

EVENTS OF THE RANGE

IN BEE COUNTY.

Beaville, Bee. S. J. Wright, the goat king of Live Oak county, was in town Monday, his reports fine seasons on his Ramirena ranch and cattle picking up in weight rapidly.

IN TAYLOR COUNTY.

Ablene News. The war need for horses is beginning to show in this and adjoining northwestern states, fourteen carloads of horses for the Bureau of Cuba, being gathered up at Abilene, Texas, and Van Horn, besides 10,000 head are being gathered in Washington, Oregon and Arizona for the Japanese cavalry.

IN MITCHELL COUNTY.

Clipp. Last Monday afternoon quite a good deal of indications were noticed of rain. A heavy cloud lay far back in the north-west, and about evening and about sundown it could be seen coming up rapidly and by dark it could be seen that there was a storm of some description in store for us.

IN DEAF SMITH COUNTY.

Hereford Brand. R. J. Anderson of Hart paid this office an appreciated visit yesterday, reviewing his subscription to the Greater and Dallas News. Mr. Anderson said that his section of the country had received several fine rains this spring, grass was growing nicely and that cattle were in fine condition.

IN FOARD COUNTY.

Crowell News. J. W. Perkins has returned from Lynn county where he took his cattle to pasture. He reports the rains light in that county.

pasturage and will graze them until next fall. Mr. J. W. Johnson, of near Dalhart, is visiting the family of his son, Victor, and other relatives and friends in this county. Mr. Johnson reports that it is yet very dry in the upper panhandle country, though he says they have plenty of old grass that is in fine condition.

IN NOLAN COUNTY.

Sweetwater Review. Refreshing showers fell Sunday and again Monday night, but we still need that general rain. W. E. Barrow left this week for his Stoneal county ranch. He will drive a bunch of steers thereof to sell to Northwestern buyers.

IN SHACKELFORD COUNTY.

Albany News. Captain W. A. Poage was down from his Throckmorton ranch Tuesday. Captain Poage says that Throckmorton county is in pretty good shape now since the recent rains.

IN WARD COUNTY.

Barstow Journal. Another shower, a gentle, tantalizing foretaste of the elements. However, the hanging on of the local showers is an improvement over an incessant dryness and may indicate that things are being trimmed up to give us a general rousing old soaker.

IN ZAVALLA COUNTY.

Batesville Herald. L. T. Pryor has recently brought 2-500 A. Alderman bought of B. W. Nueces ranch. J. H. Erskine of the firm of J. H. Erskine & Bro., breeders and dealers in graded Delin-Merino sheep, recent arrivals from the West, shipped to them from Canton, O. Some of the lambs not quite one year old sheared twenty-five pounds of wool each.

IN VAL VERDE COUNTY.

Del Rio Record-News. J. A. Cape leased to T. L. Dridale and Francis Juno, in what is known as the Cow Creek pasture, eight miles from Spofford Junction, for 800 head of cattle at 12 1/2 cents per head. During the past week, all southwest Texas, which has broken the extended drought west of the Egcos. While Val Verde was not as dry as the region to the west of us, yet the rains are most acceptable here. If the tanks are full and the dry creeks have been running and the ground has received such a soaking as insures a plentiful supply of grass for the summer. The stockmen are happy, and so are Del Rio residents.

IN HARDEMAN COUNTY.

Quanah Tribune-Chief. J. C. Sheild was in from Pease river and said that he had lost several head of cattle poisoned from eating cockle burrs.

IN HARTLEY COUNTY.

Channing Courier. Mr. Book Queen came in from New Mexico Sunday bringing with him 800 head of sheep which he has located on the Shervency ranch.

IN JONES COUNTY.

Stamford News. Frank S. Hastings loaded twenty-two carloads of cattle at Matthews, S. D., Monday, shipping them to the northern range.

IN TAYLOR COUNTY.

Abilene Reporter. J. G. McCoy says that while the rain which fell last Thursday night filled all the tanks, and did the farms a world of good, it fell in such a dash that the fields did not get a full soaking. It did a great deal of good, nevertheless.

IN KENT COUNTY.

Clarendon Enterprise. N. N. Rodgers sold to E. J. Calnes, last week, his home section. Consideration, \$1,000. We have not learned as to where Mr. Rodgers intends moving.

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Alpine Avalanche. Saturday A. S. Stage brought in 888 tons, which he sold two weeks ago to the Snyder Company West as saying that 4,000 head of cattle died the past winter and spring on the Spur ranch. It is very dry out there, showers up to time being light and scattering of May 13.

IN FISHER COUNTY.

F. M. Long, came in Friday from Fort Worth, and will spend some time looking after his ranch south of town. Rush Rector and U. Collins left last week for Steing county to move their cattle back to Fisher county. They have been pasturing since the early winter.

IN POTTER COUNTY.

Amarillo Champion. The usual spring rains have set in, but Amarillo and vicinity have not yet obtained their share. It is coming closer and is more threatening every day, and the downpour, whose visits are now due, may be looked for any time. Copious rain has fallen in Tulla, Flatview, southwest along the Pecos Valley road and at Silverton, as well as north and east of here.

IN SCURRY COUNTY.

Snyder Light. The quarantine inspector of Colorado passed through our town this week en route to Garza county to inspect some cattle. S. N. Cade of the Ira community was here Wednesday and reports the most rain of the season fell in his section Monday evening. He says the hail did considerable damage to the fruit crop, and on Henry Wellborn's place, in the Knapp community, several trees destroyed and the fruit badly damaged.

IN DONLEY COUNTY.

Clarendon Banner-Stockman. Jim Roberts was in from the Fort Worth market Tuesday. W. C. Stone of the D Z ranch, New Mexico, came in Monday night to spend a few days with his family.

IN RANDALL COUNTY.

Canyon City News. The Panhandle was visited the first of the week with light showers of rain. In this immediate section the rainfall was not of sufficient quantity to do any material good.

IN CROSBY COUNTY.

Emma News. Grass is coming nicely in this immediate section, and it makes us feel that the prospect of a good season has not forgotten his workmanship.

IN NEW MEXICO.

Roswell Record. The C. S. Slaughter Cattle Company has sold to I. N. Humphreys, of Rapid City, N. D., 5,000 head of 2-year-old steers. The car order was placed with the agent at Bovina May 18, and the shipment will be made June 10.

IN ROCKWORTH COUNTY.

Rock Springs Rustler. J. D. Pepper came in from the ranch

the first of the week, having just finished harvesting his crop of kids, which seems to be remarkably good. He reports 500 head raised from 455. Among them are 150 pair of twins and five sets triplets—15 kids from four nannies.

IN MIDLAND COUNTY.

Midland Gazette. We do not want to be an iconoclast to destroy the idols of the people, but there is one idol out here our people worship which ought to be destroyed.

IN KERR COUNTY.

Kerrville Mountain Sun. J. E. Lawrence, stockman of the Divide, was prominent on our streets Thursday. Mr. Lawrence says that things are in excellent shape on the ranch at present.

IN LLANO COUNTY.

Llano Times. A. P. Brown shipped a car of hogs to Houston this week. Reed & Rouse took seventy-five fat cows to Austin Friday through the county.

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Lampasas Leader. W. F. Barnes bought Wednesday from H. C. Towson his entire clip of wool for this season, paying 17 1/2 cents per pound. The best prices for wool and all other products can be had at Lampasas.

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IN STEILING COUNTY.

Sterling City News. J. L. Gagar has been rounding up this week. H. C. Dunn was one of our pleasant callers this week. He reports that the stock passed the winter without loss and in excellent condition.

IN PRESIDIO COUNTY.

New Era. Good rains have fallen over a considerable portion of this county, but the places where next to none have fallen. The Stossens, W. B. Mitchell, and all the Alamo Secario county have had good rains. No rain at all to speak of here, but the signs are still good.

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MARKET REVIEW

NORTH FORT WORTH, May 25.—On today's market another liberal supply of cattle were received, the entire run figuring close around 3,900 head, with about 2,000 for local trade, the balance going out through shipment.

The bulk of the general supply consisted of only a medium quality, with a few bunches ranking above the average and several long strings falling in the class of extremely common stuff. Two loads of choice heavy fed steers, averaging 1,100 pounds, sold at a top of \$3.90, the bulk of fed steers changing hands at prices ranging between \$3.35 and \$3.70. The market shows a decline of 10 cents on best fed cattle for the week, with a loss of 10 to 20 cents on the common to fair kinds.

Cows sold at a slow, weak market, with trading at about the same decline as shown in steer trading, the best selling around \$2.50 to \$2.60 and the bulk at \$1.90 to \$2.40.

Calves generally sold steady, although the quality was common and the market slow. Bulls were in fair supply and sold at \$2.00 to \$2.15.

The lightest Monday supply of hogs received on the local market this year were yarded today and while the common quality did not justify a good showing in sales, the lighter kinds at strong, closing easy with one small bunch unsold.

Best hogs offered weighing around 200 pounds of medium butchers quality sold at \$4.55, with the lighter kinds at \$4.45 to \$4.55, and pigs at \$4.00.

With strong closes at the various markets throughout the country last week, local sales showed a marked movement of marketable hogs today, but the general supply at the different market centers was far short of the run received for the same day at any time during the previous three months.

A report from the north says that the fact that country feeders have lately shown confidence in the future market for strong, coming into the feeder trade with liberal orders for good to choice steers is evidence that many are not discouraged with conditions, but on the other hand, the heavy loss in the trade is due and are anxious to again take up feeding operations on a liberal scale, with a view of regaining a part, at least, of the heavy losses experienced during the winter.

If history is to repeat itself prices will gain rather than recede from the present level, as at this season in former years an advance in values for the bulk of the supply has been noted, receipts generally slowing down to a smaller volume, while an improvement in quality and a broader demand from buyers has usually been noted.

No one, of course, anticipates any great bulge in values for cattle during the future months, as the present conditions, while appearing satisfactory, are not so favorable as they were a short time ago, and prices should rule, and undoubtedly will under normal circumstances.

Prices for corn in most sections are still at high figures, but feeders can now better afford to pay prevailing quotations, and many cattlemen now see none but a hopeful future for those who will invest in corn before the season closes. In most sections will undoubtedly induce many owners of common and half fat steers to put them on pasture rather than ship, and with this probable falling off of receipts of common kinds more strength should be added to the demand from slaughterers, while since the reaction in foreign prices from the low point current ten days ago, and now good markets abroad appear probable in the next few weeks, buying by exporters should be of a volume sufficient to clear normal offerings of well finished hoesves. There is a better demand for the better hoesves, which was current at the start of the present month, and local beef trade is also in brighter condition and coolers less clogged with beef.

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TUESDAY'S REPRESENTATIVE SALES

HOGS—Lower markets elsewhere did not justify an opening decline on the local market, with less than 400 hogs offered. Trading was fairly active during the forenoon, the market closing to 100 lower. Top hogs of 220 to 270 pounds sold at \$4.50; bulk at \$4.20 to \$4.40. The sales:

Table with columns: No., Ave. Price, No., Ave. Price. Lists various hog sales with prices ranging from \$2.00 to \$4.50.

STEERS—The bulk of the steer supply consisted of fair to medium quality steers, with only a few loads of good fed steers. One bunch of heavy 1,085-pound steers sold at \$3.80, the bulk going at \$3.25 to \$3.50. The sales:

Table with columns: No., Ave. Price, No., Ave. Price. Lists various steer sales with prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.75.

COWS—The tone of the cow market was slightly downward with a few good offerings. The best sold around \$2.50 to \$2.55, with the bulk at \$2.20 to \$2.50. The sales:

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CALVES—The market for calves was active, with a few good offerings. The best sold around \$2.50 to \$2.55, with the bulk at \$2.20 to \$2.50. The sales:

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We QUOTE the Market AS IT IS

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, MAY 24, 1904

We would be happy to say, "Ship your cattle to Fort Worth," but we cannot conscientiously say this, as the markets in the North at present are 50 to 65 cents higher than here, on all kinds of steers and choice cows and heifers. This is a fact.

The markets in the North have advanced 50 cents, while the market here on cattle declined 15 to 25 cents up to last Friday, then advanced suddenly 25 to 35 cents, still leaving us badly out of line with other markets.

On medium cows and medium to common steers this market is not much out of line. The best steers are selling from \$4.10 to \$4.35, good 950 to 1000-lb. pound cake steers from \$3.75 to \$3.90; medium cake steers, 900 to 1000 lbs., from \$3.50 to \$3.75; fat Southern steers, 900 to 1050 lbs., from \$3.65 to \$4.00; medium Southern steers, \$3.25 to \$3.60; choice fat cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; good straight bodied cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$3.00; medium to good cows, \$2.25 to \$2.60; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.25; bulls, choice, \$2.60 to \$2.85; good heavy, \$2.40 to \$2.60; medium and bolognas, around \$2.25.

Calves: Choice veals, \$3.50 to \$4.00; good veals, \$3.00 to \$3.25; medium and common, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Sheep: If you are lucky, you can get good prices for your muttons here. This past week we sold four loads of muttons, 81 pounds average, at \$4.25. Struck a light run. Today, we have some muttons as good, that we are bid 75 cents less. There is no place for lambs or calves at present.

Hogs: The hog market remains about steady with the decline of the week past. Tops are selling today around \$4.60, with the bulk at \$4.50 to \$4.55, with very light receipts.

We look for the cattle market to remain about steady with present prices for the next twenty or thirty days.

WHEN MAKING SHIPMENTS, remember that we have offices at Kansas City, Mo.; National Stock Yards, Ill.; Independent Yards, St. Louis; Union Stock Yards, Chicago, and Fort Worth, Texas, and that no commission firm is better equipped for handling consignments of live stock than we are, nor can realize more money for your stock than we can. Consign your stock to us at all markets; we will get you the highest market price for same, and that is all you could expect from any other firm. Give us a trial and see what the result will be.—Our motto: Good sales and prompt returns.

Yours very respectfully,

DESCRIBE YOUR STOCK AND WE WILL TELL YOU ITS VALUE. SHIP US YOUR STOCK AND WE WILL GET YOU ITS VALUE.

Yours very truly,

Barse Live Stock Commission Co.

GOOD NEWS, IF IT IS TRUE, FROM SAN ANTONIO

field. The rows are strewn with dead weevil, which the busy little red ants are carrying away by the thousands.

Mr. Cassiano says a close inspection failed to show a single live weevil on a cotton plant or anywhere else in his fields.

The ants are on the plants and in the rows between in countless thousands. They seem to have completed the slaughter of the weevil and are now engaged in carrying the corpses away, probably to be stored for food.

Mr. Cassiano says that even the roads in the vicinity of his ranches are lined with ants marching in columns bearing the dead weevil from the fields.

The importance of this discovery to the cotton growers of Bexar county and probably to the whole state of Texas is incalculable. If the ants that have cleaned Mr. Cassiano's fields can be introduced into all the cotton fields of the state, it means a gain of millions of dollars to the farmers of the state.

SUED BY HIS DOCTOR.

"A doctor here has sued me for \$12.50, which I claimed was excessive for a case of cholera morbus," says R. White of Coachella, Cal. "At the trial he praised his medical skill and medicine. I asked him if it was not Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy he used as I had good reason to believe it was, and he would not say under oath that it was not." No doctor could offer a better remedy than this in a case of cholera morbus, it never fails. Sold by all druggists.

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Worms In SHEEP

G. B. Bothwell, Breckenridge, Mo.: Dear Sir—Will say that if I had your Vermifuge Powd'er sooner it would have saved me \$500 worth of sheep. I fed it to 500 lambs with best results. NEIL EBBESON, Hayes, S. D.

March 2, 1904. G. B. Bothwell, Breckenridge, Mo.: Dear Sir—After giving your remedy to 200 lambs I take pleasure in recommending it as a sure cure for stomach worms in sheep. L. J. GILLILAND, Jamesport, Mo.

Special train will leave Sunday, June 12, from Fort Worth at 9 a. m., Dallas 10:30 a. m. and Texarkana 7:45 p. m., arriving at Nashville, Tenn., 3 p. m. June 18. Standard Pullman, tourist, chair cars and coaches THROUGH WITHOUT CHANGE. Ask any Texas and Pacific ticket agent about the cheap rates or write B. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Texas.

Farm TELEPHONES

How to put them up what they cost—why they save you money. All information and valuable book free. Write to J. ANDRAB & SONS, 242 W. Water Street, Milwaukee, Wis.



Sheep Department

WOOL AT SAN ANGELO
W. C. Donald is the first wool buyer to arrive, with the exception of course, of our general A. W. Littlehale, whom San Angelo is desirous of claiming as a citizen.

flock of high-grade Merino ewes, in which I took great pride. In changing them from one pasture to another I had to cross the public road, writes E. P. Snyder in Farmers' Guide.

including pulled, for butchers' wool. The total wool production, including wool pulled from skins, for 1903 was 287,450,000 pounds.

ever, were inferior to the clip of 1903. Later transactions in the west have been made on the basis of last year's figures or better.

fell at McKinney, Robert Lee, Joshua and Barstow. A two hours' rain is also reported as falling early yesterday morning at Roswell, N. M.

GOOD RAINS FALL IN THE PANHANDLE
Reports received by the general office of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad last week show that good rains fell over a greater portion of the Panhandle between Pecos and Childress, a territory of about 216 miles.

Slaughter's Hereford Stock Farm
FINE BULLS FOR SALE, Single or in Car Load Lots. Car Load Lots a Specialty.
Apply to GEO. M. SLAUGHTER, Manager, Or HARRY W. HAMILTON, Foreman, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.

TEXAS WOOL, it is said, compares very favorably with the wools from the western states and territories and sells at a trifle higher rates than the other eastern wools with the exception of California's clip, which ranks at the top of the list.

There is said to be little demand this year for mohair, and the price of that product has fallen very materially from the price of last year.

GOOD RAINS FALL ABOUT THE STATE
Heaviest Reported was at San Antonio, Where the Precipitation was Three Inches

Good rains fell in a number of places throughout the state during last week, the heaviest fall occurring at San Antonio, where the precipitation reached almost 3 inches.

Both Jaws Shot Away
Still a Successful Business Man. A man who had both jaws shot away had trouble eating ordinary food but found a food-drink that supplies the nutrient needed.

IN KNOX COUNTY. Benjamin Reporter. The general rain over the county has put everybody to work and makes the faces of the people broader perceptibly.

PREVENTS BLACKLEG
Vaccination with BLACKLEGIDS is the best preventive of blackleg—simplest, safest, surest. Each BLACKLEGID (or pill) is a dose, and you can vaccinate in one minute with our Blacklegoid Injector.

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THE TEXAS STEER.

The Texas steer is a term which brings to the average eastern man varied reminiscences. It brings to memory the days when the wondrous tales found their way to the East of herdsmen of wild steers, which roamed the plains of the West, the source of a wealth which gave the foundation of the title of the "beef bonanza."

THE TESTED BULL.

Professor Davenport of the Illinois Agricultural College, believes that the general practice of using only young bulls, composing of them when about three years old, regardless of their qualities, is a very bad one and should be discouraged. He says that bulls proving themselves to be the producers of the right kind of stock should be retained. One of the leading cattlemen of West Texas has long been an advocate of the use of mature bulls on the range, insisting that the use of the young bulls is a mistake reflected in the character of his progeny.

POOLS FOR STOCK WATER.

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The cattle themselves have practically disappeared. Away down in Southern Texas a few may still be found, but they are rarities. They were naturally wild brutes. Some of them could never be tamed, but had to be shot in order that the others might be got under some kind of control. There were in every herd a few fighters which the cowboys fought viciously among themselves or with the other cattle, and would frequently gore the horses of the cowboys to death. In their fights they would stampede through some good field. Naturally wild and scary, they stamped on the slightest provocation, often when there was no provocation of any kind. It seemed almost as though they stamped through some indefinable impulse spreading from one to another, and when once started it was almost impossible to stop or control them. They might be kept out of their way, suddenly startled perhaps by the croak of a frog, the appearance of a skunk or often from no observable cause, they would knock down the barriers around them, going on and trampling upon everything in their way, and rush wildly over the prairie. Those in front seemed to know that they would be horned down by those behind if they did not run like wild deer. In these mad flights scores of them would be killed or crippled and hundreds of others would be scattered all over the country. The stampedes when the herds were wild and dangerous sights. Often thousands would be in one herd, traveling day long, and in the afternoon or evening, whenever good pasturage was reached, the herds were halted to feed and rest for the night. The cowboys would ride around them all night, to keep them from straying off, and would sing at the top of their voices as they made their lonely rounds. It was really a strange scene. The herd would be gathered in some good piece of grass, some of them grazing, others lying down. Overhead it might be that the moon was shining brightly, and the stars out in the heavens, or the sky might be overcast with clouds, and the lightning flashing ominously along the horizon. Half the force were sleeping around the camp, the other half on horseback circling around the cattle. All those on this latter duty were singing, and their voices at varying distances, made a strange melody, as soothing and soothing, perhaps, to the listener in camp as it was to the cattle, who seemed instinctively to gather from the sound that there was no cause for alarm.

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flows by gravity to the second floor of the barn. As it runs from the faucet, it is as clear as the average well water and it tastes good. The cost of building the pond and of piping the water for about one-third of a mile was about \$100. Finding unusual accidents it should cost nothing for repairs and it doesn't cost a cent to operate. It is possible that in time the pipes may become clogged with sediment, the fall being so slight that they will not flow through the pipes with sufficient force to keep them clean. This pond has now been in use two years and continues supplying all of the water for every purpose, except drinking water for the men, on the farm where about 100 head of cattle, 100 hogs, and ten head of horses are kept. During the six months ended May 15, 1904, the rainfall was but one and one-half inches, yet the pond continued to furnish all the water required and there was still a good supply on hand when good rains came. This is about as severe a test of the capacity of the system as may be expected soon to occur again. The pond is fenced and precautions are taken to prevent the contamination of the area which drains into the pond. It would be better if the drainage all came from sod land which is cut over for hay and is laying out new farms. Sod land is now covered with a heavy growth of Bermuda grass which effectively prevents washing and willows have been planted at the high level to protect the inside of the bank.

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You will find my text in the third episode of Poole's Travels in Lubbock, Hale and a Swisher counties, which reads as follows: "The Lubbock is situated on the banks of Yellow House canyon, which is the north prong of the Brazos river and makes an entire natural ranch of the entire range. It is fed by springs and has for ages been forming the rich dirt off these plains, forming the rich valleys of the Brazos river bottoms. Before leaving Lubbock I had a sheep and a cow taken to the office and fixtures, all of the best I have seen on the plains off the railroad, also dropped into the bank which is in a flourishing condition. George Wolfarth, president, Mr. Wolfarth has 125 head registered Hereford cattle, his herd bull is a beauty. He is also an up-to-date farmer has just completed a two well, and an irrigator will plant twenty acres of alfalfa and irrigate it from these wells."

MAY IMPOSE DUTY.

Our Canadian friends are becoming somewhat exercised over the importation of cattle from the United States, and are threatening to take some action to keep them out. The Kansas City Drovers' Telegram says: "A duty may be placed upon cattle shipped from the United States into Canada, which would be the result of the movement through the imposition of a duty. The Kansas City Drovers' Telegram says: 'A duty may be placed upon cattle shipped from the United States into Canada, which would be the result of the movement through the imposition of a duty.'"

POOLS FOR STOCK WATER.

In December, 1903, the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station published the following description of the pond with a capacity of about 1,000,000 gallons for storing surface water for stock purposes on the station farm. The pond is on a hill and gets its water from the soil land above. Water is piped to all of the feed lots, and

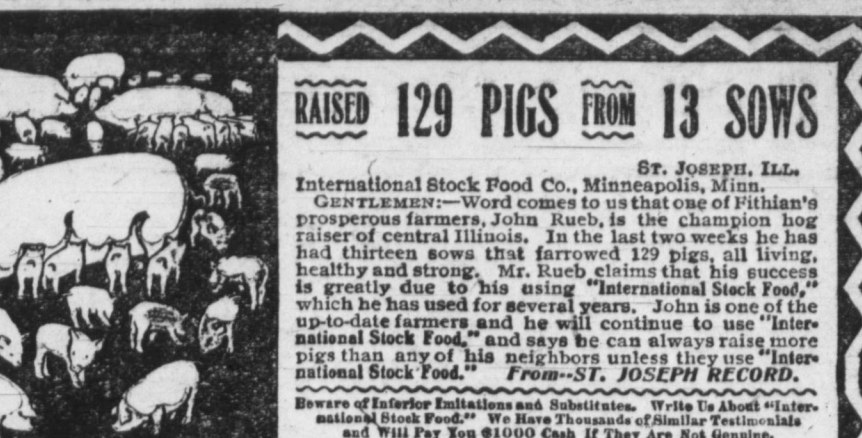


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Now that Russia and Japan are at war...

When Oom Paul made up his mind...

The reasons advanced were that...

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## Little Mavericks

### FEEDING STEERS CORN

Professor W. A. Henry, who stands the head of authorities on cattle feed in this country, asks if it is not possible to fatten our steers on a much smaller quantity of grain than has been customary in the past.

He finds that the British farmer gives to his fattening steers but a very small grain allowance, the average in England and Scotland ranging from six to eight pounds per head daily. Many feed the middle and western states feed from twenty to thirty pounds and often as much as thirty-five pounds of corn daily.

The British feeders use barley, corn meal, cotton seed meal and linseed meal. The turpentine, or rutabaga, as well as it, is also used extensively in Great Britain. From 50 to 100 pounds of sliced turpentine or five pounds of good straw and five to ten pounds of hay are fed with the small grain ration. There is no denying that the English beef is as good as ours when put on the block.

Professor Henry says that the American farmer could fatten his beef more economically if some silage and oats were fed. When corn was cheap and lands were cheap little attention was paid to this fact, but with the higher prices of both the silage and the root-crop are important factors. Professor Henry says that if there is any superiority between roots and silage it is in favor of silage. If silage is such a good thing for a dairy cow, it is a good thing for a beef steer, and for young stock of beef breeds and finally for fattening steers.

### TO FATTEN CATTLE

It is necessary for a feeder to provide himself with a good substantial barn, for it is best that cattle should be sheltered from the different changes in weather. Also by this means the cattle receive purer feed and get the benefit of all the feed that is placed before them. By feeding on the outside there is a waste of food and manure, but this method has the advantage of greatly reducing the feed bills. The stock should be left loose in the barn, so that they can leave it at any time for getting water.

It is necessary that stock drink pure water. It is best that they obtain this water from a running stream near the barn.

The best feed is corn and clover hay. It is also best for hogs that run after cattle. Roughness, cattle must have, and all kinds of hay and all kinds of straw or fodder will answer. Farmers ought to protect and house all roughness in summer and fall.

When corn is ground it will finish cattle quicker than when fed on ears, but hogs will not get as much benefit from it. My advice would be for feeding ear corn and plenty of roughness to cattle, and the result will prove to best advantage, to feeders especially, where stock goes on grass in spring but when feeders intend to market the stock out of the barn, then ground corn and five pounds of cotton seed meal daily to each animal and clover hay will do the work, and finish a beef from 100 to 120 days and the increase on a beef ought to be from 250 to 300 pounds.

The old style of feeding is nearly abolished and ought to be a thing of the past, and any former feeding on the old style will see ruinous results before long. The main object in feeding in the barn is the manure, the greatest fertilizer that can be found, and which is required on any farm the same as stock manure food. A farmer ought to feel as proud of the large quantity of manure to haul on his place as to drive a lot of fat stock off of it.—Kentucky Farmer.

### SOLD TEXAS YEARLINGS

One of the biggest sales of live stock ever held in Macon county was held Thursday at Wayside Place, the farm of John Imboden, south of the river, says the Democrat (H. B. H.).

The stock sold consisted of 605 head of yearling calves. Colonel Judy acted as auctioneer. The sale began at noon. It was over by 3 o'clock. It was announced that the stock would be sold in bunches of twenty and forty.

These yearlings are the ones brought from Texas last Saturday by Mr. Imboden. They are from the famous L. and S. ranch. The night before the sale of this kind Mr. Imboden has had.

Some of the sales were made as follows: the number of yearlings bought by each bidder and the price for each one being given:

Name	Number	Each	Total
J. H. Price, Polo	50	\$20.00	\$1,000.00
B. F. Shannon, Taylorville	50	19.50	975.00
George Johnston, Latham	40	20.00	800.00
A. W. Thordick, Huxley	50	20.00	1,000.00
Burmeister Brothers, Dixon	100	20.00	2,000.00
C. W. French, Harriestown	20	19.50	390.00
G. F. Fory, Logansport, Ind	50	14.75	737.50

Over 100 bidders were present, and among them were some of the most prominent cattle growers in this section of the country.

The sale is notable as being only the second one of the kind ever held. Mr. Imboden is having the sale of the big bringing young cattle direct from the big ranches in Texas to the corn belt, and believes that in this method will be found a most profitable way of utilizing the young stock from the range and fattening the cattle in Illinois.

### BREEDERS NOT DISCOURAGED

A. M. Thompson, Macon, Mo., the well known Galloway breeder, was here yesterday, says the Democrat. Mr. Thompson now owns all but a small interest in the big breeding establishment which he operated jointly with his father, the late Judge I. B. Thompson, who died a few weeks ago. The business will be conducted much the same as in the past.

"The low price of cattle on the public markets has hurt the pure-bred breeder very much," said Mr. Thompson. "Stockmen still buy pure-bred bulls, but they expect to get them at a reduction in price proportionate to the decline in beef steers. A bull that would have brought \$100 easily when beef steers were high will not bring more than \$75 now. Still, so far as I am aware, breeders of pure-bred stock are not discouraged, and expect to see prices restored again, and in the meantime they are willing to take their losses along with the ranchman and the feeder."

### OUR ENGLISH COUSINS

Although the total receipts for the four months ended April 30 show a considerable increase over the same period of the last two years, the imports for the month of April itself were very much below those of last year, but this is at once seen to be owing to the fact that Argentina was then a contributing factor in the supply of cattle to the United States, says the London Meat Trades Journal.

There is an actual increase on the shipments of United States cattle to the extent of 57,778 head, compared with the four months of 1902 of 35,442 over 1902. The decline in Canadian shipments is only 2,408 head, balanced to some little extent by the extra 2,728 sheep sent over. The main increase in the sheep, however, came from the United States, the month's total being 30,484, as compared with 11,289 in April, 1902; the aggregate for the four months is 134,761, the general increase on Canadian and United States being 30,860 head. In other words, there is an increase on the four months of nearly 30 per cent over last



LIEUT. HARRY F. KEATOR.

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year's cattle, and about 25 per cent more sheep.

With regard to the fresh-meat imports, the only increase is in beef, although so far as the supplies received during April alone are concerned they were much greater than in the same month of 1903 and 1902. The total weight for the four months was 1,457,767 hundredweight, or 69,616 hundredweight in excess of the same period last year, and 232,295 hundredweight more than in 1902. As to mutton, here again we observe that although the receipts for the month compare favorably with the previous two years, there is a deficiency on the four months' total compared with 1903 of 191,501 hundredweight.

In fresh pork the receipts for the month show a falling off in the Dutch and Belgian consignments, more than made up, however, by the extra weight of United States shipments. Compared with 1902 there is a shortage on the four months of 7,728 hundredweight less than April, 1902, but on the four months there is an actual increase of 111,627 hundredweight.

### NO GRAND STAND PLAY

The cattle growers' interests executive committee will not be heard from much in a public way for some time. The board of managers has insisted that before any attempt be made to do anything upon any of the propositions to be undertaken, the committee shall first secure such facts and information that will put it in possession of the actual truth regarding the details of the railroad and market problems. The committee is composed of business men who do not propose to take any step in the dark. It refuses to take any steps based upon surmise or popular rumor. Whenever it takes any action it will be in possession of the facts and be in a position to prove every statement made. If its investigations demonstrate that the stockmen have no cause for complaint against the railroads, then there may be no complaint made, and the same may be said in regard to the packers and stock yards corporations. If, on the other hand, it is found that there are abuses that should be remedied, it will try to find the remedy and apply it to the assistance of the organized cattlemen all over the country. While there is no attention to public in the dark as to the work of the committee, it will report to the public as the first step to the relief of the stockmen from Mexico for a number of months. This report entered at the port of San Diego.

The number of cattle, horses and mules to enter this country from the neighboring republic during the month of April was somewhat smaller than during the month of March, being 697 head, as against 820 head during March.

### PURE BRED PRICES

"Pure-bred cattle are now selling at a very low point, compared with two or three years ago," said W. H. Watts, of the LaSalle County Hereford Cattle Association, to a representative of the Live Stock World, "and I do not hesitate to predict that prices are as low as they will go. Several things have conspired to bring about this condition. Abundant supply of values by reckless speculators was one cause. Comparative failure of the corn crop for the past two years was another. Still another important factor in decreasing the demand for young bulls was the failure of range cattle to get fat last year and the breaking up of big range holdings, which compelled liquidation of many big outfits that have heretofore been heavy buyers of bulls.

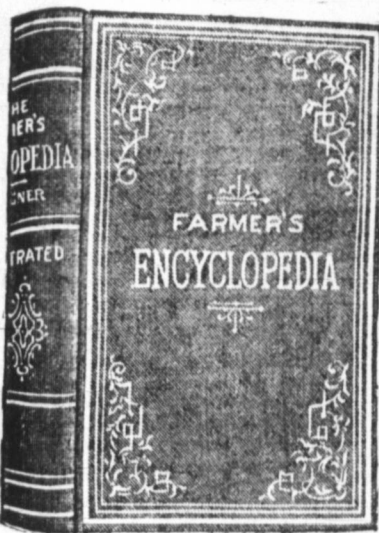
All this means merely a readjustment. The range country will eventually produce more and better cattle than has been possible and that will mean a demand for more pure-bred Herefords. These things have compelled breeders to reduce prices and get fat last year and the breaking up of big range holdings, which compelled liquidation of many big outfits that have heretofore been heavy buyers of bulls. This means a demand for more pure-bred Herefords. These things have compelled breeders to reduce prices and get fat last year and the breaking up of big range holdings, which compelled liquidation of many big outfits that have heretofore been heavy buyers of bulls. This means a demand for more pure-bred Herefords. These things have compelled breeders to reduce prices and get fat last year and the breaking up of big range holdings, which compelled liquidation of many big outfits that have heretofore been heavy buyers of bulls. This means a demand for more pure-bred Herefords. 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### BOSS HERDER'S UNIQUE REVENGE

Montana Cowman Swam the icy River, Lost His Whisky, But Evened Score by Stealing \$1200 Worth of Cattle

"When it comes to exacting ample revenge for real or fancied injury give me the old-time cowman, and I'll show you a fellow who doesn't forgive or forget," said Bob Howard, who for the last fifteen years has been foreman of the I. D. brand in the Crow reservation in Montana. "I know one man that paid about \$1,200 for a bottle of whisky simply because he failed to pay a little bet. May-be it wasn't his fault, that he didn't make good, but just the same he was held at fault and had to foot the bill. His name is Paul McCormick, and he lives out in Billings. He is a rich man now, said to be a millionaire, and he hasn't missed the \$1,200. In fact, up to the present time he doesn't know how much he paid for a quart of 'red eye.' "This little incident happened about a dozen years ago. Cattle were cheap. The price had dropped with great suddenness and McCormick had contracted to purchase 200 head of the Duck Bar brand on eight months' delivery. By the time for the fulfillment of the contract had arrived he found himself facing loss on account of the drop in value. He didn't want the cattle, so I have always understood, but the owner of the Duck Bar was obstinate and McCormick had to take the steers. The 200 were cut out of the main herd and swam across the Big Horn to the east side. The river is very swift at this point, as it is just where it emerges from the mountains under the tumble-down adobe walls of old Fort C. F. Smith. It was July, and the

melting snow from the mountains caused the river to run bankful. "McCormick didn't accept the cattle with particular good humor, and he didn't take the jokes of the Duck Bar foreman with the gracious spirit that the west demands from the man who gets the worst of a bargain. The foreman was a big muscular chap named Billy Carter, now a good citizen out at Great Falls. One day Billy was looking across at McCormick's steers on the other side of the Big Horn. "The cattle swam the river in pretty good shape, Paul," he said. " 'Yes,' snapped McCormick. 'A good deal better than some men I know could turn the trick.' " 'Are you hinting around that I couldn't swim it?' asked Billy. " 'I'll cover your pile that you can't do it,' replied McCormick. " 'There's just forty in my belt that says I can do it both ways,' said the cowboy. "Well, they put up the money and Billy stripped. The water was icy cold, for it wasn't more than a dozen hours from melting snow, and it hadn't had a chance to rise in temperature to such an extent that it wouldn't bend a chill through your system every time you took a drink of it. Moreover, the current was like a millrace and was powerful enough to turn the wheels of all New England. "Billy took the plunge amid the cheers of the cow punchers from both outfits. The instant he hit the water he was whirled around like a chip and was carried under the surface by the frothing eddies. But he came to the top and struck out again. We saw him bobbing up and down, judging by his powerful stroke, he was good for a swim across the Atlantic in the winter season. He was carried about a mile down stream, but made the landing where the Big Horn makes a bend about half a mile below the fort. He rested for about an hour, and the heat of the July sun soon took the chill out of his body. He borrowed some clothes from some of McCormick's men on the other side, got a horse and rode about two miles up stream. Then he took to the water again, and landed about where he had started, tired but buoyed up by the thought that he had won his bet. "McCormick didn't look particularly comfortable over the loss, for I believe he thought Billy would back out of the return swim. He made a little proposition as to the disposal of the money that put it up to Billy so that he couldn't

get the coin and preserve his standing in that community. " 'Billy,' he said, 'of course this money is yours, but what do you say to taking the whole eighty and getting a little stuff for the boys?' They look pretty dry, and I don't believe this will get any more than they can carry in good shape.' " 'All right,' said Billy. 'Count me in. I'll do it if you will furnish a buckboard and a man to go down to the post trader at Fort Custer.' "McCormick agreed to this, Fort Custer is down at the mouth of the Little Big Horn, about forty miles from where we were. The man lit out with the buckboard that very evening, and did not get back till the next afternoon. He stopped at McCormick's camp, about four miles below that of the Duck Bar outfit, and when he arrived at the latter place there was one bottle of ginger ale and a quart of whisky. He didn't give any explanations as to what had become of the rest, and he wasn't asked for any. Just then a Billy Carter expressed a little surprise that his \$80 hadn't purchased more whisky for his own outfit. He voiced his astonishment in a way that the herders could not miss, but the snap of his eyes that he was doing a little thinking, too. In fact, he was so mild about it that the rest of us thought he was going to let the matter drop. "But he hadn't the slightest intention of passing up the matter. He went over the Crow reservation the very next day and bought the best swimming horse he could find. There was nothing unusual in such an action, and no comment was passed except upon the swimming qualities of the horse. That night he brought the Duck Bar cattle down to the bank of the Big Horn and bedded them down in sight of the steers sold to McCormick and then on the other side of the river. "McCormick's main outfit was, as I have said, about four miles below on the east side of the Big Horn, but the cattle bought from the Duck Bar were in charge of half a dozen men, who split up the watches for night herding duty. McCormick was a rigid disciplinarian, and insisted that close watch be kept over his cattle, for although there wasn't so much danger of a stampede, there was always fear of cattle thieves. But I don't think any of the men on night herd had any fears from the other side of the Big Horn. But that is just where they were mistaken. "For two nights Billy Carter made two trips a night across the river. He stealthily cut out five, or six head at a time and swam them to the other side. It was a risky piece of business. He knew McCormick's men were watchful, and if he was discovered it meant a whole lot of trouble for him. But by the time he had made four trips twenty-three head of steers were back with their old comrades in the Duck Bar and McCormick was more than \$1,000 out. The count had been made, and, of course, it wasn't over. The 'vent' brands hadn't been put on the cattle, and no one could prove that there had been any rustling. "McCormick moved the herd on in a few days, and so far as I know, he never discovered that his bunch was short—things were done on such an extensive scale in the night that a few head in or out didn't make so much difference. The Duck Bar outfit sent a lot of cattle to Kansas City that fall, and happened to be there when they arrived. I noticed some 3-year-old steers among them. " 'I thought you had sold all your 3-year-olds to McCormick,' I said. " 'So we did,' said Billy with a smile. 'But there is one carload of them in this bunch, and that is just what McCormick had to pay for that bottle of whisky he sent us last July. I think this outfit can afford another drink on him. Come and join us.' "

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WHITE LEGHORNS AS LAYERS. I see so much ado about the qualities of the different breeds as to winter layers that I am inclined to submit the following unquestionable evidence in favor of the White Leghorns as layers in comparison with the Plymouth Rocks and White Wyandottes, says the Reliable Poultry Journal. "I have had in an incubator eighteen S. C. White Leghorns, seventeen White Plymouth Rocks and about twenty-four White Wyandottes. The three breeds were all raised together in the same brooder on the same food, until they were eight weeks old. The Leghorns were the same in weight as the other two breeds, being about one and one-fourth pounds. By the last of August only the Leghorns began laying and they are still keeping it up. For the five or six weeks previous to December 8 this pen of nine Leghorns pullets averaged from five to six eggs every day, and none of the White Rocks or White Wyandottes of the same age have laid an egg. I might add that this pen of Leghorn pullets do not get an item of special egg food—simply a light wheat ration thrown in the scratching shed in the morning; at noon a bran mash composed of bran, corn meal and flour; at night whole corn is given them. "You may explain that this was from the fact that the Leghorns were of an extra fine strain of layers, but the other two breeds a very poor one, but the eggs from which the two latter breeds were hatched came direct from breeders in the North who claim to have the finest laying as well as show birds. No one will doubt or dispute that now and then we strike an individual Plymouth Rock or Wyandotte hen that will lay as well as the best of the Leghorns, but as our friend Felch would say, "One sparrow will not make a flock," and I have yet to see even a fair percentage of a flock of Plymouth Rocks or Wyandottes that will equal the Leghorns. Coming down to facts: It is not true that the average Plymouth Rock and Wyandotte pullets do not begin to lay until from nine to eleven months old, when not forced for eggs. I do not mean a bird, but a flock or pen. It is my experience with them. "Considering the Average Leghorn will begin laying at from six to six and one-half months old and lay on an average from three to four eggs per week, which they certainly will lay for a reasonable time, it is evident they will lay enough eggs before the two larger breeds begin laying to practically buy the larger breeds at the market before they are hatched. As to broilers and fryers, I challenge any man to produce a sweeter or more tender bird than a White Leghorn cockerel from two to four months old, or a male White Leghorn, and not White Bantams.

SCALE LEG. "In a recent number under the head of 'Scale Leg' the competent poultryman advised a washing of kerosene for scale leg," writes Mrs. H. Bland, of Missouri, "and I had been told this remedy before, so one morning we caught all of our fowls with a pail half full of kerosene we proceeded to dip the legs of each fowl. Those having smooth shanks only remained a second or two in the kerosene, those having scales were kept in the solution until I could count twenty. I had about fifty hens and we were getting tired of dipping them, so one day, on the next morning fully one-half of them were so stiff they could scarcely move. The roosting room looked as if all fowls had been given a dose of kerosene, and five days there are still a number of them that are stiff and sore and look as if they will die. What is the matter? I presume that competent poultryman will say that the remedy was not properly administered. The day I applied the remedy the weather was warm and the ground was wet from thawing. "Mrs. Bland certainly did not follow the directions or she would not have dipped the shanks of the fowls in the kerosene. The directions in the original article were to wash the shanks with kerosene, and this necessarily implied the use of a swab or a cloth, which does not apply the remedy in such a manner as dipping would do. "It should be understood that kerosene is a blistering remedy, and if applied harshly will blister or make the shanks very sore under the scale. When it is applied with a rag it is not necessary to dilute the oil, but when applied as a dip it should be emulsified. When the scales are thick and hard it will require a stronger preparation than when the shanks are comparatively clean. "We do not know who our correspondent means by 'competent poultryman,' but we presume she means the ability of this Somerby's. Sometimes we feel that we are competent to give advice and to point out some methods of management that will be helpful to poultry breeders, but we utterly fail when we attempt to compare them to according to the directions. We would not if we could. "In this connection we may say that we have treated a few of our own fowls, and having bred variety that seemed to be more subject to 'scale leg' than any other, and we never had the trouble spoken of. In the application of any remedy it will be necessary to employ good common sense. It is a most necessary accomplishment. "The next time this remedy is to be applied, if dipping is to be done we would suggest either emulsifying the kerosene or mixing it with grease of some kind which will prevent the blistering and will at the same time be as effective in causing the death of the scale parasites.

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POULTRY NOTES. Be patient and do your work well. Helter-skelter methods work destruction. Drawbacks are often blessings in disguise. Lazy hens, like lazy men, are not money makers. System and regularity are the key-notes of success. Mongrelism in stock, and fogysim in ideas, are on par. Success is the more so good management than to anything else. Quick sales make poultry profitable. Waiting for a market is a risk. A pint of kerosene in a gallon of water wash makes a very good insecticide. It is not uncommon to find that the worst looking hen in the flock is the best layer. Mistakes are object lessons. They show why the failure. To the wise they are important. Five essentials for success are availability, adaptability, efficiency, cleanliness and economy. One year's experience don't make a poultryman—and yet how the average beginner can send forth knowledge after being in the business for but one year! It is estimated, says the Ohio Farmer, that if all or nearly all of our farmers could be induced to discard their scrub and use only pure breeds, the increase in the value of poultry would be 100 per cent. An easy and good way to clean drinking fountains that cannot be opened to reach inside, is to use scalding hot water and a big handful of shot. Fill the fountain about quarter full of hot water, and then pour in the shot. Shake the vessel briskly so that the shot will scrape along the bottom and sides of the fountains. This will remove the scum and leave the fountains sweet and clean. The late A. T. Pittuck, editor of Texas Farm and Ranch, in bringing the poultry question before his farmer readers, once wrote: "Hungry humanity demands eggs and fowls for the table. Fine feathers are all right in their place, but they are not fit to eat. It is food that is wanted, and exhibition fowls don't supply it. The market does not look to fanciers for eggs and table fowls, but to the farmers."

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