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The Texas Legislature adjourned Saturday, May 27, at 12 m.

The appropriation bill as passed by the legislature carries \$2,669,568 for the year 1900, and \$2,250,387 for the year 1901. Gov. Sayers vetoed sundry items in the bill, aggregating more than \$50,000.

Gov. Sayers has approved the bill to quiet the titles to public school, university and asylum lands sold prior to January 1, 1899, to provide for patents and to provide limitations for bringing suits for the recovery of such lands.

The supreme court of Arkansas has refused to sustain the interpretation of the trust law of that state in its application to insurance companies by the attorney-general. The court decided that an insurance company doing business in Arkansas was not subject to the penalties of the anti-trust law because the company belonged to a rating bureau of another state unless it tried to carry out the regulations of such bureau in Arkansas.

The legislature has passed a law forbidding hunting with dogs or guns upon the enclosed and posted lands of another. The state is required in the prosecution of such cases to prove that all the enclosed lands are owned or leased by the proprietor of the pasture, and this may be proven by oral testimony. The offense is a misdemeanor and punishable by fine not exceeding \$200. Any bona-fide traveler on a public road in such enclosure is not prohibited from killing game within 400 yards on either side of such road.

The appropriation bill provides \$5000 for the expenses of the live stock sanitary commission for the year 1900, and the same amounts for the year 1901. For the Agricultural and Mechanical College \$31,000 is provided for the erection of agricultural and horticultural building and equipment; \$28,000 for the erection of dormitory and equipment; \$6500 for the erection of dwellings; \$2500 for well and equipment; and \$5000 for a system of sewerage. The two special appropriations, for agricultural experiments and for experiments in live stock feeding, and for chemical and veterinary laboratory and equipment, were conceded by the senate, refused by the lower house, and at last defeated in the conference committee.

The Wharton county commissioners find that their purchase and use of an elevator road grader has been a good investment. The county now has forty-three miles of 60-foot graded first-class roads, twenty-two miles on the east and twenty-one miles on the west of Colorado river. This work has been done in thirty days, and the outlay has been as follows: Machine (on the Wharton side of the river), \$1000; 19 mules, \$1370, and the total daily expense of feed, pay of supervisor and three hands and all incidental expenses, \$7.46, in other words, the construction of the 43 miles of road has cost the county \$671.40, or a little less than \$16 a mile. It is said that County Judge Gordon has received an offer of \$15 a day for the rent of one of the machines when its services are not employed by the county.

It has been announced that the government will soon resume the dipping of cattle to prevent the spread of splenic fever, using nearly the same dip as that which was used last year, but modified so that its effect upon the cattle subjected to it will not be so severe.

While there are a number of dipping vats throughout the country the government has only three that are under the supervision of the officials of the bureau of animal industry. These are at the National Stock Yards, Illinois, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas and Fort Worth, Texas, but the government will authorize and supervise the dipping at other vats where it may seem advisable. The cruel and disastrous effects of dipping last year will render Texas cattlemen extremely cautious in exposing their cattle to the modified dip which will be used this season.

The Philippines continue to make proposals for a peace treaty, but such as cannot be made, and the military operations are on without regard to the so-called peace negotiations. The American navy has now pushed its lines out fifty miles from Manila and it seems that it will be necessary to send a strong body of reinforcements to Gen. Otis, partly because the forces he now has are not sufficient to occupy all the important points from which the insurgents have been driven and partly because his men are much in need of rest. It has been a tedious and harassing campaign and the end is not yet in sight. The suggestion that native forces be organized to continue the campaign through the rainy season, now almost at hand, seems commendable, as it would permit most of the American soldiers to occupy the towns and obtain a much needed rest.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Gen. Leonard Wood returned a few days ago to Santiago after a tour which enabled him to observe conditions throughout the eastern end of the island. He says he found no brigandage, no disorder, no pauperism. The people are busy and contented. His comment on the policy to be pursued is worthy of note. He says: "We ought to try to give the people good courts, good schools and good roads. If I can accomplish this I shall feel that my work is largely done." His splendid common sense, energy, firmness, moderation and appreciation of the character and the limitations of the Cubans has established within his jurisdiction the foundation of safe civic rule and of prosperity.

The disturbing element in Cuba had its strength at Havana, and probably its influence alone is responsible for the only serious disorder that exists. It is the restless, ambitious, unappreciative element that has stood in attitude hostile to the intention of the United States ever since the triumph of American arms freed the island from Spanish rule. This element seems to form an insignificant proportion of the Cuban people and its ascendancy would result in conditions unfavorable to industry and trade. The requirement of Gen. Brooke that the Cuban soldiers should surrender their arms upon being paid by him has been resisted by the Cuban military leaders, and the result is that the soldiers are without pay and without employment. This may lead to a serious discontent sufficient to breed grave disorders, and delays indefinitely the restoration of all that pertains of the island to industry and productiveness. To temporize with such difficulties is only to prolong and magnify them. The United States, at the insistence of the great mass of the people, undertook the task of the liberation and pacification of Cuba, and all its people must be liberated and brought to peaceful conditions.

BETTER CATTLE STATISTICS.

All who are interested in the cattle industry have long recognized the unsatisfactoriness of the government method of compiling and reporting cattle statistics. The division of the cattle of the country into the two classes, "milk cows" and "oxen and other cattle," does not at all convey the information which both producer and consumer need as a basis for the estimate of values. This fact, as well as the fact that the enumeration made for the department of agriculture should be made after the winter losses have been known, is well set forth by Mr. C. G. Burbank in a correspondence with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson which appears in the Cattle Department of the Journal to-day.

The enumeration of milk cows should be made separately, the dairy and beef industries being as far apart as any other two agricultural industries, and the cattle enumeration should show the numbers of each sex and the numbers in each sex of each of the following classes, viz: one year olds, two year olds and three year olds, all above the age of three years going into the enumeration of cattle of that age. This is the method of giving cattle statistics, and the only one that will have any value in commercial transactions, since it is the only one that gives information as to the country's supplies of the several classes wanted by purchasers for different purposes, one, to stock a range, another, to breed, a third to feed for market. The need of such classifica-

tions appearing in government reports has been declared by all the organizations of cattlemen, and it might be well just at this time for the officers of the several important cattle raisers' associations to press it upon the attention of the director of the census for 1900.

Mr. Burbank's letter shows that the conditions of the cattle industry cannot be learned correctly from an enumeration taken during the early part of the year. Already the government estimate for January 1 has had to be very materially reduced, this being done in an estimate of April 1, but even the latter date was too early for any correct knowledge of winter losses to have become known. Very many cattle that survive the winter die from the effects of winter weather after the first growth of spring vegetation has given them a green, sappy, relaxing diet, and perhaps the most serious losses of cows and of weak cattle occur from the middle of March to the middle of May, according to the latitude of the range.

EXHIBITS OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS IN EUROPE.

Some effort should be made to have the products of Texas, of the stockmen as well as the farmers, of the forests and the mines, exhibited next year at the Paris exposition. Other parts of the country will have their resources presented to advantage. Several of the state legislatures have shown a commendable liberality in making provision for advertising in Europe advantages of Texas that are far below those which Texas has to offer to immigrants that have either industry, brains or money. Money so spent is well invested. People visit the great exhibition at Paris, and it is probable that another exhibit will be examined with greater interest than those from the United States. Texas could make an excellent show as compared with any other state in almost any farm, orchard, garden or live stock product. These, together with the lumber, oil, mineral and other resources, would attract much attention, and with maps, charts and literature showing climatic advantages, transportation facilities, seaports, educational provisions, etc., would give to the world a more general and accurate knowledge of Texas than will ever be disseminated in any other way. Would it not pay the railroad and steamship companies that are interested in Texas development, and the business men of the cities to make provision for a display worthy of imperial Texas?

It seems probable that whatever America may have to show at Paris will be seen by the people whom it would most interest at the other extremity of Europe. A recent dispatch from Washington says: "The plan for an exhibition of American products in either St. Petersburg or Moscow, after the Paris exposition, are going forward nicely. Ambassador Tower has taken up the work where Secretary Hitchcock left it and assurance is given from the Russian government that every advantage will be given in the matter of transportation, location of a site and relief from customs duties. The manufacturers of the country who have been interviewed on the subject are unanimous in the desire to expose their wares in the Russian market. If the plan is carried out, practically the entire American exhibit will be transferred from Paris to Russia, and will include not only the natural and manufactured products of the country, but all kinds of improved and labor-saving machinery."

Texas producers, Texas business men, land owners, manufacturers, transportation companies, all are interested in the rapid and solid development of the matchless resources of this great state. The growth of their own prosperity depends upon developing what we have and upon finding enlarged markets. To do these things they must advertise to the world what Texas is and what she can become. No other such opportunity for a world-wide advertisement will come again to the business life of the men now interested.

THE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

The following is a synopsis of the anti-trust bill which was passed by the legislature last week and which goes into effect Jan. 1, 1900.

Section 1. Any corporation or combination of corporations, firms or individuals organized in this or any other state for the purpose of regulating the price of any commodity or product, or of limiting the quantity or quality of any commodity or product, shall be deemed guilty of a conspiracy to defraud, and shall become subject to the penalties prescribed by this act.

Section 2. A monopoly is a combination of capital, credit, property, assets, trade, custom, skill or arts by or between persons, firms or corporations for the purpose of accomplishing any of the objects named in this act; and a monopoly contemplated by this act includes not only such combinations, but also all aggregations or consolidations, whether formed by means of

partnerships or incorporations, or by purchase and control of certificates of stock or bonds, and a monopoly is declared unlawful and a conspiracy to defraud, and is subject to the penalties of this act.

Section 3. Any person, company, partnership, association or corporation engaged in manufacture of any article of commerce or consumption who for the purpose of driving out competition shall sell at less than cost or give away their manufactured products shall be deemed guilty of a conspiracy to establish a trust or monopoly in restraint of trade, and shall be subject to the penalties of this act.

Section 4. Any person, company, etc., engaged in the manufacture or sale of any article of commerce or consumption who shall sell within the state at less than cost of production or give away such products for the purpose of destroying competition shall be deemed guilty of a conspiracy to establish a trust, or monopoly in restraint of trade and shall be subject to the penalties of this act.

Section 5. Anyone violating this law, principal or accessory, shall forfeit not less than \$200 or more than \$5000 for each offense.

Section 6. An agreement or combination to control or limit trade by refusing to buy or sell to any other person, firm, corporation, etc., because such person, firm or corporation is not a party to such agreement or combination, or shall boycott or threaten such person, firm, corporation, etc., shall be deemed guilty of a conspiracy to defraud, etc.

Section 7. Any corporation, if organized under the laws of this state, violating this law shall forfeit its charter; if organized under the laws of any other state it shall forfeit its right to do business in this state.

Section 8. Makes it the duty of the Secretary of State to issue on or about January 1 of each year, and at such other times as he may deem necessary, to the proper officer of each corporation doing business in Texas, a letter of inquiry as to whether such corporation is in any way connected with any such trust or monopoly as defined in any of the preceding sections, and requiring the answer to such inquiry to be made under oath of the officer to whom the inquiry is addressed.

Section 9. Requires the attorney-general and county and district attorneys to enforce the provisions of this act and gives to the prosecuting attorney, in addition to the fees allowed by the general fee bill now in force, one-fourth of the penalty collected.

Section 10. Gives to actions under this law precedence of all other cases, civil or criminal, except in cases where the defendant is confined "in jail."

Section 11. Any person, firm or corporation owning or leasing a patent on any machinery used in manufacturing any raw material, or in preparing the same for use in any process of mining, smelting, or other process, who shall lease, rent or operate the same in their own name and refuse or fail to put the same on the market for sale, shall be deemed guilty of a conspiracy to defraud, and shall be subject to the penalties provided in this act.

Section 12. The sale of any article by any person, firm or corporation to any other person, firm or corporation in violation of this law, whether made by such person, firm or corporation, or by agent, representative or canvasser, is declared to be a conspiracy to defraud, and the purchaser shall not be liable for the price of payment; and where payment has been made by the purchaser he may recover the amount of money or the value of the article.

Section 13. Applies the law to corporations, firms and individuals which gather items of news or press dispatches for sale to newspapers and which shall refuse to sell any same to more than one newspaper to a stated number of inhabitants in any town or city or within a certain radius of territory, and to any violation of newspaper laws, and to any violation of changing items of news which forbids its members to sell or exchange any item or press dispatches with newspapers that are not members of the association.

Section 14. Makes the provisions and penalties of the law cumulative.

Section 15. Consists of emergency clause.

CATTLE.

Buyers and sellers have not yet come to an agreement as to the future of cattle prices, and it is probable that the market will continue to fluctuate. The indications indicate that values should be well sustained. There are, a shortage of three and up, making a heavy demand on younger stock that is lighter, requiring more of them to meet the demand of the market; a short calf crop on many ranges, delaying the replenishment of herds unusually good supply of pasturage, because of diminished herds, enabling owners to hold at little cost; a big improvement in the quality of marketable cattle, and a probability now that there will be plenty of cheap feed, there having been, for several seasons, more corn planted than was intended earlier in the season.

Some of the Northern papers say that because of the damage done to pastures in a large area east of the Missouri river, many cattle intended to be grass fattened are being rushed to market and sold as beef fat or stock cattle, and that some Kansas and Nebraska feeders are taking these unbranded cattle and shipping them west to be finished on corn. Should there be an average yield per acre of corn over the unusually large acreage planted this will make a strong demand for steers for the feed lots of the corn states. The conditions existing in the Northwest and in the feeding states, together with the abundant grazing capacity of the Northwestern ranges, hardly sustain the assertion of Northern buyers that the Southern cattlemen are holding their stock too

The statement has been made that a number of owners of the pastures in Pecos valley will take up their calves when about six months old and feed them at first a daily ration of one pound of corn meal, ground fine and mixed in troughs gradually increasing the feed to two pounds as cold weather comes on. The calves will be dehorned as soon as they become accustomed to the feed. In the spring after the coming of grass on the range, the cattle will be put out on the native pasturage. In the fall they will be placed in the feed lots and kept on full feed. As the calves will be kept growing during the first winter the owners believe that by the time the animals reach the age of 18 months or two years they can be made to weigh about 1100 pounds and will bring fancy prices.

The Australasian, in an article signed by Mr. Frank Tidswell's report on "Protective Inoculation Against Tick Fever," says: "There have been 35,000 head of cattle thus inoculated, with a mortality described as very trifling. The results are most encouraging. Sydney show that cattle inoculation protects against re-inoculation, even with very large doses of virulent blood." The virulent blood, taken from an animal suffering with the fever, produces much more serious effects than does the covered blood, which is taken from an animal that has recovered from the disease. With regard to the influence of inoculation upon the meat Mr. Tidswell says: "In the slaughtered animal the meat was pale, rather flabby and soft, lacking in fat and the prime appearance of good meat. There is no likelihood of the disease being communicated to man, but the early loss of organs, not in any other way. These deteriorating influences would all be operative only during the period of illness. When this had passed off, and the animals recovered, the meat would regain its usual qualities."

CATTLE STATISTICS.

The following correspondence relative to a very much needed improvement in the form of the government's cattle statistics will be of interest to cattlemen generally, who have long felt that without a better classification the statistics furnished by the department of agriculture were worth but little to them in their business transactions:

Port McKavitt, March 30, 1899.

Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir—Way back in the early ages of the world in the time of Abraham and before, when the struggle for existence occupied the entire energies of man and the means of subsistence were scanty, the number of milk stock possessed, as being an unfailing source of sustenance. Later, as civilization progressed and cultivation of the soil became a necessity, and as cattle were few in those days, the early compiler of agricultural statistics added "other cattle" to them as being of minor importance in estimating the probable food supply, which I take to be the main idea in getting agricultural statistics of any kind.

The course of time this method and descent to our English ancestors and, on the creation of an agricultural bureau in the United States, was followed as a matter of course, as precedent and custom. The classification of official life, must be copied and followed by succeeding generations, no matter how conditions may change, as food supplies have multiplied and as the capacity of the land to produce beef and the dairy industry secondary to that.

I would respectfully submit that your present classification of cattle, big and small, cow and bull, and "other cattle," and your estimation of numbers and values on that basis, does not meet present conditions and is of little value in finding out the available beef supply. It is necessary to suggest that cattle be enumerated and valued as follows: Cows three years and over, heifers two years and one year, calves three years and over two years and one year. Dairy cows should be excluded and enumerated and valued separately and the total give the whole number and value of cattle in the United States. This enumeration should be taken in the spring after the winter losses are over, but while they are still fresh in the mind of the correspondents and may list or June 1st would be suitable. This enumeration of that year should not be counted and all calves of the year before should be classed as of age named on the date selected; for instance all calves of 1898 should be counted in the year 1899. This is the commercial usage. This is a simple, easy method of getting the number and value of cattle and will prove to give correct an estimate as to the number of rams of their blood on the average western flocks of ordinary range blood will improve the next generation an average of \$1 per head; that a ranchman with 5000 ewes raising 5000 lambs makes his money easily, and if he has 20,000 ewes, a great many flock owners have today, he can easily have something better than railroad stock or a gold mine.

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Mr. Wyckoff then goes on to show the steady improvement that has been made in the weight of fleece in this breed. In 1780 the rams sheared 7 pounds and the ewes 5 pounds per head. By scientific mating an interrupted gain has been made and in 1844, taking an average of 1000 head, he gives the wool clip of rams as weighing 22 1/2 pounds, and of ewes 12 1/2 pounds per head. Instances of heavy clip are given as 23 1/2 pounds in rams and 20 pounds in ewes. He also tells of occasional rams weighing 300 pounds and ewes 200, in full fleece and high condition. The present director of the Bureau of Agriculture writes to Mr. Wyckoff: "Rams sometimes give 20 per cent of live weight in wool, in the grease."

Replying to a letter written later by Mr. Burbank, Secretary Wilson said: "I agree with you entirely as to the necessity for better and more extended work in the taking of a cattle census. In fact, I am now very industriously using my influence with the census in the line of 'this improvement.'"

SHEEP AND GOATS.

Sheep should have frequent change of pasture. It helps both pasture and sheep.

Don't use scrub or grade rams. The registered rams that are good individuals will much more than pay their cost in one season.

A bigger per cent of profit can be made from a small flock of sheep, and as the number kept on a farm must necessarily be limited by the pasturage area owned or available it is all the more important that the quality of the flock should be high. Sheep respond profitably to good feed and attention, and that can not be given when more are kept than the resources of the farm can provide for. Keep all that can be handled to advantage, but keep grading up so that each season will show a flock better in value and more uniform and higher in quality than that of the preceding year.

There is no reason why sheep feeding on the Pecos river valley in Texas or any other section of Western Texas where alfalfa can be raised should not become an extremely important and profitable industry. All the necessary feed can be cheaply produced there and the Pecos country has easy access to the market centers over two lines of railroad. One of the important advantages possessed by Arkansas valley in Colorado, where 130,000 head of sheep were fed last year, is its dry climate. The climate of the Pecos valley is even better, having only the beneficial freedom from moisture, but being, besides, much warmer. It produces, also, all the feeds that are raised in Arkansas valley, and at less cost. Other portions of Texas produce excellent feeds for fattening sheep and cattle, and sheep feeding may become a very great industry in this state.

SHEEP CONDITIONS.

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that the losses of sheep from all causes for the year ending March 31, 1899, at 2,208,556 head. The per cent of loss from exposure is given at 2.51 and from disease at 2.14, total per cent, 5.64. The largest loss and the largest per cent was in Wyoming, amounting to 197,882 head, New Mexico lost 134,533; Oregon 103,600; California 102,106; Montana 158,745; Idaho 143,337; Texas 100,267; Ohio and Utah each lost over 100,000.

The report says of conditions: "Of the twelve states containing 1,000,000 head of sheep or upward, Utah reports a condition of healthfulness and flesh represented by 95 per cent of the normal; Ohio by 95 per cent, Montana, New Mexico and Arizona by 94 per cent; Michigan and Oregon by 93 per cent; Wyoming and Idaho by 92 per cent; Colorado by 90 per cent; Texas by 88 per cent, and California by 80 per cent. The average condition of the entire country is 7.5 per cent below that of normal healthfulness and average flesh."

RAMBOUILLETS.

Thomas Wyckoff in the Shepherd's Bulletin, gives a brief history of this breed of sheep. The foundation of the breed was a flock of 218 ewes and 40 rams placed on the experimental farm at Rambouillet, by Louis XVI, King of France, in the year 1786. The flock has received excellent care and management ever since its foundation. Its remarkable prepotency is explained by the fact that no new blood has been introduced since the year 1806. Mons. Bernarding, the director, says: "The fold of Rambouillet can show by record and by statistics that the managers have produced a type of sheep which is sought to produce from the start," and "that other Merinos are not of the same right or title as these of Rambouillet, either as to the production or as to the qualities of meat or wool."

Mr. Wyckoff says of them: "They are everywhere to-day noted for their impressive power upon other flocks, improving their qualities uniformly upon all breeds as to the wool, and great endurance and hardness, nuttiness of the finest flavor and quality, and wool of unequalled fineness, length strength and elasticity." The sheep are noted for their long life, and immense bulk. They have broad chests, broad backs, deep shoulders, long bodies, round barrel, straight limbs, stout neck, broad head, large bone, precocity, nutritive capacity, longevity, endurance, fertility, beyond any other breed of sheep. Their great value is so well known on the ranges of the United States as to scarcely need noting.

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HORSE.

By proper management of a foundation stock of fairly good mares many can build up a very valuable horse industry on his farm, and after two or three generations of breeding can have mares whose offspring will bring him a larger revenue than all his other live stock combined. It is not as cheap to raise a good horse as it is to raise a beef steer, but it is much cheaper to raise a good horse than it is to raise a scrub.

In breeding from a foundation stock of the class of mares most generally found in Texas the most judicious matings will be with standard-bred stallions. In selection of the stallion consider size, form, action, constitution and pedigree. Each of these being more important than speed, though that also has no little importance. The object of the average breeder is not to raise a race animal, but one that will class high as a roadster or coacher. The mares that will produce such animals will be worth more as work animals than those ordinarily found in farm work, and will produce more value than a good bunch of stock cattle.

BALANCED RATIONS FOR WORK HORSES.

The season of land work for horses is well begun and will continue on the majority of Kansas farms till the first of next November. Unless this season is an exception to the rule, the majority of horses will begin the year's work in good flesh and spirits, but before the season is over, thousands of them will be so poor as to be almost literally nothing but skin and bones, and will require a winter of high feeding to make them able to begin another year's work. This method of treating horses is ruinous to the horse, and is an expensive and wasteful business. Horses so treated are weak at a time when the heaviest work is required of them. Their bones protrude in such a way as to make it almost impossible to harness them, from galling them and we almost invariably find them with shoulders covered with collar boils, with sore backs, and with large patches of skin rubs on their hip and stifle joints. Such conditions are not due so much to excess of hard work as they are to lack of the proper kind and amount of food.

All animals require different kinds of food in proportions which vary according to the conditions under which they are fed. For example, the young growing colt must have different food from the mature horse, and the horse usually treated that the horse working hard should have different food, and that in different proportions from the food given to the horse that is not so hard worked. The horse that has devoted much time and money to digestion experiments and to analysis of foods needed by certain animals under certain conditions. The results of these experiments are published in various tables of feeding standards. By the use of these tables any ration may be compiled to suit the conditions under which it is fed. The calculations are not very difficult, and the quantity of each kind of food to take are performed by a sort of "cut and dry" method and for this reason are rather laborious and costly to make and expensive to take. Few farmers have cared to take the time necessary to learn to calculate rations quickly and consequently very few have ever given the subject of "balanced rations" any attention whatever.

It is the purpose of this article to present a table of rations for horses hard at work in which the quantities of each kind of food necessary to be fed in one day are given. The rations are not all intended to be ideal, but are designed to furnish standards for feeding the various classes of the Kansas horse. It is likely to have easy access to it at this time. I am aware that 11 to 14 pounds is a large amount of bran for one horse to eat in a day, but never calculate, one necessary to balance the ration where only such other feeds as corn, and prairie hay or timothy hay are available. In such cases the ration should be made nearly balanced as possible. In the following table the amounts of each feed to be used in each ration are calculated from Wolff's feeding standards and are sufficient to feed horses weighing 1000 pounds one day. For heavier or lighter horses the quantities may be varied proportionally.

Amount of feed in pounds required per day, per 1000 pounds live weight, for horses working hard.

Ration 1, alfalfa hay 10, oats 10, prairie hay 10.

Ration 2, alfalfa hay 13, corn 12, prairie hay 15, corn 6, prairie hay 8.

Ration 3, alfalfa 15, Kafir corn 5, prairie hay 10.

Ration 5, bran 11, corn 6, prairie hay 10.

Ration 6, bran 13, corn 6, Timothy hay 10.

Ration 7, bran 11, Kafir corn 8, prairie hay 10.

Ration 8, bran 5, corn 7, prairie hay 11, linseed meal 2.

Ration 9, bran 7, corn 6, Timothy hay 12, linseed meal 2.

Ration 10, bran 7, Kafir corn 8, prairie hay 12, linseed meal 2.

Ration 11, corn 9, linseed meal 4, prairie hay 13.

Ration 12, Kafir corn 10, linseed meal 3 1/2, prairie hay 14.

Ration 13, sorghum hay 8, alfalfa hay 14, Kafir corn 8.

Ration 14, corn 8, bran 7, linseed meal 2, sorghum hay 10.

Ration 15, Kafir corn 8, bran 7, linseed meal 2, sorghum hay 10.

Ration 16, oats 14, linseed meal 2, prairie hay 12.

Rations 17, oats 12, bran 7, prairie hay 10.

Ration 18, oats 8, corn 5, linseed meal 3, prairie hay 10.

R. W. CLOTHIER.

Kansas State Agricultural College.

Haskell Free Press: The spring wool clip, which is an important item in Haskell's commerce, is beginning to come in. Some of the wool growers intend to store their wool here and wait for better prices.

NEWS NOTES.

Beeville Pigeons: A number of melon raisers near Beeville are confident they will have ripe water-melons by the first of June.

Corleanna Sun: Rain is needed all over the county. Crops are feeling the effects of the long dry spell, and water is getting scarce again.

Henderson Times: Fourteen cars of cattle were shipped out from Henderson station Monday evening. They were billed to some point in the Indian Territory.

Greenville Independent Farmer: Farmers are complaining that crab grass is getting the best of the cotton. The big rains recently have occasioned an immense grass crop.

Hays County News: Crops are looking fine since the last rain. If we can only have a few more rains at the proper time there will be no scarcity of corn and cotton this year.

Vernon Globe: Farmers are buying reapers and twine and getting ready for harvest. From present indications the harvest will be much better than was expected some time ago.

Lampasa Leader: The wheat crops are going to agreeably disappoint every man who did not plow his crop after the rains. Some of it is now more than two feet high, and the heads are very promising.

Brownsville Herald: Messrs. Thomas and Stockings, who own farms in the Pipkinville settlement, were in town to-day and they informed us that their crop of corn, which was in tassel several weeks ago, will be a total loss on account of dry weather.

Brownsville Herald: Farmers and stockmen are feeling a little blue over the situation at present. The high wind and dust have undone most of the good resulting from the rains which fell the early part of the month. A good many heads of stock have died in the surrounding country lately.

Gonzales Inquirer: The truck growers made another big shipment of vegetables to market to-day. The shipment reached nearly 1700 pounds. The growers are still getting good returns from their product. They expect to ship out a car load of potatoes Thursday.

Hamilton Herald: A. Weller brought to town the last load of wool comprising 64 sacks; weight, 15,638 pounds. He says the clip this spring is freer from grease than usual and the clip is consequently a trifle lighter than common. He would decline an offer of 15 cents for it with the present lights before him

THE FARM.

Taking a series of years into consideration there is but little money in the raising of corn if it is sold by the producer, but if it is used by him to fatten stock for the market it is generally a safe and profitable crop.

A report has come from the southern part of the state that the boll weevil has made his appearance and is already inflicting serious injury upon the cotton crop.

HOW TO KEEP SOIL FROM BEING BLOWN AWAY.

This is a question frequently of interest on the Plains, and even below the breaks of the Plains in North-western Texas where high winds prevail during the winter months.

One of the problems in farming is to handle the soil so that it will not blow during the windy days in the spring. It is a well recognized fact that the soil that does not blow off a field is the richest part, and so it is the most desirable to keep it in place.

CROP DIVERSIFICATION.

Address Delivered by Prof. J. H. Connell, Director of Texas Experiment Station, at Beeville, Texas, to the South Texas Truck Growers' Association.

III. When Should Diversification be Practiced.

Though every community should diversify, each should have a specialty. Let one country be known in the markets of the world for the excellency of its celery, its strawberries, butter, poultry, beef, hay, corn, wheat, hops, flax, cotton or honey.

The individual farmer must first supply from his own resources those ordinary necessities of life before arranging for the money, or sales crops, which succeed or fail largely in proportion to the peculiarities of market conditions.

The Californians annually ship car loads of beans to Boston through Texas, there to have them canned and shipped back to Texas and to other states for their intellectual benefit.

supply the tons and tons of fresh and canned materials consumed in this state? This will soon be achieved.

But it is not only in the matter of vegetables that our people are thus short-sighted. In the matter of sugar, hay and milk, the same manufactured articles the way is open to immediate development.

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"3. Any manufacturer, wholesale dealer or jobber in or out of the state, after having had his goods analyzed, can purchase labels and furnish them to the retail customers in this state in any quantity desired.

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Temperature Fahrenheit at which certain California grown plants are liable to injury: Beans 31 degrees Celery 28 degrees Squash 23 degrees Watermelons 31 degrees Sweet potatoes 31 degrees Asparagus 29 degrees Cucumbers 32 degrees Potatoes 30 degrees Spinach 21 degrees Turnips 29 degrees

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Don't neglect the garden because the fields need work. No other cultivation on the farm pays so well as that given to the garden.

Don't let the young trees mature fruit. The increased vigor and growth they will have if the fruit is picked off as soon as formed is worth much more than the quantity of fruit such young trees will bear.

OFFICIAL ANALYSIS OF FERTILIZERS.

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A FIFTY ACRE FARM.

R. M. Vorn, Cleburne, Texas. Here is a very good plan to run a fifty acre farm: 150 fruit trees: peaches, apples, pears, etc. 1/2 to 1 acre garden, made very rich, well worked; 4 milch cows; 1 acre sweet potatoes; 1/2 acre Irish potatoes; 1/2 acre grapes; 1 to 10 hogs; 1/2 acre sorghum planted in rows or hogs; 2 to 3 acres sorghum, sowed broadcast for hay; 1/2 to 1 acre watermelons; chickens plenty and some to sell; 4 acres oats; 5 acres Bermuda grass; 20 acres corn; 15 acres cotton.

A farm managed on this plan would furnish a first-class living for the owner and family, and the surplus would be more than if the whole farm were planted in cotton.

I know a man who has raised about what I have suggested, and one who is well acquainted with him says he has \$10,000 lent out on interest. Instead of being in debt on buying, he is lending money and getting interest.

Of course a great many cannot arrange their farms as suggested at once; it may take two or three years. But first get in your mind what you want and then work to it. Commence by thoroughly manuring one acre for garden. Then plant the rest of the orchard, and find the best place for potatoes, etc.

On a farm thus arranged, besides plenty of produce for our own use, which few people have, you should sell about as follows: From orchard \$50 From garden 25 From Irish potatoes 25 From vineyard 10 From melons 20 Chickens and eggs 30 From cotton 150 Total \$455

Besides this money you have raised some of all of them for your family. If the Southern people will diversify their crops somewhat after the plan laid down here and keep out of debt this will soon be a very prosperous people.

Of course some should vary from what is mentioned according to kind of land, market, etc. Some might raise sheep or goats.—Cotton Planter's Journal.

FARM WASTES. No class of people have greater abhorrence for wastefulness and extravagant ideas than farmers, for they have a long record, both by heredity and training, in the practice of thrift and economy.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, SS. FRANK J. WELLS, Notary Public. I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of said office.

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It is impossible to recognize a disease from such a brief description. There is a disease with similar symptoms killing cattle near Montgomery, Texas. The parties should notify the sanitary commission, and request an investigation. If the commission declines to act, they can employ a veterinary surgeon at their own expense. Such cases require a personal visit of an expert veterinarian.

A. and M. College. M. FRANCIS. Secretary of Agriculture, Hon. James Wilson, paid our city and section a flying visit on the 18th inst. He was favorably impressed with the immense possibilities, agriculturally and horticulturally, of East Texas. What we need is hands clean and adapted to all manner of fruits and berries, will be the speedy outcome of this section is known only to the prophets of the Infinites.

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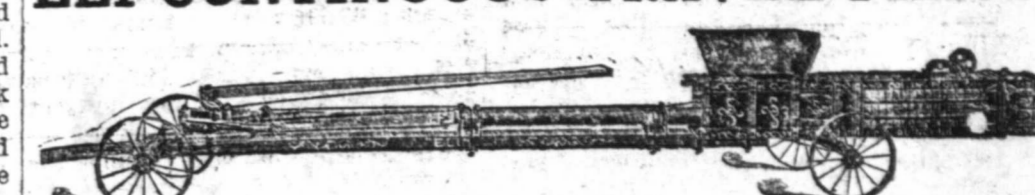
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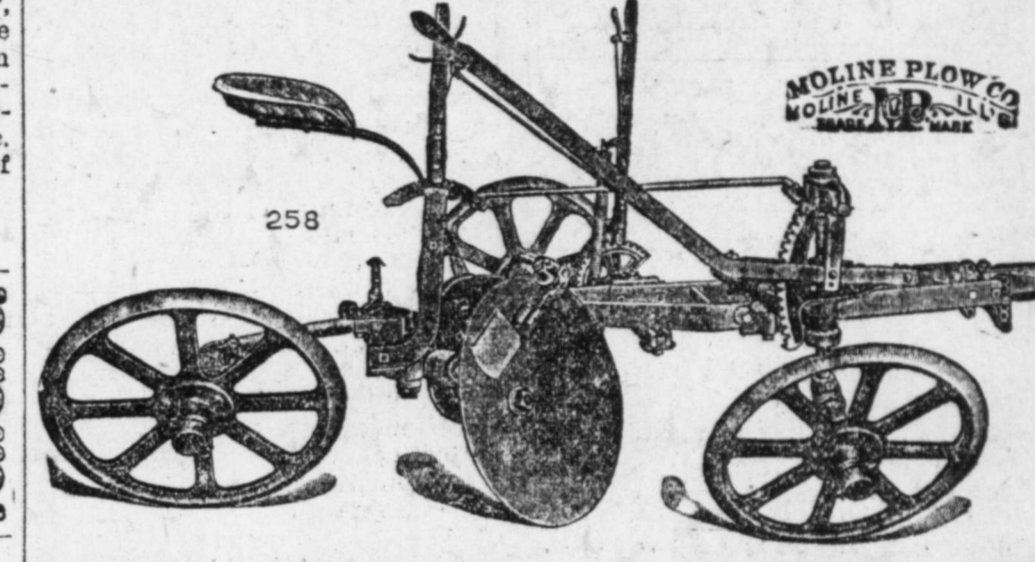
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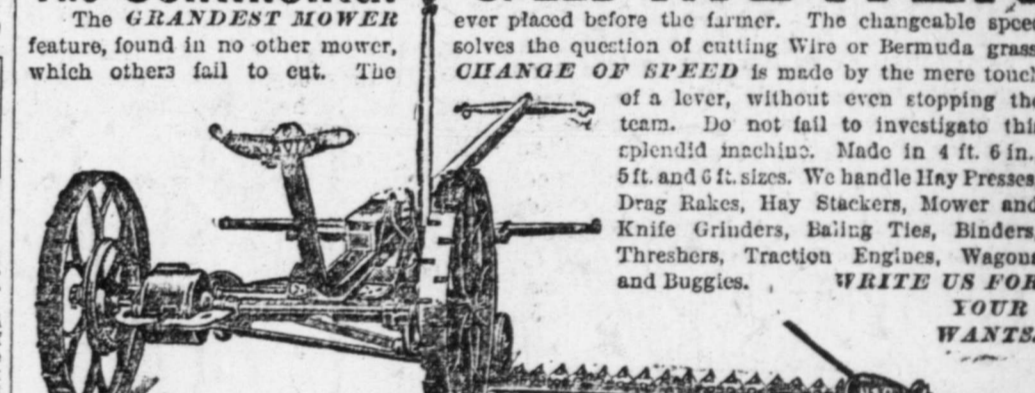
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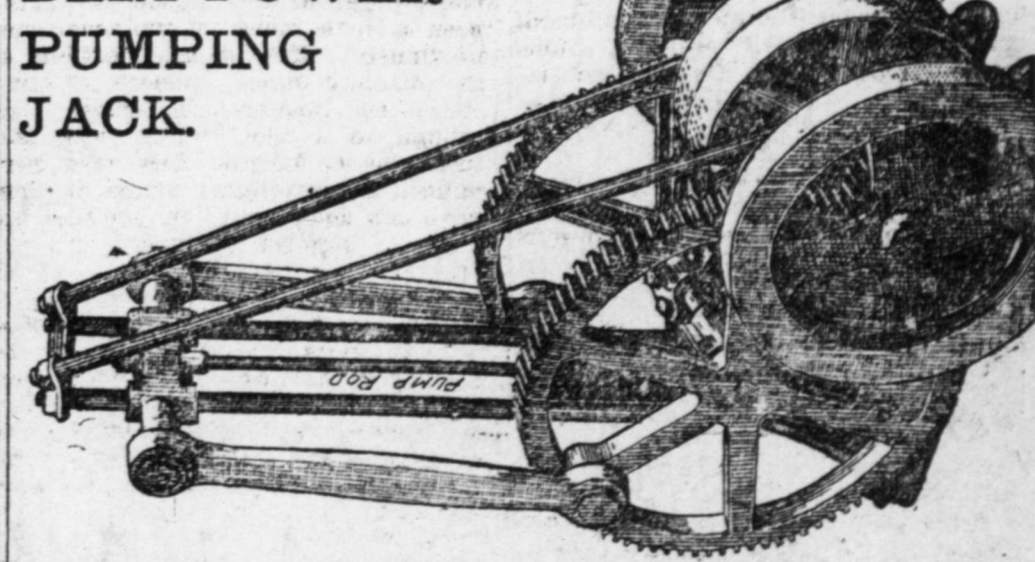
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MARKETS.

GALVESTON MARKET. Reported by the A. P. Norman Live Stock company for the week ending May 27.

DALLAS MARKET. At Thomas & Rannels' stock yards receipts during the past week have been below requirements.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. National Stock Yards, Ill., May 29.—Cattle receipts were 2700.

HOUSTON MARKET. Reported by Saunders & Hotchkiss for the week ending May 26.

KANSAS CITY MARKET. Stock Yards, Kansas City, Mo., May 29.—Cattle receipts, 6540 natives, 111 Texans.

CHICAGO MARKET. Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., May 29.—There was an active general demand for cattle.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET. Weekly report of the New Orleans live stock market for week ending May 27.

FORT WORTH MARKET. Reported by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company for the week ending May 28.

COTTON MARKET. Dallas, Tex., May 29.—Ordinary 13-16; Good ordinary 13-16.

COTTON AND GRAIN MARKETS. Galveston, Tex., May 29.—Spot cotton market steady and unchanged.

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NEWS NOTES. Apricot shipments have commenced in Arizona.

There will be about 65,000 pounds of wool shipped from Marble Falls this season.

C. F. Reynolds received at Channing a few days ago a shipment of 74 head of registered Hereford bulls.

TRADE CONDITIONS. R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, May 27, says:

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WHATEVER IS IS BEST.

I know as my life grows older And mine eyes have clearer sight, That under each rank wrong somewhere There lies the root of right; That each sorrow has its purpose, By the sorrowing oft unguessed; But as sure as the sun brings morning, Whatever is is best.

I know that each sinful action, As sure as the night brings shade, Is somewhere, some time punished, Though the hour be long delayed. I know that the soul is a ladder, Sometimes by the heart's unrest, And to grow means often to suffer— But whatever is is best.

I know there are no errors In the great eternal plan, And all things work together For the final good of man. And I know when my soul speeds onward, In its grand eternal quest, I shall say, as I look back earthward, Whatever is is best. —(Author Unknown.)

TO HOUSEHOLD.

I am glad our new member, Fannie Lover, likes the colors suggested for the Household badge. But those colors have not yet been accepted. We are ready for suggestions. School Teachers are again after a long absence. The subject of selfishness is very interesting. It is a habit widespread and a habit which grows.

If Chivalry has truly learned the value of time, he has learned one of the most valuable lessons of life. His letter is so sensible I feel sure he has learned much that is valuable in life and practices it. Write again. I wish to say to Kathrine I admire her greatly. Those who have learned to bear disappointments bravely are heroes and heroines in my eyes. To bear life bravely as it comes, much shadow, little light, much sorrow, little joy, are the true cases of our world.

Topsy writes a splendid letter. Many thanks for kind words. Write again. Ophelia Dunn is cordially greeted. I hope the old members will respond to her call. Liberty is capable of taking care of herself, so I leave her to fight her own battles. Her letters are all welcome. I thank Farmer Girl for recipe. Wish more members would send recipes and helpful hints. We are glad to welcome the return of Gus Fitzner. A bright and interesting writer can never be spared. Dora is very welcome. We are always glad to hear from the Journal.

Let us hear from everyone regarding the Household badges. THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL. Mrs. Buchanan and Household Friends: In '08 on a bright September day, I called upon the Household, for which I was given a kind welcome for a short stay. To-day the south wind, that cool and bracing breeze, is blowing as usual, and the sun is shining brightly. Now the sun is shining upon us, to be followed by a cloud, which soon gives way to sunlight again; all this reminds us of what we might term the lights and shadows of real life.

Well, I suppose Uncle Johnnie Good-fellow and Aunt Sallie thought to impose a huge joke upon the Household, yet their letters were a great measure of relief to the lives of so many. Who would not wish that many more housewives of this land had the ambition to earn their own spending money, and the ability to carry out their own ideas? Is it possible there is in the land of ours a human brute in the garb of husband that would so mistreat a helpful wife? Yes, for shame, it is said that such is to often the case.

Well, "Platonism" is the subject recently offered to Household, is a new one to me, but if there be no such thing, what of this kindly feeling, this pure, unselfish remembrance of those far-away friends, for whom we cherish the kindest regards? Yes, discuss it. Well, while I sit in Household and watch the kindly greetings, and hear the merry voices of the cousins, the thought comes to me what of the future? As I am feeling much indisposed no doubt my stay will seem long. "Another closing day, another setting sun; What progress have I made, what duty have I done? Behold the record Lord and see if I have tried To live for thee; And where I fail, oh, pardon me; Oh, pardon me. And where I fail, oh, pardon me, oh, pardon me." GUS FITZNER. Hubbard City, Tex.

CALLS COW PUNCHER TO TASK. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: For a long time I have been thinking of writing to the Household, but have just decided to do so. While reading the numerous letters from the members of the Household my attention was especially attracted by a letter from Cow Puncher, who seems to have taken the affirmative side of the kissing question. I can agree with Cow Puncher at all. We can hardly believe that he believes what he preaches, for I don't think an intelligent young man like Cow Puncher seems to be would write such a letter. Surely he has no sisters or he would not write such a letter for them to read, but would spend more time trying to point them to the path of purity and to the heavenly joys. We are commended in holy writ to greet each other with a holy kiss. Does our friend really practice this, or does he write till night has drawn her sable curtains and he is with only one person, and that a very fast and not over-modest young lady. He further says that kissing is the elixir of life and a pastime in which angels delight to indulge. We would like for Cow Puncher to tell us how he found this out. Surely he has not been associating with heavenly bodies! No, no, Cow Puncher, we think you are guessing now. I will take Photograph's part in her argument. I don't think she bothers her little head much about the boys kissing

her; she is too wise for that. He hinted that Photograph's lips had the odor of cow butter. Of course I do not believe in kissing, but I do not advocate abstinence from pleasures. But there is a limit which, if over-run, robs the indulger of life's strength. Count if you can, the hours spent during in any way. I wish more of the old writers would take up this subject. I am sure Jim and Hank would be glad to contribute some very fine points. And pray tell me what has become of Speck? Is it possible that he has beaten an inglorious retreat and left the field to the New Photograph? That will never do. Speck. Come to the front once more and show your colors, and help us to wage war against the selfish man. For I am quite sure you will support the weaker sex in this. La Goldring I am so glad you accepted your reproach so sweetly and will continue to give the Household the sunshine of your presence. Please give your views upon this last subject. I am sure you will be glad to do so in most every case, but in this I can't say. Hoodlum Boots why don't you speak upon this subject? Or have you gone in quest of some one to assist you in this? I would like to see what marriage is success. But I fear I have made my first call too long, so I'll beg the pardon of our kind hostess and take my leave, with best wishes to all. TOPEY.

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FOR FEAR THIS MAY BE BURNED IN THE WASTE BASKET I WILL CLOSE WITH LOVE AND BEST WISHES TO ALL. SCHOOL TEACHER. Ranger, Texas.

IMPROVE SPARE MOMENTS. Dear Mrs. Buchanan and members of the Household: While pouring over the missives in the Household department of this week's issue of the Journal, a desire suddenly struck me to write to your department. I seized my pen with some reluctance, for after deciding to write I felt incompetent to impart any knowledge or vigor to such an intelligent band. But Mrs. Buchanan, I do not wish to enter your illustrious band as an instructor. My desire is to be instructed, if I may be admitted, that I may profit by the intelligent observations of the Householders to "Lead thou me on," as the poem of this week says. What a beautiful poem!

I believe it is the general custom to write upon some particular subject, but I do not know exactly what subject is before the Household at the present. I will attempt to say a little on the subject of selfishness, spare moments. I believe if people would intelligently think of the duration of life, that many hours spent in frivolousness would be employed in the training of knowledge, or other useful pursuits. Youth is prone to regard

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Jos. L. Loving, manager of the San Antonio office of the Geo. B. Loving Co., has accepted a position with the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, but for the present and until a satisfactory party can be found to take his place he will continue to represent this company.

THE GEO. B. LOVING CO.

M. A. Withers of Lockhart, was here Monday.

G. N. Dilworth of Gonzales, banker and cattleman, was here Monday.

S. J. Reynolds of Little Elm Creek, was here Monday with a load of beef cattle.

J. M. Chittim of this city, returned Monday from a trip to his Matias ranch.

L. M. Kokernot of Gonzales, has recently sold 100 head of steers at \$37.00 per head.

Ben Darlington is back from a trip to Taylor. Says the blackland country is looking mighty fine.

Charles Morris of the Morris ranch, Kerr county, was here Tuesday. Says his country is in fine shape.

W. W. Miller of Fort Worth, general live stock agent of the Katy, spent Wednesday in San Antonio.

John Simpson of Uvalde, has sold to Ellis & Dibrell his stock of black mule cattle, about 1500 head, at private terms.

J. B. Pumphrey of Taylor, was here Friday on business. Says the entire range country so far as he knows, is now in fine shape.

Capt. Charles Schreiber of Kerrville, spent a portion of the week here. Says the Kerrville country is now in the finest kind of condition.

Col. Homer Eads of this city, general live stock agent of the International and Great Northern, has gone to St. Louis on a business trip.

J. M. Kincaid of Uvalde county, has been spending the week here swapping yarns with his brother cattleman and telling about how wet his section is.

John W. Kokernot has returned from his ranch at Alpine. Says rains have fallen from San Antonio west to Comstock, but beyond that point it is still dry.

James H. Polk of this city, live stock agent of the Santa Fe, has recently returned from a trip west. Says it has been dry out that way until recently, but rains have now fallen most everywhere.

Messrs. A. Nance and J. C. Poulton of Kyle, were here Monday. Report their section as being in the very finest possible condition and that both the live stock and agricultural interests are all right.

M. Half & Bro. of this city, have sold to Baldrige Bros. of the Indian Territory, 30 Hereford yearling bulls of the "Queen Sabbe" ranch at \$40 per head. The purchasers will pull them on their Pecos county ranch.

Gut Whiting of Wilson county, was here Monday. Says there's nothing at all the matter with his section. He is making arrangements to exhibit some very fine cattle here during the big fair this fall.

Messrs. H. and R. E. Nutt, well known cattlemen of Bee county, were among Monday's visitors. They say Bee county was never in finer shape than just now and both stockmen and farmers are very enthusiastic over prospects.

N. R. Powell of Pettus, sometimes called the "bull man of Texas," was here Monday. Says there's nothing at all the matter with his section. He is making arrangements to exhibit some very fine cattle here during the big fair this fall.

H. B. Woodley has returned from a visit to his Uvalde county ranch and says that section was never in finer shape or cattle doing better. He says Uvalde county is the best cow country on earth, raises the best cattle and takes better care of them than any section he has ever seen.

M. B. Irwin of St. Joseph, Mo., traffic manager for the St. Joseph Stock Yards company, also representing Swift & Co., was here the other day en route to Del Rio, where he went to assist James McLymont in shipping out 250 double deck cars of muttons. The natural inference is that these sheep will be sold on the St. Joseph market, since Mr. Irwin is there with them.

H. B. Woodley left here Saturday for his ranch at Sabinal. Took Bill Way along with him and says he intends fattening Way on frog legs while he has him out. Woodley has had so much rain of late that his frog lakes are now filled and the frogs have all taken a second growth. Incidentally he will show Way a good string of cattle, some good grass and a general good time.

Capt. J. N. Keeran of Victoria county cattleman, spent several days in San Antonio, is authority for the statement that he never knew in all his experience, the general conditions of his country to be so flourishing as now. Says the pastures are a beautiful wheat fields, crop prospects were never better and cattle were never better so good in quality or flesh. "The whole country is prosperous and indications point to a continuance," is the way he puts it.

James T. Scott, a well known Success county cattleman, spent several days here this week. Mr. Scott reports the country around about Alice as being in very fine shape, copious rains having fallen lately. "But we never did have too much rain," he added, "and are now ready for another. Another good

big rain would fix us up fine. Below Alice and in towards the Rio Grande but little rain has fallen and more is badly needed. Cattle conditions are good and everyone feels much encouraged at the outlook."

Capt. D. Oppenheimer of this city, says he has had a very liberal share of the rains which have fallen lately and that his entire range is in flourishing condition. The captain says prospects for continued good times in the cattle business were never better than now and that he looks for extra good markets right along. As evidence of his faith in the future, he has put an increased price on all cattle offered for sale by him and is even yet afraid some fellow will take him up.

Messrs. Daniel Milmo and D. O. Nicholson of Laredo, Tex., executors of the estate of Thos. Kearney, deceased, have an advertisement on the "For Sale" week, offering to either sell or lease outright or lease for a term of years a pasture in Webb county, Texas, containing 68,000 acres, fenced, sub-divided and abundantly supplied with water and grass. The journal calls attention to the card and recommends the pasture and Messrs. Milmo & Nicholson to its readers. This pasture is located in what is claimed to be the "safest" country in the world, where dips are unknown.

W. E. Halsell of Vinita, I. T., who has been an extensive yearling buyer on this market for a number of years, says he had the first of the week with R. J. Kleberg, manager of the well known King (KW) ranch, by the terms of which Mr. Halsell buys the entire crop of King steer calves for this year, supposed to be about 12,000 head, to be delivered when they are yearlings. Everybody knows what the "KW" cattle are and everyone is ready to say that Mr. Halsell's deal is a pretty well well priced. The price is \$15.00 per head.

H. K. Rea of this city, live stock agent of the Cotton Belt, has just returned from an extended trip over the line of his road in Texas and Arkansas. Mr. Rea says crop prospects are fine everywhere he has been, as also are prospects for the live stock industry. Says he never before knew of so much encouragement existing among the people engaged in these two great industries. Mr. Rea notes with pleasure that cattle feeders are already beginning to make arrangements for feeding next winter and a number of them are now preparing to buy their cattle at the first opportunity.

T. B. Jones of Wichita Falls, was here Friday en route to North Texas. Has been on his Hidalgo county ranch for the past few months engaged in shipping about 10,000 cattle to the Indian Territory and also receiving several thousand cattle recently purchased by him. He reports some very fine rains in the lower country and says cattle are doing well, but adds that more rain is needed. Mr. Jones takes a very hopeful view of the cattle situation and says with the cattle of Texas so much better in grade and quality as they now are as compared with a few years ago, the industry is sure to prosper. Mr. Jones thinks this year's markets will be good and also believes the feeder market for the coming winter will be entirely satisfactory.

J. O. Lynch of Holdenville, I. T., a prosperous young cattleman, has spent the week here. Mr. Lynch came down to buy some cattle; says the boys must have heard that there was one more buyer coming. At any rate, after arriving here he found cattle so high that he could not reach them. A man who buys cattle in a hurry sometimes gets into trouble, but the one who waits can have troubles himself. Mr. Lynch has a pasture on hand which he has paid for and could not take cattle from Texas to Holdenville now, on account of quarantine regulations, even if he could call the hands of the fellows who are fortunate enough to own cattle. In this connection the Journal can add that South Texas has a world of grass, is a little short on cattle and cattle owners are easy. Cattle are for sale down here, but a buyer from the north must come in competition with the owner and lessee of cheap and abundant Texas grass when he comes this way. That means he can't buy bargains, but must give full value.

James M. Doble of Live Oak county, has been here for several days, in week telling about how much rain he has had on his several ranches, how good the grass is and how fine the cows are looking. Mr. Doble takes a most encouraging view of the situation and says that he is willing to go on the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, arranged for a year or two, and that the state is now worth \$30.00 around and that what sales are made in the near future will be made on that basis. "All indications all point to the fact that the range and who have been waiting for a decline in prices, are now left. They can keep their ranges now," he says, "and the fellows who have the cows will keep them too, unless they can sell for \$30.00. A good yearling steer is worth \$15.00 and on the present market can be handled so as to make money at that figure, and certainly his mother is worth double his own value. I have no fears of the coming presidential year interfering in any wise either with money matters or the market but look for continued prosperity for a year or more. All that we need to now be particular about is to properly care for our cattle and give strict attention to always making them better in grade and color and the buyers will meet us on our own terms."

A. T. Atwater of St. Louis, secretary of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, arrived in San Antonio, Monday and spent several days here in the interest of his company. Summing up the cattle situation Mr. Atwater said: "The indications all point to the fact that the run of cattle from the Northwest this season will be a very light one. There is no doubt but that there is a big shortage in that section in the kind of cattle that the Northwest has generally supplied. As far as I have been able to ascertain, Texas and the Southwest are in a position to supply the market now ready for another. Another good

being accepted on the markets and has resulted in the springing up of a demand for a lighter weight of cattle. Where sixty days ago the big Westerners were in strong demand, to-day they are not so much sought after, while the light weight cattle are much in favor in the market. This demand is going to be supplied with light weight native steers until such time as the run begins of cattle from the Territory that have been rough or full fed through the winter and put on early grass in the spring. This class of cattle will probably begin to move about June 10 and the indications are good for a strong market for them, owing to the scarcity of the Northwestern supplies, as already stated. Toward the last of July the grass cattle from the Territory will begin to move to market and the best information is that there are only about 60 per cent as many of these in the Territory this year as there were last year, which indicates the probability of a strong market for this class. Then will come in the demand for the feed lots for everything that the range will have to spare this fall, as the indications all point toward the crops and a bountiful supply of feed, which means an active demand for feeders. Taking a cursory view of the entire situation, I see nothing but an outlook for good, strong and bright prospects ahead for the cattle industry. The sales that have been made on range cattle while at a shade lower price than prevailed a year ago, are still at good, strong figures and every prospect is for their continuance. The market prices that have been ruling throughout the spring have been satisfactory in the highest degree and as far as it is possible to look ahead I see nothing during the coming year to indicate that they shall not continue at least as satisfactory.

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NEWS NOTES.

Rain is beginning to be needed in some portions of Navarro county.

Some shipments of peaches have been made from Overton, Rusk county.

Five hundred cars have been ordered to Tucson, Arizona for cattle shipments.

Ripe peaches and roasting ears are being brought into Runge, Karnes county.

Large shipments of berries and vegetables are now being made from Brenham, Texas.

About McKinney, Tex., horses are said to have advanced very much in value during the last twelve months.

J. C. Trammell & Co. of Sweetwater, on the 26th shipped twelve cars of fat cattle from Corsicana to Chicago. The cattle were fed by Edens Bros.

A car load of onions, 21,000 pounds, was shipped from Rockport, Texas, to Chicago last week. The onions were shipped by R. M. Hawes & Bros.

The graduating exercises of Daniel Baker college, Brownwood, Texas, were held on the 24th and the degree of B. A. was conferred on the graduates.

Four car loads of machinery are being put in for the new packery at McKinney, Texas, and it is thought the packery will be in operation in six weeks.

The peach crop about Ennis is almost an entire failure but the blackberry crop is excellent and the berries have been going to market during the past week.

The Grand Falls New Era says the first crop of alfalfa about Barstow, in Pecos Valley, is above an average. The first crop will probably be twice as large as that of last year.

The wool clip about Leander, Williamson county, Texas, is better than was expected. It amounted to about 18,000 pounds and has been sold at 13 to 15 cents to Austin buyers.

One of the heaviest hail storms seen in western Texas, visited Odessa on the 23rd. It was accompanied by a thunderstorm and five horses on the 7 D ranch were killed by lightning.

M. Burch of Drop, Denton county, sold to J. B. Sanderson of the same place 60 head of stock cattle at \$20.75 around. Jerry Burnett, also of Drop, sold to M. Inman of Sildell, 71 yearlings at \$20.

A contract has been closed for the construction of a seventy-five barrel flour mill at Hillsboro, Texas. The latest improved machinery will be used and the mill will be ready for work by August 1.

Much damage was done to crops by hail along the line of the Texas and Pacific in Lamar county by the storm of the 23rd. Much of the cotton will be replanted but this can not be done in the case of the corn and oat crops that were destroyed.

Three carloads of potatoes were shipped from Tyler to Chicago May 25, and some shipments of peaches have been made. The truck growers about Tyler are now expecting to ship from three to five cars of potatoes and tomatoes every day until the end of the season.

County correspondents of the Hallettsville New Era say that the boll weevil has commenced his work on the cotton in Lavaca county and one tells

of injury to the crop by cut worms. There is in it but the bud-worm is topping some of it.

In the Chicago market last week M. Sanson of Alvarado sold 120 head of steers, 1200 pounds, at \$4.90. These cattle lost only an average of 38 pounds from Alvarado to Chicago. On the same day J. P. Trammel of Sweetwater, 138 steers, 1062 pounds at \$4.70, and 136 head, 1027 pounds at \$4.70.

Prof. Milton Whitney, chief of the division of soils in the agricultural department, has left Washington to join with Mr. Frank W. Gardner and Thos. H. Means, who are investigating the alkali soils of the Pecos valley in New Mexico. It is suggested that the government may take charge of the irrigation of the Pecos river in that territory and open up a large area to cultivation.

The Old Settlers' association had a meeting at Waco May 23 and entertained the Mexican war veterans with a basket dinner. Officers for the ensuing year were selected as follows: William L. Prather, president; Felix H. Robertson, first vice president, and M. R. Carroll, second vice president. Fauntley Johnson was re-elected secretary. Waco was adopted as the permanent home of the association and it was decided to have the next annual reunion and a picnic April 21 of next year.

Devil's River News: H. P. Cooper bought from Dan Parker 100 one and two-year-old steers at \$15 and \$19. * Dock Simmons sold to C. T. Turney 35 head of yearling steers at \$15 per head. * R. H. Greenwood of Del Rio sold to Wm. Huston 35 head of stock horses at \$20 per head. * John Hall sold to Allie Nance of Llano county 20 head of mares and broke horses at \$15 each. There were 13 mares and seven horses in the bunch. * J. O. Taylor of the Beaver Lake country delivered 5,000 muttons to J. R. Hamilton this week. It is reported that J. H. Hamrick of the neighborhood of \$3 for this spring.

Pecos Valley News: Bowen, Joyce & Co., sold and shipped for their customers, 350,000 pounds of wool last week. There were some ten car loads of it. It brought from 7 to 11 cents per pound. Pecos is strictly in it as a shipping point. * Johnson Brothers drove in some 1500 head of 18 and 28 from their ranch which they delivered to A. F. Crowley of Midland. This is a part of a delivery of steers contracted for some months ago. Mr. Crowley will ship them to White wood, South Dakota. These cattle were in better condition than any we have seen shipped from Pecos this spring. They brought \$22.50 per head.

The St. Louis National Live Stock Reporter of the 23d has the following: Mr. G. G. White of Brandon, Hill county, Texas, topped the Texas cattle market at \$15.00 per head. White's own signment of his own raising and feeding. There were 23 head two-year-old steers 833 pounds average which sold at \$5.00 per 100 pounds and 51 head yearlings at \$4.75 per 100. White has raised cattle in Hill county, Texas, for thirty years and began the improvement of his own herd about twelve years ago. He selected the Polled-Angus breed as his choice and the elegant offerings on the market are the result of his well graded herd. They were fed cotton seed for two months and corn for five months and sold the highest of any cattle of their weight in the quarantine division during the season.

L. AND G. N. EXCURSION RATES. To St. Louis—Account University Summer Schools and School of Methods June 4 and 5. Limit June 25. Arrangement for extension of tickets to July 15. Very low special rates on distance paid.

To Richmond, Va.—Account B. Y. P. U. July 13-15. Limit July 21. Arrangements for extension to Aug. 15. Rate one fare plus \$2.

To Indianapolis, Ind.—Account International convention Epworth 24. Limit ten days. One regular fare for round trip.

To Los Angeles, Cal.—Account National Education Association, July 13-14. Rate \$52. More complete arrangements announced later.

To Detroit, Mich.—Account Christian Endeavor, July 2, 5. Limit July 15, with arrangement for extension to Aug. 15. Rate one regular fare plus \$2.

Summer tourist rates to all summer resorts will be in effect on and after June 1.

Any agent can give full particulars, or address, D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A., Palestine, Texas.

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DALLAS. Dallas office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, 312 Main St., where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

J. N. Simpson and wife of Dallas, are at Mineral Wells. W. E. Skinner of the Fort Worth stock yards company came over to Dallas Thursday.

D. X. Knox and S. W. Easten, bankers and cattlemen of Jacksonville, Texas, were registered at the Windsor Wednesday.

The Journal acknowledges receipt of June number of Industrialist, edited by the faculty of the Kansas State Agricultural college.

Goforth Bros. of Garland had two cars of cattle on the St. Louis market May 25, containing 169 lb. calves sold at \$2.75, 929 lb. steers at \$4.65 and 1110 lb. steers at \$4.85.

Col. L. J. Polk, general manager of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway, was in the city Friday on his way to Galveston. Col. Polk has been making an extensive tour over the Santa Fe system.

W. H. Whittlesey passenger agent for Texas of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, the scenic line of America, left for St. Louis Tuesday. He will be absent several days on business for his road.

The Journal has a private letter from Mr. T. Averitt of Coleman, Texas, in which he says: "We have had good rains here for the last month and the grass is better than it has been at this time of year for some years. Cattle are in fine condition and there has been scarcely any loss from winter canes."

The attention of those who want to buy some good cattle is invited to the advertisement of John T. George of Guthrie, Okla., appearing elsewhere today. Mr. George has a nice lot of yearlings, twos and threes, all raised and kept above the quarantine line, and they are offered at prices that must attract buyers.

The Journal has received from the secretary of the American Tamworth Swine Record association a list of its newly elected officers, given as follows: President, Edwin O. Wood, Flint, Michigan; secretary, E. N. Ball, Hamburg, Michigan; directors, the president and secretary, and T. L. Endsley, Charleston, Illinois; John Fulton, Jr., Brownsville, Ontario and F. H. Rankin, Jr., Flint, Michigan. The secretary reports that the association is in prosperous condition and

says that the Tamworth is steadily gaining in favor throughout the United States and Canada.

Mr. Wilson of Neodesho was in Dallas Thursday and gave an encouraging report of farming conditions in his section. Mr. Wilson, though not now engaged in farm work, is much interested in it, and has one of the best farm libraries in the state, and gives all the time not taken up by his business affairs to the study of agricultural subjects.

W. O. Foote, who has had his eight harness horses at the Dallas Fair grounds, will start to Ohio with them June 1. On the same day J. F. Hoyt will leave with his runners for Denver. William Sanford will start to Chicago, in a few days with his stable. C. G. Bostick will take his stock to Cleburne, where he goes to take charge of the race track. H. T. Bachelor has sent some of his horses to St. Louis, but still has some at the Fair grounds. Garner & Slaughter, T. H. Gray and Tom Nolan have taken their racers to St. Louis.

A meeting of business men was held at the city hall Saturday and it gave hearty endorsement to the real estate men's convention to be held at Waco, June 12 and 14. Mr. Skaggs of Waco, secretary of the Real Estate Men's association, was present and said that every prominent commercial and industrial interest of the state would be represented and would receive consideration. The development of the agricultural and live stock interests, deep water navigation and irrigation would have the special attention of the convention.

The following parties had stock for sale at the Thomas & Binneels stock yards during the past week, and sales were as follows: P. Mason of Kemp, sold to Starks & Jackson of Alpha, 240 head of two and three-year-old steers at private terms. Mr. Mason also sold to Ed Gabel of Fort Worth, 150 head of dry cows and 37 calves at private terms, and to Burns Bros. of Dallas, one carload of mixed cattle. Moorhouse Bros. of Kaufman, sold to Burns & Searcy, 106 head-one, two and three-year-old steers, 24 calves and 47 steers, bulls and cows. V. S. Bowles of Dallas, had cattle on the yards which he sold to Nolan Bros. & Co. Church Goforth of Garland, had some butcher stuff. F. E. Laughlin of Dallas, sold to B. J. Lindsay of Denison, one carload of beef cattle. Jim McKinney of Allen, sold a good bunch of fat cows. J. H. Wilson of Allen, sold to Burns & Searcy, 100 head of one and two year-old calves. W. C. Langston of Seagrave had a good bunch of beef cattle in the yards.

THE DALLAS FAIR. It has been announced by Sidney

Smith, secretary and general manager of the State Fair association, that the fourteenth annual exhibition will begin Thursday, September 22, and continue until October 22, running twenty-four days. This longer time for the exhibition is granted because of the considerable expense incurred by the exhibitors, which, in the opinion of the officers of the association justifies giving more time for the exhibition of their wares than they have had in former years. All exhibitors, including live stock and poultry, must be in place by 9 a. m., September 22. The applicant for space who does not comply with this reasonable requirement will forfeit the space engaged by him and will be barred from competition for prizes.

The judges in the cattle, swine, sheep and goat departments will begin their work Monday, October 2 and continue until all prizes have been awarded. Exhibitors can then remove the animals they do not wish to retain on exhibition, and the vacant stalls or pens may then be taken by breeders who wish to exhibit stock solely for the purpose of making sales. This regulation applies also to the poultry department, in which the premiums will be awarded during the first week of October.

The "broad" display has grown to be so large that a special hall will be set apart for it in order that it may be seen to better advantage, as well as have better protection. To very many this will be the most attractive feature of the fair.

Days will be set apart for separate organizations, etc., and each organization will have entire control of the hall during the day assigned to it.

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ounces of butter in a day, in seven days 17 pounds 4 ounces, and in fourteen days 35 pounds 3 ounces. Gentle Maid as a two-year-old gave 54 pounds in a day and 12,908 1/2 pounds in a year. A three-year-old she gave 65 pounds in a day and 8784 pounds in six months four days, when the stable was burned and many animals lost."

The following is from a Plymouth, Wis., dairy, also the heifers when sold from my herd were smooth and handsome in form: "We have never crowded our cows; they have had only good dairy care, made valuable reports and gave 10,593 pounds in eleven months. Meric calved at twenty-five months and in eight months and twelve days has given us 8103 pounds, and is still giving 20 pounds a day. Our best cow, a purebred Holstein-Friesian, has given us in nine months 8871 pounds, is still milking and due to calve again ten days hence. Our best cow, a purebred Zada's record with second calf is 694 pounds in one day, 1686 1/2 pounds in thirty days, and 10,500 pounds in 275 days. We have had little chance to sell any of our cows. Our best cow, a Holstein-Friesian, will weigh at four years and over 1800 to 1900 pounds in good flesh."

Henry R. Smith of Iowa, sent me a sworn affidavit of the yield of his cow, Mink, purchased of me and entered for a milk and butter prize. In a ten days' trial she gave 815 pounds of milk and from it made 29 pounds of butter and 30 pounds of curd. The trial increased her flow to 91 pounds per day. Later Mr. Smith wrote me: "We have just succeeded in drying Mink out after milking seven months. My other dairies and best racing ever seen on their track, as it is known that some of the best horses of the country will compete for the big purses offered."

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Wheat harvesting has begun in Denton county. Rain is beginning to be needed on some of the sandy lands in Ellis county. A carload of new oats was shipped from Corsicana to Houston by W. H. Matchett May 30.

Wheat harvesting is under headway in Navarro county. The grain is said to be plump and of good weight. Crops have been injured, fences washed away and dams of tanks washed out by a heavy hail and rain storm in Stonewall county last week.

An extremely heavy rain, accompanied by a damaging hail storm, visited Claude, Armstrong county, Thursday. All the lakes and water holes were filled.

W. W. Carter and Henry Saylor have bought the stock of horses, about 200 head, belonging to the estate of George W. Savage, deceased. The horses are running in Taylor county.

The Brownsville Herald says that Hidalgo county is badly needing rain. Cattle are suffering greatly and corn and other crops on the uplands are probably destroyed.

Coleman Review: F. Beck sold 600 muttons at \$25 and 260 ewes, same price. This is the highest price paid in this county and shows that improved sheep pay.

Henrietta News: Sam Davidson last week sold to Curtis Bros. of this city, 3000 two-year-old steers at \$22.75 to be delivered in September. They are on the range near Roswell, N. M.

The Truck Growers' association of Gonzales county is making large shipments to Northern markets of plums, beans, cucumbers, squash, beets, roasted corn, etc. One car of Irish potatoes was shipped last week.

Pecos Valley Argus (Eddy, N. M.): J. F. Rarey sold 200 head of sheep to Casey & Hudson of Pecos, for \$2 a head. They in turn sold them to Thomas Gardner of Seven Rivers, for \$2.25 a head. Delivery will be made about June 12.

There have been some showers in the Southern portion of New Mexico, but other parts of the territory are suffering from drought. The grass had a good start, but is now reported to be drying up rapidly as stock have to go long distances to water.

Hundreds of acres of cotton were destroyed in the southern part of the territory by a heavy rain. The rain was heavy and the planters have applied to the Sherman, Texas, oil mills for seed for replanting.

A hailstorm, accompanied by heavy wind and rain, passed through the north part of Reer, Rio county Sunday, doing extensive damage to crops. It covered a strip about two miles wide and reached from about the Lamar county line twenty miles eastward.

The second annual meeting of the Truck Growers' association of Guadalupe county, was held at Seguin May 29 and 30. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sam Neel, president; D. C. Newton, vice president; Clay Butler, treasurer, and H. G. B. Goseman, secretary.

Big Springs Enterprise: There were 101 cars of the MK cattle shipped Saturday and Sunday, a number being taken back to the ranch. A herd of about 1600 one and two-year-old steers arrived Tuesday from J. C. Smith's ranch. They, with nearly as many more, will be sent by Mr. Smith overland to Amarillo.

Under a joint resolution of the legislature there will be submitted to the vote of the people an amendment to the constitution providing for the creation of irrigating districts in the counties of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Wichita and Knox, and for the levying and collection of taxes for the establishment of irrigating enterprises.

Clarendon Banner: W. T. Jones has bought 200 head of good native calves, fall delivery, from Will Lewis at p. t. J. E. Jones received about 600 yearlings last week from different parties. They were good natives and brought \$15 to \$17. Ellison & Norman of Presidio county, came by Clarendon with 2000 head of cattle this week taking them to near Giles for pasturage.

S. E. Barnes has shipped two cars of potatoes from Trinity to Chicago and the Glendale Fruit and Vegetable association shipped from Glendale one car to St. Louis Saturday. A Houston firm has contracted for thirty-five cars of potatoes in that section and along the line of the Texas and Sabine division of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. The price is 50 cents a bushel up to June 5.

Sabinal Sentinel: Tuesday evening Jno. F. Simpson of Uvalde, sold his entire stock of cattle, situated in Zavalla county to Messrs. Ellis & Dibbrell for \$30,000. This is one of the largest deals in this section this season. A good rain fell here Sunday night. The fall was heavier at Uvalde and the crops are reported up again. News from Eagle Pass reports a six-foot rise in the Rio Grande, occasioned by the heavy rains in that section.

Bastrop Advertiser: The fruit crop, especially peaches and pears, will be much better this year than expected a few weeks ago, and the fruit is growing very rapidly. Most of our farmers expect to finish chipping cotton this year. In some localities the cut-worms did considerable damage, necessitating the planting over of portions of the crop. Less corn, meat and hay have been shipped into this county this year than for many years. Most of our farms have a

surplus of corn, much of which may soon be put on the market. A few days since we counted more than a dozen wagons on our streets loaded with corn, in the ear, which sold at from 20 to 25 cents a bushel.

Sterling City News: S. T. Wood bought 50 head of steer yearlings from B. E. Hays this week at \$15. H. C. Dunn sold Dr. Hooker two sections of land in the Kennedy pasture this week for \$600. B. T. Hill and N. B. Fisk sold to Seaton Keith 200 two-year-old steers at \$20 around. T. Wood sold 90 head of stock, cattle to Stillwell & Davis this week at private terms; \$20.50 is our guess. B. F. Roberts sold his herd of about 360 head of cattle to Stillwell & Davis at \$20 around. Mr. Roberts reserved his two fine bulls and 40 head of his finest two-year-old heifers.

Swift & Co. of Chicago, have been awarded the contract for furnishing fresh beef to the United States troops in Cuba and Porto Rico for the year beginning July 1, 1899. There are nine Cuban army posts to be supplied in Cuba. The supplies are to be of refrigerated beef from carcasses dressing 600 pounds or over and freshly slaughtered beef, dressing not less than 400 pounds. The latter is to be cooled artificially or otherwise so as to be in condition for use immediately upon delivery. The meat is to keep twenty-four hours after delivery and be subject at all times to rigid inspection. The figures of the contract have not been announced.

San Angelo Press: D. K. McMullen sold to Mayer Bros. 85 head of ones, twos, threes and fours at \$15, \$19 and \$24. Wm. S. Kelly sold to N. M. March 50 head of one and two-year-old steers off his Lipan Flat ranch at \$15 and \$19. Kelly & Good sold to N. M. March out of the Feresse purchase about 750 ones and twos at \$15 and \$20. J. I. Huffman sold for R. C. Sloan of Concho county, to H. O. Skidmore, two bulls for \$65. Davison & Arthur Evans sold 1350 head of sheep to Dr. Golding of Kansas at \$2.10. C. B. Metcalf bought for Russell & Rainey, yearlings from following named parties at \$15: Sam Saylor, 70; Mrs. Nichols, 25; Jim and George DeLong, 20; J. W. Cureton,

17. The Saylor yearlings were particularly well graded native stock. J. P. Richardson has been making some top mutton purchases in Menard county, as follows: J. S. Tisdale, 400 at \$2.50; Mr. Speck, 250 at \$2.35; Mrs. Wilhelm, 600 at \$2.50. These purchases are with the privilege of more, and may run into the thousands. Mr. Richardson will soon begin shipping to market, in runs of 1000. The Press learns that one of our well known mutton dealers will ship no less than 200,000 head from San Angelo this season. Others will also make large shipments in the aggregate from San Angelo.

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7500 and 10,000 had already been distributed among the truck raisers around Sinton. Cantaloupe shipments have just begun and watermelons will commence going out about June 10.

San Angelo Standard: Jim Hamilton bought from Jeff Mills of Ozona, 1500 shorn muttons for \$4600. Jim Hamilton bought 1000 shorn muttons from Massie Bros. of Ozona at \$3.10. C. L. James, lately from Napa, \$2.30; bought from Dan Berry of Schleicher county, 150 top two-year-old steers, June 1 delivery, at \$20 around. Ernest Abbott sold for B. T. Hill and M. Z. House of Sterling county, 200 twos and threes and 56 twos, respectively, to Seaton Keith of Tom Green county, at private terms. Kirby Nutt, who ranches in Pecos county, fifty miles northeast of Fort Stockton, sold to Tom Johnson, Pecos county, 50 head of stock cattle at \$13, range delivery. A. J. Detwiler bought from Carothers & Merrill of Colorado, who are pasturing east of town, 1500 shorn muttons at \$2.30; from Bob Gatlin of San Angelo, 345 shorn muttons at \$2.25. Authentic report comes to the Standard that Sam Waring had 700 sheep drowned on his ranch in Concho county last Monday. The sheep were in a valley, the clouds burst and the water came down the hills in a deluge and in a few minutes the valley was full and the sheep drowned. The Standard sympathizes with Sam in his loss, which amounts to about \$2000.

San Angelo Press: D. K. McMullen sold to Mayer Bros. 85 head of ones, twos, threes and fours at \$15, \$19 and \$24. Wm. S. Kelly sold to N. M. March 50 head of one and two-year-old steers off his Lipan Flat ranch at \$15 and \$19. Kelly & Good sold to N. M. March out of the Feresse purchase about 750 ones and twos at \$15 and \$20. J. I. Huffman sold for R. C. Sloan of Concho county, to H. O. Skidmore, two bulls for \$65. Davison & Arthur Evans sold 1350 head of sheep to Dr. Golding of Kansas at \$2.10. C. B. Metcalf bought for Russell & Rainey, yearlings from following named parties at \$15: Sam Saylor, 70; Mrs. Nichols, 25; Jim and George DeLong, 20; J. W. Cureton,

17. The Saylor yearlings were particularly well graded native stock. J. P. Richardson has been making some top mutton purchases in Menard county, as follows: J. S. Tisdale, 400 at \$2.50; Mr. Speck, 250 at \$2.35; Mrs. Wilhelm, 600 at \$2.50. These purchases are with the privilege of more, and may run into the thousands. Mr. Richardson will soon begin shipping to market, in runs of 1000. The Press learns that one of our well known mutton dealers will ship no less than 200,000 head from San Angelo this season. Others will also make large shipments in the aggregate from San Angelo.

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