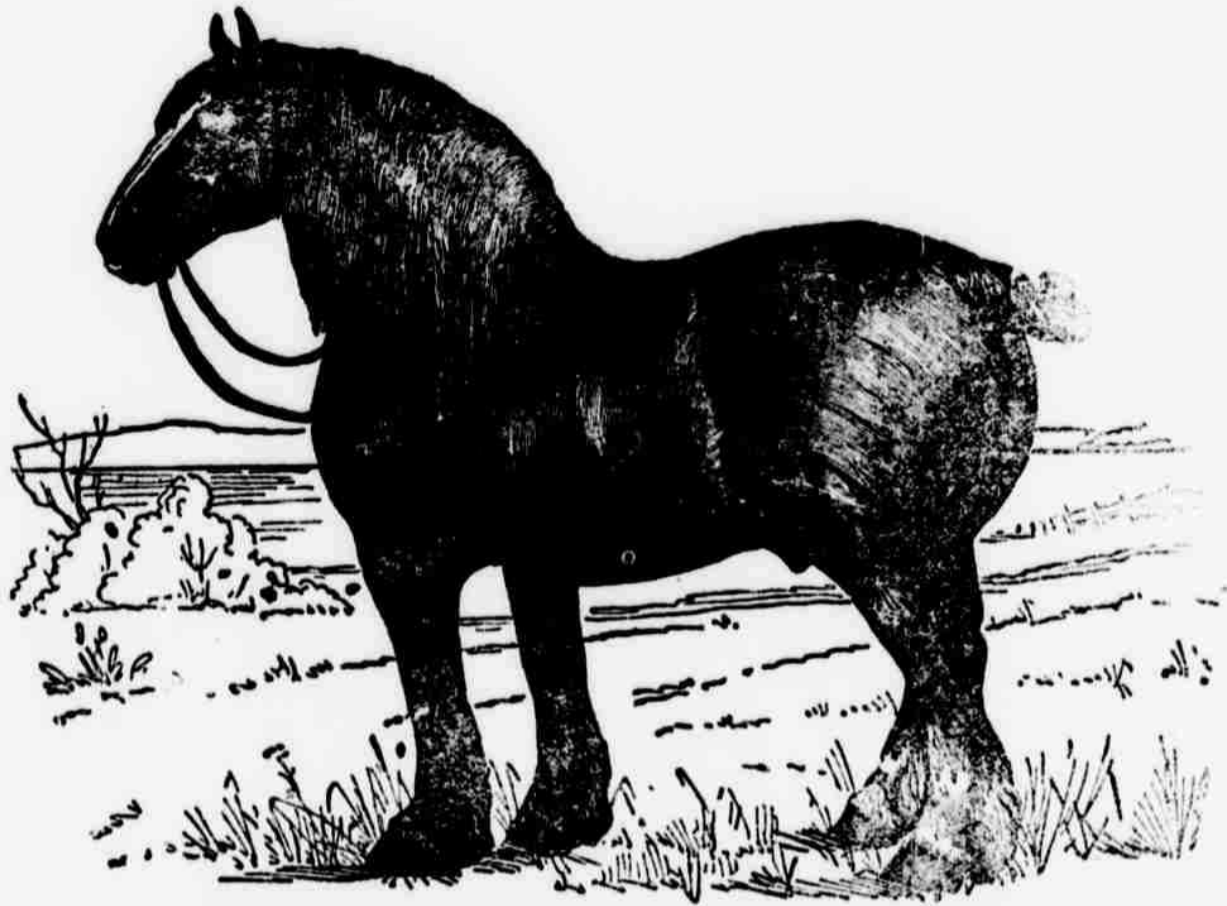


**A FEW POINTS.**

**For Horses and Mule Dealers and Breeders.**

Gentlemen.—I was sorry indeed not to have been able to attend the annual horse show at Haskell, not that I consider that there is a draft horse in Haskell county, or even in western Texas, that compares in size, weight, development and purity of good blood with Franklin, Reg. No. 1365, in fact I know there is not, for he took first money and best ribbon at Kansas City where the finest draft horses in the United States are to be found. But I regret it because a county or country is generally judged by the stock that are raised or used in it, and there is nothing that will advance a country as quickly as fine stock, especially where the seasons are as uncertain as they are here, and I like to do my share towards encouraging its improvement. Most people in Western Texas, I think, are laboring under mistaken opinions as to the class of horses which are most profitable and should be used at present, as I was myself for a short time.

Now as to the draft horse, I dislike them very much, I even hate to handle them or deal in them. We must know that we have in Western Texas a class of very common small mares, even the largest of them are small, only having been crossed on the mustang and Spanish ponies one, or two or three times at most, and those crosses by a cheap and poorly bred horse from the eastern part of the state, that could not be used where he was foaled at all. And next comes the class of horses that Haskell and other counties are using to-day for stallions. They are very small, weighing from 800 to 1000 lbs., which have been crossed by trotters, pacers and runners. Nine out of ten of them show no speed, but simply have a cross of a horse in them that once made a record, probably of 2:30 or 2:40, which is to-day a good roadster, or that ran a quarter in 26 flat, and to-day you see men breeding those \$30 to \$40 mares to such stallions and paying from \$15 to \$25 a season expecting to get a Maud S., Sunol, Arien or Nancy Hanks out of them when the real fact is that not one tenth of such colts at one year old will sell for the money paid for the season. Even if they do get a fast colt how do they ever find it out? Simply by paying a training bill of not less than \$500 to a jockey to develop his speed, and if he is even brought to a 2:30 gait if he is not level headed, or goes wrong in any way, he is not fit for the track, therefore, he is only a good roadster, worth from \$100 to \$250, when counting training he has cost from \$500 to \$100. There are a good many persons who have learned this by experience and loss of time and money—one about my height, for instance. I once owned and stood a horse in this county, Joe Bowers, jr.,



**FRANKLIN.**

REGISTER NO. 1365.

Dipp'e Brown four years old, weighs 1800 lbs. high 16 1/2 inches, eighteen hundred pounds, cost \$1650.00 Imported September 27th 1888 from Ontario, Canada; took Best Ribbon at Dallas State Fair, Kansas City State Fair, St. Louis Fair, Belton and San Antonio Fair the fall that he was imported. This horse will stand 13 miles. Not to be sold at any price. No colts, no pay. Also have an Imported Black Spanish equally as fine as horse. Will do my best to prevent accidents, but in case of will not be responsible.

**Thos. G. Carney.**

that was seven crosses deep in registered standard and thorough bred blood. He was by far the finest bred horse ever kept in this country and had a record of 2:28, besides, every sire for seven generations back had a record, one as low as 2:18. He produced a good many colts from these small Texas mares; I have 35 or 40 of them and I venture to say that there is not one in the lot, including three-year-olds, that I can sell in Haskell county to-day for \$350. They are small but show nice, smooth gaits, but how am I to know which one of the 40 will lower Nancy Hanks' record without paying a trainer \$100 to \$500 a piece, probably to tell me at the end that not one out of the 40 will make a turf horse.

Now comes the most deceptive horse of all—the horse termed the "general purpose" horse. He deceives more men than all the rest for, progeny is really good for naught. He is not a trotter, can't pace, can't run, and is under size for draft purposes. How is this horse produced: By a 1/8 or one-sixteenth draft cross. They then call him Morgan, steel dust, copper bottom, etc., to hide that cross, such horses as these are preferred in Western Texas to-day by some because they will need a few cow ponies for a while yet, and they will certainly have them. These ponies are dull sale at from \$20 to \$40 with no demand in the eastern mar-

kets for them. As stated before, I dislike the draft horse, but the money of to-day is in grain, therefore I am handling them. A pure draft horse crossed on our small mares will produce from a 1000 to 1400 pound horse good for anything but to use as a stallion. When you ship horses of this weight, of good form, they are ready sale at good prices where a pony can't be sold for his value, even if his pedigree is perfect. To increase the size, weight and value of our horses we will be compelled to cross our West Texas mares on heavy draft horses, which will give us an all purpose work horse but not an all purpose sire to impose on the people with. Good mules are also worth good money anywhere, but the little Texas and Mexican mules of southwest and western Texas, that used to be in great demand for street car purposes are to-day the poorest sale of any stock raised, even in the cotton parts of Louisiana and the piney woods. I have one of the finest and finest bred imported Spanish jacks ever shipped to western Texas that is producing about 40 colts this season, it being his first season in Texas, and had to acclimate. Some of his mules can be seen at Kasoga, owned by the postmaster, some at my ranch and other places, and are any of them hard to excell. My arrangements are better than ever before. I have

put up new stables, new lots, have 2500 acres in pasture, plenty of nice water, etc., therefore am better prepared to receive and attend to custom mares than ever before. I can also give a better rate on breeding than that of last season, see my ad, for this season.—Respt Thos G. Carney.

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