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CATTLE.

Under former conditions of the Texas cattle industry the losses resulting all over the state from the long-continued blizzard ending on the 14th would have been simply appalling. As it is, while losses cannot even yet be accurately estimated, there is much reason to hope that they will be less than was apprehended a week ago. Beyond question the unusual amount of feeding done this winter has saved the range breeders very many thousands of animals that would have died without it. The caution which has saved so much must not yet be abandoned. Although the worst of the winter has passed, it is at least not improbable that there will yet be, before the coming of grass, some weather that will further tax the endurance of cattle on all the ranges, and especially on those not heavily grazed. Feed should be ready for them to maintain their strength. The great saving already effected should not be lost for want of feed during the comparatively brief time when they may need it.

IMPROVING THE RANGE.

Circular No. 8, issued by the division of agronomy, United States department of Agriculture, reports experiments in range improvements that are interesting, and may be made valuable. Every cattleman has noted the rapid deterioration of the cattle ranges during the last twenty years, more rapid during the cattle boom in the early '80s and for a few years thereafter than at any other period, for then it was that the ranges began to be so heavily overstocked. It would be impossible to estimate the loss which the live-stock industry of Texas has suffered from the effort to make the pastures carry more cattle than the grass could sustain. The result has been that over large areas the best grasses have almost entirely disappeared and in their place have come grasses less nutritious, weeds, and, in some localities, cactus and brush.

The experiment was conducted under the direction of Prof. Jared G. Smith, assistant agronomist, and the place selected for it was near and north of Abilene, Texas, with Mr. H. Bentley as special field agent in charge. A tract of 640 acres of land was set apart by C. W. Merchant, a cattleman of Abilene, who gave the government the use of it for three years. This tract was divided into nine tracts, six of 80 acres each, two of 40 acres each, one of 70 acres, the remaining 10 acres being cultivated in forage crops. The experiment began March, 1898, and the report was made November 24th following. The principal object was to re-cover the pastures with the native grasses.

Pasture 1 (80 acres) had no treatment except to keep stock off until June 1, pasturing the balance of the season. Pasture 2 (80 acres) cut with a disk harrow and kept stock off until June 1, pasturing the balance of the season. Pastures 3 and 4 (40 acres each) grazed alternately, the stock being changed from one pasture to another every two weeks. Pasture 5 (80 acres) grazed the native grasses a short period for recovery after each grazing. Pasture 6, no treatment except pasturing until June 1, keeping stock off the balance of the season. Pasture 7 left as a check, without any treatment, and pastured to keep stock off during the first season. Pasture 8 grazed with an ordinary straight-toothed harrow and stock kept off during the first season. Pasture 9 disked and stock kept off during the first season.

The 70 acres tract was not grazed. Seeds of a number of wild and cultivated varieties were sown directly upon the sod. An effort has been made to get a stand of Texas Blue Grass and Curly Mesquite, and the remaining fragments of sod to the bare spots.

No. 10, consisting of ten acres, was planted with several forage plants. (This report on them will be given in the Farm Department of the Journal.) A committee of cattlemen, C. W. Merchant, D. L. Middleton and W. J. Bryan, examined the land April 1 and reported that the 640 acres would not carry more than 40 head of cattle, or one animal to sixteen acres. From cattle selected were 10 cows, 15 yearlings and 15 two-year-olds. The season was an excessively dry one and in November the cattle had to be taken off for a short time because of the failure of water supply. The drought, also, operated unfavorably on the effort to get a stand of native grasses by transplanting and diminished the benefit expected from all the other methods employed to restore the native grasses.

The result, however, proved, from the report states in italics "that the culture of the native sod with disk and tooth harrows will pay well in this section." Had there been a normal rainfall during the season the results of this leaving the surface of the soil and the roots of the grasses would have been much better. There were no results from sowing the grass seeds, the utter failure being probably due to drought. The result as to the pastures, however, demonstrated that they had been benefited, and the same committee that estimated in the spring that 16 acres would be required for one cow has recently inspected the land and now says that 10 acres will give as liberal pasturage as the 16 acres at the inauguration of this experiment, or that the section will carry 64 animals instead of only 40. Think of what a gain of 60 per cent in the grazing capacity of the pasture alone would mean to the cattle industry of Texas.

The experiments will be continued to the end of the three years. The report says: "It is too soon to draw conclusions; but the outlook for the rapid increase in the quantity of grass on these overstocked pastures is encouraging. Moreover, the methods in use are such as are well within the reach of any stock owner, should be wish to avail himself of the results." More than once the Journal has recommended to its readers the methods which have resulted so favorably in the above experiment, always having a part of the range at rest and occasionally lightly tearing the surface with a disk harrow.

HORSE.

Make your surplus stock of horses on the farm profitable. Have good brood mares and make them the work-horses. Breed them to the best standard of quality you can get them to having them in prime condition as to health and vigor when bred. Keep them in such condition while in foal, and feed them in such a way as to stimulate milk production while nursing their young. Keep the colts always growing, handle them frequently, and have them always sound in health, always subject to control, but spirited and fearless. Note the mares that suckle the young the best and if the foals of any one of these are filled and equally as good as the other fillies keep them to become brood mares.

If you have a horse which you wish to sell, get him fat before you send him to market. The man who buys horses are generally men who want to use them at once, and they want the horse to look well at the time he is bought. They consider, too, the fat on a horse as a certificate of health. It will cost you to put on the flesh which the buyer wants to see, but the shorter time it will take to sell the animal and the better price he will bring will be a big price for all the hay and grain used and all the grooming performed in preparing him for market. When a thin horse is sold on the open market the buyer is generally a speculating horse dealer and he knows pretty well what time and feed will be required to bring it to saleable condition, and he will only pay the amount which leaves him a very large margin for protection against contingencies.

It is probable that few men except those engaged in handling horses about the markets and in the centers of horse raising industry have realized the smallness of the number of suitable breeding stock to provide for the rapidly increasing demand for really good horses. The shortage is in all classes except those that are not fit for any demand. Not only is there a deficiency of good brood mares for producing the fashionable coach horses, roadsters, and saddlers, but the draught stock of the country is in the same condition. Even the farmers during recent years have abandoned raising work horses for their farm work in a number of localities in the North, having found it cheaper to restock by buying and many of the some of the Northern papers say, are continuing to buy instead of breeding.

In a general way the shortage of good horses has been known and talked of for nearly two years, but it seems so far not to have had any general effect in the way of leading to an attempt to supply the deficiency, and in Texas, as probably pretty much all over the country, few people are taking any steps to avail themselves of the opportunity which the situation offers. Conditions are such now that it will certainly be four or five years before a supply can be prepared for market sufficient to meet the demand and reduce the price to what it was before the war. It will take even longer. In the meantime there is a very reasonable prospect of a distinct advance in market values of all horses belonging to any of the saleable classes.

OUTLOOK FOR HIGH-CLASS HORSES.

Western Horseman in its Souvenir number February 10, one of the handsomest publications of the kind the Journal has yet received, says of the present status and probable future of the horse industry: "Conditions have been improving gradually for many months, and each month now finds the improvement more and more realized, and notwithstanding the fact that a stray 'tale of woe' is still occasionally heard, general conditions are so much improved that there can be no longer a reasonable doubt that a period of high prices and general prosperity for horse breeding and ownership is at hand—indeed, is here now. Never in the history of the horse trade in America have high-class horses brought better prices than they do today, and this means that high-class horses are being scarce, and that in years to come they will be still higher."

Not only are such horses growing scarcer but the market for them is ever widening. The high appreciation given to them in Europe has wonderfully increased the number that have gone abroad, and there seems to be no reason for doubting that such export trade will grow to much larger proportions. But the principal demand is here at home, one that is the natural result of the vast accumulation of wealth and consequent increase of luxury in the United States. No man who has seen the great increase in the number of wealthy families in the United States can doubt that the demand for the class of horses fitted for the purposes of fashion and pleasure must ever be a growing one unless there comes a time of such general prostration of business as cannot probably occur again in this country, considering the very large number of families that have already accumulated great fortunes. The demand must grow faster than breeding can supply it for many years to come.

And with this demand, and its discrimination in favor of the class of animals that possess excellence as harness horses for various services and as stylish saddlers the great horse shows in several of the Northern cities have had much to do. These shows have had a great educating influence, and while stimulating a demand for really high-class animals as to make their production profitable they have taught the buyers very much that they could not have learned so quickly, nor so thoroughly in any other way. They want good horses and they have learned very much of what it takes to constitute good horses—and they will have no other. And meanwhile the nondescript and the scrub become continually of less and less value. Why will men continue to raise them for market?

SWINE.

Make arrangements for your hogs to have plenty of pasturage throughout the year. They may need other feed, and, in fact it will pay to give them some grain if it can be done, but the green feed is necessary to keep them in health.

The finest Danish bacon, so highly prized in the English markets, is made by feeding the right sort of pigs on barley, wheat, rye and peas, together with boiled potatoes, new turnips cut fine, skimmed milk, butter-milk or whey, and, in the summer, grass instead of the roots.

SHEEP DIP FOR LICE AND MANGE.

A swine breeder who had a number of pigs eight or ten weeks old, old enough to wean, noticed that they were not doing well and on closer examination found that "some were lousy, some a little mangy and others looked measly." He used kerosene, but it failed to relieve the trouble and it occurred to him that a sheep dip was good to cure sheep suffering similar troubles, he would give it a trial and he reports the result as follows:

"I put in a barrel twenty-five gallons of water and one quart of dip, and stirred it up good, then dipped one pig. Never saw such a change; not over fifteen minutes work. Left barrel in pen, and whenever I saw a pig having the least thing the dip on the skin I dumped it in the barrel of dip. I have the cleanest, nicest lot of shoats ever raised, and advise all raisers of hogs to try it. Dip your pigs several times at from four to twelve weeks old and see for yourself. It will more than save the price in feed and in better growth, kills all lice and humors in the skin, besides disinfecting the pigs."

The pens, also, should have been thoroughly cleaned and rid of lice by sprinkling with solution of caustic soda or anything else that would have the same effect, and probably this was done.

BREEDS AND FATTENING QUALITIES.

James W. Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairies for the Dominion of Canada, in a recent report of certain feeding experiments, says: "In a series of tests in which swine of different breeding were fattened at the experimental farm, it was discovered that there was no constant or appreciable superiority in the breeds and breeding in respect to the quantity of feed consumed per pound of increase in live weight. From four series of tests it appeared that:

(1) The breeding of the swine that gave the largest increase per pound of feed consumed was different in each of the four tests.

(2) There was no constant or appreciable superiority in the breeds and breeding tested in respect to the quantity of feed consumed per pound of increase in live weight.

(3) The difference in thriftiness or power to increase live weight per pound of feed consumed was greater between different animals of the same litter than between breeds or breeding as such, in different litters.

(4) On the whole for fattening purposes, cross-bred swine and grades gave better results than pure breeds.

(5) The swine which received the greatest increase in weight for feed consumed, 2.52 pounds of meal (mixed grains), plus 2.56 pounds of skim-milk per pound of increase in live weight, from an average weight of 86 pounds to 150 pounds per head."

NO FEAR OF OVER-PRODUCTION.

In an address to the Swine Breeders at their Sherman meeting last week, Mr. H. E. Singleton of McKinney, said: "If the production of hogs in Texas were increased one hundred per cent, we would still not overstock the market or glut the market. Don't be afraid to go into swine breeding. It is the industry of the day and the hour."

The Journal believes that Mr. Singleton did not exaggerate in the statement that twice the number of hogs now raised in Texas would meet with ready consumption. The packery at Dallas has long, perhaps always from its first establishment, had a strong demand for all its products. Its complaint all along has been that it could not obtain the hogs which its plant could handle and which they could dispose of to their customers. Doubtless conditions have been the same at all the packeries of the State. Another packery will soon be added to the Texas list, and each of them, it is safe to say, will be able to handle during the season many more hogs than it will be able to buy. And all of them, run to their present full capacity, would not meet the demand of Texas consumption. It must be remembered that Texas yet consumes many millions of pounds of salt pork, bacon and lard brought from Northern packeries.

Texas can produce and ought to produce enough to supply its home demand and to meet a large proportion of the export demand. Climatic and soil conditions make swine breeding here a cheaper and safer industry than it is in the states that are now making it the source of immense revenue. Feed products can be raised cheaply and in abundance practically unlimited, not only the concentrated feeds, corn, Kaffir corn, etc., but the green and succulent feeds which health and give vigor and development. Hogs can be put in the open air nearly every day in the year. All the conditions are so favorable that loss from disease is hardly considered by the farmer. Texas has railroads from all portions of the state leading to the Mexican Gulf and all the products of the state can reach Galveston harbor for export at less cost than those of the states in which such a vast surplus of hogs is raised, and such any point of export. Only raise the hogs here in excess of home demands and there will then be the foreign market open to receive all that can be exported. The packeries now here will increase their working capacity and many others will spring up at convenient points. These will give home market for the farmers for many times the number of hogs they now produce.

SHEEP.

Full grown wethers can be fattened on corn and good, bright straw.

The market centers have been oversupplied with mutton sheep the past few weeks, most of the latter is better quality, and prices, of course, have suffered.

Prevention is the best sort of doctoring for sheep, as well as for any other class of live stock. Dipping ought not to be put off until it is badly needed. The man who occasionally dips his sheep thoroughly will seldom be compelled to dip when neither season or time are favorable.

Very much watchfulness is required in feeding young lambs. At first the feed should be light, not more than one-half pound of oats and shelled corn a day. Gradually the quantity may be increased, so that in thirty days they may be fed about three times as much. Besides the green feed they should have some forage, such as sorghum, Kaffir corn, forage or millet.

The exceedingly cold weather of the latter part of January and the first two weeks in February caused very many losses among the sheep herds in the northwest. In many places the snow covering the ground had an icy surface that prevented the sheep from getting to the grass even where the snow had not been deep. The white accounts of the losses will probably not appear for several weeks, but enough is known now to render it certain that they will be extremely heavy.

It is probable that Kaffir corn will become an important feed in Texas in fattening sheep for market. In cattle feeding tests both at the Kansas and the Oklahoma Experiment stations, Kaffir corn meal was found to have about the same feeding value as corn meal or anything else that would be so small and hard that to get anything near its full value it has to be ground or crushed for cattle feeding, but sheep masticate it thoroughly. It has large and numerous blades that make valuable roughage for the masticator. The Kansas Experiment station has seen no reports of feeding sheep on the grain and fodder of Kaffir corn. It believes it can be profitably utilized in that way.

One of the earliest breeders of Angora goats in Texas, and a most successful one is Mr. Wm. Haupt, who lives near Kyle, in Hays county, Texas. The Denver Field and Farm has this to say of his work: "Goat breeding is a science about which we of the great plains know very little, and Haupt is no less. Years ago Mr. Haupt of Texas, began crossing the pure bred Angora on the common Mexican goat, and it appears from his continued experience that while the animal itself is not thoroughly changed from the Mexican type to that of the pure bred Turkish animal, yet after many crosses, the hair becomes as perfect as that of the native Turkish Angora goat. It appears that the change does not take place in the fiber itself, but that a new growth of the genuine Angora hair starts in the very first cross. It grows only to a short length, but in grading up the staple becomes longer, and this process continues the nearer the grade approaches the pure bred, so that after about the eighth cross the hair has displaced all of the old Mexican growth and is fine, sleek and glossy, strong and regular as that of the original stock. The staple grows to the length of ten to twelve inches and has a peculiar luster, which makes it desirable for mixing with wool in the manufacture of fine goods."

GRAIN FOR UNWEANED LAMBS. Prof. Henry, director of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment station, in his work on feeds and feeding, says: "At the Wisconsin station Craig conducted trials with lambs receiving grain before weaning, other lots in comparison getting none. Among the conclusions reached are the following: "The continuous grain feeding from birth until the lambs were about ten months old did not produce any noticeable differences in the carcasses in respect to the mixture of fat and lean. "The lambs that were fed grain continuously from birth until about ten months old sheared a heavier fleece of either washed or unwashed wool than those that did not receive any grain previous to the third or fattening period. "The wool from the lambs that were fed grain from birth contained more yolk or grease than that from those that had no grain previous to the fattening period. "The continuous grain feeding materially influenced the early maturity of the lambs. In three of the trials the lambs so fed weighed as much per head seven weeks before the conclusion of the trials as those that had no grain weighed at the end of the trials. In the remaining two trials, the grain fed lambs equalled the average weight of those that did not receive any grain four weeks before. The cost of securing these (equal) weights did not materially differ in most of the trials. "When the lambs are to be sold at weaning time in July, at the age of three or four months, it is profitable to feed grain before weaning. "When the lambs are to be sold when about seven months old in November, it will pay to feed them grain both before and after weaning. "When the lambs are fed grain continuously from birth, they are fit for the market at any time, so that advantage may be taken of any favorable fluctuation that may occur in market prices. "The last consideration, that the lamb that has been grain-fed continuously from birth is always in marketable condition, is one of considerable importance. The farmer having such lambs can at any time convert them into ready money, when perhaps there is nothing else upon the farm that will give him immediate command of money."

POULTRY.

A man too lazy to perform his work at regular hours is unfit for poultry culture.

The man who starts business at the bottom round of the ladder is better able to climb to the top.

It is advisable to hatch out your "heavy weights" in early March—some breeders have already begun and have chicks nearly large enough to broil.

Why not let the poultry have the liberty of the farm now and plant their yards in crimson clover? This will give a chance for good winter pasturage.

These cold mornings, if a little hot water is added to the drinking water—just enough to take off the chill—it will only be better relished by the fowls, but will act like a tonic instead of giving them a chill. The morning mash, too, should be warm, and it will be to heat the grain at night during very cold weather.

As to systems of feeding for eggs, every poultry keeper has his or her own. There are no set rules for feeding, but there are rules for are which must receive careful attention. In the first place, there must be a place in which they can scratch and exercise, and this place should be well sheltered from storms, wind and snow. Here must be kept fresh water (if wanted) in an extreme cold weather, such as the better) grit and dusting place. The natural earth floor will be dusty enough if the roof does not leak.

Among the long list of sales of stock at the daily show, England, to be noticed a Barred Plymouth Rock hen at \$52, and a Black Minorca cockerel and a Black Rosecomb Bantam hen at the same price each. A Buff Wyandotte pullet went for \$250, and a Toulouse gander for \$20. The highest figure of any pigeon, sale was \$44 for a Black Carrier hen. At the great Crystal Palace show held in London of last year several Buff Cochins sold at prices ranging from six hundred to one thousand dollars each.

Talking about drinking water, we wish to say that a great mistake is made by many poultrymen in giving cold water to drink to a fowl the first time in the morning. It is a good plan to feed first, both summer and winter, and then, say an hour after feeding, give the water to drink. The poultry not only relish it better, but it does them more good. We have been adopting this method for several years, and have never seen any reason for changing it.

It is not natural for hens to become broody in winter yet it is not uncommon for the poultry to have some hens become broody each year while the snow is on the ground. If one has the eggs to spare, and has a good, large place where the hen and her brood can be kept during the cold winter weather, it will pay to set these early brooders. But do not undertake it unless you are so fixed that you can give them good protection.—Poultry Farmer.

WHY THEY FAIL.

A lot of people rush into the poultry business without any capital or experience, and the consequence is failure. They read of the success of others, and imagine they can do as well, without considering for one moment that they are not equipped for the venture. So many people start out on a scale that is nothing short of ridiculous. We have known men to quit jobs and start in the poultry business with hardly enough money on hand to pay for one month's provisions, expecting to make a living out of the business from the start. To the amateur poultryman we have this to say: Do not quit your job and expect to make a living with poultry the first year; for if you do you are certain at the end of the year to be among those who swear that there is nothing in keeping chickens.

The best way to start in the poultry business on a large scale is to start with only a few birds all you can about chickens, and then try to breed all the good birds you can take care of without crowding, the first year. If, at the end of the year, you are satisfied to go ahead, and have enough money on hand to get everything ready for a larger breeding flock, as well as to carry you through the year for the necessities of life, then you might quit your job and start in; but remember, you must know what you are doing, and you must have a taste for the business, and get a pretty good idea of raising poultry. The second year you should be able to produce a flock large enough to enable you to go into it more heavily, and with ordinary success you should make a good living out of five hundred hens.

We would strongly advise you, when starting, to be governed by the following rules: First, start with the best to hand; second, decide what you desire to breed for—eggs or meat; third, get one variety, and stay with it. If you breed only one variety you can soon, by advertising a little and exhibiting your birds, make a reputation for them, and sell a good lot at good prices, while the rest can go to market. Do not start with the idea that you can sell all you breed at fancy prices, for you will not be able to do so for some time. To earn a reputation for your fowls, you must advertise for at least one year before you can expect much return. The poultryman who succeeds in selling all his fowls at good prices, is the man who has spent years in the poultry business, and many dollars in advertising.—Pacific Poultryman.

Hale County Herald: Cattle generally in this section are doing pretty well and losses are light. Once in a while we hear of the loss of a cow or two, but in most cases they are old ones, or young cows suckling late calves.

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NEWS NOTES.

Edens Bros. of Corsicana, shipped to Chicago Friday 17 cars of fat cattle.

A report from Alvin to the Houston Post says the vegetable crops have been entirely destroyed and strawberries have been set back at least three weeks.

Graham Leader: Sunday morning the thermometers ranged 10 degrees below zero in rooms where there had been fire the night before, while in exposed places the mercury went 14 below.

Henderson Times: This cold weather has made all kinds of feed stuffs go by the wholesale. All kinds of stock that was well fed made it through the blizzard all right, but cows that were poor and unsheltered suffered and many died.

The Mexican Trade Review gives a list of prices of public land in the various states for the fiscal year 1899-1900 as fixed by President Diaz.

Matagorda Tribune: Just now the desirability of good roads is forcibly brought to the attention of every man who travels, and the cursing man who gets stuck in the mud brings the undesirability of the bad roads forcibly to the attention of every one within the sound of his voice, and that is upwards of a right smart distance.

Amarillo Western Advocate: Capt. W. P. Pearson, of the Washburn country, reports but very little losses from the cold weather of the 11th and 12th. From the best information gathered by him on the plains in the Washburn country the losses up to this date will not exceed more than 1 per cent, and

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WINE OF CARDUI FOR ALL WOMEN

NINE-TENTHS of all the pain and sickness from which women suffer is caused by weakness or derangement in the organs of menstruation.

Ben Littleton, a Hill county cattleman, during the recent cold weather had a lot of choice steers about ready to ship in the feed pens at Mount Calin.

Midland Live Stock Reporter: F. E. Rankin ought of Dock Cowden this week 500 one and two-year-old steers.

A dispatch of the 18th from Beaumont, Texas, says: Reports are beginning to come into the city showing the extent of damage done to the stock on the prairies by the recent cold weather.

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West Texas Stockman: From careful experiments Dr. W. K. Lewis has concluded that even severe cold weather cannot kill the well matured cattle ticks.

Henrietta Peoples Review: Stock losses in this county have been light, as all have provided abundant feed.

Quannah Observer: Some few of our cattlemen report losses of cattle, not, however, to an alarming extent.

Mr. B. M. Vanderhurst, long connected with the Texas press, died of consumption at his mother's home in Austin Feb. 17.

A dispatch of February 15 from Atlanta, Georgia, says: State Entomologist Scott to-day said the peach crop had been utterly destroyed and in all probability the growers would be so discouraged that they would abandon the business.

Reports coming in the first of the week say that in Swisher county cattle are recovering rapidly from the effects of the blizzard and few died; in Callahan county scarcely any losses.

Denison Herald: Several farmers in the city from the Territory to-day (Wednesday) all agreed that the outlook for wheat is still very promising.

Capt. William Kennard, one of the oldest citizens of Johnson county, died at his home a few miles east of Cleburne on the night of the 12th, aged 82 years.

Col. Albert Dean at the Oklahoma Live Stock association meeting, replying to questions presented by delegates, said cattle dipping to remove ticks had been abandoned temporarily.

Ben Littleton, a Hill county cattleman, during the recent cold weather had a lot of choice steers about ready to ship in the feed pens at Mount Calin.

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that the money loss in cattle in this county will range from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

San Angelo Standard: Reports are in from all the section tributary to San Angelo, of the damage done to stock by the recent unusual cold spell, and while cattle have been drawn to the pens, yet there have been very slight losses.

The Cuero correspondent of the San Antonio Express says: There is considerable speculation and some investigation as to whether the recent cold weather has killed the wool weevil or not, but so far no positive evidence has been produced that they have been affected in the least.

The Beville correspondent of the San Antonio Express said on the 18th: The stockmen of this county are glad to congratulate themselves over the wise step they took in the early fall by reducing their large herds to such a number as they could pull through a severe winter.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: I feel as little like writing a letter for the Journal as I ever did in life. I have been frozen out the past two weeks, combined with the grip, and I want to say right here I would trade this dose of grip for any malady that would not be so painful.

On Wednesday morning, Feb. 9, I had a good people of Llano aided, and boarded the Austin and Northwest-ern cars for Marble Falls.

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Public Statement From A Public Man

Hon. W. H. Obley, Ex-Secretary of State of West Virginia, writes an open letter.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Mar. 9, 1898. To whom it may concern: I most heartily recommend Peruna as of great benefit in cases of catarrh. It is especially beneficial wherever the mucous membranes are affected.



Hon. W. H. Obley.

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up a little and in helping each other over the bridge had all fallen off in a heap. Said he, "One weighed over 250 pounds. It looked like a elephant had been wallowing in that mud."

At 12 o'clock on Friday the sun shone out brightly, and I accepted an invitation to take a ride on a farm wagon loaded with corn for Round Mountain, distance 12 miles, with W. S. Fred, a Baptist preacher. I found him to be a pleasant gentleman, and he now reads the Journal, yet he failed to give me any information as to the whereabouts of my dog.

That night there came one of the coldest times I ever experienced in old Texas. Saturday all day it was too cold for anything but to stay close to a big, red-hot fire.

Before leaving Round Mountain I called on Mr. E. M. Shelley, father of Miss Beulah, and spent two hours pleasantly chatting to him and his family. He is a very nice man, and to some choice music by his beautiful daughters. He is an up-to-date farmer and stock raiser.

Two charming girls, Misses Minnie and Fannie Simmons, have created much interest in the best music I have had the pleasure of hearing in many moons. The roaring Marion Williams is a joyous cry and knows how to make a man feel at home, but he is a red-hot Pop.

The seeds which the Texas Stock and Farm Journal is distributing among its subscribers are guaranteed to be fresh. Read the description under caption of "Seeds for Subscribers." The offer is only for a limited time.

REGARDING INTEREST RATES. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: In a recent issue of your valuable paper you saw fit to take task Hon. Dudley G. Wooten because of his contract of a law reducing the contract rate of interest on money in Texas. I had been almost without number other than myself would reply to your article with reference thereto; for it might be thought as you are considered the mouth-piece of the great cattle industry of Texas that you would better roughage in the following on said subject.

It goes without saying that the high rate of interest has been a blight and curse to the cattlemen, and has been the cause of nearly all the failure recorded in said business.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF HORTICULTURE. The St. Louis Southwestern Railway company of Texas and the Tyler Southern Railway, through the exertions of their horticultural department, have been instrumental in forming some seventeen associations, devoted to the culture of fruits and vegetables, and there are in process of formation several others having in view the production of cigar leaf tobacco.

The publicity given to those facts by the press has attracted the attention of many residents of other states, who make inquiries as to the means to available lands, prices, location, etc. To enable us to satisfactorily reply to such communications, land owners and real estate agents are earnestly requested to furnish to the undersigned any information in their possession, or that they may secure from time to time, in relation to lands for sale, stating exact location, price, terms, etc.

We trust that all interested will cooperate with us in our endeavor to attract a desirable class of settlers, to any benefits which may result will be shared alike by the community at large and the railroads.

LIQUID EXTRACT OF SMOKE. An Improvement on the Smoke House for Preserving Meats.

Smoking meats in a smoke house with all its delays and annoyances and the danger of getting the meat done away with as farmers and stock raisers become better acquainted with the saving of time that can be obtained by using the Liquid Extract of Smoke prepared by E. Krauser & Bro., of Milton, Pa.

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A Woman's Face.

PLEASANT FEATURES ADD TO HER ATTRACTIONS

This is Something all Women Can Have or Easily Acquire—Some Simple Rules to Observe.

The look in a woman's face is expressive of what she is. One can easily tell whether she is healthy, wealthy, happy or sickly. Nothing adds more to a woman's attractiveness than a pleasant face and this is something all can have or easily acquire.

Many a woman is continually erect, morose, weak, nervous, made so by the exertions of household cares, or the conditions incident to her sex. But back of this and the cause of all the trouble, will be found that the system is out of order; the blood needs toning up. When this is done there follows buoyancy of feeling, and a merry household.

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SAN ANTONIO.

San Antonio office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Garza Building, 212 Main Street, where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

S. P. Jones of Gonzales, was here Friday.

H. S. Tom of Campbellton, spent part of the week here.

Capt. C. E. H. Glanbrook of Gregory, was among the visiting cattlemen here Friday.

W. A. Pettus, a prominent cattleman of Goliad, is spending several days here.

J. T. May of Cotulla, has sold to a Mr. Grabbill of Iowa, 600 head of stock cattle at private figures.

A. G. Kennedy of Beville, was here Saturday; says he does not believe there has been any serious losses around Beville.

W. A. Poage of Waco, representing the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, was here Tuesday, en route to Dimmitt county on company business.

Thad B. Miller of Hondo, has purchased of Y. Johnson of Dimmitt county, 150 three and four-year-old steers which Mr. Miller will put on feed at Seguin.

T. A. Coleman of this city, who has an extensive range in Dimmitt county, received a letter from his ranch manager Tuesday which says losses there were very light.

H. T. O'Reilly, the Beville cattle broker, has an advertisement for the For Sale page of this issue of the Journal, to which the attention of intending purchasers is invited.

A. M. White of this city, returned Friday from a trip to the head of the Nueces river. He says there has been absolutely no loss in the country from Spofford to the head of the river.

Coleman and Keeran, of this city, have purchased of Jerry J. Ellis of Edwards county, 350 two and 350 three-year-old steers and 300 cows at \$21 for the steers and \$16 for the cows, spring delivery.

John A. Miller, a well to do stockman of Bandera, was here Saturday; says stock in his section are wintering very well, when the remarkably cold weather is considered. Mr. Miller wants a good jack and invites someone to make him a proposition.

Gus Wittin of Wilson county, has been here all week. He says that he has not lost an animal on his home ranch this winter, and he has some where near 200 head. This is the result of reserving a good range for winter use, and Mr. Wittin is wise.

W. A. Mangum of Uvalde, spent several days here this week. He says the weather has been awfully cold out his way, but there has been plenty of grass and everything was in good shape, consequently no losses will be reported from Uvalde county.

A. D. McGhee of San Marcos, was here Wednesday, en route home from a trip to Wilson county, where he has a pasture stocked with cows and calves; reports them as doing very well, the bad weather considered and looks for no losses among them.

B. A. Borroum of Del Rio, has been here most all the week, purchasing some fine bulls for his Kinney county ranch. He left with the bulls Saturday, says cattle in his country are a little thin and drawn, but there has been no loss and won't be, unless bad weather continues.

Tom Toben of Nocona, was here this week en route home from a trip to Corpus Christi. Mr. Toben says the cold weather was something awful down there, but he don't think cattle suffered much as a result thereof. He was down in this section on the look out for a lot of young steers, but decided they were higher here than in the North, so went back home to get them.

Guy Borden, the well known San Antonio cattleman, says his cattle in Kinney county are, so far, doing well and unless he has more of such weather as was experienced here last week, he won't have any losses. However, should the weather turn off very bad again and sleet, rain or snow come, followed by a freeze, Mr. Borden thinks the losses would be very great all over the country.

M. M. Hargis of Llano, was here Friday. He has recently leased some large pastures in the Territory and is now making his arrangements to move in the spring several thousand head of cattle from this section to the Territory. Mr. Hargis does not anticipate any "die-up," says the losses all over the country will be light. He takes a very hopeful view of the situation from every standpoint and predicts that good money will be made by everyone who handles cattle this year.

Harry Morris of this city, well known to all the cattlemen of this section, returned Monday from Houston via the "Macaroni" branch of the Southern Pacific. He says that in the open, exposed country between Rosenberg and Wharton a great many cattle had succumbed to exposure and cold. He also reported a large "die-up" around Victoria and said that all the ranchmen there were running regular skinning outfits.

Capt. Charles Schreiner of Kerrville, was among the visitors in San Antonio this week. The captain reports the coldest weather in Kerrville for well, ever since time was. He also says that he has good reason for saying that the losses in the country between Kerrville and San Angelo were slight; that the cattle of that section were all strong and in good shape. Capt. Schreiner is the owner of about 14,000 steers of all ages and is one of the most successful steermen in the country.

Joseph F. Green, the well known Dimmitt county cattleman, was here Friday. During the first of the week Mr. Green made a careful, personal in-

spection of his range and says he could find only one dead animal. His entire loss so far this winter amounts to sixteen head. He says, however, that cattle are badly drawn and that old cows and young heifers with calves are very weak, and from now until spring will require constant feeding and close attention to bring them through without loss.

Felix Shaw of Enfield, was here Thursday; says the blizzard was a record breaker for his section, but that cattle were in good shape to weather such a storm and he anticipates but small losses; in fact, if he has any losses whatever, they will be small and confined to weak and very old or very thin animals. Mr. Shaw takes a very hopeful view of the situation and says that cattle will not "go off" in price until the country is once more fully stocked.

Capt. James H. Polk, live stock agent of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, says the recent cold weather has undoubtedly caused some little loss in that portion of the state where protection and feed was scarce and cattle abundant. The captain deplors that exaggerated reports of losses have been circulated, as it will have a tendency to hurt the business. Unless another spell, equally as severe visits the state, the losses will not be of any great consequence and he believes winter is now practically over.

Messrs. Vineyard, Walker & Co., bankers and cattlemen of Eagle Lake, Tex., in a letter to the Journal dated the 17th, say: "We think the loss of cattle in this immediate section is about 10 per cent. With more hard weather to follow, the loss will be much heavier, as cattle are not in condition to stand it and feed is about exhausted. Cattle are short in our country, probably 50 per cent below the average for the past five years. Stockmen generally look for higher prices in the spring. Very few trades have been made as yet."

H. B. Shiner of this city, is just back from an extended trip through McMullen county, where he has large ranch and cattle interests. He says the general condition of live stock in that county visited by him is fairly good. Most owners, however, are extensively feeding different kinds of roughness, along with prickly pear and the losses in McMullen county should be very light. Mr. Shiner has heard of losses in other sections, but is inclined to discredit such reports. He takes a very hopeful view of the situation and says cattle will do well this winter and will sell for better prices soon than ever before.

A. L. Mansfield of Bandera, has been here several days; says all kinds of live stock are doing very well in Bandera county, and he has heard of no losses. Mr. Mansfield says he is one of the few men in his section who have prickly pear, and that he has always made a practice of feeding it in large quantities. He says that any kind of roughness fed in connection with prickly pear, together with plenty of salt, will do wonders in the way of keeping cattle in good shape and help them through bad weather. Mr. Mansfield says the pear alone is very good, but when fed by itself, he is sure to give the cattle plenty of salt.

J. B. Jones of Amarillo, president of the Jones Bros. & Brown Cattle company, has been in San Antonio for several weeks. He is in receipt of a letter from his brother, written at the ranch in Bailey county on the 14th inst., saying the weather had been the coldest ever known in that country, but as it was all dry cold and the cattle were all in good shape, there were no losses to speak of. The letter adds, however, that more cold weather would bring a little more serious losses, as cattle were badly drawn by the cold weather and because of all the water freezing up. Mr. Jones does not anticipate any serious consequences of the storm, unless more severe weather follows.

J. J. Fenn, the well known Kinney county cattleman, was here Thursday, en route home from a trip to Houston, where he has been for the past month. Mr. Fenn says the weather was worse than he ever before saw it around Houston, and he was raised there; says cattle losses were very heavy all of the country around Houston, and he saw hundreds of dead cattle all along the railroad tracks; says he has had advice from his Kinney county ranch stating that no cattle were lost there and that no losses need be expected unless more severe weather should come. Mr. Fenn is of the opinion that cattle will go higher in a short time.

Henry Rothe of Hondo, prominent as a banker, merchant and cattleman, was here the other day en route home from a trip to Terrell and other points in North Texas. Mr. Rothe purchased one registered Hereford bull, three full-blooded but not registered Hereford cows, and three full blood Hereford cows, paying various prices, ranging from \$100 to \$225 per head for them; says he intends raising a few fine Herefords along with his few Devons. Mr. Rothe says all his cattle are doing finely and he does not expect to lose anything, but says that he hears of considerable loss in different portions of the state, though he thinks it is usually exaggerated.

F. White of Shavano, Bexar county, an old pioneer, and in the "old days" an extensive cattle dealer, called at the Journal office in San Antonio the other day. In conversation with the Journal representative, Mr. White stated that in 1867 he drove a herd up the Pecos river, following the herd driven by Oliver Loving and Charles Goodnight, and was only a day behind at the time Oliver Loving was wounded at Loving's Bend, just below where the city of Eddy now stands. Mr. White in those days knew well the Reynolds, Matthews, Hittisons, Chisholm, R. D. and William Hunter, Chas. Goodnight and all the other pioneer cattlemen living west of Fort Worth. Mr. White has not been dealt with by Providence so kindly as have many of the old-timers who are still surviving, but is now quite aged, his health and money gone; is a paralytic, but by dint of strict economy and being postmaster and storekeeper at Shavano, manages to live. The Journal man was glad to see him and learned a great deal of early Texas history from him.

William Ragland of San Antonio, representative in Southern Texas for the popular Chicago Live Stock Commission company, was seen by the Journal representative Saturday and asked what he knew regarding the reported loss in the east and adjoining country. Mr. Ragland said that he had heard of some losses in the sedge grass country east of San Antonio, where there was no winter feed and no protection, but that even there the loss was not so great as it was reported to be. The weather was most severe. He had received letters from friends of his in Live Oak and Duval counties stating that the weather had been very bad, but that the losses had been so light as to be almost unnoticeable.

E. H. Brown of Calvert, was here the other day; was feeling very good over some shipments he had recently made to the St. Louis market. One of these consisted of 270 head of steers, average weight 1180 pounds. This large shipment sold at \$4.89 per 100 pounds and Mr. Brown claims that when the number of cattle is considered, it is the best sale of Texas cattle made in a long time. These steers brought an average price of \$56.64 per head, or \$16,925.26 for the 270 head. There are some good cattle found occasionally in Texas, and there are also some men who know how to feed cattle. Mr. Brown reports that he has both the above statements and also once more demonstrates the well known ability of Jeff Daniels, of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, as a salesman for Texas cattle.

In this issue appears the advertisement of the Alamo Iron Works, an institution well known to many of our Southwestern readers. The Alamo Iron Works do a general iron foundry business, architectural iron work being a specialty with them. They handle well drilling and pumping machinery, pumping jacks, horse powers and gasoline engines; also gin and mill machinery. The proprietors, Messrs. Geo. Holmgren and Sons, are practical foundrymen and machinists and by close attention to business and fair dealing they have built up a large and lucrative business. They have a large trade with farmers and stockmen in Southwestern Texas on well drilling and pumping machinery, pumping jacks, horse powers and gasoline engines, and are especially equipped for successfully handling this business. When you are in need of anything in their line write them, or when in San Antonio go and see them, always mentioning the Journal.

H. B. Woodley of this city, has returned from his weekly pilgrimage to his ranches in Uvalde county; says the storm was just a little worse than anything he ever experienced before, but that on account of its being cold without rain, sleet or snow and his cattle all being strong, he did not lose anything. Mr. Woodley said his losses might have been heavy if the freeze had been preceded by rain, consequently he congratulates himself for being located in a dry country. Mr. Woodley says he will not be discouraged at the generally favorable outlook for the cattle business. "One of the most encouraging things which comes to my observation," he said, "is the large number of people coming to this part of Texas who want to buy from 1000 to 10,000 acres of land and engage in stock farming. Stock farmers are a most desirable class of people to have in a country; aside from being strictly good citizens, they believe in raising only blooded cattle and feeding them from start to finish; besides this they are always prosperous. I hope to see all this section of country rapidly converted into stock farms, as it will make business for all of us. Regarding results of the late blizzard, I believe, when returns are all in, that it will be seen that only those men who carelessly overstocked their pastures and allowed their cattle to become thin and weak from neglect and indifference, are the losers, and even then a losses will not be nearly so heavy as has been anticipated."

O. G. Hugo of Dilley, was here Wednesday, making arrangements to bring up from his ranch a carload of young bulls of his own raising, which he proposes exhibiting here, provided he can find a suitable place in which to hold them. The Journal man suggested the stock yards to him, but Mr. Hugo replied that he wanted them where people interested could see them; said they were just as easy to show at the ranch as they would be out at the yards. Mr. Hugo reported some very cold weather from his section; said that on the night of the 10th the thermometer registered six above zero and on the morning of the 12th it stood above zero. Mr. Hugo says he has lived in Frio county for fifteen years and this was eight degrees lower than ever before during the entire time. Mr. Hugo reported his cattle as doing very well, but said he required a lot of work and a good supply of feed to keep them in that shape, but he don't propose to allow any of his cattle to die from neglect. His judgment tells him that cattle will be in good demand at higher prices in the spring than they now are. He bases his calculations on the fact that the recent cold weather has been so severe and so general that cattle all over the state have been lost in unusually large numbers, consequently the shortage now existing will become alarmingly apparent and men with grass to spare will be very anxious to re-stock. Mr. Hugo says the brush and pear, so abundant in his section, is a natural feed for and protection to stock and he never wants to trade it for an unprotected prairie range.

J. M. Chittim, the well known San Antonio cattleman, who probably owns as many cattle as any one man in this state, was approached by the Journal man Saturday and asked if he could give any information regarding the reported losses of cattle during the past week. Mr. Chittim replied that he believed the losses in the country about Goliad county and possibly all the country between San Antonio and the coast for the past ten days would amount to at least 15 per cent. As reason for so stating, Mr. Chittim said that he had a pasture in Goliad stocked with cows, young cattle, etc., and the men in charge of them had advised him that a large loss had been sustained already, and more was anticipated; same parties also advised him that they were now engaged in skin-

ning the dead cattle and trying to do something for the weaker ones; that they had seen the men at work in adjoining pastures and believed that all cattlemen in that section had lost just as heavily as he. "I approximate the loss in the east and adjoining country," said Mr. Chittim, "as amounting to at least 15 per cent, because I know that my losses amount to that and I know that my losses are not larger than anybody else's, and in some instances my loss is not so great. As to what may follow, I am not prepared to say positively, but, for one, it would be no surprise to me if we have a tremendous die-up between now and spring all over this portion of the state. I would not care to go on record in the matter of the outcome of such a die-up. It may have the effect of adding several dollars to the value of the cattle surviving, and then again, the results may not be so satisfactory. It is a question which time will settle."

E. C. Sugg of Suggden, I. T., is spending a few days in San Antonio, and was seen at the Menger hotel by the Journal representative Saturday morning. Mr. Sugg is just returning from a trip to El Paso, and is en route to the Territory. He says he has not been on either his Territory ranch or the ranches in Tom Green, Frio and Sterling counties for some time past. He has, however, reports therefrom regularly, from which he thinks the cattle belonging to Sugg Bros. are doing well and he anticipates no severe losses this winter unless the weather should continue as bad or worse than it has been. Mr. Sugg says his trip down here is not for the purpose of buying cattle or even looking at any. He bought some 20,000 head of cattle last summer, and in addition thereto had as many more on hand at the time. Mr. Sugg says he has a share and is not "loaded." He believes cattle are held too high just now to enable a Territory pasture man to profitably invest in young steers with the expectation of maturing them. In this connection, he said the breeder should be reminded that when a Northern man buys a yearling in the South, he (the pasture man) at the time of paying for the steer, must also put up about \$2 per head freight; then, in addition, he must pay for feeding and handling, which, with interest and losses, would soon put the pasture man in a very bad hole, especially if he bought the yearling at present prices. Mr. Sugg says the reports give accounts of tremendous losses everywhere, but he is quite certain such reports are largely exaggerated, though he does think cattle generally were in rather bad condition, and he says should another such storm sweep the country the loss would be appalling. If, however, the worst is now over, the losses will not be serious.

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FORT WORTH.

Fort Worth office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, ground floor North Hotel building where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

L. L. Baldrige of Waggoner, I. T. was in Fort Worth Saturday.

Sam Young, a prominent stockman of Stoneburg, was in the city Thursday.

W. A. Stenson, a prominent cattleman of Vernon, was in Fort Worth Thursday.

Ed Crowley returned to Fort Worth Monday after a trip to his ranch near Midland.

J. N. Harris of Curlew, Tex., was among the visitors in Fort Worth on Thursday.

J. H. Belcher of Henrietta, and Sid Webb of Bellevue, were both here Wednesday.

Charles Coppinger, a well known cattleman of Fort Worth, left for his ranch Wednesday.

M. B. Irwin, traffic manager of the Union Stock Yards, St. Joseph, Mo., was here Friday.

W. B. Tullis of Quannah, member of the live stock sanitary board, was here Saturday night.

Jno. B. Slaughter, the well known ranchman of this city, left for his ranch Monday morning.

Green Davidson of San Antonio, passed through Fort Worth Tuesday en route to the Territory.

S. J. Goforth, a prominent stockman and farmer of Bear Creek, Parker county, was in Fort Worth Friday.

Capt. Jas. H. Polk, live stock agent of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Sam White of Weatherford, was here Wednesday night. Mr. White was en route to his ranch near Quannah.

J. L. Pennington, general live stock agent of the Santa Fe, left the early part of the week for the San Angelo country.

J. C. Kents of Justin, and L. T. Johnson of Decatur, were among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Wednesday.

W. T. Waggoner, the well known cattleman of Decatur, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Tuesday.

P. W. Hunt of this city, state agent for the Pasteur vaccine, is making a tour of the Panhandle and Oklahoma Territory.

Sam Davidson, of this city, representing Rosenbaum Bros. & Co., went up the Fort Worth and Denver road Saturday morning.

I. R. Hastings of Chicago, who owns a large cattle ranch on the Staked Plains, spent several days in Fort Worth last week.

Thos. J. Zook, representing the Chicago Live Stock Commission company, was among the visiting stockmen in this city on Wednesday.

W. K. Bell, a well known cattleman of Palo Pinto county, came in from his ranch Monday and spent the early part of the week in Fort Worth.

Charles Stokes of Crockett, Tex., in a private letter to the Journal, says: "I think Texas Stock and Farm Journal is the best paper in Texas."

C. W. Merchant of Abilene, was here Saturday. Mr. Merchant says that the loss in the Abilene country has, so far, been surprisingly light.

Wm. Harrell, Amarillo, came in from the Panhandle Saturday evening. Mr. Harrell says the loss has been much lighter than was at first expected.

E. B. Harrold, the well known cattle dealer of this city, who has been quite ill for the past week or ten days, is able to again be on the street.

Dr. J. A. Dabney of Brownwood, who does an extensive ranching business in Concho county, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Monday.

W. M. Arnold, a prominent cattle feeder of Greenville, went to Brownwood Friday. Mr. Arnold is on the market for a few hundred good feeders.

Frank Sterritt, Abilene; R. R. Russell, Menardville, and L. C. Downton of Eastland, all prominent stockmen of their respective localities, were here Friday.

Charles L. Ware, manager at this place for the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, went west on the Texas and Pacific. He expects to be gone eight or ten days.

W. H. King, a prominent banker and cattleman of Greenville, who has been sick at the Worth hotel in this city for some time, is again able to be on the street.

VanZandt Jarvis, a prominent young cattleman of this city, came in from his ranch in Hood county Thursday. Mr. Jarvis says his cattle are all in good shape and that he has not so far had any loss.

J. H. Nail, Wolf City; J. C. and B. A. Trammell, Sweetwater; J. H. Ryburn, San Angelo, and W. L. Aldwell of Denton, all prominent stockmen, were among the visitors here Saturday.

J. C. Loving, secretary of the Cattle Raisers' association, is in receipt of a letter from his son, Oliver Loving, stating that the loss has been very light on their ranch, amounting probably to less than 2 1/2 per cent.

J. K. Zimmerman of Kansas City spent the last few days in Fort Worth. While here Mr. Zimmerman received word from his ranch foreman in the Panhandle, that they had lost only a

few head on account of the cold weather.

W. H. Weeks, general live stock agent of the Cotton Belt, returned Wednesday from a trip through the Southern part of the state. Mr. Weeks says the weather has gotten warmer there, with drizzling rains; says but few cattle are moving from that part of the state.

Ben R. Hackett returned Monday from a trip up the Denver and overland into King county. Mr. Hackett reports the loss of cattle surprisingly small, a part of which he attributes to the fact that cattle in the section visited by him have been well provided with feed.

C. C. French, a well known cattleman of this city, received a report a few days ago from a reliable stockman at Holdenville, I. T., saying that cattle in that locality, as a rule, are doing very well, the greatest drawback being the scarcity of water, the creeks all being frozen in solid ice.

E. M. Dargatz, the well known cattleman of this city, says that out of 1400 cattle being wintered by him in the vicinity of Fort Worth, he has, so far, lost but six head. The greatest trouble Mr. Dargatz has had so far to encounter was the work of breaking the ice, that the cattle might have water.

R. B. Jenkins, one of the live stock agents of the Frisco, came in Monday from a trip to San Antonio. Mr. Jenkins said that the natural general weather was returning to San Antonio when he left that place and that the cattle conditions in that part of the state are much better than might have been expected after the late blizzard.

C. J. Larimer, general live stock agent of the Texas and Pacific, returned Sunday from a week's trip through Western Texas and New Mexico. Mr. Larimer said that in spite of the very cold weather that had prevailed over that section of the country, he found cattle in much better condition than he expected and that the losses were comparatively light.

L. W. Krake, traveling representative of the St. Louis National Stock Yards, and Capt. J. B. Moore, live stock agent of the Frisco, both of whom make headquarters at Fort Worth, returned Friday from Woodward, Okla., where they attended the cattlemen's convention recently held at that place. These gentlemen say that the meeting was an excellent one, with a large attendance, and a success in every way. The next meeting of the association will be held at El Reno.

D. W. Christian, a stockman of San Angelo, was here Thursday. Mr. Christian says that the loss among cattle in his section of country during the last storm was an agreeable surprise to the stockmen generally. Out of 1200 that Mr. Christian was holding near San Angelo, he did not lose any. Speaking of another herd, which he considered the poorest in the country, he said the owners had almost equally as good luck. Heavy loss, however, was only averted, Mr. Christian claims, by large shipments and free use of feed.

The officials of the Cattle Raisers' association are in receipt of information to the effect that C. H. Touts, one of the inspectors for the association at St. Louis, has recovered 80 head of cattle that were worth \$1000. The cattle had been stolen in Tancy county, Missouri, about a year ago and had passed from hand to hand until they came to market. These cattle were recovered for the Lone Star Commission company, who are now members of the association. The cattle were shipped to St. Louis from Atlanta, Kan., and were presumably in the hands of innocent parties. It will require a law suit to establish the claim, and in the meantime the money is tied up, waiting the decision.

A CURED AND GRATEFUL MAN. Hon. T. H. McAllister of Manville, I. T., has been in Fort Worth several days. Having been a sufferer from granulated lids and cataracts for a number of years, and was almost blind before he would apply for treatment. Upon inquiry for the best, he put himself under the skilled specialist, Dr. Frank Mullins, and goes home today a cured and grateful man. The doctor first removed the granulations and then the cataracts, the eyes healing up in a few days without a trace of the disease being left. Dr. Mullins, in speaking of the cataracts, said it was a very prevalent disease in the sands and alkali country, and one that invariably led to blindness in time, but if removed early they gave but little trouble or detention from business.

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CATTLEMEN AT WOODWARD. The Meeting of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association Was a Success.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: The meeting at Woodward of the Oklahoma Live Stock association on the 14th inst. passed off quietly and was a success. The attendance was satisfactory, though would have been much larger had not so much cold weather prevailed up to the day before the meeting. A live interest was taken in all matters discussed and the hall was crowded all the time. Col. Albert Dean, secretary of the bureau of animal industry of the United States, located at Kansas City, in an hour's speech, discussed epizootic or Southern fever, which was highly interesting. Ponet Mitchell of El Reno, proprietor of the National Cattle Register, in his usual effective and happy style, discussed the conditions of the range from the Lakes to the Gulf and the prospects for spring trade. Gov. Barnes delivered an address on the live stock conditions in Oklahoma, which was well received.

Secretary W. E. Bolton is a fine executive officer and deserves much praise for the work he is doing for the association and Western Oklahoma. He was assisted during the convention by Miss Tom Jansette Claunch, a charming young lady, whose many graces are admired by all who know her. President A. T. Wilson of Kiowa, presided in his usual easy manner and was unanimously selected to watch over the details of this growing association another year, as were all the rest of the present officers. A spirit of unanimity prevailed, and that the Oklahoma association starts out on its sixth year with a bright future, goes without saying. Much credit is due the people of Woodward for the generous treatment accorded the visitors, none of whom, I'm sure, will ever forget their pleasant stay on this occasion. The reception committee composed of Jno. J. Garrison, E. S. Givens, W. L. Bryant, A. S. Woods and others were untiring in their efforts to see that all were cared for, and they were. A very appropriate programme had been arranged and the entertainments were attended and appreciated by a large number.

Among the visitors from Texas were Felix Franklin of Amarillo, T. M. Pytle of Clarendon, A. J. Hardin, A. W. Long and Givens Lane of Childress, A. C. Henson of the Lone Star Commission Co., and Sid Williams of Bellevue. I also met W. F. Murphy of Duke, Okla., Percy Bryan from Altus, A. J. Richardson of Madge, M. F. Ward of Grand Dog county. I wish to thank these gentlemen for many favors.

There were few transactions reported for the week. The stockmen are not weakening any on prices and are feeling no uneasiness, as very pretty weather is now prevailing. R. L. Faulkner, the firm of Faulkner & Tuggle, auctioneers, had a few fine thoroughbred Whiteface bulls and cows. His cattle found ready buyers at good prices. His donation of a thorough bred bull to the association was commendable, and his sale was a success.

After leaving Woodward, I proceeded westward. Am now back again to Sunshine, Tex., and from all information obtainable, I am glad to report that in this section of the Panhandle the losses are comparatively light and confined to Southern stock lately shipped west. E. L. PITTMAN, Canadian, Tex., Feb. 18, 1899.

LOSSES LIGHT IN OKLAHOMA. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: Beginning on Jan. 27th, we have had what is generally considered the severest spell of weather ever seen in this section of country, continuing to the present time, every night the thermometer has ranged from 10 degrees above to 10 degrees below zero. I was born in New Orleans 42 years ago, 27 of which time have been passed in the range country as cowboy or cow man, extending from Lampasas, Texas on the south, to Fort Sully, South Dakota, on the north. I can truthfully say it has been the hardest long spell of weather on stock that I ever saw. The grass was short to start with, and cattle unusually thin to go into the winter. Notwithstanding all this there have been no serious losses. In a few isolated cases 8 or 10 per cent of Mexican cows have died, but among native cattle the loss to date is practically nothing. I do not look for any serious losses, as cattle owners here are feeding grain to an extent heretofore unthought of. The grain feed generally consists of equal parts corn chop and wheat bran. Rough feed will all be consumed for the first time in ten years. I have seen a few cases of lice raised cattle would not take readily to grain feed. This is sometimes the case when cattle get poor and weak. It is then generally too late, anyway.

All I have to do is to furnish the grain. The cows do the rest. The only redeeming feature about the weather has been the absence of high winds, and snow has not been over three inches deep, and as it drifted a little, cattle could get something to eat at all times. It is true Buffalo grass, which is the best feed, has been covered with the snow, but cattle will live a while on sage brush, red grass and soap weed, and the weather here has been cold enough to cause them to eat anything. I saw one cow a few days since pick up a newspaper which was blowing by, and greedily devour it.

At Liberal, Kansas, 45 miles north-east of here, on Feb. 12, the thermometer was 22 degrees below zero. The outlook is not extremely bad, as cowmen are thoroughly awake to the situation and are not sparing labor or feed. CAPLE, Okla., Feb. 18, 1899.

"MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE." In these "hurrying times" anything that saves time at once finds favor with the public.

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