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CATTLE.

Texas grass has been putting some pretty good beef on the market. A few days ago three cars of grass fat steers in St. Louis brought their owner over $55 a head.

From all over the state there are reports of all the rain that is needed, an abundant supply of water, the finest grass crop seen for years and cattle taking on flesh rapidly. In the Territory flies have been troublesome, but are less so now. The country that is so well supplied with grass as Texas has no need to hurry its stock to market.

The number of cattle transactions in Texas, though not yet large, do not at all indicate that owners are willing to come down very much in their demands. The men who own the cattle simply "dont have to sell," and as they have a well founded faith in good beef prices for some time to come they have a right to consider the cows that produce the beef supply pretty good property.

In the aggregate there has been a very slightly diminishing supply of cattle going into the yards at Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago. Though there was a little downward tendency in prices towards the close of June the ripe, heavy beeves and choice light beeves held their own better than other classes. In the three markets the cattle receipts for the present year have been about 34,500 head less than to the same date last year. Chicago has received about 37,000 more and St. Louis and Kansas City about 71,000 less.

The shortage in cattle, and the strong demand made for army supply, as well as for a more prosperous people at home and for an increasing export demand, with the necessarily resultant good prices for beef, will encourage cattlemen to stock up their ranges to the full grazing capacity of the land. The present season has been unusually favorable to the growth of grass, to which the small number of cattle upon it has contributed. Don't take the grass of this year as a measure for the future, and don't tax it out of existence by overstocking. That is the danger to avoid.

A considerable number of yearling and two-year-old cattle, classes that formerly went to the ranges, over a year ago went to the feeding country and were carried through the summer and winter on hay and grass and then put on feed in the spring. The market has been receiving these cattle for some time, keeping up a supply from the feed lots to an extent that was unexpected by many, but it is said that there are not many more left to go to the markets. They will hardly hold out in any considerable numbers until the grass cattle begin to fairly make their runs. The system of carrying young cattle from the ranges to the feeding states is one that is likely to continue, and it is one that must be profitable to the Texas ranches.

A Northern cattle buyer who recently went to Nevada for the purpose of purchasing cattle, said it was almost impossible to buy anything there. The demand there is away beyond the supply and there is such a surplus of feed that cattlemen are well able to hold until their demands are acceded to. The buyer referred to says there is in Nevada such a shortage of cattle that shipments to the ranges there must be made from the ranges eastward within a few years. And yet in all the ranges eastward conditions seem to be pretty much just as they are in Nevada. In all the breeding territory it is the same story—long on grass and short on cattle. Under these circumstances, with owners as free from the pressure of debt as they are, it looks as if prospective buyers would do well to reconsider their determination to have the seller come to their views of the situation.

It took a long time to convince many that a shortage of cattle really existed, and longer to have it generally acknowledged, but now not only do none deny, but everyone who discusses the conditions of the cattle industry refers to that as one of the conditions having most influence upon it. There are now well informed cattlemen who do not hesitate to allege that the shortage is too great for the country to ever be overstocked with cattle again, basing their opinion upon the belief that before the existing deficiency in supply can be made good there will have been such a large growth in population, accompanied by a corresponding growth of demand, that the gap between the supply and demand will be as large as ever, which condition will continue time without limit. The Sioux Stock Journal, referring to this opinion, says it is a strong statement to make, and yet it is perfectly within the bounds of reason. The Journal agrees that the statement is a strong one, for there are so many factors affecting the measure of supply that it would be rash to predict its limitations. In very much of the range country of Texas there are changes in progress that must multiply the capacity of the land to sustain cattle, and it is reasonable to expect that from such portions of the state the cattle supply will be increased to the utmost of the increased carrying capacity of the land. To some extent the same changes are being effected on other ranges, with the same results probable. In many states the farmers who have neglected the production of beef cattle are now giving it their attention. The profits now promised by the industry are turning many to it. On the other hand, sheepmen are encroaching on vast areas of range and will hold to the exclusion of cattle. England is taking from us supplies, increasing each year the largeness of her demand, and it seems probable that the barriers which have shut out our meats from the other states of Europe will be removed. These are some of the factors. Who can accurately measure the effect of each?

HORSES.

Don't buy your horse collars without first trying them on the horses that are to wear them. No care will save a horse's shoulders or neck from soreness if the collar fits badly.

In all kinds of harness work as well as under the saddle a fast walker is worth more than a horse that walks slowly. This quality is worth much to the farmer in every department of work done by the horse. The horses that excel in this quality are those got by trotting bred sires that have size and action.

There need be no apprehension of an overproduction of high class horses, whether harness horses or saddlers. The latter have lately received a greatly increased attention as a distinct class and the demand for them is certain to gain strength as the appreciation of their really superb qualities becomes more general. Four of the nations of Europe have spent large sums of money and have employed the highest intelligence for a century in breeding coach horses, but still their buyers are at all the important sales in this country looking for the best for export. European buyers, too, are ready to take our best draft as well as harness horses, and to pay for them prices satisfactorily profitable to the breeder. There is, and has been for years, an overproduction of nondescripts, but the man who is breeding good animals of any of the desirable classes will always find a market that will give handsome reward to his intelligence and judicious investment in breeding stock.

REMEDY FOR FOUNDER.

S. B. Green of Sanco, Tex., writes to the Journal that he has a valuable Clydesdale horse that has been badly foundered more than a month, and asks for a remedy. Cut down a whisky or other similar barrel so that it will be about a foot deep, and stand your horse with his forefeet in it, in water as hot as you can bear your hand in for half an hour at a time morning and evening, and in the interim put his fore feet in hot bran poultices. Give laxative food. J. ALLEN, V. S.

AN EXPERIMENT WITH RANGE COLTS.

Hon. C. F. Curtis, director of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment station, has gone to the Western ranges for the purpose of securing a carload of range colts to be reared at the Iowa Agricultural college, in order to ascertain what capabilities of useful development they possess. Mr. Curtis expects to secure the young animals about Cheyenne in Wyoming.

Many of the range horses of the West are merely wild animals, seemingly incapable of ever possessing useful qualities. There are thousands no better on the ranges in Texas, but in this state are a number of stocks that have improved breeding to an extent that has infused into the caballados much of the blood of the thoroughbred. It would be interesting to make selections of mare colts from such Texas stocks as have had the services of a better class of stallions, either thorough or standard bred and by judicious breeding and handling ascertain the utmost development of which the blood is capable. They have many really valuable characteristics that ought to be perpetuated in the breeding, and care should be taken that these are not sacrificed in the effort to give to the stock increased size and more elegance of form.

Just as they are thousands of these horses have been selected by men who know them best for a cavalry service that involves as severe a test of endurance as any that can be demanded in military service, and no one doubts their superior ability to endure all the hard conditions to which they will be subjected. Yet the Journal believes that the breed is capable of an improvement that would not involve a sacrifice of the wonderful endurance and splendid courage it now possesses and would bring them up to a standard of size and form which would, with their present excellent characteristics, make them such magnificent as well as such serviceable cavalry animals as would draw to Texas purchasers for the mounts of the armies of Europe.

It would take a series of years to make such a breeding test, for the test should depend for its success principally upon the mating adopted. It would probably not be well to abandon the range methods to any great extent, but every animal should be handled enough to have it always subject to control, and each mare should be bred to the stallion most likely to produce through her the type desired. The offspring should be cared for sufficiently to prevent any cessation in growth during growing period, but never pampered. Only the best fillies, and those best adapted to the end in view should be retained in the breeding herd. And the whole test should be under the direction of an intelligent horseman with a high ideal in view towards which he would work persistently.

It would take a series of years to develop results, but in the first generation there would be such an improvement effected as to make the result a profitable one, and with each generation a higher standard would be reached. It may be said that with such a larger class af mares as can be had, on the farms bigger and well formed animals can be sooner produced by the methods of farm rearing, but the result of such breeding would lack the qualities of the range stock which gives it value for cavalry use, and could not compare in cheapness with the range methods of production. The cavalry demands of our own army will hereafter always absorb such a large number of animals that it is worth while to make special provision for meeting its requirements, and the armies of Europe are looking more and more to this country for their supply.

SHEEP.

If the farmer has a weedy pasture the best thing he can do with it will be to turn in on it a flock of sheep. As long as the weeds are green the sheep will feed on them.

The goat business has become quite a factor in the live stock industry of New Mexico. It is claimed that Sierra county alone has 50,000 goats grazing within its borders and there are many thousands in other counties of the territory.

The demand for sheep to be placed in the feed lots has been so strong as to keep prices at a point which have made feeders somewhat uneasy, but strong as has been the demand the number of sheep so far going to the markets has been about 275,000 less than to the same date last year. During the last few days there has been some decline in prices of the poorer qualities, but ranchmen are so strongly inclined to restock the Western ranges that prices cannot get to a very low point.

Spring lambs have been going at a pretty high figure, but recently there has been some decline. In many parts of the range country the supply of lambs has been unusually large, but this is not the case everywhere, and there will probably be now a tendency to overestimate the crop rather than to underestimate. Buyers are said to be making a bigger difference in price beween choice lambs and those of an inferior quality than their actual difference in quality warrants, and the ranges in this state are generally in too good condition now to justify shipment of any sort of grazing stock to market until it has received all the full benefit of the nutritious Texas grasses.

According to some of the statements concerning lambs that have gone to the market the fattest are those obtained by crossing the Merino with a Southdown. Some of these have been commanding fancy prices. All butchers seem to consider the Southdown the best mutton sheep known, but it is claimed that the Merino blood gives a tenderness to the meat and causes the lambs to take on fat rapidly. The feeding should be commenced when the lambs are about two weeks old in order to push their growth rapidly from the start, and the ewe also should be fed liberally with the view of stimulating milk production. This can be done with the small flocks found on the farms. The lambs can be tempted to eat a mixture of oats, corn and cotton seed meal ground up fine and sweetened a little o render the diet palatable to them. This may first be done by hand and it will not take long to have the youngsters taking dry feed from a trough. This will be well in order to stimulate a vigorous growth, and will be necessary if it is intended to force them to an early marketable condition.

At various times reports of results obtained in lamb feeding have been given to the press which indicated that a larger amount of profit could be obtaind in thsis kind of feeding than has been secured from feeding any other class of live stock, though the largest measure of success in this, as in every feeding test, comes from a judicious selection of the animals to be fed and the kind of feed used and the method of feeding it. Thomas Shaw of the Minnesota Experiment station has recently given to the Breeders' Gazette a statement of a feeding test showing an average net profit per head of $1.49 on the lambs that were fed. They were bought in Montana at $3 per 100 pounds. The experiment began November 1, 1897, and ended Feb. 8, 1898. The lambs were sent to the block March 11. The preparatory feeding lasted seven days. The experiment proper lasted 112 days and the whole period of feeding covered 131½ days. The bulletin closes thus: "The following are chief among the lessons to be learned from the experiment: (1) It demonstrates the marked suitability of corn, barley and oats, our three leading coarse grains, for fattening lambs along with suitable adjuncts. (2) It demonstrates the wisdom of feeding a small proportion of oil cake along with the barley, even though the price is dear. (3) It demonstrates the suitability of range lambs for feeding purposes. (4) It demonstrates the substantial profit that may result from such feeding when conducted in a careful manner."

PREVENTING AND CURING SCAB.

A bulletin from the Colorado Experiment station says:

If one has sheep that are free from scab he should not allow sheep that may have the disease to be put with them. Suspicious sheep should be kept in a yard by themselves until it is quite certain that they are free from the infection.

Persons who are purchasing lambs or sheep from a locality where scab is known to be present should not put them at once into the yards where they are to be fed for the market. They should, if possible, be kept out of these yards until dipped, at least once, and it would be better if they could be dipped twice. The experiments to determine how long the mites may live off the sheep prove that they may live at least twenty days. There is no certainty then of eradicating the disease with the best dip, even in two dippings four days apart if the sheep are put back in the old yards. A single surviving female would be sufficient, if she could find her way back to the sheep, to start the diesase afresh.

Where sheep are kept the year round it will be much cheaper to dip soon after shearing when the wool is short, as it will take less material.

Do not get the idea that the disease may be spontaneous under any possible conditions, for it is not. As well think of horses or jackrabbits coming into existence without parents. Every sheep that contracts scab does so by getting the mites or their eggs directly from other animals

SWINE.

Don't let the pigs sleep on a manure pile.

Two erors are to be avoided in breeding, viz: breeding immature animals, and breeding those so old that their vitality is on the wane. The way to prevent swine disease is to have strong, vigorous pigs, and these cannot be had from dams that are undeveloped and immature, not having yet attained the strength and condition to beget or nourish their young, nor from those that have passed the age of vigorous vitality.

Poor food and filthy quarters are generally the causes of lice on hogs and it will be impossible for the hogs to thrive until they are rid of the pests. There should be at once an improvement of feed and a thorough cleaning up of the quarters. A kerosene emulsion should be sprayed over the hogs and the operation repeated after a few days, more than once, if necessary, to kill the crop of lice that will come from the eggs after the first spraying. To make the emulsion use two gallons of kerosene to one of boiling water, putting in such quantity of soap that when the mixture is churned it will be thick, white and creamy. Dilute this with eight or nine parts of water. To make the spraying effective it must reach every part of the hog.

"Farmers' Bulletin" No. 73, of the United States Department of Agriculture, says: "Whoever would raise hogs without disease (and this is necessary to obtain the highest profit), must get rid of the notion that the hog is naturally a filthy animal—that filth is less distasteful and unhealthful to him than to the steer or horse, and that it is impossible, because of the nature of the animal, to surround the hog with sanitary conditions. Filth is a prolific source of disease among all animals; and because the hog is brought into contact with the most filth, there is the most disease among swine. Filth opposes the health and thrift of swine, just as it opposes the health of horses or man. The first step in growing hogs without disease is to keep filth away from them—to give them clean food, clean drink, clean quarters and clean shelters."

No one cares to have the brood sow fat, and it maters very little how thin she may be, provided she be strong and healthy. What is demanded of her is to supply meat in the shape of pigs and to nourish them so that from the start they will be strong and vigorous. It is important that she be a good milker. It has been said that the sow that is a kind mother is a good milker. With an udder distended with milk she gladly receives the relief which the youngsters give her by suckling and feels kindly towards them. In selecting a brood sow make inquiry first as to her ability to supply her young with a bountiful supply of milk. This is a quality of more importance than pedigree. And if she has superior merit in that respect reserve her most promising female offspring for the same duties. Pedigree and form are important, but they have little value in the mother that is not able to respond liberally to the demands of her young for food.

A SUCCESSION OF FORAGE CROPS.

Dr. Stubbs of the Louisiana Experiment Station has given much attention to a succession of forage crops for hogs and has shown advantages that are possessed by Louisiana in that direction that are equally shared in by Texas. He recommends crops in the following order: Rust proof oats, sowed in September and ripening in May. There should be a sufficient area of these to carry the hogs well until sweet corn has reached a condition fit for feeding, upon which the hogs may then be turned. They will eat stalk, blade and ear of this. A field of sorghum should be ready for them to enter after the sweet corn has been consumed, to be eaten down in the field and supplying them until the regular corn crop and cow peas come in, and after feeding on those there will be the sweet potato crop. In all these the hogs may gather their own feed, and its variety will be such as to promote their digestion while stimulatng their appetites.

All these crops will grow as well in Texas as in Louisana, and in many parts of Texas alfalfa, which combines in itself the excellences of various feeds, may be successfully grown. Indeed it is almost a complete ration. Alone it would have a very great value as a hog feed but the forage feeding as described above would be well combined with it.

BREEDING AND BACON QUALITY.

At a recent swinebreeders' convention in Tennessee a paper was read in which the author asserted that the best pork is that from the pure-bred hogs, and that the higher the breed the better the quality of meat.

The Cotton Planter, dissenting from this, says: "It certainly is not in accord with the English taste which inclines to lean bacon, nor does it cater to American preference except among some of the working class. In fact the public taste is turning so decidedly to lean bacon, that an agricultural writer recently regretted that the razor back breed was about to run out on account of importations into every community of thoroughbred boars."

The fact is that the most favor has always been given by the most discriminating palates to the meat of the hog that has no breeding at all, as is evidenced by the high favor that the Smithfield and Westphalian meats, have always commanded even at a price far beond that of the "pure-bred" meat. The Cotton Planter is right in saying that there are many who, remembering the fine, gamey flavor of the razor back, regret his passing. Yet there are some localities in which he still exists, and the people who know him know the taste of the best hog meat yet eaten.

POULTRY.

GOBBLER FOR NEXT YEAR.

Get rid of all male turkeys as soon as the market opens full for that class of stock, and get a male from some source which will ensure against the possibility of his being related to the hens. If a gobbler has a dash of the "wild" blood in him, say one-fourth, it will be an advantage. The use of young gobblers should be avoided. One that it is two years old should be preferred to a yearling. The hens may be as young as one year and if older it will be better. The point should be to secure vigor in the young ones, and as inbreeding and the use of immature parents has done much to cause loss of the young ones hatched in the past it is important to secure strong young turkeys in order to be able to raise a larger number than is usually done every year. The loss of a single young turkey in a brood is quite an item considering its value for market when it matures, and the safest way to prevent loss is to begin with the breeding stock and secure vigor.

HOW HE STARTED.

One of our leading poultry men who had made a great success of the business recently told a newspaper friend how he made a start and what induced him to give up his cotton and corn for poultry. The poultry man, whom we will call Mr. Johnson, said:

"I went into the poultry business when it was pretty new. I didn't care much about the money that was to be made, but I wanted some fine chickens, so I paid $3 for two sittings of eggs from a good breeder.

"I was very proud of that three-dollar investment and told my neighbors all about it. I was a farmer then, and just like all the rest of 'em about these things. My neighbors began to look at me with a kind of a pitying expression as if they thought I was a little off.

"Those eggs hatched and the chicks grew beautifully and I was very much pleased with 'em. My neighbors came around and looked at them and said they were pretty, but a chicken was a chicken to them and the idea of paying $1.50 for thirteen eggs killed them off from becoming wildly enthusiastic.

"The next season when my pure bred pullets began to lay, one by one the neighbors dropped around and offered to swap eggs with me, giving their back number hens' eggs and taking in exchange those produced by my Leghorns. I refused them, and offered to make a special reduction in their favor and sell eggs at a dollar a sitting.

"Then they went sadly away and it began to be reported in the neighborhood that I was not a very good citizen, and it was intimated that a man who would charge his neighbors a dollar for a setting of eggs was a pretty good sort of a fellow to watch, as he might, in his grasping for the almighty dollar, get into the fashion of stealing. Every time I missed going to church it was looked upon as a suspicious circumstance.

"I meandered along, however, and managed to keep out of jail for a year or two, and by that time I had a fine lot of Leghorns. Then a fellow who had seen my chickens at the county fair dropped in one day and proposed to give me an opportunity to make money and become famous at the same time by advertising in his paper at 40 cents a line, strictly in advance.

"In those days I didn't know how easy it is to get advertising for nothing, so I made a contract for four insertions of a three-line ad. It looked like risking a good deal of money, but I went right down in my clothes and dug up $4.80, kissed it fondly and, with tears in my eyes, but hope in my heart, saw that solicitor depart for fresh fields and pastures new, also victims.

"The next week I went to town on purpose to get the paper that had that ad. in, and I'm telling you too much truth when I tell you that I got an order for a sitting of eggs on the same mail that brought me the paper.

"You bet I got that setting of eggs off on the next train, and I also spent $3.20 on an ad that I sent to another paper. From those two ads I got just $51, and every dollar came from a farmer.

"I wasn't slow about doing a little talking to my neighbors about the profits of poultry keeping when you can get $1.50 for thirteen eggs. I kept it up until at last I got too rich to stay out in the country, and so I moved to Chicago and went into this business just as a recreation and for the good I might be able to do my fellow man by pointing out to him the one way to wealth and glory."

"I s'pose your neighbors came around and bought eggs and chickens after awhile, didn't they?" asked the reporter.

"Never," answered Mr. J., sadly. "They got to see how much more profitable my hens were than their old dunghills ever could be, and they bought hens and chickens until the whole neighborhood was full of them, but they bought them of some other fellow. They wanted to have the name of sending away for them, and I got so I didn't weep when they stopped on the way from town and showed me the things they had been buying. I knew by that time that I was selling my stock right in the same neighborhoods where some of this came from. It all evened up in the end, and I am here to say that I never advertised my poultry in any kind of a paper that paid as well as the farm papers did. The most progressive farmers read the farm papers, and they want the best stock. They may be few in a place, but the farm paper finds a lot of them. You will make a mistake if you don't use them, and don't you forget it."—Carew.

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THE FARM.

The farmer who does not recognize the necessity of providing abundant pasturage for his live stock is lacking in an important element of success.

"Catch crops" are not often resorted to in Texas, but the Journal has seen it stated in some of its exchanges that the recent continuous rains in certain localities had left cotton so badly choked with weeds that some farmers had decided to not attempt making a cotton crop. In such cases it might be well to put the land in sorghum or Kaffir corn. Both can be planted late and both are good drouth resisters and would make a fine supply of feed. An abundant supply of such feed would doubtless enable the man who has it to obtain live stock to feed on shares, even if he should have none of his own.

In all the farm breeding the selection of the females for breeders should be made with a view to uniformity. One of the well established principles of breeding is that the weak point in one parent should be compensated by the other parent possessing strong excellence in such points. If there is such a variety of characteristics among the dams that the weaknesses are in a variety of points it will be impossible to select a sire who will not as to some of them intensify the weakness in the offspring instead of eliminating it. This renders it important that all the dams should be as near alike as possible in their conformation.

The successful farmer must be a many sided man. There is almost a boundless variety in his field of study, whether he study books or the facts of nature as they are presented to him in field or pasture. He must learn to do many kinds of work. He must learn to raise a variety of crops, and learn much of their nature and requirements. He must know the nature and habits of the several kinds of live stock belonging to the farm, the feeds on which they thrive best and something of the diseases to which they are subject. If he is a mechanic so much the better. No man can gather in during one human life all or a tithe of what the successful farmer must know. Nearly all his valuable knowledge must come from the experiences of others. The field from which such knowledge is obtained is widened immensely by the methods of farmers' institutes and farmers' congresses, and their great value to agriculture is becoming more generally recognized as they are better understood.

The price of wheat is still good, though far below that which it commanded at one time while the Leiter deals were upholding it, but conservative farmers instead of increasing their acreage at the expense of other departments will go on raising such crops as soil and climate most favor and for which there is a reasonable prospect of a healthy profit. Wheat will probably not again go to as low a figure as it touched before the year 1897, nor is it probable that it will go to any very high figure. The aggregate of its areas is of vast extension, the climatic conditions effecting it are those of so many lands that a general shortage of the crop is an event exceedingly rare, while facilities for cheap and quick transportation to any point demanding it are highly perfected. Such a shortage as would greatly increase the price above what it now commands is not sufficiently probable to justify the farmer in abandoning his ordinary rotation of crops. At the same time some advance is not improbable in view of the slender reserves carried over from the crops preceding that of 1898.

THE SOIL NEEDS FEEDING.

John Couch of New York, points out a fact that in time will be realized by farmers in Texas. He says: "But I want to assure my brother farmers in Minnesota and adjoining states that if they are not careful they will soon be as heavy buyers of commercial fertilizers as we of the East. A recent visit to the West convinced me that methods of cultivation now largely practiced there are not calculated to preserve the native fertility of soil that is giving its farmers such an advantage. Too little rotation, too little cultivation, too many weeds, too much wheat after wheat, too little stock, too much indifference to barnyard manure, are a few of the things I noticed that will as surely lead to commercial fertilizers, in time, as darkness follows light." Already there are farms in Texas that have given up their fertility in continuous yields of the same crops. There has been so much cheap land in the state that to any one farmer the exhaustion or the diminishing production of the few fields of which he knew has seemed to be a matter of small importance. And so it has been all over the United States. When fields become old and worn the relief sought was not by a rehabilitation of the soil, but by going west. And now there is no more going west. Indeed, the heavy drift of agricultural movement seem to be to Texas, and Texas, if she becomes worn and feeble in production, must reconstruct her soils.

The saving remedies may be applied now in crop rotation and in increasing to the carrying capacity of each farm the production of live stock. There is no cheaper or more profitabe method of maintaining and increasing the productiveness of the land, nor none more effective. The two methods are best combined and the sooner the farmers of Texas recognize their necessity and adopt them the nearer we are to the magnificent agricultural prosperity, of which Texas is capable. Repairing the land with commercial fertilizers is costly and often unsatisfactory.

TEXAS HEALTH RESORT.

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ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Flowering shrubs which grow too strongly at the top may be made more shapely by cutting back the strong shoots near the ground early in the summer so as to divert the sap that would go into them to the weaker shoots. If the trimming is done in winter the top branches grow stronger than ever the next season, making the bush still more unsymmetrical.

The Denver Field and Farm says: There is one peculiarity about the ripening of peaches which all growers may not have taken the trouble to observe. Early peaches ripen from the pit towards the surface, while the late varieties ripen from the surface toward the center, this mark of distinction being sufficient to make the difference between the shipping and keeping qualities of early and late peaches. Softening or ripening near the pit first makes the early peach a poor carrier and a poor keeper and this is one reason why they fall down so quickly after reaching market.

Although it must be known to everyone who has given any thought to the matter that an excessive production of fruit by any tree must make a serious drain upon its vitality, there are few fruit raisers through Texas who ever take the trouble to thin a crop, no matter how heavy it may be. There are instances where trees that have produced one enormous crop have seemed to have ended forever their usefulness in that one excessive effort. Such trees, had the fruit been thinned early, would have produced an abundant yield of better fruit in the season of their great effort, and would have continued a healthy yield during a normal period of production. The thinning may be done either by pruning away part of the branches to prevent the formation of too much fruit, or by picking off all excess of fruit as soon as it has formed. It is better to continue the usefulness of the tree, by reducing its production, than by propping up the bending and breaking limbs to give to one enormous yield the vitality necessary for future yields.

THE STRINGFELLOW SYSTEM.

At the Indiana Experiment station a test has been made of the Stringfellow system of root pruning which demonstrates its benefit. The test was made on standard pears, dwarf pears, cherries, prunes, peaches and quinces.

Two trees of each were close pruned, removing all but an inch or so of the root and all of the top. Two of each were pruned in the ordinary way. The trees were photographed before planting and were taken up and photographed after the season's growth. It was shown that the peach was capable, after being deprived of its roots and branches, of producing a vigorous root system and a good top growth. The dwarf pear, the standard pear, the German prune and Early Richmond cherry came next. The latter made very little development on the pruned tree.

DAIRY.

By good feeding and proper attention to the milk cows the milk yield may be profitably increased on every farm, for even if there is no market for what may not be used by the family, it can be used to good advantage in feeding young pigs and poultry.

An exchange suggests the following as a method for keeping butter cool without ice. Fill a saucer half full of water, set the butter dish in it and cover both with a common flower pot inverted, closing the hole in the bottom of the flower pot with a cork. Set in any airy but shaded place and dash water over the flower pot whenever it becomes dry. An unglazed flower pot, which will absorb moisture and release it slowly is necessary for the purpose.

Washing the butter is an important part of the process of butter making. There should not be much washing if the butter is for immediate use. One water will usually be sufficient. Too much water will destroy the fine flavor, because the flavoring oils are largely soluble in water. If the butter is to be kept some time it is better to wash until the water comes away quite clear.

There should always be some soiling crop raised for the dairy cows if for no other stock on the farm. There may be plenty of grass in the spring and early summer, but at some time during nearly every summer and fall something will be necessary to supplement the pasturage if the cows are to be kept up to a liberal milk yield. A variety of crops may be raised for this purpose, and, indeed, it would be better to have a variety, coming in at different seasons, as oats, cow peas, sweet corn, sorghum, etc. These will give important relief to the pasture, which should never be permitted to be so heavily grazed as to give opportunity for a growth of weeds.

A cow giving a large quantity of milk has been slaughtered, and every drop of milk has been gathered up, and the largest amount ever found was about four quarts; hence, milk is largely made during the time of milking; and the cow must be placed under favorable conditions at the time, or you do not get the regular quantity of milk. Do not think that the milk is already there, and all you have to do is to draw it out. Only a small portion is in this state. Most of it is there, ready to be changed into milk, but it is not milk, and we must have things favorable for the cow to make this change.

One or two signs will denote a good cow, Prof. Haecker says, as well as twenty; in a poor cow the thighs run down straight, so there is no space between the thigh and the udder on one side and the tail on the other. There should be of plenty of daylight between the udder and the tail. One of the best ways to tell what kind of a cow you have is her temperament. A good dairy type has a sharp spine, strongly developed nervous system, and sharp hip bone. A good cow has a large, wedge shaped stomach, for she must have a large and powerful digestive system to use up her food quickly and make the best returns from it.

POOLE ON THE WING.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

On the morning of July the 7th about 10 oclock, I bade Sonora and the good people of Sutton county adieu, boarded the hurricane deck of my buggy, got in the middle of the San Angelo road and beat a hasty retreat towards Eldorado, and for a distance of twenty-two miles did not see but one house. The most of the way was in lanes. Grass splendid; stock fat and sleek. A little before sunset I reached the home of D. J. Dunagan, one mile out from Eldorado. Mr. Dunagan and family gave me a hearty welcome. He has a nice ranch and 2000 good sheep. I desire to thank him and family for the nice attentions paid me during my short stay with him. I had learned there was to be a barbecue and picnic in Eldorado on the 8th. Early on that morning I was on hand, ready for a free dinner again. About 9 o'clock the people began to arrive from every direction. I noticed several fair ladies from Sonora. Among them Mrs. Huffman and daughters, accompanied by Miss Covington. I had boarded a week with Mrs. Huffman at Sonora and shall never forget my pleasant stay there. To say that the picnic and barbecue at Eldorado was a success is only putting it mildly. Three beeves and five mutton cooked to perfection, and such a display of cakes, cookies, chicken pie, etc., etc., would have tempted the appetite of a king. Dinner being over, the large schoolroom was cleared, the music began, and everyone that felt so inclined joined in the dance. That was one time I would have liked to be a boy again, to swing some of those sweet ladies as I did long years ago in old Fannin.

At 4 o'clock I hooked up to leave. Some of the fair ladies loaded the Journal man with cakes, pies, barbecued beef, etc., enough to do me two days.

There is some of the prettiest country around Eldorado in all Texas. The soil is equal to any in the state; the grass immense. Taking the San Angelo road again, I drove in a northerly direction, down the beautiful South Concho valley. After drivng sixteen miles, at dusk I halted for the night, unlimbered my team, filled the morrals with corn, fed my horses, made a cup of coffee, and proceeded to do ample justice to the delicious cakes, pie, chicken, etc., Then I was soon in the dream land. Early next morning I arose with the lark, fed my team, myself ditto, and again bore north down the South Concho river. Grass splendid. I shall never forget the beautiful, shady pecan groves I passed through that morning. The road was lined with freight wagons, loaded for Sonora. At 12, in a nice shady pecan grove on the sparkling South Concho, I took dinner on the good things presented me at Eldorado.

About twenty miles south of San Angelo I turned west towards Knickerbocker, arriving there late in the evening. Oh, Lord, but that evening was hot! Here I met my friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, formerly of Sherwood. I was not three seconds in accepting an invitation to spend the night with them. Fred is a jolly cuss. He and his better half fed me on the fat of the land. It rained too much to attend church. In the evening I moved over to my old friend, E. R. Byler's, a half mile out in the suburbs of the town He has one among the best gardens I have seen in all my rounds; has a dirt tank, fed from a windmill, from which he irrigates his garden. The tank is full up with fish. I noticed some cat fish in it about two feet long; also some very large bass and perch. Mr. Byler is fixed to take care of the traveling public—nice clean beds, nice attentions, and their tables are loaded with something good for the inner man. His daughter, Mrs. Allen, is an expert in cooking and housekeeping and entertaining guests. I enjoyed my stay there, and if I ever pass that way again will be sure to sample Byler's good grub.

On Monday morning I pulled out for Sherwood, distance twelve miles, over some of the meanest roads in Texas. I halted for dinner at E. Brocks, who operates the only hotel in Sherwood. Mrs. Brock sets an elegant table. After dinner I worked hard all the evening and only secured two subscribers for the Journal. I was tired and disgusted at my failure. I moved over to the hospitable home of my old-time friend, Tome Stonehouse, who, by the way, was one of the Quantrell rough riders of Missouri during the civil war. Old Tom Stonehouse is honored and loved by all who know him. He is now county treasurer of Irion county and has held that position ever since the county was organized. He has no opponent for the position. Of course, Tom and I talked until the cock declared day was near at hand. I saw some of the largest onions grown in sherwood I ever beheld. Several nice farms near town, irrigated, are sown to alfalfa, which grows to perfection here.

Again I retraced my steps to Knickerbocker, halting at the Byler residence for dinner. Here I made a good list for the Journal, and at 3 o'clock I pulled towards San Angelo. The roads were nice and smooth; grass on all sides splendid. Out six miles from town on the the main Concho river, I camped for the night on the Nasworthy ranch. Early next morning I drove into J. S. Miles' livery stable in San Angelo. Here I met a host of old friends, who extended me a hearty greeting, among them Capt. J. C. Rice of Sterling, H. Lyles of Water Valley, Pat Murphy of the Standard, and one among the nicest gentlemen in Tom Green county; Sam W. Merchant and a host of others too numerous to mention, several of whom donated $1 each for the use of the Journal. Mose Taylor, the harness and saddlery man of West Texas, now reads the Journal. Mose's is the place to get the worth of your money. S. W. Merchant handed me $4, saying, "Keep the Journal coming." I desire to thank the newspaper fraternity of Angelo for nice attentions during my short stay there. San Angelo does an immense business and is one among the best wool markets in all Texas. Her merchants are an up-to-date set of business men and carry immense stocks in their respective lines.

Bidding these hosts of friends adieu, I took the road for Paint Rock. I arrived there after dark, and soon found the hotel, managed by a dashing, sweet widow, Mrs. Bacon. Her tables are all that heart or stomach could desire. Now, I want to say to some of you old bachelors out West, Thos. I Martin and others, don your best trotting harness and come to Paint Rock and engage board for life. If any of you are so fortuate as to make this deal, you will be glad you are living the balance of your days. Paint Rock is the seat of government of Concho and is surrounded with the finest bodies of land in all Texas. Land can be bought at from $2.50 to $5 per acre. Here I made a good list for the Journal, among them J. W. Ratchford, county surveyor and real estate man, who is well posted in land matters. Garland & Montgomery are also leaders in that line, a good reliable firm. See their ad in Journal; and in conclusion I desire to thank the many gentlemen for the liberal patroage to the Journal man, and, last but not least, to the charming Mrs. Bacon for nice attentions. C. C. POOLE.

Paint Rock, Tex., July 15, 1898.

TOM YOUNG AND THE CHICKEN SNAKE.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

I have had so much to say during the two years I've been traveling up and down the country as a missionary for the Journal about long horns, Shorthorns, Whitefaces, scrubs, landscape, the lay of the land and soils, it has not only physicked, but I feel pretty well satisfied that there has been such a "see-saw sameness" about it that the stomachs of many Journal readers are right in the neighborhood of a rebellion against such self-constituted authority to afflict the people, and as a very large majority of the sons and daughters of men are agreed upon the proposition "variety is the spice of life," I have concluded to quit the old paths already referred to and write tersely of an occurrence that occurred right here in Wise county, to the truthfulness of which any number of able-bodied witnesses can be trotted out any day.

Of course, the head lines to this piece, "Tom Young and the Chicken Snake," would be introduction sufficient in a ball room, at a church festival, or "Will you take something with us?" but the part he played in the drama of which I write was so heroic that it demands at least a laconic description of his person, with a brief statement of his history past as well as present. Tom besides belonging to the genus homo was planted, sprouted and grew to young sappy manhood amongst the foot hills of the Cumberland mountains, finishing up to the standard of six foot-six in Texas, and a more symetrically proportioned two hundred and fifty pounds of humanity would be hard to find, his pedal appendages are such handsome build, that but for the weight of years bearing on him Commodore Dewey would have applied to the president to send him down to Germany to give Hohenzollern a good kicking for his impudence, and no better proof of his being game enough for the job is needed than a mere reference to his having been selected as one of the company that manned an old transport and captured the U. S. man-of-war Harriett Lane, one of the blockading fleet of Galveston, Tex., July 1, 1864, but when Lee had quit "whipping 'em agin" in Virginia, and the lamb and the lion laid down together, and our swords were made into pruning hooks, Tom returned to his little farm in Wise county near Aurora, to act his part in rebuilding the waste places in Zion. The time was the fluctuating month of April. The bluebirds were making private contracts for the season; the peckerwood was training and toughening his bill on the hardest limb to be found; the grasshopper was balancing on wing, getting ready to return to Kansas; the hour high noon, and Tom's better half gives one long toot of the dinner horn. Tom unharnessed old one-eyed Jim, leaving the harness on the plow beam, hopped up on old Jim's back, with both legs on the same side, and rode leisurely towards his home down in the valley. He turned Jim in the lot and climbed into the crib to rummage around amongst the shucks for a few nubbins for Jim's dinner. A monstrous chicken snake, in quest of eggs, mice and young chickens, had preceded him, and in rummaging around he stirred up the snake, and in its efforts to escape it went in at the fron door of his shirt, these shirts with the front on the back side having not been discovered. It crawled around up the crease of his great back and stuck about ten inches of its head and neck above his collar in front of his right eye, licking out its tongue with the expression on its face, "There seems to be two of us here." Tom grabbed it with both hands; the snake tightened its grip around his body, and the battle for conquest opened. He bucked and grunted around in the crib until Mrs. Young concluded he had caught more "Injun" than he could turn loose, and rushed out to help him. She found Tom a mere wreck of his former greatness, but he lacked a whole lot of being as dead as the snake. Eggs and egg shells were spattered all over the crib. When Mrs. Young inquired, "Tom, what has happened?" says he, between breaths, "Do you see the snake? Do you see me-Well, from the appearance of myself and that snake and other signs around, what would anyone think has happened?"

Tom is an honored citizen of Lewisville, Denton county, Texas, and any one who may be a doubting Thomas as to the truthfulness of any statement herein made can be set right by calling on him; but I would advise any and all persons approaching him on the subject to be sure they have a good pair of running legs under them and lots of open country in their rear. And, as additional proof, and to protect my already well-fixed reputation for always camping right along in the neighborhood of the naked truth while writing of the early history of Wise county, reference is here made to such reputable citizens, yet in the flesh as C. C. Leonard, Sam Woody, A. Devereux, C. D. Cates, Simpson Bobo, and a great dark cloud of other witnesses to numerous to mention.

R. M. COLLINS.

Decatur, Tex., July 17, 1898.

OKLAHOMA CATTLE NOTES.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

We are having good rains throughout this country which was much needed in some localities, specially so in my own. Grass is good, water plenty and cotton doing well. Some loss in short, fat yearlings from blackleg. T. S. Snyder has just arrived at his ranch with a cow and calf herd from the lower part of the Panhandle; he also drove 60 head for J. H. Wright; the latter sold to D. C. Jones 212 head of Mexican yearling steers at about $15 per head, and to — Parker some 200 or 300 Mexican yearling heifers at $13.

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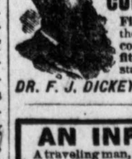
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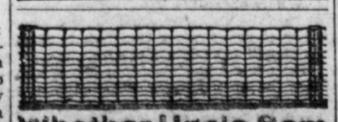
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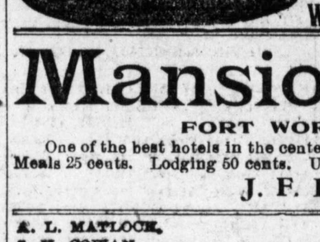
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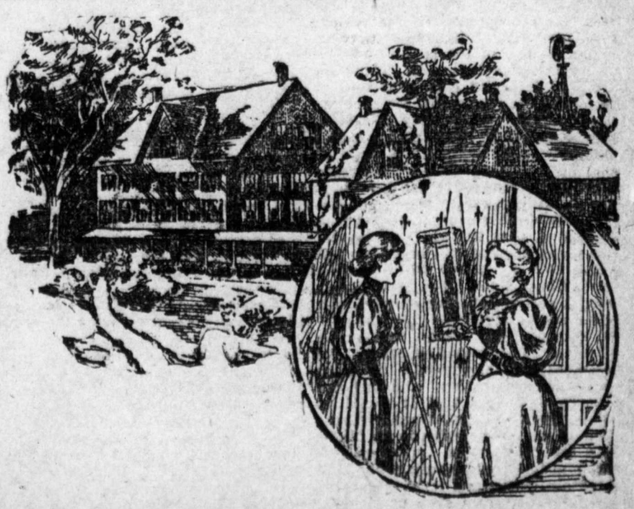
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"We use so many of the Tabules, please send them by return mail," writes the matron of a large establishment in Pennsylvania where many servants are employed. This lady says that she has found that when housemaids complain of feeling "out of sorts," "didn't seem at all well although not sick," but the work dragged along, then she too would become nervous and on such occasions would take a Tabule and was so much benefited thereby that she decided to try what virtue there was in Ripans Tabules for the servants as well as for herself, and so one time about a week before house-cleaning she administered three Tabules a day to each housemaid. "I did not," she says, "depend upon their taking them, but after each meal I handed them around and saw that they were taken." Before the week was over every girl "was ready to clean with a vim," and now she always administers the Tabules when there is extra work to be done or when the weather is unsettled. "Once in a while," she says, "a girl will say 'I believe I am getting a headache,' and ask for a Ripans Tabule. I always say: 'Of course! As many as you feel you need. Don't hesitate to ask at any time for them.'" This lady further said: "I wish I could tell all the housekeepers in the country to provide Ripans Tabules without stint for their help. They will be more than repaid by the way the work is done. Servants often neglect seeing a doctor till too sick to drag along (on account of the bill), but in my experience Ripans Tabules prove a cure-all for nearly every small illness that besets a household."

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OUTSIDE MARKETS.

GALVESTON MARKET.

Galveston, July 16.—A fair demand for good beeves, cows and calves; supply light and prices strong. No sale for sheep.

Present quotations—Beeves, choice, $3.50@4.00; beeves, common, $2.50@3.00; cows, choice, $3.00@3.50; cows, common, $2.50@2.75; yearlings, choice, $3.00@3.50; yearlings, common, $2.50@2.75; calves, choice, $3.50@4.50; calves, common, $3.00@3.50; sheep, choice, $4.00@4.50; sheep, common, $3.00@3.50; hogs, cornfed, $3.50@4.00; hogs, mastfed, $2.50@2.75.

A. P. NOMAN LIVE STOCK CO.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., July 18.—Cattle were strong, choice steers ranging from $5.05@5.50, medium from $4.65@4.80, beef steers from $4.15 $4.60, stockers and feeders from $3.00 @4.65, bulls from $2.90@4.25, cows and heifers from $3.15@4.10, canners from $2.40@3.10; calves from $3.25@7.00, Western steers, from $4.30@5.25, Texas steers from $3.65@4.80. Hogs were strong. Fair to choice ranged from $3.95@4.10, packers from $3.80@3.92½, butchers from $3.80@4.05, mixed from $3.75@4.00, lights from $3.70@4.00, pigs from $2.75@3.85. Sheep were strong; spring lambs ranged from $4.00@6.50, native sheep from $3.00@5.25. Receipts of cattle were 17,500 head, hogs 44,000, sheep 11,000.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

National Stock Yards, Ill., July 18.—Cattle receipts were 1800 head, including 1400 Texans; shipments 400. The market was steady for natives and strong for Texans. Fair to fancy native shipping and export steers ranged from $4.40@5.35, dressed beef and butchers' steers from $4.20@4.90, steers under 1000 pounds from $3.75@4.45, stockers and feeders from $2.90@4.50, cows and heifers from $2.00@4.40, Texas and Indian steers from $3.35@4.30, cows and heifers from $2.40@3.60. Hog receipts were 3600 head; shipments 3900. The market was 5c lower, yorkers ranging from $3.80@3.90, packers from $3.75@3.95, butchers from $3.90@4.02½. Sheep receipts were 3000 head; shipments 400. The market was fairly active, native muttons ranging from $4.00@4.75, lambs from $5.00@6.00.

HOUSTON MARKET.

Houston, July 16.—The following market report is furnished by Saunders & Hotchkis:

Choice beeves, $3.00; medium beeves, $2.75; choice cows and heifers, $2.75@3.00; medium cows and heifers, $2.25@2.50; common cows and heifers, $1.50@2.00; bulls, stags and work oxen, $1.50@2.50; choice yearlings, $3.25; medium yearlings, $2.75@3.00; common yearlings, $2.50; choice calves, $3.50@3.75; choice mutton, $3.75; top cornfed hogs (solid) wholesale, $3.75; mastfed hogs, $2.75@3.00.

All classes of cattle a shade lower on account of heavy receipts. Market has been overstocked with calves the past week.

Receipt of cornfed hogs light; demand good. Carload lots of hogs can always be sold on arrival, at market prices.

KANSAS CITY MARKET.

Kansas City, Mo., July 18.—Cattle receipts, official, 1875 natives, 4930 Texans; good demand. Prices steady to 10c lower for common grades and strong to shade higher for well finished stock. Choice heavy steers, $5.00@5.20; medium, $4.60@5.00. Light weights, $4.75@4.85. Stockers and feeders, $3.80@4.75; butchers' cows and heifers, $3.00@4.75. Bulls, $3.00@4.00. canning stock, $2.00@3.00; Western steers, $4.00@4.70. Hog receipts, official, 5212. Opened shade lower. The vigorous demand soon strengthened prices. Sales were mainly at steady prices. Heavy hogs, $3.85@4.00; mixed, $3.75@3.90; lights, $3.40@3.80. Pigs, $3.10@3.65.

Sheep receipts, official, 5890. Market active. Desirable stock steady. Common flocks shade lower. Spring lambs, $5.25@6.00. Natives, $4.25@4.75. Arizonas, $4.00@4.40. Texans, $3.75@4.40. Nevadas, $4.00@4.40. Utahs, $4.00@4.40. Western stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.10.

THE DENVER MARKET.

Denver, Colo., July 16.—The following market report is furnished by the Sigel-Campion Live Stock Commission company:

The beef market is practically unchanged from last week; receipts have been fairly good and about enough steer beef was on sale to satisfy the demands of the buyers; the bulk of the offerings as usual consisted of Nebraska cornfed steers, ranging in price from $4.60@4.65, with the top at the latter figure. There have been several lots of grass cows cut out from big shipments from the West on sale here, that proved to be in very good condition for the block. The outlook for next week is favorable for a good demand for both steer and cow stuff and several loads of nice light weight cattle can be handled here at very good prices.

The yards have been well filled this week with stock cattle and the receipts were generally of very good quality; the bulk of them coming from Nevada. It is no trouble to dispose of good cows and calves here, as the demand for this class of stock is even heavier than the supply.

We quote the market as follows: Choice cornfed steers, $4.45@4.70; choice hayfed steers, $4.00@4.30; choice feeders, $4.25@5.00; common to good steers, $3.50@4.00; good to extra cows and heifers, $3.80@4.40; common to good cows, $3.00@3.70; bulls, $2.00 @3.00; veal calves, 175 to 225 pounds, $5.50@7.00; veal calves, 250 to 400 pounds, $4.50@6.00.

COTTON AND GRAIN.

COTTON MARKET.

Dallas, Texas, July 18.—

Ordinary	3⅞
Good ordinary	4¼
Low middling	4½
Middling	5¼
Good middling	5½
Middling fair	6⅝

Galveston, Tex., July 18.—Spot cotton market dull but easy and unchanged. No sales.

Ordinary	4 9-16
Good ordinary	5 1-16
Low middling	5 7-16
Middling	5 13-16
Good middling	6 1-16
Middling fair	6 7 16

New Orleans, La., July 18.—Spot cotton easy and 1-16c lower. Sales 350 bales.

Ordinary	4 5-16
Good ordinary	4 11-16
Low middling	5⅛
Middling	5¾
Good middling	6⅛
Middling fair	6½

GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Ill., July 18.—Cash quotations were as follows:

No. 2 spring wheat 75c, No. 3 spring wheat 70@80c, No. 2 red 76½@76¾c.

No. 2 corn 33⅞@34c, No. 2 yellow corn 34⅜@34½c.

No. 2 oats 23¾c, No. 2 white 27½c, No. 3 white 26c.

No. 2 rye 48@48½c.

No. 2 barley 31@34c.

No. 1 flax seed $1.02.

Prime timothy seed $2.55.

Kansas City, Mo., July 18.—Wheat active and steady; No. 1 hard 70@71c, No. 2 67½@71c, No. 1 red 74@75c, No. 2 72½@75c, No. 2 spring 67@70c.

Corn active and higher; No. 2 mixed 31¼@32c.

Oats active and higher; No. 2 white 27@27½c.

Rye steady; No. 2 40c.

DAVIS, McDONALD & DAVIS MARKET LETTER.

South Joseph, Mo., July 15, 1898.

The cattle market this week has been strong on all grades and we rather look for some further advancement in best fed cattle, but we rather expect grass cattle will get no better as we expect grass cattle to commence coming to market soon and some depreciation in price of light cattle, as there is usually an abundance of this grade of cattle when range cattle start to market.

Some sales in cattle this week: 47 Texans, 776 pounds, $3.60; 137 Texans, 964 lbs, $3.90; 264 Texans, 998 lbs, $4.10.

The sheep trade has been about steady this week, Texas sheep selling around $4.50 per hundred. We solicit your correspondence, and we think that we can do any live stock man some good that will correspond with us. We would be glad to furnish you our market report. Note our ad in this issue.

DAVIS, McDONALD & DAVIS.

KANSAS CITY MARKET LETTER.

Kansas City Live Stock Exchange.
July 16, 1898.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

Cattle receipts for the week, 27,500; same week last year, 29,000. The supply of cattle the past week was liberal and with correspondingly good prices well sustained. Dry lot cattle and the botter grades of grass stock 5 to 10 cents higher, while common grass cattle are a shade lower. The country demand for stockers and feeders continues good and the light receipts were taken quickly at steady prices. Late sales: Choice heavy steers, $5.00@5.25; medium steers, $4.50@5.00; light weight steers $4.30@5.20; stockers and feeders, $3.40@5.05; butchers' cows, $3.00@4.10; butchers' heifers, $3.25@$4.85; butchers' bulls, $3.00@4.35; canning cows and bulls, $2.25@3.00; Western steers, $4.00@5.10; Texas butcher steers, $3.00@4.55; Texas butcher cows, $3.00@4.00; Texas canning steers, cows and bulls, $2.25@3.00.

Hog receipts for the week, 68,000; same week last year, 62,000. The excellent packing demand assured active markets at liberal prices, the advance for the week averaging about 7½ cents per hundred. Late sales: Heavy hogs, $3.85@4.05; mixed packers, $3.70@3.90; light weights, $3.55@3.80; pigs, $2.75@3.60.

Sheep receipts for the week, 20,000. Same week last year, 8500. The liberal receipts and lower prices at other markets tended to weaken prices, but the vigorous local demand was sufficient to sustain values, there being no quotable difference in local prices. Spring lambs, $4.75@6.12½. Native muttons, $4.25@4.85; Arizonas, $4.00@4.65; Texans, $3.85@4.65; Utah, Nevada and Idaho lambs, $4.25@5.00; wethers, $4.15@4.30; ewes, $3.50@3.90; stockers and feeders, $3.30@3.85. F. H. B.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Newman Bros. & Nations sold to R. H. Wheatley 50 cows.

Ardmore, I. T., had a severe wind and hail storm Sunday.

The San Angelo wool scouring mill will soon be in operation.

Callahan county is producing some very large and fine onions.

A storm of wind, rain and hail fell near Ennis Friday evening.

Crutch Bros. of Silverton, sold 360 stock cattle at $20, calves counted.

Large quantities of the new wheat crop are coming into Wichita Falls.

Corsicana will have two cotton compresses in operation during the coming season.

Jim Flores of Canyon, sold 100 East Texas stock cattle for $25, calves not counted.

D. H. McNairy of Mitchell county, sold to J. F. Clayton 150 heifer yearlings at $20.

Lampasas Leader: Oats are being rushed to market and are selling at 17 to 19 cents.

There have been good showers over pretty much all North Texas during the past week.

Ben Van Tuyl of Colorado, Texas, sold to Nat Smith 100 heifer yearlings at $18 a head.

Alex Mitchell of the San Angelo country, sold to J. R. Hamilton 700 sheep at $2.75.

The farmers about Roswell, N. M., are said to be having too much rain, but the stockman are well pleased.

The farmers near Grandview in Johnson county report boll worms and sharp shooters in their cotton.

The Phoenix Republican reports that all the cattle ranges of Arizona have had good rains.

The Abilene Compress company of Abilene, Texas, filed its charter at Austin Saturday. The capital stock is $50,000.

More than 100 cars of melons have been shipped from Hempstead and Waller over the Houston and Texas Central railway.

Rain is needed in Archer county for cotton and late forage crop, though cattle are doing well and there is plenty of stock water.

Kimble County Citizen: T. C. Taylor sold last week to N. H. Corder, 164 head of one and two-year-old steers, at $13 and $17 per head.

Hillsboro Monitor: Reports from the western section of the county state that grasshoppers are doing serious damage to corn and cotton crops.

The Granger Fair association of Williamson county, closed its annual meeting on the 15th. The attendance during the two days' exhibition was about 10,000.

The grain fields in the small grain sections are full of young quail, their increase having been favored by the new game law which protects quail ten months in the year.

The Liberty Vindicator says that the tobacco crop of that county is ready for cutting and curing. The crop is fine and the tobacco of excellent quality.

Runnels County Ledger: J. M. Sedberry bought 100 head of Red Durhams of D. C. Summers at $25 around, calves counted. Sedberry had a cut back of a few head.

The Blanco News of the 14th announces the death of P. G. Ferguson at the age of 83 years. Mr. Ferguson was one of the earliest settlers of Blanco county and was an honored citizen.

Sol. Mayers of San Angelo, had eight cars of cattle on the Kansas City market on the 12th, including 290 calves, 180 pounds, which sold for $8 per head. These cattle were all grassers, from Osage Nation.

Eleven carloads of fat sheep were shipped on the 17th from Corsicana over the Houston and Texas Central and a train load of fat cattle over the Cotton Belt, all going to Chicago.

The Old Settlers' and Old Soldiers' Reunion at Mineral Wells which closed Friday was highly enjoyed by all who attended it. Short speeches were made by George Baylor, J. C. Loving and C. B. Raines.

Smithville (Bastrop Co.) Times: Yesterday morning a train of 18 cars loaded with watermelons went north from this point. The melons came from Brookshire, Dewey and other small towns in that vicinity.

T. J. Moore of Llano, Texas, had 10 carloads of straight grass cattle in the quarantine division of the Kansas City Stock Yards Saturday. They were shipped from White Eagle, O. T., where Mr. Moore has 13,000 cattle on grass.

San Saba County News: The wheat is turning out well. The corn is made. The cotton prospect is fine. The cattle are fat and there is an abundance of grass and water to keep them so.

The St. Louis Live Stock Reporter of the 15th says: Texas cattle are selling well up to any prices paid this year and grassers are out-selling many of the fed cattle that were marketed during the winter.

Velasco World: People who know all about it say that the cotton, corn and cane crops are the finest ever known in Brazoria county. Unless something unforeseen does happen the county this fall will be rolling in wealth.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal of the 15th notes the arrival of A. P. Bush, president of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, and of S. B. Burnett of Fort Worth. They are in Chicago to look after the terminal charges case.

Mansfield Sun: There were about thirty wagon loads of watermelons passed through Mansfield Monday. They were taken to Fort Worth and Waxahachie....Wheat and oats are coming in rapidly just now and the price is very low; oats being from 13 to 18 cents; wheat 55 to 60 cents.

Kerrville News: The Beehive has been swarming this week—compressing and loading the immense collection of wool. About 1,000,000 pounds will soon be loaded and shipped away, which was sold last week. Six months' clip from 12½ to 14 cents; twelve months' clip 14 to 15 cents.

Information has been received by the Journal from an official of the St. Joseph Stock Yards company of St. Joseph, Missouri, that after July 15 the yardage charge on hogs was reduced from 8 cents to 6 cents a head. This liberal reduction will, it is believed, very materially increase the receipts of the company.

Albany News: Watermelons are becoming plentiful, and some very fine ones were marketed here the past week....Reports from parts of the county are that wolves are destroying some of the watermelons as fast as they ripen. It is said that a wolf seldom ever makes a mistake, but will bite a ripe melon when a man would walk over it.

The St. Joseph, Mo., Stock Yards Journal of the 11th says Collins & Wallace brought in ten loads of cattle from Talola, Texas, to-day. They arrived about noon over the Missouri Pacific, and were at once placed in the quarantine pens. They came through in good shape, but it was late before they were ready to sell. This is the beginning of a good trade from Texas.

Cameron Herald: Everybody is delighted with the splendid corn crop made in "Old Milam" this year. There was plenty of corn raised here last year, but that crop has been surpassed by the present one. With proper management, no bacon will be shipped into the county for the next twelve months.

The tenth annual Jack County Fair will open September 26 and close October 1. Jack county has made remarkable progress agriculturally and otherwise during the last year and the September Fair should be the most interesting and successful exposition of the country's resources and productions made by the Jack county people.

Hallettsville Herald: Over in Cuero the merchants are selling carloads of boll-weevil poison and the farmers are destroying the pests effectively. Lavaca county is going to lose thousands of bales of cotton unless the work of destroying the weevils begins soon. It has been proven by high authority that a cheap and effectual remedy is at hand, and our farmers should by all means use it.

On Thursday J. M. Daugherty sold in the St. Louis market 922-pound steers at $3.90, cows and heifers, 862 pounds, at $3.10, 632 pounds at $2.95, and 480-pound heifers at $3. Gibson, Parkinson & Stiles sent from Keeran, Texas, 687-pound cows which brought $3.25, and some light calves sold at $6.50 per head. Sidney Webb & Company of Bellevue, Texas, sold 886 to 942-pound steers at $3.90 and 951-pound steers at $4.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal of the 12th says Fred Slocum, of Cresson, Texas, sold a very fine three-year-old steer to-day for $5.40, weighing 1870 pounds. This steer was bought by Rothschild for P. D. Armour. Fred Joseph also bought three cars of Mr. Slocum's 1135-pound steers at $4.70 for S. & S., of New York. One hundred dollars and ninety-eight cents is the highest price a Texas steer has sold for in many months, and both prices show Mr. Slocum a thorough cattleman and feeder.

La Porte Chronicle: One of our fruit growers relates that he separated his shipments of plums into two classes. In the first he carefully selected the largest and best plums and carefully packed them. He sent them to a neighboring city and naturally expected handsome returns. The seconds, or inferior grade, he shipped to distant points. The result astonished him. The best fruit brought the lowest price, while the seconds sold readily and there were calls for more. The inference to be drawn is simple enough.

A dispatch of the 17th from San Antonio says: Col. L. R. Hare, commanding the First Texas cavalry, and Capt. R. R. Stevens, quartermaster at Fort Sam Houston, will begin buying horses for that regiment in North Texas this week. They will be in Dallas Tuesday and Wednesday and will then visit Sherman, Fort Worth, Gainesville, Wichita Falls and Hillsboro in the order mentioned, spending about two days in each place. It is probable that they will also visit other points in North Texas.

San Angelo Standard: Henry Ditmore sold to W. T. Cawley 56 one and two-year-old heifers at $12.50 and $15. ....Joe Ellis purchased 140 head of yearling steers from Willis Honey of the Brady country, at $15 per head.... Chas. A. Payne arrived from Rhome, Texas, Wednesday, where he bought from B. C. Rhome five head of registered Hereford heifer calves, Texas raised, at $100 per head. Mr. Payne also owns a registered Hereford bull yearling and it will not be many years until he has one of the finest herds in the United States.

The St. Joseph, Mo., Stock Yards Journal of the 16th says: D. F. Wallace, a member of the firm of Collins & Wallace, and one of the largest feeders of Southern cattle in the Indian Territory, was in the yards again yesterday with a train load of Texas steers. This makes Mr. Wallace's second shipment to his market within a week and the chances are that more will follow soon. They have about 6000 head of the same class of material which is ready for the market, and it is understood that the majority of it will be marketed here.

At Chicago on the 15th the following sales of Texas cattle were made: The M. Halff grassers, 841 pounds, sold at $3.70, with 725-pound cows at $3.35; the D. W. Fidler cattle, from Cresson, averaged 1176 pounds, at $4.80; the F. O. Fidler steers, 1124 pounds, sold at $4.65; E. D. Farmer's cattle, from Aledo, averaged 1095@1266 pounds, at $4.55; the J. T. Shirley cattle, 964 pounds, sold at $4.15; the S. Moorty cows, 741 pounds, sold at $3.20; the C. Richard cattle, 854 pounds, at $3.65; W. Fith cattle, 886 pounds, $4.00; W. L. Lipscomb, 688-pound cows, $3.10, and 456-pound heifers at $2.95; the Lee Woods oxen, 980 pounds, sold at $3.30, with 698-pound cows at $3.00.

The Kansas City Drovers' Telegram of the 13th says the $4.40 Texas mixed sheep and lambs here to-day were sent in by Hector McKenzie, of San Angelo, Texas, one of the most extensive sheepmen in that state. He had only one car to-day, 259 head, weighing 71 pounds, and they were sold to Schwarzchild & Sulzberger. Mr. McKenzie has about 10,000 head on his ranch near San Angelo. To-day's shipment was the first this season, and will be rapidly followed by the balance. If the Kansas City market maintains its present standing all of Mr. McKenzie's band will be sold here. They are all grass sheep and those here to-day were good.

A dispatch from Galveston, Texas, says: The initial shipment of 250 Kansas, Texas and Missouri steers made by way of Galveston to Cardiff, Eng., a distance of 4500 miles, has just arrived at its point of destination in such excellent order that the citizens at Cardiff, as well as those interested in the shipment, are considerably elated that a trade in live cattle has at last begun between the United States and that city. The project has been under consideration for some years, the desired point of embarkation always having been carefully watched by the officials of the department of agriculture at Washington and the bureau even dispatched an inspector to Cardiff to investigate thoroughly the facilities there for the exportation of live cattle from this country. Cardiff is near Bristol.

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

The St. Louis National Live Stock Reporter of the 16th shows receipts for the week of cattle 11,785, hogs 25,962, sheep 9926; an increase over last week in cattle of 3114, hogs 74 and a decrease in sheep of 1383. As compared with same week a year ago there was a decrease in cattle of 3200, and an increase in hogs of 4600 and in sheep of 700.

The Kansas City Drovers' Telegram of same date gives cattle receipts for the week ending July 16, 27,400, hogs 68,150, sheep 20,100, being, as compared with same week last year, a decrease in cattle of 3200, and an increase in hogs of 8200 and in sheep of 13,434.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal of the 16th shows a gain in receipts of cattle for the week, as compared with the week before, of 14,000, of hogs 57,000, and of sheep 7000. As compared with same week of last year there was an increase of 1000 cattle and 21,000 hogs and a decrease of 23,000 sheep.



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Already this government is called upon to feed more than 2000 prisoners, besides its own army and the Cuban insurgents and people. Texas can supply the bread and meat as well as soldiers.

In sending the surrendered Spanish soldiers from Santiago back to Spain Gen. Shafter shows that he is conducting a campaign of education. The information they will carry home with them as to actual conditions in Cuba and the real character of our people as they have learned it from the gallant and generous conduct of our soldiers may speed the way to peace.

THAT BEEF CONTRACT.

There is some anxiety among the stockmen, especially among those who have cattle below the quarantine, to know just what the government contemplates doing with reference to supplying the army with beef after Swift & Co. have completed their contract, which is generally understood to amount to 40,000 to 50,000 head. The New York Commercial, in a recent issue, sums up the situation about as follows: It says that Swift & Co.'s contract contemplates the building of immense refrigerator plants on the Atlantic coast and also floating plants for delivering the meat in such quantities and at such times as will be required and that Swift & Co. have a guarantee from the government for supplying the army for three months or for such further length of time as the war may continue.

Whether or not the surrender of Santiago will necessitate any change in the original programme is not known, but there is no reason why it should. The Commercial also states that it is quite likely that Swift & Co., by virtue of the heavy investments made in refrigerating plants on the coast, expect to make some deal with the government of Cuba after the cessation of hostilities to supply the island with refrigerated meats. There is no allusion to the price at which Messrs. Swift & Co secured their contract, but it was probably $9.41, their original bid. This may have been changed, however, and a higher price agreed upon for a better class of meat. An allusion was made in the article above mentioned in regard to one bid of a contractor being refused for a certain class of meat and a higher price paid for a better quality. This is the Journal's reason for stating that the price submitted by Swift & Co. might have been raised before contract was signed.

If the conditions as set forth above are true there is not much encouragement for the Texas and Indian Territory cowman to hope for any direct shipments of cattle on the hoof to Cuba in the immediate future. It is to be hoped, however, that they will feel the salutary effects of the increased demand via the markets. The cattlemen should bring additional and sufficient evidence before the war department to convince it that beef on the block could be expeditiously and satisfactorily handled either in Cuba or Porto Rico, and the Journal hopes to announce at an early date a concert of action on the part of those who are and ought to be interested in the question. We are a long ways from Washington, but that is no reason for us to conclude that we will not be heard at a convenient season.

THE FARMERS' CONGRESS.

The Farmers' Congress, which met last week at College Station, was a success. That it was so means much to Texas. Were the Journal to say how much it might be deemed visionary. It effected permanent organization and provided for annual meetings, to be held at the college. This means that the organized agricultural industries of the State are to be kept in close touch with the college and the experiment station, and that practical and scientific farming will not remain divorced. The farmers will give valuable aid to the work of the college and the station, and they, in turn, will give valuable aid to the farmer.

The meeting was important. It is not too much to say that it is one among a very few of the most important meetings ever held in Texas. It was not important because of the number present, probably not more than about two hundred, for often there have been in Texas larger assemblies that have left no impress upon any important movement, policy or condition. But it was important because it was the first establishment upon a permanent basis of all the allied branches of the great agricultural industries of the state, and that the work of organization was under the influences resulting from a recognition of the importance of agricultural education The Journal does not know that ever before in Texas has there been any effort to so organize the farmers as to bring together the forces of practical work and scientific investigation in the development of agriculture. Farmers have before now organized to attain some political end deemed necessary to their welfare, and practical politicians have soon dominated their councils and directed their effort for selfish ends. The Farmers' Congress is in no way political.

The number of the members of the congress is not large, but as a representative body it has importance. The men who were at College Station were from all parts of Texas. They are men who deservedly stand high in the communities in which they live. They have the intellect and character which anywhere would command respect and exert influence. They have been successful in their several departments of agriculture. They are men of thought as well as men of action, vigilant to see the needs of their industry, alert to sieze every opportunity of advancing it, aggressive enough when occasion demands that they should be so, yet guided by the conservatism of a common sense that is invaluable in the work they have undertaken.

That work is to reclaim Texas agriculture from all the hurtful influences and negligences that have ever attended it and retarded its progress. Texas is too new to have wornout land. Its soil must ever be made to give bounteous yield. Texas is too rich and varied in her sources of agricultural wealth for any farmer to be destitute because of failure in one branch of his industry. Always in some branches must there be success. Texas has actually a large proportion of the two industries, farming and stock raising, upon which the world depends for food and clothing. Potentially she may have a vastly larger proportion. That Texas in these may go to the front and stay there is the end of the Farmers' Congress has in view.

WAR NOTES.

The closing of the lines about Santiago to prevent the Spaniards from receiving reinforcements or from having a line of retreat was completed early last week and Gen. Toral was given until noon Thursday to make a surrender. Negotiations were protracted, Gen. Toral alleging that he was unable to act without receiving authority from his government. By direction of President McKinley Gen. Shafter proposed to Gen. Toral that if the surrender was made the whole army would be transported to Spain and released. This proposition of the American general was accepted and the formal surrender was made at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Gen. Miles was present but did not seek to deprive Gen. Shafter of any of the honors. At noon the American flag was flying over the house of civil government in Santiago and over Morro Castle. The Spanish officers retained their side arm and the privates their personal property, their guns being stacked in front of the American lines. Gen. Shafter received and returned the sword of Gen. Toral.

The capitulation includes 5000 square miles of territory, including Santiago, Morro Castle, the ports of Acerdores, Aguadores, Guantanamo, and Baracoa and other Cuban ports. Many pieces of heavy artillery, fine modern guns, all the small arms and all ammunition of the Spanish army, a small gunboat and about 200 Spanish sailors left by Cervera, about 10,000 troops in Santiago and about 12,000 at other points in the province of Santiago, all come within the terms of surrender.

Such volunteer Spanish soldiers and native Cubans as wish to remain in Cuba upon parole will be prmitted to do so. The regular Spanish troops will be taken to Spain as soon as transportation can be provided. By this means our war department will avoid the expense of feeding them longer than about a month, and dangers of an extension of yellow fever will be diminished. It is expected, also, that their return to Spain will extend information that will aid in bringing the people of that country to such an appreciation of the actual status as will make negotiations for peace more acceptable to the masses. The Washington authorities are negotiating for the transportation of these prisoners to their homes.

The plan of the government of Santiago has not been formed by the administration. Gen. Shafter had permitted the Spanish authorities to retain certain police management of the affairs of the city, but his action in this was not approved at Washington, and he was instructed to at once proclaim martial law and administer the affairs of the city. Gen. Chambers McKibben was appointed temporary military governor. Within Gen. Shafter's military jurisdiction there are twelve towns, all of which will be governed by American military officers.

The people of Santiago and the surrounding country are literally starving. The population of the city is 40,000 and there are probably more than half that number in the vicinity actually suffering for food, many dying daily. The mines are being removed from the harbor and food will be brought to them as soon as possible. There is but little yellow fever in the city, but as no unnecessary risks are to be taken it will be garrisoned principally by immune regiments and the negro soldiers of the regular army. Every needed sanitary measure will be at once adopted to preserve the health of the troops and inhabitants.

The country was deeply disturbed a few days since by an official announcement that the gravest peril of the campaign, yellow fever, had attacked our soldiers. Those who were stricken were at once isolated and removed to the hills near Santiago, the hospital being placed 700 feet above sea level. The surrender relieves our army of much dangerous exposure and the strictest sanitation can be employed. The army that remains, except the garrison of Santiago, can be encamped on the uplands. The number of cases, including sixteen new cases Sunday, have been only 237, and as the disease is of the mildest type there have been remarkably few deaths. The men recognized as the great authorities in this disease are with the army and feel confident of being able to stamp out the malady now that the military situation permits the full employment of their repressive and preventive sanitary methods.

Officers who have examined the network of fortifications about the city of Santiago say that to have taken it by assault would have cost our army not less than 5000 men. As an evidence of the stubborn courage of the Spaniards, Gen. Toral said that every one of his generals was killed or wounded and that he had not a colonel left. From the day in early June when our first expedition of 16,000 men landed, the story of the marching, fighting and capture of Santiago forms a record of splendid daring of our hitherto untried troops and of heroic resistance by the enemy. There is reason to hope that this achievement of our arms will mark the turning point of the war.

Arrangements for the immediate invasion of Porto Rico are being pushed vigorously. It is believed that Gen. Miles will command the expedition and that he will proceed direct from Santiago, taking with him a large proportion of the regulars. Other troops will go from the ports of this country, among them, almost certainly, the command of Fitzhugh Lee. The strength and the personnel, and the plans of the expedition, if known to any, are known only to the military chiefs.

As soon as his vessels can be cleaned and equipped for the voyage across the Atlantic, Commodore Watson will proceed to the Spanish coast.

Admiral Dewey has suffered many annoyances in a small way from the German naval force in Manila bay. The powerful Monadnock and Monterey will soon be with him and he will be in a position to enforce vigorously his harbor regulations upon all alike. Nor has the conduct of the insurgent leader, Aguinaldo, been altogether satisfactory. Gen. Merritt reached Honolulu on the 7th and sailed for Manila on the 9th. Gen. Otis with 2000 men left San Francisco on the 15th. The problem at Manila is one that requires diplomacy backed by military and naval strength. All these this government will have to guard its interests in the Philippines and to direct events.

The latest news from Manila is that the German admiral had questioned Admiral Dewey's right to search ships entering the harbor. As the German cruiser Irene was passing Mariveles, off Manila, the American gunboat, Hugh McCulloch, was sent after her to ask her to stop. As the Irene refused to obey a shell was sent across her bows and a small boat was dispatched to learn what she was doing. Admiral von Diedrichs protested, claiming the right to enter the harbor without being searched, a claim which Admiral Dewey declined to recognize. There was reason to believe that German ships have been furnishing supplies to the Spaniards. Gen. Anderson is reported to have perfected the plan of his campaign and fighting may begin at any time.

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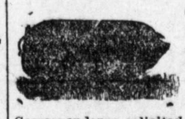
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TO HOUSEHOLD.

Patriot visits us again this week. This is the season for patriots and patriotic enthusiasm. Is Patriot going to war?

Blackeyed Susan and Dessie deserve credit for perseverence. Their motto is that of all who wish to succeed in life. To accomplish anything worth doing means effort. I ask Blackeyed Susan and Dessie to both put forth an effort to write letters of interest, say something either interesting, entertaining, amusing or helpful. Do not write unless you can do this, but practice and you can always do this.

May Flower is very welcome. Yes, a happy wife's influence is helpful to all—like sunshine, does incalculable good. May Flower says many good, true, sensible things in her letter, upon which I will not dwell but all of which I endorse. Remember all things are not what they seem. We borrow much useless sorrow, and in lacking charity cause much useless sorrow.

I am so delighted to see Careless Bill this week I can hardly let go his hand. Am so glad he has recovered entirely. It was so kind of him to think of my quilt. I know Careless Bill has a big heart full of love and sympathy. Am sure the trusting young girl who promises to forsake all others and cling to him through life will never have a bleeding heart. He has promised to take good care of her and I feel sure he will. Happiness is a matter of good common sense. I am surprised to hear Careless Bill is a musician. Wish I could hear him play his violin, it is the sweetest of all music. I ask him the next time he takes up the delicate, soulful little instrument to think of me and play his sweetest pieces.

Lalla Rook is cordially welcomed. I fancy her to be a most sensible young woman. Her lettter has been delayed, hope she will forgive the delay, and prove her forgiveness by writing us another good, sensible letter soon. I am sure she can make herself a Household favorite.

Am sory I cannot pronounce Jolly so sensible a girl. Let me answer her question for every girl in the land: Never kiss a sweetheart under any circumstances, wait until he is your husband. He will respect you more. I wish I had the power to compel every girl in Household to take my advice on this subject. It would save them trouble and gain for them respect.

I am too much a beggar in words to express my appreciation of Grandma, and her good letters. It was so kind of her to send me the first square for my quilt. She and Careless Bill are the only ones heard from so far. I have but one fault to find with Grandma, she does not write often enough.

Dew Drop is always welcome and is one of our earliest loves.

White Rose from Clarksville, writes a good letter. She will always be welcome. Texian is also welcome and hope she and her husband will always find pleasure in the Journal.

HOW TO BE HAPPY.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I have long been a reader and admirer of Household and enjoy reading the interesting letters very much. I have often wished to join your mery circle, but I suppose timidity has kept me silent. But if you will allow me space for a few words I'll be glad to have a chat with you.

I too, think it would be nice to have Mrs. Buchanan's picture in Household. Calita's letter was very entertaining. Come again, Calita. What has become of Purple Pansy? We miss her very much.

I think it is best to discard the subject "Is marriage a failure?" and get another more interesting. The letter from Mary E. Thomas is grand, and all are good. I think it is "far better to have loved and lost than never to have loved." We should not think because one we have loved and trusted has proven faithless that all the world is false. There are many, many kind and good people. To be truly happy is to do our utmost to make others happy. With best wishes for all, I am WHITE ROSE.

Clarksville, Texas.

A SENSIBLE GIRL.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household Friends: I have long been thinking of entering your merry Household, but like Yellow Rose, could hardly muster up the courage to compete with such good correspondents as I find your circle to contain. After reading Vox Homo's letter I find it too much of a temptation to resist saying a word or two.

I would like for Vox Homo to understand he has my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his love, and think it very wrong for girls to flirt. But how about boys? Do they never prove false? Are they always the true, trusty lovers their best girls think them? And should he, because one girl played him false, think all others are of the same material?

In what a state of affairs this world would find itself were all girls and boys to judge the whole of the opposite sex by one who had proved him or herself unworthy of respect.

Don't you think too, that many of the girls are driven to this as are many of your men to crimes more desperate in the eyes of the law? How many innocent trusting girls when they first "start out" fall victims to the affable smiles of a bunch of deception? Girls hearts are so susceptible to bland smiles and light compliments that they are simple enough and I might say, fools enough, to fall in love as they think. Then after being "jilted" they soon "catch on" and resort to the desperation of getting even by trying the art which they have learned from man on one of his own kind, and then poor girl, she is branded a "flirt."

Don't think though that I exonorate her in this. Far from it. For she is not only making life miserable for another or others, but is traveling a road which, nine cases out of ten, will land her at sorrow's door. I wish every girl would scorn to be a flirt, and every young man would have more self respect and manhood than to pride himself on being a "catch."

I think the idea absurd that a woman thinks it a dishonor to be sought by man, for if so why does she persist in seeking to be sought. Vox Homo says he has visited several of the towns of Jack county. I wonder if he has been to Antelope? I wish he would come, for I think I should know him by that woe-begone look we all know him to wear.

Girls, you who have cowboy friends or brothers, do you think Critic knows what she is talking about. I would like for Critic to meet my cowboy acquaintances, she might then change her opinoin. I think it was Bill Nye who said "cowboys were simply men minus the standing collar." But all I ever saw wore their collars—on special occasions. Such is my regard for them that I would place entire confidence in a stranger, knowing him to be a cowboy. Critic wrote from her experience, I write from mine. I have several brathers who are cowboys and they are the nicest boys in the world. I am glad Valentine and others speak a good word for them. Nothing would please me better than a cowboy sweetheart. I fear this is becoming tiresome, and as it is my first attempt will bid you good night.

LALLAH ROOK.

Antelope, Texas.

A SECOND TRIAL.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Here comes a new caller, will you allow her to come in? I wrote a letter once before but it went to the waste basket and I thought that I would write again. My motto is, "if you don't at first succeed, try, try again." I have been reading the letters in the Household for a long time and like them very much.

Saucebox, I like to read your letters very much, they are very good; and so are yours, Purple Pansy. Well, I guess Mrs. Buchanan is tired of her caller, so I had beter go, and call again some other time when I haven't got as long to stay. I will sign my name BLACKEYED SUSAN.

Panhandle City, Texas.

FROM A PATRIOT.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Here I come again begging admittance for a few moments to your cozy parlor. Oh, how lovely these summer months are. Aflow with beautiful joyous birds who seem to say, "Art thou not happy?" It indeed seems horrid in these sweet flowery days of the ever welcome summer that this great nation be engaged in cruel war, but to make way for liberty. I for one am first for peace and first for just war. Historians will have at least one great sea battle in which lies the victory to the greatest of liberty loving people, to mark down on the pages of history, and history is indeed my choice of reading. By wishing all Uncle Sam's soldiers God speed and everlasting success, I shall lay aside the war subject. I think for one, that it is time to lay aside the subject "Is marriage a failure?" as it is getting threadbare. Miss Critic, have you discarded your name yet? Hope you have decided in the negative. Come often, your letters are read with intense interest. Vox Homo, you are too hard on the fair sex. Come and acknowledge your mistake. As cowboys are a subject of great interest, I will give my opinion. Cowboys are like all other classes of people, good and bad, but as a general thing all cowboys are fairly good. It doesn't matter in what walks of life a person is if he acts honorably. Camp-meeting will commence here in about ten days. The 24th of June will be celebrated at this place. I think it nicer to celebrate the 4th of July than the 24th of June. I think it would be nice for Mrs. Buchanan's photograph to appear at the head of the Household. It would be so nice if the Household members could get together and have a grand reunion. Well, as I fear that the almost invincible waste basket is laughing in his sleeves, I will close, with many regards to Mrs. Buchanan and Household while I remain PATRIOT.

Cedar Bayou, Texas.

AMONG THE BEST.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household Band: How it makes my heart ache when I hear the call for volunteers in our country! It brings back to my mind so vividly the time when my own dear one left me, a soldier in gray, never to return. I hope none of my Household friends have the sad experience I have had and that if it is God's will we will soon have peace. Well, the summer months are with us again, and we should try to get a rest, especially the tired mothers who have had their children in school for the last nine months. We think sometimes as we look into the faces of the tired mothers that this is a weary old world. It is a pity, when God has done so much to make life bright and pleasant. It is always worse with women than men. They do not know how to rest. We should just lie down, even if we do have a busy day, and close our eyes for just ten minutes, if no longer. Try it, and see how much it will rest you. I see so many letters I like, I will say I enjoy them all so much. Ella of Corpus Christi, I was so glad to hear again of another good husband, a happy wife. We are quite near neighbors. I can see Corpus Christi from here. The lights at night are like so many twinkling stars. Now, if Mrs. Buchanan dares to pass us by to visit you she will be sure to hear from her old friend. Mrs. Buchanan, I have made a crazy square for your Household quilt, and now I want all the band to contribute a square of their own making. Let every stitch we put in be a love thought to dear Mrs. Buchanan. GRANDMA.

Portland, Texas.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Houshold: Once more I will try and make my appearance in the happy Household. I suppose that horrid waste basket got my other letter, but my motto is this: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. I think that is a beautiful little verse, and I think everyone should keep that in mind.

Well, girls, do you know what has become of Rawhide Bill? I guess he has gone to war. I hope if he has he won't forsake us.

Critic, I think I know who you are, if you are the one I am thinking about. You are one of my friends.

Purple Pansy, your desciption of the "walk in the woods" was just beautiful. I showed it to several of my friends, and they said you are a good prose writer. Please accept this compliment from me. I think you are one of our best writers. I have you pictured out in my mind. I know you are beautiful. I will give you the picture, and if it isn't right you may correct me. You are tall and slender and have auburn hair and fair blue eyes and a soft, white, pinkish complexion.

I see Two Lilies have graced our Household this week. Where is Grandma?

Com again, Texas Tom, Circle Dot, Critic, Purple Pansy, Rawhide Bill and a great many others I can't call to mind.

I would like to exchange songs with someone.

I wil send "Sweet Bunch of Daisies" for "The Storm at Sherman." Well, as I see everyone staring at me and wondering if I am going to talk all day, I wil say adieu to all.

DESSIE.

CARELESS BILL A MUSICIAN.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Hello, there! Can I rest awhile in your nice shade? It is so cool and inviting after the hot sun. Listen! Did I hear Circle Dot say, "Who is that duffer?" I must have changed since he wanted to draw me away from the crowd. What was he going to say? No, no, Circle Dot; keep your bottle in your pocket. I don't drink; but, listen! Sauce Box is telling him it is Careless Bill. It was very kind of those who expressed sympathy for me, but I am all right now; can walk or ride as good as ever. What is the Household quilt to be made of? I asked a young lady to give me a piece of her dress, and I will send it to Mrs. Buchanan to put in her quilt. Yes, Vox Homo; it would be too bad if the ladies were all angels, for you might stand a poor show. An angel deserves better than a mortal man. Wun Lung, I would suggest strycnine for your pet coyote's ailments. I think it will cure him of his bad habits. Some of the folks misunderstand loving and losing. It isn't meant that they should prove false, but meant they should die. As to music, I can play the fiddle and French harp and sing. Suppose some of you good folks let Man alone. I am personally acquainted with him, and he isn't so looney as some of you think he is. He is a very nice man. I believe the subject most discussed is, loved and lost. I don't claim to know anything about that and marriage a failure. I wish it was at the bottom of the sea. Who knows that marriage is going to be a failure? The men and women are always ready to try it, failure or not. Peach Blossom, I would suggest that you and Vox Homo get acquainted. As for Honey, she is more to be pitied than laughed at. Happy Wife, you are a lucky woman. I regret to say that not very many are happy as you are; and, Bleeding Heart, my heart goes out to you. It is, alas, too often the case that the man is like your's, but you have my deepest sympathy, as have all the rest like you. If ever an innocent girl gives herself into my care, I will take good care to avoid all such crossness, and think of all they have to put up with. Well, I guess some of you will be tired of me by this time; so au revoir till we meet again. Your humble servant,

CARELESS BILL.

NO INTRUSION.

Mrs. Buchannan and Household: I am going to ask admittance in your happy band. It may be intrusion, but your bait is so tempting you certainly won't blame me. Happy Wife, come often. Your presence will always be valuable anywhere. Vox Homo, your case is not incurable by any means. Because your judgement has been bad is no sign you can't mend it. You needn't expect everyone you meet to be clad in the armor of righteousness, yet, to be sure, there's plenty of fair maidens who will always prove worthy of love and trust. Bleeding heart, I wish I could help you, for the sweetest pleasures usually come from helping those more unfortunate than ourselves. Just try this, and quit brooding over your own troubles and they will partially fade away. The tendency to borrow trouble is responsible for many a useless tear and often helps us into difficulties, but never helps us out. If we all had more charity in our hearts we would have less trouble and could serve God much better when domestic clouds are thick we should use it as a weapon. It often calms what might seem like a cyclone and kindness will banish more evils than discipline or authority. It might be well to remember that things are not always what they seem. All is not bad that seems bad, just as all is not good that seems good. Many a flower is born to blush unseen, and many a noble heart is so environed its true worth is never known or appreciated. Cow boys, I see some people are utterly strangers to you, and are not qualified to appreciate your manly qualities. It is well known you are most appreciated among those who know you best. Adieu to Household. MAY FLOWER.

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SAN ANTONIO.

San Antonio office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Garza Building, 216 Main Plaza, where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

F. D. Miller, traveling passenger agent of the Illinois Central with headquarters at New Orleans, was in the city several days during the past week.

J. W. Timberlake the Floresville stockman and farmer, spent Tuesday and Wednesday here. He was in his usual good humor and reports his section as prosperous.

W. A. Lowe, the big cowman and trader, is back in the city for a brief season. He has been on the wing most of the time this spring attending to his varied interests on the outside.

Guy Borden has returned to the city after an absence of several weeks. His perigrinations extended from San Antonio to his cattle interests on south and west to New York on the east.

Col. S. E. Moss, the big "rabbit driver" and popular citizen of Cleburne, was here Friday to witness the reception of and the review by Governor Culberson of the First Texas cavalry regiment.

One week ago to-day Cal. Mike Baker of Cuero, had a carload of steers and cows on the St. Louis market. The cows averaged 865 pounds and the steers 864 pounds, and sold at $3.35 and $3.75, respectively.

A. W. Withers, the prosperous young stockman of Lockhart, was here Friday on business. He said there was not much doing in live stock up his way just now but that the farming interests were in better shape than for several years.

E. L. Rasberry of Lampasas, a prominent live stock trader of that section, was here on business Saturday and left for Fort Worth on the northbound International and Great Northern at night. He reported cattle trades as rather few and far between just now.

The Viaduct Manufacturing company of Baltimore, has a card in this issue of the Journal. The state agency is located at Galveston and the readers of the Texas Stock and Farm Journal are requested to look up their card and when in need of anything in their line to write them.

Horace Story and Alex McGehee of San Marcos, went out with H. B. Woodly Wednesday to his Sabinal ranch and spent two or three days. Mr. Story said on their return that they hadn't bought anything; Woodley said he hadn't sold anything, but McGhee said that he bought about 15,000 head. This makes it 2 to 1 that McGehee didn't do what he said he did.

The country editor, including the Texas Stock and Farm Journal contingent in San Antonio, is reveling in good things which are grown in such profusion by the farmers in Southwestern Texas. Watermelons, grapes, peaches and cantaloupes are among the menu. "Into each life some rain must fall," but the editor is not in that class at present.

J. S. McLymont, the big sheepman of Del Rio, has been dubbed "the sheep king of Texas" by the Wool Record and Textile News of New York, in a short mention of the sale of his wool clip of 250,000 pounds. The Journal would not detract from the honor which is justly due Mr. McLymont, but will say to the Wool Record that sheep kings in Texas are everyday occurrences now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. West, B. F. West, Miss Edyth West and Mrs. R. M. Lambert, all of Refugio, were here for a few hours Thursday, guests of the Southern, en route to the Omaha exposition. The party left Thursday night and the Journal wishes them a pleasant trip and predicts that on their return they will bring cheering news of the representation made by the Lone Star State.

Capt. C. E. H. Glazbrook of Gregory, was here a couple of days during the early part of the week. The captain was at one time in the British naval service and knows a good thing or rather the results of a good thing, when he reads about it. He therefore paid a glowing tribute to the United States navy, including both vessels and men and is as proud of them as an American can be.

Mark Evans was down several days from the Territory but returned Friday. He says that he thinks there will be a large number of buyers there this season, in fact, more than for several years past. This will be brought about, he says, by the fact that there is more young stuff up there than ever before for some time, and there is less in Texas. The flies, he says, have about disappeared now and that everything is running smooth and that August and September runs to market would be the heaviest.

As an evidence that the truck growers, by their united efforts, have forced recognition at the hands of the speculators, the Journal will mention that Wm. Oertling has been doing quite an extensive business in buying melons and shipping them to other states. He has made shipments as far north as Montana, to which state the freight amounts to about $300 per car, and made a good profit. Diversity of crops and a concert of action by farmers and truck growers is the proper thing to insure success, and both of these conditions now exist.

A. L. Mansfield of Bandera, "driv up" last Saturday to attend to a lot of business. He paid $1.00 at the Journal office and bought the big end of a cotton gin from the Thomason Implement company with which he is going to put his gin at Medina City in condition to turn out several thousand bales this season. Mr. Mansfield owns not only a cotton gin and a farm, but he is a stockman as well. He says he has some yearlings and feeders and his purpose in getting hold of them was to sell them again. He is not losing any sleep hunting for a buyer, as everything comes to those who wait. He went back Sunday.

Gus Witting of Stockdale, brought his family up to town this week, and after spending a few days here took them on to Fort Worth Thursday night, his family going on to Runnels county. He spent Friday in the Fort, returning Saturday morning. Gus would have stayed longer, but was afraid he might miss an opportunity to rake in something useful in his special line. He says cattle, grass and farms in Wilson county are looking well and predicts continued prosperity in live stock circles.

C. M. Cable, manager of the Southern Employment agency, has presented the Journal force with some choice Malaga grapes grown at his place on South Heights. These grapes were taken from a cutting set out last year and on which there were 101 bunches previous to his contribution to the Journal's pleasure. Mr. Cable claims that the theory that sandy soil is necessary to successful grape culture has been exploded as his soil is black and during the wet season decidedly inclined to be waxy. The grapes received by the Journal enables it to say that Mr. Cable has reasons for the faith that is in him.

Frank Nusom of Charco, one of the Texas Stock and Farm Journal's old standbys, was here all of last week conducting the school of instructions and left for home Saturday. Mr. Nusom is a farmer and stock raiser and is building up one of the best herds in the country. He has about 400 acres of land in cultivation but says he, "I only raise corn and sorghum which answers the purpose for which I intend it, that of feeding my stock." He has a portion of his farm rented to other parties and says both the farmers and stockmen are in a happy frame of mind in his section. He called at the Journal office to find out how he stood, but as he was paid up to next year he left the dollar anyhow, and requested that the Journal be sent to his son, "H. L."

Truxton Davidson of Victoria, was here Thursday on his way from Alice to LaSalle county, where he went to deliver the 1000 head of cattle sold to E. H. Carl, as reported in the Journal last week. Mr. Davidson is moving his cattle to Nueces county, having leased a pasture belonging to the Wades estate, near Wades Station, on the Alice branch of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway. He has moved some 2000 head of cattle there already and the remainder will be transferred next fall. He said that his change of base was necessary, as he was getting much crowded in Victoria. He was born and raised in that county and does not leave it because he loves it less now than he always has. He told the Journal representative how long he had lived there, but as he might have intended it as confidential, the time is not given here. It was several years ago, however.

Jas. F. Green of Encinal, returned from an extended trip through the North Friday night and spent two or three days in San Antonio. He looked the picture of health and acknowledged that the trip had been very beneficial to him. While gone he visited, in company with his partner, Mr. Gilbert of Oakland, Ills., all of the leading Polled Durham herds in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Canada, some twenty-seven in number, and bought 90 per cent of all calves found of suitable ages and quality. These calves he will bring to Texas this fall. The greater number for his own use, and the others for sale. "The readers of the Journal will hear of the latter through the columns of the Journal later on," said he. Mr. Green stopped off at College Station and took in the Farmers' Congress, but was too busy when the Journal representative met him, to tell all he knew. He is feeling bouyant generally, and the news of the good rains which had fallen out on his ranch had a tendency to hasten him to "the front." He left yesterday for his ranch.

P. H. Malowney, M.D. V., assistant inspector for the bureau of animal industry for the ports of Laredo and Eagle Pass, arrived in San Antonio Thursday night from an official trip to Laredo, where he was called some days ago to inspect a lot of cattle being crossed by Messrs. Lytle, Moore & Jennings. These cattle were bought from Don Santiago Sanchez of Laredo, Tex., but were from the La Jarita ranch, about thirty miles below Laredo and in Mexico. Dr. Malowney says the cattle were an exceptionally fine lot of cattle to come from Mexico. In the lot was a goodly number of aged steers which are almost fat now, and he says they will soon make good beef. All the cattle were in splendid condition, and the doctor says that Don Santiago's range is very fine. The recent rains have done wonders in the way of bringing up the grass all over the country round about Laredo and cattle are in unusually good condition. The doctor only stopped off in headquarters one day and went on to Eagle Pass, where he will inspect another herd.

Wm. Ragland, of the "Chicago Live Stock," returned a few days ago from a trip down into Goliad, Victoria and Refugio counties and struck a streak of luck, which is not often experienced in these parts. He was down there closing up some kind of a deal of which the Journal readers are already advised. He had to have some revenue stamps and "Ah, there's the rub." He needed $10.50 worth and the first town he struck he found four cents worth. They were 2-cent stamps at that. He only needed 523 more just like it and that was the highest denomination he found anywhere. He visited the cities of Victoria, Goliad and Refugio before he got matters in shape to close up and then he had to paste a note on a sheet of paper large enough to hold 150 stamps and fly a pennant which looked like the flag of "Old Glory" to a chattel mortgage, as it required 375 stamps. Then he donned his war paint and licked the everlasting daylights out of the whole bunch. William says mucilage is a good thing in its place, but that it is decidedly out of place on stamps of the two-cent variety when they must be used as these wre.

TEXAS HAY NOT IN IT.

The Texas farmers and growers generally who handle forage crops will probably get as little encouragement by another decision of the quartermaster's department as the cattle raisers of Texas have by the awarding of the beef contract. Texas hay is barred even for the use of the army organizing and operating in the Southern States. Timothy has been decided upon as best adapted for the use of the government. Timothy is good hay. Of that there can be no doubt, but what the public are most interested in is to know why it is to be used to the exclusion of everything else. Various opinions have been expressed on this subject by those who are interested as well as by those whose only interest in this particular instance is his loyalty to his country and the very natural desire to have his neighbor share in furnishing the sinews of war. Some say "we are too far from headquarters," others, "should not the price, quality and accessibility be taken into consideration?" The Journal may have more to say about this later.

SALES ON THE MARKET.

One week ago yesterday the Keystone Land and Cattle company of Frio county, had on the St. Louis market, among other classes of stock, 189 steers, averaging 940 pounds, which sold at $3.70. Bennett & West also had 76 calves at $8.50, one car 817-lb cows at $3.40 and 141 cows, 813@819 lbs, at $3.35. Guy Borden, 210 head of 82-lb sheep, at $4.35. J. L. Dubose of Cuero, had last week some 964@915-lb steers, at $3.90@3.70, and some 785-lb cows at $3.05. North & Buchrig of the same place, had some 797-lb cows, at $3.15. Wm. Metz of Yorktown, had some 790-lb cows at 3.25, and some 880-lb steers at $3.55, and Stephens & Blackwell, also of Cuero, had a carload of 934-lb steers at $4.05.

THE FIRST FRUITS.

Col. C. W. Standart was in San Antonio Thursday from his ranch to reap the first fruits of the initial steps toward the concentration of wool in San Antonio. While the removal of his clip of 60,000 to this city was not entirely optional with him, he thanks his star and the prime movers in the concentration project for the wholesome effect on the market in his individual case. The warehouse at Spofford, where the colonel had his wool stored was so badly in need of repair he thought it best to ship his wool here which he did. He came here in response to a telegram from his commission merchant stating that he had sold his wool at 13½ cents. "I am well pleased with the result and the fact that I obtained the top price for the spring clip only confirms my previously expressed opinion that concentration is the thing." Before returning to his ranch he bought 14 Shropshire rams from Henry Burns of this city and shipped them out Friday. He has been using some Shropshire rams and says that his lambs are much larger than the Merino and mature much earlier. He contemplates putting his lambs on a feed of cotton seed meal this winter which enables the wool to make a much better growth.

FEW DEALS THIS WEEK.

The sales this week have been light. John Linney of Victoria county, bought this week from Linney & Clark 1200 head of two-year-old steers and heifers. For the steers, numbering 900 head, he paid $21, and for the 300 heifers, $16. The cattle are located in Refugio county, where Mr. Linney will hold them. He believes he has made a good trade and will probably hold them until they mature. There are several reasons why sales should be dull just now. One is, the season has not fairly opened. Another is, that feeders, for which most of the inquiry has been thus far, are exceedingly scarce. Another is that the men who have the class of cattle which will be in demand have seen no reason for contemplating a slump in the market; consequently, and at the same time, naturally, they want what their stuff is worth. Then again, the prospects for cheap feed, owing to the abundance of the crop yield which is promised at this time, goes far toward justifying them in the belief that buyers can handle the aged steers or even two-year-old steers at a profit of present prices. The stockman has had an object lesson in this question of supply and demand, and they know that good crops, together with a scarcity of something to eat it, must lessen the demand for feed stuffs enough to keep the price down within reach of any man who wants to feed either two or three-year-old steers. This is about the way the matter is regarded in this portion of the state.

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OLD SETTLERS REUNION.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock while the streets were crowded with people from all the adjacent counties, every whistle, bell and one cannon began to tell the people that the fifth annual re-union of the old settlers of Palo Pinto and adjacent counties had commenced and for the parade to get ready to move. The trade display was certainly a credit to Mineral Wells, and the citizens of Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto county ought to feel proud that they have merchants who will spend their money for displays and show the visitors they are willing and ready to put their town and county at the front. The following is the order of the parade: Mounted marshals then the Graham cornet band. This band is one of the best in Texas, and only seven months old. The members are all business men of Graham and the band was organized for pleasure and not money making. Mr. Munns, the leader, is a Mineral Wells boy. The music furnished during the reunion was first-class. The next in the parade was an emblematic float representing the United States. Then the fire department, the firemen in full uniform, two hose trucks and one hook and ladder wagon. This is certainly a fine department for a town of this size. They also show up well in their practice. Next were the business display wagons. The decorations showed fine taste and a great deal of patience. This was the prettiest part of the parade. Mineral Wells is to be congraulated for having such enterprising firms. Mr. Howard had a display of flour made at his mill. It is considered as good as the best. Several other firms had fine displays, but it was impossible to get all their names. The parade, as a whole, was one of the best I ever saw. After the parade the people congregated at the pavilion and the Old Settlers' association was called to order by the president, Mr. Geo. M. Lasater. Prayer was offered by Rev. Tunnell of Mineral Wells, J. C. Son, the recording secretary, and also the proprietor of the pioneer paper of Palo Pinto county, was on hand, jotting down the doings of the association. The address of welcome was delivered by Judge A. Stevenson of this city. Many prominent speakers delivered addresses during the sittings of the association. Among those were Judge J. M. Henry, proprietor of the famous Crazy well, and ex-county judge of Palo Pinto county, whose address was cheered from start to finish, and also the Hon. I. W. Stephens of Weatherford, whose address was one of the best delivered during the meeting.

The re-union was a success in every particular. Everybody had a good time. There were from 3000 to 4000 people present each day. Of course there were many visitors there to drink water from those wells which have the reputation of and do cure many disease, but the majority were there to attend the re-union.

One of the most interesting things during the convention was Miss Ora Howard's address in presenting the large American flag to the Graham cornet band. It was short, but was considered my many the best address delivered during the re-union, and we know the members of the band will never forget her words of praise delivered to them by her.

The re-union closed Friday afternoon after electing the following officers: Dr. C. B. Raines, president; Reuben Vaughn, first vice president; J. H. Chick, second vice president; M. B. Lock, third vice president; W. C. McAdams, fourth vice president; T. B. Humphreys, fifth vice president; J. C. Son, secretary; H. B. Taylor, treasurer; Rev. Sturgess, chaplain. Executive committee, S. R. Edmonson, L. B. Kidwell, R. S. Dalton; J. J. Humphreys and H. M. Kidwell.

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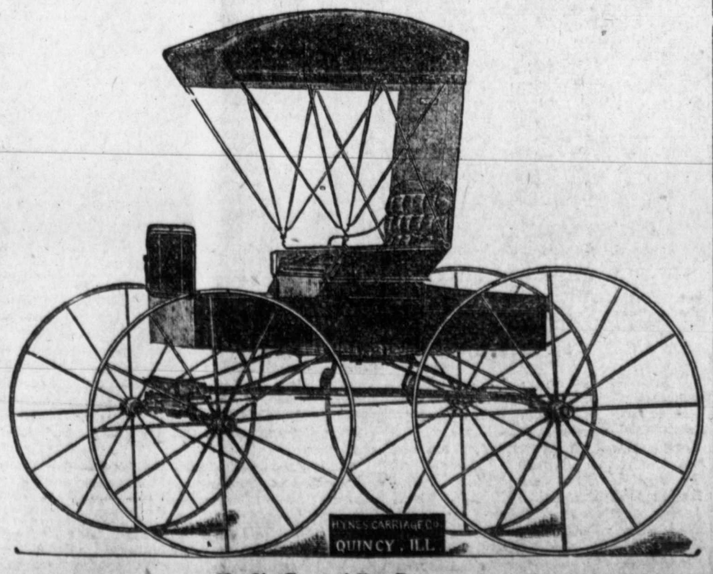
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DALLAS.

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DALLAS MARKET.

The Armstrong Packing company has had fairly good receipts of cattle and hogs during the past week, more of both having come in than during the previous week. Some sheep also are coming, two double-deck cars from Moody and one from Coleman having been received. Prirces on cattle are a little higher, the best bringing $3.00@3.25; canners, $2.50; bulls, $2.25@2.50. Sheep are worth $3.25@4.00. Smooth, fat hogs, weighing 200 to 300 pounds, in carload lots, $3.60, in wagon load lots, $3.45. For lighter, heavier or rough hogs, 10 to 25 cents per 100 pounds less than above quotations.

The business at Thomas & Searcy's yards has been at about an average with the season. C. Goforth sold 6 head of cattle at $2.00@3.10; E. T. Daniel sold 17 head at $2.70. Wallace & Black have a car of cattle in the yards and E. C. White of Wills Point, has one-half carload of goats and one-half car, 27 head, of fat 138-pound sheep and a small bunch of cattle. Quotations are as follows: Choice shipping steers, $3.00@3.50; fair to good shipping steers, $2.50@3.00; common to rough steers and oxen, $2.25@2.50; choice fat cows, $2.65@3.00; fair to good cows, $2.40@2.60; common cows, $1.70@2.25; choice fat heifers, $2.25@3.00; fair to good heifers, $2.50@2.70; choice veal calves, $3.00@4.00; choice cornfed hogs, 200 to 300 pounds, carload lots, $3.60; choice cornfed hogs, 200 to 300 pounds, wagon lots, $3.40; choice cornfed hogs, 140 to 175 pounds, wagon lots, $3.00@3.30; choice muttons, 80 to 110 pounds, $3.50@3.75; stock sheep, per head, $1.25@3.00; stock goats, per head, 75c@$1.25; milch cows and springers, $20.00@50.00; bulls and stags, $1.50@2.40.

DALLAS LOCAL HIDE MARKET.

Crowdus Bros. & Co. Price Current. Market strong. Green salts, round, 6½; No. 1 green salt, 7; No. 2 green salt, 6; bulls, 5; butchers' dead green, 5; glue and damaged, half price, dry flints, good, 13 cents; culls, 6½c.

T. W. Abney of Denton, was in Dallas Saturday, stopping at the Windsor.

E. C. Sugg, a prominent cattleman of Sugden, I. T., was in the city a few days this week.

W. H. Abel, traveling passenger agent Chicago and Alton, spent Sunday in Dallas.

A. Silberstein reports everything satisfactory on his pastures. He is not now shipping any cattle to market.

W. R. McEntyre has gone to his old home and will attend the reunion of Confederate Veterans at Atlanta, Georgia.

The tannery of the Armstrong Packing company is finding buyers for all its leather as fast as it can be made. The leather is of fine quality.

A. A. Allen, vice president and general manager of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad system, came in Saturday morning from the North.

W. K. Bell of Palo Pinto, was in Dallas Saturday and told a Journal man that crops, grass and live stock out there are all in splendid condition.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal acknowledges receipt of the handsomely illustrated pamphlets entitled "South Omaha Stock Yards and Packing House Interests."

Major John C. Lewis, southwestern passenger agent from Iron Mountain route, spent Saturday in Dallas and took a lower berth in a Wagner sleeper that night for Austin.

Barney Fegan returned Saturday from a trip over the state during which he alleges that he persuaded 1365 Texans to take the B. and O. S-W. for Eastern summer resorts.

Thomas McFarland of Aledo, Tex., was in Dallas Saturday. Mr. McFarland has been feeding cattle and sending to the market some of the finest beeves that have gone out of Texas this season.

I. G. Coleman of Gunsight, Texas, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Coleman reports everthing in a flourishing condition in his section, and states that the corn crop will be something immense. Says that wheat and oats were damaged considerably by rain.

W. R. Spann, the Dallas dairyman, was at the Farmers' Congress which met at College Station last week and made in the dairy section one of the best talks that was heard during the meeting. He was made one of the vice presidents in the permanent organization.

The Journal thanks E. W. LaBeaume, general passenger and ticket agent of the Cotton Belt, for the photographic reproductions of the Cotton Belt exhibit at the Omaha exposition. The enterprising Cotton Belt officials are doing valuable work for Texas at the exposition.

The general passenger agents were in Dallas Saturday, sitting in the shade, taking only cooling drinks and having fun. Among them were B. L. Winchell of the Frisco, E. W. LeBeaume of the Cotton Belt system, Thos. E. Fisher of the Union-Pacific, Denver and Gulf, W. S. Keenan of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, and S. G. Warner of the Cotton Belt railway.

The Journal has received catalogue of Randolph College of Lancaster, Tex., R. Clark, president of this institution, conducted his school twenty-five years at Thorp Springs and is too well known in Texas as a teacher to need the recommendation of the Journal. The school has an able faculty and a course of studies embracing such as are of working use in practical life as well as music, art and elocution. The location, fifteen miles from Dallas on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas and Houston and Texas Central railways, is one of the healthiest in the state. The school is advertised in this issue.

Col. C. C. Slaughter has just returned from his Ancient Briton ranch where he counted in his herd 800 purebred calves, all without a single exception, red, with white faces. There will be at least 1000 of them in the herd. They are all from the Goodnight cows by the 60 bulls bought by Col. Slaughter last year. It would be hard, and the Journal believes it would be impossible to find anywhere so large a calf crop equalling this in quality. Col. Slaughter has had recently some fairly good rains, and grass is in good condition as a result, but the rainfall has not been enough to make a supply of surface water.

Our readers will notice on our Household page this week that Randolph College, of Lancaster, Texas, comes in asking in our paper a place among the first-class schools of the country, and also of the people of Texas an investigation of the advantages they offer. While this school is new in name and location, its founder, Randolph Clark, who is well-known in educational fields in Texas needs no introduction from us. He has associated with him a fine corps of teachers. No more enterprise is being shown along any line of business than is being evinced by the private schools of the country and Randolph College is fully abreast of the times. Their new and commodious buildings are supplied with all modern equipments. We speak for them in their new location success from the beginning.

The George B. Loving company, land and live stock commission agents, with offices at Fort Worth, Dallas and San Antonio, closed the sale in this city on Thursday of the well known 7D ranch, located in Tom Green, Irion and Sterling counties, owned by J. B. Wilson of this city, to E. C. Sugg & Brother of Sugden, I. T. The ranch contains about 150,000 acres of land, something over 70,000 acres of which was owned in fee simple, balance leased. The herd contained about 9500 head of highly graded cattle. In fact, the herd is considered one of, if not, the best in Western Texas. The Journal is not at liberty to quote prices but can state that the figures paid were fully in keeping with the present market. This is conceded to be one of the best ranches and herds in the state and is perhaps the largest ranch sale that has been made in the state for some time.

Yantis Institute of Wills Point, Texas, the card of which appears in the Journal's list of advertisements of Texas schools, was established in 1891 for the purpose of affording to those who have daughters to educate and are willing to pay for their education, an opportunity to do so. It is based upon the principle that what is worth having is worth paying for, or what costs nothing is worth no more than it costs. Its success the seven years of its existence proves its worth. The highest testimonial to its excellence is the fact that many of its local patrons prefer to pay its rates of tuition to sending to the public schools free. The number of pupils is limited to forty. Classes are small. This insures individual instruction and training. Pupils do not have to be "herded" in large and unmanageable classes where some are inevitably overlooked and neglected. The principal has been engaged in teaching for thirty years. He is aided by a corps of efficient assistants. All work is thorough. Methods of instruction up-to-date. The music department is under the direction of Miss Nona Yantis, who has had tuition from teachers from the best American and German conservatories. If you want to put your daughter in a small select school where her training will be thorough and entirely satisfactory, you should investigate the claims of this school. Wills Point is a beautiful little city of 2000 population, 48 miles east of Dallas on the Texas and Pacific railway. It has good churches and Sabbath schools of all the leading Protestant denominations. Its retired and quiet situation and the absence of the great attractions of a large city, make it a good place for such a school.

WHITTEN INSTITUTE.

We call attention in another column to the announcement of Rev. Thos. G. Whitten, principal of the Whitten Institute. Rev. Mr. Whitten has impressed himself on the enterprising thrifty people of Midlothian that he is the man they were looking for, as they have turned over to him their entire school interest in the Polytechnic Institute and have raised $2500, we understand for purchasing more campus and making some improvements on the building. Mr. Whitten impresses us as having faith in this new enterprise. We take great pleasure in commending this school, having knowledge of the high order of intelligent, enterprising people in whose midst it is located. Besides, these high grade training schools are growing in favor with the people generally. See announcement in another colum.

FARMERS CONGRESS,

The Meeting at College Station a Grand Success -- Permanent Organization Effected.

The Farmers' Congress held at College Station last week brought together about two hundred men engaged in the various branches of agricultural industry. During the first day there were, perhaps, more horticulturists and dairymen present than of men belonging to the other divisions, for the men engaged in these branches are noted for their enthusiasm, and without such enthusiasm they could not have made the progress they have already achieved. Prominent among the horticulturists were the men well known in that work to all who have kept up with the record of horticultural achievement in the state—Willingham, Stringfellow, Kerr, Kirkpatrick, Mally, Lomas, Price, Hillyers, and others perhaps as widely known. Among the dairymen Spann of Dallas, and McGuire of Waco, contributed important information, as did other gentlemen of their department.

During the day the several sections held separate sessions, as announced in the programmes given in the Journal, but many of the visitors passed much of the day looking at the exhibits, going through the different buildings and visiting the farms, fruit lands, stables, etc., of the college. It was the first opportunity many of them have had of seeing this great Texas institution. The college grounds cover an area of 3640 acres. A large portion of this is planted in the several standard crops and a considerable portion is given to all varieties of forage, fruits, vegetables, shade and forest trees, flowers, etc., much of this work being experimental. Facing the entrance gate and at the end of a driveway which goes between spaces filled with flowers, trees and shrubs, is the class building, four stories in height, with spacious hallways and large lecture rooms, with equipment for teaching all the several branches of study. On the right in the large building for mechanical teaching, and extending to the front, are four large barracks, two and three stories in height. Beyond them to the front is the president's home, and still further is the handsomely constructed mess hall, with wide galleries and spacious dining hall. On the left of the class building is another two-story brick barrack, and on down the line are the residences for the teachers. Assembly hall, perhaps the most handsome structure of all, is obliquely to the left of the class building, and in line on the front are other homes of teachers. Between the flanks of this irregular semi-circle are the several spaces adorned with flower, shrub and tree, making a scene of rich beauty, with a level sward of vivid green reaching down to the front line of the enclosure.

The men present are men of intelligence and character that command influence and they appreciate the importance of careful action in the first establishment of a permanent farmers' congress. The Journal regrets that the great cattle industry had but three men present—Marion Sansom of Alvarado, who is a director of the college; James R. Green of Encinal, and Vories P. Brown of San Antonio, who was to read a paper on "The Future of the Live Stock Industry."

The fruit and agricultural exhibits are handsome and interesting, but there is not space to describe them.

Among the papers read at the horticultural meeting on Wednesday were the following: One on "How Can Floriculture be Made Popular?" by Mrs. M. M. Juvenat of Sherman, read by John S. Kerr. A discussion of plans for beautifying parks, homes, etc., followed, in which many took part. Mr. Hillyer read a paper on the utilization of the waste products of horticulture and advocating the establishment of canning factories and evaporators. This excited an intersting discussion, many of the members thinking that such enterprises would not now be a prudent investment.

The general session of all the sections was held at night at Assembly hall, and the new president of the college, Hon. L. L. Foster, was chosen to preside, with D. O. Lively of Fort Worth as secretary. The address of welcome was delivered by Hon. W. R. Cavitt, and the reply by Judge C. H. Willingham of Ballinger, was singularly eloquent and beautiful in thought and language. Prof. Connell offered a motion, which was adopted, for the appointment of a committee to frame resolutions looking to the permanent organization of the congress. Upon the retirement of the committee, several papers, one by C. H. Jones of Galveston, on "Texas as She Was, as She Is, and as She Ought to Be;" by Lomas, on the system of renting land and its effect on agriculture, and by F. W. Mally of Hulen, Galveston county, on "Farmers' Institutes as Factors in the Advancement of the Agricultural Classes." So well pleased was the meeting with Mally's paper that upon motion of Willingham it was ordered to be printed.

The second day's session opened with a much larger number of visitors. In the swine breeders' section the address of T. C. Slaughter of Collin county, was practical and valuable. Mr. Slaughter thoroughly knows the subject of feeding all farm animals and believes strongly in pasturage furnishing the feed that builds up and prepares the hog for fattening. He had prepared no paper but such was the interest in his subject and his method of treating it that he was kept on the floor for some time replying to questions relative to different phases of his work. After him Col. Aaron Coffee of McKinney, read his paper, "Can the Renting Farmer Produce His Own Meat as Cheaply as He Can Buy It? If so, How?"

The Dairymen sat with the swine breeders at this session. A most interesting feature was the address of W. R. Spann of Dallas, upon "Refrigerating and Sterilizing Plants." This is a subject of which little has been known in Texas and it is certain that every man who heard Mr. Spann obtained information that has increased his respect for the practical value of scientific dairy work. J. E. McGuire of Waco, followed with an address upon "Breeding and Developing Dairy Cows." Both Mr. Spann and Mr. McGuire gave practical talks, often interrupted by questions that more clearly brought out the idea, making their addresses all the more valuable, for each was thoroughly up in all departments of the best practical dairy knowledge. Mr. J. M. Vance of San Antonio, spoke briefly upon "Feed for Dairy Cattle and Remedies for Diseases," followed by Hugo Ehlers of La Grange, whose subject was "The Dairy Cow and Her Product." H. E. Sperry of Elm View, had a paper on "Diversified Dairying in North Texas."

Among the cotton growers and ginners, Wm. Lomas read a paper on the subject of "Landlord and Tenant." Prof. F. W. Malley of Hulen, discussed the subject of "The Farmers Insect Enemies," in one of the best papers read during the meeting. Col. Coffee also gave an interesting talk.

The night session was full of interest. The report of the committee on resolutions was presented by its chairman, Prof. Connell, and was unanimously adopted. Its principal features were:

Recommendation of permanent organization of a Congress consisting of the several state agricultural organizations, eleven in number, viz.: The Texas State Horticultural society, State Swine Breeders' association, Texas Live Stock association, Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, Texas Jersey Cattle club, Texas Dairymen's association, Texas State Poultry association, Texas Bee Keepers' association, Texas Wool Growers' Association, State Floral society, Cotton Growers' and Ginners associations each Growers' and Ginners' association each of said bodies preserving its identity as an independent organization. (The constitution adopted enlarges the opportunity of membership in the Congress.)

Declaration of the objects of the Congress.

List of officers required by the organization and method of apportioning representation.

Following adoption of report came the election of officers. Each was elected unanimously, and the following are the officers, Prof. J. H. Connell, president; D. O. Lively, secretary; F. P. Holland, treasurer. A vice president was chosen from each of the associations represented at this meeting, the list being: E. W. Kirkpatrick of McKinney, Horticulturists; T. C. Slaughter of Prosper, Swine Breeders'; J. M. Vance of San Antonio, for the Jersey Cattle club; W. R. Spann of Dallas, Texas Dairymen; E. S. Peters of Calvert, Cotton Ginners'. The other vice presidents are to be selected by state organizations heretofore named and not yet represented in the Congress.

Prof. Price of the College, read an excellent paper on the "Government of King Cotton." President Foster addressed the meeting, urging that the way to keep the ambitious farmers' sons upon the farm is by elevating the farming industry by all the means of agricultural education.

The discussions of the third and last day were as follows: In the dairymen's section, "Development of Texas Markets;" "The Uses of the Babcock Milk Test," "Cheese Making in Texas" participated in by L. H. Porter of Rockdale, Judge Hughes of Georgetown, and Sam Barnes of College Station. Among the cotton growers the subjects were, "Leaks and Wastes on the Farm," by Geo. Byrne of Waco; "The Farmer's Supply of Feed Stuff," by B. C. Pittuck of College Station; "Cotton From Gin to Port," by E. S. Peters of Calvert, and "The Fertility of the Soil," by Prof. Harrington of the College. Col. Jeff Johnson of Austin, had an address upon "How the Farmer Can Best Aid the State."

A motion was passed providing for printing all the papers prepared for the meeting, many not having had an opportunity, in the pressure of the other business of the Congress to present their addresses.

A committee of fifty was appointed to attend the National Farmers' Congress which is to meet at Fort Worth December 1.

Resolutions were adopted looking to an extension of the Agricultural Experiment Station work in Texas.

The fololwing was adopted unanimously:

"Sensible of the efficient and untiring efforts of Prof. J. H. Connell in the promotion of agriculture in this state, and the great good that will result to the farmers from the agricultural Congress, which he has so successfully organized, it is resolved that the agricultural classes of Texas, through the Texas Farmers' Congress, do hereby recognize his extraordinary ability as a true professor of agriculture and the deep interest he takes in the welfare of the farming classes of this state, and a special vote of thanks is hereby tendered Prof. Connell in the interest of the classes aforementioned."

The committee on constitution and by-laws reported and the report after some discussion, with a few amendments was adopted. In addition to the several state organizations heretofore named the constitution provides:

That it is the sense of this Agricultural Congress that the same is hereby permanently organized to consist of the state, county and district agricultural organizations, which may be declared eligible by the Texas Farmers' Congress.

That paragraph 5 be made to read:

That in all matters of business relating to the constitution and by-laws of this Congress, the vote shall be taken in executive session and each elector from recognized state organizations shall represent twenty-five active members of the state organizations participating in the work of this Congress.

Recognized county and district agricultural organizations shall have representation not to exceed five votes, and one person shall not represent more than one organization. Each county and district agricultural or kindred organization shall be entitled to one vote in the executive session for 100 members or less, and one additional vote for each additional 100 members—not to exceed five votes for each organization, as above provided.

Application from agricultural and kindred organizations seeking admission to this Congress shall lie in the hands of the executive committee at least thirty days before final action is taken.

Altogether the meeting was successful, the men present being the representative men of their several communities, intelligent and practical, and as they were full of enthusiasm and energy they got down fairly to their work at once and pushed it through vigorously.

Too much praise cannot be given to Prof. Connell for his earnest and untiring efforts. To him very much of the success of this important movement is due and every member of the Congress knows that the resolution tendering to him the thanks of the body falls very far short of the appreciation of his splendid work which was felt by all.

Marion Sansom of Alvarado, newly selected director of the College, Jas. F. Green of Encinal, and Vories P. Brown of San Antonio, were the only cattlemen present.

One fact is evident to all who were at College Station, that more space is needed for students and that the teachers of the school are overworked. Not one was heard to complain, but the scope of work is simply too large for the corps of teachers without requiring too much from each one of them. No other educational institution in the state approaches this in its importance to the development of the manhood as well as of the resources of Texas. The legislature should at any cost extend the opportunities of the school until they shall be within the reach of every boy in Texas ambitious to avail himself of them.

The Farmers' Congress has a great and useful work before it, and it is under the direction of wise, able and zealous men, men who will do all that can be done to make it a great factor of agricultural education and resultant prosperity.

The following is a complete list of the delegates as registered:

F. W. Mally, Hulen; Thomas Finty, Jr., Galveston; A. Coffee, McKinney; E. B. Hardie, Greenville; J. H. Mayo, Hooks Switch; J. A. Taylor, Winneywood, I. T.; E. W. Kirkpatrick, McKinney; J. M. Howell, Dallas; J. Reverchon, Dallas; M. Ferguson Dallas; J. A. Jones, Bowie; J. T. Morris, Bowie; F. S. Wade, Elgin; J. S. Kerr, Sherman; S. D. Thompson, Bowie; H. B. Hillyer, Bowie; E. L. Huffman, Fort Worth; J. C. Bowman, Hornsby; E. P. Stiles, Austin; W. J. Fields, Taylor; H. C. Sperry, Elm View; L. H. Porter, Rockdale; A. Jansen, Marlin; H. M. Glass, Post Oak; William Lomas, Dallas; S. L. Burnap, Austin; J. H. Stewart, Gurley; H. Dixon, Paoli; C. C. Lewis, Cleburne; G. Anderson, Galveston; H. A. Deats, Dickinson; W. Walden, Dickinson; E. Eichbiatt, Skidmore; I. F. Reynolds, Angleton; J. C. Edgar, Duval; A. Sinclair, San Antonio; W. T. Dickson, Milford; I. D. Slay, Italy; J. S. Bailey, Bonham; William Lamies, Bonham; J. R. Allen, Belton; E. H. Adam, Bonham; E. L. Adam, Bonham; D. O. Lively, Fort Worth; J. E. Maguire, Waco; C. C. Bell, Denton; J. T. Wright, Anson; T. C. Slaughter, Prosper; C. W. Holt, Dallas; H. N. Hopper, O. Becker, Kaufman; L. J. Berryman, Montell; J. Y. Green, Chandler; T. W. Warring, M. L. Warring, Jolly; S. L. Warner, Baberson; H. L. Clark, Paris; W. Varah, Palestine; F. K. McGinnis, M. C. Welborn, Terrell; T. Daverport, Pittsburg; H. L. Johnson, Carlton; J. W. James, W. J. Philp, Caldwell; J. O. Ford, B. H. Ford, Mrs. S. E. Ford, Miss Ada Ford, L. Ford, Mrs. B. H. Ford, Miss Bertha Mandale, Miss Vela Mandale, Emmet Ford, P. Ford, R. Ford, Eunice Ford, I. Pippins, Hollis; E. S. Peters, Mrs. E. S. Peters, Calvert; Miss C. Anderson, Galveston; J. W. Kyle, Nursery; J. A. Palmer, Madison; C. H. Willingham, Ballinger; C. H. Jones, H. N. Stringfellow, Galveston; J. F. Baxter, Beaumont; A. W. Morris, Montgomery; E. Crew, Hempstead; H. Ehlers, B. White, La Grange; A. J. Pickett, Floresville; Johnson, Millican; J. P. Buchanan, Felder; J. S. Weaver, Courtney; D. Mathews, Navasota; E. S. Doescher, W. Hegar, A. Hegar, Hockley; D. Willrodt, F. Schuman, H. B. Finn, Bellville; J. D. Anderson, Luling; W. R. Cavitt, Bryan; W. B. Woodruff, H. C. Aldridge, Prairie View; J. E. Armstrong, Lyons; Z. M. Sullivan and daughter, Rosebud;

MANY SUFFERERS.

What a Large Number of People are Enduring. A Distressing Condition in Which Many American people are Involved—The Only Way to Alleviate It.

From the Mountaineer, Walhalla, N. Dakota.

The remorse of a guilty stomach is what a very large majority of the people of this nation are suffering with to-day. It is a well known fact that dyspepsia is a characteristic American disease and it is frequently stated that "we are a nation of dyspeptics."

It is a distressing ailment and because of its many forms is difficult to treat. Sometimes it is the result of improper modes of eating, improper food or mental worry and exhaustion; then again it may be sort of a depressed condition of the body and treatment should be directed to the restoration of the the health, without special attention to the stomach. In other instances, the disease is evidently the result of inflammation of the stomach.

Anyone of these conditions produce a lack of vitality in the system, by causing the blood to lose its life-sustaining elements. The blood is the vital element in our lives and should be carefully nurtured. Restore the blood to its proper condition, dyspepsia will vanish and perfect health follow.

For example, in the county of Pembina, North Dakota, a few miles from Walhalla, resides Mr. Ernest Snider, a man of sterling integrity, whose veracity cannot be doubted. He was formerly a resident of Lansdowne, Ont., but removed to the west and is now a prosperous farmer.

For three years he has been unable to do his work because he was ill with dyspepsia. "I became seriously ill about three years ago," he says, "and consulted a doctor who gave me some medicine for indigestion. I continued to grow worse and several physicians were called at intervals who gave me temporary relief, but the disease returned with all its accustomed severity.

"The distress after eating made me dread meal time. At times I became so dizzy as to be unable to stand. I had sour stomach, heartburn, palpitation of heart, and weak nerves. The doctors disagreed as to the nature of my disease but all agreed that the stomach was affected. I suffered intensely and life was a misery.

"I tried several well known remedies but was not benefited.

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FORT WORTH.

Fort Worth office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Scott-Harrold Building, Main St., where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

J. D. Jeffries, the well known ranchman of Clarendon, was here Monday.

W. L. Lanham, a prosperous stockman of Denton county, was here Friday.

J. H. Nail, banker and cattleman of Wolfe City, was in Fort Worth Friday.

Jno. Giddings, a prominent cattle dealer of Ennis, was in Fort Worth Monday.

W. K. Bell, the Palo Pinto county ranchman, is spending a few days in Fort Worth.

Charles Goodnight, the well known Panhandle cattleman, spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Sol Meyer of Sonora, one of the leading cattlemen of Western Texas, was here Saturday.

W. M. Weddington, a prominent citizen and stockman of Henrietta, was in Fort Worth Monday.

J. E. Dale, a prominent cattle feeder of Bonham, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Friday.

W. R. Curtis of Henrietta, was here Saturday night, leaving Sunday morning over the Denver for Memphis, Tex.

Lee J. and W. A. Good, stockmen of Runnels county, were here Thursday en route to their pastures in the Indian Territory.

W. L. Gatlin, a well known cattleman of this city, is spending a few days visiting his family, after a several months' absence.

Col. James A. Wilson, live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton, returned Monday from a trip through the Indian Territory.

H. T. Keenan, general live stock agent of the Burlington, made one of his periodical visits to Fort Worth the first of this week.

J. W. Elliott, manager of the mercantile department of the Espuela Land and Cattle company, was buying supplies in Fort Worth on Saturday.

W. H. King, cashier of the First National bank of Greenville, and also largely interested in the ranching business in Western Texas, was here Saturday.

A. F. Crowley, the well known cattleman of Midland, was here Friday. It is rumored that Mr. Crowley will soon build a fine residence in Fort Worth and become on of its bona fide citizens.

Chas. J. Larimer, general live stock agent of the Texas and Pacific railroad, left a few days ago, making a tour of the Texas and Pacific lines in the Eastern part of the state.

C. C. Herndon, a prominent cattle dealer of Shreveport, Louisiana, who is also largely interested in the ranching business in Runnels county, was here Friday with a shipment of cattle en route to his Runnels county ranch.

E. H. East, for many years a prominent cattleman of Archer county, but now of Victoria, was here Saturday. Mr. East's many friends will be glad to know that he is prospering in his new field and that things are again coming his way.

J. M. Witte, a well-to-do stockman of Morgan, was here Wednesday. Mr. Witte reports crops and range in fine condition in Bosque county and says that cattle of all kinds especially those suitable for feeders, are much scarcer than ever before.

Tom Yarbro, a well-to-do stockman of Morgan, was in Fort Worth Wednesday. Mr. Yarbro reports but little trading in cattle in his locality, says cattle are very scarce and those offered for sale are readily taken at good prices.

P. R. Clark of Comanche county, who has been one of the leading stockmen of that section of the state for many years, was here Saturday. Mr. Clark says the country was never in better condition and the people generally are prosperous and happy and the outlook exceedingly encouraging.

Gus Witting, a prominent stockman of Floresville, Texas, spent Friday in Fort Worth. Mr. Witting says the country all over Southern Texas is in as fine condition as he ever saw it, cattle are doing splendidly but are rather scarce and but few are being offered for sale.

J. P. Weddle, an experienced sheepman of Raton, New Mexico, advertises in the Want Column of this issue of Texas Stock and Farm Journal for a position as manager of a sheep ranch. Those requiring the services of a first-class man in this line will do well to correspond with Mr. Weddle.

Sam Davidson, the well known cattle dealer of this city, who, in addition to looking after the large interests owned by him, also manages in this state the business of Rosenbaum Bros. & Company, a live stock commission firm of Chicago, is spending a few days in Mineral Wells.

J. C. Loving, secretary of the Cattle Raisers' association, attended the Old Settlers' reunion at Mineral Wells last week, returning Friday night. He reports having had a splendid time and the pleasure of meeting a large number of the old pioneer citizens of Western Texas.

J. W. Blount, a prominent stockman of Sulphur Bluff, Hopkins county, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Friday. Mr. Blount says that the crops in Hopkins and adjoining counties are as fine as he ever saw, grass is unusually good and the people generally are in flourishing condition.

J. W. Carter, general live stock agent of the Rock Island, returned Monday from a trip to Seymour. Mr. Carter says everything is looking well, yet some parts of the country are beginning to need rain.

L. E. Walker, stockman and farmer of Waldrip, McCulloch county, was here Friday. Mr. Walker has just made an extended trip through Southern Texas and says he never saw the crops as fine as they are at this time. He thinks Texas will have more feed and fewer cattle to consume it this fall than ever before.

J. F. Drahn, a prominent feeder of China Springs, Texas, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Wednesday. Mr. Drahn is trying to find 500 good steers to feed this fall. Says this class of cattle is very scarce and the indications are that feeders will find it exceedingly difficult to buy the required number of cattle for feeding purposes this fall.

E. C. Sugg, the well known ranchman of Sugden, I. T., was in Fort Worth Friday night, returning from Dallas, where he, through the George B. Loving company, purchased the 7D ranch from J. B. Wilson of that city, full particulars of which are given in the Dallas department.

J. B. Wilson, the well known cattleman of Dallas, was here Sunday morning, en route to Colorado, where he goes to spend the heated term. Having just closed the sale of his ranch and cattle, Mr. Wilson is no doubt in good position for enjoying a few months' recreation.

J. S. McCall, a prominent stockman of Colorado City, was in Fort Worth Friday night accompanied by his family, en route to Colorado to spend the heated term. Mr. McCall says that he has been a citizen of Colorado City for fifteen years and never saw the range country in as fine condition as it is at this time.

Capt. J. C. Terrell, one of the pioneers of Fort Worth, has recently tendered his services to President McKinley and, notwithstanding his advanced years, may yet be called upon to fill an important position in connection with the war with Spain. Capt. Terrel is made of the right kind of stuff and would no doubt prove a valuable acquisition to the United States army in any position in which he may be placed.

A. G. Carter, a prominent cattle feeder of Purcell, I. T., was here Wednesday. Mr. Carter is on the market for a few hundred good steers for feeders. He says the corn crop, and in fact, the crops generally, were never better in his locality than they are now. Says there will be more corn raised this year than ever before and as practically the only market they have for it is to feed it to cattle, it will create quite a demand for feeding steers.

I. T. Pryor, the well known cattleman and banker of San Antonio, spent Friday in Fort Worth en route to Kansas City and other Northern points. Mr. Pryor expects to commence shipping direct to market within a few days the 6000 steers bought by him a few months ago from Sam Davidson of this city. These steers are near Ardmore in the Indian Territory and were fed on cotton seed last winter and are therefore in very fine condition.

M. Z. Smissen of Sterling, Tex., was here Monday. Mr. Smissen bought a few months ago a large ranch and herd of cattle in Crockett county, which is reported as one of the best properties in that section of the state. Mr. Smissen is naturally very much pleased with his newly acquired ranch, so much so that he has recently disposed of his residence and other holdings in Sterling county and after a short time hopes to be able to give his entire time and attention to the Crockett county ranch.

H. A. McEachin, one of the proprietors of the West Texas Stockman of Colorado City, was here several days last week, leaving the latter part of the week for Kansas City. Mr. McEachin is a well trained Journalist, a hard worker and an honorable gentleman. The success of his last newspaper venture is no doubt largely due to these facts. Mr. McEachin reports the country tributary to Colorado City as being in fine condition. Says his newspaper is being liberally patronized by the stockmen of Western Texas and seems to be well satisfied with the results so far.

E. E. Baldridge, a prominent cattle dealer of Waggoner, I. T., was here Monday. Mr. Baldridge says that the flies have pretty well disappeared from the pastures round about Waggoner and that the cattle are now taking on flesh very rapidly; says a few shipments have already been made to market, but that the bulk of the cattle will not go until September. The cattle consist mostly of three-year-old steers, a class of cattle that will grow very rapidly, consequently, the owners feel that it will pay them to hold the steers as long as they are increasing in weight and prices.

W. H. Bradrick, the popular live stock commission merchant at the Fort Worth Stock Yards, who was the prime mover and general manager of the riding and roping contest held in Fort Worth on the 11th and 12th of this month, is receiving the congratulations of his friends and the public in general on the great success made of this undertaking and his efficient management of the affair generally. The riding and roping contest was not only well managed but Mr. Bradrick succeeded in sending every one of the immense gathering each day away well satisfied and pleased with the entertainment and best of all, he conducted the affair in a way not only to please those who favored him with their patronage, but also in a way to make the undertaking a success financially.

TO OMAHA AND RETURN.

It was the good fortune of the writer to be detailed to represent Texas Stock and Farm Journal on the occasion of the excursion of the Texas Press association to the Omaha exposition. Our special car left Fort Worth on Saturday evening. Faint murmurings as to the grandeur of the great exposition had come to us from afar, but the realization was more than our wildest fancy had pictured.

The morning sun shone brightly over the fast approaching city and we could see Old Glory flying from public building and home, sending a thrill of patriotic fervor through every heart and its silken folds waving gracefully over the breeze bade us a happy welcome.

In the afternoon we set out eagerly for the White City. We first visited the Government building. Among many interesting exhibits were realistic pictures of the Greely expedition, the famous dog Owney of the postal service and an interesting collection from the dead letter office consisting of false teeth, centipedes, pictures, etc., that had been sent through the mail.

We next visited the Fishery building and to one knowing anything of the joys of an angler's life, the fish were at once interesting. The gold fish were especially beautiful.

We next turned our attention to the Agricultural building. Of course we were all anxious to see the exhibit from our Lone Star State. Some very fine samples of corn were shown, a huge watermelon and a large, beautiful cotton plant attracted much attention. The Rock Island exhibit was very fine. The words "Rock Island" done in corn stood out clearly against a background of dark red, glass tubes filled with grain, gave a marble like effect to the pillars supporting a booth. We passed through many exhibits that attracted much attention, especially among the agricultural members of our party. The Manufacturers' building, the Mines and Mining building, the Machinery and electricity building and many of the state buildings were visited by our party.

During our stay we visited Fort Omaha and had the pleasure of meeting personally our great champion of the white metal, William Jennings Bryan. We found him a genial, affable gentleman, seeming always glad to meet new friends, admirers and it may be, critics. He told us many interesting things of his regiment and that he would be mustered in the following day, the colonel being the last one mustered in. In his own humorous way he told us of the rejection of a boy whose soul burned with patriotism but who for some reason was rejected, "and," continued Mr. Bryan, "he bawled and bawled. I went to him and tried to console him by telling him that I tried to be commander-in-chief of the army and they wouldn't let me and I didn't cry. This seemed to be very little consolation and I finally agreed to take him as teamster and he gladly accepted." So much for young America! We may hear from this boy before the end of the war.

An invitation was accepted to visit Swift & Company's packing house. We were received very cordially by the officials who, with guides, conducted us through the entire packery. We followed the inoffensive cow from the slaughter house through the many processes and at last viewed her cut up in many pieces and laid neatly away in the cold storage.

With all our sight-seeing, we found time to penetrate the heart of the city and visited many of the mammoth establishments for which Omaha is famous, and after a week of excitement and pleasure, we found ourselves comfortably ensconced in a luxurious Pullman of the Rock Island, homeward bound. The gay panorama of the Trans-Mississippi exposition passes before my mind's eye and in all truth I can say to the people of Nebraska, "well done." DOLLIE WRIGHT.

JUDGE WILLINGHAM AT FARMERS' CONGRESS—REPLY TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

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We come to accept your glad welcome and enjoy your generous hospitality with open hearts and happy minds. Proud of our calling and avocations, proud of our people, proud of our institution, and the great state in which we live and love, we have gathered together to commune with sweet exchange of fruitful ideas, and make the glad welkin ring in behalf of organized agriculture, successful stock raising, the fruit industry and progressive farming. The God of nature is smiling propitiously upon our beautiful Southland, and your fervent, and to be merited, welcome here brings this fact more prominently to our minds.

With your doors thrown wide open to our advent, upon this eventful occasion, we come to win you confidence and esteem, to do good for ourselves and mankind. The free, independent and intelligent farmers and stock raisers of this country stand pre-eminently at the head of the procession in the march of progress. They are the representatives of the oldest, most honorable and most essential occupation of the human race. Upon them all other vocations depend for subsistence and prosperity. They are the copartners with the elements. Their intelligently directed efforts are in unison with the light and heat of the sun, and the success of their labors represents the commingling of the rain drops, and the sweat of their own brows.

It is admitted by all economists that a country's prosperity depends absolutely upon the prosperity of her agricultural resources and classes. If you turn backward on memory's landscape, the beautiful panorama of failures made and victories won, in this mighty factor of our nation's greatness, the shifting scenes of this grand truth pass before your minds with the rapidity of thought itself.

If you turn to the present instead of dark depression, you witness the silver lining of coming prosperity, and behold a mighty commonwealth stepping with the tread of a giant, along the pathway of her greatness and renown. Cities and villages have arisen, like stately exhalations, from the soil; farms and ranches, vineyards and orchards dot the face of the earth, and peace and plenty, crowning the prospect, have cast their soft shadows over the rude footprints of the past.

If you look to the future of Texas, undivided and free, with her vast capabilities and grand possibilities, the utmost reach of the mightiest intellect cannot measure her greatness, or scarce give a glimpse of those transcendent glories that shall crown her progress in the coming time.

Texas! The very name itself suggests to our minds one grand view of incalculable possibilities. Great in her every resource, and those unlimited, what may we not expect of her coming future? Heretofore we have been sitting supinely down awaiting the coming of events. We have imagined that the world at large knew us as we knew ourselves, but we have been hugging a delusion in this idea.

We are now forging to the front in the world's attention at last, and the result must be immeasurable. Vague notions in the past have been about the extent of the knowledge others have had of our greatness, our resources and our degree of development. But to-day Texas is being aroused from her lethargic sleep, and like a lion, in production and commerce she will soon shake the dew of plenty from her shaggy mane to feed the millions of foreign nations. Intelligent, organized effort can and will always work wonders in furthering a country's progress.

Greatness of country in this day and time consists of the "pushness" of its people. Let activity be your watchword and your efforts will be steadily fruitful of great results. We have but to reach forth the hand of determination, press the button of commercial life, and a spark will spring forth that will astonish the world.

With our immense reach of territory, covered with plains and valleys of fabulous richness, with our seat coast unequaled, deep water ports at our very doors, our network of railways, new factories springing up everywhere, in the front rank in the raising of cattle, sheep, hogs and horses, our fruit interests, truck gardening, dairying, the products of the farm, all reaching out and increasing with such a wonderful rapidity—what prophet can predict the future? What are our possibilities? Who can tell?

The basis of all wealth is the productive powers of a country. The economic disposition of a people is fuel for their desires. The productive powers we have, the economic disposition we must cultivate. To live within our means is an ambition that must strike deep root into our very natures, else we cannot woo wealth or enjoy happiness. How to do this must be taught us not only by experience, but by education as well. The experience comes in the natural course of events, the education we must obtain from such grand institutions as this, within the walls of which we now are, and from such meetings as this, in which we are now engaged. We as a people should look forward to, and hail with much delight, the coming of shall take its place beside "political economy" in our schools. The one teaches us how to make governments, the other would teach us how to sustain them. We will reach the pinacle of our greatness as a nation when this grand idea is incorporated in our beneficent system of modern education. Wasted energies are but poverty breeders. Let us know how to feed and enrich the nations and we need not care, or fear, who make their laws.

From this meeting results will go out, though sparks at first, which will soon kindle into a flame, by whose light we can discover new avenues (new worlds as it were) in our chosen avocations. Cherish well the things that you may learn here, go home and disseminate them, and the future will be more glorious than tongue or pen can tell.

Mighty in extent, mighty in resources, mighty in capabilities who can impede our march onward and upward in devotion and development? May the God of the day, ruler of the night, the fashioner of the elements, the giver of all good be with us in our every effort.

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