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#### Cattle Ranges of the Southwest.

EARLY USE AND PRESENT CONDITION OF TEXAS PASTURES.

The purpose of this report is to invite the attention of stockmen and farmers of the Southwest to mistakes in dealing with native grass and other forage plants and to offer for their guidance some suggestions based upon experience and observation.

A full and complete history of the stock industry of the whole of the Southwest can not be given at this time; but the condition of one of the richest sections of Texas, a region which has been actively engaged in this branch of agriculture for fully thirty-five years, may be taken to represent in detail the state of affairs over a much wider extent of territory. The lessons here learned may be made applicable at all sections where the native grasses are depended on to support herds of cattle and flocks of sheep. The dangers that confront Texas cattlemen and which must surely follow continued overstocking should serve as a warning to other similar pastoral regions.

#### CENTRAL TEXAS RANGES.

This portion of Texas includes all the counties of Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Runnels, Coleman, Tom Green, Comcho, and McCulloch, and parts of the counties of Kent, Scurry, Mitchell, Coke, San Saba, Brown, Eastland, Stephens, and Young. It embraces a territory about 100 miles wide, east and west, and about 200 miles long, north and south.

The characteristics common to these counties are:

- (1) An open country, in the main, with some black-jack, post-oak, and live-oak timber on the uplands and ridges.
- (2) A scattering growth of mesquite trees on the lands away from the streams, which, together with the timber on the streams, furnish ample firewood and posts for fencing purposes.
- (3) Numerous streams that furnish an abundance of "stock water," fringed along their banks with groves of pecan, elm, hackberry, wild-china, cottonwood, and other trees.
- (4) An altitude ranging from 1,500 to about 1,900 feet above the sea level.
- (5) A climate pure and bracing.
- (6) An annual rainfall of about 20 to 35 inches, the average being about 30 inches, so distributed through the year that it suffices for range purposes, but periodically not quite enough for the best results in farming.
- (7) A temperature ranging from 90° to 102° down to 7° F.
- (8) A rich alluvial soil in most of the valleys, while on the uplands there are loams generally containing a large admixture of calcareous marl, varying in color from a light gray through all the intermediate colors, chocolate, mulatto, red, and brown, to black, all productive and susceptible of high cultivation, and especially rich in all the essentials for the production of the cereals and grass.
- (9) A great variety of native forage plants and rich grasses.

Stonewall, Nolan, Mitchell, McCulloch, Coke, San Saba, and Taylor counties, by their mountains, level plains, and rolling prairies present a greater diversity of surface than the others. In Taylor County there are elevations of considerable altitude, one mountain range extending through it from southeast to northwest, the highest point being 519 feet above the surrounding plains. In Throckmorton, Stephens, Shackelford, Callahan, Runnels, Coleman, and Tom Green counties there are some broken areas. In the other ten counties named there are com-

paratively few hills and practically no mountains; the prevailing characteristic topography being the rolling or undulating prairies. In all of these counties where there are neither mountains nor hills, the general surface is gently undulating, except in the immediate vicinity of the streams, where it is rough and sometimes cut up by canyons.

#### EARLY CONDITION OF THE RANGES.

In 1865 large herds of buffaloes ranged almost undisturbed over this part of central Texas, and as late as 1876-77 small herds found their way in to be quickly killed off by hunters and the pioneer stockmen. By that time herds of cattle and flocks of sheep had been located along the various water courses, but it was not until about 1883, when the Texas and Pacific Railroad first entered the section, that there was anything like systematic settlement of the country. Passing through parts of it in 1879, ranches were only to be found at long intervals. Ranchmen who located in Taylor and Jones counties about 1876 state that there were then scarcely 200 people in the two counties. All of these were engaged in stock raising, and had been attracted to the country by the abundance and luxuriance of the native grasses. It is interesting to late comers to listen to the description of the range as it then appeared. One can form but a poor idea of what this country was like twenty-five years ago, from its present appearance.

A stockman who traveled with a herd of cattle through San Saba, Tom Green, and Taylor counties in the summer of 1867, when that country was very sparsely settled, says that the grass was everywhere from 1 to 3 feet high, and that sometimes it was as high as a cow's back, not only on the bottom lands but also in places on the drier upland. At that time there is little doubt that the ranges would have supported 300 head of cattle to the square mile. It was an ideal stock country. There was plenty of water, and the "nester," the man with the hoe, had not yet put in his appearance to dispute with the cattlemen the right and title to these boundless meadows. There were a few sheepmen scattered here and there along the drier uplands, where there was a shorter and richer growth of herbage. They were so few that they were tolerated by the cattlemen just because there was such a plethora of abundance of grass and water. True, the sheepman and the nester had just as good a legal right to the land, but then in Texas, as in other lands and other times, might was right, and the cattlemen ruled until organized law came in an took possession. So there was much talk of ownership of grass and water, or "range rights," although in point of fact there was probably not a single ranchman in the whole region who had legal title to an acre of the property so claimed.

Now, at the end of thirty years, almost every condition has changed. The carrying capacity of the range has steadily decreased until it is an exceptional property that can carry 1 head of stock to 5 acres. It is claimed that was the common average rate ten years ago. To-day it requires at least 10 acres per head, and it is often considered not the best policy to put on more than 50 to the section of 640 acres.

In the early days there was such an abundance of grasses of so great variety that no one took time to note how many there were or which were the most valuable. There was more than enough to support every head of stock that could be crowded on the range. They were strictly first-class; stock fattened and kept fat on them, so what was the use of figuring on the varieties. The idea that any of these grasses would ever become extinct, or that this golden period of fatness and plenty would come to an end, never entered the minds of those who were reaping the harvest. The experience of most of the stockmen of the Southwest has been alike. They have seen the range that originally might

possibly have supported 500 cows to every 640 acres decrease in capacity to maintain stock until 10 to 12 acres to the cow is not an exceptional case, but the general rule. The reasons for these changes are not difficult to discover, WHY THE CAPACITY OF THE RANGES HAS DECREASED.

Free grass.—The pioneer stockman in the section thought he had "struck it rich," as he had, and that there was not a sufficient number of cows in Texas to eat all the grass he saw growing in what is now called the Abilene country. There was no one in the country asserting any special claims to any particular lands. True, all or nearly all of the land had been located and surveyed, and belonged either to railroad companies, private individuals, counties, or to some of the State trust funds. But none of the legal owners were on the ground in person, and there was nothing to prevent cowmen from appropriating the range, arbitrarily laying off their range boundaries, and claiming them under their so-called "range rights." The first cowman who located his ranch headquarters in one of the counties named claimed that his "range rights" included everything in sight. When cowmen number two moved in, the two divided up the range and each one kept on his side of the division line agreed on between them. As other cowmen appeared, the range was still further divided until it was fully occupied. Moreover, it is due the stockmen referred to, to state that between them absolute good faith was maintained, each one recognizing the "range rights" of the others and not interfering with them. Really there was no need for one to crowd another. There was plenty and to spare for all, and they all recognized that "free grass" for all, the road to wealth was easy and certain.

Coming of the railroad and speculation.—About 1882, when the final survey for the Texas and Pacific Railroad was being made through that country, owners of the lands under consideration began to drop in with a view to looking up their properties. Then it was that the cowmen began first to realize that they could not depend much longer on "free grass." The result was a natural, indeed an inevitable, one. Every man was seized with the desire to make the most that was possible out of his opportunities while they lasted. He reasoned that there was more grass than his own cows could possibly eat. There was plenty of stock water for five times as many cows as were now on the range. There was no rent to pay, and not much in the way of taxes, and while these conditions lasted every stockman thought it well to avail himself of them. Therefore all bought cows to the full extent of their credit on a rising market and at high rates of interest. Not only were the cowmen of this section influenced by such ideas, but similar conditions obtained in other sections of the State, and indeed throughout the great stock regions of the West, Southwest, and Northwest. Nearly every stockman was in the market for more cows. Naturally this demand resulted in a constant upward tendency in the matter of prices until about 1883, when millions of cattle changed hands a from \$20 to \$25 per head, calves counted, range delivery.

The fever of speculation that first took possession of the cowmen spread throughout the United States, and even to Europe, until there were many more buyers than sellers. Old men, middle-aged men, and young men, representing every sphere of life, were eager to give up enterprises with which they were familiar to go into the "cow business." Every State in the United States was represented in the single State of Texas; and in every county in the State recognized as stock country, Englishmen, Scotchmen, and indeed men from most of the countries of Europe, were rushing to get a foothold, a "range right," and herds of cows to make them rich in a hurry, eating "free grass." In the meantime wool was going up in price, and so (see continued next week)

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### Fourth of July.

A called meeting was held at the First National Bank Tuesday, June 11, for the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth in Sonora.

E. P. Vander Stucken was made chairman and D. B. Woodruff, secretary. After an informal discussion of the question it was decided to have a basket picnic and barbecue. Geo. W. Morris and John W. Hagerlund was appointed a committee to solicit funds for that purpose, and the meeting adjourned until June 12, at 5:30 p. m.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. on June 12, by E. P. Vander Stucken, chairman. The following committees were appointed:

Committee on grounds: John W. Hagerlund, A. J. Swearingen, W. L. Aldwell.  
Committee on Barbecue: J. J. Ford, Charlie Adams, G. W. Morris, B. S. Holland, E. P. Vander Stucken.  
Committee on speaking and music: T. C. Cahill, Dr. A. L. Taylor, John W. Hagerlund, C. M. Deere.

Committee on Amusement: R. C. Dawson, Charlie Adams, W. L. Aldwell, and Drs. C. D. Smith and A. L. Taylor.

Committee on Ball: Alex and Frank McGonnagill, Max Vander Stucken.

Finance Committee: Geo. W. Morris, W. L. Aldwell, John W. Hagerlund.  
W. L. Aldwell was appointed Treasurer, and E. S. Briant officer of the day. The meeting then adjourned.

Miss F. Vander Stucken, Chairman, D. B. Woodruff Secretary.  
The News is indebted to Editor D. B. Woodruff of the Sonora Sun, for the above minutes of the citizens celebration meeting.

Miss J. A. Cope the commission man from Ozona, came over Wednesday on an important business.

Miss Laura Power of Ballinger, was visiting her sister Mrs. Wm. Wellington.

Blas Mayo escorted Miss Rountree to Sonora last Friday. Miss Rountree was the guest of her mother Mrs. J. J. Brumley during her short visit to town.

Miss Schott and Ben Davey of Kerrville were in Sonora Saturday on their way to see about the Court.

Best prices for butter if you have not before.

C. M. DEERE.  
The cruet of Marlin, and J. E. Gresham and J. Hoesbeck, who have like a man Mr. and Mrs. Arthur for a ranch for about a day's stage for

## Union City Dots.

A. W. Pride and sons returned from Devil's River last week. John Esby passed through the City Sunday on his way to the ranch.

Misses Della Carlton and Ada Earwood left for Juno last Saturday on a visit.

John W. Putman has just returned from a business trip to Sonora.

Ed Smith passed through the City on his way to the ranch last week.

Jim Lebew gave the City a call this week.

Ed Pride left for Coleman's ranch Saturday.

Wallace Chesser was in the City this week looking very suspicious like. He bought a set of furniture from Taylor Bros.

John Keton passed through the City on his way to the Gunzer ranch where he delivered a bunch of horses.

Enoch Ory was the guest of Miss Moss this week.

Pious McKerrow is visiting Union City this week.

Frank Galloway left on a business trip to the J. D. Lacey ranch.

Louis Lane gave the City a call once more.

Sam Palmer was in the City Saturday. He said his herd of burros was doing well.

Jim Merck passed through the City with a load of posts.

Malone Chesser and Horton Haley were over to preaching last Friday. Horton and Malone said they had religion because they gave their hand to the parson.

Bart Guest said Union City was a tough place because no one came out on the Lord's side at church the other night.

Wallace Chesser is going to open an ice cream parlor with Nat Guest as manager.

On Monday May 27, about 3 o'clock p. m. the Bart Guest dwelling was seen to be on fire and burned to the ground before the fire company could render any service. The building and contents were a total loss. No insurance. The contents consisted of a new winchester, a wagon sheet, bedding, slicker and some rope. By the heroic efforts of the fire department the lot was saved.

Will Sultemeyer and sister returned from their visit to Junction last week.

About 4 o'clock Saturday evening George Miers walked into town. He said he had walked 30 miles in three hours.—You See.

The dance at the Union City Hall Friday June 7, was a most enjoyable affair. Everybody had a nice time. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Lias Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drago, Misses Della Carlton, Pauline and Maggie Chesser, Ethel Galloway, Nola Moss, Edna Wheat, Blocker, Mamie and Clara Swift, Flora Galloway, Fannie and Emma Smith, Julia, Louisa and Mary Sultemeyer. Messrs. Dave, Wallace and Malone Chesser, John, Nat and Bart Guest, Cal and Henry Cry, Frank Galloway, Horton and Jim Haley, Jim Alford, Will Miers, Ernest and Jim Brown, Art Hamrick, Bob Barrows, Ed Smith, El Wood, Frank Chastain, John Barton, Juston Rose, De Lacey, De Swift, Short Beane, Jim Merck, Sam Cox, Barney Beach and—You See.

## The Court Riled.

Denver, Col., June 10.—Judge Peter U. Palmer today addressed a severe judicial rebuke to more than 100 "reformers" who appeared in his court as they had previously announced through the newspapers they would do, to protest against the granting of injunctions against the city fire and police boards in the case of a restaurant claiming the right to serve drinks on Sunday with meals, and a saloonkeeper who held that under the law he was entitled to sell liquor to whomsoever ate at his bar.

The judge closed his remarks by declaring that he intended to make judicial inquiry into the question of whether or not certain clergymen of Denver who denounced him in their pulpits yesterday were in contempt of court, and that if he satisfied himself they were he would immediately take their cases up and give them the full punishment under the laws.

Many women fail to digest their food, and so become pale, sallow, thin and weak, while the brightness, freshness and beauty of the skin and complexion departs. Remedy this by taking Herebina after each meal, to digest what you have eaten. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

The condition of range and stock in Southwestern Texas as a general proposition, is good. There are only a few instances where cattle are seriously in need of grass and these are confined to the pastures which have been overstocked all the year. There are still a few stockmen who will gamble on weather conditions, and of course, lose out. These instances are so rare, however, that but for the fact that the actual truth should be known it would not be necessary to mention them: One thousand-pound Texas-grassers have sold in the market at \$4.75, and steers weighting less by 100 pounds, off of pastures where no rain has fallen this year have brought around \$4.00. There will not be as many cattle marketed from the ranges here this spring and summer as last, for the reason that the dry weather early in the season resulted in a larger percentage being taken to the Territory. This proved a fortunate move on the part of the stockmen as the rains of the past thirty days have put the cattle here on clover. Those who moved either all or a part of their holdings, intended for market, to the Territory will hardly have any cause to regret it. The grass and the market is all right so far.—San Antonio Express

Moore's Pilules are a guaranteed cure for all forms of Malaria, Ague, Chills and Fever, Swamy Fever, Malarial Fever, Bilious Fever, Jaundice, Biliouness, fetid breath and a tired, listless feeling. They cure Rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poisoning produced from malarial poisoning. No Quinine. No Arsenic, Acids or Iron. Do not ruin stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street, St. Louis, Mo. or at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Oscar and Cas Russell, Will Hewitt, Sam Rutledge, Will C. Hines, Gus Cavender, Will Evans and Bucket Johnson were some of the jolly cow boys that brought down the half circle 6 steers for Russell & McConnell.

## RACES AND TOURNAMENT.

July 4 and 5th.  
1st race July 4, 3 1/2 furlongs, heats, two out of three. Purse \$100.  
Tournament purse \$25.  
2nd race July 5th, 3/8 mile dash purse \$25.  
3rd race 350 yards dash for cowponies purse \$25.

Entrance for all races and tournament ten per cent of purse. Four entries and three to start. Winner of first race barred from starting in any other.  
Rules and regulations governing these races left solely with the Committee.

A. J. Swearingen,  
F. M. Sparks,  
S. H. Stokes, } Committee.

## Eldorado Nuggets.

Lots of prospectors are coming to Eldorado and the country is settled up rapidly but there is room for more.

Mr. R. W. Murchison lost one bull, three calves, two cows and two two-year-olds, and Thomson Bros. one cow and one steer by lightning on the night of the fourth.

O. C. Roberts, one of the candidates for sheriff has sold his beer saloon to Bob Dunagan. Mr. Dunagan will take charge June 10th and at once take out a whiskey license.

The round ups are the order of the day. All the boys are busy and working hard to have every thing ready for the Fourth of July Barbecue and election on the ninth.

Every body is invited to attend the barbecue and the voters are invited to vote early and often.

Harry Sharp is now with J. W. Mayfield & Sons grocery and ranch supply house.

G. W. Black a prominent merchant of Beeville, was in Sonora this week on a prospecting trip.

W. C. Page and daughter Miss Buelah, were in Sonora Tuesday from the ranch near Fort Terrett.

Payne Rountree, the society man from the J. O. Rountree ranch was in Sonora Saturday.

Elias Brumfield and son George, were in Sonora this week from Rocksprings.

Sam Cox Sr., was in Sonora Thursday. The old gentleman is still one of the boys.

A J. Winkler and daughter Miss Willie and son Joe were in from the ranch last Saturday.

Arthur Stuart was in from his ranch Wednesday, with his kin-folks.

Jeese Barksdale and Ben Robertson returned Wednesday from a pleasure trip to Menaryville.

Tom Gillespie, Dave Gentry and Dan Sessem were in Sonora Monday with the Bevans & Russell steers.

The News is pleased to learn that Mrs. W. A. Glasscock who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is improving.

It is reported that Chas. Schreiner of Kerrville, sold the spring clip of wool. Prices not obtainable.

Mrs. C. T. Turney who has been seriously ill for the past week, the News is pleased to state is improving.

Tom Gentry and Miss Ida passed through Sonora Thursday on a visit to friends and relatives in Coleman and Brown counties.

Mothers who would keep their children in good health should watch for the first symptoms of worms and remove them with White's Cream Vermifuge. Price, 25 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Dr. W. H. Rutland of San Angelo, a specialist of eye, ear, nose and throat arrived in Sonora Wednesday on a visit to some of his patients.

## Strayed or Stolen.

From the Doc Simmon's ranch about Sept. 1, 1900, one Durham bull, about 3 years old, branded BDD on right side, marked crop the left and under slope the right, left horn broken off and left eye out, deep red color, white bush and some white between the fore legs. Could have his right horn off and right eye out by now but nevertheless I will pay ten dollars for information leading to his recovery. Doc Simmons or leave information at News office.

The News extends its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Kirkland in the loss of their three weeks old daughter.

J. N. Brannan who made a trip around the world for the purpose of prospecting for a location in South America is back again in Sonora and content to remain. The Argentine is a good country for some but Jap did not like it.

Judge C. H. Willingham sold the first of the week to Addison Day, 75 steers, ones and twos, at \$19 2/3 each.—Ballinger Banner-Ledger.

If the stomach performs its functions actively and regularly, the food of which it is the receptacle, is transformed into blood of a nourishing quality, which furnishes vigor and warmth to the whole body. Herbine gives tone to the stomach and promotes digestion and assimilation. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Geo. and Jas. Richardson marketed in St. Louis on Monday, the blue ribbon bunch of muttons that have been shipped from the state this year. They weighed 105 pounds, and sold for \$4 10 per cwt.

Tom Privett, of Water Valley, was in the city this week and sold for himself and Stanley Turner, seven head of British army horses at from \$50 to \$65 per head.

B. C. Jackson, the bustling live stock commission agent, made the following large sale of sheep this week: For John Berry, of San Angelo, he sold to R. S. Brennan, of Colorado City, 2500 ewes and 1700 lambs, at private terms.

R. S. Campbell bought from Buckley 500 mutton at \$2 70 and 310 at \$2.60.

E. E. Sawyer, of Ft. Terrett, is here shipping 1800 choice mutton John Strickland, of Ozona, sold to Julius Thornton, of San Angelo, 26 mares and colts at \$10 round.

M. B. Pullham sold to Tom Hulseley 3000 hold over mutton, at p. t.

Pulliam & Hulseley, a few days ago, sold three cars of mutton to Jim Hamilton.

Claud Broom received Wednesday about 100 steer yearlings, bought from William Sherz, Mr. Sims, Mr. Estes and Joe Short, at from \$12 to \$14.

Herman Gillis on Monday bought out the interest of J. B. Murrab in the Murrab & Gillis ranch, in Irion county, 27 sections in the ranch and 1420 head of cattle, paying \$5000 for the ranch in interest and \$14 a head for the cattle.

On Monday, Sheriff Moore, of Crockett county, started on the trail of cattle thieves, headed for the Rio Grand with several hundred head of John Henderson's cattle. Mr. Henderson thinks there are about two thousand missing.

J. L. Buckley sold to R. S. Campbell 770 mutton at \$2.60 and \$3.10.

Fred Berger, who works for E. E. Sawyer on his ranch, near Fort Terrett, Sutton county, was here this week with about 1400 head of fine muttons which were shipped to St. Joe Friday. Mr. Berger says Mr. Sawyer has about 20,000 left yet.

Messrs. P. G. Hill and Charlie Adams, Sonora sheepmen, have returned from a business visit to Coleman and Callahan counties. They report that for an area of thirty miles square in those counties the grass hoppers are eating up all the crops. They say that they have made a contract with the grangers of that locality to rent their turkeys at five cents a day per head and are now on the market to buy, as a starter, 4000 turkeys. They figure that upon an investment of 4000 turkeys they will clear \$200 a day, besides fattening the turkeys for ready market. They will either buy turkeys for cash or will swap sheep, at the rate of one sheep for four head of turkeys. Address them at Sonora, Texas, for further particulars.

G. R. Taphiff, of Boston, bought 80,000 pounds of fall wool from Chas. W. Hobbs, at p. t.—San Angelo Standard.

Rev. Nath Thompson will attend the childrens Sunday school picnic today at the O. T. Words ranch and his presence will be a guarantee of an enjoyable time for the little folks.

Saves Two From Death.  
"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis" writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y. "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Lofalible for Coughs and Colds 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by E. S. Briant. Trial bottles free.

Poles for the Sonora-Rocksprings telephone line are being placed along the route. Work on the line will begin at once.

## Didn't Marry For Money.

The Boston man, who lately married a sickly rich young woman, is happy now, for he got Dr. King's New Life Pills, which restored her to perfect health. Infalible for Jaundice, Biliouness, Malaria, Fever and Ague and all Liver and Stomach troubles. Gentle but effective. Only 25c at E. S. Briant's drug store.

Noah Rose, the photographer of San Antonio, came in last Sunday evening on a visit to the old home Noah, who but a few years ago was an amateur in his line, is now an artist of state reputation, and his work is indeed a thing of beauty. Recently he visited Mexico and made many interesting views in the land of the cactus and the nopal. At Monterey, he says he met Gid Burnam, and that he was the same jovial, pleasant fellow, and seemed to be in better health than when he left here. His death was a surprise to him. Noah showed us a picture of President McKinley and the crowd that gathered around to hear him in Tamaleville that is a piece of art. He is going to fix up to do some work here, and the young mothers without a picture of their "little darlings" are simply delighted.—Menard Enterprise.

Seven Years in Bed.  
"Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Pesse, of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed by E. S. Briant. Only 50c.

D. B. Cusenbary, a large and well informed flockmaster of San Angelo, Tex., was on the market today with four doubles of Texas-wethers. He also had in two doubles yesterday which sold at \$3 90, and he marketed two of the same kind at Kansas City yesterday which brought \$3.50. This was Mr. Cusenbary's first personal trip to the South St. Joseph market and while his former consignments have been made to the market on the Kaw, he says that he was so well pleased with his treatment here that he will make frequent shipments here in the future. In speaking of the South St. Joseph market, Mr. Cusenbary said: "You undoubtedly have the finest sheep yards in the world as well as the best cattle and hog departments and I am delighted with the courteous treatment that was tendered me from your gentlemanly set of traders. I was also well pleased with the fill that my sheep got. Mr. Cusenbary handled 6000 head of sheep this season, 3000 of which he has back. "There were about 100,000 head of sheep put in Tom Green county this season, although there have been estimates running higher than that figure," continued Mr. Cusenbary, "out of which there are about 20,000 yet to come to market. They came through the winter in good shape and are in good condition at present. We have had a good lambing season in my section of the state for the past two years, and the lambs dropped this season average fully 80 per cent. For a time it looked serious for us because of the dry weather, but for the last 30 days an abundance of rain has fallen, which helped out everything wonderfully. Crops in general look fine and the acreage of both wheat and cotton is extra large. From all indications Tom Green will be greatly benefited by the law recently enacted by the state legislature, which allows any one to purchase four sections of land. This will cause a good many settlers to come into the country. The land when bought up has to be settled on immediately and improved, which process will enhance the land greatly and will also bring in a desirable set of citizens."—St. Joe, Mo., Stock Yards Journal.

If you are troubled with that most uncomfortable disease called piles, don't neglect it. Don't let the complaint get a firm hold. Every day the disease is neglected it grows worse. Commence at once to use Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment, the relief is immediate, and cure infallible. Price, 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

## Lo! The Poor Mule.

George Burkitt, who is contracting on the roads in Carroll county, was in town Monday. While here he told a remarkable story. George says his head driver, was bringing the mules, 14 in number from the works, all 14 being tied together, when one of the mules stepped near an old well when the well caved in and the mule went to the bottom, forty feet; the flesh mule pulled mule No. 2 after him and so on until all 14 were piled on top of each other in the well. George then came on the scene; of trouble and it puzzled him how to get the mules out. Finally an idea struck him. He built a wall, slantwise, over the top of the well and then dug down beside the hole in the ground and tunneled under it.

He then put in forty pounds of giant powder and touched it off. This explosion blew the whole mass of mules 12 feet high, the one on top hitting the wall, which caused him to glance off and land safely on top of the ground. George fired 14 discharges and saved 13 mules. Each time he diminished the loads, owing to the decreased resistance of each mule that was blown out. Of course he had to keep tunnelling under the well so that the earth would act as a cushion to the bottom-most mule. He tunneled down sixty feet and used 200 pounds of powder. By mistake the last charge was the heaviest of all and he blew the last mule 200 feet out of the well. When the mule hit the earth again he rebounded and went higher than ever. This kept up for three days until the mule would go clear out of sight in the air. Finally George had him shot to keep him from starving to death.—West Point (Miss.) Times.

Harrison Kirkland of the North Llano, brother to G. T. Kirkland was in Sonora this week.

## Notice of Assignment.

STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF SUTTON. }  
To All Whom it May Concern:—  
You are hereby notified that I am the legally appointed assignee, of all the estate of Hagerlund Bros. & Co., a firm composed of Jno. W. Hagerlund, James A. Hagerlund and J. J. Ford, as also of all the estate of the individual members of said firm, save that which is by law exempt from forced sale, all of whom reside in Sutton county, Texas, who on the 11th day of May A. D. 1901 assigned to me, all their said estate, both real and personal, for the benefit of all such of their creditors as may consent to accept their proportional share of the net proceeds of said assigned property; those desiring to accept under said assignment are required to so notify me of their acceptance within four months from the date hereof, or they will be barred therefrom.

Witness my hand this the 15 day of May A. D. 1901.

E. R. JACKSON,  
Assignee.

## Strayed Notice.

The State of Texas, }  
County of Sutton, }  
Taken up by A. J. Swearingen and estrayed before D. B. Woodruff justice of the peace precinct No. 1, Sutton County:

One bay mare 11 years old, branded BL on left thigh, one bay mare 3 year old branded BL on left thigh, one bay yearling out unbranded.

Appraised at thirty (30.00) dollars.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 23 day of May 1901.

[SEAL] S. H. Stokes, Clerk,  
County Court, Sutton County.

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## DRS. A. L. & L. TAYLOR,

Physicians and Surgeons,  
Office over E. S. Briant's Drug Store.  
Sonora, - - - Texas.

Commissioner G. W. Stephenson of precinct No. 1, was in Sonora this week on the Board of Equalization.

Ask for X X X Pearl Rye or Edgewood whiskey for sale at A. J. Swearingen's Ranch saloon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Cusenbary and family were in Sonora Monday from the ranch.

Born on Tuesday June 4, 1901, at the Decie ranch, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bourne.

John Casforth of Concho county, was in Sonora this week. He has been visiting relatives on the Llano and is now on the way to Del Rio.

You feel better at once after using Herbine, you enjoy your feed more, and you get more nourishment and invigorating force out of what you eat. Hence Herbine makes you strong, vigorous and cheerful. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Stanley Green and Geo. Black were in from the Green ranch in Edwards county, Monday attending to some business.

Bob Gatling the stockman who ranches on Buffalo Draw of the Llano, was in Sonora Monday from San Angelo, attending to some land business.

### First Class Board.

DAY, WEEK or MONTH,  
at

Mrs. Ada Stewarts'  
Two doors south of Postoffice.

Green Justice the well-known stockman and commissioner of precinct No. 2, was in Sonora this week attending to the commissioners court. Green has just returned from San Antonio, where he had been with one of his boys to the Hot Sulphur Wells for treatment for rheumatism. Green is very much pleased with the treatment he received there and recommends all his friends to go there.

## 75 HIGH-GRADE HEREFORD BULLS

One and Two Years Old  
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PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED BY OTIS MITCHELL.  
I KNOW YOUR WANTS AND WANT YOUR TRADE.

If you want a good second hand hack. Call on H. C. Hunt the livery man. 28tf

For a quite, sociable time come to Sonora for the fourth and partake of a barbecue dinner.

The Celebrated Lakewood Rye Whiskey may be had at G. W. Morris Maud S Saloon Sonora.

County Attorney W. A. Anderson returned from a professional trip to Ozona, Wednesday.

John Cooper one of our old timers came in from San Angelo, Monday, on his way to the Brannan ranch near Juno.

Bill, Burl and Joe Thurman, E and G, Bromfield, and W. F. Loden prominent stockmen from Edwards county, were in Sonora Wednesday on a business and purchasing trip.

Call on R. C. Dawson if you want any thing in his line. He carries a new and first-class stock of buggies, hacks, wagons, sewing machines, stoves. Also a fine line of saddles, harness, whips, rugs and every thing that a first-class saddle shop handles. 31-tf

When in Eldorado, get your meals at A. J. Savell's Restaurant S. R. Abbott and J. D. Fisher of Edwards county were in Sonora this week on their way to New Mexico and Arizona.

Married at the home of the bride's sister, in Sonora, Texas, on Wednesday June 12, 1901, Miss Lula Causey to O. S. Mitchell, Rev. Nath Thompson of the Methodist Church officiating. The wedding was quiet and unpretentious only the members of the household being present. The hour set for the wedding was 8 o'clock a.m. and after partaking of a bounteous breakfast the happy couple left by private conveyance for San Antonio, via Junction, on a pleasure trip. The bride is a charming and sensible young woman, sister to Mrs. J. C. McDonald, and will make an ideal wife. The groom is a popular young druggist who has been with E. S. Briant for the past two years. He was formerly of Campbell, Texas. The News extends its best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell for a happy, long and useful life.

N. J. Bunnham a cattleman from near Radd, in Schleicher county, was in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Bunnham has been ranging 300 head of cattle at the double tanks 29 miles from Del Rio, for the past six months and is now moving them to the home ranch in Schleicher county.

Married at the home of the bride's parents, near Ozona, Texas, on Monday June 10, 1901, Mrs. Myrtle Anna Cusenbary to E. S. Briant of Sonora, Rev. A. R. Watson of the Baptist Church officiating. Owing to the serious illness of the bride's father, Joe T. Gurley, the wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate family being present. The groom is the well-known high sheriff of Sutton county and proprietor of the Sonora Drug Store. He is energetic and reliable with a large circle of close friends. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gurley, of Crockett county and formerly resided in Sonora. The News joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Briant in extending its best wishes for their future happiness.

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### Sunday School Picnic.

The Sunday school and their friends will picnic Saturday at Elbow Lake.

They are preparing for a big time. Free seats will be provided for all who have no way to go. The start will be made from the church at 7 o'clock sharp.

A committee of ladies will take charge of the baskets where the parents of the children are not along.

A good time and no accidents is the motto.

BRO THOMPSON.

To save mending, avoid breaking, and to avoid suffering, prevent coughs and colds by the timely use of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It is a safe, sure and swift remedy for all bronchial ailments. Price, 25 and 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Juno is all right. She is building right up. New houses nestled side the hill and more fixing to build. You fellows will have to quit throwing off on the little village betwixt the hills. I understand they have creeds of divers colors down their like some herds of cattle, but they treated the preaching all right, good crowds and attention. Will go back Thursday night before 3rd Sunday in July for a few days meeting. Plenty water and a welcome awaits the folks from the regions round about if they want to come.

Yours,  
NATH THOMPSON.

Cane seed at.

C. S. DEERE'S.

T. L. Benson left for the east Monday to look at some horses he wants to buy.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Brooks and Miss Amelia Carraway were in Sonora Tuesday. Miss Carraway is a sister to Mrs. Brooks and will be her guest for the summer.

Everything in the grocery line kept regular in stock, and price right at C. M. Deere's. Your trade solicited. 36-tf

Miss Lottie Wigzell of Eldorado, niece of Mrs. John McCleary, was in Sonora this week the guest of Mrs. T. C. Cahill.

R. H. Wyatt the diversified stock raiser who ranch several miles south of Sonora was in town Thursday.

The best knife is a Rodgers See J. Lewenthal's assortment and buy what you want.

The citizen meeting decided to celebrate the Fourth of July with a basket picnic and barbecue on the old grounds in the J. A. Parker pasture west of Sonora. The citizens committee will provide and arrange for the barbecue and the ladies are requested to provide the delicacies. Every one is invited to come to Sonora and enjoy themselves.

O. C. Roberts, candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Schleicher county, solicits the votes of the sovereigns of that free state, believing that he can make them a good officer. "Lum" Roberts, was for six years a citizen of Sutton county where he was engaged in the sheep and cattle business. Three years ago he moved his cattle to Schleicher county and has been buying and trading until he has acquired considerable property. If elected he will fill the office to the best of his ability and having a large acquaintance with the people of the country he considers himself in the race for sheriff.

### Stock News.

Bob Gatling bought 500 ewes from D. B. Cusenbary last week at 1.10.

Louis Lehne sold 100 2 year-old steers to Bevans & Russell of Menardville at \$19 no cut back.

We have Mowers and Rakes. E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

J. P. McConnell returned Tuesday from the half circle G ranch where he passed on about 600 steers for Russell & McConnell.

If you want a Mower and Rake go to E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Wm. Bevans was in Sonora Tuesday receiving 422 2 year-old steers that Bevans & Russell bought from Tom Gillespie last week.

A contract for furnishing 450 horses for the Twelfth Cavalry has been awarded to J. T. Hall, Jr., of Brownwood, Tex.

Frank Parker manager of the half circle G ranch, was in Sonora Wednesday. The outfit was down with 650 steers 3's up for delivery to McConnell & Russell.

C. F. Adams came down from San Angelo, on a weeks visit. He has not shipped the 4,000 muttons of J. A. Parker & Co. because in his opinion the market has never justified Mr Adams has the muttons close to San Angelo on good range and they are doing well. There are only about 10,000 top muttons to be run from San Angelo now and if the conditions are the same at other points the market should get stronger. His string are good stuff and will bring top prices when they go.

### Notice to Stock Shippers.

Joe Short of San Angelo, has pastured two miles from town, and shippers wanting to hold over for a few days can be accommodated by seeing him. 27-tf

Miss Amelia Carraway of Robert Lee, was in Sonora this week the guest of Mrs. J. J. North.

Jim Bevans, Asa Nixon, Fletch Treadwell and Abe Ellis were among the representatives from Menardville in Sonora this week.

Bay Davis youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis fell from the horse power at the ranch Saturday evening and broke her collar bone.

Artie Baker son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker of Bee Hollow, had his collar bone broken by his horse falling on him Friday evening. Otherwise the injury is not serious.

The popular resort for ladies and gentlemen is Deere's ice cream parlor everything 1st class. C. E. STITES, Manager.

Z. C. Cox from the Frank's D. feat country, was in Sonora this week trading.

Giving satisfaction in business my delight. Call when in need. 36-tf C. M. DEERE.

A. F. Clarkson was in from the Lost Lake ranch Wednesday to ranch supplies and screen doors.

Dr. Broiles the specialist, cured all Chronic diseases. Lampas Monday, Goldthwaite Tuesday, Brownwood Wednesday, Colton Thursday, Ballinger Friday, Angelo Saturday, Consultation charges reasonable.

W. B. Acroy who is raising sheep in the J. M. G. Bangs ranch in Schleicher county, Sonora this week traded Acroy says his sheep are nicely as possible.

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We consider that we have done our part in placing

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Nails and Hardware, Windmills and Windmill Repairs.

Come to Sonora to do your trading. We will make it to your interest.

# E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

J. W. Mayfield & Sons, have a new delivery wagon.

When in Eldorado, stop at A. J. Savell's feed yard. 26

G. W. Chesser the sheepman was in Sonora last week from a business trip to Kerrville.

Rev. R. M. Leaton of Brownwood, came over with Bro. Thompson and is delighting the church folks with his sound sermons and gospel talks. He will preach for us again next Sunday morning and talk to the children in the afternoon.

H. C. Hunt the livery man has a good second hand hack for sale Cheap for cash. 28tf

J. B. Huff, died at his home in Sonora on Friday June 7, 1901, aged 57 years, 3 months and 12 days. Interment was had at the Sonora cemetery Saturday morning and the services at the grave, were conducted by Elder C. M. Deere. Deceased was born at Matagorda, Texas, March 29th 1844, fought for his country during the civil war and for many years resided in McCulloch county. He was married October 8, 1867 to Miss Ophelia N. Stapp of Dewitt county and leaves his widow and a large family to mourn his loss. He had not been in good health for many years but his last illness lasted 41 days. During his residence in Sonora he has been engaged in the butcher business and was respected by all and particularly those who knew him intimately, as a good citizen and honest man. To his widow, family and friends the News extends its sympathy.

Hawkes famous eye glasses and spectacles at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

The boys who own fast ponies are invited to bring them with them to Sonora for the Fourth.

J. W. Reiley the well known sheepman, was in from his sheep camp on Wheat's ranch Tuesday for supplies and to attend to some land business. John says his sheep are doing fine.

C. K. Ree who has a bunch of cattle on the Habey ranch, was in Sonora Thursday. 28-tf

Full assortment of Hawkes renowned spectacles at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Cudge Parker, returned from a trip to San Angelo, Wednesday.

Scott Montgomery who has been prospecting in the Big Ben and Sanderson country for some time, was in Sonora Wednesday on his way to Beaumont to try his fortune.

Second hand hack for sale, cheap for cash. 28-tf

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