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CATTLE

It is probable that the day is not very far distant when scrub steers will find little sale except as canners, and then they will gradually disappear from the market. Many a feeder has learned since last fall that the certain profits in his business must come from the well bred stock.

The ordinary Texas cattleman knows that his cattle are increasing in number, growing in weight and improving in grade right along, and the ultra-caution of the banks does not distress him very much. He knows that a great many people don't propose to quit eating beef and his market among them is ever widening.

It is true that but little trading in cattle is now going on, but the men who have stock cattle have not become sufficiently discouraged to neglect the means of developing the best values their business permits, and they keep on buying registered bulls and, in the interval of quiet, they possess their souls in patience.

But a small proportion of the cattle ranges in Texas are yet suffering from lack of rainfall. The large area still under the influence of drouth is along the Pecos and westward, and much of that territory has always been so deficient in water supply that it has scarcely been depended upon for pasturage at any season. From all parts of the state where cattle have been held in any considerable number there are reports of good water supply, grass growing finely and cattle taking on flesh rapidly.

The Journal has more than once called attention to the fact that the discrimination against heifers in the principal markets of the United States is gradually disappearing. A few days ago the Standard Cattle company sold at \$4.70. The heifers averaged 1346 pounds and the steers 1600 pounds. The lighter weight, perhaps, had something to do with the price, but the markets have shown throughout the season that there has been no such strong preference for steers as formerly existed.

With the occupation of Cuba by a United States force large enough to occupy most of the island or to permit freedom of movement over it there will come at once a demand for meat not only for the insurgent forces, but for the hundreds of thousands of starving natives whose relief this country has had as its main object in entering upon the struggle with Spain. And at once it may be expected that measures will begin to re-stock the ranges and the plantations of the devastated island. These demands will make an immense draft upon the cattle supply of this country in addition to the demands which have been all along taken into consideration, and the supplies called for may be expected to go principally by way of Galveston and be taken from the ranges of Texas and Indian Territory.

Some of the live stock papers express surprise at the statement that "the seemingly inexhaustible herds on Northern Mexico" have been so reduced. The Journal stated months ago that the number of cattle in Mexico was greatly overrated by the people of this country. There were very few large herds anywhere in the republic, and large draughts have been made on all the accessible Mexican herds for beef, for the feed pen and for restocking the pasture lands of this country and for both of the contending forces in Cuba, Sonora, Chihuahua and the states below the latter near Rio Grande that have furnished these supplies with the important grazing states, and no one of them carried nearly as large a number of cattle in proportion to area as the ranges of Western Texas.

All the conditions of the cattle industry point to the importance of breeding out of the herds the characteristics of the scrub stock or the long horn and grading up to an approximation of the best of the maturing tendencies of the beef breeds. Many of the cattlemen of Texas recognized the importance of this improvement years ago and acted intelligently upon it. They have been repaid largely for all the expense and trouble they have incurred. In view of their profitable experience it is remarkable that a number have been found willing to buy dogs for breeders, even though it is a small number. The eagerness to restock ranges that were long on grass during a season of high prices is the only fact that could account for some of the purchases that were made. The lower the grade the greater the need for pure bred sires, is a rule which it is to be hoped all owners of scrub cows in Texas will regard.

The restriction of credits has put the brake on cattle trading and has deprived the business of its speculative features, but the cattlemen of the country are quite as well off as when the banks and commission companies were eager to make advances. Owners of cattle will go on with their regular routine of business, raising, and offering for sale marketable stock and sales of stock cattle will be to men who want them for breeding purposes and not for speculation. And as the business has settled down to a normal routine owners will give more thought to the establishment of permanent ranches or stock farms with all the improvements in the system of caring for and handling their stock that prudence and economy suggest. Ownership of the land occupied becomes more important as better stock and better methods of providing for and developing them receive the attention that secures the most satisfactory rewards. The ranchman who does not own his ranch will labor under the disadvantages of the farmer who does not own his farm, and cannot afford the improvements needed in his business.

HORSES

Don't break the colt. Educate him, and begin his education early.

See that the mother mare gets plenty of suitable food to keep her foal strong, healthy and growing in size and vigor.

To keep the work horse's shoulder in good condition it has been recommended to bathe it every morning with a mixture of one part of carbolic acid and ten parts of glycerine. This should be kept up until the shoulders become seasoned to work. The shoulders and the collar should always be thoroughly clean when the latter is put on.

The colt should have liberal feeding during the whole period of its growth, and more especially in the early stages. Crushed oats and bran make an excellent feed for the foal as soon as it can be induced to eat. Nothing is better to make muscle and promote thrifty growth. The feed that makes muscle and bone, together with plenty of out-door exercise and shelter during inclement weather, will effect all the development of which the animal is capable and he will not only be larger, but more symmetrically developed than would have been possible had he been poorly fed and not protected.

Where it can be done and weather permits the horse should be put out on pasture at night but taken up and fed early enough in the morning for his grain to be somewhat digested before he is put at work. Remember that by nature he is a night feeder, and plenty of suitable food should be left with him, if he is kept up, for him to feed on through the night, with water for him to drink as he may want it. Too often the morning feed is given so that the horse has barely time to eat it before he is put at work and then, thirsty and with a stomach full of undigested grain, he is taken to water and permitted to drink his fill. Such a system of feeding is sometimes worse than no feeding of grain at all.

Every horse has six teeth above and below. Before three years of age he sheds his middle teeth. At three he sheds one more on either side of the central teeth. At four he sheds the two corner and last of the fore teeth. Between four and five the horse cuts the under tusks, at which time his mouth will be complete. At six years the grooves and hollows begin to fill up a little. At seven the grooves will be nearly filled up, except the corner teeth, leaving little brown spots where the dark brown hollows formerly were. At eight the whole of the hollows and grooves are filled up. At nine there is very often seen a small bill to the outside corner teeth, the point of the tusk is worn off, and the part that was once filled up will fill up and become rounded. The squares of the central teeth begin to disappear, and the gums leave them small and narrow at the top.

The object in feeding the horse, young or old, is not the same that is sought in feeding a beef steer, and therefore his diet and the order of treatment should differ. The foal should be fed from the first in such a way as to prepare him to be a useful animal in his department of labor. Size, style, action, physical strength and power of endurance, and, generally, all the qualities that are desired in a horse, are developed as the colt matures, and the feeding should be adapted to such purpose. Of course during period of growth there should be no retarding process, for that would be to risk symmetrical development in the matured animal. He must be kept not only growing but thrifty and vigorous all the time. A smooth, well rounded appearance is important, but this should be obtained by development of muscle instead of accumulation of fat. Few things in horse flesh are more unsightly to a real judge of horses than an over-fat horse. The right kind of development is accomplished slowly and exercise to develop the muscles is a necessity as well as judgment in feeding.

In several of the countries of Europe government has done much to improve the systems of breeding and thereby to increase the value of the horses raised. The most effective work in this direction has probably been done in France and Germany, though in Belgium, Russia and elsewhere much good has been effected. This has been accomplished by an official supervision of breeding animals. Stallions are required to be inspected and licensed, so that only such as are worthy to become sires are permitted to do service. The inspection is very thorough and excludes all imperfection of form, constitution and inheritance. Besides this there are liberal appropriations made for distribution of premiums that have value sufficient to stimulate the owners of mares to their best efforts in developing the young stock. In this country long and intelligent breeding without such support as that given by governments in Europe has developed a higher standard side of the United States, as is evidenced by the numerous sales of high-class animals for export. But while we raise so many of the very best we raise also a countless number of the very poorest, and they go far to depreciate the average horse values of the country. It is not clear how our state governments could adopt the European methods of meeting the question that is an important one, not how to improve the best classes, for that individual breeders will continue doing, but how to weed out the worthless and bring them up from their present condition of worthlessness. A long process of grading up is the sure and only method but is so slow that few have the patience to begin it. Yet there is nothing more certain than that it will pay, and pay well. If a mare is fit to breed at all she should be bred to the very best sire that can be reached.

SWINE

The bedding for the pigs ought not to be such as is close, moist and liable to heat, nor such as draws and retains moisture. Such bedding causes changes in temperature that are certain to be unfavorable to the health of the pig. Good clean straw may be used, but it should be changed often enough for the bed to be always dry and clean.

To the breeder of any kind of live stock the selection of a male is a subject of prime importance, and assuredly to the swine breeder it is not less important than to those engaged in other live stock industries. It is important not only that the animal selected should be of good pedigree and a good individual, but he should have decided characteristics of his breed and his sex. The breed preferred is preferred because of qualities which the buyer believes are superior to those of other breeds and therefore he should have an animal that is typical, showing in form, color, etc., all that characterizes the breed chosen. The animal should also have a strongly masculine character, proud air, vigorous and with his legs there are somewhat nervous force and stamina. Without these his progeny may lack the vitality and physical vigor necessary for the development of strong and early maturity.

The Denver Field and Farm says that many hogs died this year in Colorado and adjoining states from a comparatively new disease called rouget. It is an eruptive disease and said to be more fatal than cholera. After two days of very high fever the skin assumes a red and resembles the human epidemic with the small-pox. The bristles soon fall out and within a few days after the attack the animal dies. One man is mentioned as having lost 60 head by the disease. No treatment is suggested.

Among some families of pure bred or highly bred hogs there are sows that prolific enough to make the profitable as breeders. It is not a fault of any particular breed, for among all of them are found sows that will bring small and others that will bring large litters. The trouble is in the breeding instead of the breed, and in the method of feeding. Many of the pure bred sows are or have been kept too fat to become brood sows, and this is especially apt to be the condition of sows that are prepared as show animals, and that will sell for a higher price than others of the same breed that would be worth much more to the farmer. Prolificacy is, or by care in breeding may be made, a heritable characteristic. The trouble with those who have been disappointed in buying pedigree animals is that they do not examine enough into the pedigree, or rather do not inform themselves sufficiently as to what they expect of an inherited characteristic as essential to the value of the animal they select. It is important that the brood sow bring a large litter of healthy pigs and that she suckle them abundantly. How many buyers inquire as to whether these qualities essential as they are to the value of the animal purchased, were found back in the line of its progenitors and may therefore reasonably be expected as family characteristics of the selected individual? That the animal carries the blood and has the characteristics as to form of an animal of show quality, and that she is assuredly worth very much, but it certainly is as important to know that the dams of the family have been in the habit at each littering of bringing a numerous offspring and caring for them well.

THE BACON HOG AGAIN.
The "Bacon hog" discussion is still going on in the agricultural journals of the country and a few advocates of the Tamworth occasionally appear in print, though a larger number of those who desire breeding "the best meat hog" prefer the Yorkshire. As it is simply a question of profit raising and feeding in the pork producing sections it seems that it will be difficult to persuade breeders and feeders to produce the bacon hog for market until the buyers will give a price that will compensate for the extra cost of producing it. That is just what packers in this country have so far declined to do. Not only that, but they give a decided preference to the very fat hogs in all the markets.

But while existing conditions do not warrant now raising lean meat hogs for the market it seems that the discussion of their merits tends to stimulate the same preference for them in this country that has existed long in Great Britain and that the time will come when packers here, as there, recognizing such preference, will discriminate so strongly in their favor as to make their production profitable. "With regards to the kinds of bacon hogs, a great change has come over the palates of consumers of hog products during the last few years. Fat pork is no longer wanted, not even in the lumber camps. What is wanted is mild-cured bacon, with not more than one and one-half inches of fat on the back." But the Journal does not think the demand for such meat has yet become very long or general. Packers are quick to recognize and respond to any decided requirements of consumers.

To many of us, and, perhaps, especially to the people living in warm climates, the lean meat is more palatable, and there is no doubt that it is healthier than the masses of fat accumulated on the hogs fed in the corn states. For the farmers of Texas it seems that the lean meat hog would be the best, or rather those should be the hogs raised to supply their own tables, and, perhaps, to supply such home market as they may have. They could have a lean, fleshy hog more quickly by procuring the breed that has such characteristics but they can do much in developing such forms by feeding and care. Abundant pasturage is an essential, and the hog should be made principally on pasturage alone until ready to be fed for killing. Then the feeding should be principally such as makes muscle.

SHEEP

On most of the ranges of Texas sheep have wintered well and losses in the spring lamb crop are unusually small.

Prof. Thomas Shaw recommends sorghum as a pasture for sheep and alleges that it is possessed of at least equal value as a fodder for winter feeding.

The preference for lambs all over the country has grown so strong that a 75 or 80 pound lamb will bring as much or more than a 100 pound sheep, making it more profitable to the feeder to handle the younger animal.

The contracts made for army supply by the United States government will, it is said, consume about 5,000,000 pounds of wool. This will probably not diminish home consumption because the country, generally, is prosperous and people are better able to buy than usual.

Official reports from South Africa show that 3,461,761 sheep and 411,000 goats have been lost through rinderpest and drouth in Cape Colony alone, and that the eastern, middle and northwestern portions of that district have suffered enormous losses from heat, drouth and starvation. In several portions of South Africa the drouth has been so severe that there has been no lambing, and flocks in which there were formerly thousands of sheep now have only hundreds.

Shearing time is the time to learn the deficiencies in the herd and to cull all the defective sheep. This should be done rigorously, and if pure bred rams are employed in the herd—and there should be none other—every ewe lamb that is not a decided improvement on its dam or on the average of the ewes of the former season should be taken from the herd, so that only the choice will become breeders and the herd may steadily advance in quality and value.

It is only by weeding out the inferior animals that the standard of the herds can be improved and uniformity of grade be established and maintained. In starting into the sheep business, unless you have already had considerable experience in it, don't try to make your start at the top. It is better that you had a large, unweedy flock, with a small flock of fairly well bred sheep, and then if you make mistakes and the bottom gives way you will not have such a hard fall. But use the best rams you can buy. They cannot be too good. You will really learn more about sheep with a small number, and be less liable to blunder, and when learned, you will not have to be persuaded to stick to it.

It is probable that the farmer who is conveniently situated as to railroad transportation to some of the markets will find more profit in breeding sheep for mutton than for wool, and as the strongest demand now is for lambs and hogs the most profitable to handle early maturity is a characteristic of prime importance. It is claimed that the Downs breeds or short wool sheep, while not attaining as great weight as the Cotswold or Leicester-shire, mature earlier and stand crowded in. Among these more breeders who prefer the mutton breeds claim the following advantages: that they are more prolific, very often dropping twins; that their tendency to early maturity enables them to make the greatest possible growth of carcass in the shortest time; that the short time during which they remain in the hands of the breeder not only enables him to take in more frequent profit but also relieves him of many of the risks contingent upon longer periods of ownership, and reduces the percentage of expense that he has to bear. Their center of dressed meat when slaughtered; and that their meat is the best. They have, however, thin fleeces and require better pasturage and better feed, for rapid growth implies the necessity for good feed in abundant supply. They should be heavy, long, with square-built, blocky bodies. Of course they should be thrifty, vigorous and strong in vitality, and kept growing without interruption from the time they are dropped. The Journal believes that raising and feeding good mutton lambs would be found a most profitable industry on very many Texas farms.

MUTTON SHEEP

Of the mutton breeds the South Downs are preferred by many, it is being claimed by those who prefer them that no other mutton equals in flavor that of the South-down that has been properly fed. They have a close set fleece of fine wool, with dark legs and faces. Their legs are short, bodies are broad and compact. They do fairly well on rather poor pasturage but, like all other animals, they repay good feeding. They are early maturing, feed, hardy and prolific, often dropping two lambs at a birth. They are valuable for the production of early lambs.

Throphreshes resemble the South-downs in most of their characteristics, are said to be even more prolific, and have heavier bodies and heavier fleeces. While the Hampshire-downs have much resemblance to the South-downs they are considerably larger. They are vigorous in constitution and thrive better on slender feed than other breeds. They, too, mature early. Their fleeces are heavy and they do better in large flocks than the other long woolled breeds. Many prefer them for grading up the inferior or scrub stock.

POULTRY

Don't let the lice eat up your chicks and then wonder what made them die so fast.

Your hens will pay you a bigger profit for capital invested than anything else on the farm.

Don't keep a lot of scrubs and expect their eggs to bring the highest market price. Their eggs are not uniform in color and size.

When a fancier asks you \$25 for a pen of thoroughbreds, don't imagine he is robbing you. That pen would raise you a flock in one year that will pay you back the money invested and leave a balance many times larger.

Don't think that thoroughbred fowls lack utility, for it is not so. The best layers we have are those bred by our poultry fanciers and they can furnish you fowls for layers, fowls for market and fowls that are adapted to both uses.

The orchard is never injured by fowls, but, to the contrary, is benefited in the destruction of insects by the fowls. We believe where there is an orchard there should be a flock of fowls, and that the farmer who has an orchard and has no fowls is losing a profit that is more easily secured than in any other manner with poultry, as there is no additional interest on land to add to the cost. The free range of the orchard will the trees for shade, will assist greatly in egg production, and when the hens have broods of chicks there is no better location in which to make each hen a comfortable home than a little run under a tree. A well kept farm is incomplete without poultry, and no place will be better than a well kept orchard for a poultry range.—Poultry Fancier.

COCHIN TALKS

By Henshaw.
For both meat and eggs the Cochin is a most valuable fowl and is destined to be the most popular all purpose fowl in Texas. They are the ideal fowl for farmers, but little care and feed being necessary to prepare them for market. They lay large, brown eggs from October to June—just the time when eggs sell for the most money.

The four varieties of Cochin fowls give us selection of colors and penning to meet the wishes of the most exacting. The grand, golden buff color of the Buff Cochin, the black sheen with a beetle green effect of the Black Cochin, the beautiful pearly white of the White Cochin and the penciled mahogany of the Brown of the Partridge Cochin gives an array of most beautiful colors.

A large number of our farmer friends have been content with the "dunghills" and have never seen a first class exhibit of thoroughbred fowls. I would suggest that all who have never attended an exhibit of this kind, avail themselves of the first opportunity and go—spend a day or two with the chickens and you will learn things about poultry that will set you to thinking.

Mr. T. F. McGrew, a leading Cochin expert, in writing for the Country Gentleman, says:
"The value of a Cochin should be divided into three parts, viz: shape, length and profusion of feather and color. Don't lay too much stress on the color, even to penning on the Partridge, for remember, a superb pencilled pullet is not a Cochin when she lacks size, feather and Cochin form. All Cochins can and should be bred to as good form as the Buffs, but this will never be so long as their admirers ask to be favored by form and size and judges score birds that lack Cochin qualities above the 90 mark.

"Size must be considered next to Cochin form. The Standard weights are eleven pounds for cock, nine pounds for cockerel, eight and one-half half pounds for hen and seven pounds for pullet. Only two excuses can be given for under size. It is either poor attention and not enough food, or too close breeding. This can be overcome in a measure by selecting the largest hen to breed from. Hatch the chicks not later than May and push them from the egg to maturity.

"As a general purpose fowl I maintain that the Cochin has no superior; others may deny them, but I have kept a record of their laying qualities from their first egg to the end of a full year, have had pullets hatched in March begin to lay in September and lay for three months without exhibiting any signs of setting, have had pullets lay from 135 to 150 eggs from September to May. They must be handled with care to get these results and if proper care is exercised they will lay more dollars' worth of eggs in a year than any other fowl, the Brahma excepted.

The Cochin family is made more of in the show room than any other class. The Buffs and Whites are given the preference, though there is no reason for this except the color, as the others are fully as useful.

I stated in my last article that I was partial to the White and Buff varieties of Cochins. I believe that they are the ideal fowl for Texas and shall continue to breed them.
Some of the Journal's readers will no doubt be astonished to learn of the enormous prices paid for Cochins. At the Crystal Palace show held in London last winter several Cochins, males and females were catalogued at \$1000 each and if you wanted one of those particular birds you would have to pay that price to get it. The breeders and owners of these thousand-dollar birds were not millionaires, but were cockney Englishmen who bred and sold chickens for a living.
A pair of the trotter, sold for \$105,000. Kievers Model, the great Poland Chikn, brought \$1500, and there are hundreds of fine Durham and Hereford bulls sold every year at from \$300 to \$5000. Why should not Cochins bring as much in proportion to their position in the live stock world? No one should begrudge \$5 or \$10 for a good cockerel.

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OUTSIDE MARKETS.

HOUSTON MARKET. Houston, Tex., May 14.—The following market report is furnished by Saunders & Hotchkis:

Choice grass beefs, 3/4; medium grass beefs, 3/4; choice cows and heifers, 3/4; medium cows and heifers, 2/4; bulls, stags and work oxen, 1/4; choice yearlings, 3/4; common yearlings, 2/4; choice calves, 1/4; choice calves, baby, 1/4; choice mutton, 3/4; choice hogs (solid), 3/4; choice hogs, masted, 3/4.

GALVESTON MARKET. Galveston, Tex., May 14.—A moderate demand for good beefs, cows, yearlings and calves, with prices steady. Very little enquiry for sheep, and hog season over.

CHICAGO MARKET. Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., May 16.—Cattle were active and higher, choice to extra steers ranging from \$5.00 to \$5.25, good to choice \$4.15 to \$4.65, butchers' steers \$4.10 to \$4.80, stockers and feeders \$2.50 to \$4.80, Texas steers \$3.60 to \$4.60.

KANSAS CITY MARKET LETTER. Stock Yards, Kansas City, Mo., May 16.—Cattle receipts 1100 natives, 500 Texans. Cattle were in good demand to-day and desirable stock sold about 10c higher.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. National Stock Yards, Ill., May 10.—Cattle receipts were 1600 head, including 300 Texans; shipments none.

THE DENVER MARKET. Denver, Col., May 14.—The following market report is furnished by the Sigel-Barnes Commission Company:

Choice corned steers, \$4.20 to \$4.70; choice halfed steers, \$3.90 to \$4.25; choice feeders, \$4.00 to \$4.50; common to good steers, \$3.50 to \$3.90; good to extra cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$3.90; common to good cows, \$2.90 to \$3.40; bulls, \$2.00 to \$3.00; veal calves, 175 to 225 pounds, \$5.50 to \$6.50; veal calves, 25 to 400 pounds, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

COTTON, GRAIN AND WOOL.

COTTON MARKET. Dallas, Tex., May 16.—Higher prices are paid by merchants for customers' cotton, but normal quotations are as follows:

Galveston, Tex., May 16.—Spot cotton market closed steady at unchanged prices. Sales 695 bales.

New Orleans, La., May 16.—Spot cotton quiet and unchanged. Sales 1700 bales spot and 500 to arrive.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Wheat is reported to be heading out in Grayson county.

Mitchell, Fisher, Jones and Borden counties have been having good rains.

A heavy rain, continuing several hours, fell in Brownsville on the 10th. It was believed to be general.

On the 9th there was a good rain in North Texas, reaching south as far as Hillsboro and west as far as Nolan county.

The Southwestern Reporter, published at Phoenix, Arizona, says there is considerable demand for cattle ranges among the stockman in that territory.

Capt. H. H. Bishop of the United States army is in Hillsboro last week buying horses for the army.

Brownsville Herald: Everybody was looking happy to-day over the rain. Crops and stock were beginning to suffer from the dry weather, and this rain was worth many thousands of dollars to the lower Rio Grande.

There is said to be a large increase of burr clover on the prairies of Refugio county, spreading this season more than it was ever known to do before.

Beeville Bee: Boll weevils are reported to have already appeared in the cotton fields in the San Domingo neighborhood, having survived through the winter on old cotton stalks which have not been killed by frost.

Carrizo Springs Javelin: Harry Lester bought of J. F. Green, of Dimmitt county this week a choice Polaris Durham bull for \$200.

Quannah Tribune-Chief: F. L. Moffatt informs us that he still has 6000 bushels of wheat in a granary.

Floresville Chronicle: In addition to a heavy rain last week, another and heavier rain fell Monday night, commencing about dark and continuing until after midnight.

Gonzales Inquirer: Irish potatoes of the new crop have been used for some time, and are now getting pretty general.

Midland Live Stock Reporter: W. H. Godfar was here a few days ago, buying about 1000 cattle for his San Angelo ranch.

Jones County News: Mr. J. T. Wright informs us that last week's rain amounted to 45 inches, and that Monday's steady downpour gave us 1.30 inches.

Williamson County Sun: The Taylor fair is a local enterprise that is recognized as not only the pride of Taylor, but of Williamson county.

Baird Star: Monday and Monday night we had the best rain that has fallen in Baird for near a year.

Beeville Picayune: During the past ten days this entire section of the state has been visited by abundant rains.

Amarillo Real Republic: Splendid rains Monday and Tuesday, ground well soaked and grass coming to the front now in fine shape.

Stephenville Journal: C. C. Pool, traveling agent and solicitor for the Texas Stock and Farm Journal, is doing Erath county in minute detail as to prospects and personnel.

A correspondent of the Mansfield Sun, writing from the Pool neighborhood in Tarrant county, says: Crops through here are in a bad condition; corn had to be planted over; cotton was planted over and the heavy rains and hail of last week will necessitate planting over again.

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From information obtained by the Fort Worth and Denver City railway officials the Texas territory along the line of and tributary to their road has near 400,000 acres planted in wheat.

Colorado Spokesman: A small rain visited this section on Wednesday of last week and a regular gully washer descended upon us Monday.

El Paso Times: A cattle buyer who came up from Mexico the other day stated to a Times reporter that about all the cattle in Mexico had been sold this month.

Quannah Observer: As an indication that cattle are holding up and that prices have not been demoralized by the war, the instance of Mr. Lester of Bailey county, is cited.

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The value of the very complete market reports given each week by Texas Stock and Farm Journal consists in the fact that they are always up to date and strictly reliable.

Texas has this year an unprecedentedly large acreage in wheat. As shown in the "News and Notes" department of this issue of the Journal, the crop of the territory tributary to the Fort Worth and Denver City railway will probably approximate 7,500,000 bushels.

One of the most interesting features of the Texas and Pacific Quarterly is a world's map showing the line of the Trans-Siberian railway, its connections westward with the eastern shores of the Atlantic, and the existing transcontinental lines of this country.

Several events of the past week have given a more serious tone to public sentiment. Three of our vessels attacked the Spaniards at Cardenas on the north coast of Cuba, the gunboat Winslow being the only one that could approach the enemy closely on account of the shallowness of the water.

The Journal's circulation has recently been making large gains among the farmers of Texas, showing their appreciation of the practical information, current agricultural and live stock news and full and correct market reports given in its columns every week.

have these and some live stock to sell are certain to get their full share of the agricultural prosperity which is certain to shower its blessings upon the land in 1898.

While war has advanced the price of all staple food supplies, the phenomenal advance in wheat has been due only a stimulus. Throughout Europe it created a fear that some of its incidents might occasion grave difficulty in securing supplies, and when this fear almost developed the frenzy of panic the grain went up by leaps and bounds.

The Charleston left San Francisco on Sunday with stores and 390 sailors and marines to re-inforce Rear Admiral Dewey. Other vessels will follow with troops and stores to occupy the Philippines.

HELP FOR MOBEETIE. Texas Stock and Farm Journal has received from M. V. Sanders, tax assessor of Wheeler county, a letter concerning the condition of those who suffered serious losses from the cyclone of May 1 which almost completely swept from existence the town of Mobeetie.

It has been a rare thing for the public to be called upon to give help to any Texas community, no matter what may have been its extremity of need, but the circumstances of the Mobeetie people are such as to render a call for assistance imperative.

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On Saturday the Wichita Falls Mill and Elevator company shipped from Wichita Falls a train load of twenty cars of wheat, 12,000 bushels, over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, consigned to Orthwein & Son of New Orleans.

vessels landed at Curacao off the north coast of Venezuela. The best opinion seems to be that it is seeking to succor Blanco by landing troops and supplies and it may make for Cienfuegos. The Spanish fleet is swifter in movement than the fleet of either Schley or Sampson, and its strategy is prolonging the dispersion of the American vessels.

A dispatch of May 12 from San Francisco, Cal., says: "Reports from Associated Press correspondents in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, the great wheat growing section of the state, say that the wheat crop this year will be almost a total failure in California. In Sacramento and adjoining counties the outlook is decidedly gloomy. Wheat has not yet headed and most of it will be cut for hay.

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Denton County Record: Farmers in town yesterday reported that the frost accompanying the cold spell of last week somewhat injured the corn and that its marks are easily visible on the corn fields.

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HOUSEHOLD.

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TO HOUSEHOLD.

Don Quixote has escaped the waste basket and entered the Household. I hope he will feel encouraged to write again. His letter has been forwarded as requested. Do not think Don just a complaining woman's wearing of birds and feathers to the cruelty of Italian scalping. It matters not how frivolous and lightheaded were the women scalped, they had immortal souls—the birds have not.

I can assure Elengath that Circle Dot is genuine. My faith in many ways is pinned to Circle Dot. He has never yet disappointed me. I hope he has no disappointment in store for himself. I have a theory regarding him of late. It is founded only on my woman's intuition. But you know our intuition is generally right. Write a clever letter and it cordially welcomed. He is sure to win for himself a favorite seat in Household at once.

I am convinced Mab is a sensible young woman. I like her letter. Hope she will write again. The poet who said,

"'Tis better to have loved and lost Than never to have loved at all,"

had no reference to having loved a false one, but having loved a noble one, whom to love was to die. And that loved one called away by death, the one loving was better, purified from having loved. The poet is unquestionably right. We are made better by just such experiences. If our treasures are called on high our thoughts are too.

One of my prime favorites has gladdened my heart with a letter this week, Woodland Mary. I am impressed with this thought of her, "if there were more reflection maybe there would be less unhappiness." This is true. Reflection makes ripeness in thought and judgment. Hurry makes us nervous; nervousness makes us irritable; irritability makes hasty words and unhappy. Remember this. Write again soon, Woodland Mary. Your letters are a pleasure to all; even the printer must rejoice over them at first glance.

Am glad the Household gives Mattie so much pleasure, and that she has gathered courage to enter at last. Friends in this way have an opportunity to give each other mutual cheer and help. Am delighted to shake hands with Nit Nit again. I always liked him. I endorse all he says about dropping the question of marriage as a failure. We might as well ask, as he says, is life a failure? I enter at last. Nit Nit regarding luck. I attribute success in life not to luck but to effort, industry, energy, and good judgment. Do not any of you trust to luck but to your own personal efforts.

Little Woman writes quite a womanly letter. Am glad she overcame her silence and has decided to contribute her part of profit and pleasure to Household. None of you writers know the good you may do in this small way. No, Little Woman did not see me. I was not in Dallas at that time. It must have been the Mrs. Buchanan who lives there would like to encourage the discussion of music and literature. Summer with its idle hours is coming on, when there is more time for reading and discussing good books. When any of you are lonely, or find time dragging heavily turn to good books, "these are the friends who never deceive hope nor desert sorrow."

ONE HAPPY, CONTENTED WIFE.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I have long wanted to write to you happy band, but fear of the waste basket kept me silent, knowing, too, my inability to compose a letter as well as the rest. Since reading Bleeding Heart's letter have concluded I could but make the trial. Mrs. Buchanan, like you, I say all men are not as she says. I am satisfied there are hundreds of wives in her position; in fact, I know of some. Bleeding Heart told her tale seemingly to prove marriage a failure. Now, I would like to add my mite to prove one marriage at least, is a success. I do not know whose fault it is when a married couple disagree, but I think that they are either unsuited to each other or one of them has not the love it takes to bear the trials of married life. For we all have our trials. I have been married nearly eight years; have two dear little ones, one six years old, the other a babe in arms, and yet I have none of the trials she speaks of in her married life. My husband thinks it is his duty to (and does) get the wood and water, and milk's too, and helps with the cooking and often dries dishes for me. And yes, he often churms, and has always been good about helping with the children. He never gets mad when I buy anything, for he knows I try to get only what I need. I think the doubting ones will have to own that at least a few more husbands like contented wife's and Mrs. M. L. B's. So many marry for the sake of being married; others marry to be boss of a house (I can't say home), so no wonder they can't agree. But marriage a failure? Never! I know some one is ready to say, oh! her husband spoils her, but I don't think I'm very badly spoiled, and if spoiling a woman by being good to her makes her happy, why, I say spoil her. I cannot put my thoughts down like I want to. I guess you will all think I don't make my point clear, but maybe you can see what I am driving at.

Each Blossom, you should call yourself Persimmon. Hallic, I expressed my sentiments about you to a T. I say let the cowboys alone. I will not hear them bemoaned by anyone. They come nearer treating a lady nice than any other class. Now, I know whereof I speak.

Where has our first Grandma hid? I was interested in her letter. Alamo, come and bring your wife and experience. Oh, yes; Mrs. M. L. B., let us hear how you and your husband manage to be happy? The more we strive to make others happy the happier it makes us. It is bread cast on the waters, so to speak. Happy Boy, you will be a man after my own heart if you stick to your mother. Boys, your best friend is your mother. You don't know how many heartaches you may cause your mother by not writing to her. Mrs. Buchanan, your kind comments at the head of your band often find their way to my heart. You sure-

ly are happy. I—oh! please don't frown, I'm going now. I have already taken too much space.

HAPPY WIFE.

Pecos, Texas.

NEW MEMBER.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I have just finished reading the Household letters for this week and decided to call a few minutes. I do enjoy the Household letters so much and look forward to the coming. I have been an admirer of the Household for some time, but have not written before. I live in the Panhandle and think it one of the greatest places in the world. My husband has a little ranch and it is a very pretty place. As a general thing, I like Western people; they are a broadminded and good hearted class of people. Polly, you and I are neighbors; we ought to get acquainted. One, who are you? I used to live near Bridgeport. My people live there yet. I do get homesick sometimes, and I am coming home on a visit some day. I do not remember of reading anything about the Household quilt. What kind of a quilt is it, and what kind of material is it to be made of? Western Maud, your letters are good; write oftener. I like Brown-eyed Allie's letter; it was written on a good subject, Nancy, come again. We have relations at Decatur. With best wishes to Mrs. Buchanan and all the Household, I will close. I will write my name

MATTIE. Parnell, Texas.

NOT FORGOTTEN—DON'T WANT ANY MORE ON MARRIAGE FAILURE.

In looking over the Household this morning I was pleased to note that I still lived in the memory of someone. To be sure, sweet maid, it was a kindly thought that prompted you to inquire after Nit Nit, the absent and not quite forgotten brave. To your courtesy, I reply,

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these, it might have been."

"Sabé?" You asked about that cow story; it seems to me that it was a goat. But I don't suppose the name cuts much figure, as they are "sistors." But before I proceed, will you print this subject that seems to be on the board of trade, "Is Marriage a Failure?" Is there nothing new under the sun to discuss that you still harp on that old worn out string, without being any nearer the truth than at the beginning of time? Though such an old song, I suppose every generation will chant its sad refrain. Is marriage a failure? Well, we might as well say, is life a failure? To some of us, yes; but to others, success crowns them from the cradle to the grave. Such is life and marriage. Some are born under a lucky star and others in the arms of adversity. Miserable Man, do you still believe that it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all? That, too, was being discussed some six months ago. Why, my dear sir, cheer up, or you will forever cast a gloom over our Household band. We need sunshine and not shadows. Now you just open your heart and let that little devil love rather than accept consolation, which comes in the shape of sunshine, driving all shadows out, leaving sweet peace. Sir, I speak knowingly, therefore profit by my experience. Now let's change the subject. But enough for this time. NIX NIT.

MUSIC AND LITERATURE. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: For many, many months I have been a silent reader of the Household and have found much pleasure in reading the many bright, interesting and sensible letters of its contributors; and at last I am forced to ask for membership in this charming circle and sincerely hope you will not decline to accept me. I live about three miles from the little village of Savoy in the country and certainly enjoy country life, and am not at all ashamed of being called a country girl; in fact, I rather like it. I was in school at Cole's Classical and Military school at Dallas, Texas, last season. Last April on Confederate day I saw Mrs. Buchanan, or at least I was told that it was she. I was rather fascinated by the woman's appearance. She looked to be about forty-five years of age; was tall, very large and had dark hair and eyes, and upon her face beamed brightness and intelligence. Was it you, Mrs. Buchanan? I am not sure, but I believe I am not a weak eye, but with my eyes are well now, and if nothing prevents I start to school in September. I have a very bright music and physical culture class, of which I am very proud. I am desperately fond of music, both instrumental and vocal, but I believe I am rather partial to vocal music. How many of the Household are fond of music and literature? I am very fond of both. The Cowboy seems to be playing quite a prominent part in most all the Household letters, especially those of the young ladies. Don't know anything at all about Cowboy, but I doubt if I ever saw more than a half dozen (not at one time), but I wish I could see some of them. I know they must be nice; in fact, I am sure they are. How could they really be otherwise? I am sure you all are thoroughly tired and are ready to ask me to not monopolize all of your time. With much love, I am

LITTLE WOMAN.

MORE REFLECTION, LESS UNHAPPINESS. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: This is a beautiful day. The air is laden with the perfume of the honeysuckle and the sweet incense is floating in at my window, as I sit pondering if really the Household had forgotten me; though I cannot complain, for 'tis a pleasure in this lonely spot just to be known and then forgot; and I haven't written for so long. Many are the new members added to the delightful band. How eagerly I devour the contents of Mrs. B's letters. Her thoughts inspire me with all that is good, true and beautiful.

My heart goes out in deepest sympathy for the broken hearts that have expressed their sorrow in the columns of the Journal. I have not had any experience, but I believe observation is experience's assistant teacher, and I think some should be the happiest place on earth, and we should strive to make it so. Having so much to be thankful for, there should be little room for complaint. As I look out on the green-clad hills and hear the merry twitter of the woodland songsters, I wonder what is there to mar the

happiness of any one in such a beautiful world. Surely the fault is with the people, their carelessness and hurry. There should be deeper thought and more time for study before rushing headlong into something that will cause everlasting misery. I had rather be slow. Life is short as its longest, and I don't see any policy in rushing with everything. If there would be less reflection may be there would be less unhappiness.

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WOODLAND MARY. Piney Home, April 26, 1898.

THINKS OUR HOUSEHOLD THE BEST THERE IS.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: I would be pleased if you will allow me to join the Household circle. I like to read the Journal so well and think it the best paper of its kind now published. It gives so much valuable information to farmers and stock raisers. The letters in the Household column are excellent. Vox Homo, I can sympathize with you, but you must remember the old adage, "There is as good fish in the sea as was ever caught out of it," and "if you don't at first succeed, try try again." Hurrah for Wild Rose! May she ever hold to the belief that there are no better men than cowboys. Though some are wild and reckless, I believe a large majority of them are honest, brave and true. Go after them, Polly. Your letter under the head of "High Ideals Make Better Men" has the right jingle for me. "Let us require the young men we associate with to be as pure as they require us to be." I was a sentence in your last letter. When a girl sets her head to do a certain thing it is pretty sure to be done. If they will try they can accomplish this. I agree with you as to Bashful Boy's bashfulness. It is far better, I think, to be bashful than to be, to use the slang phrase, to be "gally." The subject, "Is Marriage a Failure," is very interesting. Why should marriage be a failure? Almost all of the unhappy homes are caused by the husbands. Girls, beware of a man who drinks, swears, one who will not keep his promises and one who cannot control his temper, but don't forget that you have an important part to play to help make home what it ought to be. I can furnish any of the members with the words of the following song: "Two Little Blue Little Shoes," "Take Back Your Gold," "It Don't Seem Like the Same Old Same," "Poverty Row," many others which space forbids me to name. With best wishes for Mrs. Buchanan and the Journal, and the members of the Household, I remain, yours sincerely,

B. I. T.

NO FAITH IN CIRCLE DOT. Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: May I come in where must I put my new caliker sunbonnet—on them pegs in the hall? Why, if I thought them was put there for ornaments. May I sit by Circle Dot? Let me tell you, happy Household, now I don't believe Circle Dot is a cowboy at all. I don't believe he is a boy, nuther, but one of these new-fangled women who must be "gally"—what wears the breeches and ride the "bike"—what my "pard" calls the new woman. For my part, I like the old woman—a sweet, womanly woman, like my mother was. And Miserable Man, why, dear Mrs. B., I should think you would strike his name from the roll of honor. I believe I put my name for such a man. I am sure Purple Pansy is nice and good. Her letters are so nice. Dutchie writes a good letter. And Alamo, is he married? What has become of those old uncles that belonged to Household. They don't write any more. Why not have your photo grace the top of Household's page? I see that trash pile waiting for this and that basket yawning to swallow it. Love to Mrs. B. and regards to Household friends. I am

ELENE. Stranger, Texas.

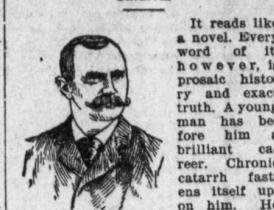
GOOD LETTER FROM NEW MEMBER.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Will you admit another member into your charming Household? I have been an admirer of the Household for some time but have kept silent, thinking others could say something more interesting than I, but the temptation is too strong. I can keep silent no longer, however I will not promise an interesting letter. There are so many good writers in the Household I do not know which I admire most.

Vox Homo, I agree with you in regard to girls flirting. I think they are committing a folly nothing short of a crime, but what about young men trifling with girls' affections?—I have felt the sting of that, but because one man proved false, I do not propose to judge all other men by him, but will do all in my power to outlive his memory and be glad I found him out, (whom I thought perfection) to be a "soul of earth in a whitewashed skin." Sadie mentions the "Old Dominion" as being delightful. I was born and raised in the "Old Dominion," and can say while some parts are delightful and pleasant to dwell in others are not so desirable as some parts of the Lone Star State.

I think the subject "Is Marriage a Failure," has been worn threadbare however I suppose there is still something left to say about it. Some who have tried it think it a failure and express their opinion as it being such, while others think it a success, and my opinion is we cannot judge all by one,

A COLLEGE STUDENT. Saved by Pe-ru-na From a Life-Time of Inconvenience With Chronic Catarrh.



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and we do not know which it is until we have tried it, and then it is pretty much what we make it and we cannot call marriage either a failure or success every time, but then as I have never had any experience in that line I had better say nothing more, and leave the rest for someone who knows more about it. I believe another subject discussed is, "Loved and Lost." I do not agree with some of the members that it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all, for it is a bitter thing to retain the memory of a false one, and I think it is better for any one to live all their lives without loving than to throw away their affections on an unworthy individual, and then perhaps avow Old Maidhood or Bachelorhood, because they proved false.

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Victoria, Texas.

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COLLINS AT CLARENDON, IN DONLEY COUNTY. Texas Stock and Farm Journal: Clarendon is not as large as Fort Worth, nor as old as Dallas, but what it lacks in size and age is very well made up in quality. Its people have big ways in everything they do. Sunday morning the Journals missionary attended Sunday school at the M. E. church South. The superintendent reported 144 scholars and teachers present—a good showing for a town of not more than 1500 population, where there are at least four other institutions of the same kind. I then went over the way and attended upon the ministrations of "the Word" with the M. E. church. The congregation was not large, but its members have big ways, for they worship in one of the prettiest little churches I've found in Texas. It is as pretty as a cage with a red bird in it. Hard by is the graded school building, and while it is a frame, yet it is a splendid specimen of modern architecture and, as another witness to the big ways of this people, they support a nine months' free school each year, and there is in regular attendance at this writing 200 pupils, living witnesses to the fact that the Panhandle produces other stuff besides lambs, calves, Kaffir corn, grass and sorghum, and as additional proof of the big ways of this people the merchants have big stocks of hardware, dry goods, groceries, drugs, farming implements and sundries as can be found in Denton, Sherman, Gainesville and Abilene. And as to saloons, Chas. Eyer's place, Old Maidhood or Bachelorhood, because they proved false.

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SAN ANTONIO.

San Antonio office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Carr Building, 215 Main Plaza, where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

Gus Jones of Gonzales, left Wednesday for a trip to his Kimble county ranch.

J. E. Clarke of Schulenburg, has some rams for sale and describes them more fully elsewhere in the Journal. Read what he has to say.

W. A. Pogue of Waco passed through from a trip to Cotulla. He reports a good general rain and that with the exception of his Eagle Pass ranch he had plenty of rain for the present.

Runge & Co. of Cuero, have some good mules for sale and advertise them in the Journal this week. If you need mules, read what they have to say. If you don't, read anyhow, for we know not what a day may bring forth.

Col. N. T. Wilson is off on a business trip to Kansas City. 'Tis not often a reporter can catch him, either immediately after his arrival nor immediately before his departure, but when he is once successfully landed he always has something interesting to say.

John R. Blocker returned Friday night, having finished all of his deliveries. He says good rains have fallen on his ranch and that not a "wave of trouble rolls across his peaceful breast" now. He came in to rest up a while and read up on the war news.

S. J. Blocker of Carrizo Springs, came up Thursday on business. The recent good rains have given those who needed it, an opportunity to cease praying and attend to business some. From his report of the rejuvenating effects of the moisture in his immediate vicinity he can be pleased in this category.

Hardee Story of San Marcos, spent several days here during the past week. He was a frequent visitor before the feeding season opened up, but until recently he has been doing full time in and around his feed pens at Napa Braunfels. He has reaped the fruits of "him that labors" and it is 16 to 1 he goes around with his pockets bulging out with treasury notes.

B. L. Naylor came in from Victoria county Thursday, where he received and shipped out the Fleming steers. He will leave in a few days for the Territory to look after his interests there. The last deal was made by him individually and the price paid, \$18 per head, places him in line with the sure winners for '98. He says Victoria county is in fine shape, as a result of the recent rains.

Wm. Ragland says that he has information from his company which indicates that money is getting easier and that there is no reason for alarm as to any depreciation in cattle values for any long period of time, if at all. The Chicago Live Stock Commission company has not quit business in Texas and does not intend to, says Mr. Ragland, for it knows a good thing when it sees it.

Jno. W. Kokernot returned Thursday from a short trip to Alpine and reports it a little dry out there, but says everybody is in good spirits and that there was as much talk to the square inch out there of war as there is anywhere else. It has not been a month since Mr. Kokernot made his prediction that the flag pole on Morro castle would be flying Uncle Sam's hunting in ninety days, and the Journal hopes he will not prove a false prophet.

Mrs. W. K. Metcalf of St. Louis, is spending several weeks in San Antonio, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Way on Camden street. Mrs. Metcalf's husband is a prominent live stock commission merchant of East St. Louis, Ill. She visits San Antonio to see friends of other days, both Mr. and Mrs. Way being friends of her childhood, and, incidentally, to avail herself of the boasted recuperative powers of South Texas.

L. E. Merchant and wife, who have been spending the past two months in San Antonio, left for Abilene Wednesday night. Mr. Merchant has been busy looking after the shipment of cattle to the Territory, making the final shipment from Cotulla the early part of the week. San Antonio has some charms for Mr. and Mrs. Merchant apart from Mr. Merchant's business interests, and especially now, as San Antonio's patriotism is none the less than it was in 1836.

G. W. Doerr, secretary and treasurer of Cassidy Bros. Live Stock Commission company, with offices at National Stock Yards, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo., spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in San Antonio. He was on a long of recreation, and left for Fort Worth Sunday night, where he will meet Ed Carver and go with him to his ranch near Dundee for a few weeks' outing. "The Cassidy's," as this well known company is sometimes called, have many customers in Texas who can attribute much of their success to their alliance with them.

Mine hosts, Trexler & Klampf of the Southern, are having some good work done now in the way of repapering and repainting the office and corridor of that popular hostelry. A due concern for the comforts and pleasure of its guests has suggested itself to the proprietors and, accordingly, they have called McGill (the Journal's bureau of information) is becoming more beautiful and affable each day. He deserves some new scenery, as he has worn out several floors in the office since he has been doing his job. Col. Fant is never so happy as when entertaining his friends with war or other reminiscences, "buying a few lately"

Col. D. R. Fant spent several days here on his way home from his Santa Ranch. He arrived Wednesday and says that he will soon finish the delivery of his cattle sold last fall, and that he has been buying a few lately. Col. Fant is never so happy as when entertaining his friends with war or other reminiscences, "buying a few lately"

or selling anywhere from 15,000 to 50,000 head of cattle. He regrets the necessity for war, but with characteristic patriotism, pins his faith to the "survival of the fittest," which same is "Uncle Sam."

Mrs. Mack Briggs of Spofford, came in on the Southern Pacific Thursday afternoon to meet Mr. Briggs, who arrived Friday afternoon on the north-bound I. & G. N. Mr. B. has been quite busy of late in and around San Antonio, and Mrs. Briggs, who has recently broken social ties in San Antonio and gone out to the ranch with Mr. Briggs, came in to meet him and spend a few days with friends. Her patriotism has not waned in the least, and during a visit to the Journal office with Mrs. Wade Hampton stated that she supposed that she had visited the city in order to keep up with the war news as much as anything else.

Col. L. W. Krake of St. Louis, or more properly, of East St. Louis, Ill., called on the Journal office about Tuesday in his usual affable and happy mood (which means, "I'd like to get something in the paper, please.") and said, "Captain, did you hear about the Battle of Sutherland steers of Marlinton?" The captain was busy and provided the colonel with a tablet and pencil and a seat under the electric fan. He wrote, and as he handed his effusion over and bowed himself out, he said, "Thanks." This is what he wrote, "Battle of Sutherland of Marlinton at the National Stock yards, East St. Louis, Monday, some 1000-pound average at \$4.30 and some 880-pound average at \$4.25."

R. B. Cannon and wife of Pearsall, arrived Thursday evening on the I. & G. N. and left for Napa City, California, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Cannon has been interested in the live stock business in Texas since the early '80's and took advantage of the prevailing good prices to close out his holdings some months ago. "So far as I know, I am out of the business permanently," said Mr. Cannon, during a visit at the Journal office Friday, "but we can't always sometimes tell what we will do." This is an indication that should he be disappointed in his expectations for the future, Texas cattle might again prove very seductive. The Journal of course wishes for a fruition of all his hopes, but stands ready to welcome him back to the fold at any time.

W. A. Pogue of Waco, passed through San Antonio Tuesday morning en route to Laredo on business for the Evans-Snyder-Buel company. He did not lay over long enough to give the Journal representative all the details, in fact he did not give the scribe any of the details, his modesty making him naturally shy newspaper representative. The secret is out, however, and the Journal is under no obligations to Billy to remain neutral, and why should it be? The battle of his life has been fought and his victory has been complete. In the early summer he will lead to the altar one of McLennan's fairest flowers, and the Journal takes the initiative in tendering congratulations. Billy should have taken the Journal into his confidence sooner, but as he didn't, with all his faults, it joves him still.

O. L. Eckhardt of Yorktown, who for reasons hereinafter mentioned, is not dubbed "Col." in these columns any more, delivered to Marshall Bros. of Mason county at Beville, Thursday 2000 head of one and two-year-old heifers, known as the O'Connor heifers. The Journal, like the inebriate of old, knows when O'Connor sold these heifers to Austin & Traylor, and also knows when Austin & Traylor sold them to O. L. Eckhardt, but must acknowledge with humility that it hasn't the remotest idea when nor for how much Eckhardt sold them to Marshall Bros. Otto was in town Wednesday and told the Journal representative that he didn't "know a thing on earth." He also made a little trade Saturday, selling about \$75,000 worth of cattle to Tom Coleman, notice of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Sol and Ike West got back to the city a few days ago. The Journal representative had an idea where they had been, as he had urged himself with a copy of the National Live Stock Reporter of the 10th inst., which contained the following: "Bennett & West of Inez, Victoria county, market 198-pound calves at \$9.25 per head, 203 and 205-pound calves at \$9.75 per head and 286-pound calves at \$10 per head." In answer to an inquiry as to where they had been, Sol West said, "I went to God's country." The Journal man knew right straight that his surmises had been correct. When shown the item quoted above, Mr. West said, "Yes, it is correct as to weights and prices, but there is a circumstance connected with that shipment of which, perhaps, the National Live Stock Reporter, as well as yourself, is not aware. These calves were in the wash-out up in the Territory and instead of being four days on the road were received and sold on the eighth day after shipment and the net proceeds were consequently about \$3 per head less than they had gone through on schedule time." The reporter suggested that the results as stated in the notice were of themselves a high tribute to not only the class of cattle he had, but to the condition of his pastures, when he said, "Yes, we've got pretty good cattle and are in receipt of letters from both the Chicago and Live Stock Commission company and Strahan-Hutton-Evans company, who sold the calves, stating that they were the finest lot of calves which had been on that market for a long time." The foregoing, together with these few remarks might be studied with profit by stockmen least fortunately situated through out Bennett & West. They own 40,000 acres of land in Jackson and Victoria counties, through which, as Mr. West expressed it, "there is not even a wagon road." It is a "sage grass country," but the rains are sufficient, together with the mild winters, to keep the grass green almost the year round. The grass down there now is high enough to make hay and this firm is truly fortunate in that they have mowers whose work is a labor of love and who, as a result of their efforts, drop dollars in the exchequer of their owners. The whole matter may be summed up briefly in these words, "Own your ranch lands."

Mr. West says they have had plenty of rain and good range all through the winter and that cattle are fat now.

GOOD RAINS. During the early part of the past week good rains fell from San Antonio to Brownsville, Texas, and northwest from there to the Rio Grande above Laredo. The rainfall was heavy along the International and Great Northern from San Antonio to Laredo. The San Antonio and Aransas Pass road and the Mexican National had a copious downpour along their lines. The Southern Pacific had considerable rain west as far as Del Rio and Eagle Pass, but not in the quantity desired by stockmen. The rain was more general than any that has fallen for months, but still it missed some sections. In all, it was a welcome visitor and we cowmen have much reason for being thankful.

COL. JNO. P. KELSEY DEAD. Col. Jno. P. Kelsey of Starr county, one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of Southwestern Texas, died at his residence in Rio Grande City Monday, the 9th inst., at 6:30 a. m. Judge Kelsey has been a resident of Texas since 1839, having lived in Starr county continuously since 1848. He was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1818, and though a lawyer by profession he, on his arrival in Texas, engaged in mercantile pursuits. Notwithstanding the stormy times in early days, the judge, by energy, natural, or acquired as a result of his early experiences, accumulated wealth and at the age of fourscore years leaves a valuable estate, consisting of the greater part of lands and live stock. The judge, in a letter to the Journal bearing date of Jan. 3d last, was not unmindful that he had lived beyond the allotted three score years and ten, as he referred to the fact that he was then eighty years old and stated his intention to soon retire from business. He filled the office of county judge of Starr county four consecutive terms and presided wisely and well. The Journal extends sympathy to those who are bereft and, in common with its readers, mourns the loss of a good man.

on his return from an extended trip in West and Southwest Texas. Replying to Journal man's inquiry as to the success of Passeur vaccine in this state, Mr. Hunt said: "Our progress for the past year or so has been simply wonderful, though not unexpected, as the efficacy of this preparation has been thoroughly proved in France, Germany and Australia during the last twelve years, and blackleg, anthrax, and like diseases are identical the world over. In Texas people were a little slow to take hold at first, but now the system is thoroughly established, and by another year vaccinating against blackleg will be universally practiced, as cattle are now too valuable to lose from this disease, when they can be immunized for a few cents per head. You can judge for yourself of our progress from the fact that our sales for the past year were over four times as great as the preceding years, and that in spite of the lavish free distribution by the bureau of animal industry of a so-called vaccine.

The government did us a good turn by thus endorsing and assisting the principle of vaccination, but it was very unfortunate that they saw fit to distribute a vaccine made after a formula that had been fully tried in the old country and found wanting. This is a matter of public record, and you must have known by the department. I have an idea as to why this particular vaccine was used, but it would not do to express it.

"Do you assert then that the 'government vaccine' has not protected the cattle treated therewith?" was asked. "That is exactly what I mean and say, and I know what I am talking about, and stand prepared to prove the assertion. For the past three months I have traveled up through the Panhandle counties, also west from Fort Worth to El Paso and back to this point. I made thorough investigations, securing abundant data, which are too lengthy to burden your columns with, but are at the disposal of anyone interested. Of course, there were some favorable reports, but the great majority were the other way, showing either partial success or total failure, the deaths ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. Compare this with the Pasteur vaccine record in this country, which is one-third of one per cent mortality. Our agents in the states of Colorado, Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming make reports of the government article similar to mine, and say they will have no trouble in selling our vaccine, no matter how much free stuff is distributed. We are therefore not worrying about this free gift "preventive that doesn't prevent," as the cattlemen understand all about it now, and some of them paid pretty dearly for their experience. It's like many other "cheap" acquisitions, they come pretty dear in the end.

"I could tell you some interesting tales of abuses by trading and trafficking in 'government vaccine,' but I fear I have trespassed too much on your good nature already."

Asked as to his next movements, Mr. Hunt said: "Well, I had been figuring on working north towards Fort Worth and renewing acquaintance with my family, but our manager writes me to go south to Laredo and there east along the coast country. You know, we furnish Anthrax vaccine, another of the Pasteur Institute products. This disease prevails in that country during the summer. Our Anthrax vaccine has been very successful during former outbreaks, and if any trouble from that disease this summer it will be in great measure.

"Now, about advertising," said the Journal man, "I notice you use printer's ink considerably and should like to know results."

"Well, as to that, I have kept careful record of results from the various papers, and find that I have over-doubled the inquiries (and orders in the same ratio) from my advertisements in Texas Stock and Farm Journal than from all the others combined. My company, as you are aware, always use your paper, and with satisfactory results."

W. F. Olson, general manager of the Irrigation and Improvement company (Grand Falls), who is on a permanent visit to that place, said that next fall the company will grub and plant all its unused land, intending to make a home market for feed stuffs raised in the Pecos valley by inducing stockmen to bring cattle and sheep there to feed.

SUCCESSFUL PHYSICIANS. We heartily recommend Dr. Hathaway & Co., of 209 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Tex., as being perfectly reliable and remarkably successful in the treatment of chronic diseases of men and women. They cure where others fail. Our readers, if in need of medical help should certainly write these eminent doctors and you will receive a free and expert opinion of your case by return mail without cost; this certainly is the right way to do business. They guarantee their cures. Write them to-day.

Between Hondo and San Antonio I noticed several fields of corn looking well, that locality not having suffered from the general drought. Irrigation operations on the Pecos and Rio Grande valleys seem to be highly successful, and the contrast between the irrigated sections with beautiful crops of grain, alfalfa, corn, vegetables, etc., and the barren looking deserts all around is striking. The Western Union Beef company intend planting alfalfa and irrigating on large scale, on their property near Bagtown. This will bring that section, and irrigation, prominently into notice. P. W. HUNT, San Antonio, Tex., May 14, 1898.

BLACKLEG AND ANTHRAX. The Efficacy of a Well-known Preventive—Journal Advertising Pays. P. W. Hunt of Fort Worth, state agent of the Pasteur Vaccine company of Chicago, was in the city last week

DIP YOUR SHEEP with Cannon's Sheep Dip (Liquid and non-poisonous), easiest to use, cheapest and best made. Cures scab, kills ticks, lice, fleas and maggots. Used by the largest and best breeders. Satisfaction guaranteed. For sale by all dealers or write the Cannon Chemical Co., St. Louis, Mo., wholesale agents, for circulars and prices.

ONE OF THE SIGHTS OF ST. LOUIS. Among the many interesting institutions of St. Louis, Drs. S. and D. Davison's Museum of Anatomy is very prominent. Ever stranger to the city visits it and is well repaid. It was established in 1874 and has grown to be the largest collection of models in the country. The admission is 25 cents and there is absolutely no further charges of any kind inside. The Drs. Davison are well known, responsible medical experts, and all who place themselves under their care may be such of the most honorable treatment and consideration. Practical observations on nervous debility and kindred troubles sent on application. 11 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

The Texas and Pacific railway will sell tickets from Fort Worth to Dalby Springs, Texas, and return via Dalby at rate of \$8.85, including transportation via stage line; tickets limited for return to sixty (60) days from date of sale.

THE GLENARM HOTEL. Is one of the best places to stop in San Antonio. Equipments modern and first class; the table is exceptionally good and rates by day, week and month extremely low. Location, 319 St. Mary street, one-half block from Houston street, where the electric street cars pass to every part of the city and to all depots.

\$50 in Gold! Will be Paid to any Man or Woman. It remains for the celebrated firm of physicians and specialists, Dr. Hathaway & Co., (Regular Graduates Engineers), to place a genuine bona fide proposition before the public, which has never been made before.

We agree to treat any person afflicted with any chronic disease and cure them, furnishing medicine and directions for their cure, or forfeit \$50.00 in gold, providing the patient faithfully follows treatment and directions, and the case is a curable one.

This offer is plain, and there is no catch to it, and furthermore, the offer is good and the money promptly paid because we are financially responsible.

Dr. Hathaway & Co.'s experience during the last 25 years has proved the fact that they have professional ability and all such cases where other doctors have failed, and this warrants them in making this remarkable offer to all persons who are suffering from any chronic disease, such as rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, varicose veins, female troubles, skin eruptions, ulcers, kidney and urinary diseases, liver and stomach difficulties, lipocephalism and morphia habits, or any chronic disease. Our treatment can be taken at home in any direction, or we will pay railroad fare and hotel bill to allow you to come to our office for treatment, but what we guarantee is that we will cure you, or we can't.

We have carefully prepared Symptom Blank No. 1, for men; No. 2, for women; No. 3, for children. We are sending you a 64 page booklet which will send free to all who really desire truthful information about their condition. Call or address, DR. HATHAWAY & CO., 209 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas. Mention this paper.

To advertise - Our Mail Order Department will print you 100 Business Cards, 100 Note Heads, tasty corner display, and 100 Envelopes, name, address and return directions. Write your copy plainly. COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO., 626 Market St., San Antonio, Texas.

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LAND AND RANGES FOR SALE. 52,000 acres in a solid body in Castro county, first class Plains land, just the thing for someone wanting a good cattle ranch. 900 acres good grazing and first-class agricultural land, in Stephens county; plenty of water, enclosed with good fence. Price, \$3.00 per acre. 158,782 acres in a solid body in Bailey county, fenced and otherwise well improved. Must be sold at once and are prepared to give someone a big bargain. 34,320 acres in a solid body in Scurry county. Good grazing and first-class agricultural land. Well suited for colonization purposes. Price, \$1.50 per acre cash. 10,000 acres of enclosed and otherwise improved land close to the town of Henshin, in Knox county; first-class grazing and fair agricultural land, at \$1.30 per acre. 1500 acres in a solid body, enclosed with good fence, four miles from Weatherford. Good location for a fine stock and feeding farm. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. 8330 acres near Lometa, a station on the Santa Fe railroad, in Lampasas county, splendidly improved, fully one-half first-class agricultural land. Price, \$4.00 per acre. A magnificent fine stock farm and ranch, containing 3500 acres in a solid body, adjoining the city of Lampasas. Good land, splendidly improved. Price, \$5.00 per acre. 2500 acres in a square solid body in the eastern part of Stephens county, well watered with fine springs; good grazing and fair agricultural land; enclosed. Price, \$3.00 per acre. About 86,000 acres of first-class grazing land; good protection and plenty of lasting, living water; located in Lubbock county, and known as the "I O A" ranch. Price, \$1.00 per acre. 6,700 acres in a solid body in the southern part of Jones county. All rich agricultural land, close to railroad, and the best bargain now being offered in Texas. Price \$3.50 per acre. 6000 acres in a solid body in the eastern part of Stephens county; first-class grazing and fair agricultural land; splendidly watered, enclosed and otherwise well improved. Price, \$2.50 per acre. 19,300 acres enclosed and otherwise well improved near the center of Knox county, plenty of water and shelter, first-class grazing and fair agricultural land, in a solid body, perfect title, at \$1.25 per acre. 9,000 acres in a solid body in Palo Pinto county; first-class grazing land, with a fair percentage of farming land; enclosed with good fence and otherwise well improved; only five miles from railroad. Price, \$3.50 per acre. An 80,000 acre ranch enclosed and divided by cross fences into several different pastures, located immediately on the Texas-Mexican railroad in Duval county. Here is a splendid bargain for someone wanting a first class cattle ranch. 60,000 acres, well improved and in a solid body, in Erizo county, near the town of Pearsall. This is not only first class grazing land, but is as fine agricultural land as can be found in the State. Will sell it at one-half its actual value. Hammond-Scott ranch in Wheeler county, containing about 25,000 acres, enclosed and otherwise well improved, 16,000 acres of which are patented, 5,000 held by tax title, 5,000 by lease. Will be sold at a big bargain and on easy terms. 17,712 acres in a solid square body in Upton county, enclosed and otherwise improved. Will be sold at a reasonable price and on payment of 25 cents per acre. Balance can run thirty years at 5 per cent interest. 80,000 acres of rich agricultural land in a solid body in the southern part of Jones county, near the Texas & Pacific railroad. All first class agricultural land. This property is well suited for colonization purposes. We are prepared to give someone a big bargain. 70,000 acres of first class farming land in a solid body in Live Oak and McMullen counties. Well suited for a cattle ranch or for cutting up into small farms and ranches and also well adapted to agricultural purposes. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. 8,000 acres in a solid body in Tarrant county, only 12 miles from Fort Worth, this magnificent property at \$5.00 per acre, 20 per cent cash, balance on time to suit, at a low rate of interest. 2,172 acres in a solid body 25 miles southwest of Fort Worth, near the town of Cresson, and within one and one-half miles of two railroads. 400 acres of this tract is first class, rich, black wax agricultural land, all first class for grazing purposes. Price \$6.00 per acre. 45,000 acres in a solid body in Hemphill county, immediately on the Southern Kansas railroad. This property is enclosed with a good wire fence, bountifully supplied with water by both living streams and wells and windmills. Will be sold, if taken at once, at 80 cents an acre. The Shepard ranch, containing about 90,000 acres, one-half patented, balance state school land. Located immediately at Marathon station in Buckhorn county. Will sell the patented land at 75 cents an acre; one-tenth cash, balance nine equal annual payments at 6 per cent interest. 6,000 acres of fine agricultural and first-class grazing land, adjoining the town of Ringgold and immediately on both the Rock Island and M. K. & T. railroads, at \$10.00 per acre. This is one of the finest bodies of land in the state, and if cut up into small farms ought to bring twice the price asked for it. 2037 acres of patented land in Pecos county, covering the well known Santa Rosa, Monument and Leon springs, furnishing an abundance of lasting water and controlling range enough for 20,000 cattle. Anyone wanting a first-class, cheap cattle ranch should get particulars of this property before buying. 6700 acres in a solid square body in Knox county, splendidly improved, plenty of living, lasting water; 1280 acres of this property is patented land, balance leased at a low rental. Will sell patented land, improvements, leases, etc., for \$4000. There are on this property 400 head of highly graded stock cattle that can go into the deal at their market value. 40,000 acres in a solid body, well improved, divided into five different pastures, first-class grazing and a large percentage good agricultural land, located in Duval county, twelve miles north of San Diego, the county seat, which is also a station on the Texas-Mexican railroad. This splendid property will be sold at \$1.50 per acre, one-tenth cash, balance in nine equal annual payments at 6 per cent interest. The purchaser can also have the cattle on the ranch, numbering about 2000 head, at \$12 per head. 1400 acres in a solid body in Stephens county, 800 acres of which is first-class farming land, 225 acres in cultivation. The entire tract is enclosed with splendid fence, divided up into several small farms and pastures; abundance of living water. The improvements consist of a good four-room box house, splendid clatter, large barn, granary and good orchard. In fact, everything is in first-class shape. This is regarded as one of the best improved ranches in Stephens county. Price, \$5.00 per acre, one-fourth cash, balance on easy terms. We will not cut up or divide any of the above properties, neither will they be exchanged for other real estate. We therefore only invite correspondence from those who mean business and who want to buy outright. To such we are prepared to offer exceptionally good bargains in Texas lands and ranches. For further particulars, address, The George B. Loving Company, Fort Worth and San Antonio. Mansion Hotel, FORT WORTH, TEXAS. One of the best hotels in the center of the city. Rates very satisfactory. Meals 25 cents. Lodging 50 cents. Under new management. J. F. LUTHER, Proprietor.

FORT WORTH.

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FORT WORTH MARKET. The following report is by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company:

There has been practically no change in the cattle situation the past week, buyers of stock cattle are making inquiries with a view to loading up and there has been some trading in that line, as money matters are easing up some, and we think it will be but a short time until there will be a heavy demand for good stockers. Good butcher cattle are in demand, and we quote choice fat cows, \$2.75@3.00; medium cows, \$2.25@2.50; fat steers, \$3.25@3.75; bulls, 2.00@2.50.

The hog market advanced about 35c last week and we topped the market at \$3.95. The market is stronger today, and we sold a top load at \$4.00. We quote heavy fat hogs to-day, \$3.80@4.00; light fat hogs, \$3.60@3.80, with favorable outlook.

J. B. Gray, owner of the Moon ranch in Cottle county, after spending three or four days in Fort Worth, returned to his ranch Saturday morning.

H. T. Keenan, live stock agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, was shaking hands with his many friends in Fort Worth Saturday.

Anson Hazlewood of Canadian, Texas, was in Fort Worth Monday and while here was appointed association inspector with headquarters at Canadian.

Frank Chase of Jacksboro, was here Friday. He says the people are much pleased over the certainty of soon having railroad connections with the balance of the world.

S. P. Meyer of Louisville, Ky., president of the Louisville Land & Cattle company which owns a large ranch in King county, was here Friday en route to the company's ranch.

Y. C. Renfro, East Texas cattleman whose home is at Bullard, was here Friday. Mr. Renfro has just completed the delivery of a large shipment of cattle to the Indian Territory.

Jno. Scharbauer, the well known cattleman of this city, is spending a few weeks on his ranches near Midland, superintending the delivery of several lots of cattle contracted by him during the winter.

Ben Brewer, a prominent cattle dealer of Caddo, I. T., was in Fort Worth Saturday. Mr. Brewer is on the market for a good sized string of cattle provided he can get them at satisfactory prices.

Tom Montgomery of this city, who owns a cattle ranch in Crosby county, left Friday for Fort Worth where he goes to receive 1250 steer yearlings bought by him several months ago from W. T. McCampbell.

J. N. Browning of Amarillo, was in Fort Worth Friday. Mr. Browning who is now a prominent candidate for lieutenant governor of Texas, was for many years a cowboy and ranchman in the vicinity of old Fort Griffin.

F. H. McFarland, the well known cattleman of Aledo, returned a few days ago from a trip East, having visited during his absence, the cities of Nashville, Memphis, Vicksburg and other important points.

Fat hogs seem to be on quite a boom. The prices advanced on the Fort Worth market from twenty to twenty-five cents per hundred last week, top hogs selling at the close of the week as high as \$4.00 per hundred.

Charles Mulhern, a prominent citizen and ranchman of Fort Davis, Texas, in a private letter to the Journal under date of May 12th, says: "Cattle are not doing very well in the Davis Mountains at present. Very dry and a good many dying."

C. W. Merchant of Abilene, who owns large cattle interests in the Indian Territory, was here Wednesday en route to Mineral Wells where he expects to spend a week or ten days. Mr. Merchant is suffering from a slight attack of rheumatism.

A. J. and F. M. Long of Sweetwater, who passed through this city last week en route to Clarendon, have sold their two-year-old steers to A. W. Hudson of Kansas City. It is understood that the price paid was about \$25 per head.

C. C. Coppinger of this city, who owns a ranch in Scurry and adjoining counties, came in from that section Wednesday evening. He says that all of Western Texas has been favored with bountiful rains during the past week or two and that the country is now in as fine shape as he ever saw it.

Lige Merchant went West on the Texas and Pacific Wednesday en route to Abilene, from which place he will in a few days leave for San Simon, Arizona, where he goes to look after the shipment of a large lot of cattle contracted by the San Simon Cattle company.

J. F. Williams, inspector for the Kansas sanitary commission, with headquarters at Fort Worth Stock Yards, returned Thursday from a trip to Colorado City. Mr. Williams reports heavy rains all through the Western part of the state, and says that the country is rapidly getting into fine shape.

Winfield Scott of this city, left Monday night for Altair to finish receiving and shipping to the Indian Territory the cattle bought by him last fall from the Stafford Land & Cattle company. It is understood that the deliveries on this contract will aggregate about 20,000 head.

H. K. Haisell of Decatur, Sam Cutbirth, Bird; Henry Ford, Brownwood; Sid Webb, Bellevue; G. S. White, Weatherford; W. J. Good, Quanah, and Cliff Easley of Henrietta, were among the prominent stockmen registered at the Worth hotel on Friday.

F. A. Kennedy, general live stock agent of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad, came down from Clarendon Friday. Mr. Kennedy says that there are 15,000 or 20,000 head of cattle in that section to be shipped to Kansas, some of them have been sold already but many of them are awaiting purchasers.

L. L. Morrison, a prominent Kansas cattle buyer who has recently made quite a number of shipments from points along the Fort Worth and Denver railroad, was here Friday. Mr. Morrison will make another shipment in a few days from Estelline.

W. T. Scott, formerly a prominent banker and cattleman of Colorado City, is now a full-fledged, bona fide citizen of Fort Worth. Fort Worth is always glad to welcome among its citizens such prominent and well known stockmen as Mr. Scott, of which the Panther City can probably boast of more than any other city in the state.

Miss Anne Burgess, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Col. J. W. Burgess, the well known Short-horn breeder of this city, was elected queen of Texas, and crowned as such at the "Queen Karival" at Waco on last Friday. Miss Burgess was originally from Kentucky, the home of beautiful women and enjoys the reputation of being a charming young lady.

It is now a pretty well settled fact that Fort Worth is soon to have a mammoth cotton seed oil mill. It is understood that the necessary amount of capital stock has been subscribed and the location, which is near the Fort Worth Stock Yards, has been agreed upon and that active work will begin at once.

W. T. Waggoner of Decatur, was here Friday. Mr. Waggoner reports an abundance of rain on both his Texas and Indian Territory ranches. Says his wheat crop, from which he expects a yield of not less than 50,000 bushels, is looking splendidly, in fact that the prospects for crops of all kinds are good and that the range was never in better condition.

Dr. Victor A. Norgaard of the United States bureau of animal industry, arrived from Alice, Texas, a few days ago where he has been conducting experiments on the King ranch with a new preparation for the destruction of fever ticks. It is understood that experimenting at the Fort Worth Stock Yards will be resumed at an early date under Dr. Norgaard's direction.

W. H. Wright of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who has been in the Fort Worth market for the erection of a cotton seed oil mill, left for the North Friday accompanied by W. E. Skinner, manager of the Fort Worth Stock Yards. It is said that work will begin in good earnest on the plant at an early date and that when completed Fort Worth will have one of, if not the best equipped cotton seed oil mill in the state.

D. A. Nance, prominent citizen of Albany, Texas, and one of the land marks of the early days on the Texas frontier, was here Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Nance owns a nice little ranch adjoining the town of Albany and has been a prominent operator in live stock in Texas for thirty years. During that time he has made many friends in all parts of the state who will be glad to know of his continued prosperity.

W. C. Bralnard of the National Live Stock Commission company of the Fort Worth Stock Yards, returned Wednesday from a week's trip to Kansas City and St. Louis. Mr. Bralnard speaks very encouragingly as to the outlook for the cattle market, and is of the opinion that the near future will see a restoration of the normal condition of the cattle business whether the war continues or not. He says that already the banks in the North are willing to accept cattle paper again.

Col. Wm. Hunter of this city, Texas manager of Strahorn-Hutton-Evans Commission company, is feeling very much elated over the recent report showing the receipts in the quarantine division at Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago, from February 15th to April 30th. This report shows that Col. Hunter's firm has handled in the quarantine division for the above named period, 845 cars of cattle at St. Louis, 472 cars at Chicago and 304 cars at Kansas City, making a total of 1621 cars. These were all of course fed cattle and most of them were from Texas.

Charles L. Ware of this city, left Saturday for Estelline, where he went to receive 1100 head of the two-year-old steers contracted last fall from the Louisville Land & Cattle company, known at the "Figure 8" ranch. Judge J. M. Main of Guthrie, is interested with Mr. Ware in the deal. They also bought the "Figure 8" steer yearlings numbering about 1400 head. These, however, will not be received until June. They are said to be an exceptionally well bred, fine lot of cattle.

Jno. Bryden of Eureka, Kansas, member of the sanitary board of that state, is in Fort Worth. The object of Mr. Bryden's visit to Texas is to assist in taking precautions against the introduction of Southern fever into Kansas this season. It is feared that on account of the mild winter there has been sufficient cold weather to kill the fever germs on some of the large number of Southern cattle that have gone or will go above the line to various parts in Kansas.

Quite a number of sheep are now being shipped from the different oil mills through this part of the state. Quite a large shipment was made on Friday from Dublin. J. W. Lovelady of San Angelo, has gone to Bonham, where he is feeding 6000 head, to ship at least a part of them. Several thousand head are also on feed at Denton, and the indications now are that those who have properly fed a good class of mutton will have from 50c to \$1.00 profit in them.

Geo. Beggs, the well known representative at this place of Greer, Mills & Company, of Chicago, says that the market during the last three days of

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last week more than gained the decline made the first half of the week and is of the opinion that prices will move steadily and firm for some time. He says the receipts of Texas cattle in the different markets is unusually light and has little fears but that those who have good fat cattle for shipment during the next few months will receive good prices.

Wm. Harrell, ranchman and cattle dealer of Amarillo, was here Friday. Mr. Harrell says that there was a sale made a few days ago in the Amarillo country at \$20 per head for yearlings and \$25 per head for two-year-olds; that there has been no decline in cattle in the Panhandle country but that there is now but little doing on account of the stringency in money matters. Mr. Harrell, however, is strongly of the opinion that as soon as money loosens up again, cattle will be as good prices as ever before.

L. T. Clark, an old time Texas cattleman who for several years has been ranching in Greer county, was in Fort Worth most all of last week closing the purchase of forty-six sections of land covering the entire west half of what is known as the "Bugbee" or "69" pasture in Knox county. Mr. Clark has recently purchased this land from Kansas City parties, paying therefor \$1.35 an acre cash. Mr. Clark will stock this ranch some time in the fall and locate permanently on the property, engaging in the ranching business.

J. W. Knox, stockman and banker of Jacksboro, was in Fort Worth Friday. Mr. Knox says that work on the Jacksboro extension of the Rock Island railroad is being pushed rapidly and that there is no doubt the road will be finished to Jacksboro not later than the first of August. Says they have had plenty of rain in that section of the country, that it is in fine shape and that these favorable conditions together with the little boom naturally caused by the advent of a railroad, is making everything unusually prosperous in "the free state of Jack."

W. E. Connell, the well known cattleman of this city, formerly of Midland, returned from the last named place Thursday. Mr. Connell reports fine rains in the Midland country, says grass is growing rapidly and cattle are doing well. He says that nearly all the Kansas parties who contracted cattle around Midland have been able, notwithstanding the stringency in money matters, to carry out their contracts and that only a few have been unable to receive and pay for the cattle bought by them.

H. G. Williams, a well to do stockman and banker of Liano, spent Wednesday in Fort Worth looking after the shipment of several thousand cattle that are being transferred by Mr. Williams from Liano and adjoining counties to pastures in the Indian Territory. About 5000 of these cattle will be located near Chickasha. Mr. Williams says that Liano county is in the shape except that there is a great scarcity of cattle and especially of aged steers. He says that over half of the yearling steers have been taken out of Liano this spring, that there are but very few two-year-olds and practically no three and four-year-old steers at all, they all having been brought up and shipped to other parts of the country.

J. C. Loving, secretary of the Cattle Raisers' association, has information to the effect that a shipment of cattle belonging to I. J. Kimberlin, while being fed at Woodford, O. T., were raided by some cattle thieves and thirty-two head stolen. The railroad agent discovered a part of the cattle had been taken from the pens and notified the association inspector, at that place, Mr. Joe Chipman, who, with the assistance of the sheriff, soon got on the trail of the cattle and recovered every one of them. The shipment was en route to Kansas. This is regarded as a very fine piece of work on the part of Inspector Chipman, especially so when considered in connection with the fact that he had only begun work for the association on the first of the month.

W. M. Powell, the well known breeder of registered cattle, of Channing, Texas, was here Friday, when he delivered to the Texas and Pacific railroad a lot of 25 registered heifer yearlings which were billed to W. E. McCampbell, Toyah, Texas. These yearlings will be driven by Mr. McCampbell from Toyah to his ranch in Jeff Davis county, where they will be used for breeding purposes. This lot of 25 yearlings consists of 22 heifers and three bulls. These cattle were contracted by Mr. McCampbell in November, the contract price being \$100 per head for the heifers and \$125 for the bulls. Since that time on account of the advance in all kinds of cattle, these animals could have been readily sold at an advance of \$25 per head. Mr. Powell reports that he has furnished this year about 350 bulls, ranging in age from one to two years old, to the Capital Syndicate, all registered and ranging in price from \$100 to \$225

per head. Mr. Powell is greatly pleased with the move he made when he transferred his registered herd to the Plains country and thinks it is the grandest country in the world for breeding and raising fine cattle. Mr. Powell already has about 350 registered she cattle on this ranch and to this number he is constantly making additions of the best individuals that can be bought in Illinois and other old settled states.

J. W. Weakley, a well to do stockman of Brownwood, was here Saturday.

OAK CLIFF COLLEGE FOR YOUNG LADIES—SIXTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT. Oak Cliff College for Young Ladies, Dallas, Texas, will hold their sixth annual commencement Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27. The graduating class consists of sixteen young ladies, ten of whom are the daughters of cattlemen.

The programme is as follows: Thursday, May 26, and Friday, May 27—Art receptions, college parlors, 4 to 6 p. m.; annual recitals, graduates of special schools, Oak Cliff pavilion, 8:30 p. m.

Saturday, May 28—A musical and oratorical entertainment, Oak Cliff pavilion, 8:30 p. m.

Sunday, May 29—Baccalaureate sermon, Dr. ohn S. Moore, Sherman, Texas, Oak Cliff pavilion, 8:30 p. m.

Monday, May 30—Annual contests, Oak Cliff pavilion, 9:30 a. m.

Monday, May 30—Annual meeting of directors, 5:00 p. m.

Monday, May 30—Annual concert, Dallas opera house, 8:30 p. m.

Tuesday, May 31—A dramatic evening, school of oratory, assisted by school of music, Dallas opera house, 8:30 p. m.

Wednesday, June 1—Annual commencement. Baccalaureate address, Rev. George W. Truett, Dallas, Texas, Dallas opera house, 8:30 p. m.

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Cattle receipts this week were 28,000 against 25,000 a week ago. A large per cent were common dressed beef steers. Sales Wednesday show a decline of about 25 cents on this class of cattle. Advances later show the decline for the week about 15 cents. Stockers and feeders and butcher's stock were in good demand and values to-day are about the same as last week. Late sales were \$4.70@4.85 for heavy dressed beef steers. Coarse to common steers \$4.20@4.65; stockers and feeders, \$3.90@5.65; butcher's cows and heifers, \$3.25@4.65; bulls, \$3.00@4.00; Texas steers, \$3.70@4.45.

The demand for hogs was good and up to Saturday morning the prices had advanced 40 cents. A decline to-day of 10@15c reduces the gain for the week to about 25 or 30 cents. Sales to-day were \$4.35@4.40 for heavies, \$4.20@4.35 for mixed packers, \$3.95@4.25 for lights and \$3.15@3.90 for pigs.

Sheep receipts were moderate, demand good and prices steady. Sales were: Colorado wool lambs \$5.10@5.25; clipped \$4.00@4.65; native wool lambs, \$4.85@5.00; muttons, \$4.15@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.00. Receipts for the week are 23,000 cattle, 98,000 hogs, 18,000 sheep.

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