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TYPICAL TEXAS RANCHES NOW FAST DISAPPEARING

The Famous Laureles and Santa Gertrudes Principalities, Located Down in Southwest Texas, With Their Big Herds of Finely Bred Cattle

solitudes into thrifty and populous south to Brownsville. It traverses the famous million-acre cattle ranch of Mrs. King. A town to be called Kingsville is being laid out within three miles of the manor house of Santa Gertrudes; and one has but to see the green fields of alfalfa, sugar beets and mangels flourishing there under Manager Kleberg's irrigation system, or glance at the great ricks of sorghum hay, to appreciate the fact that the truck gardener and the farmer will that have for generations served only as a cattle range. A new era dawned upon this southern country when the first artesian vein was tapped, and so the wedge enters. The day of the big cattle ranch here, as elsewhere in west, is passing.

Soon after the close of the Civil war the late Captain Richard King and his friend Captain Kennedy acquired great holdings of wild land in this regionheld largely under grants originally derived from the Spanish crown-and stocked the range with native cattle. The King property augmented by subsequent purchases and with the cattle sow improved to a point that surprises all northern visitors, is still intact Mrs. King has an attractive home in Corpus Christi, but spends considerable of her time, along with her daughter, takes a lively interest in all of Mr. Kleberg's plans for the development eat estate. In 1882 Captain Kennedy sold the

Laureles ranch, a tract of 315,000 acres adjoining the King property, to a scottish syndicate known as the Texas Land and Cattle Company, and in 1887 this was placed under the management of Captain John Tod. The work of adding to and grading up the Kennedy herd was pushed with vigor. In 1902 a little matter of some 110,000 acres were sold to Mrs. King who thereby added a tidy bit of good grazing to her already vast domain. Fifteen thousand acres have been sold to "settlers" and 20,000 acres are now under lease so that the present area of the ranch is 170,000 acres, extending on the one side from the Laguna Madre, an arm of Corpus Christi bay, to a shallow stream known as the Agua Dulce on the other. Captain Tod does not overstock. His pastures prove that and the cattle show the result of his conservatism in this re-The place now carries about 19,000 head of cattle of which 10,000 head are of pronounced Shorthorn character, 7,000 of the Hereford type sessing chiefly the characteristics of tute the main source of supply of bulls for the range herd. Upon these 450

polled type are of much interest. Soon sistance. In this connection it may be chased a small shipment of Aberdeen- time upon the King ranch about 8,000 Angus was sent out from Scotland by virtually pure bred Shorthorn cows. Hume of Barrellwell. One of the cows Their calves are a rare good lot-a in this shipment dropped a red bull fine tribute to the character of sires calf. The "blackies" for some reason being used. We were unfortunately nent footing, but this red calf was the Herefords upon this ranch as they given an opportunity which he evidently well improved. The original five files distant from the ranch head-Texas cows acquired from Captain quarters and our time was limited. Kennedy had been crossed to a cer- Mr. Kleberg is a staunch advocate of tain extent with Shorthorn bulls on Hereford bulls for range purposes. At tained in Kentucky and Missouri, so the same time he has been for several that some progress had been made in years past a large buyer of Shorthorns reducing the length of horn before the as well as Herefords at strong prices. ranch changed hands. Mated with these red Shorthorn-crossed Texas ranch. cows the Angus calf already mentioned produced about 90 per cent. of hornless calves. Being desirous of intro-ducing a red polled type of cattle at the ranch, Captain Tod then began a course of inbreeding on the progeny cypress posts are set at intervals of ties being afforded here than at the of the Angus bull and with the usual successful result, the hornless feature through the center of each post to the cattle shipped from the whole section becoming fairly well fixed in a short carry five lines of No. 5 smooth gal-period of time. In 1895 he bought a vanized wire. These wires are passed countries comes to San Angelo. Shorthorn bull from Colonel Burgess through the post and placed in position that was partially polled; that is to by the labor of two Mexicans and a say, he was polled on one side and mule. Two stays are wired to the simply showed a "scur" on the other. fence in each panel, giving it all neces-This bull was crossed on the founda- sary rigidity. tion already laid and about two-thirds at corners and gates afford the neces-of his get were without horns. Small sary base for stretching. This not only purchases of double-standard Polled makes an extremely strong but a very Durham bulls then followed and these handsome fence of extraordinary duraserved still further to establish the bility. It is exactly alike on both present time there are about 2,000 head ing of cattle might unduly strain the of these red hornless Shorthorns on wires, planking is used. the ranch and it is thought by some best cattle in the pastures.

Way down along the western shores together with the conformation of the and asked his companion how many of the Gulf of Mexico, well below the head and face as well as the depth of ordinary lines of travel, is quaint old the body and shortness of leg, tells told that a big machine of some sort Corpus Christi, the southern terminal plainly the story of atavism. There of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass is perhaps a tendency throughout the that work, and when the engine finally failroad. Far removed from the great polled herd to some lightness at flank arrived, a shorting, steaming monster committee that has the ways and means centers of industrial and commercial and thigh, but this is not visible in from some other world, the old man of the range car lot show in hand. In activity, centent with itself and at the case of the cows here mentioned took to the brush as fast as his pony this, besides naming the amounts of peace with all the world, until the and seems likely to be corrected by could carry him. Comfortable cottages money, as summarized in these locomotive forced an entrance from the the bulls now in service. Polled bulls are provided for the laborers on both columns, the boundaries of the various worth, there was little in the old days have been crossed to a certain ex- ranches. They have their own schools to disturb the dreams of either Ameri-can or Mexican inhabitants. One day, line of breeding will probably not be however, an engine crossed the two followed up. The horns are almost in- contentment. miles of trestle that bridges the variably removed, but the white face broad estuary of the Nucces river, and the charm of drowsy isolation was gone forever. The Corpus Christian pulse began to beat, slowly at first and not yet going at any feverish pace, but her ambition was touched and now

verted millions of acres of American finely bred as a large portion of those claim to supremacy here. In common to be seen at Santa Gertrudes. Capcommunities. A railway is building tain Tod objects to a "dished" face. and Kleberg prefer the cross-bred His cows as a class show pronounced steer for grazing and feeding purposes. in head and horn. They have had no upon the Shorthorn and in order to quarantine line. feed of any description this winter be able to supply feeders of that breed. The southern of save what they could find for themselves in the pastures, yet have pro-duced a magnificent calf crop and are As pointed out in still in the best of flesh. It was interesting to compare them with the ers from seven-eights to fifteen-sixteenths cattle are reared upon the southwest- cretion. bred, so that a fair test as to their ern ranges. They keep in touch with relative merits is had. A careful study their customers in that trade. Not so, in the figures given out at St. Louis of the two herds reveals the fact that however, with our friends of the Short- and published yesterday. According the Shorthorn cows are fully as large and quite as fat as the Herefords and have required no assistance whatever in the way of hay or grain.

Some little Hereford blood has been used in the herd prior to 1887, but when Captain Tod assumed charge of the property he reached the conclusion that quicker improvement on the Texans could be made by the use of Shorthorn bulls and he accordingly employed sires of that blood exclusively in laying the foundation for his subsequent breeding operations. However, after attaining progress in establishing a good type of high grades he resumed the use of Hereford oulls with complete success, the crossbreds so produced always being in demand for breeding purposes. Meantime he began the building up of a with only league upon league of grass, sity for superlative effort in this re-Hereford herd by putting Hereford prickly pear and sand for a bed, what gard. It says: eliminating from time to time those that did not show marked characterisnone but Hereford bulls are being used Hereford type. Captain Tod banks implicitly upon the Hereford as a satisfactory grazing animal, but the prescates clearly his determination to hold foundation securely grounded in that

anches. Prior to that date depenupon ordinary wells, windmills and are not apt to be profitable anywhere. distributed throughout nearly all the a sound constitution is the first thing pastures this phase of cattle manage- to be sought; witality and thrift must ment gives no further concern. The come before any consideration of pediwells are so located that a wide disgree; the test of any given line or wells are so located that a wide distribution of the water is secured system of breeding is what it produces; when it comes down to the gravity. On the King ranch the veins last analysis, when cattle are called Shorthorn cow as a dual purpose aniare reached at a depth of 700 or 800 back to "the wild," it does not take and 2,000 reds of a polled variety pos- feet. At Laureles they will average long to expose the weakness of ania few hundred feet deeper. At Santa mals that have been unfitted for practhe Shorthorn. Carefully selected cow have a number of very tical purposes by unwise "coddling" or herds, each numbering about 150 head, large reservoirs filled from flowing injudicious breeding. Not that cattle represent these three types and consti- wells that afford every facility for irrigation. Mr. Kleberg grows siderable sorghum for use as hay in choice cows none but registered bulls the winter and this season has fed quite a large band of the older Short-Captain Tod's experiments with a horn cows that seemed to require asthe range was originally pur- stated that there are at the present other did not acquire any perma- unable at the time of our visit to see

Laureles is said to be possibly the best fenced cattle ranch in the United States, and an illustration of the manner in which the fencing is constructed may be of interest. Six-inch twenty-four feet. Holes are bored smaller towns for shipment, the bulk of Securely anchored posts characteristic, until at the sides. At the gateways where crowd-

Everything about the Laureles ranch good judges that they are the very reveals characteristic Scotch attention to neatness and detail. Everything The persistency of the blood of the about the property is in perfect reoriginal red Angus sire is worth not-ing. Some of the choicest cows in were built for all time. The buildings the herd have a fringe of brownish-black hair about the mustle and this black hair about the muzzle, and this, ranged and neatly kept. Labor here mention the Stockman-Journal.

is, of course, inexpensive as compared with northern conditions. On the King with northern conditions. On the King ranch something like 300 men are employed, all of which are Mexicans with about results. with about twelve exceptions. The King headquarters is a town in itself. The big white house set in a large and well kept lawn is a lardmark for

Among the employes at Laureles is one Domingo Mora. At the age of 90 years he is still hale and hearty/ does his daily work on a cow pony along with the rest of the boys and sits in his saddle with the ease and dignity of a field marshal. Captain Tod relates that on the occasion of Domingo's first visit to Corpus Christi after the railroad was finished he looked over twenty-five or thirty

You can see at Laureles a pasture of exhibits may be expected. but her ambition was touched and now the is seeking new railways and industries with something of that same restless spirit that has elsewhere converted millions of acres of American with most other ranchmen Messrs. Tod kota, Montana and Wyoming. ing they necessarily maintain distinct

As pointed out in our comments on cal cattle breeding that comes from contact with a system that subjects \$2,375 for each breed.

all animals to one simple, elemental The Shorthorn breeders are prepartest-the ability to live and thrive good grass and pure water.

A cattle range is a pure democracy. Pride of birth and boast of ancestry mockery to say that this one is "pure" this or that and the other yonder is hand. The opportunity to show to mothers' sides. A norther may be blowbeast tracing perhaps to the American or Spanish "woods."

On these Corpus Christi ranges, fact, cattle that will not live under dence was had for the water supply the conditions that prevail there now mall storage tanks. In excessively The lesson to be learned therefore, by dry seasons cattle were apt to suffer, the farmer breeders of the north from out now that fine flowing wells are a visit to the range is simply this: must be rugged enough to stand extremes of famine, drouth or storm. That would mean reversion to the buffalo or the long-horn. But here, as in all things else, there is a medium ground that should be sought by all intelligent breeders. The man who deliberately couples two flat-ribbed. wasp-waisted delicate specimens of the progeny of such parents out to meet their fate on northern farm er southern range, is not, only guilty of treason to the breed he is handling but of the moral crime of calling in becreatures physically unable to cope with the conditions to which they are to be subjected .- Breeders' Gazette

CATTLE SHIPMENTS FROM SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO, Texas, April 15 .- The territory shipments keep going out. The stuff comes trailing to this point from the whole section around. Better facili-

D. H. Moore of this place shipped 60 steers from Big Springs to Sedan, Kan. J. H. Fisher went to Cuero to receive 1,000 cows bought at \$9 a head from Mc

Theo. Bjorkman, Dave Parker and W

A. Nix of Crockett county are en route here with 1,000 head for shipment to the nation. R. A. Reed of Marlin, Texas, sold the Mart Sutherland ranch in Coke county to Ed Davis, eight sections, for \$4,500. Neal Shaver of Cedarvale, Kan., bough

1,760 big steers, threes and fours, at \$19.25 to \$23 a head and will ship them Bird & Mertz shipped seventeen cars

Chief Coburn of the Live Stock his home city, E. G. Rall, Captain B. B. Paddock and W. W. Andrews told Department of the World's Fair, Defines Boundary of Car Lot Cattle Sections

department of the World's Fair has issued a statement of the report of the committee that has the ways and means this, besides naming the amounts of The committee declined to accept it districts have been laid out. There are cluding Mexico, from which car lot

The northwestern district includes all gon, Idaho, North Dakota, South Da-

The central district includes Kansas Nebraska, New Mexico and the portions substance and are frequently strong They like the cross of the Hereford of Texas and Oklahoma north of the The southern district includes all ter-

ritory south of the quarantine line in the states, with Old Mexico included. Fifteen animals are to constitute the the Fort Worth show, northern breed- cattle that must be shown in each car of Herefords have carefully lot in all sections. These may be either Hereford herd. Probably both lots are studied the conditions under which steers or heifers, at the exhibitor's dis-

> Apparently an error has been made horn faith. Texas has for years been to those each breed to be shewn from buying heavily of Shorthorn bulls and south of the quarantine line was to at good prices. It will pay more of have \$4,930 allotted to it. As there the Shorthorn breeders to go down is but \$9,500 for each halter car lot into that vast country and get ac-quainted with the men who are stand- breed from below the quarantine line ing up for the "Durhams" and at the is to get but a quarter of one of these same time imbibe some of that health- amounts. This would mean that quarful inspiration in regard to practi- antine Shorthorns, Herefords, Aberdeen-Angus and Galloways would have

ing to make a great show at the upon nature's own bovine bill of fare World's Fair. The force of men who raise the reds and roans are being marshalled together to bring about the the business. greatest display of reds and roans in count for nothing where all fare and history. President Lockridge has reshare alike. Out there in the open cently sent out a call to Shorthorn case it continues for a year or more it with nothing but the sky for a roof, breeders urging upon them the neces- will affect the price

plainly-bred or has an "out-cross." the assembled representatives of all nations, here at our own doors, what upon such cows as show pronounced a mesquite bush for shelter, the new- we have done and what we are capborn babies of the herd nestle by their able of doing in the various lines of our industrial life, was never before ofing, and the howl of hungry coyotes fered to our people under such favorence of 12,000 head of cattle of the may be borne upon the gale, but the able conditions, and perhaps will not shorthorn type upon this ranch indicow is no better than that of a humble come. Especially is this true in regard to the department of live stock. directors of the American Shorthorn belt in this district has been of instructions are not specially hard. In conditions are not specially hard. In to pass without strenuous efforts being made on the part of our breeders to properly and effectively advertise to the world the merits of our great breed of cattle. Liberal prizes will be offered by this association in all the classes, in addition to those given by the exposition authorities, and in a

much more extended form. Another feature of the show is the mal. The directors wish to impress upon the breeders the importance of to be the farmer's cow par excellence, and no greater opportunity will probably ever be presented to make this

It is to the interest of the breed as well as the exhibitor that only the best specimens be prepared and brought before the judges in all the classes at the coming exhibition, and if this rule any race of animals maintained for the is faithfully adhered to there can be no question but that the result will be purpose of reproduction, and who sends inconceivably great and new lustre will be added to the fame of the cosmopolitan Shorthorn.

The prize money in the Shorthorn department will amount to \$16,000. The fair management has set aside \$6,000 ing, for a cash consideration, helpless for this breed, while the Shorthorn association has appropriated \$10,000.

IN FORT WORTH

Dallas Loses Another Convention in a Contest With Fort Worth—Resignation Not Accepted

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Grain Dealers' Association, held this morning it was decided that the next meeting be held May 20 and 21 in this city. Fort Worth won the meeting in a

Mineral Wells. There are a large porter.

tion, and as the meeting will be large-ly attended the various places were anxious to get it. Dallas was represented by J. Howard Andry, J. F. Edwards and J. S. Wiley and they pushed the claims of the city strongly. Mayor H. C. Smith of Mineral Wells and P. E. Bock, superintendent of the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railway, urged Mineral Wells, and them about Fort Worth and this city won without a struggle.
Attending the meeting of the execu-

tive committee are President G. J. Gibbs of Clifton, Secretary H. B. Dor sey of Weatherford, J. Z. Keel o Gainesville, C. P. Shearn of Houston L. B. Balew of Pilot Point, J. P. Har rison of Sherman and Eugene Early of Waco

President Gibbs had tendered hi resignation and it was discussed this morning. He gave as the reason that he had retired from the grain business. Some routine matters were disposed of in executive session and the committee adjourned for lunch

A BIG SHIPMENT OF CATTLE TO THE NORTH

made here Friday between Scott & Rcbertson and L. W. Stacey of Miles City. Mont., and the Fish Cattle Company of Big Springs and Mr. Stacey. Scott & Robertson sold 6,000 head of

their Hat brand 2-year-olds to Mr. Stacey, and the Irish Cattle Company 4,000 2-year-olds and yearlings of their Fish brand cattle. The terms of the sale were private and the purchase price could not be ascertained.

These cattle are to be delivered about the 25th of May, They will be shipped to eastern Montana and put on grass for about two years before being fed. Mr. Stacey says: "Cattle in the north-west wintered fairly well and are holding their own, although there is need for rain

at this time.'

will improve.

In speaking of the low price of cattle he said: "It has been a case of liquidation of debts on the part of the cattle men and the reproduction caused by it These matters occur about once in every ten or fifteen years and last for about one season, then things right themselves. I am not looking for any great advance this year on account of it being a presidential election year, but the cattle industry

"The Texas cow man should take better care of his herds and not sell so many cows. You have lots of fine herds of cattle n this state, and we to a large extent depend on Texas for our stock. I have seen some as fine herds of graded cows in west Texas on this trip as I have ever seen in the thirty years I have been in the cat-

"The Russo-Japanese war has not af A contract has been made with the

Denver road for 350 cars to haul the The great world show of 1904 is at cattle purchased.

tion to Collect Damages from Texas and Pacific Railway

Through courtesy of Hon. S. J. Isaacks we are enabled to give full ourt up to the noon hour today. The court convened last Monday morning with a very heavy civil docket and several criminal cases. Judge L. M. Murphy is disposed to waste little time, and his "mill" has been grinding away all the week with but little in-

The following disposition of cases has been made so far: No. 212. R. E. Crowley vs. T. & P. railway et al., jury trial, verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$840. No. 215. Quisenberry & Braier vs. T. & P. rallway et al., judgment for plaintiffs for \$393.61.

No. 222. W. H. Williams vs. T. & P. railway et al., judgment for plain-No. 223. J. R. & Dell Dublin vs. T. & railway et al., judgment for plain-

No. 226, H. M. Clark vs. T. & P.

railway, judgment for plaintiff for

T. P. Scott vs. T. & P.

ailway et al., case set for April 11: No. 226, T. M. Clark vs. T. & railway, set for April 12.
No. 227. C. A. Goldsmith vs. T. P. railway et al., set for April 12. No. 229. J. E. Stowe vs. T. railway et al., set for April 14. No. 230. Blair & O'Neall vs. T.
P. railway et al., set for April 19.
No. 231. J. C. Holcomb vs. T. &
railway et al., set for April 14.
No. 232. J. J. and R. N. Henderson & P. railway, set for April 13. No. 233. W. D. Connell vs. T. & railway et al., set for April 21. No. 234. W. N. Waddell vs. T. & railway et al., on trial. No. 235. E. F. Dawson vs. T. & ailway et al., continued by defendant. No. 237. W. N. Waddell vs. T. & P. railway et al., continued by plaintiff.
No. 238. R. N. and J. J. Henderson

vs. T. & P. railway et al., set for No 239. O. B. Holt vs. T. & P. railway et al, set for April 22. No. 240. G. G. and W. T. Gray vs. T. & P. railway, set for April 22. No. 241. E. F. Dawson vs. T. & P. railway, set for April 18. No. 243. G. B. Devall vs. T. contest with Dallas, Weatherford and railway, set for April 23 .- Midland Re-

THE VALUE OF BREEDING IS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED

Some of the Reasons Why It Pays Best to Handle High Class Cattle Instead of Wasting Time and Money With the Common Scrub

Mr. W. G. Harding, general live be a yearling and a two-year-old. lississippi.

In this address we have the co-

d that the good cattle were best to ecially to those who have succeeded in making money with the inferior ind and who are inclined to let well ough alone.

If we can get a certain grade of igh class cattle on the one hand and lot of distinctly common cattle on he other, then we can handle them under similar conditions and find out which pays the best; but cattle such as are needed for experimental purposes are not easy to find, and it is only at the government experiment stations that the work can be done, and all the details which are necessary Idoked after and recorded. A CONVINCING EXPERIMENT

mention has been conducted to my quality and condition of the offerings knowledge for the distinct purpose of and condition of the market.

tle, and without the result of that ex-periment I would not be well fortified him who requires more enlightenn speaking on this subject today.

time ago in the state of Illinois for am that the value of good breeding th the express purpose of ascertaining the line of beef cattle has not been how much difference there existed too highly estimated. from a feed lot standpoint between It is plain to me that under no rea-common cattle on the one hand and sonable circumstances does blooded choice to fancy beef cattle on the stock fail to pay. The breeder has

graded cattle would do better than good or better than he has purchased. cattle of no particular breeding. He receives a larger income from

What were considered choice and fancy cattle were such as can be pro- and wishes to sell his calf crop anduced by two or three crosses on nually gets more for half-breed calves, Shorthorn, Hereford or Aberdeen-Angus blood on the common cattle of the country. And what were classed as grade bull. So it runs through every common were the real thing without branch of the cattle business. Men any grading or character except that may reasonably differ as to which they were ordinary steer cattle, selected breed is best for their purpose or 19because they did not show any sign bality, but no difference can longer

of good breeding.

In the summary of this test the he better than the more common

In looking over the features of the experiment we read that they fed corn calculated at 35 cents per bushel; cotton seed meal at \$24.50 per ton; Midland Shippers Appear to old-process linseed meal at \$25.00 per ton; clover hay at \$8.00 per ton; alton; clover hay at \$8.00 per ton; al Have Considerable Inclina- falfa at \$10.00 per ton; timothy hay at \$12.00 per ton; and corn stover at \$3.00 per ton. Whether these prices were high or low is not important, because all cattle were treated alike as to the amount and cost of the ration nd what it consisted of,

GAINS LARGER AND CHEAPER We find on a fair basis of calculation that the choice to fancy made a gain of 9.74 pounds of beef for each bushel of corn consumed; whereas the common cattle made a gain of 7.01 pounds of beef for each bushel of corn

It will be seen from this that 2.13 ounds of beef were produced by the choice cattle over and above the amount of beef produced by the common cattle for each bushel of corn fed. There were other constituents in

the ration but the operation is calcu- lately, for the purpose of considering and lated to show the difference in the Some pork was produced also, but is not considered necessary in this calculation.

When they came to sell the cattle n the market the choice cattle sold it \$5.40 per hundred pounds and the fore no longer common, sold at \$4.80 the big roads is, however, authority for mmon cattle, being fat and there-

The 2.13 pounds of choice beef, which the common cattle did not produce, was worth 111/2 cents in all, and this was the value of blood over the scrub on bushel of corn fed. Allowing that all other feed pro-

duced equal results in each bunch of cattle, so far as corn was concerned the highly bred cattle realized, 46 1/2 cents per bushel for the corn fed, and the low bred cattle realized the 35 on cents per bushel for corn which was

One day is enough to satisfy any-body that blooded calves pay. We see and range sheep accompanying that class the yellow, pided, blue and all-colored of stock to market will be returned to the lots of inferior calves go by and aver- loading point free of charge. age about \$6.00 per head, or 2 and 21/4 are more than a second cross on the common cattle, but the fifty half-bred calves, which a pure bred Short-of railroad managers to give better servhorn will get from common cows in one year, will sell for \$4.00 to \$5.00 more than if the calves were sired by graded bulls which have enough good looks to overcome the old fashioned holds which is the inheritance of the purpose of detecting and alimination. looks to overcome the old fashioned pose of detecting and eliminating inequali-blood which is the inheritance of the pose of detecting and eliminating inequali-ties complained of will be promised, but good breeder, but poorly bred cow.

THE DIFFERENCE IN STOCKERS There is one step further in the Railroad managers assert unanis

ock agent of the M. & O. railroad, One of the great departments at the has kindly sent us the address, delivered by himself before the "Southern dive Stock Association" at Starkville, are too old for year and not tat enough for the butcher have to sold to go back into the country and ency of logic added to the voice of ong experience. We give the greater art of it below:

The this address we have the cobe fattened for market. The 400 to 750-pound cattle are classed as stockers and those weighing upwards of 800 pounds are generally called feeduestion was put to me in regard to ure-bred cattle, but I always asserters. Thousands of stockers and feeders are sold every day in the year. The raise before I could find data to convince people that I was right. The fact is, that it is not easy to prove the superiority of blooded stock, esdivisions except the inferior stockers which, though offered at a low price, are still feeding on stock yard hay. The bright colors that were to be seen in the morning are already try feeder will not pay a decent price man knows he has a lot of trash on his hands and the country shipper of that kind says that a combination of packers at the stock yards is demoralizing his business.

In the stocker and feeder trade the cattle graded by any of the improved of a cent to two cents per pound in the market, over and above the cost Only one experiment of the kind I of common cattle, according to grade,

I defy anyone to read a market rebetween the bleeded animal and the port without prejudice, without arriverub and done with car lots of cat- ing at the conclusions which I state ment on the subject go on to the The experiment in cattle feeding market and make a personal investi-which I refer to was conducted a short gation and he will then be sure as I

expensive animals on his plantation, They wished to determine if well- of his own raising, which are as raising twenty calves a year than his neighbor who raises fifty calves of a The planter-stockman who has cows by four or five dollars per head, than exist as to the expedience and necessity. for raising high-bred cattle through experimenters said "more rapid and the length and breadth of the south, nuch larger gains may be secured on where, in my opinion, the highest development of blooded stock can be ato

MAKE READY THEIR ANSWER

Traffic Managers of Western Railroads to Make

Response

Traffic officials of the several western railroads represented at the recent Chicago conference with the live stock men have held several meetings in Chicago compiling an answer to the memorial of the National Live Stock Association presented at that time. These meetings have resulted in the circulation of reports of various colors purporting to be decisions arrived at. A representative of one of the statement that nothing has been given out, or, indeed, definitely determined on, The present intention of the railroad side of the controversy is to present an answer to the memorial, so that it may go before the Denver live stock congress, to be held on May 3. The return pass question is still in doubt. It is learned, how-

That no return passes will be issued on shipments of tame cattle from feed lots or

That there is a possibility of an arrangement being made whereby bona fide

The railroad answer will reiterate the cents per pound. We see other lots disabilities under which the operating deand all are different, and finally we partments have labored for a year past, see that the best are bringing \$13.00 will recount the handicaps of floods, unto \$14.00 per head. The reds and the usually cold weather, unexpected rushes roans are no older than the scrubs, they of business and inability to buy the nec-

no general reduction will even be intlmated.

life of the cattle in which the value of blood is apparent. The calf which is feet January 1 is working to their entire not slaughtered for veal grows up to satisfaction.-Chicago Live Stock World 3..... 333 66..... 197

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With a supply inadequate to satisfy the demand, all choice cattle, both steers and cows have advanced 10c to 15c for the week, the advance showing especially strong on good heavy fed cows and heif-

Choice finished steers, averaging 1,008 unds, sold with a top Monday of \$4.10. These steers were from the well known S. M. S. ranch, located near Stamford, and were strictly of the toppy sort, having been fed and finished up on a combina-tion of molasses, meal, hulls and straw. Out of the same shipment several loads of well bred high grade heifers of 589 pounds average sold at \$3.50. Good medium to well fed steers have generally sold with a bulk around \$3.60@4; fair to medium kinds at \$3.35@3.60, and the ordinary common light stuff at \$3@3.40.

Every grade and quality of she stuff was represented on the market during the week, the best heavy fed cows selling at \$3@3.25; medium to good fed kinds at \$2.50@3; common butcher stock at \$2@ HOUSTON MARKET

the average quality at \$2@3. Heavy rough calves and yearlings are at present the lowest the market has seen since last summer, and the daily supply of this class of cattle usually sells to speculators

Hog values have been on a downward course since the opening of the week's market Monday, and with the close Saturday, prices show a loss of 5c to 10c, with elling rather unsatisfactory at these fig-Heavy hogs continue in best demand, but current values even on this class are governed altogether by the conditions at other points, which this week J. have been subject to continued breaks. T Choice fed hogs are selling at \$4.921/20 J. 5.00; medium weight good quality pack-ers at \$4.85@4.95, and the average grade W of killing stuff at \$4.75@4.85.

Sheep have sold firm and present indi- H. cations point for a strong and active ma:ket during the sheep movement which will Jo shortly begin in earnest. Good sheep are R. worth \$4.50, with a range on the medium Jo kinds between \$3.50@4.

The meeting of the Western South Dakota Stock Growers' Association has been J. a great success. Western traffic managers D have made reply to the demands of the E conference held in Chicago at the call of T the National Live Stock Association, J. V. Mahoney, representing the railroad J. managers, has mailed his reply to Sec- W retary Charles F. Martin, who will read C. Gree it at the meeting of the Northwestern William Stock Growers' Association this week at J. Belle Fourche.

The railroads in their reply to the stock-

men agree to abandon the obnoxious tonnage system, by which heretofore every Lee & engine has been expected to pull as nearly T. & its full capacity as possible. This has S. P. caused more vexatious delays than any Battle other feature of railroad management dur- W. M. ing the past few years, and has borne Peevey most heavily upon live stock shippers, W. R. whose shipments are naturally perishable. R. L. B.
The effort to get larger and more pow-R. & P.

erful engines and have them move only R. D. when a full load is ready for them has E. K. I cost live stock shippers very dearly, and W. H. this abuse the railroad men promise to Petree They also agree to give satisfactory run- H. E.

ning schedules.

The return pass question remains the James same and thus far railroad companies have | First 1 offered no encouargement to the shipper for a return of the old privilege. Al- W. F. hough pressure has been brought to bear from all sources, both from the individual Hughe shipper and the various live stock organi- H. Wil zations, it has apparently produced no ef- F. C. fect. A few of the oldest railroad officials J. H. of the live stock department, especially in H. Jo Texas and the southwest, confidently look C. R. for the reinstatement of the shippers' return pass privilege, but do not think that W. C. much will be done until after the World's Swenso Fair exposition at St. Louis.

In his annual report the secretary criti- T. & N cises the packers, declaring that while the 1903 range cattle shipments were 228,-000 less than 1902, the prices were much E. R.

FOREIGN MARKETS

Hogs—Market slow to weak; good to B. A. Trammer, Sweetwater 54 choice heavy, \$5.25@5.30; light, \$4.85@5.20; J. W. Corn & Co., Weatherford...... 125 bulk, \$5.10@5.20. Sheep-Market steady; Wipple & R., Devine 25 good to choice wethers, \$4.75@5.65; fair to choice mixed, \$3.50@4.60; western sheep, \$4.90@5.30; native lambs, \$4.00@ 5.75; western lambs, clipped, \$4.50@5.05; H. T. Holland, Midlothian 22 western lambs, wooled, \$5.75@6.40.

bucks, \$4.00@4.75; stockers, \$2.50@3.50. KANSAS CITY MARKET Cattle-Market unchanged; export and Y. T. Manning, Leonard

The Shortest Way

Rheumatism º Neuralgia

Price, 25c. and 50c.

5.00; heavy, \$4.95@5.07½; packers, \$4.90@ 5.00; pigs and lights, \$4.25@4.90. Sheep 5.50 pigs and lights, \$4.25@4.35.

—Market nominally steady; native lambs. \$5.50@6.15; western lambs, \$5.50@6.25; fed ewes, \$4.75@5.25; yearlings, \$5.00@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.50.

STEERS—The light run of steers on an active and strong market sold early, the best weighing around 960 pounds bringling \$3.65, with the bulk of butcher stuff of fair to good quality at \$3.50@3.65. The light run of steers on an active and strong market sold early, the best weighing around 960 pounds bringling \$3.65, with the bulk of butcher stuff of fair to good quality at \$3.50@3.65. The light run of steers on an active and strong market sold early, the best weighing around 960 pounds bringling \$3.65, with the bulk of butcher stuff of fair to good quality at \$3.50@3.65. The light run of steers on an active and strong market sold early, the best weighing around 960 pounds bringling \$3.65, with the bulk of butcher stuff of fair to good quality at \$3.50@3.65. The light run of steers on an active and strong market sold early, the best weighing around 960 pounds bringling \$3.65, with the bulk of butcher stuff of fair to good quality at \$3.50@3.65. The light run of steers on an active and strong market sold early, the best weighing around 960 pounds bringling \$3.65, with the bulk of butcher stuff of fair to good quality at \$3.50@3.65.

GALVESTON MARKET Beeves-Good to choice, \$3.25@3.50; 15....1,095 Beeves—Good to choice, \$3.25@3.50; 15...1,096 common to fair, \$2.75@3.00; cows, good to choice, \$2.75@3.00; common to fair, \$2.25@ 1...550 2.50; yearlings, good to choice, \$3.00@3.50; 6...411 common to fair, \$2.50@2.75; calves, good to choice, \$4.00@4.50; common to fair, \$3.00@3.25; sheep; good to choice, \$4.00@ 4...1,117 \$3.00@3.25; sheep; good to choice, \$4.00@ 4...1,117 \$2.50@2.25.

Market continues to keep almost bare 25....1,018

HOUSTON MARKET

Beeves—Choice, \$3.25.03.50; medium, 26..... 893

23..... 721 Best veal calves closed slow at last choice, \$3.25@3.50; medium, \$3.00@3.25; choice \$4.25@3.50; medium, \$3.00@3.25; choicest kinds down to \$3.75@4.25, and @5.00; medium cornfed \$4.50@4.75. @5.00; medium cornfed \$4.50@4.75. 23 747

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

14.... 687 The New Orleans live stock exchange reports: Market closed bare of grown 1.....1,040 cattle; outlook favorable for all classes 1 780

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N. Payne, Graham 49	
V. D. Turner, Rockdale 81	

J. D. W., Groesbeeck 33	300	0.00	1	930	
J. D. Slater, Odessa 906	7 887	2.90	20	888	
D. R. Fant, Pettus 746	7 507	2.85	1	990	
E. O. Walthall, Alex, Okla 70	1 810	2.80	11	.070	
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R. C. Ridley, Marlow, I. T 80	1 770	2.50	2	745	
	8 937	2.25	7	780	
J. M. Layine, Chiminan	1 950	1.90	12	540	
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Williams & M., Memphis, I. T 81		\$2.90	8	783	
J. F. Teel, Frisco 166	3 536	2.80	1	510	
Shak & Chambers, Ada, I. T 101	1 480	2.00	6	580	
Taylor & H., Celina 95		2.00	0	000	
B. F. Gearhart, Celina 81			0	215	
Lee & Co., Antlers, I. T 101		\$3.75	2	7	
T. & W., Hillsboro 75	3 310	3.00	3.,	166	
S. P. Stone, Itasca 75	1 90	3.00	1	100	
Battle & Belt, Waxahachie 56	1 160	2.75	2	250_	
W. M. F., Little River 38	1 500	2.65	2	115	
Peevey & M., Lott 94	1 250	3.25	22	332	
W. R. Peters, Lott 88	8 219	2.00	1	360	
R. L. Brown, Lockhart 56	7 233	1.60			
R. & P., Barry 82		\$3.25	2	830	
R. D. W., Groesbeeck 1	11,150	3.10	9	816	
E. K. Faucett, Comstock 839	18 885	2.90	2	910	
W. H. F. & Son, Hutto 201	7 770	2.80	1	820	
Petree & McDonald, El Reno, Okla., 85	4 672	2.75	19	798	
C. Watts, Yukon, Okla 95	6 637	2.60	1	850	
H. E. Pearcey, Kingfisher, Okla 88	3 846	2.50	2	840	
Dave Smith, Midlothian 22	1 810 .	2.50	6	657	
James Crawford, Purcell, I. T 96	11,000	2.50	1	750	
First National Bank, Davis, I. T 87	2 760	2.50	4	9.85	
J. L. Ely, Temple 68	1 560	2.00	1	630	
W. F. Wilson, Aubrey 68	9 730	1.80	2	756	
J. P. Ball, Whitesboro 55	1 1 810	1.75	3	690	
Hughes & K., Troy 72	5m 868	3.00	5m	668	
H. Willis, Kingston 80	01- 070	2.85	3h	566	
F. C. L. Sperry, Dorchester 89	11,030	\$3.25	13	918	
J. H. Meyers, Dublin		3.10	3	763	
H. Johnson, Chillicothe 60	10 869	3.00	2	845	
C. R. Morgan, Bowle 80	8 830	2.80 .	36	906	
Willis & F., Decatur 10	1 910	2.75	4	795	
W. C. Smith, Malakoff 93	4 870	2.00	2	690	
Swenson Brothers, Stamford 606	1 4 010	2.00	6	776	
	9 807	1.85	2	905	
J. S., Austin 43	1 940	1.75	3	780	
T. & N. Austin 46	10 616	1.50	2	765	
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Cattle—Market steady; native shipping and export steers, \$4.60@5.75; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$4.25@5.50; steers under 100 pounds, \$4.00@5.20; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.50; cows and helfers, \$2.25 (0.45); canners, \$2.10@2.50; bulls, \$3.00@7. T. Menning Leonard 1.180 1.....1,040 1..... 3.... 690 7.... 704 \$3.05 1.... 430 1.75

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James Crawford, Purcell, I. T..... C. H. Ternis, Custer City

Brown & McClure, Trenton

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3.... 207 3.... 353 1..... 210 2.25 HOGS-The market was liberally supplied with porkers and with some buoy-ancy in values at Kansas City and Chi-J. E. Bateman, Celina 85 Trent & Adams, Mounds, I. T...... 101 cago, local trading was bulled for an ad-E. D. Moore, Gtesyille 559 vance of about 5c, upon which basis the bulk of the supply was cut loose. Tops sold at \$4.90, with best medium weight

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H. Bray, Gainesville....... 28 and quality butcher hogs at \$4.80@4.85.

A. Anderson, Edmond, Ok...... 92 The sales: 75.... 256 26.... 231 4.85 82..... 212 4.821/2 77 229 71.... Lockman & Gilland, Morgan, Ok.... 74 93.... 180 3.... 203 4.8216 5 4.821/4 42..... 184 8..... 198 4.821/2 4.25 J. R. Wallace, Colgate 67 17 125 Mayer & Tinkle, Corsicana 67 66 186 14.... 135 42.... 184 1..... 350 95..... 208 Eli Roberts, Wauponika 62 15..... 172 Mars, Cooper, Texas 82 59... ... 261 \$4.95 ... 235 4.95 B. & B., Franklin 74 78..... 235 81.... 214 J. S. Arlington, Crockett 169 5..... 4.95 62 228 4.90 J. F. Wright, Abilene 94 10 258 4.90 Cattle (transient) 2,000 81 203 4.92 4.92 6..... 242 13..... 4.90 1.... 290 3..... 250 265 160

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 F. M. Flover, Childress
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 Charles E. Hicks, Hicks Meadows
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 4.77% 4.321/4 \$4.821/2 E. Abney, Whitesboro..... 41 92..... 211 4.85 4.00 102.... 103 W. A. R. Dallas 92 17. 108
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G. W. Renison, Prosper 40 78. 226 3.75 Price.

67..... 200 74..... 182 7..... 121 60..... 192 10..... 103 88 | 55.... 191 83 | 7.... 119 4.85 42 15..... 120 4.10 1..... 150 8.... 85 78..... 234 \$4.95 53.... 213 68.... 233 91.... 67.... 203 1.... 380 16.... 223 4.75 197 4.80 125.... 960 \$3.65 10.... 236 22..... 220 4.75 1..... 280 77..... 184 3.00 73..... 194 4.75 2.00 89..... 193 4.67½ 10..... CALVES. 1.75 | 66.... 178 10..... 175 4.55 2.50 No. Ave. Price. 5.... 152 2.... 170 2.... 270 1..... 118 4.25 1.80 \$3.11 3.00 1.75 | 2.... 205 2..... 135 5..... 442 1..... 120 3.00 \$3.65 3.65 . 3.00 1..... 530

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1..... 210 3.25 3..... 360 3.25 3.15 SHEEP-Fresh arrivals of sheep today consisted of two cars of medium to fair quality mutton, which sold on a steady \$3.85 market at \$3.50. Wool lambs held over 3.70 from yesterday were offered and sold at 3.70 \$3.50@4.25. The sales:

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3.25 42.1.. 84 \$3.50 3.35 135.... 72 3.50 111.... 71 \$3.50 141.... 72 3.50 2.55 149.... 78 9.50 43.... 49 25 culls 61 23.... 54 \$4.65 33.... 43 3.75 2.50 \$2.50 No. Ave. Price. No. Ave. Price. 125.... 106 \$4.30 125.... 108 4.90 2.25 12.... 90 \$4.50 2.00 2.... 80 3.90 1.50 19.... 77 2.25 114.... 78 3.90 \$4.00 No. Ave. Price. No. Ave. Price 3.... 54 \$5.50 3.70 2..... 50 \$4.40 3.50

The meeting of representatives from 3.25 various live stock associations west of the 1.....1,240 \$2.50 Missouri river to be held in Denver on May 3, for the purpose of considering 1.75 transportation matters, has created considerable interest throughout the west, as 14.....1,147 \$3.10 is shown by letters received at headquarters of the National Live Stock Association, from those who are invited to par-The minimum supply of mixed ticipate, signifying their intention of beoffered today sold on the ing present.

was offered today soid on the fact that sneep given are as greatly interested in freight rates and service as are the shippers of cattle. Association has, received quite a number of letters from sheep growers, inquiring if they will be allowed to take 2.90 if they will be allowed to take part in the 2.75 meeting. The secretary has replied to as 2.70 many of these as possible; advising them that they would, and they are urged to be 2.30 present.

At a conference with the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas, immediately after 1.85 the adjournment of their convention, this was agreed upon, and the secretary of the 1.00 National association, in accordance with this understanding, has invited rep tatives from all the leading sheep organi-2.00 zations of states west of the Missouri river.

> Henry M. Half sent in from Midlan 1 today twenty-one cars of steers and-cows. which were unloaded here for feed and rest and reconsigned to Beaumont, Kan. where they will be placed on summer pasture. This is one of the first heavy i ments of west Texas cattle to Kansas pastures, and will shortly be followed by other consignments from that section of

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The Dry Weather Continues to Prevail in That Territory, and the Outlook for Cattlemen Is Decidldly Gloomy

Dry weather prevailed throughout March, but the latter part of the 2.60 month light to moderately heavy pre-2.40 northern portions of the territory. This -2.25 was in the form of rain in the lower valleys, and in the form of snow in

during the month over most of the part of the vast total. The price per acre \$24.70 to \$45.50. But to this must be 2.90 territory. There has been a continued has been rising rapidly during the last added 200 pounds of gain at \$4.40 to deterioration in the condition of ranges three or four years under pressure from \$5.25, worth \$8.80 to \$10.50. This brings three of four years under pressure from the north.

3.50 and diminution of the supply of stock water. The unfavorable condition has,
3.00 however, been relieved somewhat by
3.00 the rains, and snows in the northern
3.00 portion of the territory and there is now promise of much better grazing
2.90 now promise of much better grazing three or four years under pressure from the north.
Good average land now brings 50 to 75 to 855.90. Now the cost of feeders, such as these steers were made of, weighing 1000 pounds at \$3.25 to \$3.50 would have been \$32.50 to \$35.00, and with not work nearly as fast as their northern of the steer to \$35.00, and with not work nearly as fast as their northern of the steer to \$35.00. This brings to the net value of the steer to \$35.50 and the next property of the net value of the steer to \$35.50 and the next property of the net value of the steer to \$35.50 and the next property of the net value of the steer to \$35.50 and the next property of the next property 2.50 portion of the territory the ranges are in very poor condition. Grass started to grow in Cochise county, but it has since dried up. It is in the southeast-

ally reported to be losing flesh rapidly. while there has already been considerable loss by death. The losses, however, are not as great as might have been expected from the unfavorable conditions which have prevailed for several months. Unless good rains seem certain. In the elevated portions 4.85 of central and middle eastern sections anyway." of the territory conditions have been of beasts all horns and legs with very lit- s34.80. But to this must be added the less unfavorable, and the rains and the room for meat. The weight is low gain in growth and fat for four months, the room for meat. The weight is low 200 pounds at \$3.75 to \$3.90, and we snows of the latter part of March have and the price about half of that of im- 200 pounds at \$3.75 to \$3.90, and we improved the prospects somewhat. In some localities stock is reported to be cans, and Mormons have a good deal of met value of the steers, making them 4.75 some localities stock is reported to be in good condition, but generally its fine blooded stock of all sorts, cattle, worth to the feeder, \$23,00 to \$42.50. rain is needed to produce a plentiful cattle on the range. The lesson drawn pense of sait and the cast and the supply of spring food and bring stock from these scattering ranches has been ing, \$2,00, net value \$21.00 to \$40.50 of March have brought about some im-provement in the outlook for stock in nucleus of a modernized cattle herd. The Working some localities, in general it may be leaven of grading up is at work all last year, we have native steers aversaid that the prospects for this interest throughoute state. in Arizona is-far from encouraging at the present time.

A Section of the Sister Republic That Is Playing an Important Part in Development of Mexican Cattle Industry

tufty grass, much like the gramma and habit of putting in plenty of money to very highly prized for sheep. In the low- swing the business. er country east of the railroad there are some not inconsiderable sections of poor dustry and the cattle land ownership in

and still keep their range in good condi- output for this superb cattle domain tion. Generally speaking, however, the grass is somewhat thinner than in the best grazing country in the United States It is estimated that twenty acres to the head throughout the main body of Chihuahua cattle country is a conservatively

a rule, however, there is more rain in Chihuahua. The influence of the regular Mexican rainy season makes itself felt. Corn and other crops are grown on temporal lands for many miles east of the mountains, all the way down to a level of between 5.000 and 6.000 feet. The shading off from this amount of moisture to aridity of certain sections in the north and southeast leaves the ranges with a very satisfactory rainfall.

contracted their corn last fall when it was, cheaper than now and was had throughout this section at 35 cents per bushel in the country. So the feeder, the past season has been working on more favorable lines than last winter. Then, too, he has been feeding for a rising, rather than a declining market as in the winter of 1902-3.

While it is not given to man to read

The grass planted last fall on the lawn in front of the Exchange building has almost the past few days the stock yards company has had a large force of men clear land throughout this section at 35 cents per bushel in the country. So the feeder, the past season has been working on more favorable lines than last winter. Then, too, he has been feeding for a rising, rather than a declining market as in the winter of 1902-3.

While it is not given to man to read very satisfactory rainfall.

part. Winter feeding is unknown. This There is no alkali water, very little lecowed and a practical absence of trouble from flies. A 10 per cent loss is recknowed as much higher than ought to be the case. Imported cattle usually take some time to become acclimated and if not fed and looked after for the first not fed and looked looked after for the first not fed and looked ra and against the country to the south, that were marketed a year ago. cipitation occurred in the central and the line for the latter purpose passing on averaging 1200 to 1400 pounds sold of better presenting Texas opportunity of the territory. This the southern side of Durango. It is a good averaging 1200 to 1400 pounds sold of better presenting Texas opportunity of the territory. This is southern side of Durango. It is a good averaging 1200 to 1400 pounds sold of better presenting Texas opportunity the southern side of Durango. It is a good averaging 1200 to 1400 pounds sold of better presenting Texas opportunity the southern side of Durango. It is a good averaging 1200 to 1400 pounds sold of better presenting Texas opportunity the southern side of Durango. selves had to meet a quarantine.

ple of grading up cattle has not been well the footing of his price per pound, the calves the best are turned into steers on ome soon in this section heavy losses the principle that the bulls, kept for breeding, "would not make good stees anyway." Thus the ranges are even full

have left the land and often the cattle to themselves without improvement. This is mainly because of the unaccustomed-ness of the Mexican people to putting in sold at the same time at \$4.00 to \$4.50 money as an investment in order to make money as an investment in order to make money. Heavier initial investment would often double or treble the profits of a cattle ranch. It is pity that these investments have not been in times past at \$20.20 per ton, ker 120 days, \$11.00, and hulls or other roughness, \$7.00; made more often from strictly Mexican total \$24.50. And this exclusive of infinancial gain to the country, but because if they had been the tendency toward sale if they had been the checked. An American who has the money to bring a property up to its full productiveness can offer the proprietor who works it at say one-fourth of its productiveness a price well beyond the holding value of the land. He could not do so if the proprietor were per hundredweight, \$8.00 to \$9.00; total The following thorough and exhaustive himself in a position to get the full pos-sible income from the property. Scarcity While feeders are doing

this region occurs also the chino, a short improved cattle breeds of Europe and the

soil, and here the scanty growth of a Mexico will depend upon those two new harsh grass called febosco. This is not so useful as the gramma, although it will sustain animal life very acceptably. The varying precipitation makes difference in the growth of pasturage as well as the kind of grass.

There are ranches precipitation of a Mexico will depend upon those two new factors and upon nothing else. They have opportunities ready to the pensive. It might be said, however, that money is cheaper, which will officient or nearly reached the full development that the next fifteen or twenty years will much lower than line the past. That land is much higher, and living much higher and living much higher and living much higher. There are ranches, particularly over assuredly bring. Four or five hundred toward the Sierra Madre, that allow no thoustand cattle a year, the estimated more than eight acres to the head of stock shipments at present, is really a very small

> M. W. GAINES. In Chihuahua (Mexico) Enterprise ..

CATTLE SITUATION

There is nothing essentially new high figure under present conditions. By since a month ago in the market situa-proper provision for water, so that the tion for cattle. If anything, it is betcattle would not have to travel so far ter, in a mild kind of way. The win-from the feeding ground. Indeed, one of ter has gone and March has been surthe most striking features of this region prisingly tame so far, and no feed has tal receipts from February 1 to March from the cattleman's point of view is the been wasted keeping up animal heat. 12, at the five leading western marfact that the ranges are very much under stocked in comparison with their actual capacity. That, of course, is better than the overstocking that has ruined so much it so trying on cattle the range are very much under stocked in comparison with their actual capacity. That, of course, is better than the overstocking that has ruined so much it so trying on cattle this actual the ranges are very much under the ranges are very much und the overstocking that has ruined so much of the public range of the United States. Here, where the territory is owned by the cattlemen, there is no natural pecu- son, where well handled, why cattle liarity favoring either over-stocking or should not have put on flesh through- good now," where he has to buy his under-stocking. It may be expected, then, out the past month. And as cattle were that the ranges in Chihuahua will always generally bought reasonably low, last look is certainly more encouraging be kept in good condition, and that as fall, and hogs have kept high, most than a year ago.—Southern Investor. the land becomes wealthier, a marked inthough prices of beef cattle have been In climate the plateau resembles the southern part of New Mexico and the extreme west of Texas near the river. As a rule, however, there is more rain in Chihuahua. The influence of the regular Chihuahua. The influence of the regular was cheaper than now and was had

the future, yet from the general sur- ket today, consigned direct to Swift & The temperature varies, of course, with roundings of the trade there is every Co., two cars of choice fed steers, averthe altitude. There is, however, no dan-ger from blizzard, cold or snow in any tinue fully as good as the past month general quality of steers received on the with a prospect of some improvement local market his week has been good and is a tremendous advantage. The warmth for good cattle after Lent is over, the supply has sold at prices ranging beof the summer, being dry, is not productive of disease amongst the stock.

There is no alkali water, very little leco

year are apt to die. The reason for this is last, and the price of fat cattle fully Arizona during the greater portion of hard to discover. There are no healthier as good, and the feeders that went to this association from the East and nard to discover. There are no healthful make them were brought much lower North have just completed a tour of antine for ticks is enforced against Sonothan those that made the fat cattle Texas and viewed its resources and

many years since Chihuahua cattle them- here March 15, at \$4.40 to \$5.25, mak- ties to the homosecker and investor ing them worth \$52.80 to \$73.50. The in older states. The land is held in large blocks and cost of feeding these cattle 120 days. the mountains and elevated plains of the northern portion of the territory. In parts of Yavapai and Coconino counties the rain and snow are reported to have been quite heavy. The amountains who owns 17,000,000 acres. have been quite heavy. The amount, however, was insufficient to make up for the previous deficiency. In the next in size is and there are six or eight other ranches rising above the million-acre mark. The next have never the previous deficiency. In the previous deficiency is the territory of th northern portion of the territory there land that can be immediately purchased \$2.00; total, \$28.10. Deducting this retary Immigration Bureau, Dept. A, 1.75 was but little precipitation.

Stock interests continued to suffer acres is comparatively an extremely small we have as net returns to the feeder, 2.90 now promise of much better grazing not work nearly as fast as their northern eight per cent interest at four months, vasion of Chronic Constipation. When 2.75 in that section. In the southeastern conferes, higher temperature, poor riding \$33.40 to \$35.90. This shows no gain Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into

ern portion of the territory that losses stock is unimproved or only slightly im- fat, sold here March 15 at \$3.75 to \$3.90; ern portion of the territory that losses to stock interests appear to be greatto stock interests appear to be greatbe called deteriorated stock. The princibe called deteriorated stock. The princi\$37.50 to \$56.80. While these cattle sell for less than natives, the cost of understood among the older and more fattening them for market was also particularly the small proprietors. They higher. Say 10 pounds of cotton seed used to be unable to understand why a blooded bull should be worth more than blooded bull should be worth more than worth \$16.00, and \$6.00 for cotton seed same as other cattle. Often in branding hulls or other roughness, \$22.00. Take this from the market value of the steers above, after being fattened, and there is left net to the feeder, \$15.50 to condition is poor to fair. Still more horses and jacks, and have good graded horses and jacks, and have good graded horses and jacks, and have good graded pense of salt and the cost of marketthe rains and snows of the latter part and there are a number, among them steer before being put on feed, and Working along the same lines for

As in every cattle country proper pro- the market here, March 11, 1903, \$4.65 vision for watering stock must be made to \$5.00 per hundredweight or \$55.80

close by their grazing are two different eight per cent. interest for four months, things. Then, too, it is necessary or \$1.15; total \$45.00. Taking this from ought to be so considered to make provisions against unusual dry seasons. The there is left net for the feeder \$10.80 older proprietors have not done this. They to \$25.00, according to the low or high

Range steers, for the same time, fat value of cattle and we have \$18.50 and \$27.50 according to the low or high price obtained. But to this must be added 200 pounds of gain during

While feeders are doing better than article on the cattle ranges of this state is from the Mexican Herald written by dequate funds by mortgage or in other H. M. Gaines, a staff correspondent, who spent some time in Chihuahua:

By geography and by nature Chihuahua:

sible income from the property. Scarcity of working capital and inability to secure a year ago, let us see how the Texas adequate funds by mortgage or in other who raised their own calves, it is simply a matter of profit. In Texas, as in the southwest, the winter was as in the southwest, the winter was By geography and by nature Chihuahua to do in a capitalistic way that which the void of bad storms and cattle never By geography and by nature Chinuahua to do in a capitalistic way that which the is well fitted for the playing of a large part in the cattle raising industry of the republic. Circumstances have of late much enhanced the immediate and prospective importance of its vast pasture place is on the lines of capital and not on lines of race. There has been great change the most form the situation is much better than a year ago, when the ranchmen entered the most form. From the Sierra Madre on the west to in the investment habits of the Mexican the spring with heavy losses. The calf the Rio Grande and the Coahuila line on proprietors already, and there will be the east by far the largest part of the grass is mainly the well known gramma, in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma, in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma, in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, in selling, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, and the several course, a low fat cattle marmainly the well known gramma in its several course, and the several course, and the several course, and the several course course course, and the several course cour eral varieties, the merit of which for range purposes, need not be descanted on. In the higher and better watered lands along the east side of the mountains bunch grass is found in abundance, and in wonderful lore, but the knowledge of the which is \$3.00 to \$4.00; and 3s \$18.00 to \$4.00; and 3s \$18.00; an which is \$3.00 to \$4.00; and 3s, \$18.00 to \$20.00, which is \$2.50 to \$3.00 lower

than last spring. These prices are not bal but cattlemen say it costs more to raise cattle now than in the past. That land is are not bad compared with a few years ago, and should a good rain be had and grass start up fresh, the above prices

would probably stiffen a little.
While cattle are being marketed nore freely than a year ago, still the market is doing better. The receipts of cattle at the five leading western markets for February were 589,700 against 541,600 the same month last year. For the first two weeks in March, the receipts at the five leading western markets were 254,500, against 253,400 the same time last year. Toter than last season. But then he lost money, and there are those in the trade who think he is doing "little feed. But be this as it may, the out-

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gentleman said:

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Line of Refrigerator Boats May Bring Meat to This Country

PRINCIPAL MARKET IS NOW ENGLAND

Trip From Buenos Ayres to New York Will Be Three Days Quicker

NEW YORK, April 14.-Beef and mutton from the Argentine Republic by the shipload, to be sold here in competition with the products controlled by the beef trust, is the promise held out by a syndicate of capitalists, who have obtained concessions, secured options and laid plans for operation on a large

At the office of the consul general from Argentina, in the produce exchange building, it was said that contracts have been made for a site for a large refrigerating plant and wharves for ocean-going steamships to carry beef and mutton to this port.

According to the information which has reached the consul general, Senor R. Alvarez de Toledo, a line of re-frigerator steamers is to be established between Buenos Ayres and New York, and beef equal to the best product of our western plains is to be shipped here. Lamb and mutton that will hold its own with Canada's best is included in the project.

TO CUT TRUST PRICES

It is said that the beef and mutton will be offered here at prices consid- they are anxious to locate a plant in erably less than those maintained by the beef trust. In European markets beef and mutton from the Argentine by the present company will reorgan Republic have been in keen competition with American meats for several

Shipped from the South American republic in refrigerator steamers to London, Liverpool and other ports, beef has sold in large quantities at from 6 to 8 cents wholesale. The beef trust has met these prices abroad, but has

invariably obtained higher rates here. There have been no less than five groups of capitalists and persons interested in beef and provisions who have made inquiries at the Argentine consulate during the last year regarding the shipment of meat products here.

We are not at liberty to give the names of the persons who have obtained the concession, said a representative of Senor de Toledo yesterday. "We were called upon about three months ago by a man who later went to Argentine, and after spending two months there investigating the business of exporting beef and mutton has returned to this city.

PLANT IS ESTABLISHED

"We are informed that he has purchased a site for a refrigerating and Oklahoma City Times-Journal. packing establishment and has a con cession covering the exporting of beef and other products, "Our government offers every in-

ducement to American investors who wish to engage in business in Argentine. We do not know how soon steamers will be bringing beef here, but it is spots in the history of the business

Official statistics compiled by the minister of agriculture of the republic happen again. of Argentina give the total exports of beef for 1903 as 1,019,885 quarters. The exports of lamb and mutton for the serious disaster. Some cattle have, of year were 3,427,783 carcasses. This large business has been built up since under the summer sun, but no heavier 1883, when the first refrigerating plant loss than ten per cent, is estimated was established in Buenos Ayres. There and that is not abnormal.-Chicago are now five large concerns operating there. They are the River Platte Fresh Meat Company, the Sansinena Refrigerating Company, the Las Palmas Pro- | mention the Stockman-Journal,

CARLSBAD, N. M., April 18 .- "The usual and we look for little loss except among the calves. If it rains soon we figure on no loss." Other cowmen express themselves in a similar way. They all say that no grass will come till it rains. The ground is dry as a bone and even weeds will not start.

Reports from west Texas, western New Mexico, Arizona and Sonora and Chihuahua, Old Mexico, on the other hand, show a worse state of affairs here. Losses have already been heavy and in localities a total loss is feared. In Arizona rivers are drying up and what cattle is left must be moved to save them.

Shipments of cattle from Old Mexico northern pastures have already beope of saving the stuff. Shipments Texas along the Rio Grande are lso being arranged for.

NO SHIPPING TILL GRASS COMES From the Pecos country no cattle will be shipped till after grass comes. The cowmen think it would not be well to gather any cattle under present condi-The stuff is pretty well distributed over the range and manage to find enough grass to keep alive. But cattle could not find enough to feed on if gathered till they could be loaded. So the plan is to let well enough alone for the time being.

The probable price and the probable lemand for steers is still uppermost in the mind of the cowman. disappointing as to sales and prices. terms of the few sales made were private. So the Pecos cowman came

Blanca Company. In 1902 Edward and William V. Casey nome sadder but not wiser. Men like A. B. Robertson predict that of London attempted to combine the liance with the beef trust of this be the price, but no one cares to excountry, covering the foreign trade. steers. Much will depend on the de-

nand in the spring. Beef of good quality is sold in Buenos Indications, however, are that the de-Ayres at 2% cents per pound on the hoof. The very best beef for export mand will be good. S. T. Bitting, the well known banker and cattleman of while poorer grades are quoted as low many letters the last month in regard of booming prices. as 11/4 cent a pound. Mutton is quoted to steers. These inquiries came from about \$3.60 per carcass, or about 3 the northwest and from the corn belt. Others have had more inquiries than usual also; so the men who look after gentina may be had for 22 cents a kilo the sale of cattle here feel hopeful that buyers will come in numbers. When Argentine money, which is equivalent the buyers do appear they will meet to about 41/4 cents a pound American a cordial reception. The cowmen are money. Mutton retails at 61/2 cents. It is claimed that steamers can make the anxious to dispose of the 2s, 3s and

trip to this port in three days less than over. RANGE HORSES DOING WELL from Buenos Ayres to London, and that Argentine beef can be delivered here The horsemen say their stuff is in fair shape. Horses are finding ready Considerable secrecy is maintained as sale and considerable have been to the individuals who compose the shipped. J. M. Scanlan is getting ready to take out eleven loads to Galveston on syndicate which has undertaken the importation of Argentine beef. Offices have been opened in the produce exchange annex by the International Live Stock Products Company, capitalized at \$1,000,000. O. B. Blackburn, secretary and treasurer of the company, is the screen ago several loads of "outman who recently spent two months in laws" went out. The buyers wanted the Argentine Republic studying the "outlaws" and they certainly found the export question. He returned them. It took three men to hold some of them with a rope. The horsemen say they have horses in abundance and can furnish anything except heavy draft horses in train loads on a few days' build a harbor for light-draft vessels there was under way. We have induced polo ponies east some time ago, but no report has been received as to what

the company to make it a harbor where they brought. ocean steamers may land. This work is now under way. We expect to ship The sheepmen are far from happy. The lambing season is at hand and no grass. Men with high grade sheep are renting alfalfa pasture; the others try to find salt grass. It is the first grass that comes and seldom fails, as it grows in low moist places, but it is poor feed and is only a makeshift till other grass comes. The prospect for grass is not good and the sheepman

The goatmen are not saving much The brush is getting green and they know their goats will come out as

Oklahoma City Packing Company's usual. WON'T ACCEPT POOR STOCK The Pecos Valley & Northwestern railway will try a new plan to head off damage suits. Inspectors with authority to refuse cattle for shipment conference with a number of capital- if not in fair condition will be placed ists whose names the Times-Journal is at all shipping points. If the owner insists the cattle will be accepted for nott at liberty to make public. The gentlemen have backing to the extent shipment on the condition that the road shall not be liable for damages. The of a few million dollars and it is said railroads in the southwest think the this city. It is now quite probable damage suit industry must be checked that arrangements will be made where and the Pecos Valley railroad will try inspection. The Texas & Pacific rail ize, increase the capital stock to one million dollars and sell considerable shipments over its lines. The stock-of the stock to the gentlemen who de-men think the railroads have made sire to locate here. In conversation shipping unpleasant enough in the past

with a representative of this paper a without adding more difficulties. PROSPECTIVE GRASS

Whatever of grave disaster the windup of the winter may have wrought which now exists at Fort Worth. There on the range interests-and its extent will not be known for some weeks-the promising outlook for a big grass, year tained by the Armour Packing Com-pany at Fort Worth. Besides supply-much of its somberness says the Moning the local demand the company tana Stock Growers' Journal. There is would have plenty of shipping to all no dodging the fact that the tail end points in the two territories, New of the winter has been a bad one and Mexico, Arkansas and southern Kansas. losses have been incurred in the past There is a field here with flattering month or six weeks that may count up prospects for a big plant. Some one pretty large, but even so, it is one of have been steadily improving the comis going to put in a big plant at this the risks of the business that may be point and I look for something big offset by a good grass year, and from provement will gradually disappear in this line within the next few occult source the fact has been proclaimed that this year is to see the A representative of this paper was range clothed again so that it will the experience of the past. This de-informed that outside parties would ripple like the waves of the sea when the wind blows. Old timers know, and like to purchase or take stock in the like to purchase or take stock in the the wind blows. Old timers know, and of improved stock will use the knife plant here and make it the largest benewcomers have heard or will hear of on everything which if sold will not all believe it for they have it on good there are, however, that will stand for not be obtained. There have been where April losses were the most serious, and what has happened will been a stranger in these parts, and breed as well.-Wallace's Farmer. for a fact the "big grass" dated back But from what can be learned the when it was mild all winter and northwestern grazier has so far escaped rained all spring. Speculating on this authority, discredits the belief that go on producing. year, we have got the better of '77 in Charley Martin is conducting John W. very wet last fall and continued so boys. When writing to advertisers, please

moist ground to start with and a spring soaking from melted snows, the range is certainly in splendid condition to start the grass and keep it coming until the rains begin.

Generally the hot sun knocks the young stand of grass no matter how well started, because the store of moisture in the ground has been expended in giving the start. This year there is certainly enough "wet" to keep the green stuff growing and thrifty until the rains, if they come as they should, in May. But after all our main dependence is, as always, in the rains, stuff is alive and looking fairly well." pendence is, as always, in the rains, said a cowman yesterday. "Our losses though, of course, it is so much better than been smaller this winter than to have a good stand for the rains, the property to have a good stand for the rains. to have a good stand for the rains to operate on, and it is in this respect that this year promises so well. It although from the fact that the Iowa winter feed, and that, after all, is the and shippers are most in main desideratum, but, as before remarked, if you have the stand to do business with when the June rains do come, so much the better. By the law though that is an important matter, of average, too, things should begin but the low rate of speed which by o get a little smoother for the range feeder. The pendulum has swung pretty well out and it is about time for it to be coming back, bringing with it some of the good things that are believed to exist, though taken on faith in this country for many years. But even if there should be a silver lining to the cloud that has enveloped the range stock interests for some years past, it will do no harm to believe that

There is an ever-present temptation on the part of the live stock breeder to save for breeding purposes every The cattle- animal which by birth is entitled to a men's convention at Fort Worth was pedigree if with a pedigree it can be sold at a better price than for meat Many from the valley attended in production. This practice will de-hopes to learn something about prices teriorate the quality of every breed at least, but the sales were fewer than of live stock under the sun and in the at any convention in the history of the end bring it into disrepute. By the association, and, what was worse, the law of variiattion some individuals are better than their ancestry and some worse. It is only by rejecting the in-ferior and carefully improving the superior by better feeding and care \$17 for 2s is likely to be the ruling that any progress can be made in the price. Others think \$18 to \$19 will breeding either of live stock or of When prices are high press an opinion as to the price of older temptation is very strong to sell for breeding purposes everything that can sport a pedigree or is eligible record. When prices are declining the temptation is less pressing, and the breeder will listen to arguments to purposes is sold at 3 cents a pound, Carlsbad, says that he has received which he would turn a deaf ear in times

inferior males of every breed. urge it not for the reputation of the breed alone but for the reputation of push so drastic a measure to its conthe breeder himself. A man can not clusion. Besides, it would be folly expect to attain a reputation as a live seriously attempt anything of this kind stock breeder in a year or two, or five with a legislature that was not willing time. To attain this reputation, it is future legislators as a part of their absolutely necessary that he offer for compensation, for this is what the pass sale for breeding purposes only animals of superior quality. He cannot serve two masters can not be loyal to been afford to injure his reputation by sending out culls, degenerates, or animals in which by the law of atavism the some heretofore unwritten history. Th

will make a first-class steer. afford to sell a bull of any of the im- to us personally their influence, to proved breeds for much less than \$100. If he has to sell them for less than \$75 the association with the men who he will make more clear money by make rates on the western changing them to steers and finishing How little their promises and their inquen, near Buenos Ayres. A project to notice. G. H. Webster took a load of them for the market. New breeders fluence amount to will be seen from may not think so, but this is the con- the fact that on the day before the clusion we came to in breeding Shorthorns, and we have never seen any good reason to change it. The farmer must not expect to get a bull worthy to use even on a grade herd for less than the price mentioned.

Any boar that is fit to use for breeding purposes is worth \$20, and if he will not bring that he should be turned into the feeding pen. It is better at present prices for hogs to sell a pig at from \$12 to \$15 as a barrow than for breeding purposes at \$20. It is better for the breeder's reputation, better for the buyer, and better for no state had the right to pass a law the breed.

Continued high prices for live stock of any breed inevitably result in the deterioration of the breed for the to distribute their shipments more reason that breeders cannot withstand evenly over the entire week, instead the temptation of selling anything that is entitled to a pedigree if they can get Wednesdays. The latter practice is considerably more than meat prices. Periods of depression in live stock, as we have often before pointed out, result in the improvement of the breed for the reason that there is no temptation to keep the knife in the pocket instead of using it where good sense and sound judgment require that it should be used. It may seem a paradox, but periods of low prices tend to lower the quality of the common farm stock of the country for the reason that when prices are low and times hard the farmer is tempted to sell his best, retaining his worst for west and would if they could, give rebreeding purposes. He is tempted to lief. Morgan, Harriman, and Rockebuy the cheapest breeding stock that feller, who are really the controlling he can get instead of the best. Our spirits in this move, do not know the readers who have been in the business for twenty years will remember how repidly the quality of the ordinary the Iowa legislature, nor with the Chifarm live stock degenerated in the latter 80's and during the period of hard times in the 90's. Herds of high grade cattle almost equal in value for feeding purposes with thoroughbreds disappeared and in their places appeared the | which we have come after giving the

commonest kind of grade stock. For the last five or six years we mon stock of the country. This imshould a period of hard times ensue unless the farmers learn wisdom by those good old days when the grass tend to raise the grade of the common was "belly deep" to a horse. As a matter of fact you will not find that cannot resist the temptation of pay- the states adjoining Iowa and they every old timer can swear to this. They ing a fairly good price for an inferior must see to it that the men chosen are ing a fairly good price for an inferior animal provided only he sports a pediauthority, but it was generally "the gree. Let the breeders put this temptayear before I came here." Some few tion out of the way by the use of the knife and thus benefit not only the pend largely on whether the farmers, it, but even these qualify the story by average farmer but themselves and ranchmen, graziers and feeders comringing in cayuses, but grass that sustain the reputation of their herds bine together to rid themselves of this would tickle a cayuse's belly has long and the reputation of their favorite old man of the sea-this octopus which

so late that the frost caught the moisture before it dried up and froze it nouncement of less than 50,000 cow- up for use this spring, so what with boys.—Chicago Live Stock World.

We last fall and continued so boys. Mr. Johnson says charter than the people would never have authorized an anticon it is not greater than the people. A united people will grind it to powder.—Wallace's Farmer.

We wish our readers to understand once and for all the gravity of the crisis which now confronts the stockmen not merely of Iowa but of the entire west. It is not an Iowa conflict, The great burden of the feeders' complaint over the entire country is not the prohibition of the return pass, alunderstanding, if not agreement, be tween the railroads has been adopted over the entire country from Chicago to the Pacific ocean.

The evidence already furnished by farmers show that this slow speed involves/a loss which is a virtual in crease of at least \$25 per car on an average on the freight rate, and when the best cattle arrive in their desti nation too tired for further shipment east their relegation for this reason to the dressed beef class frequently results in a loss of from \$75 to \$100 per car when sold as dressed beef. Neither the feeder nor the farmer who furnishes the steers and the corn to feed them can stand this tremendous shrinkage. If this continues the whole ystem of handling cattle must be readjusted. The man who grows stock must quit business.

This again destroys the home mar ers must stand or fall together. They must hang together or they will have to hang separately. No corn grower must for a moment imagine that this is a feeders' fight and no cattle grower his former profits unless he stands by the feeder.

The farmers of Iowa and the farmers of all other feeding and corn growing states must understand that must be a new deal-all around unless relief is obtained,

the corn growers of lowa must under-stand clearly and distinctly that beyond the probable restoration of the agent there is not the slightest prospect of relief from the present legisla-We, therefore, suggest that now is first that there is nothing that the good time to use the knife on all legislature can do, or ever could do nferior males of every breed. We except reduce the long distance tariff first that there is nothing that the We except-reduce the long distance tariff, It is really the work of a life- to forbid the issuance of passes to really amounts to. Men who want to

both.

We may as well just here publish the gravity of the situation, the lo Speaking of cattle, no man can sustained by the farmers, and pledged secure a conference of the officers of bill to restore passes was brought up in the senate the traffic managers me in Chicago and not formally but in effect served notice on them and o the Iowa legislature thatt the agree ment which they had made would no be carried out, as appears from the

following dispatch sent out from "Traffic officials of western roads vesterday decided to refuse the request of the live stock associations for the resumption of return passes to live stock shippers. It was held that requiring a railroad to give something for nothing. An effort will be made, however, to induce the live stock men of concentrating them on Mondays and held responsible for many of the alleged abuses of which the live stock

men complain." Evidently the traffic managers had heard from the three or four men in New York who control the entire business and obeyed instructions. We happen to know directly the hostility shown by the railroad lobby to relief measures in the Iowa legislature is contrary to the judgment of some of the broadest minded railroad men in Chicago. These men know something. of the storm that is brewing in the western people, nor do they seem to care; hence, the real fight is not with cago officials of the western roads, but with the men who form the great railroad trust of the United States who know nothing about western interests and care less. This is the conclusion to matter the most careful study.

We hope this will enable our readers to see the real gravity of the situation and bring them to work together. It is quite possible that before this matter is settled the congress of the United States may take a hand in it. There are congressmen to elect this year and the farmers should for once see to it that the men who get their votes must stand for the farmer and not by Wall Street. There are memmust see to it that the men chosen are pass-proof. The very prosperiity of the west, the price of land, and the prosperity of the railroads themselves deproposes to suck up the profits of the entire country and leave the producers Fred Johnson, the Denver live stock simply enough to encourage them to

Put not your faith in the promises the late snows that have all soaked into the ground; there was no snow dency. The report was published a occupy the highest position. Rememberly or late in '77. In addition to this, it will be remembered that it was be met at Chicago by a thousand cow- us in not in Chicago but in New York Mr. Johnson says Charley Great as is the power of this combina-

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a PULLING DOWN FENCES

The periodical farce of pulling down ange fences-in the newspapers-in cattle must in the future sell them at again being enacted. Once more the lower prices to the feeder or the feeder department of the interior is out or dering down fences on the public lands. ket for corn, which is always the best announced in big type that all fences one, and the corn raiser suffers with were to be taken down at once, and the grower and the feeder of cattle, so the man who waited for the agent to that feeders, graziers, and stock grow- come around would surely get into trouble. There have been a few prose cutions, and as a rule, the fences have come down when ordered, but others have gone up to take their places, and the government is about where it was must for a minute think of realizing when it started. Commenting on this the Denver Stockman says:

"It is not that the western people are not law-abiding citizens, but that the people in Washington do not un derstand the situation, and are trying their interests are identical and there to enforce a law which the people do not want. The real truth is that if all the fences on the public lands The feeders, the stock growers, and should be taken down today, the range situation would become unbearable in many places and the lands would be useless for any purpose. pass to the owner of the stock or his do more good than harm, and that is the reason why the western people have not aided the government ture. We have seen clearly from the forcing the law. Until the people most interested demand it, the governmen is going to have some trouble in carry ing out the law."-Chicago Live Stock

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With this issue the Texas Stockman-Journal begins the twenty-fifth year of its existence, and as the old Texas Stock Journal under a new name its history is so interwoven with that of the great live stock industry of this state that it is well known to the great majority of our readers. For many long years the paper was the recognized exponent of the live stock interests of the southwest, and under the able management of the late George B. Loving it enjoyed an era of great prosperity and usefulness. But there came an evil day when the paper passed from under the control of Mr. Loving, and it was permitted to degenerate until it became a live stock paper in name only, and its prestige as an exponent of the live stock industry waned until there was nothing left but the memory of what the paper once was

the first of last January when the Texas Stock Journal was absorbed by the West Texas Stockman, a young and vigorous range paper that had grown up out in the heart of-the range country, and which had won for itself the proud distinction of being accepted both at home and abroad as the recognized authority on all matters pertaining to the cattle industry in this state. The combination of the two papers resulted in the birth of the present -paper, and since the Stockman-Journal came into existence the intervening time has been spent in an effort to rectify the principal per head, and these ewes managed mistakes of the former management of the old Texas Stock Journal. This has involved some radical measures and departures, but the pruning knife has been applied with a ruthless hand and already the wisdom of that determined policy is clearly apparent.

This was the condition of affairs on

The Texas Stockman-Journal is under an entirely new management, and the former management of the old Texas Stock Journal does not own one dollar stock or interest in the new business. We mention this fact here because it is whispered in some quarters that such is not the case We want it distinctly understood that the paper is now in new hands, and in the hands of men whose aggres sive natures and dispositions will no be satisfied with anything but the placing of the paper on the very topmost round of the ladder of live stock journalism. The desired results will good every working day in the year. not materialize in a day, a week, a month or a year, for the policy inaugurated is a conservative one, and the new management desires to make just as few mistakes as possible. Just a little bit ahead of us is the goal that we are striving for, and with the proper encouragement and assistance of those from whom we have right to look and expect it, there can be absolutely no question as to the future of this paper.

The Stockman-Journal occupies field of journalism all to itself in the southwest. While there are a number of papers that call themselves live stock publications, yet they represent also a large agricultural interest, and for fat sheep?" are as much farm papers as they are stock papers. The Stockman-Journal is being builded on different lines. Its management believes that the demand of the hour is for a strong and virile cattlemen's paper, devoting some time and space to the allied live stock interests, but at all times loyal to the great cattle industry. That we are on the right track is evidenced by the many words of commendation that reach us by every mail, and western Stock Growers' Association, at National Packing Company, the trust's the paper will continue in the future the only exclusive live stock paper in Texas, and will be prepared to stand up for the rights of its people noxious tonnage system, by which a fight against the trust. Farmers want sample copies sent to. at every turn in the road. . It is es- heretofore every engine has been ex- ought to know that the trust isn't sentially the comman's paper, but

opulent brother.

Improvements will be made in the Stockman-Journal just as fast as the able. onditions will warrant, and neither effort or expense will be spared to make the paper just exactly what it These improvements and changes will men promise to remedy. be made gradually, however, as it is not contemplated that the paper shall running schedules. esort to any experiments. The improvements when once made will be ermanent, and there will be no retrogression at any time. There has been so much that has had to be done since the paper came into the hands bear upon them by the live stock as-STOCKMAN PUB. CO., Fort Worth, of its present management that as yet we have not then able to make Remit by postoffice money order, ex- a very great showing. But some very press money order, or check on Fort effective work has been done during by the range stock associations, but

Worth or Dallas. If you send check the interim and plans formulated for on local bank add 10 cents to pay cost the future that will materialize as fast as they can be worked out. In the meantime, we invite the hearty support and co-operation of our with us while we are engaged in workng out the intricacies of the situaion. The Stockman-Journal will be kept in the front rank, and it prolace in anything will ever satisfy the management of this paper.

FEEDING PEA NUT HAY

The animal husbandry department of he experiment station has been conducting some interesting feeding experiments during the past season. As the steers are still in the lots it is too early to compare the value of the different rations for fattening pur- to accept any makeshift in the form of cattle next winter.

In the discussion of the necessary diversification of crops, considerable prominence has been given to the Spanish peanut. This plant is highly nitrogenous in composition and very valuable for milking and growing stock. Since it has been very little used for fattening it was used as the roughage for one lot of cattle in the experiment still in progress. Another lot received alfalfa hay for roughage. Other lots received cotton seed hulls but all were fed a grain ration of coton seed meal and rice bran.

While the steers receiving pea-nut nay and alfalfa ate all their food with keen relish it was apparent at about the third week that their gains were not as heavy as those made by the other lots. The highly nitrogenous character of the pea-nut and alfalfa hav combined with the same characterstic in the cofton seed meal produced a looseness and scouring which made

good gains impossible. It was surmised at the outset that this trouble would manifest itself but it-was desired to learn just how serious it would be and in what manner the results would show themselves. This does not argue anything against the value of these feeds but does show that where they are relied upon for fattening purposes corn or a similar material should be furnished as the other part of the ration. Full particulars of the experiments will be later.

There has been considerable discussion of the sheep question among stockmen during the past few months and something of a disposition manifested to revive this great industry in Texas. One of the buyers connected with the great Swift packing plant in this city, in speaking of the sheep industry, says:

"The farmers are losing a great deal of money by not having a small flock of sheep, say fifty to' 100, on the farm. One hundred ewes could be bought on the yards at \$2 to \$2.50 so they would lamb in January. The head before Easter.

"Last month a good many lambs,

or eight pounds of wool, worth at least \$1.00, making from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per head for lambs and wool, and the ewes would be left to eat up the weeds in the pasture and clean up the waste in the wheat and oat fields after you are through threshing.

"The same thing is open to the Texas feeder and farmer to fatten sheep for this market. Heretofore there has been no demand for sheep all the year around, but Swift & Co. and Armour & Co., with two large packing plants here, make the demand "There would be no better invest-

ment for feeders than to feed sheep for this market during the months of November, December, January, February and March, as this market is practically bare of sheep at that time, and orthern points.

"The run from San Angelo starts about April 1 and lasts about four months, leaving about eight months of the year when this market is out of

market, and why not here, when you have a market at your door calling

RAILWAYS MAKE REPLY

representing the railroads, has maked be forced to come to the general the reply of the railroad managers to yards and compete or close down the Secretary Charles F. Martin, who will Fowler plant. read it at the meeting of the North-

Belle Fourche. The railroads in their reply to the Armour, Swift and Morris. To win stockmen agree to abandon the ob- against the Fowler people is to win

The effort to get larger and more powerful engines and have them move only when a full load is ready for should be and what its most ardent them has cost live stock shippers very friend and admirer would have it be. dearly, and this abuse the railroad parent that Texas is destined to hold

> They also agree to give satisfactory The return stock pass question, however, remains the same. The railroads refuse, so far, to make any concessions on this point, notwithstanding the pressure that is being brought to

ociations and individual shippers. It has been generally believed that the fact the railroads are evidently going to die hard, if they die at all, on that question.

Whether anything further can be done about these important matters friends and ask them to be patient remains to be seen at the forthcoming meetings, especially at the congress called to meet at Denver, May 3. At that time and place representatives of poses to lead the field. No second meet to discuss ways and means of compelling the common carriers to give reasonable consideration to the necessities of the live stock business.

It is probable that at the Denver meeting of cattlemen on May 3, a more determined effort will be made to have the railways grant the concessions demanded by the cattlemen. Matters are in such shape that the shippers of the country are not going poses. Some points of interest have a compromise. Unless the railways already developed, however, which will weaken and grant the relief prayed for be useful to those planning, to feed it will result in an appeal to the highest legislative tribunals of the ountry for the enactment of measure that will compel justice in this direc tion. The railways of the country know and appreciate this fact keenly and its realization has prompted them to offer the terms of compromise they are now holding out. As a matter of fact, the two or three men in New York who control the railways of the country are doing more to foster and develop the idea of government ownership and control of these great arteries of commerce than all other causes combined.

TRICK OF THE TRUST

The Kansas City commission men are making much of a todo over the Fowler independent stockyards located in that city and are fighting ing that the enterprise is but a scheme on the part of the packers' combine to still further control the

action of the Fowler Packing Company at Kansas City is but a move on the part of the packers to get control of the cattle trade in that city There has been no intimation to this effect, but it is reasonable to suppose that the Fowler people are working under instructions from Armour, Swift, and Morris, who own it. They have and overtures for the purchase of a controlling interest in them has been refused by the Kansas City Stock Yards Company. During the meeting of the Kansas cattlemen at Topeka last week a live stock commission man of Kansas City, who evidently asked to have his name kept out of the papers through fear that will be done away with. In the matof money for his customer's stock. His ter of buying males for a foundation trade depends upon this. If the Fowmade the following statement in reler yards helped to bring up prices, the commission men would be pleased pany's methods, its effect if they are are lost by refusal to look at an anigard to the Fowler Packing Com-

successful, etc.: "The Fowler company has private yards, and as soon as it begins getting enough stuff it will buy nothing lambs would sell for \$2.50 to \$3.00 a the farmer by its tactics, but is payfrom the Kansas City general syards, extra cost of feeding an older animal Hence this buyer will be entirely reaveraging forty-five pounds, sold at \$7.50 per 100 pounds, or about \$3.35 Fowler company is saving nothing to Fowler company is saving nothing to and the larger extent to which he may ing less to the stockmen. If we sell be used on grade stock. Neighbors to the Fowlers what stuff they need wishing to work along similar lines now it will be only that much less can share the expense of getting a competition at the general yards for good male that will do all the work a few months until they are getting all of two small herds. It is a common the stuff they need at the private occurrence to see an old bull sold in yards at their own price, but if we the auction ring for less money than drive the Fowler private yards out the packers would pay and for a part and it would help business here by of what one of his own sons sells they will have to buy everything in for. With the old bull there is very

competition better. destroying his competitive market and of the original purchase. Much more sinking the knife into his own back. If Fowler succeeds what is to pre- to select and the easiest means of vent Armour, Swift and the others procuring a start in stock that is from establishing private yards? Then certain to be worth better money in what would confront the farmer? He a few years. The claims of the old would have to ship to one of these bull, however, are much greater than packers, and there would be no bidding. The commission man's business sheep bring as much as they do at is to get the highest possible amount hurting the markets in other cities. "The commission men are fighting the battles of the farmer and feeder for higher prices, and higher prices will never come with private yards. "Sheep feeders are making money in isn't hurting the general yards, but was organized just five years ago to forty-mile ride landed in Vernon; the at the Denver meeting on May 3. northern states feeding sheep for the it will mean, if the commission men provide the cattlemen located above the win, that the Fowlers will have to buy quarantine line with a form of protecall their stock at the general yards, and that means another big packing house in the field for all the time, not for a few months while they are start-Traffic managers of the western ing their own throatcut business. If ailroads have made reply to the de- the farmers quit shipping to Fowler's mands of the conference held in Chi- and refuse to listen to the siren's song cago at the call of the National Live Fowler's private non-competitive yards tock Association. J. V. Mahoney, must shut down. Fowler will then

"The Fowler plant is owned by the holding company. It is controlled by pected to pull as nearly its full capac- paying more money for the benefit of hopes to be considered fair and just ity as possible. This has caused more the farmer. It costs more to pay

to all interests. And when we say vexatious delays than any other fea- solicitors all over the country and to roster contained twenty-seven names. Speers, John Leadbetter and others, to all interests. And when we say vexatious delays than any other rea-cowman's paper, we mean the little ture of railroad management during keep up private yards than the com-that there was necessity for the mainowman just as well as his more the past few years, and has borne most missions and yardage at the general heavily upon live stock shippers, yards. Now then, we leave it to the whose shipments are naturally perish- shipper to find the 'nigger in the woodpile.' "

USE OF PURE BREDS

To the Editor: To even a casual observer it is apthe same position in regard to the quality of her live stock as she now olds in numbers. The marked attencattle in northern markets is largely due to the liberal use of pure bred bulls on the range.

While there are a large number of men engaged in handling pure bred animals of high merit in our state return passes could be gotten if at all all too small compared to the amount of stock which has yet to receive the improving influence of good sires, which never fails to put dollars into the pocket of the grower.

It may be true that a well-built male of no particular breeding will prove more valuable than a pedigreed one of inferior characteristics but even in such a case the chances are the various live stock associations will all in favor of the better bred animal whose progery, in resembling their ancestors will receive the impress of a better type than the common progenitors of the accidentally well made scrub.

A small experience last autumn to attempting to purchase a few pure bred swine was sufficient to make it clear that Texas breeders dispose of their stock quite readily at remunerative prices.

There is, and naturally enough, juite common idea that it is possible by the continuous use of pure bred sires, or by grading up, to ultimately produce an animal equal in value to one carrying with it a certificate of registration in a recognized herd book. While for most practical purposes such highly graded animal may be as creased and the value of the animal essened. To have recorded animals for sale there is no way but to start with recorded animals, both male and female. The fact that foundation stock or animals with which to start in to breed pure bred stock can be bought for less at present than for some years past and that the experenced and conservative stockmen do not expect a continuation of present it at every turn in the road, claim- low prices makes the prospect of good returns from a judicious investment now particularly bright.

The most common way to start in market. The San Antonio Express the pure bred stock business is to buy a pure bred male. While the knowledge of the stock and their ex-There is little doubt but that the cellencies may thus be learned the time until pure bred females are brought in is lost as far as the pro-

erned. In the case of cattle, a cow with bull calf at foot and herself bred again can be procured for a part of such time as the cow has calved and is ready to breed again. Or better yet, a male and a pair of unrelated will need no further additions for herd a prejudice exists against one that has attained an age any greater than sufficient to show his real qualities. Some of the best bargains to mal "anyways old." The very fact that a bull or boar is old is a testimony to his merit, for no breeder could afford to retain a sire whose progeny were of ordinary quality. The is more than made up by the certainty as to the character of his get the general yards, and that will make little uncertainty as to the value of his get and unless extremely old may "The farmer who ships a load of be used for one or two seasons and

stock to the Fowler private yards is disposed of, fattened, for the amount might be said of the kind of females seem to be commonly recognized.

F. R MARSHALL

College Station.

PANHANDLE ASSOCIATION The Panhandle Stockmen's Association, which meets in Amarillo today, is just five years old, and is about as strong and lusty a youngster as can The boycott that is on against Fowler be found in the entire southwest. It tion they felt they did not from any other source, and the original

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now numbers 427, nearly one-third that of the great Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, and that it is confield of its usefulness. It maintains its own system of inspection, and while it operates as an adjunct of the Texas association, yet it maintains its own identity and is rapidly becoming a very lowerful organization. The Stockman-Journal is indebted to the Banner-Stockman, of Clarendon, for the followtion that has been directed to Texas ing facts concerning the Panhandle

association: The first annual meeting of the association was held at Canadian in March, The attendance of members showed that the organization was destined to grow to big proportions. The officers elected at this meeting were: T. S. Bugbee, president, Clarendon. L. T. Bowman, first vice president, ataline

W. P. Miller, second vice president, Mobeetie. S. G. Carter, treasurer, Miami.

Felix Franklin, secretary, Amarillo. The second annual meeting was held at Amarillo, March, 1901, and officers elected then were as follows:

T. S. Bugbee, president, Clarendon C. Coffee, first vice president, Miami. W. J. Miller, second vice president, Mobeetie.

J. C. Paul, treasurer, Panhandle. E. H. Brainard, secretary, Canadian. The third annual meeting was taken orted eighty-nine new members eived during the past year, a total of 300; that inspectors had been main-tained at important points of the range and at Kansas City; that the Oklahoma ssociation had been co-operated with the members had been looked after. The financial report showed up well. The following officers were elected: S. Bugbee, president, Clarendon.

T. J. Richards, second vice president,

Coffee first vice president, Miami,

J. T. Holland, treasurer, Amarillo. Wm. Harrell, secretary, Amarillo. The association voted for Childress or the fourth annual convention, and the people of the Gate City did thems proud in entertaining her guests n March 24 and 25, 1903. Here the ecretary reported a membership of 375 and fifty-six new names were added, aising the total to 431. At this meeting the date for the annual convention vas changed to the third Tuesday in April by a unanimous vote. Officers

vere elected as follows: T. S. Bugbee, president, Clarendon. T. J. Richards, first vice president

L. B. Watkins, second vice president,

T. Holland, treasurer, Amarillo. E. H. Brainard, secretary, Canadian. The fifth annual convention to be eld at Amarillo on the 19th and 20th nst., promises to be better in attendance, interest and program than any of its predecessors. The fact that the ssociation is composed of men with whom the northwestern buyers usually do business, and that the meeting is neld a month later than usual, is assurance that cattle buyers from the orthwest will be present, and it is thought the sellers will quote prices which should cause the stuff to move uction of registered stock is con- It is said that the northwestern buyers ave been holding back in their spring buying through the fear that their section of country was going to be overrun with large numbers of cattle driven out of California, Oregon and what the three would cost if purchased Washington by the drouth that has separately. The bull may be used on prevailed in these states. The big no interest in the Kansas City yards, a few of the choice grade cows until drouth has been overcome, however, by the dry districts which usual supply of two year old steers. dency of the Panhandle Stockmen's Association of Texas, and each term he tain him as president for another term. E. H. Brainard, as secretary, has also been faithful and diligent in his

> chosen for that position. POOLE ON THE WING Editor Stockman-Journal: My first stop after leaving Fort Worth was at Henrietta. A number of old friends extended me the right hand of fellowship, among them W. Featherstone, who by the way is the onorable mayor of Henrietta; W. H. but not least, Golonel W. H. Chilson, have been in existence for many years. All report stock in good condition, good rains had fallen here a few days before and farmers are wearing smiles. Oil, oil was the cry on all no fake, new wells are coming in almost dally and the quality is said to be the finest ever discovered in Texas. Colonel Chilson who is a reliable past several months. gentleman assured me that it would burn in a lamp and make a brilliant light in its crude state just as it comes from the well. A company is On Sunday evening at 1:30 o'clock I

again boarded the Fort Worth & Denver cars for Wichita Falls. Here I Captain Lee McMurcher, G. W. Filego Colonel Cobb, S. R. Veney, J. D. Avis and others too numerous to mention. Good rains here and stock doing nicely On Monday evening at 2:10, I again hit the Denver and after-about a the dust, the beautiful dust was there to perfection. On reaching the Panwhiskey!" He replied. "This is a dry the rights of the shipper. town." He certainly had it down right; it did not look like it had rained in twelve months; everything and everybody was dry. However, I managed Send us the names of those you men all blue, no grass, cattle are poor, nothing in sight but dust.

It is certainly blue for the stocknen and farmers. I met a number of

who said this was the worst drouth dent from the fact that its membership ita Falls some fifteen miles all signs in twenty years. After leaving Wichof rain ceased. After leaving Henrietta I only saw three or four fields stantly growing and extending the of wheat and oats. There will be no wheat or oats raised in the Wichita country this season which is regarded as the garden spot of Texas for wheat and small grains. There will be an immense cotton crop planted the end. in this country. Tom Wagoner is preparing to plant ten thousand acres. However, if it should rain by the have passed over can raise an im- lic await with interest the report, mense crop of Kaffir corn which is the National Provisioner. There is but peculiarly adapted to this section, also one report to make. These agents will milo maize, cane and millet. The land is rich and all that is necessary is a few big rains. While in Quanah I had the pleasure of meeting my with then. They will likewise find that old friend, Dr. J. T. McCullough, who the live stock man is getting the best end still owns the celebrated Neal S. This is one among the finest stallions in all Texas, a dark chestnut sorrel number of other points where he has a rood thing.

been entered in the pacing ring. Here I am at Memphis. Still dry as snuff. Among the many friends here who gave me a hearty greeting were Jas. A. Montgomery, J. C. Montgomery, W. J. Wilson, W. L. Wheat, S. o Quanah in 1902. The secretary re- G. White and John Jackson, all of whom came down with the hard cash for the Stockman-Journal. In company with Jas. A. Montgemery behind corn is very injurious to them. dashing team belonging to his wife. late this evening we drove out two in the matter of joint inspectors, and miles to take a peep at 169 four year that in various ways the interests of old steers he had inst sold to a Kansus buyer. They are a good bunch of cattle; he got \$30 per head for them. They are to be shipped tomorrow morning. They are well worth the ther C. C. POOLE. noney.

> The calf crop out in the range country reported short this spring as a result of the long dry spell that section has had to endure.

There is something doing out in the ange country since the recent rains, as evidenced by the brisk movement of attle reflected in our very full range epartment published elsewhere in this spring to build up your flock next ssue. The prospect for grass has injected a whole lot of ginger into the situation.

In the district court at Woodward, Okla., yesterday A. G. Sparks was conricted of stealing thirty-two head of teers from James Storms. The theft was committed in August, 1902. The cate were shipped to Kansas City and were the hands of a commission firm at that let them get lousy place when replevined by Storms.

Heretofore Mitchell county has been enitled to first honors in the number of golden egg. It is the hen that is enamage suits filed against the Texas and /gaged in that pastime these days." Pacific railway, but Midland county is giving her sister a close run for her best for a poultry farm. Land that letermined to invoke all the protection that is assured him by the state law.

The country west of the Pecos remains second year. This item will be dislry, but that fact does not excite much puted by people who believe they here is not due until after the 1st of June. Cattlemen in that section report their stock in good shape and standing the existing situation remarkably well, although that the cost of a setting of pure-bred some of them are shipping out a considerable number to outside patures.

It is reported that the Pecos Valley branch of the Santa Fe railway has made if sold to the poultry buyer, will usualinsures new grass, and the threatened cattle going out to Kansas pastures this of eggs. Still better returns can be nvasion has been averted. The north- spring, and this evidence of a liberal gained by letting your neighbors have western men will consequently have to spirit on the part of the management of extra males at a small advance or look to Texas and New Mexico for their that railway will be greatly appreciated by the shippers in its territory. It will also Four times has Thos. S. Bugbee, of result in much business going to that Clarendon, been honored with the presi- line that would have otherwise come east.

It may be all right to speak of it as an has filled the office with credit and alleged beef trust, but the state of Misonor to himself and associates. No souri called it a beef trust and collected wiser move could be made than to re- the sum of \$25,000 from the men who acknowledged the corn. If the federal government is in doubt concerning the existence of the beef trust. Missouri alone duties and no better man could be can furnish the necessary evidence to establish its existence. Secretary Cortelyou should call on the attorney general of Missouri for evidence

The federal government is making a determined effort to stamp out the dis ease known as scables or mange, which s largely prevalent throughout the range country of the west, by compelling the dipping of all infected and exposed cattle. This disease is caused by a small parasite, and the Texas ranchmen claim Myers, Captain G. H. Gowan, M. Shlos- that it was originally introduced into this berg. L. Ceecil. W. B. Frey and last state from Kansas, where it is alleged to

Arthur Anderson, one of the largest heepmen in the state, who ranches out in the lower Pecos country, has given orders that all the lambs on his ranch, sides. It was even in the air. The numbering about 10,000, shall be killed this movement will be larger than that oil fields are out fourteen miles north this spring, in order that the lives of the of last year because of the scarcity of of town. Now this oil business is mother ewes may be saved. Truly, that is a slaughter of the innocent, and well the recent rains in the Texas Panillustrates the desperate situation that has handle have had the effect of startterests of that western country for the measure curtail the movement.

Our old friend, the fever tick, is not making as much trouble in Texas now fatal attack of whooping cough and as he once did, but there should be no let bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Havimet a number of old time friends, above the line, and there should be hearty co-operation among all interested to see that the rules and regulations are properly observed and enforced.

The railways will make answer to the demands of cattlemen for better service and the return of abrogated privileges wind was blowing a perfect gale from "on to Washington" slogan is not withthe north and cold as thunder. Oh, out its effect, for the offenders realize that the people are becoming thoroughly aroused and are determined to have re ief. Just what the railways will be willhandle hotel I told the clerk to show ing to concede is not yet apparent, but me a room as I wanted to go to bed. the cattlemen should stand pat on those He said, "Are you sick?" "No, more demands. Legislation can bring what the than sick; look at that dust. Build railways deny that is right and just, and me a fire and give me a drink of the time has passed for a compromise which involves the surrender of any o

The cattle plague has destroyed a very great number of oxen and cows in Egypt. The loss is estimated at from 50 to 70 pe to rustle enough subscribers to pay the hotel bill next morning. My next agriculture, and as it is impossible to plow stop was at Quanab. Still very cold without cattle, a large amount of land north wind and drier than ever. Stock- must remain unsettled unless some other means of cultivation is found, as horses are not used in agriculture. The large proprietors are therefore turning their at-tention to steam plows and to any form of agricultural implement that can be old friends here, among them Polk used without cattle, and are looking with

much interest to machines which are of the automobile type. A market is therefore ready for any one who will send ou machines to be used for maize, cotton and corn, and the sooner such machines reach Egypt the greater the profit will be.

It is to be remembered that the Egyptians always choose the cheapest article that is submitted to them, absolutely without respect to its merit, and will buy a cheap machine even when it can be demonstrated to them that a slightly more expensive article will save them money in

Now that the department of commerce has quietly dispatched its agents into the middle of May this country that I tween live and dead meat prices the pubmeat arena to see about the difference befind that there is less spread between live and dead meat now than there was in 1902. They will also find a remarkably low dressed beef market now as compared

of the present beef market. The packers are offering the commerce and labor agents every facility to note prices and packing conditions. The stock He has a big record, having taken yards are also open to them. A businessmany blue ribbons at Dallas and a like investigation is the proper thing and

POULTRY NOTES OF INTEREST Have you whitewashed that hen house this month? If not, you should do so. Remember the early bird gets

the worm. It is also so that the early bird gets the best chance at the shows next fall. Give your little chicks plenty of wheat and small grains. Too much

Have you tried an incubator yet? If not, it will pay you to get a small size and learn the trade. You can increase your flocks much more rapidly Care is what it takes in raising young

chicks; so don't let them out on wet days and not too early in the morning, as the damp grass is injurious to

Do not give one hen too many chicks to care for. Ten to fifteen is a sufficient amount for one hen to care

A few guineas are very profitable and are of little trouble or cost to a farmer. They will keep off hawks and crows, which are very injurious to a farmer's flock of chicks.

It will pay you to send to some good breeder and get a setting of eggs this When setting one or more hens in the

ame nest, at different times, always lean the nest out thoroughly. Whitewash and place in some new chaff or hay and burn all the old litter, as there may be lice in it. It is a very good plan to sprinkle

your setting hens once or twice a week with some good louse powder. Don't The Farmers' Advocate says: "The goose no longer has the distinction of being the only fowl that can lay a

A light, sandy or gravelly soil is The cattle shipper is evidently has good natural drainage toward the south.

The old hen is unprofitable. Do not keep laying stock much over the pprehension, as the rainy season out know something about the business, whereas they only think they know.

A writer in the Canadian Poultry News says that few farmers realize eggs is very often no more than the selling price of three or four scrub chickens, and the surplus males of a single setting of pure-bred stock, even cut of \$10 per car in saight rates on ly bring several times the original cost

market prices. A Belgian hare fancier, who castrates most of his males, said that they will dress four to six pounds, and that he never sold them for less than 50 cents per pound dressed. If more Belgian hares were sold for meat, the hare

would become more popular. The Western Poultry World says that it will not cost more than one half as much to properly house a pair of pigeons as a pair of hens. A barn loft, gable, or, in fact, any out-of-theway place where you cannot keep anything else, will make a home for Mr. Pigeon and his wife, with which they fall in love and from which they will never wander except to find their feed. They will be at home every day of the year; Mr. Pigeon will go out after feed morning and evening but he will take care of the young and sit on the eggs during the day and let his wife get a little fresh air.

HEAVY MOVEMENT EXPECTED TRINIDAD, Colo., April 16.-Early in May the movement of about 250,000 head of range cattle from the Texas Panhandle to Dakota and Montana will be commenced over the Colorado & Southern road. It is expected that grass on the Texas ranges. confronted the range cattle and sheep in- ing the grass, and it may in some

SAVES TWO FROM DEATH "Our little daughter had an almost

up in the effort to finally get rid of his land, of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all organized to pipe it into town. It presence. There should be no abatement of all necessary precautions, for a little wells.

of all necessary precautions, for a little lindiscretion this spring might result in Our nice, who had consumption in an serious future disaster. A strict en-forcement of the quarantine rules and ful medicine and today she is perfectregulations this spring may mean much for a large section of the country located diseases, yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. Fifty-cent and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by W. J. Fisher and Reeves' Pharmacy. Trial bottles free.

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HOW THEY DO IT

American Professor Draws a Comparison of American Farming.

ford, acting dean of the Missouri Agricultural college, recently visited sev- own product to market. eral European countries. He traveled

vations there he said:

peculiar climatic conditions of a par- Germany, once a farm laborer, always meeting is for cattlemen only. ticular locality, or whether we meas a farm laborer, is the rule. ure their skill by the scientific accuracy with which they save and julive stock.

"One of the first acts that imwhere in Germany gave evidence of Much has been said about the wonder-soll cultivation of centuries, and for ful advancement of Germany, which doubtedly been imperfectly cultivated, classes, but I will state emphatically. recent times the German farmer has tion, that the majority of the inhaband districts especially adapted for prevail, merely hopeless laborers. the production of special crops, and "I gave special attention to the sub-

labor is still performed by hand, and passed a government examination. even on the larger estates they have on some of the larger and most noted at these colleges. estates I did not find a single hay rig-

largest slaughter houses revealed the the case in America. fact that most of the prime beef consumed in this region came from oxen HERDS OF CATTLE THAT that had served an apprenticeship at the plow and half fat cattle of the beef, milk and work type.

"I saw nowhere fat cattle that could hope to win a single prize at a county fair in America. With two notable exceptions the farm live stock of Germany is decidedly common. These exceptions are swine, and the mutton wool type of merino sheen

"The swine, particularly those bred by the larger farmers, are of unquestionable merit. They combine ing qualities of some of our best American breeds with the characters which are most desirable in the bacon hog, as nearly as such a combination is possible, to a greater extent than any driven across Red river into Texas. The large Yorkshire variety has been quite extensively imported from England and is very popular. The Amera limited extent, but has not found ment is expected.

"As to sheep, the mutton wool type of merino is most popular in Germany, and after a personal examination of several breeding flocks, numbering from 100 to 400, I was convinced that the sheep breeders have succeeded in developing a most useful type for the much favor developing a most useful type for the

general farmer. "The dual purpose cow in Germany becomes a triple purpose animal, so Meeting at Denver Is for the constituted as to produce milk, beef or labor, as demanded by the special requirements of an individual owner. On many of the smaller estates the and Foreign Methods of only draft animals employed are milking cows. In one place I saw a cow, evidently in full milk, drawing feed for her own nutrition, and later drawing her own milk to market. The cow becomes a very useful animal to With a view to drawing comparisons the smaller peasant. She not only between American and foreign methods of agriculture, Dr. F. B. Mum- compelled to help produce the food she herself eats, and then transports her tended for cattle organizations ex-

through Germany, Holland, Switzer- the managers have solved the prob- that they were invited, and delegates land and Great Britain, devoting to lem of utilizing waste products more have already been appointed from vaeach country several weeks of study successfully than we have in America. rious points. "The condition of the average Ger-Dr. Mumford is giving to the Chi- man farmer in Germany is unenviable, cago Record-Herald an account of his and exactly contrary to the condition observations and his conclusions as of the average German farmer in to the relative merits of American America. In Germany the farmer's and foreign methods of husbandry, hours are long, his work hard and his devoting a separate discussion to reward small. The absence of laboreach of the four countries. His first saving machinery makes his work visit was to Germany. Of his obser- doubly hard, and it is not to be wondered at that we find at least two very The farmers of Germany are undistinct classes of people in the Gerquestionably among the most success man empire. A careful study of the ful cultivators of the soil. Whether conditions existing has led me to bewe consider their intelligent efforts lieve that the average German peasant directed toward the selection of vari- and his family have little ambition or eties adapted to varying soils and desire to rise to higher things. In be thoroughly understood that the

"A popular professor in the University of Leipsic, lecturing to studicially apply barnyard manure, we dents, said: "The university and edmust accord them high rank as farm- ucational institutions of Germany are In saying this I wish it under for the rich; the poor do not and tion of farm and garden crops and for the poorer classes under present ipotentiary powers, but it is not likely not to the breeding and feeding of conditions to rise to better and higher things."

"From my observations in Germany pressed me was that conditions every. I heartily agree with this professor. much of that time the soil has un- is undoubtedly true of the higher tion was contemplated. and its resources exhausted. But in without regard to probable contradiclearned with any degree of definite itants of the German empire are, and ness, which is that there are soils must always be, if present conditions

that these crops and soils require ject of education in Germany, as apspecial and peculiar treatment in or- plied to scientific and practical husder that their fertility may be con- bandry. The agricultural schools are evidently not overrun with students. "Thus I found on the sandy lands There are, however, several conditions in northern Germany potatoes and which make some of the higher instisugar beets largely grown. In the tutions fairly well attended. On many soils further south, in Saxony, I found of the larger estates owned by the nomore diversified agriculture, wheat, bility, the lands are, in some special rye, clover and potatoes being the sense, under the general control of the chief products. There I found, as in central government, and individual other foreign countries, that on many owners are required by law to employ of the smaller holdings much of the specially trained managers that have

"These managers, or inspectors, get not yet come to a point where they their training exclusively in the agfully appreciate the value of the many ricultural universities, and as there is farmers of America. For example, is always a fair number of students

"The agricultural training in the ging for unloading hay into the barn. German university is largely theoret-'The German farmer as a soil cul- ical and based principally upon the tivator is a success. As a feeder and science of chemistry. I found little breeder of live stock he is pretty much effort being made in these institutions of a failure. A careful study of the to harmonize the results of science fat cattle slaughtered at some of the with those of actual practice, as is

ARE NOT YET TAXED

ARDMORE, I. T., April 13 .- S. H. Taylor of Muskogee, What their object is cannot be ascertained, but it is very evident from their near Ardmore on which the Indian tax of 25 cents per head has not been paid, and they are here for the purpose of removthe early maturing and rapid fatten, ing these cattle. Conferences will be held with the owners, and if they can be induced to make the payment the cattle will be left alone, otherwise the herds will 're destroyed by the frost. rounded up, a sufficient number of cow-boys will be employed and the cattle other breed that I have ever observed, annual tax on cattle belonging to noncitizens is due on the 1st day of January. Demands are made upon the owners from the office of the United States Indian agent, and ten days are allowed from ican Poland-China has been tried to the date of serving the notice until pay-

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Growers of Cattle and Not for Mutton Men

Turney of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association soon after the adjournment of the Fort Worth meeting, for a conference in Denver, May 3, while inclusively, was so indefinite that some "On the larger estates in Germany sheep organizations have understood

Inquiry made here discloses the fact that this is a mistake; that the meeting is intended for cattlemen only, and is so understood by members here who attended the meeting.

There was no intention to slight the sheepmen, but it was thought better results would be secured if the cattlemen got together themselves.

The sheepmen have their own organ izations, and will probably take up the railroad problem themselves, working independently, but along the same lines as the cattlemen. One idea of the Denver meeting is to

bring the organized cattlemen together, and to secure the best results it must There is also an idea among many that another purpose of the Denver

meeting is the formation of another national organization of stockmen, but this is erroneous. The committees being appointed by the various cattle associations to attend stood that I refer only to the produc- cannot attend them. There is no hope the Denver conference are given plen-

that any new association will even be onsidered. It has been reported in several papers nat a new organization was contemplated, and it is these false reports that have given rise to the statement that another national cattle associa

WESTERN GUIDE CALLS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Captain Seth Bullock, scout, ranchman, hunter, first sheriff of Deadwood, S. D., and superintendent of the Black Hills forest pasture. reserve, a friend of the president from his ranching days, was at the White House yesterday to greet Mr. Roosevelt. prominent western senator, who was with Roosevelt on the campaign tour for the vice presidency, told a story this morning of Captain Bulleck's methods to preserve order among his somewhat tur-

bulent confreres in the Black Hills .-According to the story, when the trains entered the bailiwick of Sheriff Bullock, the latter boarded it and hastened to assure the president that he had nothing t fear from rowdies. "They won't get drunk and raise Cain." said Seth, "for I have sent word to all the boys through — 's labor saving contrivances used by the always a demand for these men, there saloon that any who who does, I'll kill him." There was no disturbance.

Captain Bullock accompanied the presimountains from Fort Laramie, on the oc casion of his last western trip, and one of the first things he asked of the president was whether he rode much now;

WILL CULTIVATE COTTON ON GOVERNMENT PLAN

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, April 13.-Captain W. N. George, who is connected with the government's demonstrative farm United States revenue city. Captain George was here to confer inspector, and W. J. Weir and Jesse with farmers who have agreed to cultivate but east of that river it was too heavy Skaggs, district revenue inspectors, to- a certain number of acres of land under and was accompanied by hall in the gether with a half dozen members of the direction of the government. He reports more northerly counties. The cool Indian police arrived in Ardmore today. that the farmers of Texas are becoming very much interested in improved methods for farming and large numbers of movements that there are herds of cattle them will follow the government's direc-near Ardmore on which the Indian tax of tions in the cultivation of cotton this year. killed by the cold spell last week. He says that in a great many sections the plant, which was young and tender, was

THE CATTLE MOVEMENT

The Santa Fe continues to move large umbers of cattle from the San Angelo day train load after train load passes

Fort Worth for the territory. The reports received here from the ferent points along the line to Cleent on volunteer cotton in several countries of the southwestern portion.

Corn—The cool weather retarded the cool weather retarde The reports received here from difthat live stock trains are making good time, the average being from twenty

o twenty-two miles an hour. Mr. Conway states that the movement of cattle to the territory pastures will end about the last of the present month. The movement has been uite large from the San Angelo country. It will have required at least two wood and San Angelo country

COUNTRY NEAR LUBBOCK NEEDS RAIN BADLY

LUBBOCK, Texas, April 14.-Just at present-Lubbock is isolated in more ways and about fifty miles from moisture. It rained last week in the south part of Lynn county and in the north part of good condition, Hale county, leaving this place right in

the middle of a very dry streak.

Cattle have wintered well, but unless

terially from where it has heretofore been rector, No. 48976, and of Brenda 15th, thought they should be, and some persons No. 39251. The cows in the herd comare losing land and many will have to move improvements, yet it appears that found in the Hereford families. Paris work is giving general satisfaction.

ties desiring first-class range-bred
Mr. E. B. Green, a grain dealer of this
Herefords of either sex can find them his work is giving general satisfaction. place, and Miss Maggie Young were mar-

People who desire to obtain decent incomes from poultry farms must be 20 months to 3 years, for sale at bed-sure that the hen cannot be depended rock prices. upon to do the hatching. The hen is all very well for a family affair, but not for business. Quantity calls for



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NO RAINS HAVE

Panhandle Man Denies the Statements that Precipitation has Been Good on the Ranges of Texas.

Robert Ellison of the Panhandla country, whose ranches are in Collins-worth and Hall counties, is in Fort Worth, and reports that the statements made in the newspapers that good rains have fallen in that section of the state are without foundation; that very little rain, even light ones, have visited that part of Texas. He says that not enough rain has come that will be of any special benefit to the ranges or to the cattle. As a consequence he says there is very little grass and scarcely any stock water.

His version of the situation is any thing but encouraging. He says that cattlemen will be compelled to ship their stock out of that country very soon if rain does not come. He is almost ready to move his own herds to

In connection with the very dry condition in the Panhandle there have been damaging wind and sand storms. In fact, he says, the sand has blown and drifted to such an extent that grass and cattle have suffered immensely.

Despite these adverse conditions, Mr. Ellison says that no cattle losses have yet been reported, but thinks there will soon be much damage unless the Panhandle is soon favored with good

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN

Report for Week Ending April 11, 1904 GENERAL SUMMARY

Weather Conditions-The cool weathopening of the week was fol lowed by seasonable temperature until the 8th, when cool weather again set in and continued through the 9th and 10th. The week closed with seasonable temperature again prevailing. On the mornings of the 8th and 9th the temperature was down to freezing over the Panhandle. Light frosts occurred board at Chicago. We do not look for n farable localities as far south as any serious treuble and in case we walk Caldwell county on the morning of the out we will not experience much incon-

10th. Light showers occurred over the northwestern portion of the 5th and good to heavy rains over the eastern \$5 per-week as long as the strike conhalf of the state from the 5th to 7th. work in Texas, spent yesterday in the West of the Trinity river the rainfall was generally a favorable condition. weather was an unfavorable condition in all localities, but was the least felt in the southwestern portion.

Cotton-Cotton planting progressed nicely in the western, southwestern and According to statements by Captain central portions and in the last two George hundreds of acres of cotton were sections about three-fourths of the crop is now in the ground. In the eastern and northeastern portions, planting was delayed on account of the heavy rain- Swift & Co. world have been affected fall and the wet condition of the Some replanting has been found necessary from various causes, but on the whole the stands of cotton are good. The cool weather was a and Brownwood countrie to the pas-tures in the Osage coun , and each the growth and causing the plants to take on an unhealthy color. weather is now much needed by the crop. Boll weevils are reported pres-

growth of corn, but the crop is in good condition and will make rapid advance ment with farmer weather. The fields have generally received their first cul-

rye and oats have made splendid growth in all sections and are in aver-. It will have required at least two age condition in the eastern half of three thousand cars to move the the state, West of the 98th meridian, cattle from the country along and trib-utary to the Santa Fe in the Brown- of the long drouth which preceded the ecent rainfall. Fall wheat and oats are beginning to head in the southern portion of the state. Rice-Rice sowing continues. The

weather has been too cool for the early own and its color is not the best. Miscellaneous-Stock is generally in good condition as a result of the imwe are 100 miles from railroads provement in pastures and ranges. Irish tifty miles from moisture. It The fruit crop generally continues in

The herd at this date, February, 1904, it rains soon they will not go through is headed by Gentry Real 5th No. 75742 the summer easily.

W. D. Twitchell, a state surveyor, is re-locating a large block of land in the northeastern portion of this county, and while he is changing the lines very mawhile bine some of the best strains of blood in this herd. It is our aim to produce a business in an agricultural region. first-class, hardy, range-bred Herefords

for the ranch trade. 50 royally bred bulls, ranging in ages fairs he recognizes at once is deleteri-

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BUTCHERS WILL

The Men Here Were in Readiness to Go Out, But the Set tlement in Chicago Calls Off the Trouble

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 13. After ten minutes' strike at the plant of Swift & Co. at Chicago yesterday the cattle butchers who had been ordered ou by the International union were instructed by the officers of the union to return to their work, as a complete settlement had clais of the plant.

The first news of a pending strike was received by the local union here Monday night in the following telegram which was sent out from headquarters of the International union at Chicago: brewing at Swift's. Prepare all cattle butchers at Swift's plant only tomor row, Tuesday. Await further telegraphic instructions."

This message was signed by M. Don nelly, International president, and Stephen Vain and William Sterling, vice presidents

A local butcher of Swift & Co.'s plant said yesterday: "We have been expecting an order from the executive board of the International union for some time past to go out on a strike and when the message was received yesterday ordering a general walk-out we were not sur prised. Mr. Donnelly, our International president, left Chicago for the west last week and went as far as Kansas City and St. Joseph, being called back to Chicago from the latter place for advisement in the recent trouble which led up to the general order for a strike which was is sued yesterday by the executive board.'

CONSIDERS PRINCIPLE, NOT CAUSES He was asked as to the effect of general strike upon the local organiza tion here. He said: "We consider the principle of our union, and not the cause, and upon orders for a strike under ou charter we are compelled to walk out until the matter is adjusted by the executive venience, as each member who is in good standing with the local union

"Packers," he says, "have been waiting an opportunity of putting out a feeler to see what the strength of the union really is, and if they find the organization as strong as is generally understood, they will in future use more caution in dealing with matters relating to the principle of the organization."

The number of men who would have been effected here had the strike been declared yesterday was about 150, including the meat butchers, and all offal and casing department men. Iran indirect way fully 400 men of the local plant of as the strike, should it have been of prolonged nature, would have started the movement of a sympathetic strike. membership of the local union includes 250 butchers of both plants.

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dress while the convention was in

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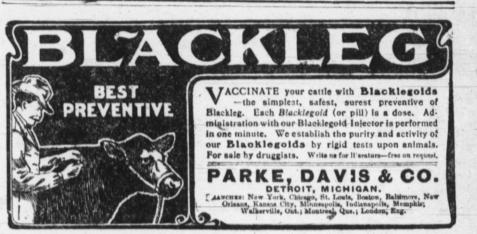
pursuits. It is more than likely that state and government aid will be asked for to carry on the work so auspiciously inaugurated to a successful completion.

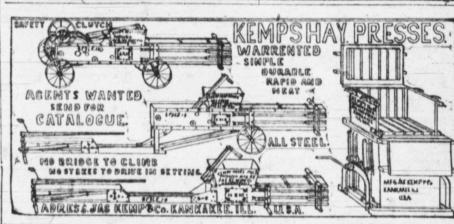
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SOUTHWEST TEXAS NOTES

(San Antonio Express.)

J. D. Houston spent the greater part of last week out on George Houston's Spofford ranch. He says prospects out there are truly encouraging for a good year, so far as grass and water are con-

James F. Green of Gregory came up Sunday and will be here a day or so or "We appreciate the late rains very much," said he Monday, "and in common with others who were likewise benefited over a big scope of country we are satisfied for the present."

---Ed Lasater was up yesterday from Corpus Christi. He says he is not shipping out anything right now, pleased to see the tendency of the market to improve. He made some shipments a week or ten days ago which the Express readers will recall at having sold

Ed Dewees of Floresville is up for a day or two. "We are getting along nicely since the rain," said he. "The stockmen have laid aside all their cares and the farmers are the busiest people in our section just now. The three C's, corn, cotton and cattle, will be our principal products this year."

L. B. Allen spent fast week at the ranch. He found that there had been no mistake in the main report received from there before he went out. He got the de-sired three inches and reports everything as fine as a velvet carpet and the grass way ahead of it as cow feed.

William T. Way is down from Fort Worth to spend a few days. He still finds a soft spot in his bosom for San Antonio, but readily believes that Fort Worth is best cattle market. He was down here some two weeks ago and hopes to find time to spend a few days in the city next week during the festivities.

R. B. Pumphrey returned Tuesday from Lometa, where he went to look after the shipment of some cattle to the territory. "Everything is in fair shape in Lampasa: county," said he to the Express, "and the cattle are strong and vigorous. The two trainloads that the the territory were in good shape to make the trip and there will be no losses in tran-

approached for news, he put himself in an attitude for The Express to search him. "There is nothing doing worth the time it would take to tell it," said he. "Of course, the rains helped things wonderfully and the boys are a whole lot easier to get along with now.

J. H. Gage, the Hico cattleman, is down in the San Angelo country exchanging dollars for cattle, but he maintains the same silence in regard to prices that has characterized his trading down in the San Antonio territory to these many According to San Angelo Standard he has just bought 2,200 head there, 700 threes and fours from W. L. Barker want to come down and fraternize as Stockman says: of San Saba and 150 threes and fours off the O. Q. ranch, in Crockett county.

Frank Rhea, live stock agent of the "Katy," has returned from a trip to Fort Worth and Denison. "They were having some right cold weather at Denison," learn to what extent the fruit crop was tied in Texas he began raising stock and damaged in north Texas, but the wheat, has kept it up continually since. Located oats and grass between there and Fort as he has been under the same vine and Worth are looking good enough to be fig tree for fifty-three years, he is revery pleasing to both farmers and stock-

his feeders are getting considerable tal-low on them and he thinks will be able to satisfy the fastidious taste of the north while he is bounded by Matagorda bay and east about the first of May. He says on the south and Lake Carunchua on it hasn't rained out at the ranch enough the west, the waters are not available to seriously damage anything so far as as tock water. His pastures are waternot return to the ranch until he has made an artesion well at a depth of 320 feet which solves forever the question of a will probably spend a portion of the time supply of pure, wholesome water for cat in San Antonio.

W. H. Davis of Gonzales was in the tle for the Cuban butcher trade and is of the windmill. The water flows out o in the market for light fat steers, fat figuring with Henry Flato on some other stuff when the reporter saw him last. Mr. Davis put up a large number of cat-tle for the South African trade last year and has been buying for Cuban interests about a month. "They are using both



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at present." He left for Gonzales on the

J. B. Wilson, the Dallas banker and cattle feeder, has sent 400 steers, fed at Terrell, to Liverpool. Mr. Wison is about the only exporter of fat cattle in Texas. He has been playing the game for number of years and while there is no hurrah about his business methods, it is a safe proposition that he knows what he as doing. Perhaps more Texas men he is doing. Perhaps more Texas men would be exporters if they knew what Mr. Wilson knows. He will no doubt put them right merely for the asking.

H. M. Dobie is back in the city from his LaSalle county ranch. He had five inches of rain there, about an inch and a half on his Live Oak county ranch, two or three inches down in Duval, where he is feeding his steers, and L. B. Allen informs him that three to four inches fell in his pastures at Cline. It doesn't make any difference whether it was luck or whether his is the reward of the truly good. It pays to be either or

J. W. Carter, traffic manager of the Fort Worth Stock Yards Company, came in Tuesday morning and will visit the lower country before going back. "This is the first opportunity I have had to come down since the weather man smiled on south Texas," said he. "The cattle-men down here seem to have been born under a lucky star. Early in the spring of 1903 they had the only fat grass cattle in the United States, and this year the rains came just before the market began to show an appreciable advance. I certainly hope that range conditions will permit them to repeat their performance of 1903."

R. J. Milner, "the original Arkansawof Verdi in a letter to J. C. Carr dated the 8th instant, says among other "We have had fine rains, Farmthings: ers are plowing out their corn and are quite busy and all smiles." Mr. Milner has recently painted up his premises including his gin, hog pens and chicken coop and as he is a bachelor the Express takes pleasure in making this statement in the hope that some lady who is longing for some one to love who is untrammelled and fairly good looking may ee it. This is leap year.

W. A. Allen is in from his Kinney unty ranch for a few days. He states that it is undecided as to whether he can take in the carnival next week not, and told the Express representative confidentally that he didn't think he had nough money to run this week and next in town. It was suggested, however, that s the result of the copious rains he Emmett Brownson is back from a trip down to Beeville and other points on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass, but when accused of "tighfistedness" by the fair sex. He thinks favorably of the suggestion and said he would see what could be done.

John P. Jacobs of Fort Worth arrived Monday morning and will go on down the San Antonio and Aransas Pass today o look at the country since the rains. You may call it selfishness, if you please, but it is nevertheless a fact that at this time of the year the markets which have been handling Texas cattle so long feel a deep interest in south Texas. It is from here that the first grass comes and it is natural for us to often as we can, and especially after a rain. I will be down perhaps a couple of weeks.

Colonel B. Q. Ward of Jackson county is markably well preserved, and it would not be difficult to believe that was born only fifty-three years ago, be-Cham Olmstead of Dryden was down ing a remarkably well preserved man. from New Braunfels Tuesday. He says This is his first visit to San Antonio for tle and for agricultural purposes. "This first well is all I could have really hoped for," said he to the Express Monpipe twenty feet above the surface of cows and fed bulls and bought a car of the earth, which proves conclusively that the latter Monday from the San Antonio the fountain head is high enough to inbore. We have had good rains recently and grass and cattle are in very satis-

FOR CATTLEMEN ONLY

association instructed to invite repre- vice for the stock shippers. sentation at the Denver meeting from tary sheepmen's organization.

ter had been referred to President the cattlemen to get together. Turney, and it is a pretty safe prop- Mr. Martin has evidently been work

the following article: representatives from various live while, in reality, the object of the Railway. Ask any ticket agent about stock associations west of the Mis promoters was exactly the reverse. this new service or write E. P. Turner, souri river, to be held in Denver on The only organization intended by the general passenger agent, Dallas. Texas.

the National Live Stock Association men are concerned. has received quite a number of letplied to as many of these as possi- no clash, and there will be results. ble, advising them that they would, and they are urged to be present.

At a conference of the Cattle Grow ers' Association of Texas immediately after the adjournment of their convention, this was agreed upon, and the secretary of the National association, in accordance with this understanding, has invited representatives from all leading sheep organizations of states west of the Missouri river. One would readily infer from read-

ing the above, that the National Live Stock Association was the originator or the conference called at Denver, and that Secretary Martin is running the whole shooting match. As a matter of fact, this conference was called by the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas upon the request of some prominent Denver cattlemen, acting entirely independent of the National association, and that organization has no more to do with it than any other one association invited to participate. The invitations sent out requested that acceptances and lists of delegates appointed from the different associations be mailed to the secretary of the Texas association, here in Fort Worth. Secretary Lytle says a large number of the associations have not yet held their annual conventions, but have advised him they will act favorably upon the matter. So far the following associations have acted:

Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas-W. W. Turney, Murdo Mac-Kenzie and S. H. Cowan. Secretary

Lytle will also attend New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association-Theo. J. Hagerman, W. C. McDonald and W. C. Barnes.

Kansas State Live Stock Association-J. M. Carter, W. P. Todd, M. M. Sherman, M. C. Campbell and George Plumb.

Snake River Stock Growers' Association, of Colorado-Thomas S. Gardner and Charles E. Ayer. Choctaw Live Stock Protective As-

sociation, of the Indian Territory-Dr. J. S. Fulton, R. A. Riddle and T. J. Ball.

Commenting on the apparent disposition of the National people to either claim credit for the approaching conference, or the evident desire to stock that meeting with enough sheepmen to control it, the Denver Record-

were instrumental in securing the ticks were unusually prevalent, and call for a meeting of cattlemen in ranch owners I learned that the Here-Denver on May 3 are inclined to wonin the city for a few days. Colonel Ward located in Jackson county in 1851. He is said he Monday, "and there was frost all the way down to San Marcos. I did not chase to California in 1849. When he setgrowers' organizations to send dele- excells all other breeds in maturing on es to this meeting. As announced in this paper some days ago, the meeting was called by cattlemen for cattlemen, and it has been so understood by all the cattle organizations. Not Live Stock Exposition in car load lots withstanding this, Mr. Martin an and when it is no uncommon thing for nounces in one of the local papers southern bred Herefords to top the that he is busy inviting sheep or Chicago market on several days of the ganizations to send delegates. The same week, there can be no room to official call sent out by President Tur- doubt the wonderful adaptability of ney of the Texas Cattle Raisers, was addressed to "live stock" associations. In the West, live stock ashe has heard since he left there. He will cd by windmills. He has recently secured sociations are understood to mean organizations of cattle and horse growers, while sheep associations are invariably known as "wool growers' associations. As far as we know, the National Live Stock Association is city Monday. He is now putting up cat- day, "and we will soon be independent the only organization so named in the West that contains both sheep and cattle growers. While there are men who are engaged in raising both sure water most anywhere I choose to sheep and cattle, they are usually classed as cattlemen when their heavlest interests are in cattle. As stated before in these columns,

in limiting the attendance to this meeting to cattlemen, there was no A statement has been sent out intention whatever of slighting the from Denver to the effect that sheep sheepmen. The sheepmen have their men will largely participate in the own national organization and they conference of cattlemen called in are in the majority in the National that city for May 3. The Denver Live Stock Association. The latter article referred to also says that Sec. fact has been responsible for the abretary Martin, of the National Live sence of a number of cattle associa-Stock Association, is busy sending tions from the roster of the National, out invitations to sheepmen all over and it was thought that a meeting of the country, inviting them to be cattlemen would bring all of these ference. This situation as it has de committee that would be able to work pose of the Denver conference. It is invited to send three delegates, as a fact that Secretary Martin, of the an act of courtesy and with the idea present at the meeting of the exec a link of communication with the utive committee of the Texas Cattle sheepmen, who are expected to take Sunday." Raisers' Assocation, right here in independent action on the railroad stock association explained as mean the cattlemen, thus bringing the fulling cattle growers and not sheepmen. est possible power to bear to induce He heard the secretary of the Texas the railroads to provide better ser-

While the cattlemen have no desire about forty cattle raisers' associa for any unpleasant misunderstandings need it. none when they fully understand the judge. This law, like others, Mr. Martin was informed that his situation, they are nevertheless deassociation, the National, would be termined to carry out their original limited to three delegates, just as all plan of organizing a central commitone or two other prominent gentle interfere, but they will rather be inmen. He was advised that his let-clined to applaud the resolution of

thorized the secretary of the National meeting. In some unexplained manassociation to invite all the sheep ner be seems to have acquired the men of the country, as is implied in idea that the proposed meeting of cattlemen was hostile to the interests of Denver, April 13.-The meeting of the National Live Stock Association,

now," said he to the Express, "but I am only interested in the butcher class ated considerable interest throughout the committee, May 3, for the purpose of consider cattlemen was a central committee, ated considerable interest throughout tee would, through the National Live the west, as is shown by letters re- Stock Association, work harmoniousceived at headquarters of the National ly with the wool growers' organiza-Live Stock Association, from those tion. At the present time the cattle who are invited to participate, signi- interests in the National association fying their intention of being present. are uncertain, to say the least. It is In view of the fact that sheep grow-expected that the meeting in Denver ers are as greatly interested in May 3 will result in bringing the cat-freight rates and service as are the tlemen together and place them on shippers of cattle, the secretary of an equal basis as far as the sheep-

However, those who fear or hope ters from sheep growers, inquiring if that the presence of the sheepmen at

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tick has not yet been eradicated.
"Secretary Chas. R. Thomas, of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association, recently returned from an Some of the western cattlemen who extended trip through the south, where

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Sagertown, Tex., April 6, 1904. An Open Letter to the Stockmen of

Gentlemen-I trust you will pardon this seeming impertinence in an entire stranger to most of you, and one known only in another capacity, as I have never owned a cow in my life. I see in The Texas Stockman-Journal of March 15 a "Masterly Arraignment

of Western Railways," in which a committee appointed by the National Live Stock Association complain of unfair treatment by the railroads. From my standpoint permit me to call attention to just one thing and to make just one suggestion with the request that it be considered by both parties. The men who operate the railroads in many instances seem to be overworked. Day-and night in all kinds of weather they are expected to be at their posts Trainmen are sometimes called on to make extra trips or "double back" when they are tired and run down, without the least regard for the Sabpresent and participate in this con- organizations together in a central bath Day. Indeed it has been said with fice will be opened in the western part at least a show of truthfulness, that of Beaver county, Oklahoma, in a few veloped, is very surprising to the peolin a business-like way to secure rethey do more work on Sunday than days. day. Cattlemen in some instances have Water in this section is to be had at from National Live Stock Association, was that such a committee would form asked for daily service when they 5 to 100 feet. All varieties of soil is to

might have added two words, "except be found here, and 160 acres of this land Now there is a law: "Remember the along the Rock Island Railway near Guythis city, and heard the term live problem, but along the same lines as Sabbath Day to keep it holy." This mon. A great deal of this section is un law emanates from the highest author- derlaid with coal and a considerable body ity. Its author understood perfectly of it is rich in copper; both coal and This law is necessary for us. We need profit. the rest from worldly toil and care raised here. It is apparently the natural that it indicates. Men and animals about forty cattle raisers' associa for any unpleasant misunderstandings need it. Even engines need it, so we tions, and from not one single soli- with the sheepmen, and there will be are told by those most competent to business there for a bank newspaper has cannot be violated without loss. Let both sides consider this. Let the cattlemen discourage Sunday loading and shipping and let them encourage the observance other associations would be limited. tee of cattlemen to represent the cat- of the day as a day of rest. Let the Upon his return to Denver he wrote tle associations of the West. If the railroads consider the plan of stopping the secretary of the Texas associa- sheepmen desire to come in and look all Sunday trains. If this much to be tion asking for authority to invite on while it is being done, of course desired object can be accomplished Governor John Sparks of Nevada, they will be welcomed, but it is not there will be fewer "dead engines," of Senator Warren, president of the Na- likely when they understand the pur- which you complain, and fewer half tional Wool Growers' Association, and pose of the meeting, that they will dead men handling them. Fewer wrecks by far there will be. A very great and much needed reformation was accomplished in stopping the pernicious practice of drinking among trainmen and others while on duty osition that the worthy president of ing under a misapprehension or has This other step may be as easily taken the Texas association has not au been incorrectly informed as to this if all hands will try it. It is worth Yours respectfully, GEO. A. NANCE.

DAILY TOURIST SLEEPERS To California, also to St. Louis with-

It is often unpleasant to tell the

truth when there is a possibility of being misunderstood. It is perhaps more unpleasant to withold the truth they will be allowed to take part in this meeting will result in a clash, are when a sense of duty dictates its the meeting. The secretary has re- to be disappointed. There will be publication. We have so often and for so long been taught by so many that it is the part of wisdom to raise your own "hog and hominy" that one hesitates to say them "nay" even in the smallest While we can conceive of the fewest onditions under which a farmer should be justified in not attempting to raise his own bread stuff or "homny," a few years of experience and observation have forced upon us the conclusion that it is not always best to attempt to raise his full supply of 'hog"-the necessary pork for his own table and the needs of the "planta-tion." In a great many, perhaps in a majority of instances it is expedient to make such provision, and in some cases to breed for the market, but with a very considerable minority of the farming population it should prove losing policy. At the same time we are as thoroughly convinced that every family should raise a part of its pork supply and as great a part as circumstances admit of. There are several and varied reasons leading to the conlusion here stated, the main one being the impracticability of swine breeding on a farm not in any essential way adapted to it. The number of such farms is greater than one would imagine, but the fact is convincing when the ideal farm for such a purpose is contemplated, and a menta comparison drawn with the real. No one can expect to have the ideal, yet the chances for profit decrease as the condition becomes more remote from that conditions that might prove favorable for fattening, would not neces-

sarily be favorable for breeding, to the contrary they would not be so, ordinarily. The hog in a state of nature depended for substance upon grass, roots, nuts, etc., they had great reds, and considered show yard cattle; range and an abundance of shade; I will also have one load of Herefords, fresh water to drink and to wallow in. It is hardly reasonable to suppose that in domesticating the hog, have robbed nature of its demands. calf for \$1,300, and heads the herd It is true that the best of pork can be made without affording the ani- all lovers of fine cattle to come and mal exercise, but it entails a great see them whether they buy or not, as sacrifice of prepotency and fecundity and if persisted in the result would 24th to the 27th. ome of the finest herds of the breed be disastrous to the industry. Hence it is necessary to posses in a measshow and market in London indicate nature. Again, possessing them is ure, at least, these requirements of only half the battle, as both the quality and amount of flesh depend upon the "finish" upon grain, which some extent throws the producer, theoretically, in competition with the his three and four year old steers at breeder in grain growing sections, competition in which he is badly

Another thing to be considered is he attitude of the farmer towards this branch of the farmer's interests and this must be considered from the fords stood the test admirably and is determined to make it, rather than were prime favorites.' standpoint of what is, or what one quires, as does all animal life, constant, not spasmodic attention, if paying results are to be hoped for. That being true, it is patent mers who haven't the time nor the Herefords can be sent to northern and inclination, or for any other reasons shall not bestow requisite care upon his hogs, is violating business principles, in attempting to raise his own

"hog.

distanced from the very nature of the

Another most important reason for our position is largely involved in the preceding ones, but tioned separately: the healthy hog is a great feeder and upon a high priced ration can consume money very ly, of course, as gain and pork prices are usually in sympathy-the exceptions generally resulting from cholera or other swine plagues, and abnormal conditions effecting cotton seed oil-the pork produced with high price grain is more valuable, but not enough to warrant its exclusive use Hence, it seems clear that every family should produce pork according to the natural advantages one possesses and the amount of ordinary wastes from the kitchen, dairy, barn, etc., and the object should be to produce pounds of flesh rather than numbers of pigs. Briefly stated, the farmer who has a dozen poor, hungry looking shoats in a small back lot, where between two and twelve too many and his pork "comes high; when if a half dozen smooth, grow thy fellows are found upon good pasturage, it is evident that he has the right conception of the admonition to make your own "hog and hominy."

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permanent site has not yet ple who really understand the purpose of the Denver conference. It is invited to send three delegators as served the loading and shipping of about thirty miles northwest of Stratcattle as often on Sunday as any other ford, Texas, the nearest railroad point. is worth more than 640 acres of the land needs of our minds and bodies, copper mines are now being operated at a Fine fruits and vegetables are home of cherries and strawberries. From 5.000 to 10.000 claims will be homesteaded business there for a bank, newspaper, hotel, stores and other lines of business. A claim adjoining the new town is certain to be valuable, while the town itself is almost certain to become a county site for one of the new counties to be made out of Beaver. It will be at the crossing of two proposed railways projected through Beaver county. The lowest cash price for land in this portion of Beaver county is \$4 an acre, while \$5 an acre has been refused for large bodies of land, adjoining land that can be homesteaded. Price for locating a choice claim is \$50, other claims as low as \$10. United States land office fees \$16 additional. There is at present plenty of cedar within hauling distance for fence posts, etc. People are coming into this county by the train load. On Thursday, March 17, the south bound Rock Island train was run in two sections of ten coaches each, and every coach full of homesteaders for Beaver county. If ou want a free home, do not delay, but COME at once. Wm. F. Beck is in charge Hotel Stratford, Stratford, Texas. FREE TRANSPORTATION TO THE

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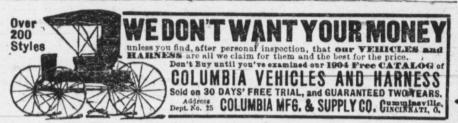
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IN CROCKETT COUNTY Ozona Kicker

W. P. Hoover sold last week Willis Johnson of San Angelo, all of \$18 per head, delivered at San Angelo. M. Burnett, of Goldthwaite, is in the city this week, looking for ter-

ritory cows to purchase. He is offering \$10 for them delivered at Sn Angelo, but says he hasn't seen any yet that he believes could stand to be driven that far the way grass and water is on the road from here there. He and J. B. Murrah, of San Angelo, will probably go down in the lower Johnson and Devil's river country today and from there back to San Annett wants to get a thousand cows if he can, and we hope that he will sucas it will help our ranchmen out conceed in getting them in our country, siderable.

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OKLAHOMA IS WET The rainstorm which reached this lo-

a heavy hailstorm was experienced at Shawne In the western counties of Oklaoma the rains of yesterday were the first in many weeks and, thought comng too late to benefit the wheat, will materially help other crops.

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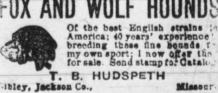
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At the Arkansas station the cost per pound of producing pork to weigh 250 land estimated at a rental of \$2.75 per members only by the great Texas acre, was 11/2 cents. In farm practice the cost would not exceed 11/4 cents per pound, often less."

The quantity of corn required in pro ducing pork at that cost does not exceed five bushels per head, and that quantity is needed mainly for hardening for market. All the foods, except corn, ased by the pigs to produce 275 pounds of pork in ten months from bir i, ar gathered by the pigs.

The compartive feeding and fattening value of the best crop suitable for pigs to gather profitably has been

clover, according as each is best At the outset this association secured adapted to the particular soil, are the benefit of the excellent inspection best foods from birth of pigs, March 1, system of the Wyoming association, until sorghum is ready for feeding. Sorghum, including stalk and grain, is the best and cheapest summer food,

and until peanuts and chufas are ready for feeding. Peanuts and chufas are the cheapest and best fattening foods to succeed

sorghum. There should then follow a short period of corn feeding to prepare for market and slaughtering,

The comparative fattening value of peanuts and chufas, as grown on an acre and gathered by pigs and of corn fed to pigs in pen, has been ascertained. The physiological effects of these foods and their chemical value have been determined. In similar experiments at the South

Carolina station, on lands of the same character, corn yields 15 bushels per

Spanish ground peas, 90 bushels per

Cowpeas, 10 bushels per acre. Sweet potatoes, 200 bushels per acre The cost of production of these crops assuming that they are to be harvested by hogs, will, with the exception of the cowpeas, be practically the same. It required 6.02 pounds corn to produce one pound pork.

It required 4.43 pounds ground peas to produce one pound pork. required \$2.47 pounds sweet pota toes to produce one pound pork.

It required 4.19 pounds cowpease to produce one pound pork. One acre of ground pease will produce

487,5 pounds pork. One acre of corn will produce 139.5 pounds pork. One acre sweet potatoes will pro

duce 369.5 pounds pork. One acre of cowpease will produce 122.5 pounds pork.

At the foregoing rates of yield and pork production, and estimating pork at five cents per pound:

Corn is worth per acre, \$6.97. Ground peas are worth per acre Sweet potatoes are worth per acre,

Cowpeas are worth per acre, \$6.12. ARRESTED FOR HORSE STEALING BEAUMONT, Texas, April 16.-Irvin

Johnson, an 8-year-old colored boy, was arrested today on a charge of horse steal-This is the second offense and be will now be sent to the reformatory. GOVERNMENT CLOSES CASE

BEAUMONT, Texas, April 16.—The government closed its case this evening case against I. E. Johnson, charged with being a member of the famous mil club gang of foot racing

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Little Mavericks

CANNOT EXPEL CATTLE The case of W. H. Johnson against John Ellis and others, which has just anything which he desires or seeks to been decided at Chickasha, is important know. The only problem with which Dakota fine, 15@16c; fine medium, 16

which the owners refuse to pay tribal loss which forces the answer, "No!" tax, but also the question whether he has the power to remove any noncitizen who is deemed obnoxious to the peace and general welfare of the Indians. Johnson to pay tribal tax on a herd of set Carter, an attorney in Purcell, to morton Times. defend the case. Carter advised Johnson to resist the order and applied to the judge of the district for an injunction. The judge was out of the district, and in the meantime the Inthem out of the territorq. The cattleattempted to move the cattle there Rustler. would be brought a suit for damages, and furthermore they would be resisted by armed men if necessary.

Meanwhile the agent had given an pinion that Carter was an obnoxious intruder, a noncitizen whose presence in the territory was a disturbing element and that he must be removed from the territory. Carter was arrested by Indian officers under orders did not do any damage here. On Frito deport him from the territory, and day night and Saturday more rain fell was on the way to the railway station with them when he produced a writ of In all, five inches of rain fell in Uvalde habeas corpus which he had prepared in city and vicinity.-Uvalde Leaderadvance, anticipating such a move. It News. was served on the judge, who then ordered the Indian officers to desist pending a hearing.

The case had dragged along in the ourts for three years and finally was decided in the Chickasha courts in favor of Johnson and Carter. Carter about 500,000 sheep in the county. Of is one of the leading attorneys of the this number 75,000 will be sheared at territory, and is the author of "Carter's Digest of the Indian Territory 90,000 at the Daley pens, beginning Statutes." The decision so long as it Tuesday; 40,000 at the Cow Creek pens, affects Johnson forever settles the right of the agent to remove cattle from the territory and, in affecting Carter, it settles the question of the right to remove a noncitizen from the ranch. territory, which power the Indian agent was supposed to possess under certain conditions.

SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION

The Western South Dakota Association is prosperous and its membership steadily increasing, owing to settle-ment of the range. While the association is second to none in importo 275 pounds at ten months of age on tance, it is exceeded in number of Cattle Raisers' Association, which is more than twice its size. The Western South Dakota Association was organized February 20, 1892, with the unromising membership of thirteen; but n this case the number had no hoodo The association has thrived effect. from the day of incorporation. Its inorporators were H. A. Goddard, deceased; G. E. Lemmon and F. M. Stewart. These gentlemen, with I. M. Humphrey, C. K. Howard, H. A. Dawson, Eugene Holcomb, A. J. Day, Harris Franklin, James T. Craig, Albert Taddiken, C. L. Wood and C. J. Buell, Red clover, alfalfa, and crimson have done a lion's share of the work. system of the Wyoming association, then declining in importance. It has fought a hard and successful war against rustlers and is noted for the large number of "small men" in its ranks. South Dakota cattlemen not in the association ranks, are exceptions.

SCAB IN CATTLE

Mr. W. P. Anderson, special live stock agent of the Pecos Valley lines, formerly special agent of the inter- composition of the loco weed, which is ing quarantine matters:

f avoiding contact, so well known to all practical cattlemen, is very easy to follow-that of avoiding the same bed tion at Fort Collins, and Secretary grounds and the same fence crossings. Johnson of the Colorado Cattle and animal which nurtured it is very short lived. Two days of sunshine will de- Washington will make a thorough introy it on a fence post or a gateof animal experts have been able to keep it alive by the most favorable it is believed that the loco weed is propagation has not exceeded two without serious effect upon sheep. The agents of the animal industry bureau have the matter thoroughly in hand and will, no doubt, use the same efforts that they have in the past to expedite the movements of plant of Swift & Co., here yesterday. knowledge of its existence will not only word came from a meeting then in greatly expedite matters, but will session between the union officials and greatly assist in promoting the entire employers that a settlement had been eradication of this annoying disease by reached and the men returned to getting into touch with Dr. Pearson or work. Mr. Jorden, the B. A. I. agents, who have this work in hand in the Pan-

PACKERS LOSING MONEY

Congressman Martin's resolution, passed by congress, giving the departent of commerce the power to com-The head of the department of commerce and labor would think very little of the fund of information possessed by Mr. Martin after looking over the ooks of the packers, for instance. He would there find that the beef end of the 4th have broken the long drouth of the business has netted a loss of 40 cents to 60 cents per 100 pounds The ground is now in fine condition for

for nearly a year. The layman would know as much about the books of the meat industry ter has been excellent for cattle, the after he saw them as he would about losses are practically none and cattle Chinese. that the books balanced. He would not the year. The calf crop promises to be understand the items unless they were large. One and two year old steers explained to him. By the time he got are in demand, but the supply is light. done looking up "slats." "skivers." The number of cattle on the ranges in "qlucks," wizands," and a thousand this part of the Panhandle is less than other items wrapped up in technicali- one-half the number held here two ies he'd wish for a year's vacation.

CONFESSIONS OF A PRIEST

rites: yellow jaundice. I consulted a num- crops. per of physicians and tried all sorts of nedicines, but got no relief. Then I egan the use of Electric Bitters, and eel that I am now cured of a disease imity of the new clip has led to the hat had me in its grasp for twelve usual inactivity in the wool market ears." If you want a reliable mediat this season of the year. The marrears." If you want a reliable mediine for Liver and Kidney trouble, ket is practically bare of domestic tomach disprder or general debility, medium wools and there is a scarcity get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed of medium wools in general. This by W. J. Fisher and Reeves Phar-scarcity, however, has prevented highmacy. Only 50 cents.

Mr. Cortelyou will find the meat men move cattle from the territory on The secretary will be amazed at the

DRY IN THROCKMORTON

J. W. Box, a prominent farmer and reports the drouth still unbroken in son refused to pay and employed Dor- daily growing more critical.-Throck-

BOUGHT MANY SHEEP

Major Smith, the San Angelo mutton buyer was in town the first of the week, having just returned from the dian agent had ordered John Ellis, chief Del Rio country where he went to look ment-of muttons bought some time men were backing Johnson and the In- ago. He bought about 4,250 head on dian police were notified that if they Devil's river this trip.—Rock Springs

> IN SOUTHWEST TEXAS The long drouth was broken on Friday last by a heavy rain in the afternoon accompanied by some hail. The hail at Uvalde was light and did not do any damage. The rain was accompanied by a strong wind but, aside from the breaking down of a few branches, and several showers fell on Sunday

BIG WOOL CLIP RAWLINS, Wyo., April 16 .- It is estimated that fully 3,000,000 pounds of wool will be shorn from the flocks of Carbon county this spring. There are the Miller pens, beginning Thursday beginnig the 17th; 60,000 at Cosgriffs' pens, beginning Wednesday; 40,000 at Walcott, beginning the 17th; 30,000 at

RECOVERING HIS STANDING The Baylor County Banner comment-

the Kindt ranch; 40,000 at the Rivera

ing on the late embarrassment of Major L. B. Watkins, says: "We are glad to learn that Mr. Watkins has sucseeded in getting his business affairs n such shape that he will likely extricate himself from his financial embarrassment. He controls a large pasture in Moore county and it is said that his creditors will enable him to stock it so that he can go ahead with his business." Mr. Watkins is one of the Panhandle's most prominent cattlemen and is vice president of the Panhandle Stockmen's Association.

WEAVERGRACE FARM SOLD CHILLICOTHE, Mo., April 14 .-Weavergrace, the celebrated breeding farm near this city, belonging to T. F. B. Sotham, the bankrupt Hereford cattleman, and his city residence in Chillicothe, were sold by the sheriff yesterday in front of the court house by an order from the United States court of Kansas City. The farm con-tained 393 acres and was valued at \$30,000. It was sold to Tom Kirby, a local speculator, for \$22,700. receiver in bankruptcy, Daniel Blake, of Kansas City, says the sale of the farm will not be approved by the court. The residence went to Jesse H. Barclay, a local merchant, for

\$7,500, which is about two-thirds its

value.

THE LOCO WEED DENVER, Colo., April 16 .- Practical investigations to determine the exact state association of the live stock san- the cause of much worry and expense Itary boards, says in reference to pend- to cattlemen throughout the west, and ing quarantine matters: to detect the cause of its poisonous "The question of sanitary regulations concerning the movements of taken early in May by Doctor H. H. cattle developing evidence of eronio or True, of the United States department scables" is very simple and the plan of agriculture, who is now in Denver. In conjunction with Professor W. L. Carlye of the Colorado experiment sta-The parasite removed from the Horse Growers' Association, Doctor vestigation and report upon the effect way, and the longest time the bureau of the plant upon different animals. From experiments actually undertaken,

VERY SHORT STRIKE

CHICAGO, Ill., April 16 .- A strike of ten minutes duration occurred at the There will be no hindrance to Five hundred cattle butchers walked non-infected cattle, and those who have out. Almost at the moment, however,

Word of the settlement was at once telegraphed to the plants of Swift & where sympathetic strikes were alleged to have been ordered, at East St. Louis, South Omaha, Fort Worth, Kansas City, St. Joseph and St. Paul. The demand of the union, which is said to have been complied with by pel the disclosure of the business the company, is that where employbooks of corporations will not hurt ment cannot be given to all, reducinyone, says the National Provisioner. tion in the working force be made by laying off the men last hired.

IN THE PANHANDLE

MIAMI, Texas, April 16.—A light rain on April 2 and a good rain on the night in this part of the Texas -Panhandle planting spring crops and grass will soon be good for grazing .The dry win-The accountant would find are in fine condition for this time of years ago. A less number, better cattle and more feed is the plan adopt-

WOOL TRADE DULL

BOSTON, Mass., April 16 .- The prox-

not to be had, at any price. There is quiet business in pulled and territory wools. Foreign wools are steady. Leading quotations are: Idaho fine, 141/2 @ 15c; heavy fine, 13@ 131/2c; fine medium, 15@16c; medium, 15@45½c; medium, 16@17c; low medium, 17@18c; Wyoming fine, 141/2@15c; heavy 13@13\c; fine medium, 15@15\cong c medium, 18@19c; low medium, 18@19c Utah and Nevada fine, 14 1/2 @15c; heavy willing to show or explain to him fine, 13@131/2c; fine medium, 151/2@16c medium, 18@19c; low medium, 19@20c not only as it concerns the legality of they are concerned is this: Is carcass @16 ½c; medium, 18@19c; low medium, the power of the Indian agent to re- beef too high for the price of cattle? 19@20c; Montana fine choice, 18@19c; 19@20c; Montana fine choice, 18@19c; fine average, 17@18c; fine medium choice, 18@19c; average, 15@17c staple, 19@20c; medium choice, 18@19c.

SHEEPMEN NOT WANTED and general welfare of the Indians. stockman of Hog Creek, was in the The call issued by President Turney In 1901 the agent ordered W. H. city Wednesday on business. Mr. Box of the Texas Cattle Raisers for the The call issued by President Turney meeting in Denver, May 3, while incattle in the Chickasaw nation, John- his part of the county and the situation tended for cattle organizations only was so indefine that some sheep organ. izations have understood themselves to be invited, and several sheep delegates have already been appointed from various points.

This is a mistake. The meeting is intended for cattlemen only, and is so understood by a majority of those of police, to seize the cattle and run after the interest-shearing and ship- interested. There is no intention to slight the sheepmen, but it was thought that better results would be secured if the cattlemen got together themselves.

The sheepmen have their own organization, and will probably take up the railroad problem themselves, work ing independently, but along the same lines as the cattlemen. One idea of the Denver meeting is to bring the organized cattlemen together, and to ecure the best results it must be thoroughly understood that the meet-

ing is for cattlemen only. There also seems to be a general dea that it will result in the formation of a national cattlemen's association. The committees being appointed by the various associations in the west are given plenipotentiary powers, but it is not likely that any new association will be formed. It will be necessary for the conference to effect an organization, and this organization will | tered bulls for sale. Write me your represent the organized stockmen of the west .- Denver News.

RAIN IN STONEWALL

Since last Thursday a mist sometimes merging into a shower of rain, had fallen at intervals until Monday night when a cloud came up from the northwest and for a few minutes the rain came down in torrents. The downpour lasted but a few minutes, but during those few minutes a great amount of water fell. The tank east of town caught about half full, while the ne west only caught the first basin We have water to last quite a while, and are daily expecting a supplementary downpour,

Reports from different portions of the county are as follows: Double Mountain, good rain, making consider able stock water. Gatling, good shower, not much water. Shinery Lake, the rain was light, putting out very little stock water. Shinery Bend, fine rain, accompanied by a big hall storm; some tanks full of water. Rayner and New Hope had fair ,rains. At Luzon, on the west line of the county, a fine rain fell. Fine rains are also reported from Clairemont, Haskell, Stamford SUNNY SIDE HEREFORDS-

and has been worth thousands of dollars to this country .- Asperment Star.

any consequence since last September

BOUNTY FOR WOLVES Z. T. Brown and R. T. Reid, both ranching south, called on us Wednesday and authorized us to announce that they and their neighboring cattle- istered and high-grade Herefords. Both had agreed among themselves to sexes for sale. offer a liberal reward to any and all persons who succeed in killing lobo JOHN R. LEWIS, Sweetwater, Texas. wolves in that part of the country. Hereford cattle for sale. Choice Among those who are entering upon this agreement are J. T.McElroy, T. G. Hendrick, T. J. Martin, J. J. Henderson, Will Madkins, M. G. Buchanan, Ranch south of quarantine line and R. T. Reid and Z. T. Brown. Down in stock can go safely to any part of that part of the country the wolves the state. are beginning to be pretty bad again, and the reward offered by the cattle- | HEREFORD BULLS FOR SALE men may be claimed by any one who succeeds in killing a wolf. They tered bulls for sale; fine blocky aniagree to pay \$50 each for every scalp mals, 20 months to 3 years old. Will of a grown welf and \$20 for the scalp of each pup. To clain; such reward all party has to do is to present the scalp to the ranchma i on whose ranch ning, Texas. the wolf was killed, and give satisfactory evidence that the wolf was HEREFORD HOME BRED, Channing. killed on said ranch, then the ranchman will give an order on the common Midland for that purpose and the reward will be promptly paid .- Midland

Reporter. IN REEVES COUNTY

Pecos News. Jim McCutcheon was here the past week to see about shipping some 5,000 steers to market in the near loads a specialty.

future. Mrs. Brutinel returned from Las Cruces this week, having sold her entire flock of sheep while there. She says she will probably locate in Los Angeles.

R. A. Haley, foreman from the U ranch is in town this week and says THE J. W. BURGESS COMPANY it is getting so dry they are begin-ning to lose some cattle. If it remains dry a little longer they will lose all their new calves.

H. G. Floyd, foreman for the NK's was down yesterday and says their stuff is doing remarkably well for the dry season. They have some green grass and weeds. The cattle are shedding and they could go until July with-

22 PACKAGES

Hamburg-American Liner Becomes a Regular Noah's Ark

NEW YORK, April 18 .- Two of the twenty elephants intended for Thompy son & Dundy's Luna park nearly wrecked the Hamburg-American liner Bethnia during the trip over ed by our cattlemen. Feed crops will Hamburg. One, which was in the same be planted up until July 1, and the stall with its infant pachyderm, tore Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., spring and fall rains always come at away with her trunk, so the officers rites: "For 12 fears I suffered from the right time to produce abundant of the ship declare, part of the steering away with her trunk, so the officers gear and disabled the vessel.

Repairs were impossible, and ship had to be navigated the last three days of the trip with hand steering gear.

The ship brought hundreds of and mals. The manifest of the craft announced that there were "twenty-two packages of elephants on board. With the exceptions of one parrot, five monkeys and one sheep, which died, all er prices, as the material is practically the animals arrived in fine condition, mention the Stockman-Journal,

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and Roby. It was the first rain of Patrolman 3d, 133914. Lord Wilton, Grove 3d, Garfield, Anxiety, Sir Richard 2d, and Success Strains, both sexes for sale. W. S. Ikard, Mgr., Henrietta, Texas.

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young registered bulls and high grades of both sexes on hand at all times. Ranch south of quarantine line and

I have 50 thoroughbred and regismake attractive prices. W. S. Marshall, Willow Springs Ranch, Chan-

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BERLIN, April 16 A dispatch St. Petersburg declares that in financial circles there the reported

IN HALL COUNTY

He will start in a few days now.

Floyd county some weeks ago,

build and move to the land at once.

put the ground in a moist condition.

there was also a spit of rain and the

entire week has been damp and cloudy.

several have gone to plowing old land.

saw will perhaps be the result.

put a good season in the ground.

The roping and riding contest

berry received first money, \$25, for

ford Swafford third, \$5, 591/2 seconds.

In riding a young man from Childress,

The stockmen, farmers and every one

IN HARDEMAN COUNTY

Quanah Tribune-Chief.

Willing, came out first.

IN FISHER COUNTY

All the farmers are feeling better and

Good spring rains now seem certain

losing his improvements.

Echoes of the Range

Clarendon Banner-Stockman. This section was visited by a steady, drizzling, misty spell of weather, lasting all of Saturday and Saturday night. It cleared off Sunday but began again Monday and drizzled all day again. shower fell, lasting perhaps a half hour. Altogether the ground was pretty well wet and grass will now boom while the farmers can begin to plow to some extent.

Motley county had a fine rain on March 30.

No cattle sales reported in the Panhandle yet. Bill Harrell, the well known Panhandle cowman, has moved to Quanah

for residence. In Menard county G. W. Littlefield sold to territory parties 1200 three and four year old steers at \$1,7.50.

F. Tankersley sold at San Angelo to Gipson & Edwards, of Waggoner, I. T., 2700 threes and fours for \$51,300. R. F. Tankersley, of San Angelo, sold territory, 600 three year old steers

Last week's Fort Worth market was topped by M. Sansom with seventy-six choice fed steers, weight 1389 pounds. price \$4 per cwt.

Spring shipments from the San Angelo country to the territory are expected to exceed any previous record for heavy shipping.

A deal was made between two from 250 to 400 head, changed hands at \$15 around.

be elected and this is especially true of President Bugbee and Secretary Brainard.

E. E. Skipper, a Florida stockman, recently purchased near Beeville a carload of registered Hereford bulls and heifers for shipment to Florida. Texas is fast becoming a breeding ground for

The northern cattle buyers are making their appearance along the Pecos Valley in New Mexico, in the vicinity of Roswell and further south, and reports sent out from that place state that the stock offered for sale is in very good condition. Malcolm Phelps of the Headquarters ranch in the Davis mountains, in that vicinity has sold a big string of two year old steers at \$15.50, with other sales of the same class reported.

Gus Pyron has retired from the mercantile business at Lela, and has gone back to his ranch in Wheeler county. The rate from Clarendon to Amarillo for the Panhandle Stockmen's Association, April 19 and 20, is \$2.30 for the

round trip. The big steers which John T. Sims has had on feed just west of town-will go to market about the 15th inst. weighing 1200 pounds and better.

Panhandle cattlemen as a rule are a fair price for their steers this

Cattle conditions throughout the Panhandle were never better at this IN CONCHO COUNTY season of the year. Grass has been Paint Rock Herald. good all winter, there has been an Tabundance of cheap feed, and no blizzards have harrassed the stockman. p. t. weather and altogether the northern buyer will find Panhandle catttlemen ready and able to hold up for a proper figure for their steems. figure for their steers.

IN MIDLAND COUNTY

Mr. Marsh Parker, of Omaha, Neb. is here, and last week closed a deal with Manager Fisher, of the C ranch, for 2,000 steer yearlings. The terms of this deal are private, but no doubt the price paid was a representative one, as the C cattle are among the best known and well bred of any in west Texas, the home of fine, high grade cattle. This is an especially fine, smooth string of cattle, a liberal cutback being permitted, and every steer is a deep black and hornless. When it is known that nothing is used on the ranch but registered and pure bred bulls with cows bred to the highest degree of purity below registration, and the further fact that the C outfit supplies many herd bulls to other ranchmen, something like an adequate idea may be had of what these steers

L. C. Wall, secretary and treasurer of the Scharbauer Cattle Company, this week sold to W. F. Youngblood eighty head of young Hereford bulls out of the company's celebrated K herd, which is now located on their 5WLS ranch. This is the largest sale of bulls made this season. They will be used by Mr. Youngblood for range pur-

Autrey Moore was with us again this week from his ranch west. Charlie Quinn was in the first of the

week and says the black muleys look glad after the rain. W. H. Godair, the prominent Roswell banker and stockman, was here

Thursday, on his return from the Barto J. F. Bustin came in Thursday from Shafter Lake ranch, fifty miles west. He says the rain there recently was

very fine, wetting the ground to the depth of eight or ten inches. Some reports have come in that a few cattle have died on account of the

cold rain the latter part of last week and the first of this; only a few however, and this is the first report of loss during the entire winter. H. E. Ellingwood, ranching eighty miles north, was here Tuesday.

did not hear his report, but it stated that the rain the latter part of last week and the first of this was not so heavy north as in other regions. W. H. Williams, a prominent stock-

man of Monohans, was here yesterday on business. He says the rain there the first of the week did no good whatever on the hard ground but was sufficient perhaps to start the grass in the sand.

J. M. Daugherty, the prominent Abilene stockman, was here Sunday from El Paso, on his way to the 84 ranch. On the 10th inst. he expects to ship about 5000 head of cattle from Carlsbad to Kansas. They are from the Hall ranch near Van Horn, in El Paso

county. Speakiing of the rain the latter part last week and the first of this, Riley Tillous, ranching south, remarked Sunday: "It is pretty cold and may kill a lot of cows, but it will cure a darn sight more than it kills." And he too, is right wise, especially in his

Chas. O'Neall came up the first of the week from Blair & O'Neall's ranch, thirty-five miles south, and reports information that the pursuit was sucthe rain there was "just what the doc-

ground thoroughly to a depth of eight or ten inches.

A. I. Boyd says part of the rain hit the White Elephant all right, just about as hard as anywhere else. He that has been so eminently threaten-

ing.

H. E. Crowley says the rain that fell on Clabber Hill ranch a few days ago came just in time to enable him to boast that his holdings out there are pretty good after all, and that there is a possibility of some grass. He don't know how it comes about, but his cattle are yet in good shape. As far as we can learn the rains

of the first of the week and the latter about 9,000 cattle. part of last were pretty general all over the range tributary to Midland. Reports vary somewhat, but it is safe Funk's ranch on Rocky, to a Mr. to say that almost everywhere the Clark, for \$800. Felix Mann made the ground was thoroughly wetted to a deal. depth of from six to ten inches. It is the breaking up of a long drouth, sufto Jerry Smith for shipment to the ficient to start the grass in a fine way, and another rain any time soon will put the Midland range in a condition beyond any complaint.

IN STERLING COUNTY

Sterling News-Record.
J. L. Glass sold F. M. Bourne, Colorado, about 350 one and two year

old steers this week at p. t. B. T. Hill has burned off the grass in a part of his pasture this week. This is a good scheme to ride a pasture of on a prospecting tour. In the east to nearly every spring.

IN LUBBOCK COUNTY

Lubbock Avglanche. Cattle are doing well, considering the shortness of the range. P. F. Brown sold to Long Brothers of Meadow, seventy-five two and three year old heifers. We would like to see this good work continue. S. T. Rowland returned from Colo-

water are scarce in that country but that sand is plentiful. We are sorry to learn that J. T. Brown is losing some yearlings from

IN NOLAN COUNTY

Sweetwater Reporter. Longbotham Bros ,- of the southeast part of the county, shipped 1,030 head of stock cattle to the territory Satur-

day. The splendid rain which set in Fri-Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday and seems to be genmen are greatly pleased with the flattering outlook for early grass which is much needed as they are about out of feed stuff. The farmers are jubilant. willing to concede a small margin from and will begin turning the soil and willing to concede a small margin from land with a vim. The rain put last year's prices, but will hold out for planting with a vim. The rain put having purchased from W. L. Baker of good season in the ground but no stock water.

Thos. McCall sold his two year old

D. E. Sims sold 500 three year old IN POTTER COUNTY ably buy them. Godfrey Messy sold his three year

old steers to Bird & Mertz of San Angelo, at private terms, Jim Clampathts week sold to Geo Herzing 100 yearling steers at \$10.

-Brackett News. Ellis & Co. shipped 1,800 threes and fours to the territory last Saturday .--Menard Enterprise

IN MCCULLOCH COUNTY Brady Enterprise

R. A. King has bought the Burnam ranch six miles northeast of Menard-ville. The deal was made by W. T. Melton & Company. The ranch consists of 8,000 acres, and is considered the best ranch property of it's size in west Texas. Mr. King will soon move to his new possession.

The splendid rains of the past few lays have brought a smile to the face of old mother earth and soon she will bloom as the rose." Dead must be the heart that does not leap for joy when the eyes behold our beautiful prairies in the springtime, spreading before the view oceans of "blue bonnets," beau-tiful fields of green crops and expanmeadows carpeted with rich mesquite grass.

IN SCURRY COUNTY Snyder Coming West.

Jim Kelly, formerly of Fisher county, was arrested last Thursday near Asperment by the Rangers on a charge of stealing horses from parties near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Thirteen of the stolen horses were found in a pasture where Kelly had placed them, and a number of mules were being used to freight with. Kelly was placed in jail

J. F. Stephens returned last Friday from a trip to the plains. Mr. Stephens left the rest of his party, Jess Mitchell and G. A. F. Jones, at Stanton, and took the train for home. The party were out several days and went as far as the New Mexico line. The country was very dry and did not present a very favorable appearance and since returning and finding Scurry thoroughly wet, they are satisfied that this is the best country to be found anywhere.

IN BREWSTER COUNTY

Alpine Avalanche. Last Tuesday John Greenlee's lease holdings, 33 sections in all, were sold at sheriff's sale in Marfa. A. S. Gage was the purchaser, his bid of \$500 being the highest. About twenty sections in a solid body lie adjoining Mr. Gage's pasture. The low price is owing to scarcity of water (all but one of the tanks being dry) and partly to the fact that many of the leases have but a time to run. Of the Greenlee ranch there yet remains about 20,000 acres of patented lands, the titles to which are held by Mr. Greenlee's daughter, who lives in Onio. The cattle now on the ranch are estimated to number about

Last week Lee Cartwright received a telegram informing him that Mexican thieves had rounded up and driven across the Rio Grande twenty-eight stock horses belonging to him and his brother-in-law, William Musgrave, He west to Chispa on the next train and arranged to have the marauders pur-sued. Since his return he has received cessful; the horses, which had been

of the state of Chihuahua, were recovered and brought back to the ranch, which lies between the Chispa mountains and the Rio Grande.

IN TOM GREEN COUNTY

San Angelo Standard. about the stock pens Tuesday when and speyed heifers were shipped to went from Monahans Saturday were in Frank and Ralph Harris pasture in good condition. is located about forty miles west, and the Indian Territory. The cattle were the recent rains put the cattlemen of brought in by Wash Tankersley, Morg Then again Wednesday night a hard that region past danger from drouth Miller, Roy Lewis and others. They were a splendid bunch of beef. Railph cattle, eighty-nine cars, in less than

> Jake French, the successful cattle breeder, of Temple, was in the San Angelo country this week prospect-

It is reported that J. D. Sugg will ship from his ranches near San Angelo to the Indian Territory this season, Geo. W. Cunningham sold his six

Charlie Collyns' train load of cattle arrived in the territory in fine shape,

losing only two head. John Henderson, of Ozona, shipped in Grandfalls, which, if Saturday's acres down on Indian creek with this first thousand head of steers to his pleasure than to record the disposition lying north of D. P. Webster's place. Which exists among the stockmen gently in improve their stock by inthe Indian Territory this week. He days. These cattle will be grazed in one of J. D. Sugg's pastures in the

after his father's interest in the terri-Broome & Farr sold to Capt. Rich, few days ago, off of their ranch, about one mile northwest of San Ana bunch of Spur cows and calves, Ucks. Mr. Tick makes his winter gelo, two cars of three and four year quarters in just such places as this old steers. The cattle were fattened and the fire usually catches him out on meal cake, sorghum and grass. The cattle were shipped to Fort Worth and Panhandle Stockmen's Association should be retained. No better could anything else, this matter is attended 1080 pounds, sold for \$3.50 per hundred; one car, 1049 pounds, sold for \$3.35.

Felix and Clay Mann of San Angelo sold for Bill Holman, of Sonora, 600 three and four year old steers at \$18.50 to Miller & Fisher, of Waelder. attle will be delivered at Brady for hipment to the territory.

Mark and Arthur Fury of South Concho brought in, sold and delivered Wednesday to Murph March, ninetytwo head of cows, for the territory, at rado Saturday. He says that grass and \$10 per head. W. B. Collyns of San Angelo/sold

in Fort Worth this week a car/load of hogs, fattened on pecan mast, at from \$4.25 to \$4.80 a hundred pounds. These hogs averaged \$16 around. W. H. Gibbons and Dick Selman, of San Saba, will pasture 2,500 three

year old steers in the Indian Terri-

tory. A. G. Anderson arrived Saturday hie ronch, thirty-five miles west of Sheffield, in Pecos county, Mr. Anderson, on his ranch, has 10,500 day continued at intervals throughout bred ewes. It has not rained in many months and hence the green feed, necessary to raising a good lamb crop, is not eral all over this section, and the stock- a fact, consequently Mr. Anderson estimates that he will lose his entire lamb crop of about 8,000 head. The herders

are killing about 700 a day.

J. H. Gage, of Fort Worth, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Gage reports San Saba 700 three, four and five year old steers, for shipment to the Indian Territory. Mr. Gage also bought 1,500 three and four year old O9 steers in Crockett county from J. W. Montague, at p. t. The O9's will be shipped from steers to J. M. Stephens, of Eden, at San Angelo to Fairfax (Kan., April 18.

Wednesday of last week fire got loose about three miles north of Floy-Iritory cows as follows: Tom Dagoo, 150; with a view to purchase, and will prob- dada and destroyed the grass on a Ed. Decle, 50; W. C. Page, 150; Ed scope of country about four miles wide Fowler, 50. All at \$10 delivered at and twenty miles long. Several calves Brady. burned to death.

Farmers, stockmen, business, men, and in fact every one seems jubilant Beeville Bee. over the rain that has fallen within past week and business of every kind is beginning to show renewed in McMullen county last week, the long

activity. Tetters every day from buyers in the consisted of a lot of mixed stuff and northern markets who say that they the fact that they were purchased here will be here and the committee de-sires every one who will furnish rooms Packing Company, at \$2.25 in Houston, Amarillo hotel annex, where they have Shiner ranch as a winter pasture. established an agency or information

bureau. and that yards will be installed here in the near future.

In talking with some of the moving spirits of the stockmen's conventhat they are expecting representatives here from the stockyards at St. that there was very little trading done at the convention in Fort Worth bids fair to make the meeting here of special interest to stockmen who now have or expect to have stuff to sell.

IN BAYLOR COUNTY.

Seymour Banner. Simon Brown shipped a car load of fat cattle to Fort Worth Wednesday, which were probably the best beef cattle shipped from here during the

past year. With the exception of a scarcity of water, stock conditions in this section were perhaps never better the first of Ranchmen are greatly encouraged at the outlook for 1904, believing that prices for their stuff will gradually advance, and that good times are returning. L. I. Mitchell, a thrifty stock farmer

reported the recent rains were sufficient to give them a good supply of state. tock water in that neighborhood. Ike Thomas and Frank Rupe, of this place, have been awarded a patent on gun designed for killing wolves and

ther wild animals. Like a trap it is

paited, and when the bait is pulled the

trigger is sprung and the gun fires. The gun can be manufactured and sold or about \$2.50, and the inventors have umber from ranchmen. Colonel W. R. Martin has become cattleman by purchase of a small erd of cattle sold at auction here last Saturday. Bill Gibbs is responsible for the report that the Colonel has bought himself a pair of high heeled boots secured a pair of large fingling spurs, donned a broad brimmed white hat,

hung a large coil of rope to the pum-

mel of his saddle, tied a cow,s tail to

side of his horse's head and is now

taking a full course of lessons in the

cowboy profession. IN REEVES COUNTY

Pecos Times,

Munro Riggs was in the first of the tor ordered." He says it soaked the taken about 100 miles into the interior week on four section business. He is At Dilworth, Wrightsboro, Karney,

E. W. McKenzie loaded 450 head of Kansas. Dan McCunningham went more which were destined for the the Bar S herd of nearly 3,000 steers same range. The first shipment, which also came in for a share.

One of the Times force made a trip

to Fort Stockton and found conditions in that country about the same as up in this portion-no rain and cattle Harris says that they loaded the getting in a bad shape. Business of all kinds was dull in consequence. Court was in session but very little being Memphis Herald. done. Politics are warming up and a good hot time is expected this fall. Sheriff R. B. Neighbors is still confined to his bed but says he is improving and thinks he will soon be able to go to his ranch. A light rain began falling Saturday morning but not several head of cattle in a big prairie authorities. Kelly had some of the so far has gone against the companies. sufficient to benefit the range much. We were informed that the greater part section leased ranch, which adjoins of the cattle shipped from that counfunk's ranch on Rocky, to a Mr. try this season will come to Pecos and be loaded out over the Santa Fe. Fort Stockton is destined to be an im- and that whole country got it the his horses when arrested. portant point when the Orient road is same night. Grass will now be very completed through that country. On fine. our return several hours were spent

IN RANDALL COUNTY

Canyon City News. Osage Nation. Lee Henderson will look J. T. Jowell was in town Tuesday from his ranch southwest of town and said that a good rain fell in the Whitman-Robinson neighborhood Monday

> Black, an Indiana buyer, thirty-five head of yearlings at \$16 around, to be delivered Saturday. This was a choice bunch of stuff. Eli Dunlap last week sold eighty-

J. I. Campbell this week sold to Mr.

five head of yearlings to G. W. Ward at \$15 around. We have been in- and the best crop this country ever formed that he has contracted to deliver 200 head to the same party later n the spring. The eastern, southern and central

portions of the state have had copious rains and crop conditions, with the possible exception of wheat, are excellent. These April rains have also extended over the central west including the San Angelo country and reaching as far north as Colorado City. Coming this way from Fort Worth the rain, to amount to much, has not extended further west than Quanah. In fact, the long drouth seems to have been broken all over the state except in the Panhandle. Locally about sufficient water has fallen to lay the dust and perhaps give a start to vegetation.

IN SUTTON COUNTY

Sonora News. Clay Mann of San Angelo, was in Sonora several days this week buying Roby Banner. steers.

Shorty Anderson, a well known Pecos stockman, passed through Sonora Monday with a bunch of sheep on his way o Devil's river. Clay Mann, of San Angelo, bought

rom W. T. O. Holman and D. H. Burroughs for Fisher & Miller, 700 three and four year old steers at \$18.50 per w. S. Butler, one of the old time sheepmen was in Sonora Thursday for supplies. Mr. Butler has about 9,000 muttons belonging to McKenzie & Ferguson and is on his way to Devil's river, H. P. (Don) Cooper of Sonora, bought from Frank Cloudt 300 steers,

threes and up at \$18 per head 350 cows at \$10 delivered at Brady for shipment to the territory. Don Cooper of Sonora bought ter-

IN BEE COUNTY

Two hundred and seventy-five head of cattle arrived from the Shiner ranch drive of seventy-five miles being made J. T. Holland says he is getting without the loss of an animal. They to report to Felix Franklin in the was evidence of the excellence of the

Since the first of the month eightyfive hundredths of an inch of rain has The Fort Worth Record publishes an fallen by various showers in Beeville interview with Judge O. H. Nelson of Other parts of the county, and espe-Kansas City, who for some time has cially that portion from Skidmore south een working quietly here on a plan have been visited by much heavier o establish union stock yards at Ama- falls. At the latter place it is estiillo, in which he states that he has mated at from one to two inches and empleted the necessary arrangements extending westward to the Mexican National railway. The country north, to Kenedy, has been visited by as much rain as fell here. At Clareville a good rain has fallen. All has been quite tion here on the nineteenth they said sufficient to bring up seeds already planted and will give an impetus to crops already up. Except in localities Joe, Kansas City, Pueblo, Omaha and where it was an inch or more it will be of little benefit to the man who had not his land already broken.

One thousand one hundred and fiftyone acres of land, being that part of the Weedy pasture of 46,678 acres which is situated in Bee county, and the property of D. R. Fant, was sold under a foreclosure of lien, in favor of D. Sullivan & Co., of San Antonio, at the court house Tuesday afternoon. In the forenoon that portion of the ranch in Live Oak county was sold at Oak ville. It was bid in for Messrs. Sullivan & Co., by Solon Stewart, the trustee, for fifty cents per acre. The deed of trust was to secure notes aggregating \$90,000. On the same day in Edinburg, Hidalgo county, the famous Santa Rosa ranch of Mr. Fant's, consisting of about 200,000 acres, was sold to satisfy indebtedness to the same persons. The failure of Mr. Fant marks the passing of one of the most living on the Wichita, just north of prominent cattlemen of the southwest Fulda, was in town Wednesday and a fact that is generally regretted by his acquaintances throughout

IN GONZALES COUNTY

Gonzales Inquirer.
Mr. W. H. Cardwell, of Wrightsboro was in the city this morning looking after the shipment of a car load of steers to New Orleans. He stated that farming operations in his section were well advanced, and, while they did no received orders already for a large get as much rain as was needed, they were doing very well. He also stated that a letter received yesterday from his ranch in Nyalde county brough tidings of a nine-hour rain that fell there last week. This, he says, puts that country in fine condition, both for the stockmen and farmers. Light showers fell over Gonzales

county last night, in many localities the rainfall being sufficiently heavy to do much good. In this city it bethe brow-band of his bridle on each gan at about 8:00 o'clock and continued intermitently for several hours. Considerable wind accompanied the rain, at about 2 o'clock this morn ing it reached its greatest velocity, but it is thought no damage was done.

This morning the Inquirer received eports from the following places:

preparing to contest the award of some Leesville and Ottine, light showers and we will be one of the happiest as Arch Hall, with a train of the N. J. school sections for which he had also fell, while at Belmont the rainfall was well as the most prosperous people in Hall cattle from his San Saba county good, though not as much as was the land. From reports the heaviest

The loss of cattle in this country the steers at Monahans Saturday for rainfall occurred at Waelder, where it past winter has been very light. H. J. tle shipment, laboring under an halluis said to have reached three inches, Hadderton informs us that out of about cination that he and his companions, down to McKenzie's Pecos county followed by a half inch fall at Rancho. Six hundred he had only lost about Joe Green, Cobe Coles and Mr. Roberts, Considerable interest was manifested ranch and passed about 2,000 head Luling reports a good rain, while at fifteen up to April 1. Perhaps some would be arrested, and at Muscogee, I. San Antonio a hard rain fell. Austin have lost more heavily than Mr. Had- T., about thirty miles short of the un-

In some localities over the county as many had expected. farmers have been unable to plant Robert Longbotham of Hobbs, corn, but now that it has been broken with a promise of more rain to follow, things are assuming a different aspect Saturday had put a vers good season in fied by wire. He went at once but to what they did several days ago. His loss in cattle the past winter has been very light.

Jerome Loftis will drive his cattle The rangers arrested Jim Kelly in from Salisbury to Terry county where Stonewall county last week, charged IN TAYLOR COUNTY he has taken up four sections of land. with the theft of horses in New Merkel Mail. Mexico. They stopped in Roby one T. H. Humphries, who moved to night with the prisoner, then took him lost on west to be delivered to the proper been previously filed, and every case fire last week. He also come near stock claimed to have been stolen in They will learn after while that it pays his possession when arrested. He lived to handle stock with care. The people J. G. Noel reports a splendid trash in this county several years ago and are entitled to protection in the matter moving rain up at his ranch on Salt had been stopping in this county sev- of stock shipments. Fork last Monday night. Shamrock eral days, and had just started on with

IN LAMPASAS COUNTY J. E. Gable has traded his eighty Lampasas Leader.

The trade included some cattle and erally to improve their stock by inother considerations. Mr. Gable will troducing the best breeds, and a number do not depend upon grades, but stitutionality of the quarantine law in The all-day's drizzle last Saturday are raising thoroughbred cattle, sheep the supreme court. and chickens. There is nothing more Sunday and Monday added to this, but profitable than good stock and good cover the extra expense to which he still we have not yet received a good poultry, and the people of Lampasas was unnecessarily put, not to mention season. It will, however, add very county are putting their be much to the moisture and will bring practice and getting the best. county are putting their belief into the loss through death and the loss of up grass and crops. Wednesday night

There will be some stock to be shipped from the Llano and Burnet IN TOM GREEN COUNTY country, and The Leader understands San Angelo Press. it is the intention of the shippers to route all trains by the way of Lamdo not know how to appreciate them.

From reports over the country, 1 seems people along Red river had IN SAN SABA COUNTY

very good rains, though others did not San Saba News.

J. A. Sloan and wife, of Junction have enough to enable them to plow. It seems to have been rather scatter- City, visited his relatives at Sloan, and started about 6 o'clock Saturday morning, and, dry as the ground is, it will her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Polk, ing with a slow drizzle and kept it take a great deal more moisture to near San Saba, the first of the week and left on their return yesterday. day and Monday, at times being quite Jym brought from the Kimble county hard. The rain is reported to have Hollis was a splendid affair and at-

tended by big crowds. A. H. New- the territory. oping his steer in 46 seconds; Tinker their San Saba county ranches. A Mayer Packing Co., of Los Angeles, shipment of 850 three and four year old and with wool on brought \$3.25. steers of the T. A. Sloan cattle was made from Lometa to Red Rock, the W. Meirs, 6,600 mutton, wool off, at unloading point for this pasture, the \$3 per head. are happy over the splendid rain which first of this week. N. R. Sloan also | Felix Mann sold for Thompson Bros., fell here on the 1st, 2nd, 2rd and 4th shipped from Lometa about 600 three of Eldorado, to Jerry Smith, of Inof this month. All that is needed now and four year old steers. The bulk of dian Territory, 1,500 three and four is for it to just keep it up at intervals the remaining shipments will be cows. year old steers.

ranches to the territory last week, became mentally unbalanced on the catderton but still the loss is not as great loading point, he evaded his companions and did not get on the train. Search was made for him without any 'phoned the Banner Sunday night that clew as to where he had gone. His the rain of that day and the one on brother, Jim Hall, at Marlin, was notithe ground, which insures a good crop failed to find any trace of him. Jasper of weeds and grass at an early date. Hall, another brother, left Richland Springs Monday to assist in the search.

This term of district court has hit the railroads hard, many suits having

R. E. Tracy was awarded \$1,371 damages in his suit against the Fort Worth & Denver and T. & P. in the district court Friday. The suit was for \$14,000 damages to 1,000 head of cattle held by quarantine officers at Wichita Falls after passing an alleged inspector at Fort Worth.

It is probable that an appeal will be taken in order to test the con-The sum awarded Mr. Tracy will not

flesh.

Slow soaking rains fell over the Concho country Saturday, Sunday and pasas, as this saves about 150 miles of Monday. Grass and weeds are on the run, and ten to fifteen hours in time move and the ranchmen and farmers on the way to the north. Lampasas are wearing broad smiles as a result. gets many benefits by having two rail- Good rains are reported from everyroads instead of one, but many of us where except Ozona and Sonora, where it was light, but good rains fell in different parts of Sutton and Crockett

The precipitation at San Angelo was one and three-eighths inches. It ing with a slow drizzle and kept it up throughout the day, Saturday, Sunranch about 100 cows for shipment to been general all over the state from

Texarkana to El Paso. T. A. and N. R. Sloan have leased J. R. Hamilton shipped last Wednesthe 8,000 acre pasture in the Otoe day 1,304 head of wethers to Los An-Williams second, \$10, 59 seconds; Blue- reservation, Oklahoma, heretofore oc- geles, Cal., the first shipment ever cupied by Walker Bros., and expect to made from San Angelo to the Pacificstock it with about 2,600 cattle from slope. The sheep were sold to the

W. W. Means bought of R. T. and



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Some cattle branded half circle diamond right side; some TV connected left side; some TU connected left side and lazy S left hip. Mules, F left jaw. Ranch in Mitchell and Sterling Cos., N. D. Thompson, Mgr., Postoffice, Io-

lanthe, Tex.

VAN TUYL BROS. Postoffice, Colorado, Texas. Ranch in Mitchell County.

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Ranch in Crosby County, Texas. Ear mark under slope in each ear. Other brands: Hat left side = left thigh. Under slope each ear.

Postoffice address: Colorado, Texas. JOHN W. GLOVER. Postoffice, Colorado, Texas, Ranch in Mitchell county.



Also 44G on left side.

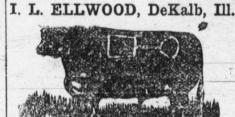
JOHN CARLISLE.



Rake on left shoulder. B on left hip. Horse brand, rake on left fore shoul-

BUSH & TILLAR. Postoffice, Colorado, Texas Ranch in Borden and Scurry counties





pers generally carry same brand pin. Mark, under half crop each Ranches in Mitchell, Coke, Sterling, Borden, Lamb and Hockley counties. D.

N. ARNETT, General Manager; Post-office address Colorado, Texas.



Ranch in Scurry County, Texas. Steer rand, - on left thigh.



Garter above knee and left foreleg. ar mark, split each ear. Postoffice address: Longfellow, Tex-

Ranch located in Pecos county, Tex

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