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SOME PIONEER HISTORY OF THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

Early Conditions in the Southwest Ably Reviewed By Philip H. Hale, Formerly Assistant Editor of the Old Texas Stock-Journal, and Now of St. Louis.

delivered before the semi-annual meet- ing a few average animals, and he asing of the Southern Live Stock Associa- sured me they were fat as pigs, corn tion last week was that by Philip H. fed, weiged 1,600 pounds, and the price of the industry, and the subsequent few high sales stood head and shouldyears he was in touch with the cattle years. interests of the great southwest through the live stock newspaper profession qualified his immensely to talk on early conditions in the cattle industry and development. Mr. Hale

"I was not able to give this subject the attention it deserves. A thorough examination of the international condia longer period that I had to devote to it, and would require more time to explain than you have to listen. I will, therefore, take the subject casually and present a few of the impressions I have obtained in reporting markets and living in touch with the cattle trade for a number of years.

"I recollect the first time the subject of cattle values was brought to my notice. I was in a stage coach on the old millions of buffalo which did not appear tinually had their heads and tails up

other man to keep out of the cattle busine .. He said that a stock of cattle to drive beef cattle all the way to the them to St. Louis or Chicago was much to raise cattle, but the great

difficulty was to realize upon them. CATTLE AT \$7.50 PER HEAD

that year netted the owners about \$10 market ought to be and I try to find living in some other business which you to \$14.50 per head on the average, and out how it is.' the highest priced load brought something over \$17. The steers netted \$14 I was not conversant with the native the extreme range for choice heavy cattle was very much as now-lots of

Christmas top of 7 cents per pound. "As showing that cattle were not always held at a high price. I remember the sensation that the sale of a famous brand of cattle caused in Texas in the year 1881. It was the Millet stock branded with a hash knife. There were 35,000 head in the brand, and it required \$350,000 to buy them, the price being day. \$10 per head. Since then similar stocks of cattle have paid good profits on a valuation of \$25 per head.

PRIME CATTLE AT \$2.50 "Concerning the old-time price of

cattle fifty years ago. On one of his are matured, sold, slaughtered and forbind the trade. When the time came cannot possibly occur again, to receive the cattle he offered to lose the earnest money rather than take grown up a number of markets in the to be made, for there is no waiting to them, but the seller required him to western territory, over 9,000,000 of realize the profits longer than is necesreceive the cattle. They had to esti- cattle were marketed, and the average sary to sell the first half crop."

CONDITIONS IN 1880

"In considering the beef cattle conditions, I generally go back to the year population was 50,000,000. Omaha had not yet become a cattle market; Kansas City was in its infancy; and, with St. Louis and Chicago, the total cattle marketed were 2,051,000 head. These tions affecting the beef trade requires three markets were beginning to represent the clearing houses for the surplus beef-producing states, and upon them were concentrated all the buying

the trade.

was worth but \$6.50 around, and that are buying them up as fast as they doubt for a moment that he will suc- scarcity of feed, continued storms and The packers began to combine ceed in extending his connections, shipping points of Kansas and then ship about twenty years ago and have been simply to give them away. His beef their business without cattle, and it combining ever since. They can't run had netted him but \$12 to \$15 per He admitted that it did not cost er than yours. If so, it will take two

to make a bargain. MUST CONFORM TO CONDITIONS "In considering the market condigreatly at the time. Eight years later tions, it is necessary not to be too much up a few thousand acres of land and onto the Northern Pacific tracks and purchased cattle in Texas, paying of a partisan. The cattle raiser who \$7.50 per head for a stock consisting thinks cattle prices ought to be high the transaction shows that no material I once knew a wool commission meradvance bad occurred in the meantime chant, in Boston, whose capacity as in the price of cattle. In the year a statistician was above the average. 1880 in Texas there were two cattle- I formed a high opinion of him and shipping points—Fort Worth and he always had the information that Gainesville. It so happened that I af- I was looking for. But he was a terward became interested in the mar- failure on the market and had to quit ket price of beef cattle, and, being for the commission business. He asked a here and they will pick out the fairest the time the assistant editor of the friend of his who was notoriously suc-Texas Live Stock Journal, the price cessful in the same line, why it was of every load of cattle was reported that one succeeded and the other failed. to me. My recollection is that the fat The answer of the successful man was cows marketed from northern Texas | this: 'You try to nd out how the

"Coming back again to the statistical feature of the subject, we nd that the to \$20 as a rule and two or three large population had increased to 62,600,000 shipments went up to \$26 per head. by the year 1890, and the marketing of cattle on the great western markets cattle trade, but the records show that had increased to 6,202,000 head a year, "Ten years later the census of 1900 gave us a population of 76,303,000 and them at \$4.50 to \$5.50, and with a a fair estimation of the population today is 80,000,000. The census of 1900 enumerated 67,822,336 cattle in the country, and, while we reasonably estimate an increase of about 4,000,000 in population since the census was taken, the department of agriculture issues figures showing a decrease in cattle down to 61,049,315 head at the present

HOME DEMAND ENLARGING.

"In the twenty years from 1880-to 1900 a great factor in increasing the beef cattle production was earlier maturity, brought about by improving the beef cattle I am reminded that one of breeds of cattle. Thirty years ago it our pioneer live stock commission men required four years to mature a steer, at St. Louis was a speculator in beef whereas now nearly all improved cattle put their surplus money into it. cattle and paid \$100 earnest money to such an increase in so short a time

"Here, then, we have seen an increase be classed as extraordinary, all bought and paid for, just as though there had een no increase whatsoever. Where formerly the export demand was the chief factor in making a price on the market, it is now only a secondary consideration, because the home demand s enlarging day by day.

VALUES WILL AVERAGE HIGHER "I am of the opinion that the average rice of beef cattle will be better and igher during the next twenty years than during twenty years past. I base it upon the impossibility to arrest the increase in population and upon grave doubts' which I have that cattle raisers One of the most interesting addresses mate the weight of the drove by weigh- will be able to keep up with the increased demands. I have the same opinion in regard to pork and mutton, therefore do not fear any surplus of Hale, editor of the National Farmer and he wished to get out of paying for hogs or sheep satisfying the extra de-Stock Grower of St. Louis. Mr. Hale them was 21/2 cents per pound. I men- mands for beef. I am of the opinion served his apprenticeship in the live tion these early transactions because that the foreign demand is more likely stock business among the ranches and the average memory of a cattleman to be better than worse; therefore excattlemen of Texas in the early days goes back to the year 1882, when a pect something from that direction. I do not mean that beef cattle raising experience he gained in the score of ers above the actual average of many will be a bonanza business. I am not encouraging the idea that a man will get \$70 for a steer that cost him \$25 to raise; but I do mean that if a cattle raiser will do his part in producing good cattle economically he need have no fear of the market. There will be "ups and downs" in prices and the "ups and downs" will apparently be without reason; but, one year with another,

I mention these things because I am the one hand and often complaining to be very wild and occasionally we one of the few men who don't get of his conduct, he is working very hard excited when I am told that a few men for you in the determination to find er cannot extend his trade without ex-

> FEARS THE LAND TRUST values is land; that agriculture is reduced to a science; that one can tence by trains improve the grasses on it and fill it up huddled up in draws to escape the fury with scrub cattle, and, by using pure-Europe, where they find the land owna few years the capitalists will come plantations; they will give you your price for the land and set you and your families out on the highway and after you have expended part of the money received you will have to rustle for a

do not understand. A SIGN OF THE TIMES

"If I was asked to whom I could go to get a better opinion than my in regard to the future of beef cattle. should naturally answer that the beef packer ought to know. I might go and ask questions and receive an amount of information for my pains, but'I would doubt if they meant what they said. therefore judge them by their works, have heard that every son of Swift & company has been provided with a cattle ranch. I have seen the blooded cattle owned by the head of the house of Armour & Co. One of the largest stock farmers and ranch owners in America is Nelson Morris of Chicago. I could extend the list much longer. Why are they swer the question exactly, but they are not the kind of people to be in business

"If they knew any better business than cattle raising they would probably

"Beef production combined with and voted to other uses. In the process of and is using as pastures. "Last year, in '1903, there having beef production there are no sacrifices

the conference in response to the call is- 15, simultaneously with a car load lot exhibit of steers and heifers from all sections, with \$19,000 to be offered as prizes. This amount will be divided equally between the car load lot or range cattle and a show of pure breds from below the quarantine line. The Shorthorn, Hereford and Aberdeen-Angus breeds will be rep-

> The following resolution was unani-"Resolved, that the management of the and prize list for the exhibits of southern

Reports From the Range in That State Are Far From Cheerful

Even to arrive at an approximately orrect estimate of the winter's losses on the range at this time would tax the capacity of an expert, says the Billings, Mont., Gazette. That there have been some losses, almost everyone north part of town. Ernest Keathly is who has either sheep of cattle running at large is willing to concede, but no two can agree on the percentage of their losses. Those who are inclined terms in this city as the chief state witte to take a pessimistic view of the situation contend that the will reach is known by many people in this county. a high figure, while the more optimistically minded insist that they will ter supply a little short, and the railroad reach no more than the usual average. company has just put down in the city a From the extreme eastern part of the well of its own for the purpose of supply state comes repeats that are discourag- ing its trains. Good water to the depth of the entire winter has been much more big tank is now easily filled severe than in this locality and con- Winfield Scott of Fort Worth came in sequency it is admitted that the losses yesterday on business with his partner, will be greater. Gledive announces the A. B. Robertson. beef cattle raising will be the best and easiest branch of 'agricultural husasiest branch of 'agricultural husandry.

ENTERPRISE OF PACKERS

"Included in the many reasons which pearance of the deep snow that covered and the control of the deep snow that covered and the covered and the covered and the covered and the covered interests of the continent.

"Now we have almost as many western and southern markets as we had individual buyers. Chicago received wire reports from eleven markets, which are quoted in connection with exercise the energian peer to the many reasons which in the many reasons which is a good future market in a good future market is an abiding faith in the resistless enterprise and the unfailing earnestness of would certainly find their holdings decline to a considerable extent. The word down showed the extent of the deep snow that covered the range. Persons arriving there and the cattle which are quoted in connection with chicago reports, and when the beef packers were under investigation recently for buying cattle as cheap as cuit north and then eastward from San Antonio to Dallas, Texas. It was a high as they were able, it developed way, they are just as likely as not to gether in bands for warmth. If no summer's day in the year 1872, and we that a telegraph code, mentioning such find a packer's agent selling beef to more cold weather intervened between were taking a round-about journey packing houses as were supposed to be the natives. While you are working now and the time for a permanent through an open country containing important, included forty-five names. very hard for the American packer on breakup, it was stated the remaining flocks would pull through.

some reports anything but cheerful. control the market for beef cattle. I a cash market for his goods and your Many cattle are said to have perished ready to stampede at the sight of a stage coach or a few horsemen.

"Two others were with me in the bination. I understand that more of the market to be tatted. Own. The secret of success in business is in getting some one to work in the competition as well as the competition as well as the competition. I understand that more for you without actually paying them a are placed as high as 29 per cent. Catstage, one of them a cattle ranchman packing houses were erected in the year stipulated salary, and that is where the drifted badly during the last storms or cattle drover. He was advising the 1903 than any year in the history of the beef raiser is fortunate. The pack- and many left the range on the north side of the Yellowstone and made their "I also understand the big packers tending your trade and you need not appearance on the river beyond. The great depth of snow caused them to become weak and they were in poor condition to withstand a long siege of "I have only one fear in regard to condition to withstand a long siege of American agriculture. I do not dread Wiley Cuther Recently riders left with the condition of the cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the condition to withstand a long siege of cold weather the cold w American agriculture. I do not dread the beef trust, the grain trust, the steel trust, the harvester trust, but I do fear trust trust, the harvester trust, but I do fear trust trus the land trust. The capitalist class appears they wandered south again has discovered that the basis of all and appeared further east, where they are said to have been killed last week

of the storm. of cows, calves, yearlings and 2-year- all the time is liable to lose by not bred bulls, can gradually improve them Reports from the range of the Black olds. This was in the year 1880, and preparing for a lower range in values. until the cattle and the land will be paying profits on several times more gis, Belle Fourche and some of the than the original cost. They travel in other centers of the cattle industry there comes the news of heavy losses, ers are the people who have the highest particularly by the larger concerns. The cattle drifted from their ranges and determine to buy them estates. In and were driven into the settlements, where they could obtain neither food nor water. There they remained for days and gradually became so weak that when an effort was made to drive them back to where they could secure The deep snow that covered the range for weeks was still further increased last week by the fall of almost two feet, thereby adding to the gravity of the situation confronting the herds-

> The smaller outfits are reported as not losing anything. They have their severely. There are a few reports of cattle confined within winter pasturage, besides they have hay to feed in

As viewed by many familiar with the onditions prevailing on what was formerly the great range country of western South Dakota, the present winter will have witnessed about the last of the large outfits. The heavy losses sustained will have a tendency to break up the open range system. The Hmits are narrowed by fences and Santa Fe system, in an interview conditions are bad and because the increase in settlers are yearly becoming worse for those dependent upon the uation in the southwest, so far as cliopen range for winter feed for their matic conditions are concerned,

As has been previously published in especially there has been an unusually these columns, one of the largest cutfits in that region, the Franklin Cattle company, abandoned the field last this winter. While the grass was not fall and sold a majority of its anifials the best when winter came on, owing cattle hity years ago. On one of his are markets not displacing any interest existing in and removed the femainder into Ne- to the open winter, cattle are in fairly agreed to purchase a fine lot of beef expanded to receive this increase, and the south, can double the value of the braska, where it has bought large pasture lands and fertilize the lands de- tracts of land, which it has enclosed move to the northwest as early

Local stockmen do not view the sit- northwest up to within the last three uation as gloomily as their competitors weeks indicate that on the upper Misfurther east. They say that while there sourt and in the Yellowstone country ave been undoubtedly some losses of Montana and in the Dakotas cor they occur every winter-the spring siderable damage has been done by coundup will be a surprise to those snowstorms, causing sufficient uncer carry stock through the winter. In many places the range was bare and known until the regular round-up asso. whenever snow fell it remained only ciation meeting in Montana and the Da-a short time because of the frequency kotas, in April, it is hard to determine of the chinooks. Furthermore, they at this time just what the demand from

say, the winter hereabouts was an ex- that direction will be; but from the agceptionally mild one, which of itself gregate opinion of those who are most affairs of the live stock department of was an important matter in their favor familiar with affairs up in the north-John M. Simpson, Dallas, Texas, F. S. the universal exposition by Hon. F. D. Co- and should not be Perlooked in esti- west it will be safe to estimate Kreisman, Tascosa, Texas, and Messrs. burn, the chief of the department, has mating losses. At no time was the there will be a demand for 150,000 the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas; and the same is hereby endorsed and Walter P. Stewart, Jacksboro, Texas, and commended, and that he be and is hereby commended, and that he be and is hereby they say, it is an easy matter to recall vent it." instances when prayers were breeding cattle and the show of car load der to afford the moisture needed for for more snow than had fallen, in or stock, as drought was more feared to catch a full crop of Texas cattle for than anything else. The only thing The following named special committee they look for, unless some unusual enferred with Chief Coburn regarding and totally unexpected changes should will be found thinner than ordinarily

NEWS OF WEST TEXAS

COLORADO, Texas, March 19 .- (Special.)-Tom Trammel, banker and stock-

man of Sweetwater, has spent the past two days here, selling out a car of fine young Hereford bulls from Independence,

At the last land rush at Gail, the red ibbon or settler crowd, got all the land as pefore, but it cost them about as much as the ordinary bonus. Guff Beal, whose cattle are out in How-

ord county, says his cattle still have plenty of grass to eat and water to drink, otwithstanding the long drouth. Seven fires broke out in town last week, and very much aroused the people.

awhile it was feared a fire bug was abroad. The fires came so thick and fast that the water in the stand pipe was pretty well exhausted. But little property of consequence was destroyed.

The case of Ben Gray, charged with criminal assault, which was transferred from this county to Taylor, resulted in a mistrial, the jury standing there just as Jim Miller, who recently killed Frank

The long drouth has made the city wa The weather there throughout ninety feet stands in the well and their

A Belle Fourche, S. D., dispatch

The small cattle owners on the range here have fared well this winter in still heavier-losses if there are an severe storms during the month are attributed largely to the lack noisture on the range during the par no winter to speak of at all until the of the streams and water holes are within the enclosures of the small among the creatures of the range an has reduced them to pitlable straits.

The small owners have in most in necessary to give much feed to their tioned a number of range riders from alarming state. Many are dving and thers present mere skeletons. Large a day's ride on the range. Most o these belong to herds that have drifted in during the last few months from other ranges. The animals have ac cumulated against fences and other barriers, and rather than face the piercing winds they remain until staryation reaches a dangerous stage. Th native cattle of the big outfits have

not fared so badly. Cattlemen declare that the present winter is the most severe they have known since 1886. They expect 10 re roundup in the spring. The destruc tion of cattle this year is from a cause different from that of seventeen years ago. Then the cattle starved; this winter they are perishing of thirst.

loss, but in most cases it is from cold The thermometer has indicated from 20 to 25 degrees below zero, and even cattle in good flesh have frozen.

IN THE PECOS VALLEY

W. P. Anderson, live stock agent of stated

usually favorable. In the Panhandle mild winter and the cattle of that coun try have hardly had their backs wet good condition and will be ready t usual. The weather reports from th

"Since the exact condition will not be

Kansas pasture men are holding their grass a little too high this year grazing purposes. Unless there is a material reduction in the price a number of Texas ranchmen will seek some other outlet for their stuff.

If you are pleased with this paper, try and get your neighbor interested in it also. He will thank you for having called his attention to it when he has become acquainted with it,

Announcement Made that Interstate Rates Will be Abolished April 1

Commercial Agent Clements of the Tex- from Fort Worth to Big Springs. s and Pacific yesterday received a cirlicit interstate live stock business. This ness from the stockmen. ating on the line of the Texas and Pa- than the date mentioned above.

of the company has been the basis of came. nd that under such conditions the comany does not care to solicit the business.

The order says that beginning April 1, 1904, the Texas and Pacific will abolish conclusion letter, detailing the conclusion interstate joint live stock rates in car-teached by that company that hereafter load lots in connection with other roads, o especial efforts will be made to so- and will not after that date seek busi-

etion will not interfere with the handling this action by the Texas and Pacific, and of local live stock shipments, nor the have also asked that live stock tariffs be ovement of interstate shipments origi- revised accordingly, effective not later

It is said that there is now a law on In his circular to Mr. Clements, General the statutes that will force two or more reight Agent Sargent states that this roads to make through billing on internclusion has been reached after giving state business. This order of the Texas he matter due consideration, and assigns and Pacific will greatly affect the cattlea reason for the steps to be taken by men in the west part of the state, from he company that the live stock business which point most of the cattle shipments However, it will not apply to shipthe damage claims brought against the ments of live stock from that section to Texas and Pacific company. Mr. Sargent the Fort Worth market, and instead of urther says that 44 per cent of the dam-ge suits filed against the company for it to this market.

he six months ending March 1, are due to Similar action was taken by the Cotton actions brought by shippers of live stock. Belt, which is also a Gould property, two years ago, and since that time live stock business has not been solicited by that te further states that most of these suits company. All live stock agents were disave originated on the Rio-Grande di- pensed with and no especial efforts have vision, which is that part of the line west been made for the business.

IS IN TROUBLE

Ira Yates of San Angelo, In- An Enterprising Frenchman of Swindling

There was dismissed from the criminal norning a case against a prominent tockman from San Angelo, about which

The defendant in the case was Ira G. prominent stockmen of Tom Green county trial this morning there appeared as wit-State Senator Hill, of San Angelo National bank of that city and a number of other prominent men from that sec

There are some interesting circumgrew out of a transaction in the Coney sland saloon in this city during the carnival of January, 1903, and which the ollecting a gambling debt.

tubilee of 1903, and like a number of other cattlemen, was about the Coney Island saloon a great deal. He patron ized the games in the place and lost con Powers & Truesdale, the proprietors, lraft on the First National bank of San ness and where he had money on de-

that the draft had not been presented cured an old incubator and gone into the for collection, and feeling that he could business in his \$1.50 a week hall bedroom not afford at that time to pay it, he ordered its flayment stopped. The pro-prietors of the Coney Island wrote to cant woodshed in the neighborhood and intil last December when Powers & for the frying pan. and procured an indictment against Mr. Yates, charging him with swindling.

Yates heard that he had been indicted nd did not wait for the sheriff to arrest

dligence to procure the attendance of the which are to be taken. eashier and contended that as they had the president of the bank present, who would testify that Mr. Yates at the time place state inspectors in the field, of giving the check had money in his whose duty it will be to make personal bank, the state should be ready to pro-

ed in the case by Victor W. Moore, counsel for Powers & Truesdale, Insisted the supervision of the state inspector. upon the continuance and the attorneys the owner of the sheep paying all the for the defense insisted upon a trial or cost. Scabby sheep from this section a dismissal and the latter resulted. will be rigidly quarantined, as will the dismissal and the latter resulted. dismissed a new complaint was sworn positively refuse to permit the shipout against Yates in Justice Spencer's ment of sheep of the state uncourt embracing the same charge and less such shipment is accompanied by the was rearrested and gave bond. The preliminary hearing came up this after-noon at 3 o'clock.—El Paso Herald,

The scab works contrary to this law it every point. The "scab," therefore, Is a psychological suicide.

RAISED CHICKENS IN HIS BEDROOM

Started Infant Industry in Lodging House

SEATTLE, Wash., March 19 .- Pierre locket in Judge Wathall's court this Grosjea, an enterprising Frenchman, who as a "captain of industry." This mornvery little for some reason has been said although the catter has been in the courts since last December. in the excited landlord of a lodging house Yates, one of the most substantial and man, so the landlord reported, had rented small bedroom some weeks previous, and the charge against him was that of and had lived very quietly, even doing swindling. When the case was called for his own chamber work so as to have his privacy undisturbed. There had been no complaint against the lodger, and the landlord said that it pained him to report George E. Webb, president of the First the matter, but he had discovered that the Frenchman had embarked on a business of raising chickens extensively in his bedroom, a thriving brood of some four dozen infant chickens having that mornstances connected with the case which ing been hatched by an incubator which found frantically trying to hush the ounds made by the hungry chickens when friends of Mr. Yates claim is a case of the health officer called at his room. He nyolking criminal law for the purpose of was feeding them bread crumbs and talked soothingly in baby jargon to the mystified chickens. But they could not he persuaded to take shelter under the wings of a red flannel hen with glass eyes hat the thoughtful poultry fancier had provided for them.

Pierre explained that he had sought work for a long time, and being unable to obtain it, had acted on the suggestion Angelo, where he has always done busi- of a friend who kept a small restaurant. The friend had promised Pierre that he would buy all the chickens that he could Returning home a week later he found raise, and having no farm. Pierre had pro-The enterprising Frenchman and his im about the matter and he told them the industry begun in so novel a way ne would pay them when he felt better promises to net the inventive Pierre a neat the to do so. The matter dragged along sum when the brood grows large enough

DEPREDATIONS OF SCAB.

- Scab among sheep in Southern Colorado has increased in the last two who believe the end has come. While tainty to delay trading the delay trading trading trading trading the delay trading trad Rean, Bowden & Bryan, announced in Trinidad, consulting with Dr. J. ready for trial. The state announced not Foreman, inspector of the United ready and asked to have the case con- States bureau of animal industry, in tinued because the cashier of the San charge of the district of Colorado and Angelo bank was not present. The de-New Mexico for the purpose of defense showed that the state had not used ciding upon the necessary measures

Arrangements have been made inspection of all the sheep ranges and wherever scab is found and the sheep The district attorney, who was assist- have not been dipped by the owners they will have to be dipped Within half an hour after the case was ranges, and the federal inspectors will the state inspector.

The price of yearling steers this spring will range from \$12.50 to \$14 around, according to quality,

\$20,000 PREMIUMS ON RANGE CATTLE Offered by World's Fair for Exhibition to Be Held

About November 15

ST. LOUIS, March 19 .- (Special.) - The Louisiana Purchase Expositon management, in compliance with the requirement the World's Fair loan, has set aside \$20,-000 for a quarantine and range cattle show, following the regular series of exposition live stock shows at St. Louis this fall. This was decided upon at a con-

sued by President Francis: T. J. Wor-American Aberdeen-Angus Association; O. H. Swigart, Champaign, Iil., representing the American Galloway Breeders' Asas, Paul Wilson, Pueblo, Colo. and E. B. Frayser, Vinita, I. T., representing the National Live Stock Association; Colonel J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, with Mr. horn Breeders' Association. Paul Wilson of the Colorado World's Fair commission also represented the Colorado Stock Growof the recent congress in connection with ers' and Pueblo County Stock Growers Associations. The St. Louis National Stock Yards, commission interests, and the live stock press also had represen-

At a conference of a special committee ference with representatives of the southern and range cattle interests by President Francis, Director Skiff and Chief Coburn at St. Louis March 15-17.

The following delegates were present at of the quarantine line about November and other arrangements for the show will be announced as soon as prepared and approved by the exposition management.

The following delegates were present at of the quarantine line about November incentive to self preservation.

nall, Liberty, Mo., and B. O. Cowan, Chicago, representing the American Short= horn Breeders' Association; L. H. Kerrick. Bloomington, Ill., representing the sociation; A. P. Bush, Jr., Colorado, Tex-Wortham, representing the Texas Short-

resented in the latter.

the details of the show: Messrs. Bush, occur before now and the time for the Hovenkamp, Kerrick, Wornall, Wortham new grass to appear, is that stock and other arrangements for the show will

Canners 1.50@2.00 Fat fed bulls 2.25@2.65 Fed yearlings 3.00@3.25

MARKET RECEIPTS FOR WEEK.

TUESDAY. Harmoson & Wilson, Justin E. L. Williams, Farmersvile
J. A. Womble, Farmersville William Arthur, McGregor J. M. Panche, Clifton Nail & Couglin, Van Alstyne William Simpson, Paradise Charles E. Hicks, Hicks Meadow S. E. W., La Grange Ingraham Bros., West A. W. Hall, Georgetown J. D. L., Hillsboro Russell, Waco John Combs, Waco Pearson, Sulphur Springs J. H. York, Wills Point F. Crowley, Cisco 64 W. G. Fowler, Corsicana R. H. Brown, Corsicana W. B. Sweatman, Corsicana Tinkle Wilson, Corsicana C. H. De Lafoe. Corsicana Wilson, Corsicana Harmoson & W., Justin 46 J. J. A. Balley, Waxahachie

 Cows
 2.50
 James Crawford, Purcell, I. T.
 6
 8.
 89

 Calves
 5.50
 G. T. Thompson, Justin
 13
 2
 995

 Bulls
 2.75
 J. M. Cradle, Cameron
 73
 18
 840

 Hogs
 5.45
 B. P. Marshall, Lindsay, I. T
 80
 1
 1,080

 Sheep
 3.75
 J. M. Tennery, Ardmore, I. T
 104
 2
 850

 C. H. Ferris, Custer City
 83
 14
 .771

 C. H. Ferris, Custer City
 83
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in small drafts sold at prices ranging be- F. 9..... 882 \$2.85 2....1.055 2.65 2.55 1.... 770 955 2.30

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hope they all had a nice time, and be with us next year.

Receipts of cattle this week have been light, about 5,600 head. Receipts of hogs 93... 165 5.07½ 1... 210 5.10 14... 136 4.50 yery good, some 8,500 head. Receipts of hogs 94... 164 4.85 10... 128 4.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 26... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 36... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 36... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 36... 112 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 36... 128 4.25 sheep very light and are in demand. We 36... 128 4.25 sheep very light and are in demand. 128 4.35 83... 112 3.25 sheep very light and are in demand. 128 sheep very light and are in demand. 128 sheep very light and guote the market as follows:

Choice heavy fed steers.....\$3.40@3.75

Medium weight fed sters.....\$25@3.50.

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WEDNESDAY. CATTLE -

 $\begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 58 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1,330 \\ 1 & \dots & 1,140 \end{bmatrix}$ D. Bumpass, Abilene 87 1.... 890

Mrs. Fannie Hora, Cisco 54 6 833

20 Brigham & Finley, Celina 60 22 701

54 M. F. Thompson, Brady 51 4 5647

W. C. McChristey, Hico 36 3 873

Watson & D. Penelope 45 1 640

L. Vettior, Otto, Texas 25 1 640

King Bros., Ennis 51 3 672

 22
 Crook & Gilpin, Mount Pleasant
 186
 8.
 240

 54
 J. A. Bassett, Kosee
 87
 8.
 311

 39
 I. S. Kichardson, Boyd
 167
 8.
 276

 42
 R. C. Ridley, Marlow, I. T.
 73
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 185

 58
 R. L. Lyle, Marlow, I. T.
 61
 2.
 260

 56
 Rounds & F., Hennessey, Okla
 92
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 H. O. Dutton, Cordell, Okla
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 374

46 J. Howard, Alvord 41 26 ...1,033 85 S. P. Stone, Itasca 34 30 962

 Bartholomew & B., Franklin
 99
 D. C. Brant, Weatherford
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 N. E. Weatherbee, Huntsville
 62
 John Long, Ector
 40
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 600

 N. B. Blair, Maypearl
 63
 W. A. Fitzgerald, Ector
 32
 25
 1,410

 B. Smith, Fate
 87
 W. P. A. Deming, N. M.
 48
 990

 F. Arnett, Pilot Point
 55
 Anderson & L. Deming, N. M.
 26
 1
 1,200

 L. R. Hays & Son, Gainesvile
 48
 E. D. Harrington, Odessa
 56
 1
 860

 B. & B., Waxahachie
 62
 H. M. L., Easland
 46
 2
 1,175

 F. W. Brown, Corsicana
 31
 R. R. Glanton, Dublin
 20
 1
 972

 W. G. Fowler, Corsicana
 38
 R. B. Moore, Dublin
 45
 17
 942

 J. B. Wallace, Brownwood
 34
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 670

J. R. Skinner, Skeedee, Okla...... 78 Ingraham & Woolsey, Mulhall, Okla. 81

F. B. Gallion, Arapahoe, Okla..... 91

Norris, Detroit Norris, Betroit 200 Jorgeson, Agra, Okla 95 24 345
P. Stone, Itasca 78 9 371 List & Hill, Dawson 56

J. P. Z., Longview 55 F. H. Spharlin, Henderson 35 2.35 H. Daugherity, Winsboro 60 69.... 241 Mars & Marshall, Commerce 3.35 R. B. Wisherant, Plano 25 80..... 1.75 H. H. Murray, Mineral Wells \$2.50 J. Price, Stephenville 2.25 H. H. Murray, Wills Point

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TUESDAY

4.75

4.00

3.10

2.90

31.... 177

26....1,028

30.... 842

26.... 822

28.... 781

5.... 524

1.....1,230

22.... 681

No. Ave. Price

No. Ave. Price

1.....1,400

17....1,030

31.....1,197

26....1,043

26....1.034

3.....1,036

12..... 836

29..... 814

17.....1,180

1.....1,040

1.... 770

12..... 875

1.... 890 10..... 892

5.... 782

2..... 915

5.... 698 1.... 650

27..... 651

19..... 813 689

1.....610

2.... 701

1..... 180

41.... 456

1.... 310

1..... 80

2..... 325

1.... 200

6.... 400

6.... 307

83..... 213

14.... 215

73..... 220 68..... 194 85..... 188

91..... 182

156.... 113

104..... 176

6.... 227

1..... 180

18..... 114 1..... 140

1.... 150

13..... 898

1..... 740 4..... 470

1....1,460

2..... 540

1.... 587

1.....1,120

10..... 678

20.... 218 13.... 233

51..... 198

4.... 161 11.... 134

12..... 100

35.... 225

7..... 456

1.... 340 2.00

2.... 905

2.25

17.... 411

No. Ave.

2.50

2.40

2.....1,385

HOGS

STEERS

2.80

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3.25

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4.25 \$2.60 2.60

2.50

killing stuff at \$4.65@4.90. The sales:

STEERS

7....1,020 2.00 1.... 560 1.50 COWS—Only a handful of cows were included in the Saturday run, and the

ight offering sold steady and active. The

HOGS

Price.

9..... 371

3.... 456/

35.... 250

50 32.... 199

4 31.... 123 45 20 131

1..... 100

1.....1.190

15.... 840 6.... 701

11.... 508

10.... 504

3.... 460

91.... 191 1.... 200 12.... 131

1.... 225 35.... 110

4....1,100 1....1,140

Late Friday:

61.... 265 5.10

56.... 208 \$4.90 77.... 155 4.65

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3.....1,043 \$2.75

1.... 170

81..... 218

cows

HEIFERS.

CALVES

WEDNESDAY

STEERS

COWS

22.... 827 57.... 807 17.... 812

1.....1,020

No. Ave. Price. 3....1,450 \$2.50

-A Specific in-

Distemper, Influenza, Pink Eye, Strangles, Epizootic, Sore Throat, Catarrhal Fever, Chronic Cough, Lung Fever and Shipping Fever. It increases the phaygocytes in the blood, which are there for the purpose of killing all germs which enter the system and keeping the blood

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11,230	2.50	Enter-annual transfer or contract contract of				THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS O
31,290	2.10	2ox1,100	2.10	2	910	1.75
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S		21,000	\$3.00	2	845	\$2.75
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1 860	\$2.75	1 3 783	2.40	4	285	1.75
10 889	2.30	2 885	1.75	3	800	1.75
14 677	2.35	11 652	1.60	1	870	1.50
11,030	2.25	16 710	1.50	2	810	1.50
1 850	2.25	2 770	1.40	1	840	1.40
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11,050	2.00	51 626	1.25	23	613	1.25
4 845	2.00	9 132	\$5.25	1	100	\$5.00
9 679	1.85	.2 185	5.00	2	125	5.00
1 860	1.75	6 170	4.00	.2	240	3.50
6 720	1.75	3 180	- 3.50	10	211	3.25
1 730	1.75	1 210	3.00	6	272	3.00
22 681	1.55	1 420	3.00	1	380	3.00
10 661	1.50	6 308	2.05	12	319	2.75
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1 560	\$2.00	-5 308	2.00	1	240	1.50
ES	•	3 300	2.00	1	100	1.00
No. Ave.	Price.	HOGS				
1 160	\$5.50	3 230	\$4.95	77	184	\$4.90
22 157	4.25	5 236	4.85	10	184	4.80
4 185	3.50	54 201	4.771/2	1	270	4.85
10 127	4.00	57 185	4.771/2	5	190	4.75
6 185	3.69	33 182	4.621/2	12	173 -	4.75
4 227	3.00	2 170	4.60	93	171	4.60
8 270	2.60	-2 145	4.20	4	225	4.55
1 390	2.50	1 130	4.10	22	203	4.00
1 300	3.50	1 200	4.00	29	115	4.00
24 338	2.60	18 104	3.75	1	130	4.00
3 350	2.50	1 200	4.00	1	200	3.50

DALLAS MARKET Today closed a week which for ac ivity has seldom been equaled at the Inion Stock Yards. The hog receipts have been exceptionally heavy throughout and while some days have shown 3.50 an absence of car loads, the run of wagon hogs has been so uncommonly 3.50 heavy as to easily overcome this and 3.15 show a healthy increase in comparison with past weeks. Notwithstanding the abnormally heavy supply, everything offered has been readily taken at prices which compare favorably with any oth er packing center. Cattle receipts have been somewhat light, and at times 2.25 the demand has been scarcely met. This is particularly true of choice cows and 2.10 helfers, the supply of skates being 2.00 more than sufficient. The market closed with following quotations prevailing: Finished hogs, 200 to 250 pounds, 1.75 \$4.90@5.00; mixed packers, \$4.65@4.75;

1.60 rough heavy hogs, \$4.55@4.60; light fat ogs \$4.20@4.35; choice cows and heifers, \$2.40@2.65; medium cows and steers, \$2.40@3.15; bulls and stags, \$1.50 @2.00; good to choice mutton, \$3.50@

KANSAS CITY MARKET

Cattle—Market slow to steady; export and dressed beef steers \$4.50@ .25; fair to good, \$3.75@4.40; Western fed steers, \$3.40@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.25; Southern steers, \$3.25@4.25; Southern- cows steady \$2.40@3.25; native cows \$2.75@3.75; native helfers, \$3.50@4.20; bulls, \$2.50 @3.50; calves, \$3.00@6.50. Hogs-Market 10c lower; top \$5.50; bulk \$5.00@5.20; heavy, \$5.25@5.30; packers, \$5.05@5.20; pigs and lights,

Sheep-Market steady; native lambs, \$5.00@5.55; Western lambs, \$4.75@5.55 few ewes, \$3.80@4.30; yearlings, \$4.50 @5.10; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.00

ST. LOUIS MARKET Market slow and steady; native shipping and export steers, \$4.15@5.25; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$4.00@5.10 steers under 1,000 pounds, \$3.50@4.30 stockers and feeders, \$3.30@4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.15@4.15; canners, \$2.25@2.80 bulls, \$3.00@3.75; calves, \$5.75@6.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.35@4.35; cow and heifers, \$2.20@3.45. Hogs—Market 5.00 to 10c lower; pigs and lights, \$4.50@5.10 5.00 packers, \$5.00@5.40; butchers and 4.90 heavy, \$5.30@5.60. Sheep—Market steady; 4.95 native muttons, \$4.00@4.75; lambs, \$4.75@ 4.90 5.50; culls and bucks, \$3.00@3.75; stock-

CHICAGO MARKET and feeders, \$2.50@4.25; cows, \$2.30@4.00; heifers, \$2.25@4.50; canners, \$1.30@4.00; \$3.15 bulls, \$2.25@4.00; calves, \$3.00@4.50; Tex-3.05 as fed steers, \$4.00@5.00. Hogs—Market 2.25 firm; good to choice heavy, \$5.40@5.50; 2.00 light, \$4.80@5.35; bulk, \$5.25@5.45. Sheep -Market steady; good to choice wethers, \$2.25 \$4.25@5.25; fair to choice mixed, \$3.50@ 2.25 4.50; western sheep, \$3.25@5.25; native lambs, \$4.50@5.50; western lambs, \$4.00@

GALVESTON MARKET Good to choice beeves, \$3.25@3.50; common to fair beeves, \$2.75@3; good to of six. choice cows, \$2.75@3; common to fair cows, \$2.25@2.50; good to choice yearlings, dy and active. The choice cows, \$2.15@3; common to fair cows, \$2.25@2.50; good to choice yearlings, were laid long ago and two of them and heavier trains run at their normal have grown out of the modern improvements in railways. When the stockmen compain of the long time 10.... 678 1.60 mon to fair calves, \$3.50@3.75; cornfed railroads were single track and poorly it takes to get to market. 1.60 hogs, \$5@5.50; mast fed hogs, \$3.50@4; ballasted it was necessary for some good to choice sheep, \$4@4.75; common to

Choice - beeves, \$3.25@3.50; medium HOGS-The market, with two cars of beeves, \$3@3.25; choice cows, \$2.75@3; ordinary quality packer hogs offered, ruled medium cows, \$2.50@2.75; choice heifers, weak at 5c lower, hogs averaging 208 \$2.75@3; medium heifers, \$2.50@2.75; pounds selling at \$4.90, and the bulk of choice yearlings, \$3@3.25; medium yearlings, \$2.75@3; choice calves, \$3.25@3.50; 7..... 249 \$4.80 medium calves, \$3@3.25; stags, \$2.25@2.50; 4.75 bulls, \$2@2.25; top corn fed hogs, 150 4.55 pounds and up, \$4.75@5; medium corn fed 4.10 hogs, \$4.50@4.75. Good demand for choice 4.00 calves; market overstocked with poor 4.00 classes, with no demand for same.

> WILL CHANGE THE ROUTE 5.05 It is understod the Cotton Belt train 3.50 which now runs via Dallas over the Tex-\$2.60 as Pacific tracks, will be changed to go 2.50 via the tracks of the Cotton Belt, giving a 2.35 fast train service for all stations between 2.15 this city and Noel Junction.

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experience.

Abdon Holt, Abilene, Texas, ranch Callahan county, has lost heavily from blackleg for five years, even after vaccination. The first of November he Reaned 225 steer calves and placed in a 160-acre asture and fed Bass' Medicate Stock Salt. On January 1st, one calf died from blackleg. Mr. Holt, fearing all were not licking it, began to mix with feed. He has had no loss since.

On the same date 125 heifer calves were weaned and placed in a 2000-acre pasture with other cattle. Seven of these have died from blackleg. The 160acre pasture has been used for feeding weaned calves five years and the loss has always been in this

J. H. Chandler, Abilene, Texas, says: "Bass's Medicated Stock Salt" is the only blackeg preventive that I have had success with.

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THIRD ORDER Waxahachie, Tex., Feb. 1, 1904. Bass Bros. Drug Co., Abilene, Texas: Send to Fort Worth Cotton Oil Co, three hundred pounds of salt, and same to M. A. Dillard, Midlothian, and one hundred to Waxahachie, and draw draft on

SATCHELL & CO. (Telegram.) Terrell, Tex., Dec. 11, 1903.

Bass Bros. Drug Co., Abilene, Texas: Dear Sirs-Last July I lost five head of cattle out of a lot of twenty-seven head, with splenetic fever. I then commenced feeding the herd on your Medicated Salt, and have not had a sick one since. and so far have not had a case of blackleg. I think all stock owners; should keep Bass' Medicated Salt where their stock can get it at all times. Yours very truly,

WALTER PORTER. (Mr. Porter is manager of the U.S. Experiment

Abilene, Tex., Nov. 14, 1903. We received ten full-blood Jersey cows from Southern Texas, which were very ticky and were not in good condition. I began to give them Bass' Medicated Stock Salt. A tablespoonful in bran each day to each one. The ticks were all gone in seven or eight days, and their general appearance was greatly improved. The Salt is a success, is my

Yours very truly, MACK NEIL. (Dairyman for the Epileptic Colony.)

Cedar Hill, Tex., Nov. 14, 1903. I brought to the Abilene Fair Grounds, three weeks before the Fair, eighteen registered Shorthorn bulls, two and three years old, which were brought to Texas last year from the celebrated John Burruss herd, from Columbia, Mo. These bulls had been on short dead grass and were poor, long-legged and ticky. No one thought it possible to make them look respectable by the time of the Fair. I began to give them Bass' Medicated Stock Salt about every other day-gentle laxative doses in meal and branand gave them the Salt alone once a day. The improvement, even in a short time, was wonderful. The ticks were all gone in SEVEN DAYS, and no one could have guessed that these smooth, slick, aristocratic-looking animals were the same long-haired ticky bulls of three weeks before.

No doubt the fine blood in these animals assisted very materially in their recovery, but the Salt is highly beneficial in all cases.

Col. J. H. Parramore bought thirteen of these bulls; J. W. Childers, three, and R. G. Anderson, one. All of these gentlemen are of Abilene. T. W. Neil, of Merkel, also bought one. Very respectfully,

ROBERT ISH.

Terrell, Tex., Dec. 14, 1903. I am using Bass's Medicated Stock Salt in my feed lots on more than 400 steers. Every one is doing well. I am more than pleased, and consider it the best investment I ever made, not excepting the

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WHY SHIPPERS MAKE COMPLAIN

Some of the Things That Confront Stockmen Dealing With the Railways

against the railroads. Organizations Market steady; good to prime steers, national stockmen's organization with engine is the draft engine. The passing the same avowed purpose. This movesteeper engine is the roadster. It can vice, and feeders, \$2.50@4.25; cows, \$2.30@4.00; ment is not a temporary spasm, the re- do its best work at about twenty or sult of the discontinuance of the stock twenty-two miles an hour, just as the such a vigorous slashing of state rates pass. It is the result of causes that roadster horse can do his best work as will give us short and slow hauls

out at least some of them. THE THREE COMPLAINTS. The three main complaints are: The real advance in freight rates by train. the discontinuance of the return pass; apparently by agreement between the over-capatilization are reducing

dance became less necessary. The cost the railroads are for the most part of his transportation to and fro was controlled by a very few men to come part of the original freight rate, and to an agreement of this kind. in refusing to give the pass the rail-road has really advanced the rate. Its hit and hit hard. He not only has improved road bed and larger cars and to stand a real increase in the freight locomotives have enabled the railroad rates by the refusal of the pass, but and in refusing to lower the rate while son of the long time in transit. More refusing the return pass is simply robdollars per car.

seven or eight years ago Judge Hub- drink, and this makes him stand a still

each with one mogul engine and haul grain from Council Bluffs to Chicago THE TW at ten cents per hundred and make

The railroads in order to make inthe slow time made by the stock trains, terest and dividends on their enormous roads; and a two day's market instead penses to the utmost extent ad one of the most effective means is the sub-The foundation of these complaints stituting of mogul engines, larger cars

ballasted it was necessary for some one to go along to take care of the among railroads, the road with a long City on March 31, to talk up the scheme 2.40 fair sheep, per head, \$2@2.50. Market al- stock in transit. The farmer went route from any market would aim to for an independent plant in Kansas City, 2.40 fair sheep, per head, \$227.30. Market are most bare of stock; demand active and with his cattle or other stock really secure traffic by increased speed. They and it is hoped to get some material supinstruction as a servant of the railroad, giving finally concluded to let the short line port from southwestern Kansas by this time and labor to secure the safety take the business at a competing point plan. of his stock. With better road beds, heavier rails, and double tracks on the main lines, and therefore with fewer mum cost from non-competing points. olts and much fewer stops, his atten- It was very easy and natural now that

to haul the stock at a much lower rate the increased shrink in weight by reabing the farmer of from five to ten ney in a strained position the cattle are too tired to fill up properly before CONSEQUENCES OF REBUILDING.

The rebuilding of the railroads has very far reaching consequences. Some one of them has a chance to cat and

pard of the Northwestern road, said further shrink. Is it any wonder that to us that they proposed to double the stockmen of the whole country track the main line of that road, put are in rebellion? To make larger divitwo feet of ballast under its ninety-four pound rails, and then, he said, must stand all the losses resulting they could haul forty cars of forty tons from slow train service continued for

THE TWO DAYS' MARKET. We are surprised that nothing has more money than they were doing yet been said of the grievance of the then. (We believe at that time the two days' market. The receipts of catrate was seventeen cents; they are now tle are now running about 30,000 for hauling at four cents for the time be- Monday and 17,000 for Wednesday, and ing and we do not believe they are less than 10,000 on the other four days losing any money.) Now the mogul combined. Why is it? The only reaengine and 1,500 ton train means a son we have heard alleged is that exslow train, and especially if the load porters make their purchases on the is live stock. Why a slow train? Be- two days mentioned because of the cause while the rate of speed increases greater convenience of getting their arithmetically the cost of coal neces- cattle on board ship; in other words sary to run the engine increases geo- they buy with reference to the sailing There is a deep and widespread dis- metrically. There is a normal rate for days of the ocean steamers. To acaffection of the farmers and shippers man, beast, or locomotive, at which it commodate them we must have glutted of Iowa, and other states as well, can do its best work at the least cost. markets two days in the week and be Any increase above this normal rate at the mercy of the scalpers and packs have been formed in almost every means a geometrical increase in cost, ers on the other four. In the meancounty in Iowa and will no doubt be whether the cost be coal in the case while the railroads are compelled to followed by organizations in other of locomotives, or energy, as in the use their locomotives and cars only states as well. There is besides a case of the man or animal. The mogul about half time and then to the de-

For all this we see no remedy but have been operating for a long time at from six to eight. The mogul en-and the object of this article is to point gine can do its best work at about ten will give the railroads something to or twelve and the draft horse at about think about. Of one thing our readers three or four. Again, to avoid danger, may rest assured the draft engine has the 1,500 ton train must be a slow come to stay. The only thing for us to do is to devise some means by which they can be used with profit to the farmer as well as the railroads .- Wallace's Farmer.

> The campaign for the establishment of cattlemen's packing plant somewhere in the west or southwest is still as much in the air as, ever, but the agitation is being kept alive among the cattlemen by the parties interested. The stock raisers of twenty-seven Kansas counties have

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CARLSBAD, N. M., March 16.-All and prickly pear are finding ready sale stock is wintering fairly well in the not only on the ranches, but in the In fact, many of the towns. Both are desert plants of too men who last fall feared practically a wide nutritive ration to be desirable total loss on account of the long-continued dry weather are in good spirits now. It is still dry, but the fine are preparing for the spring cambridge of the spring cambridge weather has made the winter an easy one for stock. A heavy snowfall may not come before spring, and if it does The tried and tested crops will be come the range will be in fine condition planted. Besides, cotton will be planted early. From reports the conditions in the Panhandle on the east and in the Last year enough cotton was raised

All indications go to show that many cattle will be sold this spring. The men who usually try to interest outside buyers have been busy for the last five weeks. They have been reaching out farther than usual, because they feel that something must be done. Buyers will not be on the ground for some time to come. The number of steers that will be gathered will be large and buyers will have plenty to choose from they are early in the field. Eddy county will do its best to move the 3s provided prices will do it.

SALABLE CATTLE ARE GOOD The quality of the stuff that will say pure Spanish she stuff is getting difficult to find. One man estimates the Spanish cows at 1,000. Otherwise it is all grade, either Hereford or Shorthorn, ships in a day will do in a prairie all grade, either Hereford or Shorthorn.
Blood will tell, even on the range. The long-legged, slim-bodied longhorns are not much in evidence as in days of yore. Many of these cattle would never be laudable. The more farmers the more suspected of being off the range were it not for the brand.

ally to Kansas City. G. H. Webster, Jr., shipped five doubles of lambs in Janu-Some stock is being shipped, generary, one load of hogs and one load of gation systems. It has been suggested feeders. The lambs had been on feed (alfalfa and Kaffir corn) sixty days and averaged 80 pounds and brought \$5.45, the top for the day. The hogs averaged 280 pounds and sold at \$5.02½; the steers averaged 900 pounds and sold at \$2.50; they were pounds are willing to turn their plants over to the government. Should such a step be taken development of the valley would be more rapid. and sold at \$3.50; they were wintered It is said that the government is on Kaffir corn stover and some alfalfa likely to build the Fondo reservoir and Flonton and pasture. Mr. Webster shipped ten and Elephant Butte dam near Roswell. doubles of lambs last week. This leaves At least the engineers have recomabout five or six doubles in his feed mended the construction. pens. A Rasuree buyer lately took 10,000 sheep in Lincoln county, but inroads on the range slowly even in reports as to prices have not been re-

ceived as yet. Some steers have gone out, Malcolm two homestead entries, 10,558 acres; Phelps' headquarters ranch in the Davis eight final homestead entries, 1,075 mountains sold a large consignment of acres; twenty-two desert land entries, 2s in Kansas City recently at \$15.50. 3,756 acres; in all for December, 1903, In another month more cattle will be 15,389 acres. But when the day of marketed from this section.

ranch to D. H. Lucas, G. T. Reynolds ever. The climate makes this an ideal The 1,400 cattle cattle country. and J. G. Lucas. brought \$14,000 and the ranch \$1,000. These items indicate the probable prices in the spring. Anyway, it is certain that stockmen will be more reasonable in their demands than last fall. when yearlings were held at \$15, 2s at at work, night and day, curing Indi- that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly \$22 and 3s and over still higher.

PURCHASERS AFTER HORSES good stock and unbranded. Buyers of store and Reeves' Pharmacy.

horses for use in Cuba have been hrough the valley this week. They bought the best horses they could find and will be ready to ship several loads through the valley this week. They bought the best horses they could find from Pecos in a few days. Fairly heavy horses, well broken, brought These men seemed well pleased J. S. Osborne shipped three loads of

old cows and two loads of calves Saturday. This is the last of his cattle. He had to ship earlier than intended because feed is getting too expensive Suitable Place for the Annual to feed at a profit. With the exception Meetings of Fat Stock lower valley has cleaned up his feed lots for the season. Operations have Show Needed been limited this season on account of

in developing the graded cattle indus- hind leg, and gradually went up, and some do sell at home always. try in Texas is pronounced, said this morning that he hoped Fort Worth paign. Owing to the altitude, spring people would not delay providing a perthe success of the shows in the past mountain districts on the west are to show that this staple can be grown had been of great value to Fort Worth with the same as here. went a bale and a half to the acre, but a permanent home should be provided this could hardly be expected as a for the association, and that the logical general thing. The feeders hope that home should be located in the stock yards district.

ceed, as they can use cotton seed to able place could be built for from \$10,-000 to \$15,000. A similar building has New settlers are constantly coming been provided as the permanent home n, especially in the upper valley, of the various registered cattle com-Artesia, a new town, is just filling up. | panies, and he thought the same thing It is located in an artesian basin and might and should be done in Fort new wells are being sunk in large Worth

commendable activity in settling up NEED OF STOCK FARMERS

Such, Says Southern Field

much can not be said in asserting and reasserting the statement that the South feedstuffs and the more fat cattle for stock raising. It matters not whether the stock be horses, mules, cattle, sheep or hogs. Every condition almost favors and promises the largest profits to the stock farmer who knows his business and will pursue the business carefully.

had in almost every section of the South, year since 1899 Captain Center has been so small in comparison with other sec-Southwest.

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for success than do other sections. They the range is over the Pecos country are settling within her borders and are C. W. Merchant recently sold his will have as many if not more than more than satisfied, but there is room that he is almost positive that two and need of more of them, and in every

> IT SAVED HIS LEG P. A. Danforth of La Grange, Ga., tireless little workers-Dr. King's suffered for six months with a fright-New Life Pills. Millions are always ful running sore on his leg; but writes grub will kill blackleg. gestion, Biliousness, Constipation, Sick cured it in five days. For Ulcers, gist, and Reeves' Pharmacy.

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so low, the cost of necessary buildings is doing this, and the results show to tions, that the investment called for is less discovered the cause of blackleg and than in the North, the Northwest or the the remedy. He says that it

The South needs stock farmers and The South needs stock farmers and dairy men. She offers them more chances leg is no more. Several hundred can

REMEDY FOR BLACKLEG

Captain A. J. Center of Albany Claims to Have Discovered

> the Causes and Cures for the Dreaded Disease.

S. Webb writing of Captain Center's

iscovery says: "A prominent stockman in this county, Captain A. J. Center, has made will be shipped from Omaha and placed a most important discovery, and is in a convenient location for the use of worthy of the serious consideration the Stock Growers' association during of every cattleman in Texas, large the day time. One of the best minstrel and small. Captain Center has discovered and fully proven that the grub or wolves in the animal causes stock association, the performance beblackleg. It has been conceded that ing held each night in the big tent, the heel fly comes from the grub or while their splendid band will help while their splendid band will need fly while their splendid band will need will be will be with the occasion in the day time commences early in November to lay its eggs in the cow brute, and continues until about April 1, most of the laying being done in the on the crowded streets, as was done months of January, February and last year, all this class of sports will March, and it takes about months for this grub to develop and will be especially fitted up for the ochat from November 1 to about April 1 enabled to witness the various contests alves die of blackleg; that they be-in to die from nine month old up to ixteen months old, and while some die lie older is because when they grow of what to expect this year, and ample older they are able to throw off the arrangements will be made to accomoison, just like it is in human being modate all visitors. n a great many diseases—the children succumb, while the older persons get THE COST OF SHIPPING well. A calf that comes after April 1 has no grub in its back, and seldom dies of blackleg or blood poisoning. Captain Center states the above, and he says most positively that the grub wolves produce blood poisoning, and that blackleg is nothing more than blood poisoning caused by this grub. He has fully demonstrated this to be true, and he says, "Kill the grub or wolves in your cattle and you many more clear dollars come back to will have no blackleg." Captain Center says that about four years ago he bought up about seventy-five calves from various parties in his section, and that they compared to and that they commenced to die of if they are worth so much to him they blackleg. He says that he carefully are to me, and often this is not the case, skinned them, and that there was one of them very fat, and had just and shipping direct to the feed yards there died-was quite warm. He com- is a big bill of expense sayed as well as menced to skin near the hoof of the a big shrinkage in the cattle. Of course when near the flank he came across most successful men always sell at home that he examined it very carefully Kansas City, and then back to the feed and found that there were quite a lots where most of our cattle go. number of grubs in it. He went on | It costs to ship to Kausas City and sell up, and wherever he found grubs he one car of cattle:

ound what looked like congealed Railroad blood. small and large places. He To return to feed yards. said that he cut the animal open, Extra feed in yards examined all its parts, and that he Commission for buying twentydiscovered nothing outside of the cause stated that was calculated to Return freight ause death. He had these calves Commission for selling brought to his pens, ran them through a chute, and in running his hands | Yardage over the animals he discovered that "their backs were lined with these grubs." The idea popped into head that if the grub was killed, blackleg was something of the past, He decided that he could kill them, beef. and went to the house and made a Now if these cattle were sold at home mixture, applied it to their backs with and shipped straight to the feed lots and mop or stiff brush, and that he did thence to the market; not lose an animal after that, while before they were dying dally. Captain Feed in transit South Offers Unexcelled Opportunities to calves in a wheat field on November 20. In running them through the chute he discovered that nearly all had the grubs in their backs, and he applied the buyer and shipper it would be close the remedy. On January 20 (he lost to \$2 each for buyer and seller, and takand advantages of the southern states as several calves a few days before) he ing into consideration the shrinkage that got up the entire bunch and applied would be avoided it would be at least \$1 his remedy, and he did not lose a more for each. single one after that. He says last other section of the country for profitable November he had seventy calves in could be, but people have formed the habit one bunch, and he deetered them, and of going to the market with them, and on January 10 he found four that had buyers have got in the way of going died in a few days. He got up the there after them. So all the extra exbunch and applied the remedy, and pense which the sheep man is not helr to

he has not lost one since. His neighbors and others are losing all along, and he is free from blackleg. Every any unprejudiced mind that he has about twelve months for the grub to develop in the animal. The mixture he uses is as follows: Take a five mix this with one gallon of some grub is found. It will kill them bebe doctored in a day-faster than they can be branded. Captain Center says applications during the winter are enough, but that he would advise that about every twenty or thirty days the mixture be applied. He says that other mixtures will have the

"Captain Center is a well-known citizen of Shackelford county; has lived Headacherand all Stomach, Liver and Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in here about thirty years, and what he of horses from the Bolles farm went out Saturday. These were of extra sure. Only 25c at W. J. Fisher's drug 25 cents. Sold by W. J. Fisher, drug- Albany, all prominent business men and cattlemen of this section, Messrs. G. T. and W. D. Reynolds of Fort Worth, and others, will not hesitate shippers is so acute, it is unfortunate the utmost reliance can be placed. He is not seeking notoriety, and had to to say that in any statements he makes be urged to permit what is stated in genuine effort should be made to get the foregoing, to go in print. The together and adjust these differences writer firmly believes he has discovered before matters progress to the point the cause of blackleg and the cure for same."

same effect-anything that will kill the

WILL INTEREST STOCKMEN Mr. Brooks, of Colorado, today introduced a bill of interest to cattle-

It provides for the levy and collection on July 1 of each year, of a tax of one mill per head on cattle, horses, mules, and asses, and one-fourth of one mill per head on sheep and goats, and onehalf mill per head on swine within the United States.

The tax is to be represented by stamps to be provided by the commissioner of internal revenue. Each owner of live stock shall be required to report to the secretary of agriculture ance of the order, a classified enumeration oof all such "The damage s ive stock owned by him. The purpose of the fact is to raise revenue sufficient to defray the expenses inci-claims, tried in local courts with dent to the collection of the tax as sympathetic jury has caused us t well as to the ascertainment of the number of live stock in the United came too great to bear. We have in States on July 1 of each year.

BELLE FOURCHE CONVENTION. ness Men's Club Monday evening, the principal subject under discussion was Pacific is actuated by no other than the second annual meet of the North- a selfish purpose in promulgating this

be held in Belle Fourche, April 14, 15

The soliciting committee of the club succeeded in raising nearly \$1,000 for the big show, and this money will be spent in such a manner that everybody who visits the city during the meeting will be well entertained.

The executive committee of the club will in a few days appoint a number of sub-committees to look after the various details and prepare the program of sports, which, by the way, will be the most novel and entertaining ever attempted in this part of the country. This program will probably be completed by next week, when it will be published.

A mammoth tent, with a seating capacity of at least a thousand people has companies on the road has been engaged for the entire session of the

Instead of holding the broncho riding, roping and other cowboy contests twelve take place at the fair grounds, which It has also been conceded casion. The spectators will thus be

The largest crowd in attendance at older, a large majority die between those ages. The reason many do not

Colfax Stockman Points Out Advantages of Selling at Home There has been a great deal of dissat-

isfaction in regard to railroads cutting off return passes on live stock shippers to markets. If people would make a little more effort to sell their cattle at home, in New

Mexico at least, there would be a great this country than does now. But eastern buyers well know they can buy cattle lot of bloody flesh and matter, and It is a big bill of expense to ship cattle to

Cost per car.....

This would leave a difference of \$102 per car. If this could be divided between

Sheep are sold at home, and cattle

ACTION

Texas and Pacific Abrogated Interstate Tariff on Account of Damage Suits, Is One View, and in Order to Force Better Division of Rates, Is Another.

The action of the Texas and Pacific railway in summarily cancelling its interstate live stock tariffs has caused much discussion and the greater part of this discussion has been adverse to the railway company, as it is believed that the attitude taken is but in the nature of recrimination. Just at this time when the feeling of enmity between the railways and the cattle that more fuel should be added to the where drastic legislation will be called into requisition.

"The Texas and Pacific was forced to take this action in self protection," said a prominent official of that system to a Stockman-Journal representative. . "The profits of the cattle haulng will not liquidate the damage suits and it is certain the Texas and Pacific will not continue to solicit business that means a loss to handle. Of course, we will not go out of the cattle business, for the simple reason as commo carriers we are compelled to accept live stock consignments when tendered. But we have not earned a penny's in terest on our investment so far as the cattle business is concerned and I am not in the least surprised at the issu

"The damage suit industry is the direct cause for this action on the part of the Texas and Pacific. Unjust suffer and suffer until the burden bethe past won a few cases that were tried in the Fort Worth courts, but outside of these the cattlemen know At the regular meeting of the Busi- how unjustly we were made to suffer. "I am convinced that the Texas and

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said a prominent official of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association of Texas, "The Texas and Pacific has received no more than its share of damage suits, and I am confident that this was not the paramount cause of the action. It is more reasonable to believe that they are disatisfied with their division of proceeds on interstate shipments and that this move was taken in order to disrupt the present arrangement and allow the Texas and Pacific to make their own figures for division. I believe that the matter will adjust itself in the course of time and that the Texas and Pacific \$110.00 will realize that it is better to cater 40 00 to than to antagonize live stock in

> F. C. Hand and associates of Corsicana ome of whom are Fort Worth citizens, have undertaken a scheme to build a rail road from Dalhart to San Antonio, a dis ance of 600 miles

It is intended that the road, if built, will nnect with the Fort Worth and Denve City and the Rock Island at Dalhart, an leave from the northwest to the southeast.

The decision to hereafter barter the place of meeting of the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas by awarding it ..\$110 00 to the city, offering the largest sum 10 00 of money as an inducement, may prevent any bly fights over the proposition, but it savors too much of a thrifty commercialism to meet with the unqualified approval of the public genorally.

COMING AGAIN The delegates to the State Cattlemen's convention, which has just-adjourned at Fort Worth, were so well pleased with the royal freatment accorded them in the Panther City that they chose that city for next year's meeting also.-McKinney Ga

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THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

arrived at the conclusion that they twos this spring at from \$17.50 to on hand in meeting and solving the stand pat on this proposition. It is beproblem of successfully coping with lieved that these prices will result in railway rapacity, as evidenced by an the sale of practically all the twos loapparent growing determination on the cated above the quarantine line within the country to maintain a grasp of Harris Franklin, who has been a heavy steel on the throat of the great cattle industry of the country. Rates on live stock shipments have been advanced until they have become almost confiscatory and prohibitive in their effect upon the producer. These rates have thus been advanced from time to time on the slightest pretext until cattlemen of the country feel that an unnecessary burden has been placed upon them that must and shall be removed. The Interstate Commerce Commission has been appealed to, and the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas is now engaged in the very laudable undertaking of having that august tribunal compel a reduction in these rates that have become so irksome as to threaten to throttle this great industry. The Interstate Commerce Commission is a tribunal created for the express purpose of dealing with just such situations as that of which the cattlemen are now complaining, but unfortunately, congress has not crothed it with all the power necessary to make and enforce mandates of proper relief, and it is hoped the deficiency in that direction can soon be remedied by the necessary enactment.

This is one of the objects of the meeting to be held in Denver early in May, when the transportation question is to be considered in all its details by the representative cattlemen of the entire range country. The railways of the country are on to the condition of affairs, and in some in- All of which talk represents just so stances are manifesting a disposition to have a very aggravating effect on the general situation, and is also certain to result in some very drastic legislation, both state and national. that will have the effect of perpetuat-

to the iniquities of what is popularly tion. Our cattle are in remarkably which it is engaged while the cattledesignated as corporate greed and good condition when these facts are men specialize their efforts. rapacity, they go after the offenders considered, and when the spring rains with such energy and determination, as must surely result in soon bringing the offender to terms.

There is another side to the situaion, however, that the fair minded man wants to bear in mind, and that is that the railway interests of the country also have their grievances against the shipping interests of the country. The greatest grievance in that direction is the damage sult industry, which Rooms 5 and 6, Scott-Harrold Bldg., has flourished to a remarkable degree during the past year or two out in the range country. It is also true that this damage suit industry has been developed in consequence of the miserable service given the shipper as a net result of the brilliant ideas evolved by the man who first devised the tonnage system and applied it to the cattle dress all Business Letters to THE shipping business! But that is no reason why shippers and juries should practice the same rule of extortion of which they so bitterly accuse the railpress money order, or check on Fort ways. Common honesty should dic-Worth or Dallas. If you send check tate that there should be no claim on local bank add 10 cents to pay cost for damages where no damages have accrued, and that damages demanded should be limited to actualities. There is a marked difference between actual damages and salve for the resentment a shipper naturally feels when he is laboring under the belief that he has been mistreated. It is

nanifestly unfair for the shipper to try to compel the railways to make good the shortage in his account of sales brought about through market nanipulation. The Stockman-Journal does not say these things because of its love for the railway interests of the country but from its inborn love of right and justice to all men and all interests. We believe the railways of the country hould be held to a strict accountabilty, and when a shipper suffers

through their indifference and neglect reasonable rates. In the heat of pas- Live Stock Association and believes more radical view of things than they deal of good for the live stock industry do in their cooler moments, and the present situation is one that demands the exercise of moderation and conservatism by both parties to the controrecrimination is to be pursued to the bitter end it will result in great loss and trouble to both of the opposing

factions. aggressive and defiant policy, for it can but result in enkindling a more bitter feeling against the railway interests of the country as a whole. They seem to be courting trouble.

THE SPRING DEMAND. While there was not much trading this city, and buyers were a little bit yet there was a sufficient number of association cannot espouse one cause that better prospects are just a little cattlemen and sheepmen of the West- astrous to his own people. bit ahead, and the Texas cattleman is ern ranges do not have the same inter- The mulishness of Chief Coburn in well pleased with the outlook so far ests to be served, and the National As- dealing with the situation has engendcerned. The buyers here during the convention seemed to have no other usiness or desire but to get the Texas producer to make a price on his twos. and the Texas men generally parried the situation by asking what the buyers were willing to pay and if they were ready to buy. These questions invariably elicited the information nal will be sent to two ad- that they were here simply to see for themselves what the situation was, the to promote the best interests of the ness displayed in dealing with this prices that were to be demanded, and then faunched off on the customary men of the country have such a nation- tegrity and ability, and realizing the assertion that prices were from \$3 to al organization, which is operated in- mistake that he made in this matter, \$4.50 per head too high.

Accepting \$20 around as the basis for has made up his mind to stand a reduction of from 10 to 15 per cent this spring, but that is just as far as he Texas cattlemen have very readily will go. This will place the price of now have the fight of their lives \$18 per head, and the Texas men will part of the great railway systems of the next 30 days. It is understood that operator in Texas steers for a number of years, will be in the market again this spring. He bought one of the leading brands last years at \$21, and asked a few days ago that prices be made him on the 6000 on hand at this tional Live Stock Association, but that time. These steers were priced him at \$18, May delivery, and it is believed ing made to give the cattlemen of

the sale will be consummated in a few While the prices are a little lower this spring that last year, the Texas have proved abortive will not discourcattlemen express themselves as satisfied to make the reduction, and agree men of the country are just now in that it is only fair and just on account of the great depression that has existed during the past year. But they are not prepared to make any further ticipated in by the leading and repreconcessions. They say that the indications are that there will be a gradual improvement in the situation as regards prices, from the fact that the tional association, and the Stockmancountry is face to face with a pronounced shortage in all classes of cattle, and the man who fails to sell and is compelled to hold over for another year stands a mighty good chance to make much more money than he who

turns loose at existing prices. Some of the Northwestern men who were at the Texas convention in the guise of buyers have returned to their homes and are now talking for effect They profess to have found a grea many cattle in Texas walting for pur chasers at exorbitant prices, and say the cattle are too thin to be moved much hot air. Texas will not have toward making reprisals that is sure nearly the number of twos for sale this spring that were offered last year, there is a marked disposition to cut prices from 10 to 15 per cent as com- are organized and working in perfect pared with last year, and Texas steers are not preambulating skeletons this the same thing or expect to continue ing the fight which in the end is to spring. It is true they are not real result in raflway regulation. The peo- fat, for the reason that we have had cunning. There is no necessity for and cattle shippers of the country is Hereford Breeders' association was but ple are long suffering, but there is a a very short range, but the mildness cutting entirely loose from the Na- daily growing more acute. Both sides a fitting tribute to one of the leading limit to human endurance, and when of the winter has been a strong factor tional Live Stock Association. Let that have donned their war paint, and the Hereford breeders of the Southwest.

come will become rolling fat in a very short time. Texas grass has wonderful fattening properties, Texas soil is rich as cream, and when the rains come there will be a very appreciable change for the better. If these Texas steers were put down on about a \$15 basis every one of them would be able to

make the trip to the northwest with neatness and despatch and would seem as fat as butter. At this time it seems certain that the twos will be entirely cleaned up, and as soon as this is done the yearling situation will show a marked improvement, for the yearling now is the two next spring, and the Texas producer is n position to know that twos are going to be twos next spring. In other words, he knows that the yearling crop of last year was one of the shortest the country has had for years, and

A good rain out in the range country at this time is all that is needed to start things off in good shape, but there is no suffering, and has been no winter loss.

one that will bring good money on the

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION. For some time there has been more or less discussion of the existing necessity for the organization of a National Association to be operated and maintained for the exclusive benefit of cattlemen, and the proposition has elicited strong opposition from some of the officers of the National Live Stock Assiciation, who evidently have some reason to fear that such an organization would materially detract from the that he should recover the amount prestige and power of the existing orthat he is actually damaged. We also ganization. The Stockman-Journal debelieve that the railways should be sires to say in this connection that it compelled to furnish good service at has no ill will toward the National sion all men are disposed to take a that body has accomplished a great of the country as a whole since it came into existence. But this is an age of specialties, and the specialist in every line is generally the one who achieves versy. If a system of crimination and the most tangible and satisfactory results. The National Live Stock Assoclation has been organized and conducted on broad and liberal lines, and is all right in its place. The trouble It is exceedingly unfortunate that is that it is not in position to do justice just at this time some of the leading to the interests of its component and railways should see fit to adopt an integral parts without doing perhaps an injustice to another. The National Live Stock Association is composed of sheepmen, railway men, stock yards men, commission men and cattle men. As far as the interests of this conglomeration of allied forces lie toously antagonizing the other. It is among the men who felt that they clear, then, that only so far as there were wronged, and after they have exists a community of interests can the won a decisive victory over him there National Association work and pre- is a dispostion in some quarters to go serve that harmony that is so requisite after his scalp, and this is all wrong. to success in all well regulated insti- Chief Coburn may have been some tutions, and this serves to illustrate the necessity that exists for the or- ern cattle from the start, but he has ganization of a great National association whose chief object shall ever be He is, with due regard for the narrowcattlemen of the country. The sheepdependently of the National Live no man should be willing to do more Stock Association, and which has been to set the matter-right than the gentwos last spring, the Texas producer able to do some very effective work along tleman from Kansas. He can make those lines. Certainly, the officers of the show of Southern cattle a great the National Live Stock Association success, and instead of trying to lift would not deny the cattlemen of the his scalp, the Southern cattle breeders country the same privilege that has al- should now seek to lend him every ready been accorded to the sheepmen. And if necessity exists for the separate hibit the success its importance merits. maintenance of a National Sheepmen's association, then the same necessity

> must justify the organization of an exclusive cattlemen's association. The men who have shown a disposi tion to encourage the organization of the National Cattlemen's Association have been dubbed "disturbers" but that does not spell anything. They may be disturbers of the dreams of monopolization that fill the brain of ardent worshipers at the shrine of the Nawill not lessen the efforts that are bethe country a truly representative National organization. The fact that some previous efforts along this line age the understanding, for the cattleposition to appreciate the real necessity of the situation. The Denver meeting on May 3, which will be parsentative cattlemen of the entire range country will afford a fine opportunity for the organization of this great Na-Journal believes it will be done. Some kind of organization will be necessary to effect the purposes for which the meeting is called, and that organization should be made National in scope and plan is feasible. character and perpetuated, the National Live Stock Association to the contrary, notwithstanding.

There are sufficient brains among without making of themselves the association, tall to a diversified kite. The time has come when they must thoroughly organize for the protection of their and endorses Texas crude oil as a rights and property, and it is only through organization and standing shoulder to shoulder that they can hope to accomplish results. The rail- could be vastly improved if the State mately be what its friends make it. way and other antagonistic interests and federal regulations were a little We can only do certain things, and the harmony, and the cattlemen must do to be the victim of the other fellows' they once become thoroughly aroused in offsetting that feature of the situa- body continue in the good work in indications are that there is going to Col. Rhome will do much to further

CHIEF COBURN. Chief Coburn, of the live stock department of the St. Louis World's Fair, has lost out in his stubborn contention that cattle from below the quarantine line should not be exhibited at the fair, and his position has been a most peculiar one. Chief Coburn was believed to be a broad minded man, else he would not have been chosen for the position he now occupies. It was believed that tion. he was broad enough to do even and exact justice to the entire live stock interests of the country, and when he gave out the information that Southern cattle were to be excluded from their rightful position in the live stock exhibit, people generally could not understand how a Western man who was familiar with Western conditions and should be thoroughly alive to the deas a consequence, the supply of twos next spring is going to be far short gentleman has steadfastly maintained. cent cattlemen's convention: "there is of the actual demand, and the man And when President Francis had no patent on the packing house busiwho puts his money in yearlings this agreed that the Southern cattle should ness." However, Fort Worth will feel spring has a very sure proposition and have their rights, and a guaranty to her chances are better when the prothe Federal law providing the exposition company with additional Federal capital in the form of an alleged loan, Chief Coburn steadfastly refused to had not been advised of any arrange-

hibit of Southern cattle. burn, have racked their brains for a sult, and it was only last week that Worth Fat Stock Show said he had ties, been puzzled over the same question until he came to this city and saw the stock on exhibition here. Then it was clear to him that Chief Coburn was oprange cattle because he was afraid of them, and that may be the real solution of the entire problem. Chief Costock to the Texas breeders during the such marked determination on the part of the Texas range men to improve the quality of their herds. He saw the gradual dissipation of the old idea prevalent among Kansas breeders that any thing was good enough for Texas. and the substitution therefor the very best breeding stock that Kansas, and other great breeding states were capable of producing. He saw the Texas range man pay thousands of dollars for the best bulls in the country, and take them in such numbers as to ingether the National Live Stock Asso- sure results. Knowing these facts so ciation is prepared to labor for the well, it is not unreasonable to suppose advancement of the general weal, but that Chief Coburn's loyalty was with during the recent convention held in in a show down in the fight that is the interests which he the most nearly being waged between the rallway in- represented, and the alleged danger of shy both in numbers and demeanor, terests and the cattle interests, the Southern fever gave him the desired opportunity to shut off competition he cattle changed hands to demonstrate without antagonizing the ofher. The had reason to fear would prove dis-

ociation cannot help one without seri- ered much bitterness toward him what worned or biased against Southbeen completely shorn of his strength. question, a man of unquestioned inassistance in an effort to make the ex-It is no time for spite work, and the joy of victory could be easily marred by the thou tht of injustice to the van-

quished. The sum of \$10,000 has been set aside for premium purposes for this Southern cattle display, and the time has been fixed so that it will not conflict with the exhibit made by the Northern breeders. This latter precaution is a wise and timely one, as it removes the last shadow of a reason that might have existed for Chief Coburn's po-The result of Tom Sotham's exhibit of his fine herd of Herefords seem to indicate that there is great danger to be apprehended from placing cattle from above the line directly in against from the very beginning without any discrimination in the premises whatever. In other words, Chief Coburn could have easily done from choice what he has been compelled to do from necessity.

packing house project have not receiv-

National Live Stock Association, is the boll weevil. always ready to exchange a brick with the cattlemen of this country to enable any man who is disposed to encourage them to look after their own interests the formation of a national cattlemen's tentions of being any thing more than

The Federal government recommends cattle dip, while the State government the hearty expressions of approval

more in conformity. . The situation as regards the differbe a fight to the finish. The action of the Texas and Pacific in cancelling its interstate live stock tarriffs a few days ago may be accepted as an indication of the extremes to which the railways are preparing to go, and it means much trouble for the shippers. It is believed that some method will be found to deal with the new developments in the situation, and it may be accepted as a gospel fact that the great live stock interests of the country will no longer tamely submit to any old form of railway oppression and extor-

Treasurer Flato, of the Independent Packing Company, announces that the second plant to be constructed by his company will be located in Fort Worth and if this is the case, it will receive a cordial welcome. Fort Worth already has two of the finest and most modern packing houses in the world, but that fact will not cause her to remands of the occasion could take such fuse another. For as McManus so a narrow and untenable position as the truly said in his speech before the rethat effect had been engrafted upon posed plant to be located in Kansas City is in active operation.

A permanent home for the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show is one of the come down from his perch, but said he things that must be soon provided. The show held here during the recent ments that had been made for an ex- meeting of the Cattle Raisers association was an eve opener to the world Texas cattlemen, in common with and served to demonstrate the fact others whose interests were adversely that Texas is right up at the front affected by the attitude of Chief Co- end of the procession when it comes to producing fine stock. With a little solution of his action, but without re- effort these events can be made of national importance, and it is up to Fort the matter was explained. A promi- Worth to lend the proper encouragenent St. Louis visitor at the Fort ment by providing the proper facili-

Visitors from the North were very the cattle shown at the recent fat stock posed to the exhibition of Southern show in this city. They were convinced that no other state in the Union is making more rapid strides in live burn comes from the bleeding state of movement is but in its infancy so far Kansas, a state that has furnished as determination is concerned. The thousands of head of fine breeding Texas stockman is the most progressive stockman on earth, and has just past few years when there has existed begun to learn of the possibilities that are entirely within his grasp.

> Between the railways, the dry weather and the market manipulators, the cattle interests of the country have been ground exceedingly fine, but twenty cars. A train crew ordinarily con- The longer our friends, the cattlemen, live there is life in the old land yet, and sists of about five men, and the run from the more they will learn, if the signs of the cowman will again come to the Baird to New Orleans is, or should be, the times truly indicate what the future front in his accustomed style. As long in case of a full train, the road receives and difficult problem of what is the uttermost amount of charge the freight danger of the passing of the beef raiser. He may have to change his day, or three times the amount the presimethods in order to conform to changed conditions, but the cattle business will go on forever.

> There was a time when the small cattlemen, or to be more explicit, the small stockman, was laughed at by the and in deference to the rule of live and furnished them, the said bondsmen big range men, but the time and tide let live, the roads should continue to al- out at-night, and being aided by the Lord has changed. The little fellow has low a man to go along to look after the and a strong east wind in holding back the multiplied in numbers until he has the stock." multiplied in numbers until he has the stock. big men outnumbered, and the cattle the transportation of stock to pay the our friends should bear in mind that the business of the entire state is rapidly damage suits brought by their owners, days of miracles are past, and that there coming down to the small man's level, how can they continue to haul them at is now no region or corner of the habitable through the cutting down of the big these present low rates?" he was asked. pastures and the corresponding reduction in the size of the herds.

> The Texas range country is still in need of a good rain, but cattlemen say the country can go until May without serious loss. Cattle as a general thing are getting thin in flesh, the interest of the great breed of cat- | complaining at the treatment accorded but they are in remarkably good shape considering the short range. There have been no losses this winter, and the general impression is that stock danger from cold weather is concerned. and the longer it continues the more hurtful it will be.

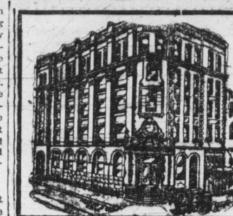
The mule raising industry is attracting a great deal of attention in of prosperity. Texas at this time, and well deserves the attention that is not bein given to The mule has become just about as stable commodity as flour, for while we cannot eat him, yet we can always cess of raising something to eat, and he occupies an important place in the affairs of the world. The man who is raising good mules is making no mistake.

Sheep in small numbers will pay on almost every stock farm, and on the larger ranches out in the range country they can easily be made good revenue producers. The occupation of sheep raising does not rest well on the cowman's stomach, but all men are contact with southern cattle, but that is presumed to be in the stack business situation that could have been provided for the money they can make out of it. Prejudice should experience no difficulty in giving place to the rattle of the almighty dollar.

Oklahoma continues to furnish the bulk of the hogs that find their way The promoters of the independent to the Fort Worth market, and are carrying into that territory the coin ed much encouragement in Texas, but that legitimately belongs in Texas. that does not signify that Texas is not Some of these days the people of Texas vitally interested in the proposition will perhaps awaken to the fact that whenever it is demonstrated that the it would be profitable to cultivate more of a swinish disposition, and when they do they will find how easy money can Charlie Martin, secretary of the be made from a source not affected by in town since Friday, working on the

The Stockman-Journal make no prea cowman's paper, but it tries to do justice to all allied interests. It is to the cattlemen of the Southwest that we look for support, and judging from prescribes Sarnol, the South American reaching us by every mail, we will not dip. Cattlemen think the situation look in vain. The paper must ultiresult is with you.

The election of Col. B. C. Rhome of nces existing between the railways this city as president of the Texas



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brought and in an amount less than the

above pro rata for the services of one man

for one day. But now that the roads have been able to utilize the federal courts in effecting a leading purpose, they have in

view in exploiting the damage suit fea-

ture—that of making it serve as their

justification for a further raise in rates-

When a canny old Scotch money lender

was applied to for a loan by a thriftless

young laird,' he sagely replied, 'Na, Jemmy,

"It does not cost the roads anything

to carry along a man to look after the

stock, and his services in some times be-

ing able to prevent unnecessary injury to

ould, in a natural sequence of things, be

the stock, for which the roads are liable

that much to their advantage. But with-

I canna' dae that. .Ye see, Jemmy,' he explained, 'there be whaels within whaels

ye ken naething aboot.'

they are carrying the program into effect.

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IALKS UF STOCKSHIPMENTS

He Has a Word to Say Why the Railroads Should Treat the Cattlemen With More Consideration

"That is an interesting question which the cattlemen have raised with the railroads," said Judge B. R. Webb to a Telegram representative. "I mean the question as to why, at a time when cattle are so low, the roads should advance their already high rates to a yet higher figure. agreeably surprised at the quality of Having been engaged to some extent in the cattle shown at the recent fat stock the live stock business for more than twenty years, my sympathies are naturally with the cattlemen; but, nevertheless, I believe in the motto of 'live and let live, and it may be that my experience will stock improvement, and as yet the shed some light on the necessity of this raise in rates and the refusal to longer permit a man to go along with the stock without charge,

"My old firm at Baird has been encar of horses from Baird to New Ora train, and where a shipper has ten or the same time, his salary being only \$50,point of view, \$510 a day may be a very eration of the present low price of cattle

"But if it takes all the roads get from moment, they effected their escape.

"During these twelve years past, in a there evade for any considerable while majority of the shipments, our stock have the taskmasters of modern civilzation. less extent, often to a serious extent, but position, and the days of their prosperity no damages have ever been paid us except and glory are numbered unless they shall

tle with which he has so long been identified.

The cattle business of Texas is not are now out of the woods so far as any dead, and there is no danger of its dying. It is today the largest industry It is the dry weather that is hurting, in the state, and always will be. The next year is going to bring a wonderful change for the better in the situation, and cattlemen are going to enter upon the enjoyment of another era In order to place allottees in possession

ceedings of the recent live stock con- cultivation. vention held in this city so well as the News, and that fact is Dallas depend upon him to assist in the pro- thoroughly appreciated by the cattlemen, with whom that great publication has always been a prime favorite. tracts can be entered into, thousands of

> V. O. Hildreth, Aledo, Texas, has a number of fine young bulls for sale, sired by King Lavender. See his advertisement.

GETTING READY

Santa Fe Is Making Preparation for Handling Shipments at San Angelo

SAN ANGELO, Texas, March 21 .- (Special.)-J. I. Conway, the general live stock agent of the Santa Fe railway, has been matter of the holdover pastures and trails to San Angelo, and arranging to handle the stock rush from this point in the most satisfactory manner to the cattle-

During April and May 2,000 cars will go out from here loaded with cattle and muttons, and the Santa Fe will have a trainmaster here through the months to handle the rush. The trainmaster here last year, R. L. Hutchison, will be the one placed here again this year, at the request of the cattlemen who were well pleased with the service and the manner of handling their shipments last year. It is said the Santa Fe proposes to give better service this year than last year, although that would be hard to improve on.

Stock around the Fort McKavett coun try have wintered extremely well, considering the drouth in that section. There have been a few losses, but as a rule the cattle are in very good condition Lee Brothers, Hereford breeders, are

out that man along the owner of the stock would often be without a single witness whose direct testimony as to the injury and its cause he could offer against the unbroken array of testimony by the road's employes, whose jobs may depend on their ability to show they were not to blame in the matter; and so with the evidence entirely one way, even a partial jury, that staunch bulwark of American liberty, will no longer have even a plausible pretext for rendering a verdict against the roads. These are things which the unsophisticated 'ken naething aboot,' but the man who has had experience in that respect understands that he is up against it in a case of that kind. "The official report of the Texas rail-

road commission, made up from data furnished by the roads, or taken from their books, shows that the roads pay annually for damages to all kinds of property, inluding cattle shipments and all other freight, the sum of \$1,018,100, or less than gaged for more than a dozen years past 3 per cent of the freight charges \$45,010,-in shipping horses annually to Louisiana 854) which they receive in a year from and Mississippi. The rate we pay on a the freight traffic of Texas, and less than 3 per cent of the freight charges \$45,010,one-half of what any intelligent and im leans is \$136.10. Twenty cars can be put in partial business man familiar with freight shipments would estimate as the actual more cars at one time the rate is only damage occurring annually to the large \$127.50 per car, or \$2,550 for a train of volume of the freight traffic of this state. crew something like the sum of \$510 per traffic will bear, the roads may by an inday, or three times the amount the president of the United States receives for with the result of practically shutting the 000 a year, and his per diem, consequently, least until it be demonstrated that such only \$137. Now, while, from the railroad mistake has been made. The cattlemen may be consoling themselves with reflect unsatisfactory rate even for the services of ing how, when the Egyptian tagesters the one-man, still I think that in considingly required their Hebrew booksmen to make brick without any straw being globe into which they can escape and been needlessly injured to a greater or They are up against a pretty large proon one shipment, and that only after suit | prove able to hold their own in this fight.'

> Worth stock show in requiring a second exhibition in the prize ring to please one exhibitor, as they express it. 5-YEAR LEASE SYSTEM

them by the Hereford judges at the Fort

ARDMORE, I. T., March 21 .- (Special.) Recent legislation, making five-year agricultural leases valid in the Indian Ter-ritory, is producing wholesome results. of their lands it became necessary several years ago to permit leases on farming lands to run one year. The result was No paper in Texas covered the pro- that no new land was put into a state of Cutting trees and pulling stumps is against the instinct and habits of the Indian, and the white men could

> one crop. However, now since five-year lease concres of raw lands are being cleaned and made ready for the plow. One planter living on the line of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, is preparing 8,000 acres of land to be planted in cotton, most of which is new land. M. L. Trout, residing near Hickory, has cleared 3,000 acres of new land and will plant same in

not afford to do it for the fruit of only

The change in the lease law has also encouraged fruit culture and fruit farms are being started all over this section of the territory. The change in conditions will result in doubling the farming population of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations within three years time.



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Little Mavericks

The three cars of cattle shipped last & Son's ranch to St. Louis, consisting of one car of coming 2's and two cars pounds and brought 8.85 and 4 cents .-Albany News.

MOISTURE IN SOUHTWEST

Chas. F. Adams, William Adams and Chas. Adams, Jr., arrived in Brackett from the Sonora country Monday. They report the late rain had extended all the way and also sleet and snow. They will remain in this country for a while -Brackett News.

CATTLEMEN FEEL GOOD

The cattlemen are feeling good over the unusually small loss this winprobably be some cold rains this spring, when a few of them will die, but on the whole the loss will be almost nothing. -Amarillo Champion.

STOCK LOOK WELL Jas. McCutcheon came in from the Davis moutains Monday and says stock of all kinds are looking fine despite the adverse conditions. Mr. McCutcheon thinks that the good condition of cattle is due to the fact that the range gen-

GOOD GRASS PROSPECTS

The recent rains will do incalculable good to this section. Enough has fallen in all parts of the country to start the grass and weeds to growing rapidly and in the northern part of the country from the Borroum ranch north on into Edwards coounty the rainfall was heavy. The grass has remained green in nearly all the pastures anyway, especially in the sheltered valleys, and does not need much moisture to keep it up.-Brackett News.

PURCHASED HEREFORD BULLS W. H. Craven, manager of the Shoe nail ranch, purchased the past week Durham bulls from other parties.

ARRANGING FOR MEETING The mass meeting called for Wednes-day night to consider the action of executive committee of the Panhandle Livestock Association in arranging the committee for advertising. held in Amarillo, April 19, was very poorly attended owing to the stormy weather. Those present, however, ratified the action of the committee in

appointing various committees to attend to the details of the meeting.—Amarillo Champion.

dwindled steadily from the high mark of 133,775 in 1898.—St. Joseph Journal. Stock interests have continued t

NEW MEXICO SHEEP

AFTER CHARLIE MARTIN Secretary Charley Martin says it

does not look like there will be much trading in Texas this spring unless Walter P. Neff, writing of Fort prices come down some. This may Worth and the stock yards at that point trading in Texas this spring unless prove true, but it is simply a prediction and the average Texas cattleman Telegram, said: "I haven't been in will fully agree with The Express that Fort Worth for three years prior to live stock, or their bona fide employes it would be much more consistent in this week. Everything looked natural will be passed in charge of stock. Mr. Martin, by virtue of his office to and I could have found the same old Those who are entitled by the above refrain from any appearance of bear-lamp posts with my eyes shut. But specified rules to accompany live stock ing the market for Texas cattle. The when I went over on the electric line. buyers and the sellers are the ones the service of which is improved, to to settle the question after all. There the stock yards vicinity, I seemed to is no objection to him discussing legis- be in a strange land. For where before lation and independent packeries, but stood vast expanse of desolute country it would be well enough for him to go there stands today cottages of laboring a little slow in matters which might men, new stores, a beautiful exchange interfere with plans for deriving a building, two large packing houses revenue for the National Live Stock horse and mule barns, a large and airy Association from the Texas cattlemen. sale payillon for fine stock, and com--San Antonio Express. THE PECOS VALLEY

Mexico and is loud in his praises of go to the sausage factory."
that country. He says that after leav"As they frequently do when enterfield all under frigation and that at than a place of barter of live stock." thousand white faced cattle on winter feed in the alfalfa fields. He says the town of Roswell has a population of nearly six thousand and as to business Skinner of Chicago to a representative the contract. houses and fine dwellings is not surpassed by San Antonio.-Brackett

BIG PRAIRIE FIRE

Wednesday afternoon between four or something like that. and five o'clock the dry grass on the

stopping its progress. From the east we have no definite information, except week by H. C. Arendt from J. Blach that the Russel and McIntyre ranches were saved. Trainmen report seeing the light and smoke this morning in of coming 3's, tipped the beam at 1046 the uninhabited part of the Glass mountains to the northeast of Altuda and it is probably burning there yet. The extent of the damage is not known. J. D. Jackson is the greatest sufferer, a large portion of his ranch being devastated.-Alpine Avalanche.

PROPER HOG METHODS

"The common method is to shut the pigs up and let the sows go out in the looking after their sheep interests here, pasture," says a Wisconsin swine breed-"Then the music begins. That is the way I used to do. The sows hung around the whole day, and then they got caked, and we would have trouble with them, and sometimes an excellent brood sow was ruined. I don't do that ter, in fact there has been no loss to brood sow was ruined. I don't do that speak of so far. Of course there will now. I have a feeding floor adjoining my hog house. The feeding is all done on this floor. I shut the sows in on this floor and allow the pigs every access to them. I feed the cows all the oats they can eat and give them allthe water they can drink. The pigs are fed all the shelled corn they can eat. They go up there, eat and get to the sows. By the end of the week these sows are dry, and the pigs get so disgusted going up there and finding nothing, that they just quit. Absolutely erally is better watered than it used to be and says that with a shortage of will go near its mother. You can turn water stock would be dying now .- the sows right out in the pasture with the pigs, and there is no more trouble. New Transportations Rules Up to the Present Time the that way for years, and the pigs never suck the sows again. It is an easy thing to dry sows that way. Feed them nothing but oats on a dry floor and let them drink water.

FAT STOCK SHOW

The annual fat stock show held at Fort Worth last week was a success in every way and in object lesson to every visitor. The show of cattle, horses, mules, sheep and swine was equal to any similar exhibition ever held in Texas or the south. This show proved conclusively that Texas has just as inch, purchased the past week live stock as can be found in any state loud have been the complaints of the Thus far there has been practically had of coming two-year-old in this country. This statement by us Hereford bulls from the Hereford Grove stock farm, and fifteen head of Durham bulls from other parties.

W. E. Skinner and other gentlemen the stock farm, and fifteen bead of the structure of t These bulls were shipped to Douglass, who attended this exhibit. There is full. Arizona, and from there will be taken no longer any reason why Texas from are that the railroad companies have moisture would be welcomed, but on to the ranch of Mr. Lewis Swift in ers and ranchmen should send north not been furnishing the proper equip- the whole the rangemen has little comstate of Sonora, Mexico. U. S. for stock to improve their herds when ment for the handling of the stock plaint to offer. Prices have been hold-Weddington had charge of the ship- just as good can be had at home. Texas either in the matter of cars or loco- ing up fairly well, but there is, of ment and will turn the bulls over to breeders of pedigreed stock have for motives to haul them, resulting in course, nothing moving to speak of the ranch manager at the town of Douglass.—Childress Index.

years been importing the best that damage to the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could buy, and they should stock, and that the rates have been in the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could buy, and they should stock, and that the rates have been in the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could buy, and they should stock, and that the rates have been in the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could buy, and they should stock and that the rates have been in the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could buy, and they should stock and that the rates have been in the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could buy, and they should stock and that the rates have been in the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could buy, and they should stock and that the rates have been in the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could buy, and they should stock and the cattle and other live at the present time as far as the range money could be at the cattle and the c The score or more of fine herds of pedigreed cattle in Texas have been built meeting of the association to be gratifying indeed to know that in the pointed by the National Live Stock As- makes money he will try 16 again and ace of so many discouragements, Texas has taken such high rank in so short various lines of railway west of Chi- does he insist upon lower prices before time in the quality of her live stock. -Texas Stockman and Farmer.

THE ARIZONA RANGE

Although there were light rains or IMPORTS FROM MEXICO February, occurring principally on the conditions which exist and modify-Reports show that there has been a 5th and 17th, there has generally been ing in a great measure the rules which considerable falling off in the imports a continuation of the drouthy condiof cattle from Mexico to the United tions which began in October, 1903. reference to interstate shipments of States during the past year. Indeed, The rain and snow which fell, although live stock. General Freight Agent Sarthe movement in the opposite direction, especially of breeding cattle, has insufficient to benefit vegetation to stock No. 10133H, which gives the genbeen heavy. The number of head of any considerable extent. Except for eral rules which will govern the pascattle brought from Mexico in 1903 some cold weather during the early sage of men in charge of interstate was 28,787, as compared with 63,560 in part of the month, the weather during shipments of live stock on and after 1902. The decrease has been steady February was mild and pleasant, and March 15. The circular in question is for six years, the importations having several days during the latter part of as follows:

Stock interests have continued to suffer during the month. Dry grass is still fairly abundant on the ranges Julian Smith, the Black river sheep over much of the territory, but in man, was in the city the fore part of parts of nearly all counties. range stock: the week. He says that his sheep, food is becoming scarce. Green grass through the winter in excellent con- Gila and Navajo counties, but genis the matter of lambing grounds. for spring food are, therefore, not fa-Unless rains come soon this will be a vorable. Stock water is becoming more difficulty of no mean proportions, and and more searce, and this is the prinis causing the masters considerable cipal cause of losses of stock interests. worry. The winter has been the mild- It also has the effect of limiting the est in years and with timely rains the grazing area. Slight temporary relief season will be extremely prosperous .- has been afforded by light rains or snows, but the amount of precipitation has been too small to afford permanent benefit .- Arizona Range News

ABOUT NORTH FORT WORTH.

"I haven't been in modious and well appointed stock yards
Horip Van Winkle had gone to sleep here three or four years ago and were

ing Sierra Blanco the country is pracing a town with their improvements, tically a desert until within twenty Swift, and possibly Armour, bought a miles of Roswell where the artesian large tract of vacant land surroundbelt is entered and from there on to ing the sites of then prospective pack-Roswell is one of the prettiest and ing plants and have succeeded in bluid richest countries to be found in the ing up quite a settlement. The ex-United States. He says that country is change building is built in the Spanish one solid apple orchard and alfalfa style and more resembles a nice hotel

COLONEL SKINNER TALKS of the Fort Worth Record. "I have, in fact, made a study of the live stock industry. In making this study I have been forcibly reminded that 'the first,' shall be last and the last shall be first,

"When the first cattle were imported north side of the track near Altuda into this country by those who settled dants free. In other words, one man dear to Jimmy's heart—the cow-for caught fire from a passing engine and Virginia it was found after a time that will be passed free with every two Jimmy had been keeping close tab on the flames spread eastward and north- further west there was free grass and head, with a maximum of six men for ward. The neighboring ranchmen as plenty of it. The result was that for the car, soon as possible assembled what men many years westward the star of the they could and furned out to fight it. cattle business traveled. Today, how-B. F. Billingsley, on the west, had the ever, there is an eastern tendency. The to live stock attendants, wind in his favor and succeeded in feeders are once more taking fresh cour-

"I say without qualifications of any kind or the slightest hesitancy, that Texas is the finest breeding ground in the world. The exact class of cattle wanted by the feeders of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and the other feedng states can be bred in Texas and raising to feeding and finishing age cheaper than in any other state.

"The ranges in the northwest are playing out. The Texas stock dealer must find other markets for their surplus. The feeders are the ones they its power to aid the stockmen in the must look to. Cattle must go direct matter of furnishing equipment which and morning, or she'll dry upon you, from the breeding grounds to the feed would give them prompt and satisfacmust look to. Cattle must go direct the middle states can well afford to cultivate the Texas cattle raisers. By said: ending their cattle to market via the breeder will realize the maximum profof his investments.

"I believe that the International fat stock shows that have been held in Chicago have done a great deal toward creating a feeling of friendliness on the part of the Texas cattle breeders toward the feeders, and vice versa. The fat stock show will help a great deal. The more the two-the breeder and the finisher-get together, the better will profit all parties. He who assists in bringing about this desired end will be doing all parties connected a great ser-

LIVESTOCK CIRCULAR

Are Adopted by the Texas and Pacific Railway Which Will Go Into Effect March 15, and Will Greatly Please the Shippers

For some time past there has been

Independent of whatever action may be taken as a result of the meeting

The following rules will be observed In the issuance of transportation be-tween points on the Texas and Pacific Railway Company for attendants charge of interstate shipments of live

1. Free transportation (for continu with the feeding of sotol, have gone is reported to be starting in parts of ous passage only; stopovers not to be allowed) may be granted to male atdition, and the only thing that is erally it is not doing well because of tendants actually in charge of inter-troubling him and other flockmasters the lack of moisture. The prospects state shipments of live stock when stock, or on the available passenger train immediately preceding or following the stock, as follows:

A. Pass one man in charge of one to five cars of live stock when shipped by one consignor.

ten cars of live stock, when shipped by one consignor. C. Pass three men in charge of eleven or more cars of live stock, which is the maximum number of men that will be passed with stock from one

shipper on same train. No one but the owners of the will be required to write their own names in ink, in the space provided for that purpose in the contract, in the presence of the agent, at the time the

ntract is executed

effect must be made to the agent issu- eral men. that time make a note on the face of some of the orders of the inspectors here from Spofford last week on a short business trip. Mr. Martin has hold of this town he would be content that same will be good for transporbut they are at last commencing to the stock contract to the effect thunking them but they are at last commencing to the stock contract to the effect thunking them but they are at last commencing to the stock contract to the effect thunking them but they are at last commencing to the stock contract to the effect thunking them. preceding or following the stock shipselect. Agents must see that this nota- after this disease in the various westtion also clearly appears on the tissue

that live stock attendants desiring to travel on passenger trains fully understand that their contracts will not be

Horses by Passenger Train Ser-

the cattle stage where the calcium light other issues applicable on interstate cream to treat your best girl on

rangements for feeding, watering and her mouth as empty as a coccar possibly sale at point of destination.

This and the other rules in the circular "A cow drinks a whole tub will no doubt be welcomely received by the cattlemen. Mr. Sargent stated milk well watered when it comes. No to a representative of this paper that city person would know what milk was the Texas and Pacific would do all in if it wasn't well watered.

lots. By finishing the cattle on the corn raised in abundance the people of With reference to the circular, J. B. Wilson, who has large stock interests,

"The Texas and Pacific is most cerentral west feeding pens. the Texas tainly taking a step in the right direc- you say 'Soo-oo-Mooly, Soo-oo tion, and its new rules with reference Mooly, ever so many times to kinder to the issuance of transportation to introduce yourself to her, and then handlers of live stock will be hailed she'll kick the pail over some, and set with delight by thousands of stock her foot in it when you get it most full raisers all over Texas. It is due the of milk, but that doesn't hurt it any, shipper that he should be allowed to cause you always strain it, send men along with his shipment who don't taste a little 'cowy' folks'll think understand how to and will care for it's too much watered. his stock in a proper manner, and the "A cow eats grass, a railroads should have conceded that tato parings, and ensitage, which is right long ago. I do earnestly hope, cornstalks made into mince meat, and and in which hope I know I am joined pickled in a thing they call sile, till it by every stockmen in Texas, that the smells so's you have to hold on to your action of the Texas and Pacific will nose when you go near it. be taken by the other lines promptly."-

THE WINTER WAS IDEAL

Sheepmen on the Northwestern Ranges Has Had But Little Cause for Complaint.

Thus far it has been an ideal winter for the range sheep growers. There has been enough snow in the deserts have tuberculosis if she's let alone a feeling of dissatisfaction existing be-tween the stock interests of the United and the other winter ranges have hardtheir grievances have been set out in where crowded ranges continue to mill pond. And then they sell her to full. The complaints, they have made cause trouble and others where more some butcher a good ways of and likely now reap the result of their efforts. exorbitant and that in the matter of relation to the outlook than to actual just been a kissing her. transportation to the men who handle transactions at the present time. The the stock while in transit, the rail- fect that the feed lot stuff is bringing Patrick and he smokes a T. D. pipe up at great cost of time, labor and roads have not done the proper thing. fairly satisfactory prices, however, is and wears overalls. money owing to the ravages of acclimahas been a conference held in Chicago tion that there will be a good market dustry should be encouraged. It is between a committee of cattlemen ap- for lambs next fall, for when the feeder ociation and the representatives of the only when it has been a losing year apples that way can't go to heaven. I he restocks his lots.

Thus far the feeding proposition has been very satisfactory. In Coloat Chicago and of other lines, the Texas and Pacific Railway Company has taken feeding and both sheep and lambs order of the system. Overwork, loss snows at times during the month of the initiative in the matter of meeting have made wonderful progress. While of sleep, nervous tension will be folthere has been no such great profits have heretofore been in effect with there have been but few sheep moved reference to interstate shipments of live stock. General Freight Agent Sarwould take a market price of \$5.50 to let them out whole with a little profit n their hay. Lambs have been bringing rather better prices and those who have marketed already profess to be well satisfied: The war outlook promises to not only sustain prices but very likely to rather improve them later in the season. All this is good news to the range grower who sees in a prosperous season ahead.

But it is not all joy on the range. The scab proposition continues mos annoying and reports from some localties show an increase in this disease for the past year notwithstanding the efforts made to overcome it. This is traveling on the same train with live not true in Wyoming, however, where the bureau of animal industry in showing the flockmasters how it really ought to be done and the success thus far had is rapidly convincing the sheepmen that it is far cheaper to go at this matter right than to fool along Pass two men in charge of six to with it year after year. The opposition to the government men in Wyoming is rapidly being overcome and as county after county is reported clean the rangemen are commencing to un-derstand that this disease can be cleaned up, after all, if it is gone about properly. But it takes a power that cannot be reached politically and that goes about the work without regard to the feelings of the flock owners and with an eye single to results. Wyom ing fairly swarms with inspectors and the rest of the range country is looking on with considerable interest at

the object lesson, For the information of those who are not familiar with the situation in Wy-When no person is in charge, the oming, it may be stated that the gent will so note on contract and Wyoming legislature a year ago passed law giving the government officers 8. When live stock attendants desire full authority to act as state officers travel on passenger train, as pro- in handling this scab and has turned ided in rule No. 1, statement to that the whole proposition over to the feding the live stock contract, who will at belled and fought vigorously against the contract, upon passenger train come to the state, and opposition is number (showing number of train to very rapidly dying out. The result be used), such to be the train either will probably be that congress will be asked to pass a law giving the bureau ment, whichever the attendant may of animal industry authority to go ern states. Then we will see an end copy of the contract which is sent to to it, not before, as state authority is not vigorous enough to produce the text live state authority is not vigorous enough to produce the text live state authority is not vigorous enough to produce the results.—American Sheep Breeder.

DEFINING THE COW

Jimmy Dawson is a little boy in one "I have seen many changes in the good for passage upon any other pas-cattle industry," said Colonel W. E. senger train than that mentioned in Illinois. Jimmy is quite a wise chap 5. Horses by Passenger Train Ser-cocity. He has the happy faculty of vice—With shipments of horses, car being able to observe things and he loads, forwarded by passenger train forms his own opinions of things and service, six men may be passed free likewise expresses them in his own with each car containing twelve or peculiar way. His teacher the other more head; lesser number of horses day gave the class a composition to proportionate number of male atten- write upon a subject which was very cows for quite a good while and he was only longing to be able to tell them what he thought of them. This is what

"A cow is a four limbed animal, with horns on her head, and she passes her keeping it out of his pasture. It spread age. The northwestern ranges are play rules, in so far as they apply to the time in making milk, cream buttermilk, northward ten or twelve miles before ing out. Henceforth the breeders and the finishers will have that portion of as heretofore published in tariffs or her you'd never have any more ice

other issues applicable on interstate traffic.

One of the most important provisions embodied in the circular of the Texas and Pacific is that free transportation on passenger trains, is provided for persons who wish to go ahead of the shipment of live stock and make arrangements for feeding, watering and her mouth as empty as a cocoanut shell

"A cow drinks a whole tub full of water at one swaller, so's to have her

Tom says. He lives in the country and knows a heap about cows,

"When you milk her you sit on a stool away off from her behind limbs, so's she can't hit you if she kicks, and

"A cow eats grass, and hay, and po-

"You tell a cow's age by the wrinkles on her horns. She can most always jump over any fence the hired man can make. When she chaws, she is said to ruminate. I ruminates when I ride my wheel. It's spruce gum I ruminates on, and when I'm done with it I give it to Johnny Brown who don't have any pennies to buy gum with. "You give a cow an apple, and she

swipes it into her mouth with her tongue. Cows have calves and folks make 'em into veal ple and cutlets. "A cow likes to switch flies with her tail. She does it, all the time. She goes to fairs and gets a record. A record is how many pounds of butter she can make in a week and how she is fed while she is making it.

"Sometimes she's registered, like my pa was when he went to vote for governor. When she's registered, she wears her badge in her off ear.

'A cow has a committee of men to look after her organs. She is liable to temperature to rise or fall, I forget which, and if they rise or fall she has to be drove off and killed and the men set on her like as they would on you if you should be drowndered in the some butcher a good ways off and likely enough you get some of her steak for your breakfast some day and never mistrust that you are a chawipg up some f your own relations.
"L heard Charley Gordon telling my

sister Kate, the other day, that she looked as rosy as a milkmaid. He'd "Humph! Our milkmaid is named

"I drive our cow home from the pas ure sometimes and when I do I get

apples under Deacon Jones' tree. Deacon Jones says that boys that get

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BY C. B. SMITH, grown along with staminate varieties, and Horticulturist, U. S. Office of Experimentthe question arises in what Proportion (Copyright, 1904, by Associated Farmorder to insure a full crop of fruit?

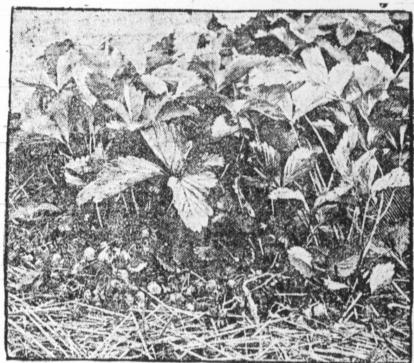
Press.)

Experiments at the Montane fruit? shall the two be mixed in the same bed in

Experiments at the Montana experiment Staminate strawberries are those varie-station show that some fruits may be ties whose blossoms have both male andformed on the pistillate varieties when female organs, and are thus able to polle-the staminate varies are from twenty to twenty-seven feet away, but this distance nate themselves and produce fruit. Pistillate sorts are those which haveis much too great to insure fruitfulness female organs only and thus must be with certainty. In general it has been cross-fertilized to produce fruit. found that at least every third row in the The former are sometimes known asstrawberry bed should be set with a "perfect" and the latter as "imperfect"staminate variety. This is the method varieties of strawberries. Staminate va-generally practiced by commercial grow-rieties planted alone will produce fruit, ers when growing pistillate shorts.

but pistillate varieties planted alone will In planting staminate varieties with produce nothing but vines and flowers. pistillate ones care should be taken that The yield of pistillate varieties, whenthe blossoming season of the two kinds properly cross-fertilized, is generally be-should come at approximatintely the sams lieved to be heavier than that of staminatetime. Early blooming pistillate sorus sorts, begause the latter partially exhaustshould be planted with early staminate their vitality by producing pollen. This sorts, and mid-season and late-blooming belief finds partial substantiation in ex-pistillate varieties likewise mated with periments reported from the Georgia ex-mid-season and late-blooming staminate

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Wilson, an early bloomer, 65 per cent of

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since it is usually the early crop of ber-

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eem to be worthy of attention by the

used as a pollenizer should remain in blos-

Late blooming varieties are preferred to

earlier ones by the Georgia experiment

station, because of the greater probabili-

ty of their immunity from late spring frosts, and because, blooming in warmer

weather, they more quickly ripen a mar-

cetable number of berries instead of a

few scattering ones that would not afford

a profitable picking. Late blooming is

also desirable with pistillate varieties,

since with the warmer weather more in-

sects, especially bees, are present to in-

sure fertilization and set a heavier crop

The frost resistance of pistillate varie

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was gathered in the first six pickings."

or color is wanted, only varieties possess-

minate varieties averaged but 2,353 quarts purpose only the heavy pollinators furper acre-526 quarts in favor of the pis- nishing an abundance of pollen for themtillate varieties. However, when the six selves, and an abundance to spare for heaviest yielding staminate varieties were their neighbors, should be used. Further, compared with the six best pistillate sort, the staminate varieties used for pollinators the average yield of the staminate varieties only desirable characteristies was 4,029 quarts, and of the pistillate ties since the fruit of pistillate varieties varieties 3,912 quarts per acre. This per varies considerably when fertilized by sition was again reversed in favor of the different staminate sorts, pistillate varieties when the six poorest varieties of each were compared. Since pistillate varieties will not bear ing these qualities in the highest degreefruit when planted alone they must be other things being equal-should be used

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and of this number eight were pistillate varieties. Another season at the same station, E. V. Wilcox found that in young erries, which had attained various size up to a pea, the frost injuries were great st in those varieties in which the seed. were most exposed, or were situated in very shallow depressions of the strawberry pulp.
"On the other hand, in those varieties which did not suffer from the frost, the seeds were protected by being imbedded

which were affected by a late spring

front, only nine escaped entirely uninjured

so deeply in pits of the plant that they were practically surrounded by the pulp. Between these, two extremes there was found a regular series of graduations rep-resented by varieties in which the seeds were imbedded in pits in the pulp of varying depths." In exposed places on the prairies difficulties are sometimes experienced in se-

curing a good crop of berries, even when staminate and pistillate varieties are planted together. The Minnesota experiment station tested the value of shading in this connection. Posts were set up cific Railway Company you must see that with a framework on top, and this was lightly covered with brush so as to cut off about half the sunlight. Under this screen the strawberries ma-

tured all their fruit and a full crop was secured, while outside this screen many berries were sun-scalded and many others failed to ripen, and in all only about half a crop was secured. The screen, while ossibly not practicable on a large scale is well worth trying in the home garden.

Five million dollars has been subscribed so far in England for promoting the cultivation of cotton in British colonies and Egypt. One part of the scheme is to send out a large number of overseers and experts in cotton growing to instruct the natives till they are familiar with the process.

Belgian glass manufacturers are to form a glass trust in order to oppose then points; as well as for the freight the demands of the labor unions for rates thereon. wages and to obtain better selling price in foreign markets. A committee of five persons, consisting of two glass manufacturers, two engineers and one architect is to fix the value of the different they must make their own arrangements tered Shorthorn cattle.

in the levees along the Mississippi river. The crawfish burrow into the levee and the muskrats follow to catch and eat them. Then the muskrate burrow is a catch and eat them. Then the muskrate burrow is a catch and eat them. Then the muskrate burrow is a catch and eat them. Then the muskrate burrow is a catch and eat them. Engineers are alarmed at the inroads Then the muskrats burrow right through the bank and make so many noles of this kind that in time of flood a break is likely to occur.

So many Germans have turned inneeded in the patent office of the em-pire; last year there were about twenty nine thousand applications for patents

Within the last few years the various colonies of Europeans in Egypt have built their own hospitals. There are ow in Cairo French, German, Austrian, Anglo-American and Italian hospitals. French tobacco raisers in 1900 and 1901 received \$166 and \$170 per ton, while for foreign tobacco the administration paid \$270 per ton in 1900 and \$262 in 19\$1. In 1898, \$340, or exactly double the price of home-raised tobacco, was paid for the foreign article.

Our relations with Syria are constantly growing more intimate through missionaries, emigrants, tourists and ommercial transactions, and it is hoped the day is not distant when we can buy silk thread there for our mills Experimental evidence seems to show and sell in return cotton goods (as well hat early blooming pollenizers tend to as machinery) to Syria.

In Beirut silk thread is the principal article of exportation, constituting about two-thirds of the total amount which is figured at \$5,000,000, and cotton goods from the chief item of imports, being valued at more than onehalf of the whole, provided the latter is estimated at \$8,000,000, which is considered proper.

The new Hamburg steamers that are being built for the South American service will have some novel features including a playroom for children, and on deck, arbors like those used in German gardens, which, it is expected, will be particularly appreciated by the

whatever factor favors earliness would passengers in tropical regions. The number of suicides in Berlin is rower, and the results here presented alarmingly on the increase. In 1900 eem to indicate that early blooming poi-the number was 434; in 1901 it was nizers have a tendency to hasten the 525; in 1902, 564, and in 1903, 661. ripening period of a late pistillate variety Whereas the population in this time blossoming with it. It should be borne in has increased only 3½ per cent the has increased only 31/2 per cent the mind in this connection that the variety rate of increase in suicides is 38 per cent. In 1900 there were 23 suicides om long enough to fertilize the late- to every 100,000 of population. In 1903 blooming as well as the early flowers of the number was 31.

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of all joint interstate rates on live stock, carloads, effective April 1.

as and Pacific junction point selected by cal shipments to Texas and Pacific juncsignees at such junction points upon paying beyond, shippers or owners must make their own arrangements with interested

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man says that it has been a physical impossibility for the Texas and Pacific to furnish cars on dates required, as when the cars leave the line of the Texas and Pacific It is dependent upon connecting NO MORE BLIND HORSES-For speines to return them. - When they do not.

stockmen because the connecting lines fail Iowa City, Iowa, have a sure zure. o return their cars promptly. uring the year 1903 the Texas and Pacific Berkshire Pigs of choice breeding. For earnings is about 70 to 30, but the cost

f handling cattle is much greater, as a pecial service has to be performed and Pearland, Texas. rental for the equipment paid, and a o earnings in the matter of handling catle would be about 80 to 20, which would eave the Texas and Pacific company net FOR SALE-

Under the new order of handling cattle he Texas and Pacific will receive ship- Richardson, Texas. ments anywhere along its line and turn them over to the shipper at connecting lines at junction points, where he can ments on to market. By this method the cars will then be released and can be used immediately for additional shipments,

shipper and the road.' The Santa Fe has been for a week or so hauling immense shipments of strawberries from Alvin. Yesterday two solid carloads were received in Rochelle, Texas. Fort Worth. The receipt has been one carload daily since the berry season pened at Alvin. These shipments are this point and go as far east as Cleve-land, Ohlo, and as far west as Denver, It is said the strawberry crop of South Texas is the largest in years. and the berries much finer.

Echoes of the Range

been better, but two weeks or more of move 250 cows from Hall county to very cold weather, followed by a very his new location and expects to be heavy fall of snow, northwest of here established there within the next two in particular, has changed the situation weeks. The Banner-Stockman wishes greatly. Range cattle began to drift him all kinds of good luck, and we and as little or no feed could be got at, it necessarily would require but a prophesy his return to Clarendon for very few weeks to work a great change, wards the Belle Fourche, and this week various outfits have had a force of men at work cutting out the weak IN STERLING COUNTY cattle and throwing back the strongest Sterling News. to the range. About 8,000 head were rounded up just across the river from the city Monday. Probably 1,000 head of mules. or a little more have been cut out and Notwithstanding the continued dry

but should there be a cold backward spring the worst is to be feared. The situation in regard to the smaller stockmen is much better. The nice weather prevailing up until about a month ago enabled them to hold their hay until it was needed. Therefore but very few are facing the difficulties that threaten the open range stock.

The weather at this time appears settled and it is sincerely to be hoped hat the next few weeks will continue be as good. The snow near here has almost disappeared and if no heavy snow falls soon the situation doubtles will improve considerably over what in TAYLOR COUNTY.

IN DONLEY COUNTY

Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

The Denver's new cattle special from Childress to Fort Worth Monday took in forty-five loads of cattle. "It will run twice a week, on Mondays and

J. R. Wright, one of Briscoe's promi-J. R. Wright, one of Briscoe's prominent cattlemen, made us a very pleas-being satisfied with prices there, went ant call yesterday. He recently sold on to Louisiana with his car of mules his steer calves at \$12 and reports and horses. stock interests in fine shape.

Reports from Amarillo say that the IN MASON COUNTY people of that burg are making prep- Mason News. arations to entertain with a lavish

comes the report of the sale of 16,000 few days, south Texas cows at \$12 around. Flem- M. L. Williams was in Saturday from south Texas cows at \$12 around. Flemworth, T. M. Pyle, T. S. Bugbee, W. B. Ware and J. G. Martin attended the remarkably well. stock convention at Fort Worth. Mr. or Abilene to ship their stock. Walsh is vice president of the asso-

Jim Shristal, the handsome foreman Baird Star. of the R. O. ranch, was here Monday Mr. W. L. Terrell, of Dallas, has understood for their big steers.

topping the market for their class, A We still have room for more, good profit was figured on the shipment James Merrick shipped a car of fat

Del Harrington, the Channing lawyer and land man, was shaking hands with old friends in Clarendon last Saturday. Del reports everything flour- IN EDWARDS COUNTY ishing on the plains but says a rain Rock Springs Rustler.
would be appreciated. There has been Messrs. Jim Payne, Jeff Crenshaw. would be appreciated. There has been

has been in the twenty-eighth annual divide this spring and guarantee to session at Fort Worth this week and shear more goats and better goats than the attendance is reported larger than the Mexican shearers. ever before. Very little trading has been reported, the buyers being conspicuous only by their small numbers. Worth was chosen as the place Devil's river. for holding the next annual convention Dallas made a fight for the honor but

J. L. Williams returned Saturday from Sherman county where he has bought a ranch from J. M. Wattenbarger. The place consists of four sec-

best informed fear that a very heavy fences and cross fences, well, windloss will be met in range stock should mills and tanks and sheds enough to there be much bad weather for the shelter 250 head of cattle. There is also a farm of 125 acres, and the whole Up until about four weeks ago the place is smooth and well grassed, prinsituation on the range could not have cipally with mesquite. He will shortly won't be unkind enough to even Joe is the kind of fellow who doesn't Thousands of head had drifted in to- make failures and his Sherman county venture is sure to be successful.

J. T. Davis went to Sherwood this cattle yet in good shape. week with a view of buying a string

been secured for feeding. The remainder will be thrown back to the range. The loss as yet has been small. learn

IN LIPSCOMB COUNTY

Higgins News. Will Suthers, of Day county, was a disitor in town Monday and while here made the News office a call. He is one of the progressive farmers and stockmen of the northwest portion of that county.

Harry Mitchell, of the northwest part of the county, was in the last of the week on a trading expedition. He reports everything in his section to be in a prosperous condition.

Abilene Reporter.

R. M. Grantham shipped a car of stock cattle to Fort Worth this week. disposing of them at from one and a half to three cents. They were in very poor condition, he says, having had but little feed this winter.
D. C. McCoy returned Thursday af

ternoon, having sold his car of mules

J. S. Capps was in from his ranch hand, the Panhandle Stockmen's Asso-ciation of Texas on April 19 and 20. a few days last week. He says his stock are doing well and he has not From the Fort Worth convention had to move them as he did the past

ing & Davison, San Antonio were the Fredonia on the lookout for young thirty sections, and many others are sellers, and Kansas parties the buyers. | mules. He has recently purchased sev- | heavy losers. We will give a full re-Dick Walsh, W. J. Clark, J. D. eral head of fine animals of that port next week.

Jefferies, W. J. Lewis, John Moles- class.

Walter Schreiner was in Saturday

IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

sprucing up for a trip to Fort Worth, bought the —— Munger ranch, and He reported everything in good shape has bought some very fine stock to on the ranch, with a sale pending, he put on it. We are glad to welcome understood for their big steers. The sheep shipment of Page & ties who moved here from Collin, White to Kansas City last week re-Fannin and Coryell counties are well suited in prices from \$4.30 to \$5.15 and pleased, and are all wide awake people.

and more of our stock farmers should cattle from here Tuesday evening, and did very well with them. The new They do not now have to drive to Baird or Bbilene to ship their stock.

no loss of cattle except a few head of Harmon Hill and Clyde Payne, four calves from black leg, fifteen being the promising youths of the Leakey counlargest number he had heard of any try were in town Wednesday on their way to the Jim Winn ranch to shear The Texas Cattle Raisers' Association goats. They propose to shear on the

D. W. Parker went out with - John son, the goat buyer, Monday, to sell him his stock of fine angoras on Dry

IN BEE COUNTY

Beeville Bee E. E. Skipper, a stockman from Bartow, Florida, was in the city for several days of the past week, and purchased a car of horses and mules and a car of ful as on former crios, selling to a tions right on the Texas side of the Hereford and Devon bulls and heifers. line and within a stone's throw of the A policy of better breeding is being depot at Texhoma. There is also a adopted by stockraisers in that section, quarter-section on the Oklahoma side, so Mr. Skipper states, it having been which is located the stock pens of found that crosses of the better breeds

on native cattle improve them in size reports everything in a prosperous conand beef qualities while not diminish- dition,

ing their rustling qualities in a range not expressly noted for nutriment in its IN TAYLOR COUNTY

natural grasses. Mr. Skipper is the Abilene News. Thomas Trammell shipped to market The Belle Fourche, S. D., Bee says: the railroad. Joe says he has secured cattle, Hopkins & Son, of Kissimmee, the six hundred head that have been The situation on the South Dakota a fine place. There are about \$4,000 having purchased several car loads of high grade cattle some weeks ago.

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Sixty days. They were rolling fat and sixty days. They were rolling fat and should believe a face of the six hundred head that have been on feed at the oil mill for the past weeks ago.

Sixty days. They were rolling fat and should believe a face of the post weeks ago. During the past week Messrs. Green,

hould bring a fancy price, In the case of C. W. Merchant versus fom and Houston closed a trade here by which they came into possession of the T. & P. Railway Company et al, the John Camp ranch, a few miles west the plaintiff recovered judgment of \$277 of Floresville, embracing 7,825 acres of against the T. & P. and \$866 against the land, with a front on the San Antonio St. Louis and San Francisco as damages river of six or seven miles. The land to cattle in shipment.
Is to be cut up into small tracts, roads Wright & Darby shipped a car of cattle to Fort Worth Monday. laid off each way and sold to actual

Floresville. The men who buy will no doubt be truck farmers or dairymen, as the days of cotton are numbered in FOWLER CO.

settlers. This will mean much to

Isaac Pemberton was here this week

from the J. A. L. range, and reports

Bill Oden, now a four-sectioner of Ector county, was here Tuesday morn-

Clark's ranch five miles northeast, was

here Wednesday, and reports things on

J. S. Means came in the first of

the week from his ranch forty miles

Chas. Haughton was in the first of

Z. T. Brown's ranch thirty-five miles

south, and reports no loss of cattle this

don't rain in a month.

IN GONZALES COUNTY

these who have steers on feed,

it does not come up to do any good.

IN REEVES COUNTY

no losses to report yet.

IN LLANO COUNTY

siderably to get them out.

ranch from Marathon.

vindmills this time.

Llano Times,

Sonora News.

Gonzales Inquirer.

casional northers.

Orleans.

Pecos News.

for fancy tops.

winter up to date. He says cattle are

Tom Barnes sold to R. L. Martin

recently seventeen two-year-old stock

neifers at \$17 around. They were evi-

dently good stuff as in these late days

about sixty miles northwest of here

disaster, though as yet we have been

variously estimated anywhere from 250

to 500 sections, though reports are not

unable to learn full particulars. The

the "Klondike" in good shape.

ing, and reports things pretty good.

Wilson county.

Midland Reporter.

IN MIDLAND COUNTY

Commission Men at Kansas City Have Declared War Against the Fowler Packing Company and Have Established Boycott.

The Fowler Packing Company of west, the J C, and reports everything Kansas City recently employed a num-in pretty good shape. Kansas City recently employed a num-ber of solicitors and sent them out through the territory tributary to the the week from his ranch near Fort Kansas City market soliciting the ship stockton, on his way to Borden county pers to consign their shipments to the to assist in the Slaughter land rush, Fowler Company direct, offering them which took place at Gail last Thurs- an advance over the Kansas City market, and pointing out to them the sav Joe Brown came up Tuesday from ing to the shipper by cutting out the commission men's profits. As a result of this the commission men have de clared war against the Fowler Comstill in pretty good shape, and no loss pany and are using every means within is likely to be sustained even if it their power to prevent the Fowler Company buying cattle and hogs in the open market. They give as their reason that it is not just to allow this company to solicit shipments direct and when these shipments fall short the price is right close to that paid of the desired quantity, to come into the open market and secure the shortage there.

The prairie fire which broke out So far the commission men have been last Wednesday has caused widespread victorious, and while the Fowler Company has been permitted to buy all the sheep that it sees fit to bid for, it has amount of country covered has been been unable to get practically cattle or hogs. It is a battle for ex-istence so far as the commission men authentic. J. F. Bustin, at Shafter authentic. J. F. Bustin, at Sharter Lake, lost about fwenty-five sections; pany should succeed there is no doubt will Gates, adjoining him, lost nearly all of his pasture; S. H. Holloway, also adjoining Shafter Lake, lost about open market, for should they withdraw open market, for should they withdraw there would not be sufficient demand through the smaller buyers to continue the open market. Again, it would be a death-dealing blow to the smaller packers and butchers, as they have not the facilities or the capital to receive The first train of fed steers for the shipments direct or care for them after season will leave this evening for St. they are received, so the commission Louis over the Aransas Pass. The men have appealed to the shippershipment is made by Mr. L. M. Koker-pointing out the fact that they would pointing out the fact that they would not, of Big Hill. Five, cars will be be playing into the hands of the shipped from this place and nine cars packers' trust if they should continue As an evidence that the commission men are making their stand upon

from Shiner. 'Stockmen are watching to ship direct to the Fowler Company he shipment with interest, especially It is dry and rain is needed for grass, principal they call attention to the Cattle are doing well on pear and sage fact that the National Company, which controls the Fowler Company, is Weather continues dry and getting regular buyer at the Kansas City more so rapidly on account of the ocbeen made by the company to interfere The stockmen are greatly exercised with their purchases so long as the over the duliness in the cattle market cattle bought by them shall be shippe and low prices. The beef trust is to St. Leuis and other cities where the blamed for the condition and the National Company has branches.

stockmen are planning some way to The method of the boycott by the P. H. Goss has seventy-five head of show stock to the Fowler buyers, and fine steers on feed and they say it where they are shown, to price them would make one's mouth water for a considerably higher than the regular good fulcy steak to walk out and view market selling price, and so far this while the more optimistically minded sustained will have a tendency to break industry while the price is down to has had the desired effect, as the Fow-ler Company has bought no cattle to-Two cars of live stock went out yesterday over the Southern Pacific-one speak of in the last week, and, inshipped by W. H. Davis and one by deed, very few since the boycott was

E. Scheske. Both cars went to New inaugurated. The management of the Kansas City This section is getting very dry. Stock Yards Company claim that there Some farmers have planted corn, but is no noticeable difference in the market because of the inability of the Fowler Company to buy, as they say that J. W. Prewit returned Saturday never before been so bold as at present, from Mississippi where he went with and it is to check this practice that more horses. He was equally successthe commission men and the stock yards company have inaugurated the present fight.

John Hudson came in from his plains The Kansas City packers are watched ranch Monday after supplies. . He says closely to see that they do not share t is very dry up his way but he has their purchases with the Fowler Company, as well as are all buyers on the market, and it is said that if any one vitality of sheep to a point where they those who believe the end has come. W. L. Kingston, that optimistic attleman from the mountains, was nere Monday. He looks for rain in John DeRacy was in from his ranch owler Company.

vesterday. He wears a smiling coun-It is thought by some that the packtenance that it is as well with him as rs of Kansas City have decided to test his plan, and have used the Fowler this plan, and have used the Fowler Custer county also has sent out some a short time because of the frequency Company with which to make the test, reports anything but cheerful. Many of the chinooks. Furthermore, they as the company is not and has not been cattle are said to have perished there Mr. E. O. Ramsey, son of F. M. Ram- reasoned that the commission men whereof they speak the losses are reasoned that the commission men whereof they speak the losses are sey, and Mr. J. B. Townsen, two young would give little heed to the action, placed as high as 20 per cent. Cattle men from Lampasas, were in Llano but if this is the case, and it seems that drifted badly during the last storms.

Tuesday. They had been at the Rune, the Rune the fight is helps wered in the rest that drifted badly during the last storms. Tuesday. They had been at the Rain-, the fight is being waged upon this sup- and many left the range on the north sey ranch in the corner of Llano, Lam- position, it is probable that the pack- side of the Yellowstone and made their basas and San Saba counties, above ers will lose, as the commission men are standing together to a man to de-Joe Bozarth and Gordon Mayes re- feat the effort.

It is reported that the Fowler Comturned Sunday from Mississippi where they have been the past three months pany has laid off a number of men, disposing of three cars of mules. They and that the plant is only running at said it was a tight squeeze to get ril about half of its capacity, and should of them although they came out all they persist in maintaining their priright. They had to travel around con- vate non-competitive yards and thereby continue to antagonize the commission men it may interfere very seriously with their volume of bustness.

ing in Pecos county has been ranch-ranch south of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and is shipping his cattle to Mexico, nd is shipping his cattle to the new A. P. Belcher was in from his ranch on the Llano Tuesday. This is the first

rganization. He had to look after his Winter's Losses Cannot Be Correctly Estimated at This Time, But It Is Conceded They Will Be Very Heavy.



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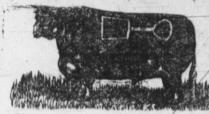


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than the usual average. From the extreme castern part of the ing. The weather there throughout the entire winter has been much more for winter feed for their stook. severe than in this locality and consequently it is admitted that the losses the sheep region to the north of that ing as pasture. place said that the flockmasters would certainly find their holdings decimated uation as gloomly as their competitors to a considerable extent. The deep

would pull through. Custer county also has sent out so heavy buyer at the yards, and it is and by some who profess to know say, the winter hereabouts was an exappearance on the river and beyond. and great depth of snow caused them to have been killed last week by trains, hey have managed to get onto the grass to Northern Pacific tracks and huddled up found thinner than ordinarily. in draws to escape the fury of the

Reports from the range of the Black Belle Fourche and some of the other snow that covered the range for weeks was still further increased last week by the fall of almost two feet, thereby adding to the gravity of the situation confronting the herdsmen.

The smaller outfits are reported as

As viewed by many familiar with

these columns, one of the largest outwill be greater. Gledive announces the fits in that region, the Franklin Cattle withdrawn. We hope this will soon timely arrival of a chinook, which put Company, abandoned the field last fall take place.-Rock Spring Rustler. their own yards and has received the in its appearance last Thursday night and sold a majority of its animals, and bulk of its supply direct, but have and resulted in almost a total disap-removed the remainder into Nebraska, pearance of the deep snow that covered where it has bought large tracts of the range. Persons arriving there from land, which it has enclosed and is us-Local stockmen do not view the sit-

further east. They say that while tremely cold weather have reduced the spring roundup will be a surprise to s now being practiced against the weather intervened between now and ly so abundant as they would like to the time for a permanent break-up, have seen it, they say enough existed fere with grazing. On the contary they say, it is an easy matter to The scarcity of feed, continued storms they say, it is an arrayers were heard for more snow than had faller, in order condition to withstand a long siege of to afford the moisture needed by stock, cold weather. Recently riders left Miles as drought was more feared than any City and turned many of the strays thing else. The only thing they look back onto their range, but it appears for, unless some unusual and totally thing else. The only thing they look further east, where they are said to unexpected changes should occur be appear, is that stock will be

ROCK SPRINGS CONDITIONS.

Hills are far more gloomy than any in this part of the Stockman's Parsent out from this state. From Sturgis, adise. There has been but very few cattle lost and now, since the rain and this association from the East and enters of the cattle industry there sleet of two weeks has left the North have just completed a tour of comes the news of heavy losses, par-ground well seasoned with moisture Texas and viewed its resources and ticularly by the larger concerns. The sattle drifted from their ranges and little norther Thursday morning-have were driven into the settlements, where been warm almost as summer, a beau- of better presenting Texas opportunithey could obtain neither feed nor tiful crop of grass is putting in its ties to the homeseeker and investor water. There they remained for days appearance earlier than usual. Every-in older states. and gradually became so weak that thing points to unprecedented range when an effort was made to drive them back to where they could secure feed many were unable to travel. The deep are decidedly on the improve on the states. If you wish to sell your factors of the states of the st new crop of weeds, etc.

> financiers of the land who have money invest in whatever will make a

insist that they will reach no more up the open range system. The limits such an extent that they can't fail to are narrowed by fences and conditions soon double their money, provided, of are bad and because the increase in course, that they invest now to hold state come reports that are discourag- settlers are yearly becoming worse for two or three years if necessary before those dependent upon the open range turning logse. All that cattle need is new capital invested in them to re-As has been previously published in lieve the strain that is being placed upon the market now by capital being

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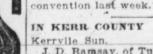
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Will Whitehead, R. H. Martin, Abe

Mayer, O. T. Word, Joe Wyatt, W. A. Glasscock, J. J. Ford, H. M. Gilliam,

and Fred Milard were among the

onora crowd to take in the Fort Worth

the city Wednesday and called at the the winter's losses on the range at this not losing anything. They have their profit, would at once recognize the op Sun office. Mr. Ramsay in conversa- time would tax the capacity of an ex- cattle confined within winter partur- portunities now offered by the cattle tion with a Sun representative stated pert. That there have been some age, besides they have hay to feed in that crops and grass never looked losses, almost everyone who has either case of emergencies. better and should there no freeze come sheep or cattle running at large is will- As viewed by many familiar with in the pear future, Kerr county will ing to concede, but no two can agree the conditions prevailing on what was reap rich harvests of all kinds.

Robt. Real, foreman of the famous
Live Oak rapeh on the Divide, was in
Kerrwile several days this week. He that they will reach a high figure, of the large outlits. The heavy losses

Billings Gazette: Even to arrive at J. D. Ramsay, of Turtle Creek, was in an approximately correct estimate of

Household Department

VERNIE LAWSON, Editor

This department of the Stockman-Journal is established for the mutual benefit of the wives and daughters of our subscribers and we according-ly invite suggestions and inquiries of a nature interesting to them collectively, and we will endeavor to impart the required information as speedily as possible and publish useful hints and helps for and about a woman's kingdom—home.

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THE BROKEN LINKS.

Well now that our dreaming is ended. And the best of life over and done; With the shadows and mystic lights blended.

And the web of our destiny spun, I stand with dim eyes brimming over, And clasping the image of you, And minding of fields of white clover That stood running over with dew.

Of ways that we wandered together, Of laughter and snatches of song, Of wildwood and blossoms and whether The term of your grieving were long. Or if there was ever a yearning,

Crept into your heart just for me; If memory brought a returning, Of dreams that we dreamed by the

If ever the twilights were lonely, Since laughing I strayed from your

If ever you whispered, "If only This love of ours never had died."

If ever you longed for the clinging, Of hands that crept into your own; If ever the birds in their singing, Brought wishing for something on

Ah, well, for the useless repining, That comes when the years have been spent; For the days that have dimmed life's

Ah, well for the useless lament. For never shall lost summers find us They sleep in the grave of the past; And the years that, lie scattered be Hold pleasures we fancied might

Old memories again may come throng-And dreams of the years that we Your heart may half break with its

But never may I come to you. But I can go on in my dreaming, The bliss of this gift were yet mine; For still on the dream-shores are

The lights that forever may shine. And there are the years I am weeping, And treasures my heart has loved

gleaming

Wait for me in memory's keeping, And oh, you are there with the rest. And someday I know I shall find you, Somewhere you will clasp me again; The loss but the closer will bind you, To her who was all to you then,

You will tell me how much you have And I with my head on your breast,

And you will remember the rest. I will tell you how I have regretted.

How memory of it has fretted, How mine were the bitterest smart.

I will tell you of nights full of weeping, And days full of longing for you; Of sowing so bitter in reaping,

And-roses so rich in their rue I will creep to your bosom believing,

That you will forgive me and when I have finished the tale of my grieving. You will kiss me and love me again. -Vernie Lawson.

GOOD IMPULSES.

The sudden desire in our hearts to perform some kindly office for a fellow creature, to lighten another's load to win a smile to lips that tremblingly close upon a sob is the materialization of that vague quality said to be possessed by each of us and called our better self. The momentary mantfestation of that indistinct item which gives us the right to dream of heaven and the time of our entrance there Humanity is frail, but with all its frailty there is seldom a descension of it to the depths which ostracize the instinct to at odd times lend a helping hand to some more heavily burdened wayfarer, who staggers beneath

It does not always assume the char acter of a great sacrifice or even a great good, but borders so intimately upon the boundary line of both that is easily recognized and appreciated. Some natures are capable of loftier heights than others. Some are broadened from contact with the world, while others become dwarfed and incapable of the range of vision required to be able to see beyond their personal boundary. They are constantly peering inward instead of outward, until their vision becomes guaged to the baby. accustomed distance and anything be-

yond this is mist-shrouded to them. The good impulses which sometimes take possession of them are short lonely this afternoon I thought I pour into moulds to cool. lived and are promptly smothered, and would come and visit with you awhile conscience receives a sleeping potion I enjoy the household very much and consisting of pitiful excuses that serve thought I would write a word or two to allay any pangs of self-condemna- for it. I have five children, but always tion that may later attack them. find time to rest and visit. I try to

master them, and the good is crowded have that seem to never find a mo- \$1.00. Trial bottles free, diminish until there comes or woman ever becomes wholly devoid place for anything, but just hang or them connection with divinity, but it be, and then when they want it they may be hidden, crushed and seemingly are obliged to spend more time in vironments will coax it to put forth taken to have placed it where it rightly

be guided by the impulses of good close by sending you some recipes I But this will never be. The golden Nellie. climax of human life will be found in a future existence, not here. This is but your loss is our gain. I hope you W. S. Marshall, Channing, Texas.

of which the sinful part of us is left and the reality assumed. We can not the lawyer must study diligently and unceasingly to become a shining light n his chosen profession. It is alike of modern progress, for there is nothing stands still. These stern truths ing colonel Poole of your paper hood! Not perfect perhaps, yet linger-ing on the horizon of perfection. Good lent value than either-the conscious-

We can live this life but once, and we can not return to draw a line through that part of it that were bet- again. -Single Blessedness ter left unlived. We have but one opportunity to inscribe our names on feel invited at all times. Your solilo the white slate of eternity, and now while the golden chalk is in our hand you'll change your mind. I am sure is the time to pause and think before you will, because you are a we write it crookedly, not after it and the whole story is told in that appears in faulty characters and the assertion. Next time, however, we fingers. Help your companion today, reach out your hand to the little child today, it may not need it tomorrow. Say that kind word which hovers on your lips today, tomorrow it may not be ours to say, for the ears that hungered for it may be deaf when tomorrow comes. If your heart prompts you to an act or word of pity and sympathy today open wide the door and let flutter out. Live well today that the world may grieve for you to-

Mrs. Lawson: I have thought for ometime that I would introduce myelf to the household and be sociable, but have been waiting for the spirit to move me, and as I feel its influence today I make a bow and stand on the door step; you are to do the rest as stay is not protracted we should im-

cant attention. You requested som of us to give instructions for making its merit. baby's dresses for Mrs. E. T. K., some time ago and as no one has answered I'll tell her how I make mine.

I dress my babies according to their age and strength, and try to be sentime. I never make their clothes very And I with my head on your breast, time. I never make the their feet, and berry on top. Or a dash of whipped if the weather is cool I put stockings cream will have a pretty effect. on them. I make the armholes plenty will tell you how I have regretted.

The sorrow I brought to your heart; ow memory of it has fretted.

The sorrow I brought to your heart; and the sleeves are long enough and roomy enough. I make them low in neck, that is, low enough to not as baby grows older the dress can be made to fit it with but little work. I call this a sort of extension dress. Well I hope these few suggestions will be of some use to the young mother and I'll say goodbye and wish you success and leave with the promise to come

Well I recognize my indebtedness to that kindly spirit and hope it will soon prompt you to come again, and be served at almost any dinner, remain longer. We appreciate your courtesy, but that is unnecessary, just walk in and make yourself at home.

I am sure Mrs. E. T. K. will thank ou for your remarks on the baby's vardrobe they are indeed sensible and sure it would plead for fewer ross and fretful. I am of the opinion that you and I would fret also if rigged out as I have seen many little ones. If baby were left at home during hot weather it would be better for both it and the mother. But if this is impossible it should at least be coolly clad and the mother would be spare the worry of caring for a fretful

Dear Mrs. Lawson: Being extremely Others forget to look inward and close, have a place for everything, and everyescaping a grief which had loomed up for I think the younger children folbefore them and threatened their lives low the oldest, and a girl is naturally more quiet than a boy. But I am into a smaller space and continues to ment's time to rest. If they would time learn to manage right I think they when the world says, "He is all bad," would find as much spare time as I I take exception to this statement, I do, but in doing one thing they undo do not and can not think that any man another. They have no particular of the better instinct which lends throw it wherever they happen to dead. Yet the right conditions and en- searching for it than it would have new life and blossom out in-all its belonged. I learned long ago that if I ever wanted anything but work It may demand vigilance and power- must utilize every moment of time that ful influence but still the bud is there was mine. By doing this I have accomplished something and am not If every heart would listen to and worked to death. Well I am going to which spring up within it the world have tried and am sure those who try would be a brighter and a better place. them will be pleased with them .- Mrs.

drives you in. Come often, you will ilways find a warm welcome. So you have time to rest; well, there are, as you say, a great many who scarcely understand the meaning of the word. I presume you are right about management, nothing can be accomplished without it. Haphazard housekeeping is full of woe. There are many tired women who spend the evening hour dreading the morrow, when they could as well look forward to a day of hap-piness. But some of them are to be pitied and not censured, for they have never been taught the first principle hope to reach the summit of righteous-ness in this sphere, but we can come hampered in the battle they are fight-a great deal nearer to it than we do. We can not reach anything that is be begun by the mother in the childworth the reaching without effort. There must be self-denial to attain achievement, no matter in which direction it may lie. The musician must mothers of today should smooth the for years without compensation, tangles out of our daughter's to-

Mrs. Lawson: Do you allow single in all things. To excel one must labor ladies in the chosen circle? If you do indefatigably to keep up with the wheel of modern progress, for there is noth-with you. I had the pleasure of meetare continually held up before the man gave him my promise to write to the who would succeed in life. What can be more worthy of exertion than the much but am not going to make a sublimity of perfect man and woman-return speech to any of them. I am hood! Not perfect perhaps, yet linger on the same side of the fence with the woman who declared herself no orator deeds always bring reward. It may not but I just want to let you know be financial imbursement or fame; but am listening. I am living at home with my father and mother and am dent value than either—the conscious-ness of having proven worthy of our old maid as you may suppose, but will be pretty soon. I hope the household wil have success and live long. If thi escapes the waste basket I will com-

Glad you came and hope you will halk has dropped from our nerveless want a "return speech," and I hope

DESSERTS

As summer is coming and the housewife is beginning to wonder what she will serve for dessert, a few good recipes will be appreciated. These are tried and true, and those trying them will be gratified with results if directions or "Tolar rain," as such occurrences are are faithfully followed. Again let me tell you that you will have no success with any recipe unless this most important of all directions is strictly adhered to. Strawberries are mak-I haven't brought my knitting but I think the conversation interesting enough that knitting would receive lice and as I have tried it I urge others. The present winter has been a deto do the same, as I can testify to There has just been enough moisture

with two pounds of sugar; let them a big general rain, sufficient to put stand a good hour and longer will but plenty of moisture in the ground. increase the good effect; squeeze them in a straining cloth, pressing out all at a standstill on the hard land. In sible about it and not inflict ruffles the juice; add to this an equal measure the sandy land districts a little work is and laces upon them when I know they of water, and when half frozen the being done, but the people generally are suffering from the heat or weight of them. Baby's wardrobe doesn't have to be ugly to be comfortable, but can be sensible and pretty at the same be sensible and pretty at the same glass with green leaves and heaping. to be ugly to be comfortable, but can be sensible and pretty at the same glass with green leaves and heaping

pretty ways for making the little almonds pounded fine, two ounces each could be so much worse than they are; dustrial institutions. dresses that a mother can scarcely de- of chopped citron, raisins and curcide which one to accept. I make the rants, one ounce each of candled orsleeves and neck to be gathered and ange and lemon peel, one glass of winter has been a most favorable one Martin, of South Dakota. Tuesday an laced with ribbon, so that it can be loosened or tightened as required. Then which has been beaten the yolks of four loosened or tightened as required. Then

PUDDING GLACE

Thicken one pint of new milk with wo tablespoonsful of arrowroot; boil now as the best of friends must part, three pints of milk, pour in the pint thickened with arrowroot; add three eggs, and three cups of sugar; stir in one-half pound each of chopped figs, raisins and citron; flavor with vanilla and freeze. This is excellent and can

GENUINE TUTTI-FRUTTI

Take a large form for ice cream; ave ready as great a variety of ripe fruit as possible, watermelon luded; seed the watermelon and cut worthy of any mother's consideration. Into lozenges or squares, put a layer of it into the form, sugaring it well upon the altar of dress. If the little with granulated sugar; then a layer sufferer could make known its wants, of varied fruits; sugar abundantly and proceed in this way until the form is clothes and less frills. Now that sum- packed full of fruit and sugar; cover mer is almost here, care should be it, set in double boiler just long taken to attire the infant in com- enough for the sugar to dissolve and enough for the sugar to dissolve and fortable garments, health and human- the juices to be started; then let it ity demand it. No worder babies are cool; when cold, freeze. This is the genuine tutti-frutti and is delicious.

CHOCOLATE CREAM.

Soak one-half box of gelatine in one nalf cup of warm water one hour; add to the same one-half cup of grated chocolate, one-half pound of white sugar and one pint of new milk; stir all together and boil five minutes by placing the vessel in another of boilng water, then add one-half pint of rich cream, boil one minute, flavor and

TRAGEDY AVERTED "Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneuthe door leading in that direction, thing in its place but it takes plenty of monia had played sad havoc with him keeping their eyes focused on the watching to keep it there. I have and a terrible cough set in besides, world about them and broadening with taught all my children to work and Doctors treated him, but he grew observation of the lives of others, and they help me a great deal. My oldest worse every day. At length we tried in assisting others over seemingly im- being a girl is a sort of example to Dr. Kings New Discovery for Conpassable obstacles find themselves the others. I am glad it is this way, sumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure There is good and bad in all of us; just as proud of my boys as I am of cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung some succeed in holding the evil in my girls. I know so many mothers diseases. Guaranteed by W. J. Fisher abeyance while others permit it to who have no more children than I and Reeves' Pharmacy. Price 50c and

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COLORADO COUNTRY

Range Is Very Dry and Stockmen Are Not Hopeful for Rain Soon-Cattle Still in

Fair Condition.

A visit out here in the range country it this time reveals the fact that practically all the range country is dry, and the prospects for rain soon are not considered altogether encouraging. In it today, there is not much possibility and eleven children. of rain until the norther season is over The country has some very fine prospects for precipitation, but just about the time the clouds seem ready to yield up their treasures, along comes a stiff wind from the north and blows them all away, ending up with a sandstorm

dubbed by the average citizen. There is something of a belief prevalent among the people out here that west Texas is undergoing some form of climatic change, and that this change to start the grass on sandy land, and Crush two quarts of strawberries it will do no real good until there is larger crop of cotton than usual to be planted throughout this section, as it is always the crop of last resort except

that they cannot help feeling more or ness of grass and the scarcity of stock who held that the report should country. Last year at this time of year points, but it would be a hungry out-

tion this year. And yet, cattle are generally in very good condition, considering the circumstances and surroundings. Nine ranch- tempt of court. men out of ten will tell you that their cattle have wintered well and are in that they are now in good condition bids for his stock. He went to the until April, that means no fat cattle different concerns. Explaining farther

There will be a big movement from the country located above the quarantine line to Kansas and northwestern compulsory. movement will go is not fully apparent | beef sides" was \$8.37 1/2; under the threat that if they cannot ment of \$5,000 per day fine by The general impression out here is of beef.

stock the pastures for themselves. that a considerable number of steers will go to the northwest this spring whether they are sold or not. In other words, those ranchmen who are unable to sell their stuff will ship them out independent of the buyers. They ort considerable inquiry for steers and believe practically all of them will be sold. A. B. Robertson of this city, was quoted a few days ago as stating that prices would involve a reduction of 20 to 25 per cent, says he was mixed in his figures and intended to say the prices would be within 10 or 15 per tion the Stockman-Journal.

cent, of what they were last year, involving a reduction of \$2 to \$2.50 per head on an average valuation of \$20 per head. This would mean that twos-will bring from \$17 to \$17 around on a fixed adjustment of the existing difference between the buyers and the

The process of reducing the breeding stock of this section is still in progress, through the spaying of heifer calves. Ranchmen say they are thus compelled to keep the size of their herds in touch with the size of their range. The Llano Land and Cattle Company, operating in Lyon and Gaston counties, has arranged to have 1,200 heifers operated upon, and the work will begin about the first of April.

Andy Pyeatt who is well known throughout this section of the state, was killed on the Abney ranch, in Borden county, Saturday. He roped a you will see fit to indulge us. I'm glad you are "happy enough." I haven't the indicator express the opinion that reached that deligntful pinnacle yet. the needed moisture will not materal-We do not toss our visitors in the ize until some time in April. As one was broken. Deceased was formerly waste basket, so come again without of the leading cattlemen here expressed a citizen of this city and leaves a wife

TO INVESTIGATE THE BEEF TRUST

The Department of Commerce Has Decided to Investigate and Find if the Trust Is Violating the Injunction.

Whether the "beef trust" is violating the injunction against it is to be made the subject of investigation by the department of commerce and labor, according to a resolution ordered reported favorably to the house yesterday by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

Should the house take favorable action on the resolution, which is to be called up at the earliest possible moment by Chairman Hepburn, it will Make a syrup of one pound of sugar so many calamities during the past and one pint of water; put on the fire until boiling; stir in forty blanched thought that conditions on the range constitute the first instructions from congress to the new department to exercise the powers given it under the law to investigate the operation of in-

The resolution was introduced in the less complacent over the outlook. The house February 4, by Representative been without its advantages. If the assertion that the "beef trust" was range country had been blessed with plenty of grass to start with, and the not its letter. The resolution was lakes and tanks had been filled with amended so as to provide that the rewater, the winter of 1903-04 would have port of the investigation should go gone down into history as the most to the president, as provided in the favorable the range country had known law creating the new department, infor years. But while the weather con- stead of to congress. This amendment ditions were ideal, they have not been was opposed by Representative Richsufficient to compensate for the short- ardson, of Alabama, of the committee, water. As a result, the beginning of made to the house, inasmuch as the spring finds cattle generally thinner in house requested the investigation to flesh than at this time last year, even be made. It was deemed advisable by after a period of blizzards that killed the majority of the committee, however, thousands of cattle in the Panhandle to abide by the law and after the investigation has been made to pass anfat beeves were killed out of the herds other resolution requesting the presithat were moved north to the shipping dent to submit the finding to the house Should the investigation show violafit that would tackle the same proposi- tions of the injunction the finding undoubtedly will be referred by the president to the department of justice, and the "trust" proceeded against for con-

To illustrate how he believed the infunction against the "beef trust" was good shape at this time. This kind of being evaded by that combination, an assertion is misleading in that it which, he stated, consisted of seven is not fully comprehended. What the concerns, Mr. Martin said he was told ranchman means to say is that his by a stockman that he had just sold cattle have wintered well considering a trainload of fat steers in Chicago. the short grass and scarcity of water; When he arrived in that city he sought considering the fact that they have been on short rations so long, and that bid from only one. He finally accepted if grass can be found for them within the bid. His curiositiy had been a short time there will be no losses, aroused and he resolved to see what The old grass is pretty well gone and the reason was for this condition. That there can be no new grass until the night the steers were separated into rain comes. If the rain does not come seven equal lots and sent to the seven to go to market until late summer. Mr. Martin said that before the in-And that seems to be the outlook for junction was issued it was the custom the range country of Texas, at this of these firms to agree the night before on the price they would bid the

next day for beef on the hoof. To illustrate the profit that h asserted was being made by the "beef pastures this spring. This movement trust," Mr. Martin said that, on Febwill begin about the first of April and ruary 1, 1902, the price of "good to will be large from the fact that it is extra steers" was \$6.50 per hundred-Where the bulk of this weight, the price of "good to extra at this time. If Kansas pasturage rates 1903, the price of beef sides was the are made reasonable, the bulk, of the same as on February 1, but the price stuff will go to that state. In western of live beef had dropped to \$5.17 per Kansas where conditions are said to hundred weight. During the month of be not very favorable the price per August, 293,000 steers were sold on the head for the season has been quoted Chicago market, making according to at \$2. Back in the state where con- Mr. Martin, an additional profit to the ditions are more favorable and grass "trust" for the month of \$3,882,263, or better some contracts have been made \$144,317 for each of the twenty-six at \$2.50 per head, but many of the business day of that month. This sum, pasture men are holding out for \$3 de declared, would permit of the payget that price they are coming down seven companies for violation of the into Texas and buy cattle enough to injunction and leave a handsome profit resulting from the control of the price

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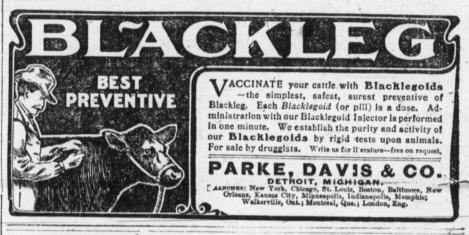
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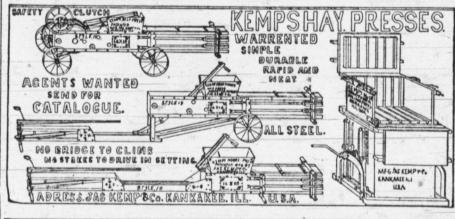
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