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About Blackleg.

A proof of the seventeenth annual report of the bureau of animal industry, D. E. Salmon, D. V. M., chief on the free distribution of blackleg vaccine by Dr. Victor A. Nogaard, V. S., has been received here. The report states that during the year 1900, there were prepared by the pathological division of the bureau of animal industry, 1,076,150 doses of blackleg vaccine which were distributed among 6142 applicants located in forty states and territories. On an average each applicant received about 175 doses.

In the report is a tabulated statement showing the actual merit of the bureau vaccine as a preventative

of blackleg. The total of 2347 deaths after vaccination thereby becomes reduced to 2051 and the percentage of loss falls from 0.69 to 0.55, or a little more than one-half of 1 per cent. During the year there were 389,258 cattle vaccinated, while the per cent of estimated loss from blackleg was 12.07. Deaths the same season previous to vaccination were 15,768, the per cent being 4.84. Deaths after vaccination from two to seven days after use 298; within one year 1783.

To conduct this branch of the bureau of animal industry it cost the government last year a total of \$3421.28, or less than 1 cent per dose of vaccine, or at the rate of \$318 for each 100,000 doses. The commercial

price of the same amount exceeds \$10,000. When it is further considered that the application of 100,000 doses of fresh, reliable vaccine means the saving of \$250,000 worth of cattle at \$20 per head by reducing the mortality from approximately 12 percent to one-half of 1 per cent, it must be admitted that each \$318 expended by the government for this purpose is well spent.

BUFFALOES IMMUNE.

In the government report is an extract from a letter written Dr. Salmon on the subject of blackleg by Charles Goodnight, of Goodnight, Tex., in which he says: "I have been satisfied for the last ten years that buffaloes are not susceptible to blackleg, but have not felt disposed to give it to the world as a whole, as it may yet develop. I was among the wild buffalo for years where they were immensely numerous, and many thousands were of the proper age to take it. I have now been breeding them about twenty years and am quite positive no case of blackleg developed during that time, and up to this writing it holds good to those that are only one-fourth blood."

"I will this year have several head of calves only one-eighth blood, and

I shall give them every chance to take blackleg in order to test them, although I think they are immune. I have been trying for several years to establish a race of cattle from the buffalo. So far I have only partly succeeded. When this is done it will be the greatest thing for the cattle industry of America. They have some characteristics that are very valuable to this interest. Besides their great weight and the extra quality of the meat, they are: First, most probably immune from blackleg; second, they never eat loco; third, they never lie with their backs down hill, which causes much loss in weak cattle; fourth, they do not go in bog holes; fifth, they have the greatest lungs of any animal on earth; sixth, they put on more flesh for what they eat than other animals."

BLACKLEG INCREASE.

The government report says that it cannot be doubted that blackleg is on the increase and that if it were not for vaccination the loss would be appalling. The increase in mortality from a disease which must have prevailed for generations is without doubt due to differentiation of the various breeds, and the grading of

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of the vast herds of hardy, half-wild cattle. The buffalo, for instance, was undoubtedly immune from blackleg, while the long horns, which a few years ago formed the great majority of the herds of the West, possessed great powers of resistance to it. For this reason the disease was of minor importance ten years ago, although there is evidence of its repeated appearance at longer or shorter intervals among the herds in various parts of the country.

The losses were looked upon as unavoidable and did not in magnitude compare with the losses which nowadays may befall the cattle owner in the infected districts who neglects to protect his high grade and full-blooded stock against this disease. The recrudescence of blackleg dates back to the time when the stockmen began to improve the native breeds with strains of pure bred cattle, and as the long-legged, long-horned, far-roaming beasts gradually became transformed into the deep-chested, beefy and more indolent cattle of the present day, there also occurred a gradual retrogression in the vitality and in that power of resistance to diseases which characterized the native stock. In certain sections of the country where the disease has been practically unknown or where it occurred only at intervals of two, three or four years, it gradually became more and more prevalent until at the present time it has become of daily occurrence.

The report of the government says that the mastering of blackleg is not a hopeless undertaking, although it will take some time to do it.—Fort Worth Register.



For Sale.

I have for sale about 80 head of stock horses; two stallions, one 8 years old, one three years old, and a splendid young jack (black) that I will sell all or a part for cash or will take good note with 10 per cent interest. Also have some good milk cows for sale. G. C. LONG.

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Dr. Lewis, the dentist, will be here April 10th 11th and 12th. Three days only.

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During the month of April, 1902, the Pecos System will sell Second Class single trip tickets to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal., and intermediate points in California at greatly reduced rates. For rates and particulars call on your local agent. Don A. Sweet, Traffic Manager.

HOMESEEKERS EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.

On April 1st and 15th and May 6th and 20th, 1902, (four dates only) the Pecos System will sell Second Class Round Trip to California points at rate of One Fare plus \$2. Stopovers within 15 days allowed on going trip in homeseekers territory. Final limit for return twenty-one days from date of sale. Tickets to be executed at destination for return trip, but not earlier than ten days from date of sale. See your local agent for rates and particulars. Don A. Sweet, Traffic Manager.

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The books now in the Parmelee Library will be moved the last of March. All members who have books belonging to it should not fail to return them before next Monday, the last day of the month, so they can be put to their place. New lot will be here about that time.

M. C. Chamlee, the Jeweler has on hand a large stock of watches. Call and get his prices when you want a watch or clock. **tt**

A Conscientious Georgia Jurist.

The following altogether unique letter was recently sent to the librarian by a Georgia justice of the peace. The letter is given verbatim: "Hon. A. M. Welborn, State Librarian, Atlanta, Ga.—Dear Sir: The justice court for my district will be held on the 3rd. Munday an' I want my copy of the New Axe of 1901.

"I know all the Lawse that is on any Statute Books, exceptin' what was did by the Last legislator.

"I tuck an oath to decide my cases accordin to law in such cases made and provided and how am I a-goin to do it, when I don't know what the law is?"

"I 'spose I ken guess at it like the suprem court do, but I am sworn

and I want to be shore I'm rite before I go ahead. The suprem court every once in a while differs with me on a law point, when if they would look into the law as laid down in the Georgy Form book and the Axe of the legislator passed since and in persevance thereof, as I do, we would harmoneyes better.

"Now this is a speshial rekwest. I'm liddle to the New Axe an' I want it.

"I have some pecuniary cases to try and I want all the lile. I ken git on them.

"If you doubt me being a Notorious Republican go and see Guvener Canler. I guess he will reckleret giving uv me a cummlishun 'bout 3 years ago.

"If fuddher proof is kneaded, I ken send you my docket and you kensea fur yourself.

"Hoptin' you air well an' that these few lines have made a good favorible empreshon on you, I remane yores till death, or tell Igit outen offis."—Atlanta Constitution.

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U. C. V.

The Denver Road will sell tickets at Amarillo for the morning train of April 21st to Dallas and recurd for \$8.35. For trains of April 22nd and 23rd a rate of one fare plus one-tenth has been made. Tickets limited to leave Dallas April 20th.

The Lightning season will soon be here so "prepare for war in time of peace" and have your houses protected from Lightning.

R. I. Fezell, Victoria Hotel.

For the Annual Reunion Confederate Veterans to be held at Dallas, Texas, April 22nd to 25th, inclusive, 1902, The Texas & Pacific Railway Company will sell round trip tickets from stations on its line in Texas at exceedingly low rates. In fact at lower rates than have been announced to Dallas for a long time. Tickets will be on sale from points in Texas, also from Shreveport and Greenwood, La, on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1902, limited for return to Dallas April 26th, 1902.

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FOR GOVERNOR.
Sergeant Sam. W. T. Lanham.
FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.
Hon. Ira Webster.

Justice and fair play should always be the guide of every man in public, if not in private life. The ignorant members of the Texas legislature in order to drive out of existence certain business that they did not like or to raise revenue unjustly at the expense of these businesses have hurt the people seriously and in most instances failed to raise the revenue. By levying an exorbitant oc-

cupation tax on the lighting rod business it has driven all Texas dealers out and forced the business into the hands of foreign concerns. If its attempt as either to tax the business of existence or raise revenue at the expense of these people it has made a complete failure. The business continues by a class of people beyond its reach. Some years ago some Texas dentists traveled from place to place extracting teeth very skillfully and as a general rule it was a great benefit to the common people, and we believe, no disadvantage to the local dentist, as they would pull thousands of teeth that the local man would never have had an opportunity of pulling, besides increasing wonderfully his business in the way of putting in new teeth, which the traveling dentist never pretended to do. The Texas legislature, we think, very unwisely taxed these people so heavily that they quit the state. The common people have been deprived of this very valuable and highly skillful service, the local dentist gets much less work in the way of new teeth and the state does not get any revenue from that source. It levied an outrageous tax on persons who buy scrip. The tax is so high that in counties where the population is small no one can afford to pay it, therefore the law must be totally disregarded or a business of great importance to the people cease to be conducted. In counties

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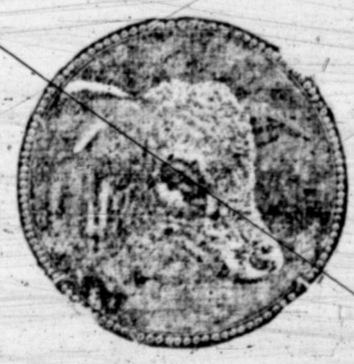
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The man who has hard beard will appreciate a shave at F. M. Coulter's. His hair cuts and shampoos are all right too.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith of Amarillo are in the city today guests of the house here.

Get your old buggy fixed up like new. Harter can and will do it right for more or less, according to the amount of fixing it needs.

Mr. P. L. Person is visiting the family of Mr. A. L. Anderson this week.

Mr. Lawrence Robeson has the contract for building the Lester, Donahoo, Oldham bank and hardware business houses at Portales and is now out there at work.

Be sure to get our prices. SMITH, WALKER & CO.

We wish to say to our friends and patrons that we will discontinue giving trading stamps after April 1st. This will give all who have stamp books partly filled time to fill them up. Very Respectfully,
Canyon Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Anderson of Lockney passed through Canyon today enroute home from Portales where she had been at the bedside of her sick husband.

The following people registered at the Victoria this week.

- Mrs. Poulson, Plainview; A. L. Connell, O. G. Roquemore, H. A. Nobles, Amarillo; J. E. Price, Denver; D. S. Rosenwald, Roswell, N. M.; P. W. O'Brien, N. Y.; Tom Eikhart, Lon Tuck, Sherman; C. M. Hardin, R. Humphreys, L. L. Pierson, Amarillo; O. P. Walcott, J. I. Eockwell, Dallas; G. K. Lyon, St. Louis; W. T. Naber, Ft. Worth; W. Stern, Kansas City, Mo.; Jno. R. Hopper, Portales, G. T. Babcock, Indianapolis, Ind.; R. M. Comer, Ft. Worth; H. T. Wright, St. Louis; F. S. Franklin, Amarillo; Geo. A. Keelene, Council Bluffs, Iowa; R. T. Badger, Marbie Falls, D. H. Frett, San Francisco, J. S. Sockwell, Dallas; Jas. Cushing, Kansas City, Mo.; I. B. Edwards, county; Geo. W. Sterner, Dallas; Arthur D. Hodgson, Ft. Worth; Geo. B. Kelley, Kansas City, Mo.; C. A. Donovan, St. Louis, Lee Simpson, Fort Worth; B. C. D. Bynum, Hereford; O. H. Amesbury, Buffalo, N. Y.; G. D. Newlan, Buckhanna, W. V.; C. A. Sanford, Ft. Worth; A. P. Meador, Dallas; J. A. White, Louisville, Ky.; Boyd Clark, Ft. Worth; Chas. Harrold, Louisville, Ky.

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Dr. Patton reports the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Curtis Wednesday, March 26th.

Road Notice to Land Owner.

In the matter of the petition of J. E. Bagley and others for a public road in the county of Swisher. The State of Texas:

To the non-resident land owners, whose this may concern. Take notice, that the undersigned jury, appointed by the commissioners court of Swisher county, Texas, to lay out, survey and assess damages resulting from the establishment of a public road, as petitioned for by J. E. Bagley and others; beginning at the south county line at section No. 45 in block No. K at its S. E. corner and running to north county line at the N. E. corner of section No. 6, block No. M 6, will on the 16th, 17th and 18th day of April, 1902, in discharge of our said duty, meet upon the following premises, to which you have some claim or title, to wit:

C. A. Mast, Section No. 45, Blk. No. K, abstract No. 425; F. V. Kentor, sections No. 33 and 27, Blk. No. K, abstracts No. 442 and 443; Estate of Wm. Patterson, section No. 23, Blk. No. K, abstract No. 439; Louise Wimpenny, section No. 17, Blk. No. K, abstract No. 430; R. H. Parkinson, sections No. 21, 11 and 5, Blk. No. K2, abstracts No. 350, 351 and 352; Cuyler and Graham, sections No. 25, 17 and 5, Blk. No. M11, abstracts No. 311, 307 and 301, and sections No. 13, 29, 11, 31, 9, 33, 7 and 5, Blk. M6, abstracts No. 244, 252, 243, 253, 242, 254, 241 and 240; and W. A. Wood section No. 25, Blk. M8, abstract No. 12 and sections No. 19, 23, 17, 25, 15, 27, Blk. No. M6, abstracts No. 247, 248, 246, 250, 245 and 251 and will then and there proceed to assess any damages to which you may be entitled on account of the laying out of said public road, and you are hereby requested and required to produce to us a statement in writing of the damages, if any claimed by you, and all evidences which you may desire to offer in relation to such damages, and do and perform such other acts as may be necessary and lawful in the premises.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 12th day of March, 1902.

- F. T. Skipworth
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A DETECTIVE STORY
BY EDGAR MORETTE

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break in; I can't find any way of opening it."

A few minutes later, the detectives, after dealing upon the shelves some telling blows with an ax, called upon Murdock to surrender.

Receiving no answer to their summons, the men stood irresolute for a few seconds. Then, with grim determination, they attacked the door; raining the blows upon it fast and furiously, and filling the air with a shower of splinters.

At length a final stroke sent the weakened hinges from their fastenings, and the men rushed through the underground passage into the murderer's laboratory.

A hasty, startled glance told them that Murdock was not there.

They started for the stairs and were met by a policeman who was just entering Murdock's office.

"Have you got him?" asked the detectives in chorus.

"No," replied the policeman, surprised; "Mr. Sturgis says he went down here about 20 minutes ago."

"We chased him in from the other end not ten minutes ago."

The policeman hurried down the stairs.

Murdock's valise and package stood conspicuous upon the long pine box. But of Murdock there was no sign.

"Gone!" exclaimed one of the detectives, deeply mortified at the thought that his quarry had slipped through his fingers. "Gone! How? Where? He cannot have escaped. He cannot—What is it, Mr. Sturgis?"

He had suddenly caught sight of the reporter, half way up the stairs.

Weak and ill, Sturgis, with blanched face, clung unsteadily, with one hand, to the railing; while, with the other, he pointed toward the lead-lined vat, whose dark viscous contents were bubbling like boiling oil.

A pungent vapor rose in dense clouds from the surface of the liquid. Through it the fascinated gaze of the horrified men vaguely discerned a nameless thing, tossed in weird and grotesque contortions in a seething vortex.

Murdock had escaped the justice of men.

CHAPTER XXV.

THE MURDER SYNDICATE.

"See here, Sturgis, this won't do. I forbade you to do a stroke of work to-day, or even to leave your bed; and here you are scribbling away just as though nothing had happened. I tell you when a man has the narrow squeak you have, there has been a tremendous strain upon his heart, and it is positively dangerous—"

"Don't scold, old man; I have never in my life been better than I feel to-day. And, besides, this work could not be postponed—"

"Oh, pahaw! That is what nine out of every ten patients say to their physician. They are modestly convinced that the world must needs come to a standstill if they cannot accomplish their tiny bit of work."

Dr. Thurston, who had assumed his frown of professional severity, proceeded to feel the reporter's pulse.

"Well, you are in luck; better than you deserve. Almost any other man would have been laid up for a week by the experience you have been through. And here you have the face to recover without the assistance of the medical profession, and in spite of your insolent disregard of my express orders to leave work alone for the present. Now, there is Sprague—"

"Ah, what of Sprague?" asked the reporter, anxiously.

"Sprague has had a close call. But he is safe now. If tender and intelligent nursing count for anything, he will probably be up in a day or two."

"Miss Murdock—"

"Yes, she has a professional nurse to help her; but she has insisted on taking charge of the case herself. And an excellent nurse she is, too, and a charming girl into the bargain—and what is more, a noble woman."

"Does she know of her father's death?"

"I broke the news as gently as possible. She took it much more calmly than I supposed she would. There evidently was but little sympathy between her and her father."

"On her side, at any rate."

"Yes. Her first act on learning of her father's crimes was to send for a lawyer. She refuses to touch a cent of his money, and has instructed her attorney to make such restitutions as may be possible and to turn the rest to charitable institutions. This leaves her almost penniless; for the property she held in her own right from her mother's estate amounts to very little. Fortunately, Sprague is rich enough for both. What are you doing there, if I may ask?"

Dr. Thurston pointed to a bundle which lay upon the table.

"That is Murdock's autobiography—a legacy to me. The package was found near his valise in the death chamber. He had addressed it to me at the last minute."

"Did it help you in your account of the Knickerbocker bank case for the 'Tempest'?"

"A little; but naturally, Murdock's account of that crime was not complete. The entire journal, however, is of absorbing interest. It is a pity that it cannot be published."

"Why cannot it be published?"

"It would be dangerous to the welfare of society. Murdock was an extraordinary genius in his line; there is marvelous originality and ingenuity in his work. His crimes, numbered by the hundred, were all of capital importance in their results; all deep-laid and skillfully executed. It is hardly likely that such another consummate artist in crime will exist once a century. To publish the details of his schemes would be to put a formidable weapon in the hands of the vulgar herd of ordinary criminals, who lack the imagination of this brilliant villain."

"I tell you, Thurston," continued Sturgis, with what seemed very like enthusiastic conviction, "this man was the originator of almost every unsolved mystery which has non-plussed the police during the last 15 years. He had his agents in every important center throughout the country; agents working under potent incentives, and yet working in the dark, for few of them have ever known who

held the mysterious power which directed their every move. Murder has been done wholesale; and so quietly and mysteriously has the work been accomplished that, in all but this last case, the detectives have found no clue whatever which might lead to an explanation of the sudden and unaccountable disappearance of wealthy men, whose bodies, shipped to the Manhattan Chemical company by Murdock's agents, were quietly and systematically made away with in the chemist's laboratory."

"He was the fiend incarnate!" exclaimed the physician.

"Well," said Sturgis, after a moment of thoughtful silence, "at any rate, he was not wantonly cruel. He was heartless; he was pitiless; but his cruelty was always a means to an end, however selfish and illegitimate that end might be. His cruelty is that, in a measure, of every human being, destroying life that he may live and trampling upon his fellow men that he may be comfortable. Between Murdock and the rest of us there was a difference of degree, certainly, but was there a difference of kind?"

"There is one thing which I cannot yet understand," said Thurston, "and that is, why Murdock should have pushed his audacity to the point of defying you to ferret out the mystery of this crime, when he might perhaps have avoided all risk of detection by holding his tongue."

"No man is perfect," answered Sturgis, sententially, "not even an accomplished villain like Murdock. Every human being has his weak points. Murdock had two: his vanity and his love for his daughter. They were the only traits which connected him with the human family. To them he owes his undoing."

THE END

We desire to call your attention to the Hereford sale advertised in another column. This will be quite an event and will, we think, mark a new departure in cattle raising. The buying of home raised and thoroughly acclimated bulls will be of much benefit to the smaller stockmen. The breeders represented in this sale are a guarantee of the worth of each animal offered. We hope it will be such a success that these sales may be a regular thing.

Spring time and the house cleaning and gardening will soon rage likewise the spring poet will sing his sweetest lay, the old domineer hen will most persistently cluck and refuse to lay at all, but sit or set or sot just as you like to call it, the little birds will warble, old cows hump themselves to escape the festive hee fly and all nature smiles like she had never a blizzard up her sleeve to spring on the unwary early birds.

Rev. Poole and Mr. A. Oliver of Hereford were in town this week.

For strictly first class blacksmithing go to Harter.

The following people registered at the Rogerson Hotel this week.

W. B. Parmer, K. C. Cox, Granite, O. T.; S. A. Naylor, Chilli-cothe, Tex.; W. T. Helms, Beverly; Junnie Johnson, Ft. Worth; D. A. Moore; D. W. Pinkstop, Silverton; C. B. Wallace, Newlino, Texas; W. P. Thomas; A. M. Mied, Quanah; J. H. Dillon, N. Y.; M. E. Merrill, Hale Center; S. H. Baker, Wright; J. L. Shows, Tolia; Sam L. Byrd and brother, county; Dr. W. J. Rogers, Hereford; Walter Angel, Emma, J. A. Derr, Fanchon; M. M. Wesley, Ceta; J. Frisbie, Amarillo; J. F. Moore, Fred Gaines, Running Water, F. G. Hill, Hale Center; J. T. Jowell, Jim Griffith, Lockney; Dr. Petty, Tulia.

Be sure to get our prices. SMITH, WALKER & CO.

Rev. T. F. Robeson is in the city this week.

The revival meeting is still in progress at the Methodist church.

Wade Stephenson went to Tucumcari last Friday. Claud Money has taken his place at Brent Taylors while absent.

Robeson, made the State office a very pleasant one this evening.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

DRS. DODSON & LEWIS,
DENTISTS,

Amarillo, Texas.
Dr. Lewis will be at Canyon City, April 10th, 11th and 12th, 1902.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

METHODIST.
Regular services for Canyon City 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7 p. m. At Tulia 2nd Sunday and at Bula 4th Sunday in each month. Sunday school at Canyon every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues at 2:30 and 3:30 p. m., respectively. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Everybody invited to attend these services.
Rev. J. E. STEPHENS, Pastor.

BAPTIST.
Services at Canyon City on the second and third Sundays of each month, at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Also at Tulia on the fourth Sunday of each month, morning at night and at 11 o'clock on the day before.
Rev. J. T. BURNETT, Pastor.
Prayer meeting Wednesday nights at Canyon City.
Sunday school at Canyon City each Sunday at 10 o'clock, a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN.
Preaching at Canyon City every 4th Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night at the Methodist church.
Rev. E. H. MOSLEY, Pastor.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.
Preaching every third Sunday morning at the Court House at 11 o'clock and at night.
Rev. C. M. LITTON, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN.
Preaching on 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. at the Baptist church by Elder H. M. Bandy.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
The Christian Scientists will hold their services at 2:30 p. m. each Sunday in the court room. Other denominations will kindly make a note of this when arranging their afternoon services. The Scientists usually take up about one and one-half hours altogether.

Canyon City Lodge No. 481 I. O. O. F. meets every Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. All visiting brethren are invited to meet with us.
W. D. Patton, N. G.
M. Newman, Secretary.

TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS:

We wish to say that after Jan. 1 we will sell STRICTLY FOR CASH

This is no dumping ground for hard stocks of other stores

ALL OF OUR GOODS ARE NEW AND FRESH

We Have Just Received our Spring Stock.

WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY

If you will give us your trade, you will not have to pay for any one else's goods which you will have to do if you trade with credit houses.

GIVE US A TRIAL

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"People are never satisfied," remarked the man with the mild eye and the gentle voice.

"What is the difficulty?"

"There is no real difficulty. I have merely been musing on how hard it is to please. When I was a boy people used to scold me for reading romances and detective stories instead of Shakespeare. Now that I have grown older and really enjoy Shakespeare, they sneer and ask why I insist on being such an old fogey."

Ready to Marry.

Friend—And so you are to marry George Slimpurse?

Sweet Girl—Yes, in a few weeks now. It will be a case of love in a cottage, and we've found a little gem of a place out in the country. We shall be so happy.

"I should like to meet him. Can't you take him here to tea some night?"

"Impossible, my dear. The cook has left, and we are obliged to go to a restaurant for meals."

A Little Too Fast.

"Look here, sir," said the irate customer to the dry goods clerk; "you sold me a piece of goods warranted a fast color. It was green when I bought it, and now it has turned to a sickly blue in less than two weeks."

"Well, madam," expostulated the clerk, "you could hardly expect a color to go faster than that."—Leslie's Weekly.

Touching Her Heart.

Mrs. Dinwiddie—I am of so sensitive a nature that I cannot bear to go about the streets at this season of the year.

Mrs. Van Braam—What is it that so works upon your sensibilities?

Mrs. Dinwiddie—I can't bear to witness so many moving scenes.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Knew Where He Stood.

"There's one thing I must say for Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton. "She is very firm, once she gets her mind made up."

"She can't be argued out of her opinion."

"No, indeed! That's what makes home so happy. If she expresses herself in the morning, I know perfectly well that she hasn't changed her mind when I get home at night. It makes it very much easier to converse."—Washington Star.

Miss Fannie Williamson, late of Bellevue, Texas, desires to announce to the ladies of Canyon City and surrounding country that she is now prepared to do first class dress making for both ladies and children. She cuts by tailor system thus insuring a perfect fit. Plain sewing neatly done. Prices reasonable at Mrs. R. G. Oldham's residence.

W. S. Baird is at work this week for I. G. Trimble, painting the court house.

JEWELRY!

R. B. Redfearn, the old reliable, has on sale, a beautiful line of solid gold, rolled gold, sterling silver and plated rings, pins, brooches, cuff buttons, collar buttons, fancy stick pins, bracelets, in fact a line too numerous to mention. Call and see what marvelous bargains he is offering. Remember

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Carries in stock a FULL AND COMPLETE Line of

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HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR HIDES, FURS AND BONES.

Kansas City Stock Report.

Kansas City Stock Yards,
March, 22, 1902.

This week's business in the cattle yards is almost an exact counterpart of last week's, a slight falling off in supplies, and with a few exceptions, a marked falling off in quality, and a slight advance in values. The advance this week was very general, and covered all classes of slaughtering and feeding cattle that made any pretence of quality. The top notch of the week was 6.79, that price being reached by two bunches, each of which averaged over 1500 pounds. The supply of tippy butcher cows and heifers is still below the requirements of the trade, one lot of that class, that averaged 1009 pounds, bringing \$6.25 per hundred, with several sales reaching \$6.00 and \$6.10. Choice export and dressed beef steers are selling from \$9.45 to 6.70, with the plainer grades bringing \$4.75 to \$6.40, butcher cows and heifers \$3.40 to \$6.25, canners \$2.50 to \$3.40, bulls \$3.25 to \$5.00, and veal calves \$4.50 to 6.50.

The stocker and feeder trade is of course light at this season, but the demand is more than equal to the supply, and all the offerings that have any merit are ready sale at strong values. Heavy breeders are bringing as high as 5.25 with prices ranging from 3.25 for common stuff, to 4.25 for choice stock.

The supply of Southern fed steers is a way below the requirements of the trade. The top price for the week and season was scored on Thursday by Fred Garrett, of Miami, I. T. who sold 22 steers that weighed 1190 pounds each, at 6.00 per hundred. The packers are showing a preference for Southern division range from 6.00 for choice steers to 4.50 for very plain varieties, with the usual

run of good butcher steers selling from 5.00 to 5.65, cows 3.50 to 5.50, bulls 3.25 to 5.00 and canners 2.50 to 3.50.

This was a week of disappointment to the packers in the hog division, with light receipts and the most of the offerings absolutely without any sign of quality. The only encouraging feature in the week's business was that prices were a trifle higher, which fact was probably more pleasing to the producer than to the packer. The highest price of the week was reached to-day, with top hogs bringing 6.60, prices ranging from 5.50 for lights to 6.60 for choice heavies.

The supply of sheep on Monday was the largest for several weeks. The local market displayed an unusually spirited demand, and the advance inaugurated at that time has improved during the week, and prices today are fully 25 cents higher than they were last Saturday.

Lambs have possibly shown the most strength, which fact was largely traceable to the better quality of the lamb supply. We close a good week's business with prices today at top notch of the week. Native lambs are selling from 5.35 to

6.60, Western lambs 6.25 to 6.55, Western wethers, 5.20 to 5.60, Western yearlings 5.65 to 6.00, ewes 4.65 to 5.15, stockers and feeders 3.00 to 5.25.

We have on sale now a quantity of Tonic Stock Salt. It is said to cure every ill cow flesh is heir to except death. Stock men report great results from its use. Try some of it and be convinced.

2 Canyon Mercantile Co.

All of the pretty girls will bloom like a garden of roses next Sunday. The easter hats and dresses will be out in all their summer glory, but they may get frost bitten unless the weather moderates.

Miss Gyp Holland wants to see you at Anderson's Cash House. Don't forget the place.

D. H. Sweeny, the genial, whole souled, well known Briscoe county cowman, made us a pleasant call last week.

Mr. G. N. Caylor, of Happy, made us a pleasant call Tuesday and brought us some vegetables. He always raises them.

Stockmen who raised feed last year were so well repaid for their trouble that they will plant larger acreages this year.

Unfed cattle are weak and thin but very few deaths are reported. Grass is getting green but it will be a month yet before it will be of any real benefit or before deaths cease entirely. The death rate will probably be the lowest known for many years.

The Hadley Drug Company have just received a lot of solid gold wedding rings. See them.

Open the Door.

Open the door, let in the air;
The winds are sweet and the flowers
are fair
Joy is abroad in the world today;
If our door is wide it may come this
way—

Open the door!

Open the door, let in the sun;
He hath a smile for every one;
He hath made of the raindrops gold
and gems,
He may change our tears to diamonds—

Open the door!

Open the door of the soul, let in
Strong, pure thoughts which shall
banish sin;
They will grow and bloom with a
grace divine,
And their fruit shall be sweeter than
that of the vine—

Open the door!

Open the door of the heart, let in
Sympathy sweet for the stranger
and kin;
It will make the halls of the heart so
fair
That angels may enter unaware—

Open the door!

—St. Louis Republic.

A GOOD THING

German syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures coughs, colds and all lung troubles of the severest nature, removing as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boschee's German syrup was introduced in the United States in 1886 and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. For sale by Hadley, the leading druggist.

Panhandle Stockmen's Association March 25th.

For above occasion the Pecos & Northern Texas Ry., will sell tickets to Quanah rate of one fare for the round trip. Selling dates March 23 and 24. Time limit March 28th.

For the above occasion the Denver Road will sell tickets March 24th and 25th good until March 28th at a rate of one fare for the round trip.

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Colored Art Pictures.

The first of a series of beautiful colored art pictures will be issued with the next Sunday Post-Dispatch, March 30th, Easter number. The pictures are in eleven colors, size 10x16 1/2 inches, ready for framing. Fit to adorn any home.

The price of the great Sunday Post-Dispatch, including 14-page magazine elaborately illustrated, comic sections in colors, news sections and this beautiful art picture, the regular price, only 5 cents a copy. On sale at all news stands or by mail for three months, 50 cents. Address: Post-Dispatch, St. Louis, Mo.

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WITHOUT AND WITHIN.

BY ELIZABETH EARL JONES.

Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man, . . . but those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.—Matthew 15: 11, 18.

Within is the thought, without is the deed;
Wrong thought is the sinner, its offspring the sin,
But storms from without neither wreck nor mislead,
If the Kingdom of Heaven abideth within.

HEREFORDS FOR SALE.

I will sell at a bargain if taken in the next thirty days 83 1/2 to FULL BLOOD STOCK CATTLE.

I have used with these cattle the very best bulls that money could buy. There isn't a cow over six years old. I will have 30 head of three-year-old heifers that will bring calves this year that will interest the most sceptical. My reason for disposing of my entire grade herd is to handle registered stock altogether. Come soon, they are going.

This is a chance for some one to get a good herd. Call on or write to

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C. T. DeGraftenreid, Prop.

"THE LONG TRAIL" OF THE CATTLE RANGE

has given prominence in history to the now world famous Texas Panhandle. But few years ago the wonderful possibilities of this region as a wheat country became known, and great things were prophesied for "The Granary of the South," which subsequent harvests justified. Comparatively recent is the demand of good livers for "Vernon Cantaloupes," but it's come to stay. Those acquainted with this section and its wealth as a producer of feed-stuffs, corn and cotton have long believed in it, nor have they been moving away. When Northwestern Texas remained conspicuous for its excellence in the face of almost universally discouraging crop conditions, people began to see reasons for the faith of those inviting them to enter and possess the land; and now, with farms and ranches being bought daily by new settlers coming in by wagon and rail, three new railroads now building and four more projected, seeking a share of the general prosperity, good reason is evident for the favor with which the territory along "THE DENVER ROAD" is regarded by prospectors.

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