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The report that has been circulated to the effect that the dipping of sheep here at the farms was unsatisfactory, or that the methods employed in administering it were slipshod, is entirely supported by the facts. The percentage of loss here last summer is the largest and best equipped in the world, and the percentage of loss in sheep was the smallest that authorities have any knowledge of. It is true that some sheep feeders have felt dissatisfied because they wanted to dip their sheep at home where they had their own facilities. Nobody found any fault with the method of dipping, nor could they upon any grounds. Sheep have become infected in a developed case of scab, but any shepherd knows that the dipping will not completely eradicate scab. Again, after being dipped sheep are often put in non-disinfected cars, or crowded in pens on the farm that have held scabby sheep. The government has established dipping vats for the commendable purpose of stamping out scab, if possible, and the facilities offered here are of the best.

At the passing of the National Act on his wafers, Dealers' and B. The Max Convention a resolution was passed for a petition to the government to condemn the unsound use of worthless stallions that are being used for service in this country. In Russia, France, Belgium and other foreign nations the breeding of horses is under the supervision of imperial agents and large sums are annually appropriated to encourage breeding fine horses. In the United States everything connected with horse breeding is left to individual discretion and personal judgement. If there was government intervention and only sound sires of good conformation, representing the best types of their different breeds were allowed to stand for service, the foundation for immediate improvement in our race of horses would be established. To be sure this is recognizing the paternal character of the government, which many oppose as inimical to the genius of our free institutions, but if the government has the right to inspect our food, that we may not destroy our bodies, why should it not have power to prevent our breeding unsound and worthless horses in the interest of the general welfare.—Drovers Journal.

Recollections of Brann.

Tall, angular and dark—so dark that his darkness impressed me with prominent, well defined and somewhat thin features—such was my impression of Brann the first day he stepped into the editorial room of the San Antonio Express as the successor of Canfield. I had liked Canfield so well that I looked upon Brann as an intruder. I did not hasten to welcome him and it was not until he approached me with a smile that I permitted myself to form an opinion of him. When his features were in play Brann's character showed through them. Canfield had been such a jolly fellow—his smile said, "We are all good fellows and we're all 'alright.'" But Brann's smile said as unmistakably as words, "I suppose you have faults and I know that I have, but I hope that we both have redeeming qualities and that we shall like each other." His smile was a sermon, but it was kind.

And then Brann began to write. What shall I say of his writing? He was an indefatigable worker and ground out a page of "copy" a day for the Express—a page that contained hundreds of articles and paragraphs, each on a different subject and each requiring thought. I had worked as a reporter on the Express during Canfield's time, but when Brann arrived I was reading proof. He entrusted me with his proofs, along with the others I handled, and took me into his confidence considerably, frequently asking my opinion, advice or help on this or that point and thus giving me an insight to the motives of his writings. With all his great intellect I found him to be as simple as a child in many respects. His ideals were high, and he strove toward them as confidently as a child who had not experienced the rebuffs of the world. He was certainly Quixotic to a remarkable degree. He wanted to benefit mankind and he rarely believed that he could reform the world to a very considerable extent—or at least help to do it. His chosen field—that of the Iconoclast, the destroyer of false images, the tearer aside of masks—was pre-eminently that of the journalist, clearing the way for constructive moralists, theologians and statesmen. He did not know the meaning of the word "policy" and nothing could influence his convictions of right and wrong.

As to Brann personally, like most of his profession, he occasionally drank,—usually in moderation, and never enough to interfere with his work. He thought it no wrong to take a drink, but I never heard him tell a smutty story and I believe he was pure in his morals. His greatest pleasures were such as delight children. He adored his wife and his little Grace and Willie. He would favor no one because of that person's wealth or greatness and chose his friends as often from the humbler walks of life as otherwise. At his elegant home in Waco, where I met him last spring for the last time, any wandering bohemian of the press whom he had known was as welcome as William J. Bryan, whom he had known there on the latter's tour to Texas. He greatly resembled in features the last few years of his life, his face having rounded out slightly. He did not hate a human being. He hated hypocrisy and meanness of every sort, but he only pitied the people afflicted with those traits. He is misunderstood the most. His aggressive writing was merely a literary style, a technical form, adopted to draw and hold attention to the evils he sought to overcome. It was not inspired by animosity toward the persons involved. I have talked with him for hours concerning the people he wrote about, and never did I hear him speak harshly of one of them. He thought it his duty to attack them in his columns, but seemed to regret it as a surgeon does when he is compelled to use the knife.

Such was Brann as he appeared to me. The sincerity and honesty of his motives I can not doubt. The wisdom of his course it is not necessary to debate since he has dropped his pen and there is none to pick it up. JACK LEE.

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Among the influences that will tend to delay the time when the cattle stock of the country will grow up again to the demand of the market is one that has been little noted. The Journal has reported the fact that large portions of Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico have formerly ranged are now being surrendered to the sheepmen. The same change is going on to a very considerable extent in Arizona. There are climatic reasons to cause this but the operations of cattle thieves have much to do with it, and the money for the herds that are being sold out by the men going out of the business will generally be re-invested in sheep, and the buyers of the cattle will take them out of the country. It seems that Texas, so long the principle nursery of cattle is destined to be the only one remaining.

An effect of the war talk is being felt on the cattle. Credits are being restricted and dealers, to some extent, have been unable to obtain money for continuing their operations as extensively as they would if banks were as liberal in advancing funds as they have been earlier in the season. This, of course, would have a tendency to depress prices, and yet one day last week the report from one of the markets said: "Exporters were good buyers around \$4.75 to \$6.00, the best American cattle selling for 11 cents pound in Liverpool, an advance of 1.4 cent over a week ago." The export trade, of course, takes the best that goes into the market, and for it is most easily obtained. And it is not probable that the exports will be materially affected for the reason that men in that trade have already secured space on vessels for some months ahead. The difficulty in obtaining money will affect principally the more speculative operations and those which require considerable time for the development of results. The Journal does not believe, however, that the ordinary processes of the cattle business, the movements and exchanges of its legitimate and ordinary course, will be seriously hampered or that there will be any material decline in prices. The business conditions of the country are usually good. There is now in the United States about \$750,000,000 in gold and gold is still coming in very large amounts notwithstanding the general belief that war is inevitable. Though money is not so easily obtained as it was a few weeks ago it is here in abundance and obtainable for deals that offer ample security and are readily consummated. And to sustain prices is the essentially important fact that the prosperity of the cattle industry is not fictitious but the inevitable result of a larger demand in this country and abroad than existed during the era of business depression from which we have just emerged and a generally increased ability to buy, together with a very evident diminution of supply on the stock farms as well as on the range. The man with a good herd of cattle and a good range to hold them is absolutely safe. There is no possibility of any contingency that can bring to him any serious hurt.—Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

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