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CATTLE.

If you are raising live stock, raise feed. If you are raising feed, raise live stock. But if you are a victim of the cotton habit—

Texas grass cattle have brought as much as seven cents on the market when they were not so good in quality as they are to-day. What has happened once may happen again.

Four years ago Henry Peaslee, Esq., of Georgetown, Texas, sold his cattle upon his ranch on Matagorda peninsula, retaining ten helpers. He has recently sold these with their offspring for \$600.

The surest indication of the solid prosperity of the cattle business is the fact that "cattle paper" is in strong demand among money lenders at reasonably low rates of interest, and this demand will continue so long as cattlemen are able to meet their obligations.

The demand for choice fat cattle is now very good, and commission men are not able to get hold of all they can handle, but the prices paid for animals not so well finished are not such as to encourage feeders to push their steers upon the market until brought to their best condition.

Those who have followed comments on the quality of cattle handled in the recent great movement cannot fail to be impressed with the unevenness in quality of cattle coming from the same section of country, handled by the same dealer, and, very often, reared by the same breeder. The principles of good breeding are pretty well understood by the old and experienced cattlemen of Texas, especially those who have large interests. They have been watching to note what was important to bring profit to their business and alert to seize every advantage. The mistakes that have been made in breeding have been greatest in the agricultural sections. It is practically impossible to gather up among the farmers any considerable number of even and well graded beef cattle, the very kind the farmer ought to raise. The error has been in the selection of sires. One year the sire is of one of the dairy breeds, then a cross of the half-bred dairy product with the sire of one of the beef breeds, or, perhaps, a scrub bull sires the herd, and so on through generations there is a system followed that gets none of the best qualities of any breed, destroys uniformity in a herd, and results only in scrubs. The road to success lies in breeding along some one selected line continually—Hereford, or Short-horn, or Angus, or Galloway, and staying strictly with the line selected, always securing the best sires of the selected breed until the herd is practically of full blood. Buyers want uniformity in what they buy and will pay for it. During the present season it has been remarked that Texas beefers are taking a higher position in the market than ever before, and it is because in so many of our great herds it has become known that correct breeding is the breeding continually in one good line.

PURE BRED STOCK FOR THE RANGE.

An editorial in the Live Stock Indicator is one that is interesting to all interested in the Texas cattle industry. It is a commentary on the results of an important Shorthorn sale at Buncheon, Missouri, at which the prices averaged \$125 per head as compared with \$72 per head at the fall sale of last year out of the same Shorthorn herd. The editor says:

The sales of pure-bred cattle this season furnish justification for a much more cheerful outlook than for some time past, and there is reason for the belief that the upturn has been reached. Demand is broadening and better prices are readily obtained, although it cannot be denied that this is largely due to the fact that the Western and Texas cattlemen have become more appreciative of good breeding stock. Still, whatever the cause, pure-bred cattle interests accept the change thankfully and see in it a degree of prosperity that they have patiently waited for and have done their best to merit.

The sale that is particularly referred to was that of W. P. Harned, one of the most successful Shorthorn breeders of Missouri. The cattle generally were young, the get of the Cruikshank bull, Ambassador, 1108131. Their excellent qualities were highly appreciated by the more than four hundred who attended the sale. None of the prices were sensational, but they were uniformly good, for the great Cruikshank family is highly esteemed. Altogether it was a sale most encouraging to Shorthorn breeders, but the Indicator thus sounds a note of warning to the breeders of the middle West:

This is encouraging to the pure-bred cattle industry, and yet in one sense the sales of the season are a menace to the commercial cattle interests of the middle West. Many of the best breeding animals are going to Texas and the ranges. The farmer cattle grower ought not to permit this until his own needs are supplied unless he means to succumb to Texas and range competition. He can grow better cattle than can be produced under ranch conditions, but he cannot do it unless he pays greater attention to breeding. To do this he must be a more liberal buyer of good breeding stock, or the cattle grower who do pursue this policy will outstrip him.

If the Indicator knew how conditions are changing in our great range industry, it might not so confidently allege that the farmer can grow better cattle than can be produced under ranch conditions. With the great improvement in breeding, there is growing vast improvement in conditions, and Texas proposes to show the world that she can meet the ablest competition on any lines of her greatest industry.

THE FARM.

The farmers of Texas ought to consider good roads as one of their prosperity, and when the candidate for legislative honors again appears among them impress upon him the necessity of wise legislation on this line.

The farmer who is content to remain a poor small farmer, better have a small home of his own than be the tenant of an area four times as large. Lands are cheap in many parts of Texas where all the elements of successful agriculture exist.

A correspondent who is traveling in the counties west of Fort Worth and north of the Texas and Pacific railroad speaks of the prosperous condition of farmers generally through that section, and the explanation of their condition is given in his mention of the numerous orchards and the live stock these farmers have gathered about them. They make nearly all their food stuffs on their farms.

A field of cow peas has very happily been designated "the poor man's ham," says Louisiana Farmer and Rice Journal, for in common with all the leguminous congeners, the field pea, clover, alfalfa and others, this crop has the power of increasing the fertility of the soil upon which it grows. Every farmer should have a few cow peas on his corn land when laying his crops by and the land will improve every year.

A new industry which derives from the corn stalks several important utilities, has lately been started at Owens, Kentucky. One of the products is cellulose, to be used for lining bathtubs. Four tons of stalks a week is used in making an artificial silk. A large quantity of material is furnished to a celluloid company. Paper, also, will be made, and at less cost than the paper made from wood. The buildings occupied by the company making these several articles cover 100x214 feet and are five stories high. One hundred men are employed and 300,000 tons of stalks will be used each year in the various processes.

Farming will not pay if time is wasted and economies are ignored. It will frequently not pay if all the energies of the farm are devoted to a single crop year after year. It will not pay if the farmer buys all he consumes. It will not pay if the dairy and fruit and poultry departments of the farm are neglected. It will not pay if the live stock of the farm consists of a few shabby work animals. It will not pay if the productive elements taken from the soil are never restored. It will not pay if the farmer does not give intelligent direction to the work of his farm. It will not pay if he would rather manage political conventions than the farm. It will not pay if he does not keep abreast with the advanced agricultural methods and the thought of the day by reading or discussion with his fellow farmers.

That the population of the towns is increasing faster than that of the country is a fact that no one disputes, but certainly it is not a fact to be complained of. It gives the farmer a larger market for his products, and the larger market is insured by the improved implements of his industry and improved methods of cultivation. Better farming is done and it produces larger results. Land will become higher in time as the areas for new cultivation become smaller, but labor on the farm will not become cheaper, as alleged by a New England writer. The later methods require so much more intelligence in feeding and the care of stock, as well as in handling all the various machinery of the modern farm, that the labor employed is largely skilled labor and well paid. Altogether the plan of the farmer's varied industries is being lifted higher relative to other employments and his position becoming more important, involving, as it does, a wide and general knowledge and intelligence as keen as that of any industry.

In all parts of Texas where wheat can be grown there has been an attempt to get in a largely increased acreage. To some extent this has been frustrated by the drought that prevailed in the principal wheat-growing counties during much of the season for planting, which rendered farmers unable to put in as much as desired and prevented some that was gotten in the ground from coming up satisfactorily. Some planting is yet being done in some of the lower counties. Williamson and Bell county farmers are sowing for big crops and it is reported from San Antonio that dealers in seeds in that section are unable to supply the demand for winter seed wheat and telegraph orders are being rushed to Kansas and Missouri dealers. Among the thrifty German farmers in that part of the state the cultivation of small grain during recent years has received increased attention and the fact has added materially to their prosperity. The cotton belt may not be strictly a small grain country, but the cotton planter who is endeavoring to raise his food supply is certainly not making a mistake. In the very sensible address recently made by Mr. Hoxie of Taylor, Texas, in advocacy of a more diversified agriculture, he said that no farmer could afford to buy that which he could produce on his farm. The cotton belt may not produce a surplus of small grain to put on the market, but if the farmers raise their own bread and meat, they will keep a home many good dollars that they have been accustomed to send abroad, and having started in the way of becoming self-sustaining, it will be in the natural order of things to give more attention to the little considered by-products, the orchard, the dairy and the poultry yard, with the result that the lands taken up will diminish, the supply and swell the value of that staple, and at the same time render the planters independent of merchants, commission men and landlords.

HORSE.

Among the important "don'ts" are these: Don't keep a poor mare if you can get rid of her, and don't breed any sort of a mare to a poor stallion.

The work of the farm can be done with good mares as well as with mares and geldings, and the produce of such mares, if they are judiciously bred, would add handsomely to the annual income.

The natural way for a horse to eat is about on a level with his feet. The feed box, therefore, should be low, about two feet, not more than three feet, from the ground. The hay should always be fed from a manger instead of an overhead rack.

If the farmer would try to produce one or more real good colts every year it would pay him handsomely to give them the handling and training that would fully develop their best qualities before he offers them on the market. Study the requirements of the market, and breed and rear to meet them.

The market is not likely to be overstocked with a good quality of the three following classes of horses, saddlers, roadsters and cavalry horses. Texas farmers could raise them, and it would pay Texas stockmen to make the breeding of the Vermont draft horse, though it would probably pay best to breed the cavalry animals.

Many of our fast trotters and pacers are being bought and shipped to Europe by German and Austrian buyers. Harness-racing is becoming quite popular in Austria and Europeans recognize the value of the American horse for racing and breeding. But anxious as they are to get our horses, the foreigners do not bid high, and they consequently do not get the best. As they learn to better appreciate the value of speed in the harness horse we may expect them to be willing to pay better prices and obtain animals of the best class. For them the home market is still good.

AN ACTIVE DRAFT HORSE.

Some years ago a number of horse breeders in Texas introduced among their stock some of the leading draft breeds, such as Percheron, Cleveland, etc., but not many were well enough pleased to continue the breeding extensively. So far as is known to the Journal the most successful as well as the most extensive breeders of draft animals were the Snyder Brothers of Georgetown, Texas. At one time they bred the Vermont draft horse, or their large Rendrebok ranch in Mitchell county. They are now confining their breeding establishment to their farm near Georgetown. They have raised a considerable number of fine animals of the Norman breed. The objection to the breed is that which applies to pretty much all the draft families, heavy and sluggish movement. For their special purpose those of full blood are great animals, but the field of their usefulness is limited.

There is another family of drafts of which little is generally known in Texas, and indeed, they seem to be little known anywhere. The family is the northeastern part of the United States. It is that of the Vermont draft horse, and is bred somewhat extensively in New England. Those who have tried to trace them to their origin as a distinct breed have not been able to do so, but they are certainly, but think that in their make-up there is mingled the blood of the Cleveland Bay and the thoroughbred, with a dash of the improved English draft horse, and possibly an admixture of the Suffolk. They have been a distinct family, however, for more than half a century, and the fact is established so that reliance can be placed on a transmission of its characteristics.

They are described as being more frequently over than under sixteen hands in height, though so proportioned that their stature is scarcely noticed. They weigh, when in good condition, 1100 to 1400 pounds. Nearly all are blood bay or brown, and most of them are handsome and stylish animals, combining quickness of action with great power, and their speed is remarkable in a draft animal. They are considered the very best animals for quick draft of a heavy load. At present they are used extensively in Eastern cities in express wagons and other work where showy animals, able to do quick and heavy work are required. In early times in New England they were the stage coach horses of that section, and over the rough roads of that day were easily and regularly put through at the rate of ten or eleven miles an hour.

A writer describing them says: "They have almost invariably lofty crests, thin withers and well set on, symmetrically shaped heads, and though they are emphatically draft horses, they have none of that shaggy coat of mane, tail and fetlock which indicate a descent from the black horse of Lincolnshire, and one of that peculiar oiliness or waxy character that marks the presence of Canadian or Norman blood for many generations." They have short backs, round barrels and rib up closely.

For the purpose of breeding coaches of the highest type some writers have recommended the use of a trotting sire upon the draft mares of the country. The Journal is not prepared to say that the best breeding for coaches is not directly in the lines of some of the great trotting families, but if draft mares are to be resorted to for such a purpose it would seem that the best cross that could be made would be from a selection of mares of the Vermont draft stock, bred to a trotter of the desired form and style. Among horsemen generally there is not much admiration for the draft families, but the Vermont animal seems to have none of the unsightly features and sluggishness of action that limits the appreciation of the ordinary draft animals to their breeders and to those who need their special utilities.

SHEEP AND WOOL.

Prime mutton is now selling for more than either beef or pork, and its consumption is increasing faster than the growth of population.

The low price of wool during recent years served to increase to a very large extent the consumption of mutton, making the breeding of suitable animals a much more important branch of the sheep industry than it had been previously.

It is said that the breeding of sheep is falling off in Argentina as the Italian immigrants do not take to this industry, preferring to raise fruit or grain. They are filling up the sheep breeding sections of that country and gradually driving the flocks out of existence.

Mutton consumers are finding out that mutton is the freest from disease and the most nutritious and healthful of all animal foods, and careful experiments have demonstrated the fact that a pound of mutton can be produced at less cost than flesh of any other kind.

Western sheep ranges, when restocked with sheep will have flocks higher in quality than ever before. Sheep raisers are as enterprising in the breeding of their stock as the cattle men of Texas, and that is saying a good deal. The purchase of good rams for the Texas sheep ranges during the past season was unprecedentedly large, and as the owners are men who will take no step backwards, there is an assurance that our mutton and wool industries are on a line of steadily increasing values. The men who are now "in sheep" are on the road to fortune.

It is said by Wool Markets and Sheep that the Rambouillet Merinos are descended from about 300 rams that were selected from the best flocks in Spain in 1796. They were taken to the village of Rambouillet in southern France, and by careful breeding the weight of both carcass and fleece was greatly increased. They are the most "muttony" of Merinos, and as a cross to improve native stock, have no superior. They cross well with the distinctive mutton breeds, producing a good carcass and a heavy fleece of very desirable wool.

The best French and German breeders, says the Wool Markets and Sheep, have a director to select the rams for coupling, and over them is a director in chief, so no mistakes can occur and some breeders will not use a ram that weighs less than 300 pounds. They use great skill in selection and mate as few ewes with rams as is practicable. This is scientific breeding. Each breeder keeps a secretary to accurately record all proceedings in the minutest detail, so that each sheep is described separately and each family also of the 5000 or 10,000 sheep kept on the estate. Mistakes cannot occur, as their methods are very minute, so that the animals must be absolutely pure.

Sheep raising is a branch of live stock industry to which almost no attention is given by Texas farmers, yet it would well pay very many of them to handle all the sheep their pasturage will permit. Sheep contribute no little to the fertility of the land and destroy weeds more effectively than any other animal. Their meat would make a valuable addition to the food supply of the farm and often single animals could be sold to local consumers without loss of time and at good profit. For the farmer the mutton breeds would, perhaps, be most profitable, but if he has range land and a very few head it would be well to select from some of the several breeds that are valuable both as mutton sheep and as wool producers.

Texas has a considerable territory adapted to rearing Angora goats and it is rather surprising that so little attention has been given to that industry. Those who have engaged in it have found it highly satisfactory. Farmers or stockmen whose pastures are encumbered with brush would find the grazing capacity of their lands actually increased instead of diminished by goat raising. They keep the leaves and buds as well as the tender twigs eaten off the growing brush until it is entirely killed out. The Journal has recently in several articles pointed out to its readers the profit there is in raising the Angora for its fleece, and the desirable quality of their flesh. For either of the above purposes the Angora would fully repay its purchase price and board. It will pay well to raise him.

The Lincoln sheep is said to have the longest fleece of the three English long-wool breeds, Lincoln, Leicester and Cotswold. The fleece of the Leicester is of a little shorter staple and has a greyish tinge, while the Lincoln fleece, when clean, is silvery white. The Cotswold alone of the three has a heavy overcoat. It has a white fleece like the Lincoln, though it is shorter and inclined to be wavy, the Lincoln fleece hanging in flakes or locks. The three are in fineness as follows: Lincoln first, Leicester second, and Cotswold third. All are luster wools, having a smooth glossy surface, as compared with the felted wools of the several Merino families. In the trade they are known as the "brad" wools. One of the most enthusiastic advocates of the Lincoln is H. A. Daniels, secretary of the National Lincoln Association. He claims that it is the largest sheep grown, has fine, long, lustrous wool, as 25 pounds and ewes 15 pounds, as breeders they have no superior, twins being in the majority. They are great rustlers, mature early, the March lambs weighing at four months over 100 pounds. The Lincoln is being now used largely in South America, and is valued there principally for its mutton qualities.

SWINE.

Germany imports annually 700,000 to 800,000 hogs, about one-half of them being brought from Austria.

Three cars of the fattest hogs that have ever been brought to the Fort Worth market came from Eddy, New Mexico, and they had been fattened on Egyptian corn or Milo maize.

It pays better to feed fifty pigs up to a weight of 200 pounds than to feed twenty-five up to a weight of 400 pounds, because they take on flesh with much less feed per pound of gain up to the former weight than after.

Green food should be prepared for hogs that are to be fed through the winter. It is not the price per hundred pounds for which the hog sells that determines the profit, but the difference between the selling price and the cost of production. Jerusalem artichokes and winter rye are recommended by the American Swineherd as an effective and economical feed. In the southwest green oats, green wheat, rye or barley, with the artichokes, letting the hogs gather the crops, will be found to work well in securing large growth at small cost.

Peas make a good feed for pigs at any age. Sow some of the common field peas at the rate of two bushels per acre and cover them about four inches deep. Then on the same ground sow three pecks of oats per acre and harrow them in. The oats will help to support the peas when growing. When the peas are about two-thirds grown in the pod the pigs may be turned in and they will do the rest. The peas vines and old straw will be excellent fertilizers.

THE TAMWORTH.

Recently there has been such frequent discussion of the bacon hog, and the Tamworth is so often cited as the ideal of that class that an account of the breed, given by one of its admirers, may interest readers of the Journal.

Before the improvement of the breed they possessed all the desirable qualities of a bacon hog that they have today, except that they were slow feeders and late in maturing. It is claimed that that objectionable feature has been removed by the care given to their improvement and that they can now be fitted for market at an age of five to eight months. At that period their weight is 160 to 200 pounds. They are nearer in the form of Chester White than other breeds, though neither so massive nor wide, and are somewhat deeper in the side. They retain the "wrestling" qualities of the original breed, which probably has much to do with forming the lean element so largely in their make-up. It is alleged that comparative feeding trials show that they can be grown and fattened almost as cheaply as any other breed.

The Canadians have used the Tamworth largely in crossing upon Berkshires and Chester Whites and the result has been the production of a packer's hog that is in size and quality all that can be desired, and this is done with an economy highly satisfactory to the producer. Much of this quality, however, should be attributed to the Canadian method of feeding in which corn is much less used than in this country, their field peas making a large element of the process.

Add to this, the breed is unrivaled in prolificacy and the young pigs possess the hardness characteristic of the breed, a hardness due, doubtless, to the inherited activity of the stock. Although so little known in the United States, its admirers allege that it is a most profitable breed to the Canadian producers of pork and that at some time it will become one of the important breeds in the United States, because of a growing requirement for more lean and less fat in pork products. So satisfactory, however, have been the several important breeds of this country that our people are more likely to seek the improvement to the bacon type in a feeding system different from that which has so long prevailed, though even this will be difficult in the sections where corn production is so large and pork products form the most profitable means of marketing the grain.

Up to this time, so far as known to the Journal, the Tamworth is a native of the form of a pure-bred Tam adopted by breeders, but Prof. Shaw, an eminent authority on such subjects, has suggested the following as descriptive of the form of a pure-bred Tamworth:

The frame is long and deep, rather than broad, and is well sustained by strong limbs.

Head is long, but light, rather than heavy, possessed of but moderate dish, having the appearance of leanness.

Body long in the coupling and deep, slightly but regularly arched above and straight below.

Back moderately wide, with a gradual rounding descent until the side is reached.

Shoulder large but not rough, and about equal in thickness to the ham.

Side long, quite deep and retaining its thickness down to the belly.

Ribs well arched and deep.

Fore and hind flanks full, and heart girth and flank girth good and about equal.

Ham rounded off, rather than square, standing firmly in length, strong and standing firmly.

Skin smooth and covered plentifully with hair.

Hair not coarse, and no bristles; color a red or bright chestnut; usually darkens with age.

Readers will recognize in this a description that very nearly pictures the hards breeds of Kentucky and Virginia before the refining process had changed the form of the half-wild animals that used to be called up on cold mornings for a little corn, but spent their lives in ranging through the forests and breaking through fences.

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OUTSIDE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY MARKET.

Stock Yards, Dec. 13.—Cattle receipts were 1000 head. The market was unchanged with only a retail trade. In hogs receipts were 9000 head. The market was steady to a shade lower. Heavies ranged from \$3.22 to \$3.32, packers from \$3.22 to \$3.35, mixed from \$3.15 to \$3.35, lights from \$3.20 to \$3.30, yorkers from \$3.25 to \$3.30, pigs from \$3.00 to \$3.20. There were no sheep on the market.

GALVESTON MARKET.

Galveston, Dec. 11.—Choice heaves in demand. Market supplied with cows. But few calves and yearlings offering, and for such there is an active demand. Good 800 pound weathers wanted. Market bare of hogs; demand active for light weight hogs.

Present quotations—Beef, choice, \$3.00 to \$3.25; beefs, common, \$2.50 to \$2.75; cows, choice, \$2.75 to \$3.00; cows, common, \$2.25 to \$2.50; yearlings, choice, \$3.00 to \$3.25; yearlings, common, \$2.50 to \$2.75; calves, choice, \$3.50 to \$4.00; calves, common, \$3.00 to \$3.25; sheep, choice, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common, \$3.50 to \$3.80; hogs, cornfed, \$3.75 to \$4.25; hogs, matted, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

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ST. LOUIS MARKET.

National Stock Yards, Dec. 13.—Cattle receipts were 4700, shipments 1000. The market was from 10 to 15c higher for natives; Texas steers were strong and 10c higher. Fair to choice natives ranging from \$11.75 to \$13.50, dressed beef and butchers' steers from \$3.50 to \$5.00, steers under 1000 pounds from \$3.25 to \$4.25, stockers and feeders from \$1.75 to \$4.00, canning cows from \$1.00 to \$2.00, bulls from \$1.75 to \$3.25, Texas and Indian steers \$2.75 to \$3.90, cows and heifers \$2.00 to \$3.50. Hogs receipts were 5400, shipments 1100. The market was 5c higher, light ranging from \$3.20 to \$3.30, mixed from \$3.25 to \$3.35, heavies from \$3.37 to \$3.42. Sheep receipts were 800, shipments 400. The market was dull, but strong. Native muttons ranged from \$3.65 to \$4.50, culls and butchers' from \$2.75 to \$3.50, stockers from \$2.25 to \$2.85, lambs from \$5.00 to \$5.50.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Union Stock Yards, Dec. 13.—Cattle receipts were small and prices ruled on an average of from 15 to 25c higher than last week's lowest figures. Choice fat beefs sold the quickest and showed the greatest advance. The commonest dressed beef lots brought from \$3.60 to \$4.00 choice to extra holiday cattle from \$5.25 to \$5.50, feeders were active from \$3.30 to \$3.75, stockers from \$3.00 to \$3.20, fat cows and heifers irregularly and higher from \$3.25 to \$4.40, common to medium cows from \$1.75 to \$3.50; calves, best grades from \$5.75 to \$6.20. In hogs the supply was limited and the market strong at an advance of 5c. Sales largely at \$3.30 to \$3.40, the most undesirable heavy packers selling from \$3.20 to \$3.25, best shippers from \$3.40 to \$3.45. The late hog market was weak. Trade in sheep and lambs was fairly active. Fat sheep sold to better advantage than late last week and the best lambs sold for up to last week's top prices. Sheep were in demand at \$3.00 to \$3.50 for the commonest lots up to \$4.60 for strictly prime; Western fed from \$3.50 to \$4.50. Lambs were in good demand at from \$3.75 to \$4.00 for culls up to from \$5.50 to \$5.85 for choice to prime. Exporters were light buyers of heavy sheep at from \$4.25 to \$4.50. Receipts of cattle were 10,000, hogs 33,000 and sheep 17,000.

DENVER MARKET.

Denver, Col., Dec. 14.—The following market report is furnished by the Sigel-Barnes Commission company: Beef cattle—The beef market has been light supplied here this week, and in the last two days there has been nothing on sale that was practically suitable for the block. Notwithstanding the light receipts the market has been very unsatisfactory from a salesman's point of view, as weak markets and lower values at the river had the effect of lowering prices at this point and values as compared with the corresponding time last week are from 10c to 15c lower; this decline in prices is altogether in sympathy with the drop at the eastern markets, as our killers are anxious to make purchases of both steers and cows, cow stuff especially being in strong demand. Good toppey steers will also sell well at strong market prices.

Feeders—Trading in this class has been very unsatisfactory this week; the receipts have not been heavy, but buyers have been very bearish and in most instances have bought their cattle from 10c to 15c lower than last week's prices. While prices on common cattle have fluctuated and depreciated, prices on the top grades have ruled very steady.

We quote the market as follows: Choice cornfed steers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; choice range steers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; common to good steers, \$2.90 to \$3.40; common to good cows, \$2.50 to \$2.90; bulls, \$1.75 to \$2.25; veal calves, 175 to 225 pounds, \$4.50 to \$5.00; veal calves, 250 to 400 pounds, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Hogs—The receipts of hogs for the week so far have been 18 cars; the demand was very poor owing to packers being so well supplied last week and from the present outlook only a few cars can be handled to good advantage the coming week. Prices have been very unsatisfactory throughout the week compared with the corresponding time last week are a good five cents lower. We quote light to choice packers, \$3.20 to \$3.30; mixed packers, \$3.10 to \$3.20; heavy packers, \$2.95 to \$3.15.

Sheep—Sheep have been in very light supply with fair demand at about last week's quotations. Fat wethers will sell from \$3.40 to \$3.75; ewes, \$3.10 to \$3.40; and lambs \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Stockmen and farmers in Texas should read a journal devoted to their respective industries as they exist in Texas. Live stock and agricultural papers published in other states are worth much to people of those states. Our people need a periodical that keeps in touch with Texas conditions, and they have it in Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

COTTON AND GRAIN MARKET.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 13.—Higher prices are quoted by merchants for customers' cotton, but normal quotations follow: Ordinary..... 3 9-16 Good ordinary..... 4 1-16 Low middling..... 4 7-16 Middling..... 4 10-16 Good middling..... 5 1-16 Middling fair..... 5 9-16

GALVESTON SPOT.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 13.—Spot cotton market steady and unchanged. Sales 330 bales.

	To-day	Saturday
Ordinary.....	4 3-16	4 3-16
Good ordinary.....	4 11-16	4 11-16
Low middling.....	5 1-16	5 1-16
Middling.....	5 7-16	5 7-16
Good middling.....	5 11-16	5 11-16
Middling fair.....	6 1-16	6 1-16
Ordinary.....	4 3-16	4 3-16

HOUSTON SPOT.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 13.—Spot cotton market steady and unchanged. Sales 362 bales.

	To-day	Saturday
Ordinary.....	4 5-16	4 5-16
Good ordinary.....	4 11-16	4 11-16
Low middling.....	5 1-16	5 1-16
Middling.....	5 7-16	5 7-16
Good middling.....	5 11-16	5 11-16
Middling fair.....	6 1-16	6 1-16

NEW ORLEANS SPOT.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 13.—Spot cotton steady with prices the same as Saturday. Sales 8500 bales.

	To-day	Saturday
Ordinary.....	4 5-16	4 5-16
Good ordinary.....	4 11-16	4 11-16
Low middling.....	5 1-16	5 1-16
Middling.....	5 7-16	5 7-16
Good middling.....	5 11-16	5 11-16
Middling fair.....	6 1-16	6 1-16

NEW YORK SPOT.

New York, Dec. 13.—Spot cotton steady and unchanged. Sales 223 bales.

	To-day	Saturday
Ordinary.....	4 3-4	4 3-4
Low middling.....	5 7-8	5 7-8
Middling.....	5 7-8	5 7-8
Good middling.....	6	6
Middling fair.....	6 5-16	6 5-16

LIVERPOOL SPOT.

Liverpool, Dec. 13.—Spot cotton demand fair with prices 1-32d higher. Sales 10,000 bales, of which 9700 were American, and 1000 to exporters and speculators. Imports 22,000 bales, of which 21,800 were American. Tenders 300 bales.

	To-day	Saturday
Ordinary.....	2 3-4	2 3-4
Good ordinary.....	2 15-16	2 15-16
Low middling.....	2 1-16	2 1-16
Middling.....	2 7-32	2 7-32
Good middling.....	2 5-16	2 5-16
Middling fair.....	3 9-16	3 9-16

GRAIN

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Cash quotations were as follows: No. 2 spring wheat 88½ to 89c, No. 3 spring wheat 83 to 85c, No. 2 red 97½ to 99½c. No. 2 corn 25½c. No. 2 oats 22½c, No. 2 white 24½c, No. 3 white 1 c. b. 23½ to 24½c. No. 2 rye 46c.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Wheat lower, closing 3c for December and 3c for May below Saturday. Spot lower; No. 2 red cash elevator 99c, track 99c, December 97½c, January 94c, May 93½c, July 80c; No. 2 hard cash 85½ to 88c. Corn—Shade lower and easy; No. 2 cash 24½c, December 24c bid, January 25½c, May 26½ to 26c. Oats—Oats quite easy; No. 2 cash elevator 21c, track 22c, No. 2 white 24½c, December 21c, May 22½c. Rye quiet, 46c.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 13.—Wheat—No. 2 soft 99c, No. 2 hard 93c. Corn and oats unchanged. No. 2 mixed in sacks is offered to the trade c. a. f. Galveston track, in carload lots, at 41½ to 42c per bushel; No. 2 white western 43½ to 44½c. Oats No. 2 Texas or Territory 28½ to 29½c; No. 2 white western 30 to 30½c, clipped Texas 31½ to 32c. For corn or oats above figures are in carloads or on track, and dealers charge an advance of 2c to 3c on above figures.

Wheat receipts to-day 221 cars; total since June 1, 10,063 cars. Corn receipts to-day four cars; since June 1, 310 cars.

NEWS AND NOTES.

CATTLE SALES.

San Angelo—Bird & Mertz to John Lamgren, 1200 steers at \$30, and 100 at \$26; A. L. Mudge to Felix Watson, 66 yearlings at \$16; Vigo cattle company to W. A. Nix, 110 steers, three and four, at \$27.50; William Childers to N. B. Edens of Corsicana, 250 steers and four, at \$26.50; Harry Lyman to M. Z. House, 90 stock cattle at \$12; T. K. Wilson to R. S. Campbell, 66 fat cows at \$16.50, and to John W. Love, 69 calves at \$8; Joe Ellis to Wm. Childers, all his cows, 60 to 700, at \$15, spring delivery; the calves dropped \$15, spring delivery; W. T. Carpenter of Pecos, to Miller Bros. of Osage City, Kansas, 650 coming twos and threes, half and half, at \$22.50. These are Whitefaces and will be sent to Osage City to be fed.

Concho county—Will Wyatt to H. N. Beakly of Coleman, 118 stock cattle at \$15.50. Eighteen head were Arkansas cattle, and there were 40 calves in the bunch.

Colorado—Earnest & Coffe to W. T. Scott, 500 steer calves at \$14, 350 for present delivery and 150 to be delivered April 1, 1898; J. K. Caraway of Lub-

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bock, to W. R. Harris, 75 Louisiana cows at \$14; J. C. Sheffield to C. S. Knott, 100 Eastern steers, twos and threes, at \$20; W. T. Scott to J. D. Jeffries of Clearendon, 1000 steer calves, at \$16.

Big Springs—J. V. Stephens bought for Jno. B. Slaughter 600 coming yearling steers at \$14 and \$16, spring delivery.

LaSalle—J. F. Green to A. H. Jones of Gonzales, 500 yearling steers at \$14, 500 twos at \$18, and 500 cows, price of cows not given.

Fort Worth—Glee & Martin of Nash, Texas, to D. B. Graham of Bosque county, 125 yearlings past, half heifers and half steers, at \$11. These are good average Kaufman county stock.

San Antonio—J. F. Green, with ranch in Dimmitt and Webb counties, closed a sale Tuesday with Naylor & Jones of Wagner, I. T., for 500 coming ones at \$14.00, 600 coming twos at \$18.50, and 500 coming threes at \$24.00, for spring delivery. These steers will be taken to the Territory in the spring. Baldridge Bros. & Austin, a firm composed of E. E. and L. L. Baldridge of Wagoner, I. T., and Preston R. Austin of San Antonio, closed a deal a few days since with Dennis O'Connor of Victoria.

The purchase consisted of 5000 head of cows, spring delivery, and an extra high grade of stock, and brought the very handsome price of \$20.00 per head, or \$100,000 for the herd. The buyers also leased from the seller a 30,000 acre pasture on which the cattle will be placed when delivered in the spring.

H. G. Austin of this city bought of H. D. Sullivan of Victoria, 300 coming two and three-year-old steers at \$17.00 to \$22.00 per head, spring delivery.

Fred Nations of Emporia, Kas., has bought 800 head of coming four-year-old steers of Capt. Smythe of Uvalde. These steers will be shipped to Kansas at once, where they will go on feed. Mr. Nations says that this is the best lot of steer cattle he has bought this year out of over 7000 head.

It is reported that Messrs. Gibson & Parkinson have purchased the balance of the McFadden cattle not included in their first purchase. The details of the trade, however, it was impossible to get yesterday.

Jno. C. Wood of Pearsall, has bought from Jno. Linney of Refugio county, his Refugio county pasture, including something over 5000 acres at about \$4.50 per acre. Mr. Linney takes as part payment \$1200 coming two-year-old steers. Price of cattle not known.

Weatherford has received 22,000 bales of cotton this season.

A commission firm of Eddy, N. M., shipped to New York last week 8042 pounds of mohair.

James Hamilton of San Angelo will feed 20,000 sheep on seed meal at Dublin and Wolfe City.

Some of the cattlemen about Abilene report the successful vaccination of their cattle against splenic fever.

The number of hogs being killed in Grayson county indicates very small sales of bacon by the merchants of the county during 1898.

Merkel, Taylor county, has shipped several hundred cars each of cattle and cotton and more than 100 cars of cotton seed, besides many cars of wheat.

The San Angelo Press has a letter from Sherwood telling of a sweet potato raised last year. It is four feet nine inches long, and weighs eighteen pounds and four ounces.

Chas. Onderdonk, a wealthy Philadelphian, has leased 27,000 acres of land in Santa Fe county, N. M., which he will stock with Angora goats.

Pearshall Leader: D. & A. Oppenheimer have sold to Wm. Cassin of Zavalla county, the old Mont Woodward ranch, comprising about 19,000 acres, for \$20,000.

Jacob Hargessheimer, who lives in the Cross Timbers of Cooke county, has raised and sold this year 4000 bushels of apples. Most of them brought \$1.25 per bushel.

Brownwood Banner-Bulletin: Over a solid carload of fine trees will be planted in Brown county this winter. Our people have learned that almost any kind of fruit will do well here.

Pecan Valley News: Brownwood has marketed 22,000 bales of cotton so far this year. This is three times her receipt for the same months last year. She will pass the 30,000 mark this season.

Motley County Journal: The Matarador company branded 15,400 calves during the past season, the largest branding that they have made for a number of years.

Gov. Culberson has appointed Mr. Norton Moses of Burnet, the representative from the ninth congressional district to the cotton growers' convention which will assemble in Atlanta, Ga., on Dec. 14.

On Dec. 8, Quarantine Inspector Cantalan found a bunch of hogs seven miles west of Guthrie, Ok., suffering with glanders. He at once shot all of them and took precautions to prevent the spread of the disease.

Alpine Avalanche: Capt. J. B. Gillelt got in this week from Buncheon, Mo., a number of exhibitors from Durham and Hereford yearling bulls. They cost \$1800. The captain will use these animals on his ranch and expects to breed nothing but good stock.

A sample of Egyptian cotton raised in Pecos valley has been shown by Texas and Pacific railroad officials. The cotton resembles wool and is dusty in color. The staple is long, but not so long as that of the Sea Island cotton.

Pecos Valley News: M. B. Huling, a prominent stockman of the Guadalupe mountains, is in town. He has about closed out his stock of cattle. His farms paid him well this year, having produced thirty-five bushels of wheat to the acre.

Uvalde News: The goat raisers are feeling good over their present and future prospects. Mohair has been sold as high as 30 cents per pound, which is 10 to 11 cents higher than was paid in July, and the indications are that



The Roman mother who with her mantle defended the body of her child from the ravens and birds of prey is a perfect type of motherhood.

Modern mothers are coming to understand that the best protection they can give their children against the prevailing acci-

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Mrs. F. R. Forgy, of Carns, Kentucky, Neb., writes: "I write to you again concerning my daughter, Mrs. D. Williams. She has taken two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription.' She thinks the medicine did her a world of good, and she is now a healthy, happy mother, and has a short time and has a round daughter. Got along nicely afterward. Looks good, complexion is clear, and she says she never felt so well."

they will receive 35 cents for spring clip.

A train of immigrants from Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas passed through Corsicana on the 12th en route to the country traversed by the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad. They are well to do looking people and have plenty of good horses and a big bunch of blooded cattle.

Breckinridge Texan: Col. and Mrs. C. C. Poole of Toledo, who have been spending some time in Stephens county, have been in Breckinridge several days this week. Col. Poole is traveling in the interest of the Stock and Farm Journal and we are glad to know he has done a good business for his paper while here.

Denton Chronicle: B. W. Langley informs us that he sold a few days ago nineteen male calves at an average price of \$25.25. They were from five to twelve months old, and were of the Red Polled English stock. Albert Erwin has sold his interest in the Denton County News to J. W. Bailey, who assumes control with this issue.

A dispatch of Dec. 11 from Belton says: There was a white frost here this morning. It finished up what had not been killed by previous frosts. A great many hogs have been killed during this cold spell and farmers and others are saving their corn for other purposes. It is probable that Belton will save meat enough to supply the local demand for 1898.

The flouring mills at Weatherford are running day and night and are making consignments of flour from Kansas to California. The railroads are blocked and loaded with coal, cotton, cattle, flour and merchandise. The compress is about 2000 bales behind in compressing. The cotton seed oil mill, running constantly, has bought 6000 tons of cotton seed and is feeding 2000 cattle.

A farmer near Bonham this season planted twenty-five acres in cotton and raised thirteen which brought \$3.50. He had the labor of his self and family, besides paying out \$75 for other labor. He had about one and a half acres in apples and had sold 400 bushels at \$1 per bushel, and still has 200 bushels to sell. He paid out nothing for labor in the orchard.

W. D. Ferris, who has just returned to his home in Ellis county from his ranch near Seymour, speaking of conditions in Baylor county, says: "Corn crops were good, cattle are in good condition and there is at least half of the wheat still in the hands of the farmers. He tells of one man there who rented twenty acres of land for cotton at \$1.50 per acre and has made seventeen bales on it. Wages are good and everybody seems happy."

The Ellis County Poultry and Pet Stock show at Waxahachie opened on Dec. 11 with a number of exhibitors that surprised everyone in attendance. It was the best exhibition that has ever been seen in Ellis county. It continued two days. R. A. Davis of Merit, acted as judge, and it is said that no better could be found. Among the visitors was J. G. McKeenry of the State Poultry Journal, published at Neches. He has been a skillful and successful poultry breeder for many years, but says he has never before seen such interest in poultry matters as manifested now. On the second day the attendance numbered 8000.

A dispatch of Nov. 9 from Sonora, Tex., says: M. O. Murphy, who is running 10,000 head of sheep for James Hamilton in Schleicher county, came into town two or three days ago to remove his sheep out of Schleicher county a dense fog overspread the divide. One of his best ewes disappeared and has not yet been found. The entire herd of sheep was lost, and while many have been found there are yet many out. It is feared the Mexican perished, as a cold norther came up the night he was lost.

The most sensational horse sale that has been made for a long time was made in Louisville, Ky., on the 11th. Hamburg, John Madden's great two-year-old thoroughbred, was sold to Billy Lake and the celebrated trainer, for \$60,000. Only one other thoroughbred, St. Albans, ever brought so high a price, he having been sold for \$100,000. Hamburg is a brown colt by Hanover-Lady Rock, the latter by Maggie Gray, the dam of

Domino, Correction and other great racers, and has had so successful a career that many think him the greatest colt of this century. He has been entered for all the important Western derbies. It is thought that the purchase was made for one of the wealthy racing men of the East.

Beeville Bee: Two as fine oranges as were ever grown grace the Bee orchard table. They come from a tree only two years old growing on the premises of Walter L. J. Berry, which bore seventy-five oranges this year. It is of a very hardy variety, and was not affected by the late cold snap. John W. Cook is one of the local ranchmen who believes in breeding up, and it is a notable fact that the product of his ranch has always commanded the top prices on the market. Some weeks ago he sold a graded cow to a local butcher which dressed 800 pounds, and in the Chicago market would have been worth \$52. Mr. Cook has just received a consignment of sixteen thoroughbred Hereford bulls from Messrs. Lucas & Lott of Goodland county, a part of the famous McCampbell herd of Hereford View.

R. E. Nutt, Sr., is another stockman who has contracted the "breeding up" fever. He has recently purchased a prize Durham from T.C. Frost of San Antonio for the fancy sum of \$300.

CATTLE MOVEMENTS AND FEEDING.

Eden Bros., cattle feeders and shippers, received on the 6th, at Corsicana, a train load of cattle from San Angelo which they put on feed at their pens near the former city. The shipment numbers 250 head, making 1000 head they are now feeding at Corsicana.

Sweetman & Wilson are feeding 700 cattle at the same place, and C. C. Walton has still on feed there 550 head, having shipped six carloads to Chicago.

Tinkle & Delefosse are feeding 350 cattle at Corsicana. They will soon be ready for market.

C. S. West has 350 head of steers at Corsicana on feed nearly fat on mill feed.

There are 3000 feeders at the oil mill at Weatherford and they are now beginning to go to market, cars having been ordered to take them out before January 1st.

Seven hundred of the Henderson-Tomlinson steers, three and four, have been sent to Burnes, Kansas, to be put on feed. The 700 twos went to pasture in Sterling county.

Dodge Mason of Kemp, has bought all the meal and hulls of the Kemp oil mill and is feeding 1000 steers and cows.

WEATHER RANGE AND CROPS.

A dispatch of the 6th, from Texarkana, says that farmers from Sulphur River bottom and the Black Bayou region report heavy losses of cattle from freezing. Lambs were frozen stiff on their feet.

It was reported from San Angelo on Dec. 5th, that some eastern cattle that had been shipped in late had died since cold weather set in.

Dry weather is hurting wheat in Coryell county.

The range country below San Antonio needs rain for stock water, but grass generally is good and cattle will winter well.

Rain is badly needed about Dallas by farmers, and streams and wells are getting low. Stock water is becoming scarce as far west as Taylor county.

Grass is good throughout the west. The heaviest rain of the season occurred at and around Marshall Friday night, lasting all night.

The ranges about Rio Grande City are reported to be better than for many years.

The weather in Bosque county has been extremely favorable for wheat. The top crop of cotton in that county was a complete failure. The total crop of the county is estimated to be 25,000 bales as against 18,000 in 1896.

Wheat in Cooke county is reported to be damaged by drought.

The wheat crop in Denton county needs rain, and is already damaged.

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from the north to the states where the
cotton is grown. Let Texas see to it
that she gets her share.A statement of the cottonseed in-
dustry recently made shows a magni-
tude that will be a surprise to many.
It amounts annually to 4,000,000 tons,
valued at \$13,000,000. Thirty years
ago there were only four mills in the
entire country. Now there are over
300, in which there is a capital of more
than \$50,000,000 invested.The Chicago Times Herald has an
editorial calling for the establishment
of more tanneries in that city. Texas
handles too many cattle to continue
turning over to distant cities all the
profits in handling these cattle and
their products. The finishing processes
of any products of range or field are
those that make the large profits. Pack-
eries and tanneries could be better
dividend payers here than in Chicago.

PRESENT CONDITIONS.

The prosperous times which stock-
men are now enjoying have been some-
times compared to the "cattle boom"
of fifteen years ago. Except the one
fact that cattle then commanded and
now command excellent prices, there
is little similarity between the two
conditions. Then speculation went
wild. Investors were men who knew
nothing of the cattle industry and
bought without sane estimates of value.
Cattle were sold without being
counted and without means of esti-
mating their number. They some-
times sold for much more per head,
the numbers loosely estimated,
than they bring to-day and were far
less in intrinsic value than they are
to-day. The inflation of values then
was without reference to the relation
of supply and demand.To-day a great shortage is known to
exist, and it exists coincident with in-
creased consumption at home and
more and larger markets abroad. All
conditions indicate that the home and
foreign markets will steadily increase.
Some of the sources of former supply
have ceased to exist. The great west-
ern ranges are being reduced, on one
side by the extension of agriculture,
elsewhere and over large areas by the
encroachments of great herds of sheep
upon the former domains of cattlemen.
In addition is the increase in intrinsic
value resulting from the use of bet-
ter breeding animals, and the earlier
fitting of his product for market, mak-
ing it cost the stockman less than the
marketable steer of the former pe-
riod.All the conditions of the present sit-
uation are those of permanency. Val-
ues have not yet reached their high-
est point, and the Journal feels assur-
ed that they will never again drop to
a level so low as to make the business
of rearing as unprofitable as it was
during the recent season of several
years.INDIAN TERRITORY AND CON-
GRESS.President McKinley in his message
to congress deals at some length with
the condition of affairs in Indian Ter-
ritory. The large white element is
said to be without protection and
without schools or other rights of citi-
zenship; leading Indians have ab-
sorbed great tracts of land and created
an aristocracy, and the friends of the
Indians believe that the best interests
of the five civilized tribes will be
found in American citizenship. He re-
fers to the failure of the Dawes com-
mission to secure the consent of the
tribes to an extinguishment of tribal
titles and a division of the lands, and
suggests legislation in case the tribes
continue their opposition.In line with this suggestion Con-
gressman Curtis of Kansas, has intro-
duced a bill, a substitute for the one
introduced by him in the last house,
which will, if it becomes a law, entire-
ly extinguish the Indian government of
territorial affairs. It provides that the
Dawes commission proceed at once to
make allotments and the Indians be
compelled to take these allotments of
their lands in severalty. It also gives
the United States courts jurisdiction over
all cases, civil and criminal. A bill
passed by the last congress confers
upon these courts criminal jurisdiction
after January 1, 1898.It appears that two tribes have rat-
ified the Dawes commission agree-
ment, the Choctaws and Chickasaws.
The Cherokees and Creeks have re-
jected it, while the Seminoles have
not indicated a disposition to consider
it favorably. Altogether it seems that
the reorganization of the territory will
be effected by arbitrary legislation.The Dawes commission has been cited
to appear before a congressional com-
mittee December 16 and its report will
probably have much influence in de-
termining details of the plan of reor-
ganization. Two things are almost cer-
tainly. Government will resume all
functions formerly entrusted to Indian
councils and courts, and instead of tri-
bal ownership, the land will be taken
by the Indians in severalty. Very
large and valuable cattle grazing in-
terests will be affected by the change
and the government will have a com-
plication to adjust growing out of a
grant made by the Missouri, Kansas,
and Texas Railway company by which
that company becomes owner of ten
alternate sections of land per mile
along their some 300 miles of road
upon the extinguishment of the In-
dian titles. Stockmen having pastures
in the Territory will follow congres-
sional action with interest.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The president's message to the fifty-
fifth congress is shorter than such pa-
pers have been of late years for the
reason that he has not embodied in it
to the usual extent the reports of the
heads of departments. Adopting the
currency plan of Secretary Gage, to be
followed when the revenue of the gov-
ernment equals expenditures, he rec-
ommends that when any of the United
States notes are presented for redemp-
tion in gold and redeemed in that
coin such notes shall be kept and set
apart, and paid out again only in ex-
change for gold. He advises that na-
tional banks be allowed to issue notes
to the face value of the bonds which
they have deposited for circulation,
and that the tax on circulating notes
secured by deposit of such bonds be
reduced to one-half of one per cent
per annum; that authority be given
for establishment of national banks
with a minimum capital of \$25,000,
and that the issue of national bank
notes be restricted to the denomina-
tion of \$10 and upward. Should these
suggestions be adopted, he recom-
mends that the banks be required to
redeem their notes in gold.He gives a succinct review of the
Cuban situation and after an outline
of the instructions to the new min-
ister to Spain he discusses the question
of recognizing the belligerency of the
Cuban insurgents, giving at length the
views expressed by President Grant
regarding a like situation in his mes-
sage of December 7, 1875. These
views he considers applicable to the
question now presented, and he there-
fore considers a recognition of belliger-
ency as now unwise, and therefore
inadvisable. Intervention on humani-
tarian grounds he considers pre-
mature. Upon this subject the presi-
dent says: "It is honestly due to
Spain and to our relations with Spain
that she should be given a reasonable
chance to realize her expectations and
to prove the asserted efficacy of the
new order of things to which she is
irrevocably committed." If finally it
becomes necessary for our government
to intervene, "It shall be without fault
on our part, and only because neces-
sity for such action will be so clear as
to command the support and approval
of the civilized world."The president recommends the an-
nexation of Hawaii under the treaty
between that republic and the United
States now before the senate. He ad-
vises that, if the treaty is confirmed,
congress make provision for securing
the largest political liberty for the
people of that country, while "avoid-
ing abrupt assimilation of elements
perhaps hardly yet fitted to share in
the highest franchise of citizenship." He
anticipates no unfriendly manifesta-
tions from Japan as a result of an-
nexation.The Nicaragua canal is mentioned
as a work that would be of vast im-
portance and value to American com-
merce. A commission is now making
surveys and estimates and its report,
when made, will be the subject of a
special message.The work of the bi-metallic com-
mission is briefly given, it not having
been able to secure among European
powers the agreement contemplated

when the commission was formed.

That part of the message devoted to
reciprocity, foreign commerce, and
merchant marine is brief, and as the
subjects are of great importance to our
producers it is given entire. Speaking
of efforts to enlarge our foreign trade
under the reciprocity provisions of the
tariff laws he says:"In order to execute as early as pos-
sible the provisions of the third and
fourth sections of the revenue act ap-
proved July 24, 1897, I appointed Hon.
John A. Kasson of Iowa, a special
commissioner plenipotentiary to un-
dertake the requisite negotiations
with foreign countries desiring to
avail themselves of these provisions.
The negotiations are now proceeding
with several governments, both Euro-
pean and American. It is believed
that by a careful exercise of the pow-
ers conferred by that same act some
gratuities of our own and of other
countries in our mutual trade relations
may be either removed or largely al-
leviated, and that the volume of our
commercial exchanges may be en-
larged, with advantage to both con-
tracting parties."Most desirable from every stand-
point, of national interest and patri-
otism, is the effort to extend our
foreign commerce. To this end our
merchant marine should be improved
and enlarged. We should do our full
share of the carrying trade of the
world. We do not do it now. The
inferiority of our merchant marine is
justly humiliating to our national
pride. The government by every
proper constitutional means should
aid in making our ships familiar visi-
tors at every commercial port of the
world, thus opening up new and val-
uable markets to the surplus products
of the farm and the factory."Indian Territory affairs are discus-
ed at some length. In these Texas and
her people have a large interest, and
the Journal elsewhere speaks of the
president's recommendations and the
probable legislation affecting the Ter-
ritory.

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HOUSEHOLD.

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TO HOUSEHOLD.

Woodland Mary, once an enthusiastic member of Household, but now rather cold and indifferent, comes this week with a characteristic letter. When I say a letter characteristic of Woodland Mary I mean a good letter.

It is with much pleasure I introduce to the Household the new member, Miss Panhandle. She writes a good letter. To the cowboy she gives all praise and honor. Her suggestion of a circulating library is good. The long winter evenings have come when one of the delights of life is to sit before a crackling, blazing fire and read. For the benefit of Panhandle and others I will suggest some books: the latest and most read, and all suitable for Christmas gifts. Quo Vadis—a tale of Nero's time, intensely interesting. The Christians, by Hall Cain, good, intense but gloomy. The Unconquered, by James Lane Allen, perfectly delightful. Soldiers of Fortune, vigorous and stirring. The Sowers. The Seats of the Mighty, and many others equally as interesting, did not this pile of letters on my desk hurry me on.

Wall Paper is something new in our Household, and suggests a new tonic. Alta writes just enough to make us wish she would become a regular member. She writes too well for a "very little" country girl.

We have been wondering and grieving over the absence of Alta May. Many have been asking for her. She comes to gladden us this week. Her letter had been delayed but it is with much pleasure I give it to the readers this week.

Now, if Nilo takes my advice she will take back her first name. The one by which she became endeared to Household. She was too much a favorite to change her name or conceal her identity.

Bashful Boy is just about the bashful boy I thought. However, I thank him for kind words this week and hope to hear from him often.

Tommy does not want it known whether Tommy is a boy or whether Tommy is a girl. There is one thing that gives Tommy away.

Dotty enjoys the Household so much she has yielded to the temptation to join us. She is very welcome. Madge comes boldly out and confesses Purple Pansy is her favorite.

Fortunately there is no jealousy in our wise Household.

Ellen Smiles chats awhile this week. No, I do not often frown. I am sad and sorry when I have to fill the waste basket with what might be good letters if there was more time and thought given to them and more painstaking.

I have many letters which must wait over until next week. I thank all for their encouragement and help. You members do well. I want the credit for success and interest of Household to be distributed as it deserves.

CONFESSES HER FAVORITE.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and friends: Will you please admit another stranger into your happy Household? My papa takes the Journal and I enjoy the letters. Purple Pansy, come again; you are my favorite. Dull Boy, you are right; I think the girl ought to be twenty-one or two before she marries, and the boy ought to be older. Careless Bill, don't be too hard on the city girls, some of them anyway. I believe some of the Household have been describing my ideals. I am too young to have one. With love to all the Household and Mrs. Buchanan, I have selected for my name MADGE, Vernon, Texas.

FROM DOTTY.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: As I have never seen any letters from Vernon, I thought I would get up some courage and take the opportunity of addressing the enterprising writers of this instructive and entertaining page. I think it is indeed a merry circle. The more I read the letters the more I like to read them. Hard Case, I like your letters very much. I hope you will write often. I wonder how many of the writers have ever thought of what they are going to make themselves when they become men and women. I say "make of themselves," because if one ever becomes anything he must do it himself. I think we should early rect our ideal and begin at once to work towards it, gradually, but surely. I don't mean to say that we should make much progress now, but we should lay the foundation of some future work, goodness or greatness. How many of the readers like to go to school? I do, for one. With best wishes, I am DOTTY, Vernon, Texas.

AN OLD FRIEND IN A NEW DRESS.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: After a silence of some weeks I again come to chat with the Household. How many of our Householders have been peean hunting? I, for one, have been, and had quite an enjoyable time. I do not fancy picking them up, for they are inclined to change the color of your finger tips to a "beautiful shade of brown," to which I seriously object. Purple Pansy, if I could just express my thoughts in as pretty language as you can, I would write every week. Suppose you take my advice. Ruthell, the subject you proposed last week I think was just splendid—"Is Realization Better Than Anticipation?" I think that subject contains so much good food for debate. I do not want to go on presumptions as to be the first one to express my ideas on the subject, but will wait until some of the more capable members of the Household "break the ice," but you will hear from me later. Several subjects have been discussed this year in our Household, but I have not said a word either way, but have been as "silent as the grave" on all of them. I don't think many of us are able to say anything much on the subject, "Is Marriage a Failure?" as we have never yet tried it; but, if it is, there are new failures made every day. It is to be hoped that it is not. I have written several times before, but under a different name to which I now subscribe myself. Dutche, you asked for the words to the song, "Lorena." I enclose them for Mrs. Buchanan to print; also "Lorena's Answer to Paul Vane," which she can print if she wishes. I really think Lorena's answer is prettier than the other. Mrs. Buchanan, please do

not disclose my real name, for "mercy's sake." Will someone send me the words to the song, "Too Late?" Well, as Mrs. B. has told us before that brevity is the soul of wit, I will draw this untimely epistle to a close. Bye-bye until next time. NILO, Near Fort Worth, Texas.

A PLEASANT CHAT.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and all the band: This quiet and pleasant afternoon is just the time that I wish to take my seat by—well who? for all the members discuss so eloquently, and I so much enjoy listening to a pretty talker, I cannot say any special one, but all are admired by me, each one for the best thought given in their conversation in the Household. Some are gifted with more beautiful thoughts than others, but all have just what God has given them the ability to be, provided they have cultivated their talents. But, alas, so many of us have not improved our talents as opportunities permitted.

Texas Lily, I must compliment your nice letter.

I am going to a dear good school and am learning very fast. Well, I have not had any experience in "Love and lost" affairs and hence can't say very much on the subject, but that I cannot see why some people say they are happier to have lost their love than to have not loved. It seems the losing of one's love would be the saddest affair that any one could experience. I know Mrs. B. is frowning at this interesting letter and especially the penmanship. I will just slip out real easily for mother is calling with all vocal strength she possesses. I am gone. Bye-bye. ELLEN SMILES, Midland, Texas.

"IF I REST, I RUST."

Mrs. E. S. Buchanan and Household: I am a constant reader of the Household and admire many of the members. I especially agree with High Fly on what she says about cowboys. I have always lived in a city, but have now spent nearly a year on a ranch in the glorious Panhandle, and think it safe to say that I am "located" here. There is, in my opinion, no life so free and joyous as ranch life, and no man so honest and true as a cowboy. They have not the many nice little courtesies and good manners that their city brothers possess, but at heart they are much better men. Who ever heard of a cowboy being rude to a lady? And there is no limit to what they would do for a woman in trouble. Of course, they are not perfect, and many people class them as a "tough lot," but my experience is that the average city boy is more dissipated than the cowboy; only the former has a better chance of keeping his faults hid from the public eye, especially the ladies, and thus lives a double life, while if a cowboy does anything wrong everyone knows it, and he makes no effort to conceal it. Now, perhaps, I had better not praise them any more, for someone will say I do not know what I am talking about, but I do, and if I ever make up my mind to do it, I will make some man happy but will not be a city man. I do wish we could arrange some kind of a circulating library for the benefit of our members. I know those of you who expect to spend the winter on a ranch would like to have some good books to read on the gloomy days when we can't ride our "bronks." I have just finished reading one of Capt. Charles King's books and would like to exchange with someone for another one of his works. My address can be had from Mrs. Buchanan. I must thank her for giving us such a good letter this week. "If I rest, I rust," now let us take her advice and not rust, but improve our lives and our minds by reading good books and trying each day to do some little deed of kindness or say some word that will brighten the lives of those around us. With kind wishes to all, PANHANDLE, Higgins, Texas.

A JOLLY TIME.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household Band: While seated on the grassy bank of a little stream and under a large cottonwood tree, where the overhanging branches reach out and touch the ground, making a leafy bower, where the cool evening breezes delight to play, I once again knock gently at the Household door. It has been three weeks or more since I have seen a Household, so do not know what subject you are discussing, but, like Alamo, will try to write an original letter.

A few evenings ago my cousin came and said, "Alta, let's go peean hunting," and of course, I was meeked up my mind to go. We went to a pasture where there was a Jersey cow that fights, but, nothing daunted, we armed ourselves with a large stick and started. "Old Sol" beat down upon us mercilessly. There was not a cloud to obstruct the rays, but a short walk brought us to the woods, where the branches spread out and, in some places, lapped overhead, making it very pleasant. A half mile walk brought us to the river. We were tired and thirsty; so, throwing off sunbonnets and gloves, we gathered some large leaves, fashioned them into cups, and then did water taste so good. The peary drops would trickle through our leaf cups and, falling back into the water, would cause the little minnows to come swimming to the top, thinking it was some morsel of food. At one place the river widened out, until it was like a lake. The banks were very high and lined on either side by large stately trees that threw a cool shade over the water, and down next to the water's edge flowers and ferns grew in rich profusion. How we longed for a boat that we might take a sail upon the calm, shady waters and sail among the flowers, but as we had no boat we were content to admire at a distance.

But we are loitering. So, seizing our sunbonnets and gloves, we hastened on, up the hill and through a field. A lady friend, who was picking cotton, came out to the road, and when we told her we were going peean hunting, she said she was tired picking cotton, so she would go with us. A short walk brought us to the branch, but how were we to get the peacans? The green hull was bursting, but not enough for the peacans to fall. We looked at them very longingly, but, unlike the cherry, they would not drop. A young man stopped picking cotton and thrashed out a tree for us. Now wasn't that kind of him? We did certainly appreciate it. When the peacans began falling we all tried to pick up where they were falling thickest, and ever and

anon you would hear a scream as someone would get pelted on the head, for we had long since thrown off our bonnets. We would stop now and then to eat a bunch of grapes that the young man would throw down to us. After picking as many peacans as we thought we could well carry home, and thanking our kind friends for their assistance, we started for home. On reaching the river we again rested and also gathered our sticks, for, though we had been very fortunate in going, we didn't know but what we would meet the old cow coming home, but fortune seemed to favor us, for we reached home without so much as seeing the cow—tired, hungry but in all we had a jolly time. With best wishes for Mrs. Buchanan and the Household, I am, ALTA MAY, Meridian, Texas.

THE HOUSEHOLD A LITERARY INCUBATOR.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and many Household Friends: As I promised to come again, I have taken this afternoon to have the little chat. I have just finished reading the many interesting letters of Household in this week's issue of the Journal, and find some very interesting ones. Too Household is a regular literary incubator and there is no telling what it will hatch out, if our shells are not too thick and hard. I think Mrs. Buchanan deserves much credit for the improvement of this department, and I hope it will continue to grow and prosper.

Little Lady, please accept many thanks for your invitation "to come again." But, hello! Some one has found me out and I guess the "jig" is up with me.

Say, "Try Hard," where did you spring from? I thought I had peeped into every hollow log in this country and never did I find anything to compare with you, in my imagination. But come again soon, and give your postoffice in your next letter.

As to the subject under discussion, "Is Marriage a Failure," well, I haven't very much to say on it. But for my part I think it is a failure or something else, because me and "Old Shug" (that was what I called her), didn't live together long before she quit me, and I called marriage a failure from that day on.

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SOME WHOLESOME CRITICISMS.

Dear Mrs. B.: After reading so many interesting letters in the Household, how could one resist the temptation to write a few lines, not that I could interest any one, but to show my appreciation of those who can, and to assure Liliac that I have not stepped out at the back door, and if the Household is too crowded to admit my presence, I kindly ask the editors to consign my letter to the waste basket and I will make my exit at the front door. I scarcely ever see a letter from any of the old writers. What has become of them? Though the new members are coming in every week and their letters are very interesting. But, cousins, don't you think (not meaning to criticize) there should be a limit on the subjects of "Loved and lost," and "Is marriage a failure?"

I think one should feel a delicacy in exposing their affairs so freely for publication, whom they love, and their affections are not reciprocated, therefore were grieving over some one they couldn't get, etc. I would rather bury my troubles deep in my heart than to send such letters for publication, only to be read and criticised by the different characters of the world. I hope the cousins will not say I am a fault-finder. Am only assuring you all why I do not take part in the present subject.

Sabanando Lobra, I believe I know you. Aren't you the musician in your crowd? I did put out my thing cap, but as I thought of so many, I could not render a verdict in your case, but I do believe it is the Mr. —. Anyway, I feel more at home since I have an acquaintance in the Household.

Please excuse a poorly written letter, and I will say good-bye. Very sincerely, WOODLAND MARY, Finery Home, Texas.

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marrying, especially. Those who are drawn near each other by pure and undefiled love, nothing, I believe, this side of death, can separate them. And it will be a heaven on earth, so far as each can make it. Of course, there is sadness to come, but when united by love, it will be borne patiently. I agree with Mother's girl and Purple Pansy on one's ideal not being complete unless they are a Christian. I think this is the main thing to be considered, for I can't see how anyone can love, and not be a Christian, "for God is love." Some seem to think because their marriage is not a failure, that marriage in any case is not a failure. But I know there are thousands of marriages that are failures, and thousands that are not, but I can't see—if they marry for love—how it can be a failure.

Let's hear the subject discussed "In which is there the greatest pleasure, Anticipation or Realization?" an idea suggested in Ruthell's letter, and let the old subject linger in our hearts; and when Mrs. B. thinks best, or any of the members, have a new subject suggested.

There are so many asking for Man, I do feel sorry for him, indeed. But I do think he is acting selfish in not sending word whether he is dead or alive. Of course he isn't compelled to "tell," if he doesn't want to, but he should show his appreciation by some kind of an answer. But perhaps he doesn't see the paper.

Thanking you for letting me chat a few minutes, I will soon make my exit. God bless dear Mrs. Buchanan in her good work, and help each member to progress in word, thought and deed.

As I am not very well acquainted, please let me know if anyone has my Household name. ALETHEA, Wills Point.

THE PUZZLE CLUB.

Don't be afraid to send in your contributions. If they are not deemed good enough, no harm is done. Practice makes perfection. Send them to Lock Box 169, Fort Worth, Texas.

Only a few days remain in which to send your puzzles in competition for prizes. The copy of Shakespeare offered is a handsome volume, well bound, containing nearly 900 large pages printed in large, legible type, 25 full-page illustrations and other attractive features. It is worth striving for, and will be given for the best lot of five or more original puzzles.

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The puzzles submitted may be in the form of anything thought interesting for this department, but must be original. These prizes, as well as the prize offered for words made from the syllable puzzle below, are open to competition by the readers of the Journal.

Club wherever it is found. Both contests close December 31. All mail for this column should be addressed to Lock Box 169, Fort Worth, Texas.

PRIZE SYLLABLE PUZZLE.

Im-pen-a-tra-bil-i-ty.
Mo-nop-o-li-za-tion.
Un-in-ten-ten-ty.
Et-y-mo-log-i-cal.
Plen-i-po-ten-ti-a-ry.
Ir-rec-on-cil-a-ble.
Con-tem-po-ra-ne-ous.
In-or-di-nate-ness.

How many words can you form from the above syllables? Thus, mo-on, moon, and a-b-le, are good and may be used. Names of persons and places will be excluded and not counted. For the best list of words is offered a handsome volume of poems. See particulars above.

Increasing interest is being manifested in the Puzzle Club, and we hope the contributions will be materially increased by the close of the time allotted for the competition. Send in your ideas. Answers to Nos. 52, 55 and 56 were received from "Alamo." Can he not send some puzzles of his own?

57. ENIGMAS.
My first is in "gone" but not in "stay."
My second is in "song" but not in "lay."

My third is in "light" but not in "dark."
My fourth is in "listened" but not in "hark."

My fifth is in "sold" but not in "buy."
My sixth is in "scream" but not in "cry."

My seventh is in "little" but not in "large."
My eighth is in "boat" but not in "barge."

My ninth is in "ditch" but not in "moat."
The whole is the name of a beloved poet—
Who, when he had money lived very high,
But who without a cent did die.
HIRAM JAYSEED.

58. SQUARE.
1. Something used in making bread.
2. One of the planets—an important one to all puzzles.
3. A trellis-work covered with vines.
4. Took illegally.
5. A numeral.

59. DECAPITATIONS.
1. Decapitate an article of furniture and leave what is on your head; again, and leave atmosphere.
2. Decapitate attraction and leave something evil; again, and leave a part of the body.
3. Decapitate to suplicate and leave a beam of light.
4. Decapitate a winter sport and leave a girl's name; again, and leave partook of food.
5. Decapitate counterfeit and leave a certain meat; again, and leave a much used verb.

BERT.

60. CHARADE.
In my FIRST I lay dreaming a beautiful dream
Of that far-away land of glaciers and gold,
And a SECOND of gold I had found in a stream
That flows through that land so rigid with cold.

But my dream was broken—so perished my joy—
Was broken by a voice in the clear morning light—
"Get up, and away to the TOTAL my boy—
"Away to the TOTAL, for the TOTAL is White!"

My day's work is finished and I hie me to bed,
And dream more dreams of sailing o'er the seas;
While my mother, all busy with needle and thread,
Tacks a THIRD on my breeches worn out at the knees.

THE PINK.

61. CONUNDRUM.
If the solvers will but tell me
How Enneas, brave and bold,
Passed into the realms of Pluto
In the dear, dead days of old,
They will name some old-time puzzles
Still quite popular, I'm told.

NOTLIH.

Last week's answers:

51. The Deserted village.

52. GONDOLA
EXCEPT
ORDEAL
REGETTA
GARDEN
ILLICIT
AUTOPHAGY
Georgia, Atlanta.

53. RURAL
UNITY
RIGOR
ATONE
LYRES
54. Pitted, pitted.

55. B
HAS
HONED
BANKERS
SERDY
DRY
S

56. Christmas.

The farmer or the stockman, to make his industry profitable, must keep up with the times; must know conditions of the market for what he produces and its requirements. He must get acquainted with methods and breeds. For this he needs a live stock and agricultural paper, and for the Texas stockman and farmer it would be hard to find a paper more valuable than the Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

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THE SAN ANTONIO MARKET.
San Antonio has held her own this week against all odds. The depression in the northern markets has not affected the prices of livestock here. The fact that sales have been made at steady prices indicate that the market has been better simply from the fact that no depression was felt. The news found in the Texas Stock and Farm Journal this week relative to the Cuban trade has infused into San Antonio new and greater aspirations for the future. She may develop into something of no mean pretensions as a market if the contemplated arrangements are carried out as now intended.

Preston Austin, the well known young San Antonio cowman, returned from a trip down into Victoria county Friday.

Rasson and Ray of the M. K. & T. have been busy men the greater portion of week in the city by the picturesque Sante.

J. W. Timberlake, the Floresville stockman, registered at the Southern on Tuesday and spent a couple of days around headquarters.

Col. J. A. Wilson of the Chicago & Alton, came in Wednesday morning and spent three or four days mixing with the shippers.

H. K. Rhea, the deservedly popular assistant live stock agent of the Cotton Belt, accompanied by Mrs. Rhea, is making temporary headquarters in San Antonio for a season.

J. A. Mangum, W. A. Mangum and J. F. Simpson, a trio of Uvalde county stockmen, came in Wednesday on business, and returned Thursday.

Walter Daly of Fort Worth, arrived Wednesday morning and has been circulating among the stockmen in the interest of the Evans-Snyder-Buel Co.

Nat. Powell, the Pettus, Texas, bull man, spent Tuesday in San Antonio. He came up to get a jug of mineral water. At all events, that was all he had visible when he left.

R. J. Lauderdale of Campbellton, was up Wednesday and says that they need better grass in some sections than they have, but they could rock along pretty well with what they have.

Col. J. A. Wilson, live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton, was here Wednesday and Thursday, but was called back to Fort Worth for a few days. He left word that he would not be absent long, however.

R. R. Ellison, a cowman of Marfa, Texas, arrived on the Southern Pacific Tuesday afternoon and spent two or three days in the city on business. He reports plenty of good range and water out his way and very few cattle for sale.

L. L. Baldridge of Wagoner, I. T., arrived in the city Friday from a trip down to Victoria and vicinity. Mr. B. is a member of Baldridge Bros. & Austin, who have made some extensive investments in Texas cattle recently and which will net them a handsome profit.

Gus Jones of Gonzales, the well known stockman, has spent a good portion of the week here in conference with B. L. Naylor, his partner, and doing considerable figuring with other parties who think they would either want to buy or sell.

Joe Davis and C. D. Allen, buyers for the Cuban trade, have spent the greater part of the week here resting up, taking notes on the market and getting things in shape for another onslaught as soon as an opportunity presents itself.

Sheriff W. T. Morris was up from Kermanshire Tuesday, having spent an offender on his way up, rounded one up here in San Antonio, stayed long enough to tell the boys how nicely cattle and their prices were holding up and returned to his home rejoicing.

Col. Wm. T. Way made a business trip to New Braunfels Wednesday and stayed on his return that the 4000 feeders over there were doing well and that Lands & Storey would ship out one train Saturday to market. He left Sunday night for a trip of three or four days duration to other sections.

Judge and Mrs. C. W. Standart of Standart, Texas, are spending a week or so in San Antonio. The Judge has just finished moving a portion of his sheep onto reserved pasture for the winter, and is in a position now to enjoy life sure enough, for now the sheepman is in the same gondola with the cowman.

Capt. J. H. Polk, assistant live stock agent of the Santa Fe, returned Tuesday from a flying trip to Fort Worth. The captain reports the Santa Fe as well satisfied with its share of the live stock traffic and says barring the extremely dry sections, cattle are looking well through the country where he has traveled of late.

Sol Meyer, the Sutton county cowman, spent two or three days in the "Hub" this week, having arrived from Sonora Saturday. He says cattle still remain the subject of much interest out his way. His pastures are full for the winter and he does not care to buy anything for spring delivery—ah! ah! unless it was merely to accommodate a seller—that's all.

C. W. Baker, the Bexar county stockman, came in from his ranch Monday to buy some pipe and other fixtures necessary for further progress on his artesian well now being bored on his ranch. He states that he has more hopes of getting a flow from this well than from numerous others which he has sunk this year on his ranch. The indications, he says, are very flattering for water and as everything is coming the cowman's way this year, the Journal hopes this well will prove no exception to the rule.

M. A. Withers of Lockhart, spent a day at cattleman's headquarters this week. Says he is much pleased with cattle and the cattle business; in fact, he is more than pleased. He has spent a lifetime following "Old Brindle," and never felt so encouraged before.

R. A. Knox of Giddings, came in Wednesday from a trip out to Kimble county, where he went some two weeks ago to inspect his live stock interests. He only had 200 or 300 head out there and did not miss the golden opportunity of disposing of them at a price which was satisfactory to him. He stated that he made a lumping trade which would net him about \$12.50 or \$13 per head. He left for home on Friday.

J. F. Green, the Encinal cowman, was in San Antonio Tuesday and Wednesday. He closed the deal Tuesday with Naylor & Jones for 1600 head of ones, twos and threes, as mentioned under head of sales in the Journal this week. He says that the grass is getting short down his way, but thus far no serious results are anticipated. He is in no danger, as is evidenced by his recent sale of stuff for spring delivery.

A. D. McGeehee of San Marcos, registered at the Southern Tuesday. Alec is one of these fellows who raises a "few" cattle, feeds a string, and handles "lots of 'em." He has been successful in all branches of the cattle business and is correspondingly happy. He says he has good reports from his Dimmitt county ranch, where he is holding 2500 steers. They are doing fine and will continue so for the winter.

W. S. Mabry of the land department of the H. & T. C. railway, with headquarters at Colorado, Texas, was in San Antonio Tuesday and Wednesday.

He left Wednesday night for the Panhandle and will leave there about the 17th inst. for Selma, Ala., to spend the holidays. He was a visitor at the Journal office Wednesday and spoke encouragingly of the prospects up in his section of the country, and particularly of the impetus given the live stock industry. Mr. Mabry is a cowman himself and knows just about how good the Texas cowman is feeling now.

A. T. Atwater, secretary of Evans-Snyder-Buel Co., has been in the city for the past week meeting old friends of his firm. As has been previously noted in the Journal, Mr. Atwater's mission to Texas is to reorganize his forces and prepare to take care of their portion of the Texas trade. The increased volume of business in Texas as compared with previous years has made imperative greater facilities for handling it and having already opened an office in Fort Worth fully equipped for their North Texas trade. Mr. Atwater will, before leaving, have established an office in San Antonio with equal requirements for South Texas.

The Evans-Snyder-Buel Co. will soon have an office in San Antonio. Secretary Atwater is here and is assisted by A. L. Casparis and W. W. Daly in deciding upon a location. As soon as office accommodations are secured the house will be so well established in Southern Texas that it will at once become a strong factor in handling its share of the business and meeting the requirements of cattlemen seeking assistance—financial or otherwise. The presence of this company means a great deal for the cattle interests of this section of the state and the concern, and its friends and patrons are to be congratulated upon the wisdom displayed in taking this step.

R. B. Neighbors, the efficient sheriff of Pecos county, and who is also a stockman of some renown, has been in San Antonio since Thursday last. He reports everything good out in the Pecos country and the proverbial goose as dangling from the topmost limb. He is wearing his hat one size smaller now from the fact that he had two steers in a bunch he sold recently which weighed at the stock yards here 1670 and 1830 pounds. The steers, or at least one of them, was the cause of Jesse Pressnell losing \$10.00 on his ability to size him up before he went to the scales. Jesse, however, fully recovered himself on a guess at the average on the whole bunch, missing it only 1/4 of a pound.

D. R. McCormick of this city, a well-known cattleman, returned a few days since from a trip to Alamo, Hebbronville, San Diego, etc. Mr. McCormick was unfortunately enough a few days ago to sell out a big string of cattle, and has been unable since then to "load up" like he wants to. He has decided now however to not keep his money any longer, and is going to put it into cattle if he can, or if he can't will buy sheep or goats or most any old thing. In fact, he has now in hand a string of good sheep and goats. Mr. McCormick says the country down in the sand has been very fortunate all this year in the way of getting rains, and stock of all kinds are doing well. Grass is so good and abundant that the cattle in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr Duval and Zapata counties will be fat all winter.

D. K. Furnish of this city, member of the well-known firm of Anderson, Furnish & Co., returned to this city the other day from a week's visit to the ranch at Spofford, where he recently closed a contract with Davidson & Fleming for about 2800 of their steers, comprising all the steers over the one year old on the ranch. Mr. Furnish reports his range as very dry and grass just a little scarce. Says, however, that most of the cattle are in good condition and will winter very well. He is feeding a small ration of cotton seed meal mixed with ground prickly pear to his old poor cows and weaning calves in order to carry them through the winter in good shape. Mr. Furnish says cattle can be fattened on prickly pear alone, and if a little meal is mixed with it it is just as good a fattening feed as anyone could desire. Mr. Furnish weans the calves on his ranch and believes it pays to do it just as early as they can begin to hustle for themselves. On the ranch of Messrs Anderson, Furnish & Co., there are about 15,000 head of cattle, all of them their own raising, and all of them are tip top good cattle. These gentlemen believe that blood is the

money making part of the cow business, and they back their judgment by putting the very best bulls money can buy in their herds. As a result their cattle find early sale at flattering prices and their ranch pays them more handsomely than a similar amount of money invested in bank stock would do. They figure that they can make money by getting \$20 for a four-year-old steer, consequently when they get in the neighborhood of three sum for a two, they make big money, and that's what they nearly always get.

John H. Belcher of this city, formerly of Henrietta, is just in from a two weeks' visit to his ranch in LaSalle county. He says he not only has the best herd of cattle in Southern Texas, but he also has the best range in the state. "My pastures are veritable feed lots. My cattle are fat and improving daily. I have about 900 head of steers which I could have sold hundreds of times before now; but refused because I just want to show some people how fat cattle can get on South Texas grass. These cattle will go to market in February and I shall expect them to outsell meat and corn cattle when they go, provided I can make the feeders like me keep them, and I don't believe anyone can give me dollars enough to cause my mind to change. I look for a period of unprecedented good times in the cattle business for the next few years, and believe the man who buys stock cattle at present prices is to be counted among the fortunate." Mr. Belcher is a recent addition to San Antonio's populace, but is a wide awake, progressive man, who believes in Southern Texas and the Alamo City, and is of the opinion that our city is badly in need of three things, viz: a street car line to the stock yards; a railroad to Brownsville, and a "whopping" big fair and exposition, where Southern Texas can show itself to a stranger in a condensed form.

THE JANUARY MEETING.
The committee on railroad transportation are busy at work and while they have nothing to give out for publication, they are not in the least discouraged. In fact they looked rather pleased than otherwise. They treat reporters courteously, but will only smile and occasionally wink an eye when approached by a reporter who is somewhat dull of comprehension. The Journal feels justified in saying that no one will have occasion to stay away on account of having too much railroad fare to pay. The committee on badges have now in their hands 4000 badges which are beautiful to behold. Other committees are doing their work nobly and San Antonio is determined to make visitors to the January meeting of the Texas Live Stock Association feel that it was good for them to be here. The Alamo city wants a visitor for every badge it has provided.

THE PRICKLY PEAR.
The following item from the Live Oak County Times shows in a measure how much benefit is the prickly pear to Southern Texas:
The despised prickly pear is certainly a source of wealth though in a homely guise. The turkeys, deer and quail are all fat from eating pear apples. Hogs have recently been driven from Live Oak by the hundreds which were in good condition, some fat from eating the pear apple. Cattle are able to survive months, and some say even years on the pear, with no water. During such dry spells as the present, the pear is of incalculable value.

All of this is quite true, but does not go far enough. Of course, if it fattens game, and hogs and cattle can survive for such periods of time upon it without water, it is almost invaluable. But no reference is made in the above clipping to the value of the pear plant proper. The fruit of the plant is, as stated, very valuable, but the entire plant is a very valuable feed product when properly handled. Its growth is large and most abundant. So much so that it can be gathered by the carloads in a very small area. By singing the thorns off of it, it makes a most valuable feed, and its value is still more apparent when ground. It contains a large percentage of both sugar and starch, and when fed in sufficient quantities will rapidly fatten any kind of stock.

Cattle that almost in preference to grass during winter, taking it by the mouthful from the plant, and while the sharp thorns give them some trouble, yet they apparently relish it, and it is an undisputed fact that they do well on it.

People unacquainted with Southern Texas can see no good in the immense crop of cacti, but the cowman is glad to have it in abundance in his pasture, and always feeds, under such circumstances that drought and poor grass years cannot ruin him.

CUBA WANTS 10,000
Cattle From Texas Per Month, and San Antonio will be the Base of Supplies.

For the past sixty or ninety days buyers representing Spanish capital have been in and around San Antonio in search of fat grass stuff for the Cuban trade. Something near 1000 head per week have been shipped from Galveston to Havana during this time, and the greater portion of the cattle have been bought from stockmen living in San Antonio or in the territory tributary. The sales have covered such a vast territory that the effects have not been so perceptible as if confined to a smaller range. Now, however, will be different. A consolidation of the interests of two Havana syndicates who have been buying independent of each other thus far in Texas, has been effected and San Antonio will be the base of operations. Mr. J. R. Stoller, the well known live stock commission man of Kansas City, and Mr. R. W. Eldridge, one of the Stoller Commission company of that city, spent several days in San Antonio during the past week, and last Wednesday met here, by appointment, Mr. Otto Boehlen, manager of the cattle department of one of the parties to the consolidation, J. F. Bernades & Co., when arrangements were perfected by which Mr. Stoller will have the management of the combined interests in Texas and northern Mexico, with headquarters in San Antonio. Mr. R. W. Eldridge will also be associated with Mr. Stoller in the conduct of the business from this place. In an interview with these gentlemen Thursday, Mr. Stoller said: "The firms who have seen proper to consolidate their interests are J. F. Bernades & Co. and Centro de los Emcomendos de Havana, both of which have unlimited capital behind them, and this concentration of forces and capital has been made in order to best subservise their own interests. One result of the rebellion in Cuba is the annihilation of the cattle business on the island, and the people are now supplied until they are able to replenish their grazing lands. The interests we represent in Texas and Mexico will also have representatives in Columbia, Venezuela and Honduras, the volume of business anticipated in the order named. The food supply will of course have first attention, and we have just returned from a trip to Mexico in company with Mr. Jose Perez, who has been the principal buyer thus far for the syndicate, and where contracts have been made for several thousand cattle for immediate shipment. Deals for several thousand head have also been made in Columbia among which was the purchase of 10,000 head of four-year-old steers from one man, Mr. Eldridge and I will ship between 1000 and 1500 head of steers from Hebronville on the 12th inst., to Galveston. These are the steers recently purchased from Ike T. Pryor, mention of which was made by the Journal of last week. We invaded Mexico for the reason that prices here seemed high and out of proportion to the prices being offered the Rio Grande, in fact the prices in Texas may cut some figure in the matter of our permanent headquarters in San Antonio. We have a desire to maintain headquarters in this city, but we desire to have our mission misunderstood. We do not contemplate cornering the market or anything of that kind. When we find stuff suited to our purpose we are willing to pay what it is worth. Mr. Boehlen, whom we met here Wednesday, will be busy for a time in perfecting shipping arrangements at Galveston and New Orleans, from which ports Texas cattle will be shipped. Cattle from Mexico will be shipped direct from Tampico, and it will be about the middle of January before we have our plans perfected to locate in this city."

Mr. Stoller has visited Cuba and is well posted on the situation there, both he and Mr. Eldridge being well known, as having been long identified with the live stock trade in most of the stock growing states, puts them in a position to judge of correct prices according to quality. The Journal hopes they will find it to their interest to maintain permanent headquarters in San Antonio. The stockmen of Texas can be relied upon to show their appreciation of the advantages thrown open to them by the opening up of another avenue for the disposition of their products. Verily, a new era in the live stock business of Texas is dawning. Messrs Stoller and Eldridge state that the city of Havana alone will require 10,000 head of cattle per month for food supply and that it will require several years for Cuba to restock and begin to furnish any stock of consequence for slaughter. The farming classes must also be supplied with oxen for the purpose of carrying their heavy machinery. Altogether the outlook for a prolonged season of good prices for Texas cattle is encouraging and the Journal will keep its readers posted on the development of the Cuban trade from time to time. We should not rejoice over the misfortunes of others and it is glad the Journal will only say it is glad the Texas cowman is as glad as he is just now. The Journal however, has no desire to hold up to the gaze of the cowman any design decorated with all the hues of the rainbow and point to it as the final result of our business intercourse with Cuba. Let's wait a little until we learn more and can look at it and talk over it in a calm, deliberate manner and from a common sense point of view.

THE KATY TO THE FRONT.
The M. K. and T. inaugurates Wagner Tourist Sleepers between St. Louis and Galveston, and Kansas City and Galveston.
The Katy, as usual, is to the fore in providing for the comfort of the traveling public, and will on December 23rd, the next date for home-seekers' excursion, begin the operation of Wagner Tourist Sleepers from its northern terminals to Galveston and Houston.
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This service is provided for the benefit of home-seekers coming to Texas and as the accommodations on these sleepers are but very little different from those provided in the regular Wagner Palace Sleeping Cars, and the rates being less than one-half of those charged on regular sleepers, will prove a great saving as well as comfort to the traveling public.

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Is one of the best places to stop in San Antonio. Equipments modern and first class; the table is exceptionally good and rates by day, week and month extremely low. Location, 319 St. Mary street, one-half block from Houston street, where the electric street cars pass to every part of the city and to all depots.
MRS. W. H. KINGSBERRY, Prop.

NEW MANAGER MAKES HIS BOV.
Evans-Snyder-Buel company introduces the newly appointed manager for its Texas department and the appointee makes his bow. Here's the way they do it:

Texas Department, Fort Worth, Dec. 1, 1897.
To the Trade:
Mr. Chas. L. Ware, late general live stock agent of the Fort Worth and Denver City railway, has this day been appointed manager of our Texas Department and will have the management of the state with office in the Scott-Harrell building, 602 Main street, Fort Worth.

Charlie needs no introduction at our hands. His wide acquaintance, genial manner and faithful devotion to the welfare of those interested in the live stock industry of western Texas, commend him to the favor of the entire trade.

We bespeak for him the kind consideration of our friends and patrons and trust it will please you to remember him with consignments or any other business in our line.

Thanking you for past business and hoping to merit your continued favors, we beg to remain, Very truly yours,
EVANS-SNYDER-BUEL CO.,
St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha.

To My Personal and Business Friends and the Cattle Trade in Texas—Greeting:

The foregoing notice of my appointment, and new relation, tells its own story. There is little to add excepting to confirm the arrangement. I take this occasion, however, to express my warm appreciation of the kind and loyal support that has been accorded to me by the cattlemen of Texas in my old position. It was always a pleasure to exert my best thought and effort in your interest, and your cheerful and substantial response to my endeavors bring pleasant memories and a feeling of deep gratitude.

I earnestly hope to be considered worthy of your continued esteem, confidence and business and that my engagement with Evans-Snyder-Buel company may carry with it, and to them through me, the same cordial friendship that has existed for the past ten years. My new connection will enable me to contribute to your success in many ways, and I am desirous of bestowing upon the trade increased benefits the splendid facilities of my company enable me to confer. Faithfully yours,
CHAS. L. WARE,
Manager North Texas Department Evans-Snyder-Buel Company.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TO THE OLD HOME.

The usual holiday excursion tickets will be on sale at railroad stations in Texas on December 21st and 22nd over the Southern Railway to points in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Florida, via Memphis, Shreveport or New Orleans, at the rate of one fare for the round trip, good to return for thirty days.

Remember the Southern Railway gives through car service, thereby avoiding changes and disagreeable delays. Be sure to ask for tickets via Southern Railway. For further information, address,
J. C. ANDREWS,
508 Main St., Houston, Texas.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS.

Excursion tickets from all points in Texas to points in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia will be sold via Southern Pacific December 21st and 22nd, 1897, good for return within 30 days from date of sale, at rate of one fare for the round trip.

Local tickets from and to any point on line will be sold December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st, 1897, and January 1st, 1898, good to return up to January 30, 1898, at rate of one and a third fare.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Use the Long Distance Telephone to all points.
Special low rate tickets to points in the southeastern states will probably be sold by the Texas and Pacific Railway company from all points on its line December 21st and 22nd, the same as in former years. It should be borne in mind that passengers have the choice of three gateways via this line in going back to their old home for Christmas and New Years, namely: New Orleans, Shreveport and Memphis. If you contemplate making the trip and want to know the cheapest and best way, write to Mr. E. P. Turner, G. P. and T. A., T. & P. Ry., Dallas, Texas.

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Is composed of the active principles of Roots and Plants, which are chemically extracted so as to retain all their medicinal qualities. Its action is expectorant, causing the lungs to throw off the phlegm or mucus, changes the secretions, purifies the blood, heals the inflamed and irritated membrane, gives tone to the digestive organs, and imparts strength to the whole system. Such is the immediate and satisfactory effect, that it is warranted to break up the most distressing cough. It contains no opium. For sale by all druggists.

THREE SIZES,
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TIME CARD.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

Daily except Sunday, No. 1.		Daily except Sunday, No. 1.	
Leave	Dist. from Pecos.	Arrive	
3:40 a. m.	0	Pecos	10:05 p. m.
3:54	5	Beano	9:52
4:08	10	Lacruene	9:40
4:33	20	Arno	9:05
4:47	30	Biverton	8:30
5:01	40	Guadalupe	8:00
5:24	50	Palermo	7:10
5:38	60	San Luis	7:00
5:50	70	Red Buff	6:55
6:04	80	Malaga	6:15 L'Ve
7:15	77	Florence	5:41
7:25	80	Francis	5:31
7:39	83	Oris	5:21
8:05 Arrive	89.8	Eddy	5:00 L'Ve
8:45 Leave		Eddy	7:45 Arrive
9:30	91	Lake View	4:40
9:39	107	McMillan	3:21
10:00	114	Panaca	3:00
10:13	117.6	Spring Lake	2:40
10:26	122.4	Miller	2:36
10:34	134	Freeman	2:34
11:23	141.6	Hogmanan	1:47
11:38	145	Greenfield	1:39
11:54	152	Orchard Park	1:07
12:16 p. m.	159	North Spring	12:45
12:30 p. m.	Ar. 164	Roswell	12:30 p. m.
E. O. FAULKNER, Receiver and General Manager.			

DALLAS.

Dallas office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, 813 Main St., where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

DALLAS MARKET.

The market for the week was unchanged. The demand for all kinds of live stock was good, but the arrival of better grades was scarce. On Monday morning the market opened with an advance of 5 cents per 100 pounds on hogs. At Thomas & Searcy's Stock Yards quotations were as follows:

Choice fat steers \$2.00@2.25; fair to good steers \$2.50@2.75; common to rough steers, \$2.00@2.40; choice fat cows, heavy, \$2.50@2.75; fair to good cows, \$2.10@2.40; rough old cows, \$1.25@1.90; choice fat heifers, \$2.50@2.80; fair to good heifers, \$2.00@2.40; thin heifers, \$1.50@1.80; choice veal calves, light, \$2.50@2.90; choice veal calves, heavy, \$3.00@3.50; common veal calves, \$2.00@2.40; choice corned hogs, 175@350 lbs, carload lots, \$3.10; choice corned hogs, 150@350 lbs, wagon lots, \$3; stock hogs, \$2.00@3.00; choice fat mutton, 90@110 lbs, \$3.25@3.50; choice fat mutton, 70 to 80 lbs, \$2.25@2.75.

Col. J. P. Smith of Fort Worth, spent Friday in Dallas.

H. Stewart of Sowers, was on the Dallas market Wednesday with cotton.

W. B. Worsham, an extensive cattle grower and dealer of Henrietta, was in the city this week.

J. T. Lucas, an old citizen of the Sowers neighborhood, was in the city Wednesday with cotton.

Thomas Porter of De Soto was on the market Wednesday with eight bales of cotton. Mr. Porter, like others of his neighborhood, will increase his wheat acreage very perceptibly the next season.

John Bodine, a well to do farmer of the Cain neighborhood, was among his friends in the city Thursday. Mr. Bodine had an acreage of 80 acres this season in cotton, getting a result of 28 bales.

Edward Glover, Dallas agent of the Fidelity Mutual Life association of Philadelphia, has the thanks of the Journal for calendars of 1898 sent out by his company.

E. Childs of Adrian, Michigan, is in the city. Mr. Childs is connected with the Page Woven Wire Fence company, and is on a tour of inspection with the view of a closer business acquaintance with our people.

Not Gunter returned this week from a tour of inspection of his ranch interests in the southern portion of the state. The colonel says he found things in fine shape and that he is well satisfied with the outlook generally.

A private letter to the Journal from Eichelberger Bros. of Farmer, Texas, says: "While our country is a little dry, yet stock water is plentiful and all kinds of crops are going into the winter in good shape. Grass is good and cattle fat."

L. A. Blaffer of New Hope, merchant and farmer, was on the streets Friday with cotton. Said Mr. Blaffer to the Journal scribe: "Our lands are principally run to cotton and to date we have sold 415 bales."

David Byrd of Alpha, was on the Dallas market Wednesday with cotton. Mr. Byrd thinks that fully 25 per cent more of wheat will be sown in his neighborhood the incoming season than was last year.

S. B. Hopkins of Dallas, sold Tuesday two Jersey heifers and one bull. Price, \$100 each. They went to the Indian Territory. Mr. Hopkins makes a specialty of Jerseys and is well up on the requirements for best results.

J. A. Verick, a farmer from Farmers Branch, was on the Dallas market Thursday disposing of his cotton. Said he to a Journal representative: "Cotton is cash, but the prices at which we are forced to sell don't offer much enthusiasm in figuring on the next crop."

E. M. Foster of Frankfort, Collin county, an old and experienced farmer of that vicinity, was in the city Thursday with his cotton crop. Said he to the Journal scribe: "Five cents is too low. I am offered only 5.15 for the top and it is fine."

John Irbay, a farmer of the Sowers neighborhood, was in the city Thursday disposing of his cotton. Said he to a Journal scribe: "I cultivated 70 acres in cotton this season and I have only 14 bales to show for it. I have sown 40 acres to wheat. Will try that a while."

J. W. Crisler, a leading farmer of the Alpha neighborhood, was in the city Thursday with several loads of cotton. Mr. Crisler thinks the acreage of the next season must necessarily be small. "People cannot absolutely raise it at the prices," said he to the Journal scribe.

J. A. McArthur, a prominent farmer of the Alpha neighborhood, was in the city Thursday with cotton. Mr. McArthur, though having a fairly good sized cotton crop this year, was found on wheat, which he sold at an average of 65 cents a bushel—about 750 bushels at these figures.

I. N. Range, a representative farmer of the Reinhardt neighborhood, was on the Dallas market Thursday with cotton. Mr. Range cultivated to cotton this season 440 acres, getting a result of 173 bales. "I will mix it more the coming season—corn, oats and cotton will receive my attention," said he to the Journal scribe.

E. J. Hughes, Jr., residing north of the city, was on the city market Friday with cotton. Said he to the Journal scribe: "We cultivated this crop mostly to kill out some Johnson grass that got set on the place. We had in about 50 acres of wheat which made an average of about 25 bushels and which we sold at 90 and 95 cents. That beats cotton."

C. I. Coffin of Itasca, Texas, has 90 good corned mules that will suit farmers exactly. They are advertised elsewhere in the Journal and those who need such work stock would do well to write to Mr. Coffin.

The Journal advises stockmen who need some good Herefords to read the advertisement of J. A. Edwards of Chisholm, Texas, who has some choice males and females of this breed in his Bois d'arc herd of Herefords.

Eichelberger Bros. of Farmer, Young county, advertise in this issue 650 steer calves for sale. These calves were raised in Young county and are well graded. Anyone desiring stock of this class would do well to write to Eichelberger Bros.

Anyone having a ranch of eight or ten sections near a town or railroad to dispose of, should write to Box 381 Wolfe City, Texas. See advertisement in this issue. The advertiser wishes to lease with a view of buying.

Journal readers who are looking out for some good young native cattle should read the advertisement of S. R. Wilcox of Morgan, Texas, which is to be found in this issue. They are coming ones and twos, and the price at which they are offered will permit a buyer to make money out of them.

Geo. A. McNutt, district passenger agent at Kansas City for the Katy road, had charge of the Nebraska delegation on their Texas trip. In a short, appropriate speech he acknowledged the receipt of a handsome matchbox tendered him by the Nebraska delegation at the Dallas meeting, as a token of their appreciation of the attention shown them on their trip.

R. D. Berry, general freight agent of the Houston and Texas Central railway, informs a Journal representative that the shipments of cattle from points along the Trunk line for the North and Northwest since the 15th of last month, have been unprecedented in the past, and that a real famine of cars exists.

W. T. Bryan of Farmersville, one of Dallas county's leading farmers, was in the city Wednesday with cotton. Mr. Bryan had an acreage the closing season of about 75 acres. The results of the crop, however, he says, "are not such as to warrant an unabated enthusiasm in the work," and thinks he will curtail the amount very much next season.

S. G. Lackey, one of Dallas county's best farmers, was in the city Thursday disposing of his cotton. Mr. Lackey hails from Estelle, and tells the Journal scribe of this year's experience in wheat and cotton. Said he: "I cultivated 55 acres in cotton and 16 acres in wheat. I got 16 bales of cotton and 492 bushels of wheat as the result. A man ought to learn some from this sort of experience."

Special attention of the Journal readers is invited to the advertisement of Miss Jones; P. O. Box 750, Waco, Texas, who desires employment as a teacher or in preparing students for the university. Miss Jones has a state certificate and has had ten years experience as a teacher. She is able to give the best references and is highly qualified for teaching Latin, French, music and elocution, or to make a specialty of primary work.

J. B. Egger & Bro. of Appleton City, Missouri, well known breeders, have some choice registered Hereford calves from six to twelve months old which they are offering for sale. They are sired by Chillicothe 58545, a prize-winner and son of Corrector. They also have 40 high grade bull calves and 50 high grade heifer calves, seven to eleven months old, running 70 to 31-32 Hereford, and all in excellent condition. See their advertisement in another column.

W. H. Beverly of Omaha, Nebraska, is visiting relatives in Texas and spent a few days in Dallas, leaving here Monday for Belton. Mr. Beverly was for many years a breeder of Shorthorns in Logan county, Illinois, and there are few men who are better judges of individual animals or better informed as to the relative merits of the several important Shorthorn families. Although he has not for several years been a breeder he has by no means lost his interest in the Shorthorn breed and can talk most entertainingly on the subject.

A. L. Whaley, Esq., a farmer in the De Soto neighborhood, Dallas county, was in the city Friday. Mr. Whaley says that most of the farming in his locality has been in small grain and consequently the farmers have been prosperous. On his own land he raised 20 bushels of wheat per acre, which he had sold for 94 and 95 cents per bushel. The citizens of his section have good homes and live well and nearly all the farming is by men who own their own land. Mr. Whaley sometime ago bought a good farm in Wise county but has so far been too well satisfied with Dallas to leave the home on which he has lived twenty-eight years.

The many friends of W. G. Crush, general passenger agent of the Katy road, who were in attendance at the reception of the Nebraska delegation, are united in the opinion that he "made the speech of the occasion." The Journal scribe noted that the cheering was universal. The speech was in acknowledgment of the tender by the delegation of a handsome matchbox, as a token of their appreciation of the attention shown them in their tour through the state. "This gift, gentlemen," said he, "makes me a stockholder from now on in the Omaha exposition. I'll be there; so will the Katy, and we'll have a hot time in your town."

H. Y. Lively of Mesquite, was in the city Thursday making a sort of winding up sale of his cotton crop. Mr. Lively is one of Dallas county's oldest citizens, and his long years of experience at farming in the "black dirt" has given him a knowledge that enables him to speak with authority. "True," said he to a Journal scribe, "cotton is low, but wheat is uncertain. Earlier in life I grew it extensively, and kept a reaper for my own crop alone. It is often almost ruined from excessive

rains at harvest time. To this add the black dirt that gets mixed up with it and which no cleansing machinery will remove, and the result is you go into market with a sorry grade and get a low price."

J. T. Conner of Elam, was on the Dallas market Wednesday with a large amount of cotton, which he sold at five and one-eighth cents. Said Mr. Conner to a Journal representative: "I want no more cotton in mine. I sold my wheat for 95 cents a bushel and I will double up on the acreage the incoming season. I have been a resident of Dallas county for 42 years, and candidly, I never saw times as close before. People should confine themselves to mixed crops—in the main, corn, wheat and oats. We ought to have custom mills for grinding wheat and corn—the making of our own meal and flour and stop the ridiculous idea of sending away from home for bread. The raising of cotton at four and five cents and sending north for the necessities of life is ridiculous. We should also have community or district saw-mills for the making of our own syrups. Not only would it prove a financial blessing to the people, but would as well contribute in no small degree to the general health which is otherwise impaired and often ruined by the almost universally adulterated article now found in the market. Bright's disease was seldom ever heard of until the adulteration of food began. We must look to first principles all along the line."

THE NEBRASKA DELEGATION.
The Nebraska delegation of business men traveling through Texas in the interest of the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition to be held at Omaha, arrived in Dallas Friday morning headed by ex-Governor Sanders. They were met at the Katy depot by Mayor Barry and President Zang of the Commercial club, and other business men, and escorted to the Oriental hotel. At 3 p. m. the delegation, with a large turnout of the business men of Dallas, assembled at the Commercial club building where the subject of the Omaha exposition was well set out by a number of rousing and well timed speeches. Barney Gibbs opened the discussion in his characteristic way outlining plans and the possibilities of the exposition and the ultimate good to Texas of a proper exhibit of her resources.

Ex-Governor Sanders led in the discussion for the delegation, followed by Gen. L. W. Colby, L. L. Austin, publisher of the Lincoln, Neb., Call, and ex-Governor Sherman of Iowa. The speeches were wildly cheered and more especially that of Editor Austin. A Journal representative met the most of the gentlemen composing the delegation and a fine lot of representative business men they are.

Said Governor Sanders to the Journal scribe: "It is strictly a business trip. We are here in the interest of a closer business relationship between Texas and Nebraska. The interest is a common one and it is our purpose to combine the efforts of both for a common good. We are on our return trip and have been greatly pleased with what we have seen and heard. The culture and hospitality of the Texans seem boundless, almost. I do not arise me. I am a Kentuckian by birth and Texas is full of the Kentucky type of citizens. We leave the state to-night favorably impressed with your people, your institutions and your boundless resources."

Said Editor Austin: "Texas and Nebraska are inseparably bound by geographical lines. Their efforts should be in line with each other. There will of necessity grow up a great metropolitan city on your Southern coast—the outlet for the products of a great western empire, the power and glory of which will come with the dawn of the new century. Our people of the great West and Northwest are united in a united movement to bring about a better condition and closer relationship of the great commercial interests that so deeply concern us all. What is good for Texas is good for Nebraska. We want a great railway line from your coast to our northern boundaries—a double track line—our interchange of products may rest upon a basis of absolute and permanent security. We want your cattle, we want your sheep, your hogs, your cotton and your strawberries in December and January."

ANGORA GOATS IN TEXAS.
Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: Dear Sir: The following two letters explain themselves.

College Station, Tex., Nov. 27.
Mr. H. T. Fuchs, Tiger, Mills, Texas.
Dear Sir—I write this to ask your advice upon the subject of experimental investigations relating to the development of the Angora goat industry in Texas. It has been claimed with a fair show of truthfulness, that the conditions existing in many portions of the state are especially suited to the development of the Angora industry. What increase may we expect from a small bunch of goats during the year? What weight of fleece may be clipped annually from kids raised from the grown goats? Have you tested different methods of feeding the goats for increasing their fecundity and the amount of clip?

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I remain truly yours,

J. H. CONNELL, Director.
In reply to the above letter, would say that I could write a great deal about this subject if I had time to do so. According to the experience I have had, during the last seventeen years, I find that these goats do extremely well in any part of the state where there is plenty of brush, on rough, hilly country, with enough running pure water so they can get water every day without having to travel too far. They should be salted at least twice per week and they should be dipped when they get lousy. I soon saw that it is absolutely necessary to shear these goats twice each year, I. e., in the fall, early enough to give the hair time to grow long enough to protect the animals against cold, and in the springtime, as soon as the animals begin to lose or shed their long silky hair. The greatest drawback to the development of this most attractive and remunerative industry consists in the great number of wolves and other wild beasts, and in the great number of useless dogs that are raised by people, who generally have no use and no need for their dogs. If our legislature would pass a law which for-

bids the owning of dogs unless the owners pay a tax of at least 50 cents per annum on each dog they own, we could by this raise money enough for a considerable scalp bounty.

Seventeen years ago I commenced the Angora business with 54 head, among which were only three head of thoroughbreds, from R. W. Scott of Augusta, Ky. About a year later I bought 77 head more, selected from a flock of 1300, and a few more small bunches, always keeping only the best and butchering the coarsest. In this way, I soon had a nice flock of shearing goats, so that my coarsest goats were soon finer and nicer shearers than the thoroughbreds that I first had bought at \$50 and \$40 per head. This may look rather strange, but it is nevertheless true. I think that the reason must be mostly in the manner of grading up and in the climate and in the peculiarity of the range. My goats have mostly lived on brush, such as live oak, elm, cedar, persimmon, hackberry, post oak, black gum, mesquite and all kinds of weeds, except wild sage, which latter named weed they do not eat. They are very fond of broomweed, hoarhound and ragweed, sunflowers, cockleburrs, Johnson grass, burr grass, and all other weeds that I ever noticed, except wild sage. These goats hardly ever eat grass except early in the springtime in case that weeds and brush are scarce. I find it much cheaper and better to keep these goats in wolf proof pens, fenced with barbed wire, than to have them herded. As they love their home very much they will come home very regular about sundown, or a little earlier, unless they are disturbed by dogs or wolves; they will generally be on the highest hills in the pasture in case that wolves are in the neighborhood. Concerning your first question, will say that we may expect an increase of one hundred per cent of one hundred does per annum. A good flock will average from four to four and one-half pounds of mohair per head per annum; kids of six months old will shear nearly as much as a grown goat. I have not tested different kinds of feed or methods of feeding, as they have so far found their feed in the pasture. Only in case that we had snow or sleet for several days, we generally cut down some liveoak trees for the goats. I do not think there is any need of increasing the fecundity of the flock. Always begin to show during the three cool days of the fall months. The fine bucks hardly ever bother the does, except in the first cool days of the fall. To increase the amount of mohair, it would pay well to feed corn or cottonseed, or both, about sundown; this would also be a good help in making them come home regular. If they are very fat they hardly need any shelter, but in kidding time it is best to have a good shelter against rain and cold northerners. I like to keep those does that will bring kids soon in a separate small pasture, where they are not disturbed by dogs, hogs or wolves, and I do not like to let kids follow a flock before they are eight or ten weeks old. I keep the kids in a separate small pasture, where they have good shade, water and feed of tender leaves and buds on bushes and tender herbs and grasses. Bermuda grass and mesquite grass should be planted, where now weeds are grown, and in many places settlements. Small dog-proof pastures, with a few Angora goats would pay the people of Texas well, with their meat, milk and mohair.

H. T. FUCHS.
Tiger Mills, Texas, Dec. 4, 1897.

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THE TICK AND FEVER.
Texas Stock and Farm Journal has received the following inquiry, to which it requests answers from some of its readers:

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FORT WORTH.

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FORT WORTH MARKET.

Following is the market report furnished by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company:

The northern markets to-day are 5 to 15 cents higher on cattle than Saturday, which brings the market back to within about 10 cents of two weeks ago. This applies more to medium cattle, as choice fat steers and cows have changed very little, if any. Chicago has 10,000 cattle, St. Louis 2700, Kansas City 5000. Hog markets in the north to-day 5 cents higher with moderate receipts. Our local market quotes fat steers \$3 to \$3.25, feeders \$2.75 to \$3, choice fat cows \$2.35 to \$2.50, medium cows \$2 to \$2.25, bulls \$1.75 to \$2. Heavy fat hogs \$3.05 to \$3.15. No demand for stock hogs. The demand for stock cattle is hardly so good as it has been and prices some lower. We have some Cuban buyers located on our market for bulls and oxen and all offered find ready sale.

Some of our last week's sales: 40 hogs, 188 lbs., \$2.55; 78 hogs, 205 lbs., \$3.10; 20 steers, 992 lbs., \$3.25; 52 hogs, 209 lbs., \$3.07½; 19 hogs, 163 lbs., \$2.55; 63 hogs, 148 lbs., \$2.55; 49 hogs, 160 lbs., \$2.90; 68 hogs, 207 lbs., \$3; 75 hogs, 225 lbs., \$3.07½; 29 hogs, 240 lbs., \$3.10; 7 calves, \$11.50 a head; 66 hogs, 204 lbs., \$3.10; 66 hogs, 303 lbs., \$2.75; 66 hogs, 240 lbs., \$3.00; 9 cows, 775 lbs., \$2.55; 9 cows, 970 lbs., \$2.00; 14 calves, \$14.50 a head; 67 hogs, 225 lbs., \$3.07½; 45 hogs, 191 lbs., \$2.97½; 45 hogs, 140 lbs., \$2.75; 13 canners, 665 lbs., \$1.40; 6 cows, 913 lbs., \$2.10.

V. R. B. Moore of Dublin, was here Saturday.

A. L. Edmonson, stockman of Valley Mills, was here Wednesday.

E. B. Carver, a prominent cattleman of Henrietta, was here Thursday.

John Hardesty of Birdville, Tex., made a visit to Fort Worth Friday.

Wm. A. Pogue, an extensive cattle operator of Waco, was here Wednesday.

J. S. Venable, the well-known cowman from Coleman, was here Thursday.

T. D. Woody of Decatur, a well-known cattleman, spent Wednesday in Fort Worth.

E. B. Whitley, from Union City, had a car of cattle fed here Saturday.

Capt. A. S. Reed, the well-known cowman, returned Thursday from a trip to Weatherford.

W. D. Jordan, United States live stock sanitary inspector, from Amarillo, was here Wednesday.

Tarleton Emory of Cincinnati, president of the Wichita, Kan., Stock Yards company, arrived here Saturday.

The Rio Grande brought in two trains of fat cattle from Brownwood Monday for the "Katy" northbound.

J. M. Kennedy, a cattle trader of Waxahachie, Tex., was in Fort Worth Saturday mixing with the cattleman.

Louis Mink of Boston, who is interested in live stock matters, was among the prominent arrivals here Saturday.

Winfield Scott, the millionaire cowman, went to Rodgers on the Santa Fe south to receive some cows on Tuesday.

L. C. Beverly, a prominent cattleman from Clarendon, was here Monday. Mr. Beverly is also sheriff of Donley county.

E. E. Taylor of Oklahoma, marketed a car of hogs here Saturday, for which he received the top of the market—\$3.12½.

James Johnson, of El Paso, had a train of cattle—48 head—fed here Saturday. The cattle were billed to Pratt, Kan.

J. D. Jeffries of Clarendon, had thirty head of horses, which he purchased in this country, shipped to Clarendon Thursday.

Frank Siegel, senior member of the live stock commission firm of Siegel & Sanders of Kansas City, arrived here Wednesday.

The Denver on Monday had fifteen cars of stock cattle and steers for various points on their line south of Clarendon.

J. G. Witherspoon of Quanah, whose ranch is thirty miles south of that place, was a visitor in Fort Worth on Wednesday.

J. J. Robinson had a car of cattle here en route from Plain Dealing to Vernon, and P. C. Love of Krum had a car for Estelline.

G. D. Oaks, a successful and well-to-do cattleman of Palo Pinto county, came in from his home at Mineral Wells on Thursday.

The Cotton Belt officials report quite a heavy movement of Arkansas cattle into West Texas and the Panhandle country above quarantine.

R. K. Erwin of Waxahachie, formerly a commission salesman here, is managing the oil mill at Waxahachie, was in Fort Worth Monday.

Charlie McFarland of Aledo, was here Monday. Mr. McFarland was en route to Dundee to deliver the cattle recently sold to W. R. Curtis.

J. E. Johnson, a young county stockman, was here from Graham, looking over the market with a view to shipping a large lot of hogs here.

The "Ta and Pa" had a train of steers Monday from Colorado City to Honey Grove. These steers were purchased by Holt & Carrow and go on feed at the oil mills there.

A. B. Hitt, a prominent stockman from Mineral Wells, was in Fort Worth on Saturday. Mr. Hitt has bought and sold a great many cattle during the past month.

Jno. C. Hyssong and W. H. Pigg of Canyon City, Col., were in the city Friday and Saturday wanting to buy some cattle to take to their ranch in Colorado.

D. B. Gardner returned from his ranch in Pecos county on Thursday. Mr. Gardner is one of the prominent cattlemen of his section and is well liked by all his associates.

T. L. Gordon of Medicine Lodge, Kan., was here Saturday and received a train of fifteen cars of cows, which he shipped to Pratt, Kan., and will put them on feed at that point.

Winfield Scott returned Wednesday from a trip to Brownwood, where he finished shipping out 1600 steers. Most of the cattle were shipped to his pasture in the Indian Territory.

A. P. Bush, Jr., president of the Cattle Raisers' association, and whose ranch is on the Colorado river above Colorado City, returned here Wednesday from a trip to South Texas.

George B. Mills of the St. Louis National Stock Yards, cattle buyer for Swift & Co., was here on Wednesday. Mr. Mills is taking in the cattle situation generally and will make a tour of the state for this purpose.

R. L. Lowe of Denton, was here Saturday, offering for sale a car of his Durham and Hereford calves. The calves were consigned to the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company.

On Saturday the "Katy" sent three trains of cattle north, the Rio Grande brought in two trains and the Santa Fe sent two trains north. The Texas and Pacific had four trains for the west and one in from the west.

W. B. Huling, a prominent ranchman of El Paso county, was in the city Thursday and Friday, mixing with friends. Mr. Huling sold his herd of cattle to Winfield Scott about this time last year and has just finished the delivery.

J. B. Gould, who is here to buy fat cattle for export, has so far purchased about 400 head and will keep them on feed here until 900 head can be accumulated, when the steers will be shipped to Galveston and from there exported to Cuba.

Tom Culbreth is in Bell county buying calves for T. F. Croner. He has secured about 500 steer calves, for which he has paid an average of \$10 per head. Mr. Croner will winter the cattle in Bell county and put them on the market in the spring.

The following gentlemen market a car of hogs each here: N. G. Hodges, Grandview; P. F. Riley, Cisco; E. P. G. Kellum, Valley Mills; J. M. Kaufman, Morgan; M. Singleton, Guthrie, had two cars. Several loads of wagon hogs were received here and sold on this market.

W. R. Curtis, a well-known cowman, who now makes his home in Memphis, Tex., was here Wednesday. Mr. Curtis is a prominent operator in the business and it is understood that he has made some deals that made him good money in the past few months.

A. D. Evans of St. Louis, and a member of the live stock firm of Strahorn-Hutton-Evans Commission Co., arrived here Saturday. This well-known firm have an office in the Scott-Harold building and are able represented at this point by George Beggs.

The packing house here is not getting as many hogs as they want and have, therefore, sent out buyers who are now in the Indian Territory shipping in their purchases. Ten cars were received to-day and twenty-two more are on the road headed for this point.

It is reported here on the street that Sam Davidson of this city bought from Carver & Co., from their ranch in Archer county 12,000 head of steer cattle, the terms being private. It is understood that Mr. Davidson will hold the cattle on their present range for some time.

W. H. Rush of Childress, a prosperous stock farmer and good friend of this paper, in a recent letter ordering the Journal for a neighbor of his, adds: "Times are good here, though we are needing rain at present. This county has raised a large crop of cotton, which has been of great help to us."

L. J. Harmon, secretary of the Shreveport Cotton Oil company, was in Fort Worth Monday endeavoring to secure someone who wants to place cattle on feed. The company has an advertisement in the Journal this week offering meal and hulls for sale, and they offer free use of feed pens to those who arrange to feed at their mills.

W. R. Allison, a prominent man in live stock circles, from De Soto, Ia., was here Saturday. While here Mr. Allison was gratified to find an old schoolmate in the person of W. H. Bradrick, of the National Live Stock Commission company. These gentlemen attended the same school fifteen years ago and had not met since that time.

R. N. DeVitt of Fort Worth, will succeed Marsh Parker as agent here for the Chicago Live Stock Commission company on Jan. 1 next. Mr. Parker will return to Omaha, his home, and will represent the company at that point. Mr. DeVitt is a young going young business man and has had years of experience in the cattle trade.

Richard Selman, a prominent ranchman from Richland Springs, Tex., was in Fort Worth Friday and Saturday. Mr. Selman has a large herd of cattle in McCulloch county about 7000 sheep and 2500 head of cattle. He was in a most cheerful frame of mind and seemed pleased with all the world. He has a large number of Gallovay bulls for sale, having been breeding them for twelve years. He will wait in Fort Worth the arrival of a carload of Polled Durham bulls to be used on his ranch.

A. E. Dyer, representing the large cattle firm of Swinson & Son of New York, was here on last Wednesday. Mr. Dyer has just returned from Haskell county, where he shipped from their ranch 1200 head of three and four-year-old steers to Kansas City, which netted the fine sum of \$35 per head.

W. M. Hittson, a pioneer in the cattle business and uniformly successful, came here from Mineral Wells Thursday. "Uncle Bill" is well and favorably known by all the old-time cowmen, and "as he bears that bourn from which no traveler e'er returns," he can truthfully say that he has given his business associates a "square deal."

The movement of cattle over the railroads here on Wednesday was on the decrease. The Texas and Pacific had thirteen cars of feeders from Mineola to Latah; two cars of feeders from Colorado City bound for the territory. The "Katy" had three trains of cattle for the north. The Santa Fe had three trains of beef cattle for Kansas City, and two trains of beef cattle went north over the Rock Island.

It will be remembered that the Traffic association cancelled the feed in transit privilege on cattle from Texas to Kansas, effective Nov. 15. They have reconsidered this action and have extended the date to go into effect Jan. 15. This action became necessary owing to the scarcity of stock cars, which has made it impossible for many of the Northern feeders to move the cattle contracted in Texas.

Tom Montgomery returned home from his steer ranch in the Panhandle Thursday. Mr. Montgomery is a consistent raiser of beef cattle, having the best yearling steers and holding until three past, when they are sold or shipped on the market. Out of the 3200 steers now on the ranch, 1000 will be three in the spring, for which Mr. Montgomery thinks he should realize \$30 per head, this being the price he sold his three for this year.

Joseph Gould of Boston, a prominent exporter of beef cattle, who last spring exported to England from Galveston a ship load of Texas and Indian Territory fed cattle, is here again. Mr. Gould comes with the view of making further cattle exportations, and is accompanied by a number of his friends, including Senors M. Ricardo and J. Fernandez. It is understood that these gentlemen can find some cattle suitable for the Cuban market they will purchase a large number through Mr. Gould. They will remain in Fort Worth for some time.

Marsh Parker, who represents the Chicago Live Stock Commission company here, with offices in the Scott-Harold building, returned from a trip west Thursday. He says that in the counties from here west to Taylor county, lying north and south of the Texas and Pacific railroad, are very short on stock water, having had a general rain since last June. Mr. Parker says that water holes that formerly in the dryest seasons never went dry are now exhausted and it is getting to be a serious question with the cattlemen and farmers in that section as to what they will do for stock water if they do not have a general rain very soon.

Burk Burnett of Fort Worth, Tex., sold Friday out of his famous 6666 herd of cattle 125 bull calves, coming yearlings at \$35 each to Wm. R. Curtis for Curtis Bros. and Sam Davidson, Henrietta, Tex. These calves are to be kept for breeding purposes and the best should be selected by these gentlemen. Out of Mr. Burnett's herd shows the high standard of the 6666 cattle. They were Herefords and Durham. Mr. Burnett seems to be in the front rank of progressive cattlemen in improving the grade of his large herd of cattle. He is continually adding the best bulls to be had. The advantages of his ranch for the growth of cattle are unsurpassed.

Last Thursday the following shippers had consignments here: Lillard & Co., Decatur, one car of hogs; P. M. Douglass, Plano, two cars of hogs; B. L. Moore, Prosser, one car of hogs; B. B. Wiseman, Nevada, one car of cattle; J. T. Rogers, Aubrey, one car of hogs; H. B. White, Meridian, one car of cattle. The following shippers had cattle fed here: G. W. Bell, West, Tex., one car for Vernon; S. N. Hills, C. M. Hooten and Grulice Bros. had thirteen cars of cattle for Elgin, Kan.; El Captain Land and Cattle company had three cars from Pecos to M. E. Richardson, Sterling, Kan.; G. W. McCauley, one car of cattle from Cameron, Ark., to Rush Springs; G. W. Bell, one car of cattle from Murphy, N. C., to Vernon, Tex.

On Thursday the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, received a telegram from their St. Louis house stating that Texas mealeers were selling very badly and that the market was fully 50 cents lower than during the "high time." This caused a "blue" feeling among the commission men located here, as well as those who have big strings of steers on feed. The general opinion prevailing, however, is that this break was inevitable owing to the large loans caused by the high market and the fact that we were nearing the game season. The opinion was further expressed here that the market would not rise as low as at present or lower, until the game season is over, say until Jan. 1, and that another "high time" will come between the end of the mealeers and the opening of the grass season, which means May and June.

The Evans-Snyder-Buel company have moved onto the ground floor of the Scott-Harold building from upstairs where they have been located. The new offices are elegantly fitted up, being magnificently furnished. The equipment includes a long distance telephone booth. The sign writing was designed by Mr. Atwater, a member of the firm, who has been here reorganizing the company's business in Texas, and he has exhibited considerable skill in designing the signs. They are the prettiest and most tasteful to be seen in Fort Worth. Charley Ware, the prettiest and most tasteful to be seen in Fort Worth, is in charge with a competent force of assistants, and from the easy and graceful way in which he handles the business, one would think he had been with the company from its organization. The fact is, Charley is a good all-round

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POOLE IN STEPHENS COUNTY STOCK, GRASS AND SCHOOLS.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: On leaving Wayland, I drove out through the farm of S. W. Lauderdale. He and son had just completed sowing wheat and were gathering hay. He has a fine pecan orchard. Then we pulled for Cushing, which is surrounded by a neighborhood of prosperous farmers and stockmen. I remained over night with D. D. Thompson. He is a rustler. He cultivated seventy acres single handed. He, as well as several of his neighbors, doated to the Journal. Leaving this neighborhood, I turned north towards Harpersville. The Journal is well represented at this office. Three miles west of Harpersville, just at dark, I called at the cozy residence of P. S. Pullig. He has two fine jacks, some fine young mules and horses and a good supply of corn, oats and hay. His wife showed us some fine quilts, her own handiwork. The farmers in this neighborhood are still sowing wheat. Joining the Pullig farm is J. M. Ward's pasture. The grass is fine and I noticed some fat steers in this pasture. I understand he has 300 head of his pasture. I took the Breckinridge road, calling at every house in sight, several of whom are minus a dollar each. Near Breckinridge I called on A. J. Jones, known as "Uncle Jacky." He has 3000 acres in farm and pastures and 300 graded cattle. That evening I pulled into the Texas and Pacific and remained over night with a jolly old cowboy, H. H. Hughes, who is running the Commercial hotel. He understands how to attend to the comforts of his guests and has abundance to eat. I counted as many as fifteen fat turkeys in his coop. Thanksgiving day I helped to de- your one. Many spoke in praise of his dinner. What I liked is that he served it on the table, old country style. Having learned that district court would convene on the following week, I concluded I would work in the country until the next Monday and drop back to catch 'em during court. Hence I headed for the Bee Branch neighborhood, in a northeast direction some twenty miles from Breckinridge and for a distance of sixteen miles only saw one house on my route. All is pasture and stock. This part of the country is rough and broken, yet has good grass. About dark I halted at the handsome residence of O. S. Martin. I informed him that I was tired, hungry and cold and wanted to stay over night with him. He was scanning the buggy and horses all the time. Said he: "I don't care to be worried with lightning rod or show people." I informed him he was mistaken. The buggy was Texas Stock and Farm Journal. He at once told me to fall out. He has 2500 acres of land, 150 in cultivation, the balance in pastures; has 500 cattle and is grading them up with Durham bulls. He has a fine lot of registered Poland China hogs and a very fine young saw here a curiosity to my eye, a ray- hided feed basket, shaped like any other basket and holding about two bushels. He is a wide-awake stock raiser and farmer, very jovial, and makes one feel at home, particularly the widows. Many thanks for kindness shown us by the Martin residence. I called on S. L. Moon at his home seven miles south of Caddo. Mr. Moon has a fine farm, well arranged pastures, 300 cattle and several fine Durham bulls. I noticed in his pens several beautiful black Essex hogs and a number to be slaughtered. I shall ever remember the good fried pies and custard I ate at Mr. Moon's dinner. My wife kept winking and blinking, doing her best to get me to let up, but I was behind on fried pies. If there is anything I do love it is fried pies. I found the people in this neighborhood well fixed and with plenty of this world's goods. The Corbitts, Copeland, Robinson, Richardson, Outlaw and others, I spent the night with C. S. Robinson, very pleasantly exchanged yarns and had a good time generally. He has an interesting family. The school teacher, Miss May Valentine, boards with them. She is a fine young lady, a Branch free school and is a very interesting young lady and deserves much credit for her pluck and energy. Late Saturday evening I halted at the hospitable home of Judge M. B. Richardson, on Cedar creek. Here I spent the night and Sabbath. He owns 1400 hundred acres of land, 140 in cultivation, and by the way, he has a first-class orchard and vineyard, peaches, pears, apples, cherries, grapes and blackberries. The Judge is an up-to-date farmer and stock raiser, having 150 cattle. He, too, is grading up his cattle with short horns. His daughter, Miss Erma, had just accept-

ed a position as assistant teacher in the Wayland High school. Miss Erma is a charming young lady, and I predict a bright future for her. I regard school teaching as a high calling. I am glad to say that in all my rambles in the last sixty days all the farmers and stockmen I have called on have ample supplies of fat hogs on hand for home consumption, and many have some to spare. I am surprised to find so many fine Durham and Hereford bulls all over these western counties. The old-fashioned horn horn is a thing of the past. I have maintained for years that fewer cattle and better ones was the road to success. I am much pleased with the people of Stephens county. Breckinridge is a quiet, nice little town. In company with Judge Greenwood, I visited the splendid free school which I found in a flourishing condition, with 140 pupils in attendance. Theo. Crance is principal; S. J. Petty, first assistant; Miss Fannie Crance, second assistant. These teachers are an honor to the school and Stephens county. The pupils are a bright set of boys and girls and the picture of health. I desire to thank E. L. Walker and B. B. Greenwood, E. E. Hughes and others for favors shown the Journal and myself while in their town. I shall say something later on of Stephens county and her people. For the present I will desire to say I am sick, tired and worn out, yet I am proud I am living. Good night.

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