



THE FARM.

Farmers are generally recognizing that to make the most of their opportunities they must give more attention to their live stock, and raise them, generally, in larger numbers than heretofore.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

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COLLEGE STATION NOTES.

STOCK FEEDING AND OTHER ITEMS. The papers in this department are prepared by students of the Texas A. & M. College.

ALFALFA OR LUCERNE. Alfalfa has been grown in every state in the Union with more or less success, but generally all reports of it are favorable.

Where Crude Ether Nit-Free Grown Fiber Protein Ext. Ext. Ash South. 24.27 19.04 5.04 41.98 3.72 North. 27.50 15.20 4.00 45.00 4.00

GOOD LIVING. Texas farmers as a rule think they have hard living, and most of them are right.

Preparation of Soil.—Before planting, the land should be put in thorough cultivation, and as far as possible freed from weed seed.

Sowing the Seed.—Alfalfa may be sown broadcast at the rate of 20 to 25 pounds of seed per acre.

SOJA BEAN. In studying the soja bean the writer reads to the soja bean Bulletin No. 32 of the Kansas station, by C. C. George.

FERTILIZERS IN RESIDUAL PLANT ROOTS AND STUBBLE. The stubble: This is a valuable material portion of the plant. The Colorado station found the amount of stubble taken to the depth of about six or eight inches, to be 11,812 pounds per acre.

LOOK OUT FOR BORERS. The orchardist who desires to have perfect fruit on fine, vigorous trees finds no season of perfect leisure; there is always pruning, mulching, wiring or spraying to be done.

HANDLING MANURE IN THE WINTER. Manures are among the most valuable productions of the farm and should be so handled that there will be the least possible waste and the greatest possible gain from their use.

There are three principal benefits to be derived from the application of manures. First, its value as a fertilizer. Second, its value as humus to be mixed with the soil and give such chemical action as will make the elements of the soil more available to the plants.

There is but little use of waiting for manures to rot before applying them. For if put in the soil they will decay there, and by this decay assist in making chemical elements in the soil more available for plant food.

Manure should never be put in small piles in the field, for when spring comes it is washed out in streaks and the field will show for years the uneven application.

The correct principle for handling manures at all times of the year when they cannot be spread out and plowed under at once is to store in a shed built for the purpose, where they should be spread out evenly, and if cattle and horse manure are mixed together but little heating will take place.

It is also a good plan to keep three or four pounds of manure in a bucket and the will work it over and keep it from heating and get a large share of their living out of it.

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The United States Department of Agriculture and of the following stations: New York, Utah, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Red Clover is becoming a common crop in the black prairie regions, and in other sections where the soils contain a fair amount of lime.

The root of this plant is perennial with annual stalks one and one-half to two feet high.

Seed should be sown in September at the rate of 10 to 12 pounds per acre, and it will then give a heavy cutting the following year.

On good soil it will make from two to two and one-half tons in May, with another large crop in July.

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The whole plant stem, pod and leaf, is densely covered with short, rough hair, though some varieties are more hairy than others.

There are only four kinds 'early enough to be depended upon' made seed in this latitude every year.

Yamagata Cha—daijū, a tea colored bean, yielding 18.9 bu. per acre.

Kiyusuk Daijū, a yellow bean, yielding 12.6 bu. per acre.

Yellow or bean, as name indicates, a yellow bean, yielding 14.7 bu. per acre.

Chicago Drovers' Journal, Dec. 14: L. H. Kerriek, of Bloomington, Ill., struck high water mark again on a dozen head of his famous black beauties, getting \$3.25 two days in succession.

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MARKETS.

Excitement in stock markets. Texas Stock and Farm Journal received the following telegram from Price, McCormick & Co. Tuesday morning, reporting Wall street conditions Monday.

Stock market panic adversely affected cotton to-day, but worst seems over. Understand action will be taken by secretary of treasury and New York clearing house that will avert any trouble to-morrow. Market seems to have been bottom to-day.

Cotton dropped 20 to 26 points in New York, closing 11 to 26 points below Saturday's prices. Bonds and stocks declined and liquidation was heavy. Wheat advanced 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents above Saturday's quotations.

Later there seemed some recovery and there was heavy buying for investment. The declines began in London, caused by unfavorable news from South Africa.

Live Stock Market. GALVESTON. Reported by the A. P. Nirmann Live Stock Company for the week ending Dec. 18.

Beaves, choice, per hundred pounds, \$3.50@3.75; common, \$3.00@3.25; cows, \$3.00@3.50; medium, \$2.50@2.75; yearlings, \$2.50@2.75; calves, choice, \$4.00@4.50; common, \$3.50@3.75; sheep, choice, \$4.00@4.50; common, per head, \$1.50@2.00; hogs, 150 to 175 pounds, cased, \$1.00@1.50; matted, \$1.00@1.50.

Market here of cattle and calves. Demand fair and prices advancing. Good cased hogs selling at quotations.

HOUSTON. Furnished by the Box-Bell-Saunders Commission company for the week ending Dec. 17.

Choice beaves, \$3.00@3.25; common, \$2.75@3.00; choice cows and heifers, \$2.50@2.75; medium, \$2.20@2.50; cows, \$2.00@2.50; work oxen, \$2.50@2.75; choice yearlings, \$3.00@3.25; common, \$2.75; choice calves, \$3.50@4.00; common, \$3.00; choice muttons, \$3.25@3.50; corned hoes, \$1.00@1.25; matted hoes, \$1.00@1.25.

Market closed bare all classes, prices strong, prospect for present week good. Hog market steady. Calves in special demand.

ST. LOUIS. National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 18.—Receipts in cattle, 12,380, including 2,000 Texas. Market easy, natives shipping and export steers \$4.75@5.75, strictly fancy grades \$7.25, dressed beef and butcher steers \$4.15@5.50, hogs under 1,000, hog market steady, stockers and feeders \$3.25@5.00, cows and heifers \$2.00@5.00, calves \$1.50@5.00, bulls \$2.25@4.15, Texans and Indian steers \$3.00@4.75, cows and heifers \$2.20@2.50, bulls and stags, market generally \$5.00 lower. Pigs and lights \$3.00@4.00, packers \$4.00@4.05, butchers \$4.05@4.15. Sheep receipts 1700. Market 2 1/2 lower; native muttons \$4.00@4.25, matted hoes \$3.00, stockers \$2.50@3.00, bucks \$2.25@3.00.

CHICAGO. Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Good to choice cattle were steady to 10c higher; others weak to a shade lower; corn market and canners 10c to 15c lower; good to choice \$5.50@7.50, poor to medium \$4.25@5.10, matted stockers \$3.00@3.60, selected natives \$4.20@4.65, good to choice cows \$3.50@4.75, heifers \$3.00@5.00, canners \$2.00@3.00, calves \$1.00@7.00, fed Texas beaves \$4.25@5.00, matted hoes \$3.00@3.50, 10c lower; trade outfit, closed firm fair clearances; mixed and butchers \$3.95@4.20, good to choice heavy \$4.20@5.00, rough heavy \$3.50@4.00, light \$3.50@4.15, bulk of calves \$4.00@4.50, sheep market dull and 10c to 15c lower, except for fancy Westerns \$3.90@4.50, lambs \$4.00@5.65. Receipts of cattle 16,000, hogs 46,000, sheep 26,000.

KANSAS CITY. Stock Yards, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Cattle receipts, 4700 natives, 600 Texans. Medium killing steers, butchers cows, stock and feeding cattle steady, very plain, half fed steers 10c lower. No choice natives offered. Medium natives \$1.00@1.25, stockers and feeders \$3.25@4.50, butchers cows and heifers \$3.00@3.50, matted hoes \$4.00@4.80, Western feeders \$3.20@4.20, Texans \$4.00@4.25. Hog receipts 7400. Trade very slow. Prices ruled 50c to 1c lower, heavy and mixed \$4.00@4.75, light \$3.00@3.50, matted hoes \$3.00@3.50. Sheep receipts 5044. Market dull. Muttons steady to 15c lower. Killing lambs 10c to 15c lower. Stockers and feeders about steady. Lambs \$5.00@5.25, muttons \$4.10@4.50, stockers and feeders \$2.75@4.70, culls \$1.50@2.75.

NEW ORLEANS. Weekly report of New Orleans live stock market for week ending December 15, 1909.

Receipts. Sales. Left over. Cattle 952 535 139 Calves & yearlings, 1149 121 243 Hogs 773 641 238 Sheep 142 142

All classes of cattle have been in light receipt for the past week. The better grades have been quickly disposed of at outside quotations, but others have been neglected. As butchers have had few good cattle on hand, this with continued light receipts which we anticipate, the prospects for the coming week are for higher prices on anything like choice stock.

Hogs continue in over-supply and prices are uncertain. There are no choice muttons here and but little inquiry for same.

Following is to-day's range of prices: Beaves, choice, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, choice, \$3.50@3.75; fair to good, \$2.50@3.25; calves, choice, \$3.50@4.00; fair to good, \$2.00@3.00; yearlings, choice, \$3.50@3.75; fair to good, \$2.00@3.00; matted hoes, \$3.75@4.25; fair to good, \$3.25@3.50.

FORT WORTH. Reported by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company for the week ending Dec. 18.

Our market is strong on good fat cows and hogs and the receipts do not supply the demand. We have the Cudahy Packing company on the market buying hogs again besides other California buyers and we are getting Kansas City prices for them. We have strong competition on everything offered and in this way are enabled to

get still prices and hope to receive your business. We quote our market as follows: Fat steers \$3.50@3.75, choice fat cows \$2.75@3.10, medium cows \$2.50@2.75, bulls \$2.25@2.50, matted hoes \$3.00@3.50, wagon hogs \$3.80@3.90.

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KANSAS CITY MARKET LETTER. Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, December 16, 1909.

Cattle receipts for the week 47,000, for the corresponding week last year 40,000. Receipts for the week 15,000, for the corresponding week last year 12,000.

There has been a fair inquiry for Texas wool—chiefly for fall. Spring Texas is in light supply. Fall Texas may be quoted, clean, at from 50 to 65c in the situation in the fall.

NEW YORK. Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the clearing house committee to-day the second subscription of \$10,000,000 was made up for lending in the stock market.

FARM AND GARDEN NEWS. Some of the Kansas county farmers are sending turkeys by the wagon-load to the San Antonio market.

Matagorda Tribune: The industry here now being inaugurated by Mr. Borden is destined to expand into a great factor in our future prosperity.

A bulletin of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, dated December 18, says the area devoted to winter wheat this fall is 11 per cent below that of a year ago.

Gatesville Messenger: The rain Thursday night and Friday was gentle and general. The outlook for a bountiful grain crop was never so promising in this country as it is now.

Runnels County Ledger: I. S. Baldwin was in from Content Tuesday and reports wheat and volunteer oats growing nicely. The wheat crop is a considerable acreage has been planted in wheat.

Denison Herald: The farmers in from the country report the wheat crop flourishing, and a great deal of plowing being done for cotton. They all say that there will be a larger crop of cotton next year than was raised this year.

Goliad Guard: On account of the excellent rains that have fallen here this fall and winter, it is predicted by experienced farmers that next year will be a good crop year. The rule is that when it rains abundantly in winter, but little is required next summer, provided crops are planted early and cultivated thoroughly.

Haskell Free Press: A little experiment in irrigation was made near Seymour this year by Mr. Michael Hill. The results are very satisfactory. The value of irrigation to this section of the state. He irrigated one-fourth of an acre of cotton, which yielded at the rate of 14 bales per acre. His other cotton, not irrigated, yielded barely 3 1/2 bales per acre.

Roby (Fisher) Co. Banner: Rain! Rain! Fishers' Co. is thoroughly wet from center to circumference. There was never a better season in the ground at this time of year than the present one, so the cotton and the cattle have it all coming their way for another crop. The stockmen claim that so much rain will rot the grass, but there is one consolation, it will make the fallow weeds and wild rye out of sight.

By the Cotton Buds of course, because of the heaviest time, through cars, and parlor car service. The "old stags" line will have the best all-around. Ask Adams—he will tell you all about it.

BETTER BREEDING STOCK IN OKLAHOMA. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: The highly bred registered bull I have recently bought from Mr. Shoemaker is the largest cattle I have ever seen in my life. He is a purebred Shorthorn, and his dam was a purebred Shorthorn. He is a fine specimen of his breed, and I am sure he will make a fine sire for my herd.

Beaumont Enterprise: Mr. F. W. Moon and wife, of Butterfield, are in the city to-day, and Mr. Moon was very enthusiastic about the artesian water which has just been struck on the Hat Aldridge farm, at Butterfield, which by the way, is the postoffice for Sour Lake Station. The water, which was struck at a depth of 130 feet, flows very freely, and is of excellent quality. Mr. Moon says that he thinks that there is no doubt that it will be good for irrigating rice, and if it does, it will be a great thing for the farmers in this vicinity.

The Texas Tobacco Growers' Association held a meeting at Houston, December 14, and elected the following officers: A. R. Moore, president; H. Hardy Robinson, first vice-president; H. L. Reincke, second vice-president; J. N. Taub, secretary. Yet Cave, assistant secretary. J. N. Saldinger, treasurer; J. W. Collier, assistant treasurer. A committee was appointed to get up a stock company to build a tobacco warehouse, costing \$100,000. The annual meeting of the Texas Tobacco Growers' Association was held at Houston, December 14, and elected the following officers: A. R. Moore, president; H. Hardy Robinson, first vice-president; H. L. Reincke, second vice-president; J. N. Taub, secretary. Yet Cave, assistant secretary. J. N. Saldinger, treasurer; J. W. Collier, assistant treasurer. A committee was appointed to get up a stock company to build a tobacco warehouse, costing \$100,000. 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SWINE

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Let the brood sows have good care and feeding through the winter or they will not be as successful as mothers as they should be.

All the pigs that come in the spring, except those to be kept as breeding stock, should be fitted for market and sent there before the end of the year.

Get the pigs to eating some time before they are weaned and they will suffer no check during the weaning process.

The boar pigs should be castrated when they are a month old, or very soon after they reach that age.

While it is generally conceded that the brood sow should not be burdened with fat, this does not mean that she should be thin.

Exercise, outdoor life, sunshine and good pasturage—these mean vigorous health and rapid growth for the young pigs.

THIRTY-SOW AS A MILK PRODUCER The value of the sow as a breeder depends very largely on her capacity as a milk producer.

POULTRY

Ice cold water is not good for the poultry. They should have freshly pumped well water or water equally warm.

Be careful to not have the roosts overcrowded. It keeps the fowls too warm and they are more likely to suffer in health from subsequent exposure.

The hens will need now more grain food than at other seasons. Wheat is the best all-round food you can give.

Indigestion in the United States than any other disease, not excepting roup.

The first sign then of this indigestion shows itself in constipation. In such a state the farmer hardly ever notices that anything is wrong.

TRAP NESTS The trap nests, by means of which one may keep individual records of the number of eggs laid by each hen,

CULLING THE FLOCK It will soon be time to make up the yards for next season's work, and as the flocks are being culled,

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LIVE STOCK NEWS

After several days of rain a heavy snow fell at Mobeetie, Texas, December 10, but it melted off rapidly.

The American Galloway Breeders' Association will hold its next annual convention at Chicago, and will have a combination sale at the International Live Stock Exposition.

M. Sansom & Co., of Alvarado, sold in Chicago Tuesday of last week 102 steers, average 1118 pounds, at \$5.25,

Hale County Herald: Cattle men seem to think the late rains have done little damage to the grass on the Plains, especially as the weather has been favorable to grass and stock since the rain.

Albany News: W. D. Reynolds informs us that since the recent rain, many more of the old springs have gushed forth, and large streams of water are flowing from them.

J. W. and D. L. Knox, of Jackboro, sold to C. W. Williams, of Palo Pinto county, one registered Hereford cow and one one-year-old heifer at \$300 each.

The Drovers' Sale of the 18th reports the sale of a full-blooded buffalo steer at 10 cents a pound.

Merkel Hall: A car of thoroughbred Hereford calves were shipped in Dallas Tuesday at 10 cents a pound.

Clarendon Banner-Stockman: Mode Hearn this week sold to Perry Le Fors 60 cows at \$200 each.

Denver Stockman: Peter Dupree, living near Leslie, S. D., is said to own the largest herd of buffalo now in America.

The great show horse and sire of speed, Mambrino King, owned by C. J. Johnson, died at East Aurora, N. Y., December 12.

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Sometimes there's a rainy day, an' then We lay off for a spell, we men; Pa talks politics and reads the papers, An' we boys putter 'round and cut up capers. An' while, even down to little brother-er, But dunno as I can recollect a "rainy day" for mother.

Seems if she worked harder than any other day, Trying to keep things straight and put away. Stirrin' up the fire so it won't seem dreary, Cookin' somethin' extra, then, makin' things more cheery; Pinckin' up pa's slippers, or something or another, I don't believe there ever was a "rainy day" for mother.

But, then she don't complain—just keeps makin' things better. Sometimes she has a pleasant word, sometimes a bit of song; And lots of times I fancy she has a sad and lonely heart. An' I'd feel like I'd like to rest, or read a book. An' then I wipe the dishes, or do some thing or another.

An' wish with all my heart there was a "rainy day" for mother. —Florence A. Hayes, in Pittsburg Advocate.

TO HOUSEHOLD.

I hope all the boys and girls in the Household, even the grown boys and girls will carefully read the poem above and think seriously of the few rainy days poor mother has. A holiday for the men and boys means a day of extra labor for mother. Not many mothers have the time to sweep the floors and wash the dishes and find how happy you will be in giving mother a holiday.

Wildcat Bill shall surely have a badge, but I want another letter from him, telling us more of himself. Ophelia is in plenty time for a badge. If all desiring badges will read the Household every week they will see when badges are ready to be sent out and price.

Catamount Bill is right; so few are satisfied with their lot in life. I realize that which they have not seems so much more desirable than that which they have. This becomes a habit, a one to be coveted as a reward for realizing it by working upon you. Take it in hand in time and cultivate satisfaction with your lot.

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ANOTHER ADMIRER.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: For quite a while I have been a silent admirer of the Household and I am tempted to write. I read the Journal. But I always read the Household page first.

What has become of "More Anon"? Come again, Francisco. I like to read your letters.

Well, yes, I would like to have a badge. Why, I would feel as big as Admiral Dewey, wearing it.

Well, if I see this in print I will guess it was too tough a bite for Mr. Waste Basket. Will sign my name, WILDCAT BILL, Crystal Falls, Texas.

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Mrs. Buchanan and Household: May I step in and have a little chat for a few moments, at least, as I have not much time to stay? I have been interested in the Household for some time and have wondered how many of the writers are as happy as good true love and free heartedness.

One cannot be happy if selfish or jealous. Either makes one miserable, for if one is selfish he is wondering how he can make a good time, never thinking of another's pleasure.

I would like to be with Nix Nit and enjoy his fun. Cowboys can get a tenderfoot on a bronco and see lots of fun. I would like to see the first thing that would give me a good laugh.

Frank Heartless is a very good writer and Shylock also. I think she is right. I must bid you all good-bye and go for this time, with best wishes to all the Household. I will be known as W. C. E.

WILL TRY AGAIN.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I wrote once before to your interesting page, but made a mistake of some kind. I never have seen a letter from this place where I live.

I go to school and my studies are arithmetic, history, grammar, geography and spelling. I have a very nice, kind teacher. I enjoy reading the Household letters very much. I think they are so interesting. I am not particular to any certain one like them all.

I live in a nice, pretty, shady grove and can go horseback riding most any time I want to. Some times we go groups and persimmon hunting. Our school is in the town where I live. I have a brother working out on a ranch in Coleman county where Cousin Maud lives. I don't know whether she is acquainted with him or not. If her initials are M. S., I know she is.

To-day is such a pleasant day! My brother takes the Texas Stock and Farm Journal and likes to read the Household page so much.

Well, I will bid you all adieu. BUCKHORN, Texas.

BIRDIE.

GRASSHOPPERS OUT OF SEASON. Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Friends, As I have been absent for a few weeks, I thought I would write again. A heavy rain fell here on the 26th.

Please excuse me, for it would be entirely take too long to mention my brothers' and sisters' names. I think our school will begin the 13th of next month. I am so glad our school begins soon. Mrs. Buchanan writes welcome letters.

Little Elio and Ella, come again. I love to read your letters very much. Little Maggie Mae wrote a splendid letter. I think it was quite good. I hope Little Sabanando Loba to have her initials B. H. on her badge. Little Brown-eyed Bess, come again.

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their stead grew that passion of sensuality and carnage which supported in their kingdoms polygamy, prostitution, debauchery and a thousand vices which arise from the productions of their young writers, will find its way to the columns of the Household—but I am afraid will find it welcome among those unimportant kind of epistles which are required to honor him when present; to praise him when absent, and to assist him when in need.

"It is miserable," says a poet, "to see a poor man prostrate and a rich man avaricious," for if we are poor, we should strive to get a "lift," and after that, should not be haughty or proud, but have the same respect for all, for

"When time, which steals our years away, Shall steal our pleasures, too, The memory of the past will stay, And half our joys renew."

The badge question, I believe, has come to an end, and most of the members have decided.

"Hope, like the taper's gleaming light, Illuming the wretch's way, And still, as darker grows the night, Emits a brighter ray."

CATAMOUNT BILL.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: For some time I have been reading the Household page and like to read the Household page so much. Some times I would like to join your happy circle. I have written letters to the Household before but would read them over and would say, "Ah, this will be thrown in the waste basket," and so I would not send them off, but this time I am going to try my luck.

Poor Jealous Hearted Lover! I am sorry for him. It is a shame the way some of you have treated him. If he is a good friend and you are almost sure to get it always. I have a girl friend that I would not give up for anything. We have been chums very near three years. We don't get to see each other very often.

I agree with Kate on kissing. I think it most admirable to be kissing every boy that asks you, but do not think it wrong to kiss the man who has your heart, after you have promised to be his own. Most all old folks are bitterly opposed to kissing, though they have been guilty of the very same thing when they were young.

Mrs. Buchanan, are the badges ready for us any time? I think they will be so lovely.

It is nearly supper time and I can hear some one say, "I wish she would quit," so I will ring off, hoping to see this in print next week. ROSSBUD, Greenville, Texas.

A GOOD LETTER.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: I wonder if another stranger may be admitted into your happy circle? Not until the past few weeks has it been my privilege and pleasure to peruse the page of the Household in the Texas Stock and Farm Journal, but in that short time I have become a great admirer of the page to which are contributed so many interesting letters from able writers.

It seems as if there is a variety of subjects under discussion at present, but as some one has well said, "variety is the spice of life." We find quite a great deal of "spice" in the Household. Many of the writers take for their theme "Friendship," that most lovable of all subjects. Friends are something we all want. There is nothing that gives a girl more pleasure than to know that she has friends and is a friend.

I value nothing more highly, outside of home life, than a good, noble friend. We are nearly through. I am glad, so on whom I can rely under any circumstances. I think there is nothing more beautiful in life than to see a pure, simple feeling existing between a young man and young woman. There is not any young man who possesses any noble traits of character who will not value and appreciate the friendship given him by some girl whom he honors and respects.

Girls, if you want to do a kind deed, just be a good, true friend (now, I do not mean sweetheart) to some poor or young man who has no mother or sister, and if he has any sense of gratitude you will feel amply repaid. I speak from experience. "Friendship is the golden chain which binds one to another, and is something we all indulge in more or less, but it, like many other habits, can be cultivated or subdued as we like. I am of the opinion that if every selfish man and woman were placed side by side and counted, there would be "six of one and half a dozen of the other." If we will observe closely as we pass through life we find about as many selfish men as women, and vice versa.

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SAN ANTONIO.

San Antonio office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, 216 Main Plaza, asks our friends to call when in the city.

J. A. Martin, a stockman of Sanderon, was here this week.

E. G. Polly, was here from his ranch near Floresville on Thursday.

Otto Ormond of Moulton, came in from his ranch near there this week.

S. H. Woods, a stockman of San Diego, was among the visitors here this week.

John Saunders, a Del Rio ranchman, made a brief visit to San Antonio this week.

Nat Holman, a stockman of La-Grange, was here this week for a short time.

G. M. Dilworth, a cattle raiser of Gonzales, spent the day here on Wednesday.

A. D. McGhee, a San Marcos stockman and feeder, was here a short time Thursday.

C. H. Beaver, a stockman of Pearsall, returned home Friday after paying a brief visit here.

J. C. Poulton and A. W. Hilliard, two cattlemen of Kyle, came down from there on Thursday.

Tom Perry, who has a herd and ranch near Cline, came up Thursday looking for a bunch of good cattle.

Willis McCutcheon, a prominent ranchman of Victoria, came up there Friday and made a brief stay.

C. W. Whitehead, a Spring Valley ranchman, came in from there a few days ago, and made a brief stay here.

W. D. Kincaid, an Alpine cattle raiser, was among the visitors here this week and says conditions there are excellent.

F. M. Jennings, a San Marcos stockman, came in from there the fore part of the week and spent the day in the city.

George I. Campbell, a Karnes City cattleman, came up from there a day or two ago and reported good rains and range.

C. Jefferies, a Junction City ranchman, was here a short time during the week and gave favorable report of that locality.

J. T. Thompson of Mickel, who has a fine cattle ranch there, was here Thursday, in company with the local stockmen.

Andrew Armstrong, Jr., a ranchman of Cotulla, who has been to Hondo City, where he has some cattle, war here this week on his return home.

James Kerr, a cowman of Cambellton, arrived from there Thursday. Mr. Kerr is well pleased with the present condition in live stock circles.

H. G. Dubose, a wool grower of Comstock, was among the visitors to this market this week. He is well pleased with the sheep and wool situation.

H. B. Shiner of this city, who has purchased from A. M. White 33 head of Missouri bred calves to be delivered at the Shiner ranch, near Shiner, at \$10 per head.

W. W. Miller, general live stock agent for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, came in from Fort Worth on Wednesday, making a brief stay here.

W. B. Houston, of the cattle firm of Houston Bros., who reside at Gonzales and own ranches in various portions of Western Texas, was among the visitors of the week.

R. E. Nutt, Sr., a pioneer stockman, who is a breeder of some very fine stock, was here for a short time this week en route to a ranch in Ivalde county recently purchased by him.

Col. Ike T. Pryor, general agent for the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, has returned from a recent trip to Houston and Fort Worth. He went out to his Pearsall ranch and returned this week.

Geo. L. Leigh of Stoneleigh ranch, near Center Point, where there is a fine herd of Brown Swiss cattle, specimens of which attracted considerably admiration at the recent fair, was here this week.

Horace C. Storey, a well known stockman of San Marcos, took a trip to his ranch near Floresville and stopped briefly in San Antonio, both coming and going. He says range cattle are doing splendidly and improving every day.

Albert D. Evans and Cape, W. F. Way ran up to Austin Friday and returned the same evening. On Saturday they left for Sabin, to visit Capt. Woody's ranch, where they will remain several days hunting game in the Sabin canyon.

Among the visitors here this week was A. D. Evans of St. Louis. He was on a tour of inspection and sees from here to Fort Worth. While here he expressed himself as very much pleased with the general live stock situation in this section.

W. C. Wheeler and A. M. Dilworth, two well known ranchmen of Live Oak county, whose ranches are near Tilden, paid San Antonio a visit this week and both announced themselves as greatly pleased with the situation of live stock in their locality.

D. G. Franks, one of the inspectors for the Texas Cattle Raisers' association, with headquarters at Del Rio, was here on Saturday. He reports the range country between San Antonio and Dryden in splendid condition as the result of the recent copious rains.

T. R. Kuykendall, the owner of a large pasture and big herd near Tilden, arrived from there the middle of the week. He says recently there has been several excellent rains. He was accom-

panied by his wife and they will spend several days here.

All stockmen of this section are gratified at the merited promotion of Homer Eads to the position of assistant general freight agent of the International railroad but they are equally glad that he still retains his position of general live stock agent for the same company.

James M. Dobbie, a prominent stock ranchman of Hamblena, who has been visiting his ranches in Duval and Live Oak counties, was here on Tuesday and says there have been splendid rains throughout that section, where grass continues to grow, not having been injured by frost.

Henry Shiner of this city, who is owner of a large cattle ranch in the vicinity of Shiner, has returned from a trip there. Mr. Shiner states that he is greatly pleased at the condition of both the stock and range in that locality. He says the recent rains which have fallen there will insure a plentiful supply of water for the entire week.

Many of the growers and dealers in vegetables have gone to Houston, where they remained nearly the entire week. They went there not only to attend the fruit, flower and vegetable show, but to attend and participate in the truck and produce convention in session there on Thursday and Friday.

John R. Blocker of this city, who for the past month, in company with Capt. John Lytle, has been to the Rio Grande for whom the station is named, paid a visit to San Antonio, during which he said: "I can remember the time when there was just a little water in the San Antonio river and all of the other streams of Western Texas as there is now. The Leon springs went entirely dry and cattle in those days died by the thousands. The streams remained dry for a long time and finally but slowly began to run again and continued to do so until the subsidence of recent years. This was half a century ago. I hope it will not be another half century until they begin to flow again. It did not take them that long to resume their flow."

The best vegetables and fruits grown about this city are those grown by means of irrigation. It has not been very long since San Antonio not only raised all the vegetables that her people consumed, with the possible exception of potatoes and cauliflower, but she formerly raised the surrounding places and localities with them. But as her supply of home grown produce decreased her necessities required that she should obtain her supplies from California and other states.

Among the new industries soon to be established here is an additional broom factory. There are already two such enterprises, but the one is likely to be conducted on a much larger scale than those now in operation. The matter of establishing this enterprise was discussed quietly among a number of business men and the result was that it was not long before the organization was completed, but the matter was kept quiet until a suitable site could be secured. This has been accomplished within the present week. It is located in the vicinity of the Aransas Pass railway depot on land owned by the company which has been leased for the purposes connected with the broom factory.

It is expected that the factory will be erected and in operation within less than six weeks. Five carloads of broom corn have already been purchased for the purpose of forming the first installment of material with which to commence the work of the company. It is contemplated to purchase 200 acres in this neighborhood to be sown with broom corn, and encouragement will be given other planting that species of the corn family. It is understood that the present enterprise is independent of the recently formed trust including the prominent broom factories in the country and that it has been organized with the purpose of remaining independent thereof. One of its results will be to open up a new and increased market for broom corn, and especially that produced in this section. It will also give permanent and profitable employment to from fifteen to twenty operatives. The brooms now turned out are of high grade and superior quality. Particular attention is to be paid to their manufacture and the workmen employed will be skilled and the machinery used up to date.

Heretofore very little broom corn has been raised in this section, although its culture would have proven a much more profitable pursuit than the cultivation of cotton, the government having for some time past been worth at least \$60 per ton and at present up as high as \$100. One acre properly cultivated is said to yield an average of 100 bushels of broom corn, and it is also claimed that in this section two crops per year can be successfully grown. It is also a product that requires considerably less labor than cotton and is becoming one of the most profitable products that could be planted in this section. The factories now in operation here have to import their corn from other localities and states, with the exception of very small quantities that are raised experimentally hereabouts. These experiments in the culture of broom corn, however, have been sufficiently extensive to establish the fact that the product can be successfully and profitably grown here. This fact is what has induced the people interested in the new enterprise to conclude to purchase the 200 acres already alluded to and devote it to the raising of broom corn. With three broom factories in full operation here, consuming broom corn raised in this vicinity, there will be put in circulation among the operatives and the people to produce the corn and their connections a considerable sum of coin.

PLANS OF THE PROPOSED CATTLE SYNDICATE. Cattlemen and the public generally have for some time been interested in the plans for the organization of a cattle-ranching business on a scale unprecedentedly large, and the following interview with Mr. Geo. B. Loving, taken from the San Antonio Express of Dec. 13, gives the most definite and

reliable information on the subject that has yet appeared:

"On my return to New York in October I found the money market in such a condition that there was little prospect of getting money at once for any big project. Then came the Transvaal war, which only aggravated the situation. All we could do was to gradually build up our project presents before the class of people we wished to interest, and get everything shaped up so as to be ready to take advantage of a more favorable money market. I was fortunate in enlisting the interest of men of large means and wide success in the business world, and a practical understanding was reached that when the proper time arrived the deal could be put in the shape required it would be underwritten by three of the large houses in Wall street.

"I had to go to the States to see the enormous disbursements in interest and dividends that will take place the first of the year will cause an easy money market, so that I was ready to carry out my plan in shape for final action.

"The first requisite to the deal was to be certain that the properties were secure on a basis of good standing and successful in the business.

"I stopped at Kansas City for a week and while there appraisers for the properties north of the quarantine line were being secured, as has already been announced through the press dispatches. The work of appraising the northern properties will begin at once, and the better of Manila who has been prominent New York financier, who is taking an active interest in the matter, and who has been in the state for some time on a quiet tour of inspection. He will go on to the Rio Grande and I shall meet him on his return in El Paso.

"We had also to arrange for appraisers to inspect the properties, and we expect to take in a number down this way. Capt. John T. Lytle has consented to act as one, and the other will be announced shortly.

"If in due course, expected that a company of this kind could come into the state and buy a score or so of ranches as cheap as a man could buy on the Rio Grande, and I should be glad to find some one who was hard pressed and had to sell.

"Nor on the other hand, do we expect to get a man's property for less than its worth. We are not going to buy a good, fair value, but shall take no properties on which a fictitious or speculative value is placed.

"I have had a great deal of high integrity and sound judgment have been selected to act as appraisers, and if the owners are not willing to accept the valuations they fix, their properties will not be included in the deal.

"The inspection of properties is done at my expense, and before a property will be inspected it will have to be understood that the owner of the property if they can agree on the subject of valuations a suitable option will be executed to me for a sufficient length of time to complete the details of the deal.

"No properties will be inspected except where owners are willing to agree to this beforehand. Small and detached ranches will not be considered, as the deal is for a large unit of property.

"Properties will need to be of good size, fully 100,000 acres in a body, and well stocked with good cattle."

"What are the company's plans, Mr. Loving?"

"We have found out in Texas that there is big money to be made in the cattle business," said Mr. Loving. "I am starting with the company to organize it so that it will be a profitable business venture from the start. In the first place only good properties will be taken, and on the basis of actual valuation. The stock acquired by the company will be carefully culled and none but well-bred cattle will be retained. There will be only the best registered blood stock that the grade will be rapidly improved and maintained. A considerable saving will be made in the administration of the business. The business will be under the control of a board of directors who have been successful in the stock business, and the managers will be practical experienced Texas stockmen. The plan is to start with a small number of properties, and as they are not to market any of their stock until the same are fully matured and finished for the market. Yearlings and two will not be sold, as heretofore, but as November 1st, 1900, and thereafter, but will be carried by the company, and that trade will be left open for those outside of the company.

"The company will erect its own oil mills and provide its own feed lots in which to fatten beef cattle for market, any excess in the supply of oil cake being sold to the stock raisers for their feeding. In marketing their fed cattle they will not be rushed to market as now, often glutting it and breaking prices, but will be fed to the market steadily and on a regular basis.

"All purchases for the company will be made in such large quantities as to insure the lowest market prices. In fact, the plan is to start with a view to practice economies in every direction, and its affairs will be administered by a conservative practical management."

"Men of large experience in the business believe that under an administration of this kind this can be made one of the most profitable business ventures in the country and that the rate of profit can be materially increased over the best results attained on individual ranches."

GENERAL NEWS.

Hog killing was indulged in over a large portion of Texas last Friday and Saturday.

Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Mobeetie, Texas, on the night of December 3.

There was a severe blizzard in Colorado Saturday, the divide between Denver and Colorado Springs. Trains on the Denver and Rio Grande and on the Santa Fe were blocked by snow drifts.

At a cotton mill meeting held in Denton, December 13, it was stated that there were three men in the city each who were ready to subscribe \$10,000 for building a local cotton mill. A subscription list is being circulated and it is believed there that in the city a company enough will be raised to build and equip a mill.

The Alliance Milling Company of Denton, Texas, recently received a letter from J. A. Benham of Constantinople, Turkey, who wanted a ship-load of Denton county flour. The writers say that the Texas flour sells for better prices than any other flour received at Constantinople.

Lieut. Thomas M. Brumby, has been promoted to the rank of major and is now in command of the 10th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He is the third officer closely associated with the military service of the United States who has died since that time, the other two being Captain Gridley and Commander Wood.

The Beaumont Rice Carnival of the 20th attracted a great many visitors to that city and was a decided success. The trades display parade, consisting of decorated floats, carriages and bugles, was creditable to the enterprise and taste of the participants. Miss D. McFadden of Beaumont, was crowned queen of the carnival.

The one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington was celebrated at Mount Vernon, December 24. The principal features of the celebration were the performance of Masonic ceremonies, the rites of the Independent Order of Red Men and an address by President Taft.

San Angelo Station: Anson & Verne sold 20 bull calves to Charles Collyns at \$37. Harris Bros., Frank and Ralph—sold last week, spring delivery, 1100 three-year-old steers to private parties at private terms. Judging by the recent importation of the 09, 4 cross L and Bar S ranches, the Durham bull is becoming popular in the Concho country. Mr. E. C. Sugg arrived Sunday from his 4 cross L ranch to receive a train load of cattle from his Indian Territory ranch. The shipment arrived Tuesday in fair shape and consists of two carloads of purebreds, and registered Durham bulls and about 500 high grade Durham and Hereford heifers and cows. This is the best large herd of breeding cattle ever shipped to San Angelo.

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LIVE STOCK NEWS.

A dispatch of the 10th from Mobeetie says that fires have done some damage in the Panhandle.

El Paso Times: Frank Hill of Engle, N. M., sold four carloads of yearling steers to Thomas Bourbom, of Larned, Kan., and A. Souder, of Iowa. The steers were sold at \$15 per head. D. Sale, of the Kansas City Live Stock Commission, has purchased a fine lot of several thousand Angus goats, of which there are 40,000 within twenty miles of Lake Valley.

Alpine Avalanche: Another good slow general rain fell here last week. It extended to the Rio Grande and was quite heavy down that way in places. Jno. Holland has purchased 125 head of fat cows from Mrs. Lizzie Crosson. Three cars of them will be shipped to market in a few days.

Runnels County Ledger: Doc Varnell sold to A. M. Miller, his two-year-old steers, about 100, at \$22. Sam Warrick of Eden, received 20 registered and full blood Hereford bull calves here the first of this week. These calves were bought for Mr. Warrick at Emporia, Kansas, and those who saw them judged them a fine lot. A. M. Miller bought six of them for \$100 each.

El Paso Times: The sheep owners living on the Pecos forest reserve, in New Mexico, are circulating a petition to the General Land Commissioner asking that they be allowed to graze their sheep on the western slope of the Santa Fe mountains. They assert they lost half of their sheep through the drought last summer, and will lose the other half if they are not allowed to graze on the reserve this winter.

San Angelo Station: Anson & Verne sold 20 bull calves to Charles Collyns at \$37. Harris Bros., Frank and Ralph—sold last week, spring delivery, 1100 three-year-old steers to private parties at private terms. Judging by the recent importation of the 09, 4 cross L and Bar S ranches, the Durham bull is becoming popular in the Concho country. Mr. E. C. Sugg arrived Sunday from his 4 cross L ranch to receive a train load of cattle from his Indian Territory ranch. The shipment arrived Tuesday in fair shape and consists of two carloads of purebreds, and registered Durham bulls and about 500 high grade Durham and Hereford heifers and cows. This is the best large herd of breeding cattle ever shipped to San Angelo.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures painful, aching, nervous feet, and itching, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It is the greatest corn and bunion cure of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous, hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 50c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Ormsted, Lee Road, N. Y.

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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.

E. B. Carver, the Henfetta cattleman, was in the city Wednesday.

Silberstein & Co., of this city, sold in Chicago Tuesday last week 75 head of 840-pound Texans at \$4.10.

Col. C. S. Slaughter of this city, sold in St. Louis last week 306 cows, from West Texas, average 810 pounds, at \$3.35.

The Journal has received from the Sure Hatch Incubator company of Clay Center, Nebraska, its third annual catalogue, giving descriptions, illustrations and prices of its "Sure Hatch Incubators" and "Common Sense Folding Brooders." It also contains practical advice as to handling and feeding.

The Journal has a letter from E. H. Hayes of Poe, Blanco county, in which he says: "Stock in very good condition in this county. Will probably go through the winter with very light loss. Have had an abundance of rain. Buyers are contending with steer yearlings that can be bought for spring delivery at very good prices."

The Journal has received from Mr. Frank B. Hearsh of Independence, secretary-treasurer of the American Galloway Breeders' association, the report of the proceedings of the seventeenth annual meeting of the association, held at Chicago Nov. 22. Hearsh gives notice that volume X of the Herd Book will close January 15, 1900, and that all entries and transfers must be in by that time.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal has received the October number of "Sunset," a magazine published monthly at San Francisco, Cal., by the Southern Pacific company. Among the most interesting contents of this number are the eighth paper of "Chronicles of a Highway," by Wm. B. May; "The Sequoias of California Forests," by Paul Shaughnessy; "The Garden of California," by Irene Connell. The historical and descriptive work of Sunset makes it a valuable and interesting periodical, and it is beautifully illustrated.

BIG JOINT POULTRY SHOW.

Report of the First Annual Exhibit of the Southwestern Poultry and Poultry Associations Held in Dallas Last Week.

The joint show of the Southwestern and Southern Poultry associations which was held in Dallas on the 12th to 16th, was a great success, both in quality and quantity of poultry exhibited. There were full classes in all varieties, or nearly sixteen hundred specimens, representing the best birds from all over the South. Two new varieties exhibited were the Klondikes and Buff Orpingtons. The Klondikes are shaped like a Plymouth Rock, but smaller in size, and are covered with long, white hair instead of feathers. The Orpington is similar to the Cochins, but is a clean-legged fowl.

Several specimens of Texas birds scored as high as 95% to 97 points and are valued at \$5 to \$100 each. Judge H. A. Bridge of Columbus, Ohio, one of the most noticable winners in America, made the awards in the most creditable manner and to the entire satisfaction of all. Judge Bridge has been attending Texas shows for the past three years and expressed himself as highly pleased with the improvement made by Texas breeders. In speaking of the poultry industry in this state, Mr. Bridge says:

"It is only a question of a few years till the big Northern breeder will be compelled to buy his early show birds from Texas breeders. You have every thing in your favor—climate, feed, cheap feed and cheap lands on which to build your poultry plant. I have not attended a better show this year and am agreeably surprised at the wonderful progress made by your breeders in the last three years. This show will always be remembered by me as one of my most pleasurable experiences."

R. A. Davis of Merit, Texas, was in attendance with his usual string of winners. Mr. Davis won a large share of regular prizes as well as one of the specials. The Norton Poultry yards of Dallas had the largest display and won the gold medal and two gold specials, besides a large number of regular prizes. W. L. Terrell had a fine lot of White Rocks and a Branchlaw, as usual, astonished the visitors with his wonderful Light Brahmas. Rothenmel of Dallas, was also owner of a large display of excellent birds.

Arkansas breeders had over a hundred birds entered. T. L. Vaughan of Little Rock, Mr. Vaughan in up-to-date breeder and is also editor of Arkansas Poultryman.

The Bellevue Farm of Memphis, Tenn., was divided honors with their competitors. N. L. Hutchinson of Crystal Springs, Miss., and Geo. Eyrich of New Orleans, prominent Southern breeders, were exhibitors and among the winners.

S. F. Ferrell, the "Bantam Man" of Granbury, was one of the heaviest exhibitors. He captured a goodly share of the ribbons. J. Y. Webb of Dallas, showed some extra fine Cornish Indians and B. B. Game bantams.

The Cochins class was very heavy. Judge Skelton of Dallas, had a beautiful display of the Buff and Partridge varieties and divided honors with Davis of Merit. Geo. W. Brown of Camden, Ark., J. E. Randall of Fort Worth, and A. Magarity of New Orleans. The White Cochins were excellent and the Elmhurst farm of Dallas and Johnson of Houston, captured all prizes.

J. E. Randall of Fort Worth, is a buff breeder and showed Leghorns, Cochins and Cochins bantams as fine as are grown. C. W. Guild of Dallas, also showed fine Buff Leghorns and won a good string of prizes.

ber of high scoring specimens were ruled out on account of not being up to standard weight. It is a difficult matter to get birds up to eight and ten pounds while they are moulting. This was the only fault to be found and the quality of the different exhibitors was as fine as ever seen in a show west of St. Louis. Other breeders who had extra stock on exhibit were as follows:

Ex. Boaz, Benbrook, Texas; F. McQueen, Baird, Texas; W. T. Duncan, Fishville, Texas; Chas. Halsell, Bonham, Texas; Mrs. E. J. Edmonson, Sherman, Texas; Jno. T. Bonner, Tyler, Texas; Mat Bradley, Tioga, Texas; C. E. Jenkins, Bryan, Texas; F. W. Church, San Antonio, Texas; O. F. Martin, Shelby, N. C.; E. H. Hubby, Waco, Texas; T. L. Lamborn, Dallas; R. A. Caruthers, Clawson, Texas; A. Cockrill, Little Rock, Ark.; W. H. Carter, Bowie, Texas; W. D. Prater, Dallas, Texas; Ben C. Hill, Galveston; A. G. Speneel, Farmersville, Texas; G. W. Ratliff, Fort Worth; Paul Platter, Denison; J. P. Preuit, Fort Worth; J. M. McLean and H. Shurman; Terrell; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark.; Savage Bros, Belton, Texas; J. C. Moore, Clarksville, Texas; C. A. Lamb, Dallas, Texas; Fred Emerson, McKinney, Texas; The Norton Poultry Yards of Dallas; Irwin Johnson, Alvarado, Texas; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Texas; Chap Thomas, Frank 10, Robert Graham, A. Peacock, Fort Worth; Rose and Horton B. Porter all of Dallas; Walter Ellisworth, Hillsboro, Texas.

Secretary J. E. Lawther and Superintendent W. L. Terrell are deserving of special mention. It was not only for both of them and they worked like beavers and handled the mammoth undertaking that it was, like veterans. The awards were as follows:

The Norton Poultry Yards of Dallas, won the Texas State Fair gold medal for the largest number of entries and the association \$10 gold special and Sanger Bros. \$5.00 gold special for the largest exhibit.

R. A. Davis of Merit, Texas, won the \$10 gold special for the best display by one exhibitor.

White Plymouth Rocks—Cocks: Charles Halsell, Benbrook, Tex., fourth; T. L. Vaughan, Little Rock, Ark., second and fourth; Cockerels: Norton Poultry Yards, Dallas, first and third; R. A. Davis, Merit, Tex., second; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., first; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., fourth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., fifth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., sixth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., seventh; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., eighth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., ninth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., tenth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., eleventh; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., twelfth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., thirteenth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., fourteenth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., fifteenth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., sixteenth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., seventeenth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., eighteenth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., nineteenth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., twentieth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., twenty-first; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., twenty-second; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., twenty-third; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., twenty-fourth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., twenty-fifth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., twenty-sixth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., twenty-seventh; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., twenty-eighth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., twenty-ninth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., thirtieth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., thirty-first; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., thirty-second; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., thirty-third; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., thirty-fourth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., thirty-fifth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., thirty-sixth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., thirty-seventh; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., thirty-eighth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., thirty-ninth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., fortieth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., forty-first; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., forty-second; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., forty-third; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., forty-fourth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., forty-fifth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., forty-sixth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., forty-seventh; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth, Tex., forty-eighth; J. H. Lang, Bryan, Ark., forty-ninth; J. W. Pittman, Benbrook, Tex., fiftieth.

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Fort Worth office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, ground floor North Hotel building where our friends are invited to call when in the city. W. A. Poague of Waco, was in the city Monday. G. S. White, a Weatherford cowman, was in the city Saturday. W. R. Curtis of Henrietta, spent several days in the city last week. Herndon and Colquitt of Shreveport, La., were in the city Friday. Pink Taylor, who ranches in Brewster county, was in the city Friday. John B. Slaughter is in the city and will remain during the holidays. Jim Nall of Chickasha, T. T., spent several days in the city last week. Fred Horsburgh, manager of the Spur ranch, was in the city Tuesday. J. D. Dumas, who feeds cattle at Clarksville, was in the city Saturday. Gus Harris, the well known cattle feeder of Paris, was in the city Friday. Jim Lynch, the founder of Ponca City, was a visitor in the city Saturday. J. I. McDowell, the banker and cowman of Big Springs, was in the city Friday. Giles Connell, the well known cattle feeder of Dublin, was in the city Thursday. W. R. Moore, the well known cattle feeder of Ardmore, T. T., was in the city Friday. H. A. Wulfin, one of Weatherford's cattlemen, spent several days in the city last week. F. W. Witherspoon of Quanah, was among the visiting cattlemen in the city last week. J. G. Forrest, a member of the firm of Clay-Robinson & Company, was in the city Thursday. C. D. Strawn, D. R. Roak and J. S. Stuart, cattlemen from Strawn, were in the city Saturday. John Lair, the Evans-Snyder-Buel company representative at Baird, was in the city Monday. F. W. Johnson of Pecos, brother of W. D. and J. L. Johnson, is spending several days in the city. Live Stock Agent Col. Jim Wilson, will leave in a few days for Buffalo, where he will spend Christmas. John F. Lyons of the Clay-Robinson company, made a trip West last week to the interest of his company. T. E. Jones of Wichita Falls, who ranches in south Texas, was in the city Tuesday en route to San Antonio. Tom Montgomery, the well known cattlemen of Crosby county, is in the city and will spend the holidays here. A. W. Stahlaker, a cattle dealer at Lakota, was in the city Monday, and made the Journal office a pleasant call. J. C. Stribling of Llano, was in the city Saturday returning from the Indian Territory, where he is wintering cattle. Col. A. P. Bush of Colorado City, was among the visiting cattlemen who spent several days in the city last week. W. T. Anderson of Colorado City, was in the city Wednesday en route to Louisiana points with four cars of horses. R. H. Riley of Decatur, made the Journal office a pleasant call Thursday on his return from a trip through Louisiana. Geo. D. Elliott of Midland, Texas, was in the city Monday. It is reported that he will in future make Fort Worth his headquarters. J. C. Hampton of Caddo, Texas, was on the Fort Worth market to-day with a car of hogs that topped the market, bringing \$9.85. Tom Dofan, a Tom Green cowman, was in the city Saturday, returning from Kansas City. He reports about four inches of snow. H. M. Clark of Monroe City, Mo., an extensive breeder of blooded cattle, was in the city Thursday en route to his Western ranch. L. S. McDowell, who ranches in the Big Springs country, was in the city Tuesday looking for full blood bulls to use on his ranch. Wm. Childers of San Angelo, was in the city Wednesday. While here he made arrangements to put 500 steers on feed at Temple. W. B. Pulliam, the well known San Angelo cowman, was in the city Thursday. He reports the San Angelo country in fine condition. E. B. Hunt, internal revenue collector at Dallas, was in the city Thursday and attended the organization of the Texas Shorthorn association. W. H. King returned Thursday from a trip to the Indian Territory, where he has a large number of cattle on feed. He reports them doing nicely. P. M. DeVitt, who represents the Chicago Live Stock Commission company, returned Thursday from a trip to the Indian Territory. Pony Day, who has been ranching in Dakota for a number of years, and is now interested in a Panhandle ranch was a visitor in the city Tuesday. E. D. Harrington of Midland, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city. Mr. Harrington had some calves on the market recently that netted him \$18.50. James Bryson of Comanche, Texas, who ranches in the San Angelo country, was in the city Tuesday. He re-

ports cattle conditions as very favorable. Lum Dagwell, range manager of the Circle Bar ranch, is spending a few days in the city after an absence of several months. He reports the range in fine condition. Marion Sansom, the well known feeder of Alvarado, was in the city Thursday en route to the Indian Territory, where he purchased a train of good steers to go on feed. A. B. Robertson of Colorado City, was in the city Thursday attending the meeting of the committee that has the National cattle raisers' convention arrangements in charge. General William Hudson of Gainesville, L. B. Brown of Smithfield, J. T. Day of Rhame, V. O. Hildrich of Aledo, were among the visiting Shorthorn breeders, who attended this meeting. G. S. Long of San Angelo, who has a large number of sheep in New Mexico, was in the city Tuesday. He reports his sheep doing finely and thinks this will be a good year for wool and mutton. J. W. Smith, the well known cattlemen of Colorado City, spent several days in the city last week. He says this is the finest of the cowboys, and cattle are doing better now than last summer. W. K. Bell of Palo Pinto, made the Journal office a pleasant call Thursday and promised to write an article for the Journal on Galloway cattle. He is familiar with their history from their origin up to the present time. The following telegram was received by Mr. Frank Crowley from Clay, Robinson & Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago: "Sold 1000 Herick Angus cattle yesterday \$25.25." This is the highest price paid for cattle in eighteen years. E. J. Ashburn, live stock agent of the Illinois Central railroad, was in the city Wednesday, coming from South Texas. He reports the country in fine shape and thinks cattle are doing better now than at any time during the season. T. J. Coggin, one of Merkle's cattlemen, was in the city Wednesday. Speaking of cattle conditions in his section, he said cattle are doing better now than thirty days ago, and it looks like they would winter without any loss. W. L. Krake, formerly traveling agent of the St. Louis National Stock Yards, has been appointed assistant general manager. Mr. Krake has made many friends all over Texas, and they will be glad to hear of his deserved promotion. R. A. Morris of Portals, N. M., was in the city Monday. He says cattle are doing fine on his ranch, and that last year at this time there had been several severe storms, and so far this year there has been no bad weather, and cattle are mending right along. B. T. Ware, who for several years represented Tamblin & Tamblin at Amarillo, has fitted up a handsome office on the corner of Seventh and Main in the Worth hotel building. Mr. Ware will have charge of Tamblin & Tamblin's business in this city, assisted by J. A. Flemming, from their Kansas City office. Chas. Russell, who is interested in cattle feeding, made the Journal office a pleasant call Saturday and paid for four subscribers to the Journal in Iowa. He said the people in his state had a fine idea what well-bred cattle there are in Texas. He is seventy-five years old and says that he walked from N. L. Easton's ranch, five miles north of Fort Worth to Marine post-office, a distance of four miles in forty-three minutes. Mr. Russell says he likes to spend the winters in Texas, and that he derives much benefit from the artesian water. SHORTHORN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION. The Texas breeders of Shorthorn cattle met in the parlors of Hotel Worth on the 14th at Fort Worth and organized the Texas Shorthorn Breeders' association. The following officers were elected: P. B. Hunt of Dallas, Texas, President. J. W. Burgess of Fort Worth, Vice President. J. F. Hovenkamp of Fort Worth, Secretary and Treasurer. It was the most enthusiastic meeting of its kind ever held in the city, and those present expressed the opinion that they should have done this long ago. A constitution and by-laws were adopted. The meeting adjourned to meet again January 16, 1900 at Fort Worth. They hope to have every breeder of Shorthorn cattle in the state enrolled by the time the next meeting is held. NATIONAL LIVE STOCK CONVENTION. The first national live stock convention of the twentieth century, the third annual meeting of the National Live Stock association, which is to convene in this city on Jan. 16, gives every individual of being the most important gathering of live stock men and those interested in the various branches of the industry ever held in the United States. These meetings are essentially business affairs. The leading authorities in the country on live stock subjects will be present to discuss these matters. On the other hand, the feeders of the Northern and Central states take advantage of this occasion to meet the breeders of the South and contract for whatever stock they may require for spring delivery. The various passenger associations have been exceedingly generous in the matter of rates for this occasion. The Western, Northwestern and Colorado Railway associations have made a one-fare round trip rate with a twenty days' limit. This practically covers the entire country from Chicago to the Pacific coast. The Central Traffic association, from Chicago to Buffalo, has made one and one-third rate, from its territory. This action of the transportation companies indicates the importance of the meeting, as well as showing their desire to aid in its success. From information so far received by the general committee, it is estimated

that there will not be less than 5000 delegates and visitors present on this occasion. The work of selecting delegates to the National Live Stock convention is already commenced, and for the information of stockmen generally is published the following general information as to who can be delegates: Every state, territorial, county or other live stock association, whether sheep, cattle, horses or swine, if a member of the association, is entitled to one delegate for every 10,000 head of stock represented, or fraction of that number. Such organizations must first be a member of the association. Each state board of agriculture and each agricultural college is entitled to one delegate, who must pay a fee of \$2.50. Each live stock commission exchange is entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for each twenty-five members, provided said exchange is a member of the association. Each stock yard company, if a member of the association, is entitled to one delegate. Each railway and transportation company is entitled to one delegate, if a member of the association. Each chamber of commerce is entitled to one delegate for every 100 members, if it is a member of the association. Each dairymen's association, if a member of the national association, is entitled to one delegate. Each state irrigation association is entitled to one delegate, if a member of the association. The governor of each state and territory may appoint three delegates at large, who shall each pay a fee of \$25. In counties where there are no stock organizations, the county commissioners may appoint one delegate who must be a stockman and who must pay a fee of \$25.00 each. Only delegates are allowed to vote in the convention. Where any association member is not represented by the full number of delegates to which he is entitled, the delegates present may cast the full vote of such association, provided they have authority from the secretary of association so to do. The delegates appearing as proxy for absent delegates must have written authority from such absent delegate so to act. All live stock associations in the United States are entitled to membership in the national association by paying a membership fee of \$10 and an annual sum of 25 cents per each 1000 head of stock represented. Railway and transportation companies, stock yards companies, live stock exchanges, sanitary boards and similar organizations may become members by paying the membership fee of \$10 and an annual assessment of \$2.50 for each delegate to the convention. Delegates' fees may be paid to the secretary at the convention or may be forwarded in advance. UNAUTHORIZED INSPECTION FEES. Col. Albert Dean, live stock agent of the Bureau of Animal Industry in charge at Kansas City, has sent out the following letter of instructions to each Federal inspector under his charge: Kansas City, Kas., Dec. 11, 1899. Mr. Assistant Inspector, B. A. I.: The United States Department of Agriculture holds that the shipping or driving of live stock from one state or territory into or through another state or territory is interstate commerce, and as congress has provided (act approved May 29, 1884.) for, and the United States Department of Agriculture is now maintaining, a complete and effective inspection on interstate movements of cattle from and through that area of the United States affected with Southern cattle fever, such movements are governed exclusively by United States laws. The department also holds that the levying or collecting by any state or territory officials, of any fees or tax on neat cattle (being the products) of another state or territory in interstate commerce, is illegal, being unconstitutional (decisions of United States Supreme Court). You are hereby instructed that any inspection of cattle by a state or territorial official, made at a point outside of the boundary lines of the state or territory to which such official is accredited, is of no effect whatever, being without warrant of law and unconstitutional. You are further instructed that cattle that have been inspected and certified by an inspector of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry as free from Southern cattle fever infection (boophilus bovis) have a right to go into any state or territory and be sold without further inspection on the taxation of inspection fees. However, after such animals have come into a state and have become a part of the property of that state, they are subject to state laws. You are to co-operate with the live stock sanitary authorities of the state where stationed in all legitimate methods, but it would be clearly improper to aid or abet in any unauthorized inspection or collection of fees. THE CENSUS INVESTIGATION OF IRRIGATION. A special effort will be made by the Division of Agriculture of the twelfth census of the United States to collect and tabulate important data relating to irrigation in the arid and semi-arid regions of the United States. A preliminary schedule has been prepared and will soon be sent out to obtain the names of corporations and individuals owning canals or ditches. This is one of the essential steps for securing desired information regarding the extent and value of the canals and ditches used for irrigation, and their sources of water supply. In the preliminary schedule a request is made for the names of the principal canals or ditches in no order, but down stream, the ditches to the right (looking down stream) being arranged on the first page of the list, and those heading to the left on the last page. Request is also made for the name and postoffice address of some person who can give detailed information concerning each ditch. The preliminary schedule now in course of preparation will be mailed to the addresses thus obtained calling for further data, which will be supplemented by detailed statistics gathered by the census enumerators. It should be noted by all interested in the subject that these various inquiries of the census office in no way conflict with, or duplicate the work with reference to irrigation which is being conducted by any other depart-

ment of state. The most nearly related inquiry of that of the geological survey, which, like that of the census, is under the more immediate direction of Mr. F. H. Newell, the special agent for irrigation in the twelfth census, and hydrographer of the geological survey. The fact that Mr. Newell has supervision of this work in the twelfth census guarantees its efficiency and its value to the arid and semi-arid regions. It will be readily apparent that the volume and value of these statistics will depend very largely upon the attention and interest shown therein by those engaged in irrigation and it is earnestly hoped that all to whom the collection of such data will appreciate the importance of the request and make prompt and careful reply. In this way only will it be possible to make the most complete and accurate irrigation full and complete. In order to obtain a full understanding and an intelligent appreciation of the possible development of the arid and semi-arid regions of the West, a general knowledge of the progress actually made is of vital importance. An accurate knowledge of irrigation will impart such general knowledge, and will be of great benefit to all those concerned in redeeming arid lands. The future development of this vast territory of our domain will be greatly advanced by a comprehensive compilation of facts relating to its irrigation, such as contemplated by the twelfth census. THAT TIRED FEELING Can be cured by the Cotton Belt route. One of the holiday tickets is the state Call at city ticket office, No. 700 Main street, and ask Adams about it. Information always on tap, free for all. Half rates to the old states. Tickets will be on sale via the Cotton Belt route Dec. 20, 21 and 22, good to return any time within 30 days, and to visit your old home, at half the usual cost, this is your opportunity. Write and tell us where you want to go, and we will tell you what your ticket will cost, what train to take to make the best time and connections, and anything else we can to make your trip pleasant. Cotton Belt trains will carry through coaches with reclining chair cars, in addition to the splendid regular service of parlor cafe cars (meals a la carte) and Pullman sleepers. Passengers on the Cotton Belt avoid ferry transfers and disagreeable lay-overs both going and returning. Any information given with pleasure by A. S. Wagner, C. P. and T. A., 237 Main street, Dallas, Texas. MORE REDUCED RATES. The Texas and Pacific Railway company will sell round trip tickets on December 19th and 20th limited to thirty days for return, at regular Christmas rates, to St. Louis, Mo., Cairo, Ill.; points in Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Mexico. For dates of sale to Southeastern States see another notice in this paper. See nearest ticket agent or write H. B. Hughes, traveling passenger agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, general passenger agent, Dallas, Texas. DURING THE years that have elapsed since the Rock Island first completed its line through Texas, this company has constantly been engaged in turning the tide of emigration to the Lone Star State. That the effort has been successful is proved by the presence of thousands of families scattered throughout our fertile counties and growing cities. Now, for the double purpose of allowing these friends to visit their homes at the old home and the same time sound praises of Texas, it has been decided to offer Christmas holiday tickets at one fare for round trip to points in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. The selling dates are Dec. 19 and 20, with thirty days limit for return. Additional details can be procured from any coupon ticket agent or by addressing CHAS. B. SLOAT, G. P. A., Fort Worth, Texas. Horse Owners! Use COMBAULT'S Caustic Balm A Safe Speedy and Positive Cure The Greatest Best BLISTER ever used. Takes out all Blisters or Blisters from Horrors and all other eruptions on the skin. It is a safe and positive cure for all eruptions on the skin. It is a safe and positive cure for all eruptions on the skin. It is a safe and positive cure for all eruptions on the skin. DR. W. B. WEST, Specialist. Skin, Genito-Urinary and Venereal Diseases. Office—Scott-Harrod Building, entrance Main or Houston Sts., corner 2nd St., Fort Worth, Texas. "A GREAT CATCH" Caught Without Fishing For. Something That Stockmen Should Know. Realizing from practical experience the necessity of a reliable and efficient method of removing parasites from horses, the inventor has discovered a safe and positive cure for all eruptions on the skin. It is a safe and positive cure for all eruptions on the skin. It is a safe and positive cure for all eruptions on the skin. DR. J. ALLEN, Graduate Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist. PHONE 339. Residence 704 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth.

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