denton, but prices could not be learned. Deane's ruled firm at the following quotations: Choice shipping steers, \$3.50@4.00; fair to good steers, \$3.00@3.40; common to rough steers and oxen, \$2.50@2.90; choice fat cows, \$3.00@3.25; fair to good cows 2.50@2.90; common cows, \$1.25@2.35; choice fat heifers, \$3.00@3.50; fair to good heifers, \$2.55@2.90; choice veal calves, light, \$2.50@2.85; choice veal calves, heavy, \$3.00@3.40; bulls, \$2.00@2.50; thin, well bred cows, \$2.75@3.00; thin, well bred cows, aged 3 to 9 years, \$2.40@3.00; choice native steer yearlings, \$1.35@1.50; fair to good native steer yearlings, \$1.10@1.25; common native yearlings, \$3.00@3.50; East Texas and Louisiana steer yearlings, \$7.00@8.00; East Texas and Louisiana heifer yearlings, \$7.00@12.00; choice native heifer yearlings, \$12.50@14.00; choice corned hogs, weight 175 to 300 pounds, carload lots, \$3.40@3.50; choice corned hogs, weight 175 to 300 pounds, wagon lots, \$3.25@3.35; choice corned hogs, weight 140 to 175 pounds, wagon lots, \$3.10@3.20; choice mutton, weighing 90 to 110 pounds, \$3.75@4.10; choice mutton, weighing 80 to 90 pounds, \$3.25@3.65; choice goats \$2.75@3.00.

Capt. John Hoeny of Waco, publisher of a trade journal, was in Dallas Saturday. The Texas Veteran association will hold its next annual meeting in Dallas April 21. But few of these old heroes are left and the citizens of Dallas will be glad to do them honor. Col. C. C. Slaughter had a carload of long S steers, weighing 1400 pounds, sold last Friday at Kansas City, for \$4.70 per 100 pounds. They have been fed at Col. Slaughter's feed lots at Council Grove, Kansas. The Journal has received from the New York Wool Exchange a handsome illustrated pamphlet with the title "Success in the Wool Trade." Largely Upon the Right Environment. One of the pictures represents the official wool scouring plant in the Wool Exchange building, where 100 pound samples of wool can be tested by the official scourer at a moderate charge and an actual shrinkage reported within an hour. A. S. Reed came over to Dallas from Fort Worth Monday and spent the day in the city. Mr. Reed has yet hopes that war with Spain may be avoided, but says the danger of it has already done very grave injury to business interests in Texas as well as elsewhere, checking the steady improvement of conditions which marked the past year. He thinks the transactions in cattle have been seriously hampered by the withdrawal of credits, and that in no way can a war be of benefit to the live stock interests of Texas. The Armstrong Packing company have used up about all the cattle that it had in its feed lots and want more cattle and sheep, for which the company is always willing to pay prices that are advantageous to those who have such stock to sell. Mr. Armstrong told a Journal man that the company has not at any time received the number of animals that it is prepared to handle. The company offers to shippers good prices and, if prices are not satisfactory, the company will feed, water and reload the stock without charge. There are no charges for yardage, weighing and commissions. Mr. R. K. Erwin, who is interested in the cotton seed oil mill at Waxahachie, was in Dallas Saturday. Mr. Erwin says that the feed pens have supplied some of the choices cattle that have gone into the market this season. The mill has closed for the season, but there are yet in the pens some 300 to 400 good cattle. He reports conditions among business men in Waxahachie and throughout the county as highly prosperous. Farmers are raising some surplus hogs and have a large acreage in wheat and oats. The acreage in cotton will be somewhat reduced. The April number of the Texas Magazine has been received with the announcement that owing to re-organization February and March numbers had been omitted and former subscribers will have their subscriptions extended two months. Among articles of interest are "Cattle Ranches and Ranchmen," by William Edgar Hughes; a continuation of "The Romance of Bertha de Remsey," by Amelia Fountaine Feauregard; "The Child Molester of Spain," by W. H. Orr, and "Daughters of the Republic of Texas," by Adele B. Looscan. Hon. Jno. B. Rector, for some time a citizen of Dallas, died at his former home in Austin, Tex., last Saturday. Judge Rector was raised in Bastrop county and served through the war in the 8th Texas cavalry. After the war he was district attorney, then district judge, after which he practiced law in Austin. He was appointed federal judge of the Northern district of Texas, but for two years his health had not permitted him to serve. He had large ranch interests in Fisher and King counties, and at one time dealt exten-

sively in cattle. Judge Rector was a gallant soldier, an able lawyer and a genial, true-hearted gentleman.

The Journal acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a box of unusually large, thin-shelled pens sent to this office by H. T. Fuchs of Tiger Mills, Burnet county, Tex. Mr. Fuchs has long been a successful breeder of Angora goats and is a valued correspondent of the Journal.

Nelson & Doyle, the well known breeders of thoroughbred cattle of Kansas City, Mo., have recently improved their herd by the purchase of a number of high-priced animals of the most esteemed strains of breeding. They have quite a number of bulls, both Shorthorns and Herefords for sale at Newcom, Texas, that have been bred at winter and are already acclimated and are ready for service. They also have in their feed lots adjacent to Kansas City, quite a number of thoroughbred Hereford bulls, grade Hereford bulls, thoroughbred Shorthorn bulls and thoroughbred Hereford cows for sale. See their advertisement in our "Breeder's Directory" and write them about these cattle.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal has received the following recent publications: "First Principles of Agriculture," by Edward B. Voorhes, director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment station, and professor of agriculture in Rutgers college, New Brunswick, N. J. As stated in the preface, the purpose of his book is to state in logical order the elementary principles of scientific agriculture and to show the relation of these scientific facts to farm practice. The subjects of improvement of soils, composition and use of manures, rotation of crops, principles of breeding and feeding live stock, are discussed from both a scientific and practical standpoint. "Our Foreign Trade in Agricultural Products" during the five fiscal years 1893-1897, prepared by Frank H. Hitchcock, chief of the section of foreign markets, forms the subject of an interesting bulletin just issued by the United States department of agriculture. "Consular Reports," February, 1898, has among its contents articles on the following subjects of interest to American producers: "American competition in Europe;" "American Horses in Belgium;" "Inspection of Meats in Belgium;" "Meat Products of Uruguay;" "Outlook for American Grain in Austria-Hungary;" Cotton Baling and Cotton Fires.

J. W. BUSTER DEAD.

Was a Cattleman Known All Over the West.

Col. John W. Buster died at his home in Weatherford on the night of the 6th, aged 61 years.

Col. Buster was for many years manager of the Continental Cattle company's ranches in Texas and Montana, going from one state to the other two or three times a year. For about ten years he made Dallas his Southern headquarters. He was a man of fine mind and noble soul, and was a social acquisition to any community in which he lived. There was no more popular cattleman in the West.

Four or five years ago Col. Buster, who had up to that time enjoyed the most robust health, began to go down. He visited various springs and employed expert physicians, but he nevertheless continued to go down hill. Each doctor he applied to gave him a very different name from that given it by any other doctor. But medical skill seemed to extend no farther than to the naming of the trouble. Col. Buster even applied to divine healers and mental scientists, who in vain assured him there was nothing the matter with him. About a year ago Col. Buster suffered a stroke of paralysis and after that seemed to give up.

A LETTER FROM HOOD COUNTY.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: With a mind fondly lingering over the powerful influence the Journal is exerting over the diversified industries of our country for the promotion of all interests within the scope of its circulation, I feel induced to indulge in the pleasure of communicating a few thoughts for the favorable consideration of its 16,000 regular subscribers, with their friends numbering at least 40,000 more intelligent readers, who are no doubt delighted to find its columns full of choice reading appertaining to so many avocations of life. The most practical farmers I come in contact with consider the Texas Stock and Farm Journal a complete success, and "there is nothing that succeeds like success." The first question that strikes my imagination is the war that we hear so much talk about. As I have no means of averting war, I will make a few suggestions, or lay down a few rules. As I have been fortunate enough to live through one war, I am reminded that war means more pensioners, more bonds, more debt, more widows and orphans, besides the destruction of life, happiness and property which would inevitably follow a declaration and prosecution of war. It is a dreadful thing, and our people should survey these matters calmly and dispassionately, and not hastily precipitate our happy country into open hostilities with Spain. We should be ready to listen to men of age, and experience, and support our government willingly, and rely upon the council of our prudent, conservative and patriotic president, and his sagacious co-workers in congress, and don't forget that Gen. Lee, who is a mediator between Uncle Sam and the Spanish government is absolutely safe, and is to-day enjoying the implicit confidence of all persons and parties, so there is no greater calamity perhaps that could befall our country unless it should sink into a state of anarchy—an event that will never occur if our people will only continue loyal to our government and obey our lawful authorities, both state and national. Should the conflict come, let us do our duty and be true to our flag, and if called to duty, let us respond earnestly, promptly and patriotically, and show our devotion to the cause of our country and the blessings of liberty. Trusting that the war clouds may be speedily dispelled and that sweet peace may be assured by our federal authorities, I will pass on to another subject.

This evening I was called upon to witness one of the saddest scenes of my life. I observed a commotion in the city. I soon learned the

Battles and Diseases.

This is the story of one who participated in many naval and infantry engagements during the war. From wounds received then he suffered for years, but to-day, rejoices in renewed strength.

There is a distinctly peculiar halo that invests the being of an old soldier in the eyes of the present generation. The sight of him arouses a feeling of admiration for his brave deeds and heroic achievements.

Among those who bravely fought was Dr. L. J. Clark, who, when but a hardy boy, heard the tocsin of war sounded.

It fired his patriotic spirit to a fervency that found relaxation only in his realization of fighting in the battles.

To the call of President Lincoln for troops in the latter part of '61, young Clark promptly responded.

There was need of men in the navy, and he joined that service in the mortar fleet of Admiral Porter, which soon after began operations on the Mississippi River.

At the terrific bombardment of the Vicksburg forts, the hero of this story fell on the deck of the Juliette with a shattered arm from a charge of shrapnel.

He lay in the hospital for months, and when he had recovered sufficiently to be moved, was sent to his home at Warren, O.

Though patriotically incalculable for active service, his patriotic zeal got the better of him, and when the call for more troops came, young Clark enlisted in a company formed by Capt. Joel I. Asper, at Warren.

It became Co. H, of the 7th Ohio Volunteer and was sent to the Army of the Potomac under General Grant then campaigning in Virginia against General Robert E. Lee.

In a skirmish near Richmond, he was wounded again and was sent to the hospital. He remained there for some time, but finally

cause, and hastened to the gravel pit near the old Hany mill. There I found one young man badly used up, that had been buried three feet under the gravel, rocks and dirt that had fallen on him. Next I found young Jo Hanna in the agonies of death from the effects of a large rock that had fallen on his breast, crushing him.

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