The Citizen

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XII. FORT WORTH, TEXAS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1903. $1.00 per Year. NO. 36.

Worth Live Stock Market.

...and Bad Weather Light Business.

...TRONG, STEADY

...the Market Classed ...Low Grade.

...E WERE STEADY

...Quality than General ...urday Average.

...ARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
...	145	313	...
...last week	73	129	...
...	2637	2567	272
...	3609	2427	27

...E HOG MARKET

...rted up to 3 p. m. daily.)

...market is steady. Demand ...ces for more stuff. The offer- ...was 313 head, mixed between ...s and a few heavies. The top ...for 68 head of 183-pounders. ...g were representative sales

HOGS Average.	Price.
200	4 00
450	4 50
138	5 75
143	6 00
195	6 15
408	6 25
190	6 30
183	6 40
PIGS.	
99	5 00
112	5 75
117	5 80
113	6 00

...E CATTLE MARKET

...rted up to 3 p. m. daily.)

...ning today showed 53 head of ...stly cows, on hand from yes- ...d arrivals of 115 head, all ...ing in during the night. Three ...e cows were extra good, bring- ...d averaged 970 pounds. The ...was steady and demand good, ...ing in sight.

...entative sales:

COWS.		
...	997	3 00
...	1050	3 00
...	1012	3 00
...	877	2 50
...	908	2 35
...	800	2 35
...	814	2 35
...	840	...
CALVES.		
...	220	3 50

...s after 3 p. m., yesterday.

...	710	2 20

...TS AT OTHER MARKETS.

CATTLE.	
...	200
...City	400
...	300
...gh	100
HOGS.	
...	20,000
...City	2,100
...	2,500
...gh	5,000
SHEEP.	
...	2,000
...City	None
...	200
...gh	None

...arket Quotations Today.

CATTLE.	
...Choice fed	$3 40@3 65
...m fed	3 00@3 40
...grass	2 75@3 25
...thin	2 25@2 75
...Choice heavy fed	2 60@3 25
...m butcher	2 25@2 60
...thin	1 60@2 25
...	1 40@2 10
...ags and oxen	2 00@3 25
...nd calves	2 00@3 50
HOGS.	
...200 lbs. and up	6 50@6 60
...ooth medium	6 20@6 35
...	5 50@6 00
...ern pigs	4 50@5 00
...	4 50@5 00
SHEEP.	
...	$3 50@4 50
...	3 50@4 00
...	3 00@3 50
...and culls	1 50@2 50

WEEKLY MARKET REVIEW.

HOGS IN DEMAND AT STEADILY ADVANCING PRICES.

Good Cattle Sold Readily at Higher Prices—Receipts Fell Below Last Week's.

The markets have held a steady course throughout the week, very little variation being recorded. Generally the tendency has been strong. This was especially the case in the hog market, where the highest prices were reached since the high record of last summer. This was $6.52½. The hogs that brought this price were well finished, but they would not have classed as strictly top stuff at the Northern markets. On no day of the week was the supply of hogs half enough for the demand.

Total receipts for the week: Cattle, 2,637; hogs, 2,567; sheep, 372. For last week: Cattle, (incldng calves) 4,126; hogs, 2,489; sheep, 27.

Receipts and prices by days:

HOGS.

Monday—Receipts 313. Top $6.50; bulk $6.00@6.40. Good demand.

Tuesday—Receipts 472. Top $6.50; bulk $6.30@6.45. Receipts short of demand. Market closed a shade lower.

Wednesday—Receipts 498. Top $6.50; bulk $6.25@6.35. Higher on tops.

Thursday—Receipts 432. Top $6.50; bulk $6.30@6.40. Heavy demand the supply being snapped up as soon as offered. Market steady to higher.

Friday—Receipts 547. Top 6.52½; bulk $6.25@6.35. Closed steady, strong.

CATTLE.

Monday—Receipts 534. Some good steers sold at $3.40. Market steady, demand fair.

Tuesday—Receipts 666. Top steers $3.40. Steady, closing higher, with good stuff wanted.

Wednesday—Receipts 358. Top steers $3.40, market higher, but offerings were poor stuff.

Thursday—Receipts 405. Better cows than steers, cows selling at $3.75, steers $2.90. Market generally 10c higher.

Friday—Receipts 544. Top steers $3.60. Some fairly good stuff offered; market strong and active.

ON THE MARKET.

Shippers and the Stock They Brought In Today.

CATTLE.

W. B. Kersey, Durant, 29.
Rice & Colburn, Durant, 31.
J. F. Williams, Dawson, 84.

HOGS.

Moore & Co., Durant, 93.
W. H. Caldwell, Godzales, 84.
W. H. Caldwell, Gonzales, 63.
Miller G. & Dupree, Bassett, 73.

HORSE AND MULE MARKET.

Today's quotations are as follows for sound, serviceable mules, 4 to 8 years old, in good hair and flesh and well broken:

13½@14 hands, fat	$ 45@ 50
14@14½ hands, fat	60@ 75
14½@15 hands, fat	85@105
15@15½ hands, fat	110@120
15½@16 hands, fat, with quality	125@140
16@16½ hands, ex., 1,250@1,500	145@160

These quotations are based on sales out of first hands. Sorted and selected loads are quoted some higher by speculators.

Brimstone for Rheumatism.

The gypsies have an odd cure for rheumatism. They carry a good piece of brimstone in the pocket and warrant it to cure the worst cases.

New Masonic Medal.

The Masonic medal has been struck to commemorate the Duke of Connaught's induction as grand master of English Free Masonry.

The Profit in Hens.

If a hen lays an egg a week the year through it will just about pay for her feed, and every extra egg will yield a profit.

Says Bats Spread Plague.

Bats and their parasites are held responsible by an Italian expert for the transmission of plague in some cases.

Fish of the Nile.

Two thousand two hundred different species of fish have been noted in the Nile and its tributaries.

Tenacity of the Limpet.

The limpet adheres to a rock with a force equal to 2,000 times its own weight.

CITY AND COUNTY.

Total rainfall for January at this place is reported by the weather bureau at 1.83 inches.

Passenger service over the new I. & G. N. line into this city will begin about the first of March.

Hon. Lee Riddle, a leading lawyer of Granbury, has moved to Fort Worth and will make this city his home.

Jesse Murren, 90 years old, died last Sunday, at his residence, corner of Jackson and Florence streets. The remains were sent to Cleburne for burial.

Arthur Blaker, who says he is a veteran of the Philippine campaign, now a deserter from the United States army, surrendered to a police officer Saturday and was locked up in the city prison.

A series of debates by the Sons of Veterans will be inaugurated next Sunday, the 8th inst., at 2:30, at their rooms in the court house, on the Constitutionality and Political rights of the Southern States.

The city is now experimenting with a new street cleaner that is expected to keep clean the paved streets—at present that kind being limited to Main. It costs $6.00 a day to rent the machine, as the makers will not sell it.

Representative Clarence Stewart of this county has been appointed a delegate to the international good roads conference, to be held in Detroit, Mich. He can tell of the good roads we have in Tarrant county, and how we got them.

Charles Richardson, an oiler employed at the Citizens Light & Power Company plant, was badly scalded while turning on one of the valves of a pipe leading from the steam head to the boiler. Over-pressure caused the threads to give away and blow out the connection.

Harry Matlock and Young Neeley of Dallas were arested and held in bail on charges of perjury. They are from Dallas. They are alleged to have sworn that two men, who were on trial for swindling in this city, were at their saloon in Dallas at the time the crime was committed in this city.

Charles Barnett, better known as "Tennessee Charlie" ended his career with a razor at the Hotel Harrold, Houston and Tenth streets Monday morning. His dead body, with blood streaming from a gash in the neck, which had severed the jugular vein, was found lying across the bed in his room shortly before 7 o'clock.

M. W. Lytle, guard at convict camp No. 2, two miles north of Arlington, was seriously wounded Tuesday night by the accidental discharge of his pistol. In pulling the cover off his bed the pistol fell to the floor, discharging it, the ball passing through the flesh of one leg and breaking the ankle bones in the other.

John P. Capera died of paralysis at his home, 803 Texas street, last Wednesday, aged 51 years. He had been a resident of Fort Worth for thirty years and was a native of France. He leaves an estate estimated to be worth from $75,000 to $100,000. He was stricken with paralysis on December 8 and afterwards pneumonia complications set in.

At a meeting of the directors of the Fort Worth Benevolent Home last Tuesday, officers were elected as follows: President, K. M. Van Zandt; vice-president, George Q. McGown; treasurer, E. L. Huffman; secretary, Alfred W. Samuels. The directors discussed the matter of building a new home for the orphans, on land that has already been given for that purpose.

Saturday afternoon, in the county court, Judge Milam admitted to probate the testament of Dollie Love, which bequeaths her property to her father, Jonn Fisher, in Canada. The estate is worth about $4,000. This decision cuts Tom Ray, husband of the deceased, out of any share in it, but there is talk of an appeal. Ray was recently fined $250 and sentenced to a term in jail on charges of beating his wife before she died.

Saturday was the last day for the payment of poll taxes, and the offices of city and county tax collectors were crowded by men who had put off that work to the last moment. It is not known yet with exactness how many polls were paid, but it is estimated that the number in the city and county will be from 8,000 to 10,000. The man who cannot show a poll tax receipt cannot vote at any election this year. As there are probably 15,000 voters in Tarrant county, this means that from 5,000 to 7,000 of them are disfranchised by the poll-tax law.

A new term of the Forty-eighth district court, will begin next Monday and the work of preparing the docket has been begun by the district clerk's force of deputies. It will be a voluminous one and will probably include about 500 cases or more. A grand jury will be empanneled and it will have plenty of work to do even if no additions are made to the criminal cases already awaiting the action of the grand jury. The first week will be given to non-jury business and then three weeks will be given to the criminal civil docket. On the 16th of March the jury civil docket will be taken up.

THE COURTS.

Saturday, Jan. 3.

In the Seventeenth District Court the jury in the James McFarland swindling case found the defendant guilty and assessed his punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for five years. Jas. Barnett, a companion case, pleaded guilty and was given a like sentence.

New Suits—B. C. Seymour vs. A. H. Seymour, divorce; Florence Brockman vs. F. B. Brockman, divorce; W. A. Kappler vs. Northern Texas Traction Company, to appoint trustee for Fort Worth Street Railway Company, on account death of original trustee.

Judge Smith of the Seventeenth District Sourt appointed the Prudential Trust Company of Cleveland, Ohio, trustee for the holders of the Fort Worth Street Railway Company's bonds, issued in July, 1882, and amounting to $50,000.

Monday, Feb. 2.

In the Seventeenth District Court the homicide case of the State vs. A. M. Newman was on trial. The defendant is charged with killing a man named O. N. Wartenbee on the 28th of last August. The body of Wartenbee was found on the North Side and the arrest of the defendant followed.

Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The Newman homicide case was submitted to the jury in the Seventeenth District Court late in the afternoon, and up to the hour of adjournment no verdict had been reached.

In the County Court the case of W. F. Cheatham vs. the Cotton Belt Railway Company is on trial.

Wednesday, Feb. 4.

The jury in the A. M. Newman homicide case in the Seventeenth District court returned a verdict into court finding the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree and assessing his punishment at continement in the penitentiary for a period of forty years.

In the Seventeenth District Court Hendricks, a negro, is on trial charged with killing his stepfather, George Robinson, on the night of June 9, 1900, by stabbing him to death.

The jury in the case of E. E. Garrison vs. R. H. Smith in the County Court could not agree and was discharged.

Thursday, Dec. 5.

In the Seventeenth District Court, Henry Walker and John Linn pleaded guilty to burglary and were each given a two-year sentence in the penitentiary. The evidence showed that the two men went to the residence of Mr. Hamilton on Hill street while he was away from home and proceeded to carry off valuables of different kinds, including clocks, bric-a-brac, etc.

Charles W. Adams and Arthur Bernett were placed in the county jail on a charge of vagrancy. John Holmes was put in, charged with theft of shoes.

Friday, Feb. 6.

In the Seventeenth District Court the case of the State vs. W. I. Maples was continued. The defendant was charged with robbery with firearms. The horse theft case of the State vs. George Kimmill was taken up.

In the Forty-Eighth District Court Judge Dunklin rendered a judgment in the Bessie Gay guardianship case. A decree stating that $1,011 60 was due Bessie Gay was rendered. The case was appealed from the County Court.

New Suits—Vina Turner vs. Simpson Turner, divorce: Sallie Wright vs. Anthony Wright, divorce; American National Bank of South McAlester, I. T., vs. W. F. Stewart, debt.

AT OTHER MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 7.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 200. Market steady.

HOGS — Receipts 20,000. Market steady. Top $7 10; bulk $6 65@6 85.

SHEEP—Receipts 2000. Steady.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Feb. 7.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 400. Market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 2100. Market steady. Top $6.95; bulk $6 75@6.92½.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 7.—Receipts and quotations of the market, as reported by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE—Receipts 300, mostly Texas. Market steady; top $4.10. Natives steady; top $4 30.

HOGS — Receipts 2500. Market 5c lower. Top $7.00; bulk $6.80@6.95.

SHEEP—Receipts 200. Steady.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Feb. 7.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts, 100. Steady.

HOGS—Receipts 5000. Steady to 5c lower. Top $7; bulk $6.70@6.90.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Quotations at Fort Worth, Wholesale and Retail Prices.

The grain and hay market at Fort Worth is quoted as follows. Prices are for car lots. In smaller quantities, add 2 to 5 cents per bushel for grain and 5c per cwt for bran and chops:

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 54c; No. 2 white, 55c.
WHEAT—75c.
OATS—50c.
BRAN—$1.05 per cwt.
CHOPS—$1.10 per cwt.
KAFFIR CORN—$1.15 per cwt.
CANE SEED—$1.25 per cwt.
MILLET SEED—$1.75.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $12 50 per ton.

Cotton Seed, Meal and Hulls.

COTTON SEED—Car lots $17.00 to $18.00 ton.
COTTON SEED MEAL—Car lots, $22.00 to $23.00.
COTTON SEED HULLS—By contract, $6.50; retail, $7.00.

Hides.

DRY FLINT—Heavy beef, 13c; heavy fallen, 12c; light, 10c. Dry salt, 10 to 11c, culls and bad damaged, 5 to 9c. Green salt, 5½ to 6½c.

Wool.

Light medium, 12-mos., 12 to 14c; 6-mos., 11 to 13c. Heavy, short and sandy, 10 to 12c.

Live Stock Commission Houses.

Following are the members of the Live Stock Exchange now doing business at the Fort Worth Stock Yards:

CAMPBELL & ROSSON L. S. COM. CO.
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LONG HORN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NORTH TEXAS LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
GEO. W. SAUNDERS COM. CO.
SOUTHWESTERN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.

WANTED, OR FOR SALE.

Under this head advertisements will be printed at the rate of 5 cents per line for the first insertion, and 2 cents for each subsequent insertion. Six words make a line.

The Daily Live Stock Reporter is sent every day to 2500 stockmen in Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

If you have anything to sell that these men want to buy, or if you want to buy anything they have to sell, or if you want to tell them anything, you can do it through the columns of The Live Stock Reporter better and cheaper than through any other paper.

FOR SALE—Small ranches, well improved. 1100 acres in Burnett county, 1160 acres in Jack county, 2500 acres in Montague county. H. H. Cobb, Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE—BULLS—500 to 600 choice fat fed bulls, ready for shipment. Apply to C. Eckhardt & Sons, Yorktown, Tex.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CATTLE FEEDERS—We are completing several desirable feed lots on property adjoining the Fort Worth Stock Yards, to which all railroads have access, and which is also adjacent to the Fort Worth Cotton Oil company. These lots are clean and well drained, have natural shelter, new substantial feed troughs and plenty of pure artesian water. For particulars call on or address Glen Walker & Co., Fort Worth, Tex.

W. M. MASSIE—General land agent. Panhandle and western lands only. The Central Plains a specialty. More than 12 years as surveyor and land agent at Floydada, Floyd county, has acquainted me well with the beautiful Plains and northwest Texas in general. Home office, Floydada, Texas; branch office, Room 507 Hoxie building, Fort Worth Texas.

FARMERS WANTED—To list their farms for sale with Charles M. Brown, the live, hustling Real Estate agent, 706½ Main street, Fort Worth, Tex.

MONEY TO LOAN—On improved black sandy or black waxey farms at 7½ per cent to 8 per cent, on 5 to 10 years' time. Also vendor's liens taken up. Charles M. Brown, 706½ Main street, Fort Worth.

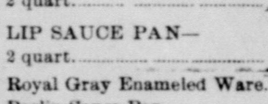
CALL AT CHILDRESS & COULSON'S, the new druggists, and see what you can get as a 25c cough medicine, southwest corner Courthouse square.

FOR BARGAINS in stock farming lands and ranches on North Plains, write or call on Duncan, Floyd & Hoffman, Dalhart, Texas, office City Hall.

WANTED—A few responsible parties to raise thoroughbred Brown Leghorn Chickens on the shares. I will furnish the eggs from prize winning stock. Write, or call on W. J. Warriner, 1818 Washington street, Fort Worth.

Housekeepers Attention!

We are showing a new line of Amethyst Enameled Ware which is highly recommended as a durable line. We make the following low prices.



12-in. Wash Pans..... 20c

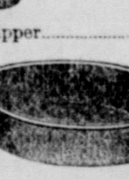
3 pint..... 35c
4 pint..... 40c

Extra Large..... 15c

TEA KETTLES—
7 quarts..... 75c
8 quarts..... $1 10

DISH PANS—
14 quart..... 60c
17 quart..... 70c

COFFEE BOILER—



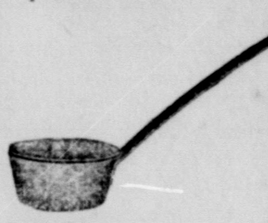
8½ quart..... 90c

CEREAL COOKER—
2 quart..... 50c

LIP SAUCE PAN—
2 quart..... 15c

Royal Gray Enameled Ware.
Berlin Sauce Pan.

3 quart..... 35c
4 quart..... 40c
5 quart..... 45c
6 quart..... 50c
8 quart..... 60c



Large Dipper..... 15c

2 quart..... 15c
3 quart..... 17c
4 quart..... 20c
6 quart..... 25c
8 quart..... 35c

Gernsbacher Bros., 509-511 Houston St.

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The State of Texas. In the County Court, March Term, A. D. 1903. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Tarrant County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded that by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Tarrant, four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon C. H. Burke, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the County Court, to be holden in and for the County of Tarrant, at the court house thereof, in the City of Fort Worth, on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1903, the same being the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1903, file number being 8126, then and there to answer the petition of J. W. Manning, filed in said Court on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1903, against the said C. H. Burke and F. McGee, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

That on November 24th 1902, said defendants executed and delivered to plaintiff their promissory note in the sum of $275.00 payable 60 days after date with interest from maturity at the rate of ten per cent per annum and 10 per cent as attorneys fees if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. That said sum of money is long past due and said defendant though often requested has failed, and refused to pay same or any part thereof. Wherefore plaintiff prays judgment for his said debt, interest, attorneys fees, costs of suit and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there, on the 2nd day of March, 1903, before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, R. L. ROGERS, clerk of the county court of Tarrant county.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in Fort Worth, this 4th day of Feb., [L.S.] A. D. 1903.

R. L. ROGERS,
Clerk County Court, Tarrant County, Texas.
By WARNER HENDERSON, Deputy.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 7, 1903.

WHAT FARMERS ARE LOSING.

Total receipts of hogs at the Fort Worth yards last week were 2489 head. The daily average was 415 head. This market could now easily care for 1500 hogs a day, a total of 9000 a week. The average weight of the hogs sold was about 175 pounds, and the average price about $6.25, or about $11 a head. The 2489 sold brought their owners $27,000 or $28,000. If the full market demand had been on hand, and the sales had been 9000 or 10,000, instead of 2489, their owners would have got $100,000 or more, instead of $27,000.

By not having these hogs, the farmers and stock-raisers of Texas lost $70,000 or more last week. Or, to put it differently, they would now have $70,000 more if they had been able to supply the demands of this market for hogs.

This demand is still going on, and is still unsupplied. Texas farmers are suffering this loss day by day, week by week. Soon the packing houses here will be calling for 5000 hogs instead of 1500 a day. As long as our farmers send in 500 hogs a day to meet a demand for 5000, they are losing the profits on the lacking 4500, at a time when hogs are worth more than for many years.

If any man who has the means for raising hogs will take his pencil stub in hand and figure out what the loss is by selling 500 hogs a day instead of 5000, at present prices, he will make up his mind mighty quick to contribute his effort to meeting the deficit. His figuring will be something like this:

5000 hogs a day for 313 days in the year, 1,565,000 hogs. At $11 apiece, they have a cash value of $16,215,000.

500 hogs a day, the amount actually shipped, for 313 days in the year, 156,500 hogs. At $11 apiece, $1,621,500.

Loss to farmers by not raising these hogs, $14,693,500.

This figuring is based on 175-pound hogs at $6.25. It would be as easy to raise 225-pound hogs that would bring $15, and the net results would be still greater in favor of the farmer.

SHIPPING POOR CATTLE.

It is not the purpose of the Live Stock Reporter to give advice to shippers. This paper reports things as they are. We think it proper, however, to call attention of shippers to the fact that they are paying freight on a mighty poor lot of cattle that they are sending to the Fort Worth market, and to suggest that if such cattle had been held a while longer, now that grass is soon to come, they would have reached the market in better condition, and have sold at prices that would more than have paid for their keeping 60 days longer.

As the market reporter for this paper said, yesterday's run of cattle was the sorriest at the yards for many a day. The best sale was of a little bunch of steers at $2.75. Some sales of cows were made at $1.65. These cows weighed from 525 to 725 pounds. A 525 pound cow at $1.65 means $8.75 gross. After paying freight and commission charges what has the shipper to show for the sale?

Buyers at this market want good stuff, and they will pay good prices for what they want, but they will not pay good prices for cattle that they do not want and cannot use. Yesterday's quotations were $3.50 to $3.75 for good fed steers, and such stock, if any had been on the market, would have gone off quicker at that price than the cows we have described went at $1.65.

Send your best cattle to the Fort Worth market, and compare returns with others sent to Northern markets. Don't think it is to your advantage to ship your best to St. Louis or Chicago and the tailings to Fort Worth. We know what good beef is. The only thing to be said in favor of sending tailings to Fort Worth instead of St. Louis is that they will sell for enough to pay charges here, and they might not do so well there, because the freight is so much higher.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

IS THE COYOTE A BENEFACTOR?

Here we are up against it again. Montana stockmen have been waging a relentless war on coyotes. Now they are considering the advisability of calling a halt. The killing of coyotes has resulted in such an increase of jack-rabbits that these are considered more injurious than the coyotes. A report from that state says:

"So numerous are rabbits becoming that the amount of hay they eat, especially alfalfa, is becoming quite an item. To most people this seems incredible, but in a few miles' drive in any direction one may see from fifty to 100 jack-rabbits grazing along like a band of sheep. D. Jackson, a rancher living near the summit, reported having counted 200 rabbits playing about a haystack near the house."

And so it goes. Nature provides for the maintaining of an equilibrium. She gives us coyotes to prey upon rabbits. Man comes in and kills the coyotes because they eat his calves and lambs. Then the rabbits, having nothing to keep them down, multiply so rapidly that they threaten destruction to the growing crops. Up to a few years ago farmers waged a war on birds because they pecked fruit and ate grain. As birds were reduced in numbers by this slaughter, bugs and worms became so numerous that the farmer's crops were threatened with destruction. Now farmers have quit killing birds, and laws are demanded for their protection.

Maybe it will be the same way with coyotes. Is it possible that ten years from now farmers and stockmen will petition the legislature to pass a law to prohibit the killing of coyotes and wolves?

NINE-MONTHS PIGS WEIGH 269.

We clip from the Omaha Drovers' Journal:

"The top price paid for a full load of hogs today was received by Chas. Broehel of Bradshaw. The consignment was a bunch of spring shoats of the Duroc-Jersey breed. They were nine months old and smoothly finished at 269 pounds weight. Mr. Broehel run them in an alfalfa field during the summer and put on the finishing touches with good sound corn. They were easily disposed of at $6.82½, top price of the day."

Nine-months pigs weighing 269 pounds and selling at $6.82½! The gross price for these pigs was $18.35. It doesn't cost much to bring up a nine-months pig, if he comes in the spring and is carried through the summer on cheap forage.

Texas can raise as good hogs as Nebraska, and cheaper, for we have cheaper land, and it is more productive.

PREPARING FOR CHANGE.

New conditions in the raising of cattle are foreseen by intelligent stockmen, who are getting ready for the change. We find in the West Texas Stockman of Colorado City this item: "Col. Marion Zellner was in the city yesterday and reports his cattle doing finely this winter. He says he is working on the theory that a man to be successful must own his pasture, raise high-grade cattle and finish them at home on feed grown at home for the purpose. His head is very level, and he is well on the road that must ultimately be traveled by all successful West Texas cattlemen. Smaller pastures, few cattle but better cattle and forage crops is what will do the work."

A survey of the Fort Worth market will give emphasis to what Col. Zellner says, and in this the Fort Worth market is a reflection of others. The market is overrun with stock that is not wanted because it is not good beef-making material. Half as many head, well graded and fattened, would have made the owners more money.

HOG CHOLERA.

Cholera is carrying off hogs by the thousand in Nebraska. The Omaha papers report that in some cases four or five head are all that are left of bunches that a few weeks ago numbered 100 or 200. High prices for pork are not of much importance to a farmer whose hogs turn over and die. Indeed, high prices aggravate his loss. If hogs were worth only 3 cents, a dead animal would represent only half the loss to him that he suffers when it is worth 6 cents.

Texas is strikingly free from this scourge of the Northern and Eastern states. It is said that hog cholera is an unknown disease in Northwest Texas. This is one of the advantages of raising hogs in Texas. We share the profits of the Northern hog raiser, but we are relieved of his burden of loss. Let us be thankful that we are not as other people are.

A COMPETITIVE MARKET.

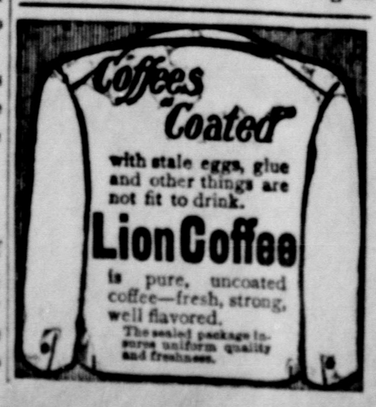
Stock raisers—some of them, at least—may look upon the Fort Worth market as limited to packing-house takings. This is a mistaken view. The packers will be the largest purchasers, and will be on the market for 3000 cattle, 3000 sheep and 5000 hogs a day when their buildings are completed and working, but they will not monopolize the demand. Stock raisers are on the market every day for feeder animals, and butchers from all parts of the state are coming to Fort Worth for their supplies. This demand will increase as butchers learn that they can always be sure of having a good supply to draw from at this market; and the knowledge that the demand is regular will bring cattle and hogs to supply it.

Upon one day last week butchers were at the stock yards from Texarkana, Cleburne and Waxahachie, looking into market conditions, to ascertain if they could depend upon getting their supplies from here

This is a "pointer" for stock shippers to make a note of.

Thursday a longhorn cow sold for $1.65 per hundred pounds, and a shorthorn calf sold for $2.50 per hundred pounds at the stock yards. The cow weighed 633 pounds and was 5 years old, the calf weighed 450 pounds and was 1 year old. The cow was a scrub, the calf graded. Any farmer who can count 120 ears of corn to the bushel, can figure from this illustration that he can't afford to raise scrub cattle. But it seems the majority can't count a bushel of corn, if it's to be judged by the kind of cattle they bring to market.

The Citizen's suggestion that Texas hog raisers were doing an improvident thing in selling their young sows is echoed back from Sherman. A correspondent at that place for the Dallas News says: "There is a general belief in circles interested in hog culture that too many high bred hogs have been sold to out of state purchasers, and there is a reaction resulting in an effort to recoup. C. D. Hughes, who recently sold a fine boar to Illinois purchasers for $500, has received from Lincoln, Neb., a yearling Poland-China boar for which he paid $175."



Just enough sheep come to the Fort Worth market to keep commission men from forgetting that there is such an animal. They bring good prices, and there is always good demand and ready sale for them. Generally the sheep on this market are not of the mutton type. If they were, they would bring a great deal more. In a few weeks the demand at the Fort Worth market will be for a thousand or more fat sheep daily, and the men who get ready to supply this demand will find it profitable.

To the farmer that has a milch-cow: Take a day off before you commence planting and spend it at the Fort Worth stock yards. Notice the difference in the price paid for a scrub cow and that paid for a good graded one, and the difference between the price of a Berkshire hog and a "razorback." The time in raising them is the same. The common breed eat more that the improved. Observe the conditions closely and go home and act accordingly.

At the rate cattle are going to market, a shortage in that stock is in prospect. Receipts at the five principal cattle markets for January were 628,000, breaking all records for that month. This is 46,000 more than in January last year, 83,000 more than in 1901, 120,000 more than in 1900, and 180,000 more than in 1899. The attraction of high prices is not present to account for this eagerness to market stock, as in the case of hogs.

Shippers were on the market Tuesday with hogs from Caddo and Marietta, Indian Territory, and from Wortham, Alvarado, Krum, Decatur, Gunter and Hillsboro, Texas. Most of the Texas shippers were from Northern or Central Texas. Their stock graded well and brought good prices. One lot of stockers went at $5 50, but the bulk of sales were at $6.15 to $6.25. Shippers made money by selling at Fort Worth.

Mast-fed hogs selling at $6.30 is a thing to open the eyes of buyers at other markets. That price was paid in Fort Worth Tuesday. Hogs raised on mast are not rated high among buyers, and it is doubtful if the price paid for this lot at Fort Worth could have been obtained at Kansas City, not counting the difference in the cost of freight.

Reports from the hog-raising states go to show that no increase of consequence is to be looked for in the supply of hogs there. Meanwhile the demand keeps up, and the price is soaring again. Texas farmers who take advantage of present conditions will line their pockets with greenbacks.

Farmers and stockmen in West Texas are combining in a war of extermination of the prairie-dog. Will they find, after the prairie-dog is wiped off the face of the earth, that he was a blessing in disguise because he fed upon some noxious something that does more harm than he ever did?

An increasing number of cattlemen are coming to Fort Worth to buy feeders. These animals should come back to our packing houses, with good flesh on, and make money for their owners. Fed steers, fat and beefy, are the wanted class at this market.

A pistol-toter was "hoist by his own petard" in this city yesterday. A 45 caliber gun dropped from the pocket of a motorman on one of the street-cars and shot him through the leg. It would reconcile us to such accidents if the bullet always took such a course.

Next to that old sow and litter of pigs is that old hen and brood of chickens, to the man who says he's a farmer. Eggs have been 25 to 40 cents a dozen all the fall and winter in Fort Worth, and the knottiest chicken that came in was good for 30 cents.

Plant a little patch of sorghum, a little patch of milo maize, and a little patch of kaffir corn this year, and if one misses another will hit, and you will have enough left to fatten the hogs next fall and make some money.

Reports from the Grand Prairie neighborhood are that farmers are prepairing to put in large crops of corn and oats. The Grand Prairie farmers see that there is more money in hog feed than in boll weevil feed.

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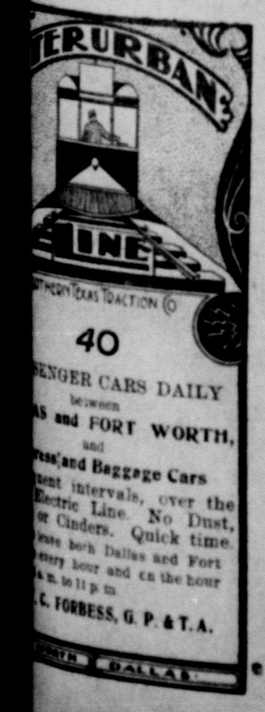

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th.

9:30 a. m.

Music by military band.

10:00 a. m.

Convention called to order.

Address of welcome, Hon. C. G. Jones, mayor, and Hon. S. C. Hayman, president Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma City.

Response by the president of the Association, Abner T. Wilson, Kiowa, Kan.

Business session.

Appointment of the following: Quarantine and Legislative committees.

Resolutions

Constitution and by-laws.

Membership.

Reports of officers.

Election of officers.

Adjournment.

No afternoon session; attend special live stock sales; visit the city and get acquainted.

7:30 p. m.

Music by cornet band at Convention hall.

8:00 p. m.

Prayer.

Vocal music.

The Live Stock Census, Hon. Le Grande Powers, Chief Statistician, Washington, D. C.

Reading, Miss Estelle G. Burke, Wichita, Kan.

Music by cornet band.

"Oklahoma Cattle Raisers," Hon. Thomas B. Ferguson, Governor of Oklahoma.

Vocal Music.

"The Live Stock Industry of Oklahoma, Past and Present," W. E Campbell, Winchester, Okla.

Music by cornet band.

"The Stockman and the State of Oklahoma," Col. J. W. Johnson, Oklahoma City.

Reading. "The Spanish Pony," Miss Estelle Burke (by special request).

"America" by the the audience, led by cornet bands.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11th.

8:30 a. m.

Music by cornet band.

9:00 a m.

"The Tick and How the Small Stockmen May be Rid of Them," Secretary Z. E. Beemblossom of the Live Stock Sanitary Board of Oklahoma.

"Splenetic or Tick Fever and the Federal Quarantine Line in Oklahoma," Col. A. R. Dean, agent Bureau of Animal Industry in the United States.

Five minute discussion and questions by members of the Association.

"Dipping and its Results," Prof. G. M. Moore, Kansas City, Mo.

Adjournment.

No afternoon session. Special sales of fine cattle. Trading and leasing. Bronk riding at park.

EVENING.

All members of the Association will be the guests of Oklahoma City Opera House. Tickets free to members, admission to others at usual prices.

THURSDAY, FEB. 12th.

8:30 a. m.

Music by cornet bands.

9:00 a. m.

"Board of Agriculture and Its Relation to Live Stock," Hon. Ewers White, Shawnee, Oklahoma

"Reminiscences of a Cow Puncher," B. S. McClure, Congressman-elect from Oklahoma.

"What's What, Among Cattlemen," Col. L. A. Allen, Kansas City, Mo.

"What Caused the Increase at St, Joseph," M. B. Irwin, Traffic Manager St. Joe Stock Yards Co.

"Cattle Raising and Feeding in the Osage and Indian Reservations," S. D Soldani, Ponca City.

"The Commission Man and Shipper," G. M. Walden, President Live Stock Exchange, Kansas City, Mo.

"Below Quarantine," O. W. Matthews, Secretary and Treasurer Fort Worth Stock Yards Company.

"Near-by Markets" Col. W. R. Dulaney, Manager Union Stock Yards Co., Wichita, Kansas,

Reports of committees, and adoption of same.

Appointment and confirmation of executive committee for the ensuing year.

Selection of place for holding next annual convention, by vote of members only.

Final adjournment of convention for 1903.

Music by cornet bands.

No afternoon session. Special sales of registered cattle. Great roping contest at park.

8:30 p. m.

Annual cattlemen's ball.

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Importation of Fine Cattle.

The Kansas City Drovers' Telegram reports:

A wire received this morning from Mr. E. C. Hersh of the Armour Packing company, and who is now in Baltimore, states that Mr. Charles W. Armour's importation of Hereford cattle has just landed at quarantine, having come over from England on board the steamer Templemore of the Johnson line. Mr. Hersh has been in the East for some time making preparations for receiving this lot of blooded cattle, which is made up of something over one hundred head of cows and heifers with calves at foot, or to calve while still at quarantine, and two bulls.

This is the 6th importation of Hereford cattle that the Armours have made, and while it is not the largest it is said by those who have seen the cattle to be the best lot of cattle ever shipped out of England, as it was Mr. Armour's instructions to his agent there to buy nothing but what was worthy of admiration, and there was never a bunch of cattle so closely picked as the one which landed at Baltimore today. It is gratifying to Hereford breeders to learn that out of 105 animals submitted to the tuberculosis test by W. E. Britten, secretary of the English Hereford herd book, there were only two rejected. Dr. Geddes, the veterinary expert from Washington, remarked that this was a record of which any breed might be proud.

The cattle were selected from the best herds in England, not omitting the royal herd at Windsor, from which two heifers were selected, one being the last calf born on the farm before the death of her majesty, and the other the first born after his royal highness passed into control of the royal farm, the king being present at the christening and selecting the name of the newcomer.

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Large Profits in Swine.

"While a good many farmers may be slow in raising hogs to convert corn into profitable pork when the grain is as high as at present, it is nevertheless true that more money can be made in the aggregate in feeding the corn to hogs than in selling it in the market. There is no surer way of making money on the farm than to raise swine in season, sticking to the business year after year, and profiting by the improvements which come through continuous effort directed toward one purpose," writes S. T. Lannerman. "In fact, large fortunes have actually been made in swine breeding and feeding on a large scale, where the clover and corn were raised for no other purpose than to feed the animals at home. With the full crop raised to feed the hogs one will be sure to find a fair market for it each year. There, of course, is an occasional overproduction of hogs when prices drop, but the business must be considered in the aggregate of years, and not by a single year.

"There will be no other live stock that can be made to turn out the same amount of live weight within a given time as young pigs which are fed liberally from the day of their birth until ready for market. It is possible to raise them so that the farming of the fields will improve year by year under the process. Every ton of corn taken from the farm and sold in the market takes about $6 worth of fertility from the fields. Now the question is how to save this fertility by retaining all of it in the soil. By a system of clover and corn raising for feeding swine we can, in fact, return at least three-fourths of this fertility to the land. In this way we do not rob the soil to make money today which tomorrow we must spend to purchase more fertility. The farmer who raises his clover and corn for the swine is in a fair way to improve his land indefinitely, and at the same time to make a good profit."

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Texas Polo Ponies Wanted.

The Reporter recently noted the sale in this city of a number of polo ponies for shipment East. Fort Worth is not the only Texas market for such ponies. We quote from the San Antonio Express:

George J. Gould, the millionaire railway president, Wall street operator and sportsman, has again come to San Antonio for polo ponies. The ponies were all purchased from Henry Tappan, the owner of the famous polo ranch near West End. Mr. Gould purchased a lot of eight ponies, and they were shipped to him Thursday evening in a special car. The car is accompanied by H. C. Singer, one of Mr. Tappan's cowboys. The car goes direct through to Lakewood, N. Y., where Mr. Gould's famous estate is located. Mr. Tappan refused to disclose the price paid for the ponies, though said he supposed he "came out about even."

Last year Mr. Gould purchased a lot of ponies from Mr. Tappan, and they were said to have been the finest ever received in the North. At that time, it it was said, the prices of the ponies ranged from $600 to $1200 each. It is presumed Mr. Gould paid as much this time. The ponies from here have given great satisfaction where used, and all are thoroughly trained at the Tappan ranch. The ponies for Mr. Gould have been in training the last three months, and so thoroughly have they been trained that it is said they are able to spin around on a half dollar.

This is the first shipment Mr. Tappan has made the present season. He will continue to ship ponies North until the middle of April. There is a large number of fine ponies at his ranch and they have been greatly admired in the last few months by the many visitors to that interesting place.

SUIT AGAINST SETTLERS.

Nelson Morris Will Enjoin Them from Trespass on Leased Lands.

The rights of lesses of state lands, as against intruding settlers, is to be tested in the courts. We find the following report in the Dallas News of Sunday:

Deputy United States Marshal John H. Girand of Abilene was in the city yesterday, leaving last night for Abilene Mr. Girand has just returned from the prairies of Midland, Andrews and Ector counties, where he has been serving papers on some twenty-four settlers on lands claimed under lease by Nelson Morris. Of the twenty-four, who are to be defendants in an injunction suit brought by Nelson Morris and to be heard February 5, Girand has served nineteen.

"The trouble seems to be," he said, "that while a number of the settlers have filed on the lands, four sections each, and have turned their cattle in to graze, Morris claims that his lease has another year to run and objects to the cattle mixing with his fine stock. He has there between 12,000 and 15,000 hornless black-polled cattle, the finest you ever saw. These people in the aggregate claim 61,440 acres. The cattle there are as fat as could be and the grass looks fine."

This suit comes up in the Federal court February 5 on application by Nelson Morris for a writ of injunction.

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Texas Advantages for Hogs.

W. J. Duffel of West, Texas, is another farmer who sees salvation in hogs. Mr. Duffel writes to the Dallas News:

The writer has made the keeping and management of swine a part of his farming so long he would not think a farm was complete without some fine hogs on it. The better the breed the better they pay, and he that gives them the best care gets the most money out of them. I never want the writers of the Forum to refer to the Texas scrub hog any more. I find other states with ten scrub hogs in them to one in Texas. We have many advantages over many of the other states. It is true we have had two very dry years, with grain crops short, but this will not last. We must prepare to meet the big demand for good packing-house hogs. They can be raised cheaply with a small amount of grain and green feed. I must again put in a good word for the dwarf Essex rape. This plant has made England one of the great meat-producing countries. In bulletin No. 11 we find on page 4 where rape has made as much as twenty tons of green fodder per acre. It will fatten faster than any clover. There are several kinds of rape seed in the market. It is not fair to give it up until we have more and better proof it is not worth anything. Vetch makes a fine winter pasture and will grow nearly anywhere. Perennial rye grass is making a first-class pasture for me this winter. I am much pleased with it. Shall put several acres in it next year. From the way stock love it it will pay well. There are so many things we can have in Texas if we world only try.

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Hogs as Money Makers.

Chicago Drovers' Journal.

Hog raising has been greatly stimulated in the last year or two by the high prices which have prevailed. Farmers who raise good hogs find that, year in and year out, it pays better than anything else they produce, and that feed converted into swine flesh is, as a rule, a good investment. The tide of prices rises and falls with the demand and the price of corn, but is governed by the demand more than anything else. At the present time the outlook for the hog grower is better than for some time. The supply in the hog-raising belt is hardly up to the standard, the crop having been severely decimated by cholera in some localities. Again, the stocks of provisions on hand are the lightest they have been in years, and the foreign outlet was never better. All these things should operate to bring about a good scale of prices for some time to come. There has been a decrease of 1,475,000 hogs packed since Nov. 1, and this in itself is quite sufficient to insure a good demand later on. Hogs are 30 to 40 cents higher than a year ago, while cattle are $1 lower. Beef is never a direct substitute for pork, because, pound for pound, it does not go as far. Some are of the opinion that hogs are too much out of line with other things and will have to come down. This is true in a measure, but not until the supply overtakes the demand.

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Rates to Fat Stock Show.

A meeting of passenger agents of several of the Fort Worth railroads was held last Saturday, at which it was decided to recommend to their roads the granting of special rates to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. It is expected that this show, which is an important event for the state, will be put on a convention basis in the matter of rates.

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Midland Reporter.

Sam Butman took in the El Paso carnival, and while gone made a run into Old Mexico.

He met some Americans who had recently delved into old cliff dwellings and uncovered the mummified remains of a woman and child, the latter having in its hands a ball of cotton thread, and with the bodies was found a pile of cotton seed.

Mr. Butman saw the cotton, which has small seed and short lint.

The explorers told him that it is known that at least 300 years have passed since the cliff dwellings have been occupied, and that the cotton thread machines, of whatever character, had long since returned to dust.

When the butcher Cortez landed in Central America he found the aboriginals clothed in cotton cloth and in many respects lived as civilized people, and it is nothing strange if the cliff dwelling was inhabited by the same class of people in that age.

Mr Butman has a few of the seed which he will plant in the hope that they may grow and show what manner of cotton was grown by the first inhabitants of America.

The rooms in the cliff dwellings were perfectly dry, and it is possible that, like the wheat taken from the ruins of Pompeii, they will germinate.

Hand saws—the Diston kind, cheap.
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Geo. W. Miller, a Missouri stockraiser, who has disposed of his interest in that state, is looking around, and after seeing the Fort Worth stock yards and big plants has about decided to locate in this portion of Texas.

The Fair

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Many dainty materials have found a temporary resting place on the shelves of our Dress Goods section, and are awaiting your inspection—hearty approval and a quick removal are sure to follow. In Dress Goods you will find Spring Patterns and designs in Voiles, Etamines and Mistros in pure white and fancy combinations, at a price range of per yard, $1.00 to..... $1 69

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"The throne is vacant in my heart,
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Why wait so long and stand apart,
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In our Book Department you will find several cases filled with messages of tender nature, made up in myriad forms. There is yet one week till St. Valentine day, and now is the best time to make selections—and we assure you no better assortment can be found—a great variety in the inexpensive sorts, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c up to 25c—many of these little tokens are, both in appearance and the thought somewhere expressed, very pretty Comics also which will amuse, and never cause wounded feelings. Large handsome Valentines in great abundance, up to..... $2 50

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COTTON OIL TRUST MILLS.

Decision Barring Them from Doing Business in Texas.

A decision of the court of appeals at Austin was rendered Wednesday, canceling the permits to do business in Texas of the National Cotton Oil Company and the Southern Cotton Oil Company for violating the anti-trust law. These companies own several mills in this state.

In the case against the National Cotton Oil Company, the complaint is set out at great length. The company is chartered under the laws of New Jersey and has been granted a permit to do business in Texas. The Taylor Cotton Oil Works is chartered under the law of Texas. It is alleged that each of these companies formed a combination and pool with each other and with other corporations and persons, whereby they agreed to regulate and fix the price of cottonseed, and that they did so regulate the price, agreeing that they would not pay more than $14 a ton for cotton seed in any part of the state, and that such agreement was contrary to the laws of Texas. Defendant did not deny the facts alleged, but demurred upon the grounds that the anti-trust laws of 1889, 1895 and 1899 and the penal statutes based thereon were in contravention of the Federal constitution, and that the act of 1899 was not in conformity with the constitution of Texas. All the demurrers were overruled.

An Interesting Test.

The Chicago Live Stock World makes this report:

The Louisiana State Experiment Station is feeding two leads of high grade Angus steers bought in Chicago last November. They were inoculated with blood of animals infested with fever tick and all were brought successfully through the fever and without any bad effects. They are all now on a feed of rice bran, cottonseed meal and the native hay. The Agricultural college will ship them back to the Chicago market soon as a demonstration of what may be done with northern bred cattle on the cheaper feeds of the southern states. It is not probable that two freight bills and the cost of immunizing will permit of any extensive feeding operations of this character, but the result of this particular experiment will prove interesting at least.

RECEIPTS OF SHEEP.

Two Bunches, Aggregating 171, at the Yards Today.

Receipts of sheep at the yards Thursday were 171 head. Mr. Dendinger had 151 head, which averaged 94 pounds and sold at 3 cents. A lot of 20 was brought by Mr. Whisenant of Allen, Tex., that averaged 103 and sold at 4¼ cents.

These sheep sold well. The Dendinger sheep were hardly of medium grade, and 3 cents was a good price. The Whisenant offering was better stuff, as was indicated by the weight and price. They had been fed with cattle, and were fairly fat. Sheep at $4.17 a head are profitable for raising in Texas. The market at Fort Worth can now care for a car-load a day, and soon will want more.

Case of Anthrax Reported.

Huron, S. D., Feb. 2.—By direction o State Veterinarian J. P. Foster, 233 head of cattle were placed in quarantine here Thursday. They were brought here a few days since and are mostly Texas cattle, and are believed to be affected with anthrax. They are the property of a stock buyer named Kass of Granville, Ia., and were in charge of R. W. Clark. The cattle are valued at about $10,000.

Live Stock Company Election.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Llano Live Stock company was held Monday and the following directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year: E. T. Ambler, James Harrison, J. T. Lofton, D. G. Galbraith and V. E. Lycon. The directors elected the following officers: E. T. Ambler, president; James Harrison, vice-president; J. T. Lofton, manager; S. N. Hays, secretary and treasurer.

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The Religious Column

BY REV. J. R. GOODE.

The Power of Prayer.

There is truth in the scene depicted in "Faust," where Mephistopheles, rushing forward with drawn sword, lowers his point and shudders at the sound of ascending praises from reverent human souls

One need hold no strange or unusual theory of the value of prayer to recognize its beneficent power over the lives of men. In moments of temptation a sudden realization of the presence of God and an uplifted look for help have saved many a man who otherwise would have fallen.

According to our mood or temperament or training or religious experience, prayer is a desire or a duty, a privilege or a problem. Theologians will always have room to question and think and write concerning the power of prayer as related to God's immutability; but the need of prayer remains, and the strength that comes from prayer is a fact that cannot be denied. In times of sorrow men turn instinctively to God for help. In time of tempation prayer is so great a refuge that it has been truly said that

Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

Henry Ward Beecher used to remind his congregation that "prayer is not beggary, but communion." Prayer is not devised as the instrument of selfishness, or intended as a means of saving our own earnest and self-denying endeavor; nor does prayer imply a belief that God will place His infinite power at the disposal of passing whim or wish, however sincere. If God were to give to every man the thing which for the moment he desires and thinks he prays for, we should hardly dare to pray; God will still do right, although in our short-sighted faith we pray otherwise.

It need not be assumed that one must refrain from prayer until the subject has no mysteries for him. As well might he refrain from eating until he has learned the chemical constituents of bread. The life of prayer is a life of power, and he who prays not lacks a strength that might be his for the inevitable struggles and sorrows of life

There is no doctrine that gives greater dignity to human life than that of prayer as Jesus taught it, which brings every reverent soul face to face with God "Thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet." The soul of man is capable of communion with the Spirit of God, and each soul for itself, and each man for his own needs, may come direct to God.

There should be less prayer that seeks to bring God to see things as we see them, and do things as we want them, and more of the kind that seeks to see things as God sees them, and seeks strength to do the things that God would have us do, and to meet bravely and faithfully our duties in life.

Bro. Hillsman of the Northside Baptist church is building a neat five room cottage on West Central avenue.

"The future is hidden from us, but God has said that if any man commit his way unto Him, He will direct his steps. God has kept us in the past, and he will not forsake us in the future. 'Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.'"—News.

Christian Observer: Noah, as a shipbuilder of 4,300 years ago, built the ark. Its dimensions were: length, 500 feet; width, 83 feet; and height (or depth), 50 feet. After four thousand years of experience and of study, the builders of the Great Eastern made it 692x83x57½ feet. And the most recent of our vessels, the Kaiser Wilhelm II., is 706x72x52½ feet. The skill of the twentieth century in arranging the dimensions, seems to have reached a conclusion not far different from that of Noah.

Fighting settles nothing except which is the stronger and better fighter. If it be said that permanent and satisfactory results are often reached at the conclusion of wars, that is only saying that defeat brings one party to a frame of mind that permits a rational settlement. But sometimes the unworthy cause wins, because it is championed by the stronger party. The questions settled with war could have been settled without war, in so far as they were settled right. Wrong has triumphed with war as well as right. War may have often been a final arbiter, but it has not always been a just arbiter.

As one of the attractions of the great fair to be held in St. Louis, it is proposed to construct a large model of Jerusalem, covering ten acres, which have been set apart for the purpose, and to give animation to the whole, several hundred of the present residents of the city are to give representations of the every-day life of its mixed population as well as show some of the ceremonies observed. Dr. Palmore, the distinguished editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, is president of the company to whom the realization of the idea is committed, with Dr. Samuel I. Lindsay, a Presbyterian minister, as secretary.

At a meeting of the citizens of Howard county, held at Midland, last Monday, resolutions were adopted protesting against the Bryan bill, which gives an open season for the moving of southern cattle north of the quarantine line.

ATTENTION

Don't Miss This Important Information

Read It! Think About It! Then Come AND See.

Abe M. Mehl, the BARGAIN MAKER of this city, has purchased the entire stock of the BUTTS SUIT AND CLOAK CO. at less than FIFTY CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. An almost new stock of Cloaks, Jackets, Suits, Wrappers, Shirt Waists, etc., sacrificed to us because we had the ready cash to pay for it.

You remember my sale of the C. L. Lewis Shoe Stock. You remember that the Bargains I gave you were something that the people will long remember. We also had ready money to make that purchase—that is a thing of the past.

I have on another sale now, and one that will be as profitable to the people who take advantage of it. This stock of the Butts Suit and Cloak Co. will be sacrificed in the same way, and it is my intention to give every one TWO DOLLARS WORTH OF MERCHANDISE FOR THE DOLLAR THEY SPEND WITH ME. My policy is to give MORE FOR LESS MONEY than anyone else, and to satisfy everyone. Just as my advertising states, so shall I sell, to have nothing misrepresented, but to always give you a little more than you expect.

Don't wait until the best is gone. Come NOW and get just as good as your neighbor gets. BUY NOW, IT WILL PAY YOU.

Don't Wait Until It's Too Late

And Then Kick Yourself!

Hurry, Hurry, now is the time. Big crowds here every day. Never before have such values ever been offered. Never again will they. Just think—this elegant new stock of Cloaks, Capes, Ruffs, Furs, Skirts and Furnishings at 50c on the $1.00.

One lot Fur Collarettes, $3.00 to $8.00, now	75c
Our $1.00 Dressing Jackets, for	38c
Our $1.75 and $2.00 Dressing Jackets, 98c and	69c
One lot of Cloth Capes, worth $1.00 and $1.25, sale price	38c
One lot of $1.75 and $2.25 Melton Capes	95c
One lot of $3.50 and $4.00 Beaver Capes	$1 75
One lot of $4.50 and $5.00 Beaver Capes	$2 25
One lot $5.50, $6.50 up to $10, now $2.75 and	$3 50
One lot fine Plush Capes for less than half.	
One lot of Ladies' Flannel Waists, $2.00 up to $3.50, slightly damaged	35c

SUITS—Tailor-made Suits, Jackets at one-half former price.

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Just to Keep Things Humming

I will have a big SPECIAL SALE at my Clothing Store, 1211 Main Street, to cut the price from the already low price that I always place on my goods, means that it will pay you to hurry down there. This stock is new and you will find all the latest things in dress here. Investigate these bonafide offers and make a saving of from $5.00 to $7.00 on a suit of clothes. Satisfaction guaranteed.

See if you ever saw such low prices as these.

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Notice by Publication of Final Account.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Tarrant County, Greeting: Eva W. Vankirk, administratrix of the estate of Samuel D. Cheseldine, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Samuel D. Cheseldine, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration,

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days prior to the return day hereof in a newspaper regularly published in the county of Tarrant you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the March term, 1903, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the City of Fort Worth, on the first Monday in March, A. D., 1903, when said account and application will be considered by said Court.

Witness R. L. Rogers, Clerk of the County Court of Tarrant County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Fort Worth, [L.S.] this 4th day of February, A. D. 1903.

R. L. ROGERS,
Clerk County Court, Tarrant County.

A True Copy, I certify:
JNO. T. HONEA,
Sheriff of Tarrant County.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., Feb. 2 1903. Sealed proposals, indorsed "Proposals for Heifers and Bulls," and addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., will be received at this office until two o'clock p. m. of March 16th, 1903, for furnishing and delivering at the Tongue River Agency, Montana, 40 bulls and 100 heifers, and at the Crow Creek Agency, South Dakota, 8 bulls and 2660 heifers. Schedules, which will be made a part of the proposals, containing blank forms for bidding, detailed specifications and conditions to be observed by bidders, will be furnished upon application to this office, to the publishers of the Globe Democrat, St. Louis, Mo., The Tribune of Chicago, Ill., the Dispatch of St. Paul, Minn., the Livestock Indicator of Kansas City, Mo., the Breeders' Gazette of Chicago, Ill., the Stockgrowers Journal of Miles City, Mont., the Live Stock Reporter of Fort Worth, Tex., the Herald of Helena, Mont., and the Register of Chamberlain S. D.; also to the Superintendent of the U. S. Indian Warehouse, Omaha, Neb., or to the U. S. Indian Agents at Tongue River Agency, Mont., and Crow Creek Agency, S. D. Bids upon the blanks are not absolutely necessary; they may be made in any other form provided the conditions are observed. For further information apply to

W. A. JONES, Commissioner.

Horse Meat Banquet.

Six hundred people partook of a banquet of horse meat at Berlin recently. The meat was served in different styles, prepared in an artistic manner by chefs. The invitations were issued by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals, who gave the dinner to demonstrate that the horse was a proper animal for food, thus making a good market for horses and to prevent owners from working them to death. Thirty thousand were eaten in Berlin last year.

AN ARAB STEED never possessed more fire and sp than your own road horse will w he is fed on high grade grain and f full of nutriment, such as you can ways buy from my store. I select best grain with full kernels, and i it free from must and dirt. I ke stock of oats, corn, feed, chops bay of the best at all times, and prices are bed rock.

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FRESH MEATS.

	Per lb
...gs, heads on	7¾
...ders	9
...ers	10
... (boneless)	9
...erloins	20
...	4
...	3
...	5
... cleaned (per doz.)	30
...	10
...	5
..., each	5
... Fat	11
...nings	8

DRESSED BEEF.

	Per lb.
...	6
...heifers, good	4¾@5¼
...ers, steers	7½
... cows	6½
...ers, steers	5½
... cows	4 @4½
... lb.	5
... lb.	4
...	10
...	10
...r doz.	30

DELICIOUS PREPARED HAM.
All cooked ready to serve—nice for cold lunch.

	Per lb.
Star Ham, boneless	12½
Peerless Ham, boneless	10
Dixie Ham, in cloth	10
Minced Ham, very fine	15
Boiled Ham, boneless	18

SAUSAGE.
HERE IS WHERE WE EXCEL.

	Per lb.
Pork Link Sausage	7½
Pork Loose Sausage	7½
Pork Bfk. Sausage, little link	8
Frankfurter Bratwurst	9
Vienna or Wieners	8½
Liver Sausage	6
Blood Sausage	6
Head Cheese, in hog stomachs	7
Tongue Sausage	10
Ham Sausage, in cloth	10
BOLOGNA, large, round, straight,	5
Ham Bologna	8
N. Y. Bologna	6
Berliner	10
N. E. Ham	12½

Orders for less than 25 lbs. ½c per lb. more.

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Ready for Use.	Bbls. 200 lbs. Net	½ Bbl. 80 lbs. Net	¼ Bbl. 40 lbs. Net	Kits, 15 lbs. Net.
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... regular tripe	none	2 40	1 25	65
... pigs' tongues	$30 00	13 00	7 50	2 60

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SMOKED MEATS.

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...AR CURED—SACKED

...p Brand," special mild cure.

	Per lb
...hams, 15 lbs. av.	13
...hams, 12 lbs. av.	13
...hams, 10 lbs. av.	13
...skinned hams, 17-20	15
...b'kf'st bacon, stringless	16
...dried beef	15
... Worth brand, 10-16	12¾
... " 18-20	12¾
...nned, Ft. W. brand	14
...n Ft. W. brand	14
..., "	9½

SMOKED MEATS.

DRY SALT CURED—SACKED.		Per lb
Bacon—Short Clears, 25-35 lbs. avg		11
" " " 35-45	"	11
Fancy Clear Bellies, square cut	12-14 "	12½
Bacon Shoulders, 10-12	"	9¾
" Backs, 10	"	10½
" Fat Backs,	"	10¼
" Plates		10¼
DRY SALT MEAT—SACKED.		Per lb.
D. S. Short Clears, 25-35		10
" " 35-45		10
" Clear Bellies, square cut	12-14	11
" Shoulders, 12 lbs. avg		9
" Backs, 10 lbs. avg		9¾
" Fat Backs, 10-12 lbs. avg		9½
" Plates		9½

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...Cans, 1 or 2 in a case, ¼ cent over tierces.
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...Cans, 6 in a case, ½ cent over tierces.
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...OCK YARDS NOTES.

...ris of Milford topped the hog ...day with $6.52½ hogs.

...est price paid for calves was ...day, on some yearling heifers, ...d at $3.15.

...ard for one car of sheep a day ...ular and good prices are as-

... Sansom will attend the Cat- ... convention at El Paso next

... Ferris, president of the Ex- ...nk of Dallas, visited friends ...ds Wednesday.

...oyce of Joyce & Smith, Mt. ... regular shipper on this mar- ...n with a car of hogs.

...one of Paradise, Texas, sold a ... hogs Tuesday at $6.30. The ...eight was 167 pounds.

...man has been placed under ...rged with theft of cattle from ..., Will Corn and Frank Corn.

...unty was represented on the ...th three cars of steers and ... steers averaged 778 and sold

...ufrey, who is feeding 3 cars ... Dallas, was looking this ...r today with a view of sell-

...ller of Oklahoma has been ... tagger for the government ...k yards, and has commenced

... Mitchell, an old time Fort ..., now of Austin, was get- ...ted with this market, as he ...e shape.

...f hogs averaging 199 pounds from Llano were sold for $6.50 Friday. This is the highest price ever paid for hogs from that place.

A. G. Parnell, a feeder of Minco, had one hundred steers on the market Friday. They were in fair condition and weighed 1020 pounds.

R. A. Riddle of Caddo, I. T., is looking over the yards. He is an extensive hog shipper, and will probably send all his stuff to this market.

A. E. McNeil, who runs the oil mills of Valley View, and is a feeder, was getting acquainted with the yards and commission men Tuesday.

D. C. Brant drove in 18 head of calves and 30 head of cows, which were sold on the market. The calves averaged 319 pounds, and brought $2.50.

Yardmaster Williams is now snugly housed in his new office at the stock yards. The office is located near the viaduct, just south of the cattle pens.

Anyone thinking the stock yards and packing plants are not busy places should go out any day at noon and see the army of people that are employed.

A. Hunter sold a bull on the market Monday that was a monster. He weighed 1730 pounds and sold at $2.50, the price for the animal being $43.25.

Eighty-four sheep, 12 hogs and 5 head of cows were shipped by Parker Kellum of Valley Mills. He said he wanted to clean up, and sent in the mixed bunch.

The Mansfield Mill and Elevator Company sold one bunch of hogs on the market, which brought $6.50. There were 33 head and they averaged 224 pounds.

Mayor Farmer of North Fort Worth will attend the cattlemen's convention at Oklahoma City next week. Several other commission men are also arranging to attend.

A large amount of stock is driven into the yards at this season, the weather being cool enough to drive without danger of losing stock, and every day large droves come in.

W. C. Kaufman, of Weatherford, a patron of the Fort Worth stock yards, was a visitor this week. He ships to this market frequently, and is well pleased with the sales.

R. J. Wilson of Denton shipped 30 head of meal-fed cows to the market. They were fed from 60 to 90 days, and are in pretty fair shape. They averaged 946 and sold for $2.65.

Jno. T. Bartlett sold a car of 16 head of bulls to Kay Bros. They were fed for one hundred days, and were in fair shape. They averaged 1420 pounds, bringing from $2.2[illegible] to $2.25.

J. D. Dearing of Electra, Tex., came in last Friday and secured barns and lots for the sale of thoroughbred horses, which will take place next month. See his announcement in this paper.

W. H. Royce, of Wilberton, I. T., bought a car of cows at the market. He is shipping them to his feed lots and will feed for some time. He reports cattle as very scarce in his locality.

John T. Teel, a shipper, was in from Frisco with hogs and cattle. His hogs, 48 head, averaged 145 pounds and brought him $6.30. He also sold 17 head which brought $6.50, averaging 269 pounds.

Dr. J. L. Murphy of Itasca was on the market Thursday. The Doctor is in the horse raising business, and has started a hog ranch to help supply the Fort Worth market. He is on the market for brood sows.

The organization of a bank to handle the business of the stock yards is agitating financial circles. In due time the bank will be ready for business, when announcement of the fact will be made in The Reporter.

Mr. Halsell of Decatur had 24 head of feed lot steers from his pens near the yards. They averaged 1041 pounds and sold at $3.30. Mr. Halsell has 9000 head of steers and cows at his lots on feed, and they are in very good condition.

A bunch of hornless cattle belonging to Mr. Hunter of Tarrant county, was the admiration of all of the stockmen at the yards Monday. There were about sixty in the lot and good judges pronounced them as being extra fine.

H. Morgan of Hebron, Texas, had in two cars of steers which he sold early in the day. They averaged 1041 and sold at $3.40. Mr. Hebron says he is very well pleased and thinks the Fort Worth yards are the best for Southwestern shippers.

Roberts & Haden of Blooming Grove had in 12 head of steers that were sold early in the day. They averaged 868 pounds and brought $2.90. This firm are new shippers to the Fort Worth market, and think it is the coming market of the south.

R. B. Whisenant of Allen, Texas, had in 71 head of seven-months old pigs, which sold for $6.40. They were a very fine bunch of pigs, smooth and in fair condition, and show that the breeding of hogs greatly helps the sale, and brings more money than scrubs.

The Cudahy Packing Co., of Los Angeles, Cal., bought 14 cars of fat steers at the yards the past few days, and shipped them to their packing house Monday evening. This company keeps a buyer at these yards constantly, and find they can get a good class of steers.

Ten car loads of cattle were started to the stock yards from New Boston, Monday, and when about 25 miles from the starting point, the train jumped the track, and about one-third of the steers, which were exceptionably good ones, were killed. The owner was bruised also.

Messrs. Roberts & Carter were on the market this week. They are from Paris, Lamar county, and report that their country is well stocked with cattle, especially steers of very good quality. The stockmen are holding their cattle until later, but small feeders are sending their stuff to market.

Parker Kellum of Valley Mills sold 84 sheep on the market Friday. They were fed 80 days and averaged 82½ pounds, and sold for $3.50. Mr. Kellum has 2000 head of sheep at his farm, but is not feeding them heavy. He expects to feed them and put them on the market by May 1.

Ben Amos of Sherman had 60 head of cows on the market. Mr. Amos figured that he would make money here in preference to going to the northern markets, and this is his first trip. He returned home well pleased with the sale of his stuff, and says he will come to this market regularly. The cows averaged 863 pounds, and one load brought $2.65, and the other $2.35.

Joe Ferris, a cattle feeder, of Sherman, had two loads of fat cows on the market. One load averaged 970 and sold for $2.65, and one 870 and sold for $2.35. Mr. Ferris has been shipping to the northern markets, but will now ship to this place, as his cattle will bring him more money here on account of less shrink.

Jas. W. Bates of Gilmer had in four car loads of cattle. They were made up of steers, cows and a few bulls. The steers averaged 709 pounds and sold for $3.40 and the cows were very good ones also. Mr. Bates was feeling pleased over the way stock is handled at the Fort Worth yards.

L. Hunter had in a drove of 56 he[illegible] of three-year-old steers from his l[illegible] near Fort Worth. They have been several months on light feed, not be[illegible] in a feed lot. They averaged 913 po[illegible] and sold for $3.40. Sansom Bros. chased the lot and will put them on heavy feed.

F. C. Laroe of Clifton, Texas, had in a load of 28 head of cows. They weighed 963 pounds and sold for $2.50. Mr. Laroe was greatly pleased with the sale of his stock, and says the stock yards and packing plants fill the needs of Texas stock raisers. Cattle in his vicinity are in good shape and quite plentiful.

Wichita Falls topped the market on hogs Wednesday. M. Bush sold 36 head which averaged 197 pounds, and sold for $6.55. C. H. Chester of the same place had a bunch of 16 pigs, which brought $6, and averaged 110 pounds. They were June and July stuff. He also sold 39, which averaged 280 pounds and sold for $6.35.

"Hog receipts at the Fort Worth yards will be light until fall," remarked a hog man at the pens. His reason for this is that there is a scarcity of marketable hogs in the country, and the young pigs will not be ready before fall. At the present prices there would be more on the market if they were in a condition to bring the best prices.

James Higby, a stockman from Missouri, came to town Saturday night and went down to the stock yards Monday morning, where he found everything far superior to what he expected to behold. "The big packing plants and stock yards," he said, "would be a credit to a city many times larger than Fort Worth." It increased his idea greatly about the live stock resources of Texas.

J. B. Artgeld, a stockman from Kansas, says that he has made several visits to the Fort Worth stock yards and that it is almost invariably the case that strangers who visit the yards go away highly pleased with the outlook down there. "While every one who comes here for the first time naturally expects to see extensive buildings and yards," Mr. Artgeld remarked, "the real thing is much beyond what they expected. If Texas had some of the big corn crops we raised in Kansas last year and we had some of their cattle, it would be greatly to the advantage of both states."

Humerous incidents occur frequently at the stock yards, and often at someone's expense. John Freeman came down from Jones county a few days since and brought with him a large ulster overcoat. He carried it around one warm day last week until it became a burden to him and finally hung it up in a wash room and was gone fifteen minutes. When he returned the coat had vanished. "It's an ill wind," said he, "that does not blow good to somebody. That coat was too heavy entirely for this climate, and it may be that my good angel put some needy individual up to stealing it who was about starting north for his health."

Texas Red Rust Proof Seed Oats,

Clear of Johnson grass. Two car loads just received. Marsh's Grain House, 311 West Weatherford St.

J. W. Montague of this city has been appointed receiver in the cattle case of Strahorn-Hutton-Evans Commission Company vs McCormick & Babb of Navarro county. Mr. Montague will file a $5000 bond, and will intervene in the Navarro county receivership and ask that the property in litigation be transferred to the jurisdiction of this court.

Cottonseed Meal for Hogs.

A. Stuckler, a stock farmer of Medina county, Texas, tells the San Antonio Stockman that he fattens his hogs on cottonseed meal. The Stockman says: Mr. Stuckler, in the course of his conversation in our office, referred to the prevailing idea that cotton seed meal is a dangerous feed for hogs. He said that he has been feeding cottonseed meal with the very best results for many years and he has not lost an animal that he knows of by reason of feeding these products. He is also of the opinion that cottonseed meal is the best and cheapest available for the Texas swine products to put on the fat. Only a few days ago he marketed a load of hogs at this market which were in splendid condition and averaged 480 pounds in weight. His method of feeding is as follows: He uses a five gallon can which he fills with water and heats to the boiling point in which he places three quarts of cottonseed meal and eight quarts of bran. The meal and bran will cook dry. He feeds his hogs in this manner twice a day, and the amount of feed given above he considers good for ten head at each feeding. Mr. Stuckler considers the flavor of meat of hogs fed in this manner just as good as if finished on corn. He says that he has experimented with all kinds of feed and finds this ration the cheapest and best. Out in his section the farmers are all busy preparing ground for reception of crops and are getting along well with the work and there is every prospect that 1903 will prove a banner crop for Medina county. Mr. Stuckler has 150 acres in Johnson grass and says it is the best feed in the world and that instead of getting rid of it he only wishes he had a larger acreage sown to this valuable plant.

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Children's Reefer Jackets, worth $1.25 to $1 98 for.....90c
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Ladies' gray Walking Skirts, worth $3.00 to $5.00 for....$2.45
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Choice of 75c and $1.00 Outing Gowns for.....48c

And Don't Overlook These.

20 dozen Children's heavy ribbed 10c Hose, 4 pair for.....25c
50 dozen very fine Men's Half Hose, in black, tan, blue or red, a pair.....5c
10 dozen Boys' and Men's Caps, worth 25c to 50c, for each..15c
Ladies' heavy fleeced Hose, 15c grade for, a pair.....10c
Ladies' heavy ribbed Vests, 15c grade for.....12c
Ladies' Corsets, "odd lot worth 25c to 50c," for each.....15c
Ladies' Corsets, odd lot worth 75c and $1.00, for each.....39c
Choice of Ladies' 75c to $1 25 Belts for.....48c
Corticelli and Belding Knitting Silks, worth 25c a spool, odd lots, a spool.....10c
Ladies' hemstitched Handkerchiefs, worth 5c, each for.....3c
Ladies' embroidered corner Handkerchiefs, worth 7c, each...4c
Boys' all Wool Sweaters, $1.00 and $1.25 grade, at.....75c

Here Are Different Bargains.

300 yards Black Silk, different kinds, worth 75c to 98c, yard at.....48c
10 pieces Albatross, light shades, worth 50c, for, a yard....25c
54-inch Broadcloths, Venetian and Meltons, plain or mixed effects, $1.25 grade, a yard.....89c
New line spot Knickerbocker Suitings, a yard.....25c

And These Linen Values.

5 pieces all Linen Unbleached Table Damask, never less than 39c, now a yard.....25c
8 pieces 72-inch Silver Bleached Table Damask, worth $1.00 and $1.25, a yard at.....89c
Fine Honeycomb Towels, 20x45, worth 25c a pair, at each...8c
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Feb. 3.—United States rney Stripling received in- by letter from Attorney Knox to institute at once in- in proceedings against George W. kins to restrain that gentleman om draining Lake Washington, at the head of St. Johns river, into the In- dian river by a canal through Elbow creek.

Last November application was made for government sanction for the drainage of Lake Washington, which, it is claimed, is not drained by the St. Johns river except in time of high water. A canal was to be cut to the Atlantic coast, which is only a few miles distant. The announcement created great discussion at points down the St. Johns river, and the Jacksonville board of trade made active efforts to prevent permission for cutting the canal. The case is to be brought before Judge Locke at an early date.

WAGE INCREASE.

Committee of Trainmen and Railroad Officials Confer at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—Conferences between the officiated of the Cotton Belt here and the committee of trainmen to arrange for a wage increase were resumed Monday. The men have asked for a substantial raise but as yet no proposition has been submitted for their consideration. The trainmen refuse to accept the offer of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway company and negotiations are off for the time being.

The poll on the proposition of the Missouri Pacific is still being taken. Further conferences are being held between the officials of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway and representatives of the order of Railway Conductors and the order of Railway Trainmen.

FORTY BILLS.

The House of Representatives Has Passed That Number Monday.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The house Monday passed about forty bills under suspension of the rules. The most important of them was a bill authorizing a resumption of the negotiations with Great Britain for the preservation of the Alaska fur seals and to give the secretary of the treasury authority, if a modus vivendi is not concluded prior to the opening of the pelagic sealing season this year, to exterminate the seal herd on the Pribyloy Islands, except 10,000 females and 1000 males.

The senate bill appropriating $1,500,000 for a new department of agricultural building was passed. Among other bills passed were one to create a new division of the eastern district of Texas.

Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The president has appointed the following postmasters:

Indian Territory—David C. Blissom, Atoka; Chas. B. Ramsey, Davis; Samuel S. Cobb, Wagoner.

Texas—Wm. E. Sayers, Sr., Bay City; Jos. M. Gurley, Greenville.

Louisiana—George J. Riley, Clinton.

Much Yellow Fever.

Guayaquil, Feb. 3.—There are about fifty cases of yellow fever here. During the month of January ninety-nine persons died of the disease, forty-nine in the first fortnight and fifty-six in the second. The rainy season is expected to make a favorable change in the fever situation.

Engineer Burned to Death.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 3.—A Gazette special from Van Buren says a head on collision occurred at Winslow about thirty miles from here on the 'Frisco road, in which Engineer Hugh Cronin was caught under the wreckage and burned to death. Winslow is at the north end of a tunnel. The north bound train came out of the tunnel and crashed into a train in the yards.

Large Land Purchase.

Memphis, Feb. 3.—Announcement was made that the Illinois Central Railway company had purchased 306 acres of land adjacent to its tracks a short distance south of the city limits. This purchase is a part of the plan to increase terminal facilities in Memphis recently announced by Second Vice President J. T. Harahan. Other extensive expenditures will shortly be made.

German Minister Dies Suddenly.

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 3.—The German minister to Chile, Count von Stell Rudenhauson, died suddenly.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The first white child born in Oklahoma died at Guthrie Sunday.

Surveying corps of Dawes commission have finished their work.

Farmers' National bank of Vinita, I. T., capital stock $25,000, has been chartered.

An unknown man threw himself under a train near Kerrville, Tex., and instantly killed.

TOP OF THE WORLD.

hern Texas and the Fructivity of the Cheapest Soil in America.

The Santa Fe train which leaves Wichita in the evening, bound southwest across Oklahoma and Northern Texas, for the Pecos valley, was thundering down towards Amarillo in the the pink glare of a crisp January morning. From the windows of the sleeping car the face of earth lay fixed and eyeless as the floor of a summer sea. Olive brown, sometimes undulous, but reaching far and wide, treeless, houseless, it seemed as if you could see to the ends of a flat world and as if the groaning train, flying towards the final precipice, must drop over the edge of an abyss to which there could be neither side nor bottom. A party of men and women, staring out upon this unfamiliar scene, were discussing their whereabouts.

"I tell you it must be the desert," said one. "Just wait a minute, and I'll ask that old chap."

He crossed the aisle to a white-haired man whose face was like a boy's, whose eyes were blue and bright and whose firm muscular fingers thrummed lightly against the window-sill.

"Excuse me, sir," said the polite tourist, "I thought you might know this region."

"Know it? Well, I guess," drawled the old fellow, smiling frankly.

"We had an argument about what place we were in. You see, we're easterners, and it looks strange, awful strange, to us. Now, I said it was a desert, must be a desert you know, because—because —"

"Because why?" quizzed the veteran, turning his twinkling eyes upon his questioner.

"Oh, there are no trees, no rivers, and we haven't passed a farm for nearly half an hour."

"Well, my friend," said the amused "native," "so far as the name goes, this here country is called variously; some call it the Panhandle, some the short grass country, and further on it's the Staked Plains, according to the geographies. I call it God's country, and that's what it is."

"Why do you call it so, sir?"

"It must have taken him over a million years to make it and I suspect that it's a pretty good job. Desert?" continued the old man, warming up to his snuject, and pointing out across the reaches of the plains. "See that lake over there? It's been there two years now, and it was filled and fed with the rain and snow which falls here to the tune of about twenty inches annually. Nobody ever drilled a well in this region without striking water. I remember when there wasn't a fence nor a town in all the fifteen or twenty million acres of it. I've fought Indians and herded cattle over it since I was a boy and up to ten years ago I didn't know all about it either.

"In the old days of free ranges, before the fences, this whole region—and it's bigger than some of your Eastern states—was just a big pasture for cattle. And a cracking good pasture it was, and is, for that matter. See that short, brown grass stretched like a Brussels carpet over the whole plains? Well, that is a native grass sowed by the wind of centuries, nourished unfailingly by the rain or snow, and cured on the ground by the wind and sun without the aid of man. Where in the East or the North does the hay 'cure itself,' so to speak, without being cut and handled? That grass and the hundreds of natural basins which become lakes in the wet season, made this the ideal cattle country in the old days.

"We did not even dream of planting crops, for the horizon was our division fence, and we drove cattle at will, like the conquering armies of old, to fresh and rich forage, as we needed it. But when the state of Texas began to partition her counties, extend her laws and sell her lands out here, the scope of the cattle business was contracted. Tracts which seem vast to an Easterner, farms—we call them ranches—of hundreds of thousands of acres, were fenced, and it became necessary to bore wells and think of supplementing the natural grass forage with other crops. It seemed strange at first to us old-timers to have to buy land, much less seed and farm implements, and I remember well hearing one old cow puncher say he wouldn't give ten cents a square mile for any land with a fence around it. But the smart ones, and some of the best cattlemen that ever rode the plains, bought, and bought big. It didn't cost them much—maybe one, two, three dollars an acre, but they got richer and richer, for as soon as we found out that these high plains would grow planted fodder crops, the value of the land commenced to get real and not visionary.

"George Littlefield, for instance—he's a capitalist now and always a cattleman—he's a banker at Austin, and one of the old-timers that rose with the situation, with the change of circumstances. He bought about three hundred thousand acres, the Yellow House ranch, in the heart of the Panhandle—you'll come near it on your way further west, and he wouldn't sell it now. He means to keep it for the sure value, the comparatively big value, it will reach when eastern and northern, yes, and southern, cattlemen find out that they can do better, and surer, with a less investment and effort out here than anywhere else. Of course, he's what you'd call a big operator, but there's a lot of little fellows doing just as well only on a small scale."

In all this northern-western area of Texas, squalor is unknown and crime remains only in the still thrilling tales told by the pioneers of a quarter of a century ago. In these counties the courts have convened time and again without a single case showing upon their dockets.

The hard-drinking, wild-riding, revolver-shooting cowboy of the past has faded into history with the war-painted Indian, the scout and the desperado. The glamour and romance of the older day are gone, and in their places have come the church, the school, the library and the club. It may not be the proper country for the man who likes to sit on a dry goods box and whittle, or who settles the fate of states and nations in a chat over the back fence; nor yet for the man who would lean forever upon nature and his fellow-man; but for the aggressive, alert cattleman, who knows his business, and who does not make a practice of "paying off" his old mortgage with "new notes," it is the place of places to come and say "This shall be my home." JOHN H. RAFTERY.

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CONDITIONS IN SOUTH TEXAS.

Cattle Doing Well, and Preparing for the Fort Worth Market.

Charles Isaacson of Kansas City talks to the Drovers Telegram, of conditions in Texas. The Telegram says: Just before coming home he visited the cattle country around San Antonio in the Lone Star state. Mr. Isaacson says the condition of live stock down that way at present is far above par. "Old time cattlemen told me" said he, "that not for ten years have cattle been in as good shape as at present, nor have the prospects for a heavy movement to the markets and to Northern pastures been brighter. Cattle will go to the territory this spring in 100 per cent better condition than they arrived in last year.

"The native grasses are luxuriant. Mesquite and other forage plants of the plains are growing nicely throughout the entire San Antonio district. There are a good many cattle feeding on cottonseed meal down that way. I saw several bunches of steers numbering around a thousand head each. The movement of fed stock is now beginning in force and will be brisk for the next thirty days. St. Louis is right in line with this trade, but the present winter is about the last in which that mart will enjoy a monopoly of the San Antonio output of fed beeves. Another season will see the two big plants at Fort Worth in operation and cattlemen down that way say the St. Louis stock will be deflected Fort Worthward. I paid a visit to the new packing houses while in Fort Worth and was surprised at their size. Each one will compare favorably with the average house at Kansas City, and they are of the most modern and approved type. Compared with the big Armour plant at Kansas City they look rather small, but the plants are large enough to give Fort Worth a great impetus as a live stock consuming center."

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The Drouth in Australia.

A lady correspondent writes the Boerne Post-Critic the following vivid description of the sufferings brought on by the remarkable drouth in that far-off land:

Rain, rain at last! Never in the history of Australia has there been such a drouth all over the colonies at once. Beef has been selling at 16 cents a pound, usual price 6 cents. Shops have been closed in many towns for some time past, owing to the high prices demanded for cattle. "Fats" sold in Sydney at $135. We have exhausted our funds feeding starving stock to keep them alive. Farmers' children in Victoria living on molasses and bran and clothed in sacks, homesteads deserted by families and camping out in the brush, living like the blacks. It is a bitter tale. One old squatter 73 years old writes that there would be nothing left to pay their debts, only two skeletons of horses living. He walked 15 miles every day pulling cattle out of the bogs and skinning them. If they could only get their hides sent away to buy "tucker" they would be thankful. Sheep were trucked from Sydney side here, to Miriam Vale district, in search of grass, which never took place before. Now it is all over, for the rain is pouring down.

Woodenware—We have it. Call and see.
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Miami Chief: J. E. Stanley came in from his Wheeler county ranch on Christmas day to see his family here, and remain some time. Mr. Stanley has just returned from below the quarantine, near Baird, Texas, with a herd of sixteen hundred head of steer yearlings which he says are extra good, better than any natives he has seen, and this is saying a good deal, for the Panhandle country is hard to beat on cattle.

FEED CORN TO STOCK.

Good Advice From a Veteran Stock Farmer of Missouri.

"Missouri can certainly show the world how to raise corn and wheat," said John Carter, a stockman from that state, who was a visitor at the yards yesterday. The county of St. Charles, which had a very large acreage of wheat and corn the past year, distanced the record by averaging forty-two bushels of wheat to the acre, and corn in proportion. David Rankin, who owns and operates a seventeen-thousand-acre farm in Atchison county, had several acres of both cereals, and he, too, beat the record in both products. Mr. Rankin is a man who holds it to be a great folly for a farmer to sell a bushel of corn and it is an old saying of his that when he sells a bushel of his corn he wants his prosperity to stop. His motto is: feed every ear of corn you have to hogs or cattle, and if you have not stock enough to eat your corn, buy more, and if you have more stock than corn, buy more corn if it can be had at all reasonably. His plan seems to have worked well, for he has been one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers in the state of Missouri.

Carpenters' tools—low prices.
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Buys Great Buffalo Herd.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 26.—The largest herd of buffalo in the world has just changed hands. There are seventy-five of the animals in the bunch, the nucleus of which was five small buffalo calves captured in 1892. At that time the Dupree family was out on a hunt and captured the little calves, which were part of an immense herd on the Little Missouri river. They were carefully cared for, and since the first five years the increase has been very heavy. At different times animals have been sold to menageries and zoological gardens throughout the country, but in the main they have been permitted to roam at will over the 1000 acre tract upon which they were confined, and consequently have lost none of their shyness. James W. Phillips, a wealthy, ranchman has purchased the entire herd, and has removed them to his ranch, twenty-five miles above this city. He has enclosed an immense tract of fine grazing land with a strong fence twelve feet high, and this will be the home of the world's greatest buffalo herd hereafter.

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Cattle Feeding in Louisiana.

B. B. Smith of Shreveport, La., while in Kansas City said to a reporter for the Drover's Telegram:

"There are more cattle on feed in Louisiana this year than last, but not so many as two years ago. Shreveport will turn off 6000 steers from the mills, about one-half of which have already been shipped. At Monroe, the season will see 2500 head turned off, and other small mills will put up from 400 to 600 head each. The supply is by no means excessive, however. Most of our stock is fattening well and the bulk of it will be marketed by the middle of February. From then on there will be a stringency of supplies. Last year we marketed very few steers in the North for the reason that the supply of fat cattle down our way was so limited local butchers offered us better prices than did Kansas City or St. Louis packers. This winter, however, the situation has changed greatly and we are again shipping steers from our section."

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An Experiment With Ticks.

The Midland Reporter tells of an experiment to be made with ticks:

C. M. Cauble of Albany, Texas, purchased of Scharbauer Bros., three registered calves that were but a few days old, and paid for the same $75 around. They will be shipped to him today. Mr. Cauble purchased these three youngsters for the purpose of perfecting an experiment, which he has already made. He will take them below the quarantine line and let them become good and ticky. Then he will doctor them and, he says, they will be all right. He remarks that the young calves will withstand the vicissitudes of the ticky mixtures better than the old cows, and that if he is successful in this experiment he will then begin to operate on cattle for the same effect. We hope he will meet big and perfect results.

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21-inch high, 12-inch stays, barbed wire at bottom.
42-inch high, 6-inch stays, barbed wire at bottom.
54-inch high, 6-inch stays, barbed wire at bottom.
Barbed wire, painted.
Barbed wire, galvanized.
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Col. W. L. Black of Menard county tells the San Antonio Stockman that he is experimenting with macaroni wheat. He planted a field of forty acres some time in September last and in November he turned in fifty head of cattle to graze it off, but they hardly made any impression on it, and later he turned in three hundred and seventeen head, and this forty acre patch kept that number of cattle two weeks before it was eaten off.

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Tyranny Reacts.

The late Russian minister of the interior, M. Siplagin, banished without trial 61,000 persons, including socialist leaders and men of education. His successor, M. Plehwe, has found it necessary to persuade many of these to return to their homes, as it has been found that the expulsion of so many professional men and scientists has affected the general welfare of the country and even its industrial development.

Finds Banks a Necessity.

The necessity of having banks which will advance money on crops, either in the field or in storage, or will loan on real estate or chattels, has become so manifest throughout Brazil, particularly in states that rely upon agriculture, that the state of Bahia has taken the matter in hand and, by recent legislation, has granted special privileges for the establishment of such a concern.

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In a Sad Predicament.

A vaudeville artist recently adopted four pickaninnies, ranging in age from 4 to 6 years, in order that she might use them in a comedy sketch. Now she has lost her voice and her employment, and will be obliged to hustle for a livelihood in some other field in order to support the little negroes until they shall be 21.

Chance for Young Peo

A London pastor proposes church services in the earl women worshipers will not ed to make the occasion o study of hats and gowns. F ly different but perfectly n sons such services are li liberally attended by young

The Original Philosop

The normal man starts o with a profound respect fo After a while this feelin evolved itself into reveren tempt, depending less upon en the man has met man man himself.—Baltimore Am

High Compensation.

A widow whose husband in the terrible railway a the New York tunnel sued pany for damages, and was $105,000, which is said to be est compensation ever paid loss of a husband.

Silver Girdles Ag

Silver girdles are coming there are also evidences of th lar of some years ago reapp neck ornaments.

Great Britain's Mines and

Great Britain has 11,121 quarries. From these was year over 275 million tons o and ores.

WORTH RAILWAY SCHEDULE

AGO, ROCK ISLAND & TEXAS RY. A
"Rock Island Route."

	Arrive
Omaha and Mo. River	a 7 20 pm
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RIVER, TEXAS & SOUTHERN RY.

	Arr from north
K.C & St L Mail and Ex	a 2 55 pm

T WORTH & RIO GRANDE RY. A

	Arrive from south
Mail and Express	a 10 55 am
mixed	a 6 00 am

WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. A

	Arrive
Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo Mail and Ex	a 5 10 pm
Colorado Express	a 6 00 am
Accommodation	a 9 55 am

, COLORADO AND SANTA FE. C

	Arr. from North
Kan. C. & Chicago Ex & Mail	a 9 00 pm
Kan. C. & Chicago Fast Ex.	a 7 45 am

	Arr. from South
Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex	a 8 20 pm
Houston & San Antonio & Galveston Mail & Express	a 7 05 am

CTION & TEXAS CENTRAL C

	Arrive
Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex.	a 8 20 pm
Houston & Gal. Mail & Ex.	a 9 30 am
Louisiana Mixed	a12 15 pm

, KANSAS AND TEXAS. A

	Arr. from North
"Katy Flyer"	a 7 45 pm
Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago Mail & Ex	a 7 10 am
Kan. City, St. Louis & Chicago, Fast Express	a 5 10 pm

	Arr. from South
Houston and Gal. and San Antonio, "Katy Flyer"	a 8 10 am
Houston Mail & Ex	a10 55 am
Houston Mail & Ex	a10 50 pm

COTTON BELT ROUTE. A

	Arrive
Memp. & St. L. Mail & Ex.	a 6 25 am
Memp. & St. L. Mail & Ex.	a 6 25 pm

TEXAS AND PACIFIC A

Main Line via Marshall.	Arr. from East
St. Louis Cannon Ball	a 7 55 pm
St. Louis Mail & Ex	a 6 30 pm
St. Louis & Memp. Fast Ex.	a 7 45 am
Dallas News Train	a 5 20 am
Dallas & Weath'ford Local	a 2 55 pm
Dallas Local	
Dallas & Wills Point Local	a11 30 am
Dallas Local	a 5 10 pm

Main Line West.	Arr. from West
Abilene Mail & Express	a 4 15 pm
Weatherford Local	a10 15 am
El Paso & California Mail & Express	a 6 30 am

ontinental Division via Sherman.

	Arrive
Texarkana & St. Louis Mail & Express	a 6 10 pm

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Prohibition.

te of Texas, County of Tarrant, in missioners Court, January term, A. D

pecial term of the Commissioners and for Tarrant county, Texas, held th day of January A. D. 1903, the re- an election held in the Riverside istrict No. 43, a subdivision of Tarrant Texas, to determine whether or not the toxicating liquors shall be prohibited Riverside school district aforesaid, ed in court, showing that 47 votes "for prohibition" and one vote was ainst prohibition" in said Riverside istrict No. 43, a subdivision of Tarrant Texas, described by metes and bounds, Beginning at the northeast corner E. Waller survey; thence west to the corner of the J. Little survey; th to the northwest corner of said survey; thence east to the northeast the L. J. Tinsley survey; thence south east line of said Tinsley survey to the corne of the S. Elliott survey; st to the Trinity river; thence up said the corporate limits of the city of Fort thence north with the east corporate the city of Fort Worth to the place of

ring to the court that a majority of cast at said electi n, in said Riverside istrict No. 43, hereinabefore described and bounds, were "for prohibition," efore considered and ordered by the t the sale of intoxicating liquors with- iverside School District No. 43, afore- ept the sale of wine for sacramental , and alcoholic stimulants as medicine of actual sickness, be and the same is bsolutely prohibited until such time alified voters therein may at a legal held for the purpose by a majority de otherwise.

y certify that the above is a true copy minutes of said court. Given under and the seal of said court, this the of January, 1903.

R. L. ROGERS,
Clerk County Court and Ex-officio missioners' Court of Tarrant County,

By J. F. PROSSER, Deputy.

Notice to Creditors.

Texas, Tarrant County:—Notice to of A. B. Miller.

hereby notified that A. B. Miller of th, Texas, on the 5th day of January, ed a deed of assignment, conveying ndersigned all his property for the efit of his creditors as will consent eir proportional share of his estate ge him from their respective claims. undersigned has accepted said trust, alified as required by law. All cred ding to said assignment must, with- months after the publication of this ice known to the assignee their con- ring, and within six months from the his notice, file their claims, as pre- by law, with the undersigned, who re- Fort Worth, Texas, which is also his address.

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POWERS SO NOTIFIED

The Ten and Twenty Per Cent Division Proposition Is Declared to Be Absolutely Offensive to Modern Civilization.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the negotiations at Washington for a settlement of the claims against that country, has sent through the British ambassador at Washington what amounts to an ultimatum to the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, regarding their insistence for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela. This note was cabled at once to London, copies of it being transmitted to the Italian and German embassies for transmission to Rome and Berlin. It is in reply to the proposal submitted at a joint conference of the negotiators by the British ambassador that the allied powers be allowed two-thirds of 30 per cent of the customs receipts of the ports of Guayra and Porto Cabello, and that the United States and the other claimant nations, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Spain and Norway and Sweden content themselves with the remaining one-third of this percentage; that is, 10 per cent of the receipts of those two posts.

In the note received by the British ambassador from Mr. Bowen the latter refuses point blank the proposal for a 20 and 10 per cent division on the ground to recognize the principle it embodies it would be absolutely offensive to modern civilization. In view of the fact that the negotiators are agreed on all save the question of preferential treatment, the ambassador is informed that Venezuela has decided to submit the question to The Hague tribunal. The acceptance of this proposal, Venezuela contends, carries with it a raising of the blockade, the general understanding being that the blockade would end when the negotiators at Washington had reached an agreement.

It is understood that in refusing this last proposal submitted by the British ambassador on behalf of the allies, Mr. Bowen takes the ground that he cannot accept in principle the contention that blockades and bombardments of forts and the consequent killing of helpless men, women and children entitles any power or alliance of powers to preferential treatment at the hands of a civilized nation.

ARMY APPROPRIATION.

That Measure Was Under Consideration by the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The senate discussed army appropriation bill Monday. It was about to be passed when Mr. Pettus of Alabama requested that it go over to permit some amendments to be offered. During the reading of the bill Messrs Hale and Cockrell got into a discussion over the general staff provision, the former contending that it was general legislation and had no place in the bill. Mr. Cockrell insisted otherwise.

Mr. Quay, during the discussion, injected the remark that the provision was properly in the bill. The point of order against general legislation was not pressed.

Mr. Berry criticised as remarkable a defense made several days ago by Mr. Proctor of Vermont of Captain Brownell, said to have been connected with the death of Father Augustin in the Philippines.

The committee amendments to the army bill were agreed to. An amendment by Mr. Foraker was agreed to authorizing the president to appoint an officer of the signal corps as chief of the telegraph and cipher bureau of the white house with the rank of major.

An amendment by Mr. Macon was also agreed to appropriating $2,000,000 to supply and equip the organized militia of the several states in accordance with the militia bill recently passed. An amendment by Mr. Teller was agreed to, granting officers who have been retired by reason of wounds or disability incurred in active service equal benefits enjoyed by other officers in cases of retirements.

The statehood bill was up for a short time and Messrs. Bard and Quarrels spoke in opposition to it. After an executive session of ten minutes the senate adjourned at 4:30 p. m., out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Rumple of Iowa.

Called at State Department.

Washington, Feb. 3.—M. Jusserand, the new French ambassador, who arrived in Washington Saturday night, called at the state department Monday accompanied by M. Boefueve, the chancellor of the French embassy. The ambassador speaks English perfectly and had half an hour's private conversation with Secretary Hay. No date has yet been fixed for his presentation at the white house.

Slain on His Porch.

Ardmore, I. T., Feb. 3.—John White, a store keeper of Ardmore, was shot and killed while standing on his front porch. Federal officers have arrested Lawrence James an Indian at Connersville.

BOERS AT AUSTIN.

They Were the Recipients of a Hearty Welcome in That City.

Austin, Feb. 3.—Dr. F. W. Reitz, former president of the Orange Free State, and his party, arrived here Monday afternoon. They were given a most cordial reception by the governor and by the legislature, and seemingly were greatly impressed with the representatives of Texas.

When Governor Lanham received the party in his receptionroom he told them he was glad to extend them a welcome; that there was a bond of sympathy between Texans and the Boers, for the Boers, like the people of the south, had fought for a hopeless but glorious cause. Dr. Reitz was moved to tears at the governor's words.

From the governor's receptionroom the party was escorted to the hall of representatives, to which they had been invited by a resolution passed during the morning session, and to which Mr. Schluter spoke eloquently. There the members of both branches of the legislature, state officials and many citizens were presented to them.

At 3:30 o'clock an informal meeting of the members of the legislature was held, with Representative R. C. Duff presiding. The visitors were escorted to the speaker's stand by Speaker Neff and Representatives Standifer and Kyle.

Mr. Duff welcomed them in an eloquent speech.

In reporting Dr. Reitz spoke briefly. His remarks were frequently applauded, especially his declaration that he would not live under a tyrant.

Hon. A. W. Terrell of Austin was called upon for a speech and paid a glowing tribute to the Boers, extending to such of them as wished to leave their home in South Africa a cordial invitation to come to Texas.

The chair appointed Speaker Neff and Messrs. Standifer, Peeler, Mays and Love a committee to escort the visitors over the capitol and show them the halls.

HOUSE COURTESIES.

They Are Extended to the Party of Visiting Boers.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 3.—Mr. Schluter offered a resolution extending the courtesies of the house to Dr. F. R. Reitz of South Africa, formerly chief justice of the South African republic and secretary of state during the war, and the members of his party now in Texas seeking a suitable location for a Boer colony.

In a few appropriate remarks, Mr. Schluter highly eulogized the courage of the Boers as shown during the recent war in South Africa and said they would make fine citizens of Texas, should they decide to locate in the state.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

House bill by Mr. Love, providing for the appointment of official stenographers for the district courts of one county or less, was discussed.

To Postpone Action.

Austin, Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the house committee on penitentiaries it was decided, on the author's suggestion, to postpone action on Mr. Guinn's bill providing for the continuation and enlargement of the iron industry at the Rusk penitentiary until a return of a subcommittee which is to be sent to Rusk next week with the members of the new penitentiary board to investigate the subject.

Coming in Slowly.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 3.—Tax collectors are slowly footing up the total poll taxes paid in the respective counties. In many instances parties have paid the poll tax twice and in paying taxes on real or personal property the poll has been included.

Car Windows Smashed.

Waterbury, Cann., Feb. 3.—The first disturbance of Monday evening occurred at the railway power house in the Brooklyn district, where the Blues, a New Haven company were stationed on patrol. The rain early in the evening was succeeded by a thick fog which made it difficult to distinguish objects half a block away. Taking advantage of this a gang of hoodlums gathered across the street from the power house and threw stones at empty cars. The windows on one side of the cars were smashed.

Revolutionary Circular.

Caracas, Feb. 3.—A revolutionary circular was distributed Monday dated Curacao, Dec. 27. It reads: "General Matos' committee has received a notification from Europe that the Venezuelan blockade will not be raised, if it ever is raised, for several weeks longer. The revolutionists should join the army before Feb. 5, to march on Caracas."

Venezuelan Company Formed.

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 3.—The Venezuela Company, which was organized several days ago to enlist men for colonization in Venezuela, has it was said, booked more than 1000 men all with military training and some of whom are said to have held commissions in the United States army and navy. Applications for membership are pouring in from all parts of the United States and Canada. The company expects to secure large land grants from the Venezuelan government.

Given a Whipping.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Feb. 3.—Eight negroes in the Libby community have been whipped and forced to leave.

Supreme Court Takes a Recess.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The United States supreme court took a recess for three weeks.

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

About Two Hundred Odd Fellows Were Present as Delegates.

Dallas, Feb. 3.—Monday the encampment of Texas Odd Fellows was called to order, Grand Patriarch C. L. Elder of Gainesville presiding.

On calling the roll the following grand officers were noted as being absent: Harry Eeles, grand high priest, and J. W. Butler of Tyler, grand senior warden. Latter came later.

The advance reports of the last year of the grand senior officer, which showed an increase in both membership and finances, was adopted.

On roll call thirty-eight encampments were accredited with having delegates present.

The new officers installed for the ensuing year were: Grand patriarch, H. G. Schnelle, who was unanimously elected in place of Harry Eeles, resigned; J. W. Butler of Tyler, high priest; J. G. Gossett of Denison, Grand senior warden; J. E. Ritroad of Fort Worth, grand junior warden; S. W. Porter of Sherman, grand treasurer, and Charles L. Sauer of San Antonio, re-elected to the sixth term as grand scribe.

John Spellman of Dallas was elected grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge, to be held in Baltimore in September.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

Officials Gratified Over Success of Sunday Closing Movement.

City of Mexico, Feb. 3.—The authorities on receiving the reports of the results of the Sunday closing of bar rooms and all drinking places for the lower classes were much gratified. All bar-rooms and pulque shops were closed sharply at noon Sunday and no attempt was made in this city or any of the towns in the federal district to evade the law. There were no rear door or side entrances.

Foreigners resident here were surprised to find the law so universally obeyed. The result on criminal statistics was at once felt, there having been only one-fifth of the usual number of arrests. This fact justifies the law in the eyes of all respectable and law abiding people and the federal district government is praised for its effective temperance work.

The federal district government has in contemplation other measures for controlling the liquor trade with a view to diminishing the volume of crime and misery.

General Viljoon, the Boer leader lectured here on the Boer war, its causes and how it was waged.

HUNTER ACQUITTED.

Young Man Charged With the Killing of Fitzgerald Is Free.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 3.—According to a cablegram received here from Guatemala City by William Hunter from his father, Dr. Godfrey Hunter, formerly United States minister to Guatemala, Godfrey Hunter, Jr., was acquitted of the murder of William Fitzgerald of Grand Rapids, Mich., in Guatemala City several months ago. The message of Mr. Hunter states that during the trial thirty-six witnesses swore to the fact that there was a conspiracy against the life of Godfrey Hunter, Jr. Mr. William Hunter stated that his father and brother would return to the United States at once.

BREWERY WORKERS.

One Hundred and Fifty Delegates in Session at Cincinnati.

Cincinatti, Feb. 3—One hundred and fifty delegates from all parts of the country were present when the convention of United Brewery Workers reconvened here.

The committeee on credentials reported favorably upon all the delegates except the fourteen from New York who were not accorded seats. It was charged that they took sides with the brewers in the recent triuble which grew out of the purisliction over engineers and firemen, and that at the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor at New Orleans, they made an eqort to have the charter of the brewery workers revoked. It was stated that the action was taken against the delegates personally and not against their union.

Militia Strength of States.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Secretary Root transmitted to the house an abstract of the returnes made to the adjutant general of the army by the adjutant generals of the various states showing the militia strength of the states to be as follows: Officers 8921, enlisted men 109,338. The aggregate of persons in the United States available for militia duty is given as 10,853,396.

Charter Granted.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 3.—A territorial charter was granted Monday at the Blackwell and Northeastern Railroad company to take the place of Blackwell, Enid and Southwestern, the property of which passed into the hands of the Frisco system. The new company has a capital stock of $50,000.

Texas Items.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The house sundry civil appropriation bill carries among other items $125,000 for Dallas, $15,000 for Beaumont and like amount for Waco, $300,000 for Galveston harbor, Galveston ship canal and Buffalo bayou, $500,000, and Trinity river, $250,000.

Hayes Denounced.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 3.—At a meeting of negroes resolutions strongly condemnatory of the utterances recently made by Jas. Hayes, colored, in Washington were adopted, and a committee was appointed to secure a hall for a mass meeting.

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The Value of a "Smile."

Delegate Mark Smith of Arizona came into the house restaurant in Washington and joined some congressmen who were discussing an address recently delivered to an association of dry goods and other clerks on "The Commercial Value of a Smile." Mr. Smith was asked what he thought of the matter and he answered: "I have just settled, and my experience leads me to the conclusion that two smiles cost a quarter."

Irish and Scotch Landlords.

There are in Ireland twenty-two landlords owning over 50,000 acres, while there are in Scotland forty-seven. One of the broadest-acred of the Scottish landlords is the prime minister, who owns just 90,000 acres, with a rent roll of some $100,000. The laird of lairds is, of course, the Duke of Sutherland, who possesses over a million and a quarter acres, which bring him in some $350,000 per annum.

Hanna Not Afraid of Spells.

Somebody asked Senator Hanna if he was not afraid because of the letter he had from an Ohio pensioner which said the writer had cast a spell of rheumatism on the Senator because he had not secured an increase in pension for the Ohioan. "Pshaw!" said Hanna. "If I could get rid of my rheumatism by getting pensions I would camp out at the pension office."

"Systems" in Gambling.

Labouchere, the London editor and wit, used to be a regular visitor to Monte Carlo, but that was a good many years ago. In the old days he used to follow a certain plan of play, which is known there to this day as "le systeme Labouchere." Not long ago someone asked him regarding this system and he replied: "Ah, many millions have been won through it—I mean by M. Blanc, owner of the gambling salon."

Gen. Corbin's Rebuke.

A recently appointed second lieutenant in the army on his first public appearance at one of the President's receptions had some difficulty with his sword and tripped over it several times while he was in the line. It got between his legs and dangled about in a most perplexing way. "Young man," said Major General Corbin in a most kindly manner, "that thing you are wearing is a sword, not a hurdle."

Great Saving of Electricity.

A novel scheme has recently been evolved by which a train will not only be lighted by electricity, but the power will be obtained by a rotary fan attached to the front end of the locomotive. Tests have shown that on an ordinary train five cars can be illuminated in a night, and that the battery in the morning will have nearly its maximum charge of electricity.

"But where to find that happiest spot below;
Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —Goldsmith.

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The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway inaugurated in September a new train to run between Dallas and Shreveport. The service was so popular that connections have placed in service additional trains, whereby passengers can use the new "Katy" train, and make sure connections for Meridian, Birmingham and intermediate points.

By this means passengers will be able to start from Dallas, Texas at 9 p. m., Greenville 11 p. m., arrive at Shreveport 6 a. m., Meridian at 6:10 p. m., Birmingham 11:15 p. m., arriving at Atlanta at 6:30 a. m.

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MANSFIELD.

The farmers are very busy. Sandy land farmers are plowing and cleaning up land preparatory to planting a crop and the black land cotton raisers are busy in picking their top crop of cotton raised in 1902. This is a strange state of affairs. We hear farmers say they have two and three bales to pick yet and they are getting from 7 to 8 cents for it.

Rev. E. D. L. Tims, J. M. Elliott, A. W. Balch and others of our town had special business at Fort Worth last week.

There is some talk of solid improvements in Mansfield in the shape of brick business houses.

Mr. Bynum of Cleburne has taken charge of Conway & Leeper's Lumber Yard at this place.

A. J. Kizziar has launched out in the grocery business again, having bought out G. L. Curry and Co. at the old Bert Dresser stand. Lon in the past has been a success in that line here.

Everybody should attend the meeting of the Farmers Institute for they will bring up things both new and old.

Mrs. Cherry Perkins of Kaufman visited her old home here this week.

J. R. Wallace and daughter of Amarillo also visited here this week.

Mrs. Maybelle Little of Fort Worth visited Dr. Rumph's folks last week.

Mr. Frank Roark and Miss Dunwoody of oFrt Worth visited Mr. Rark's here last week.

Miss Kate Burroughs and Miss Alice Atkinson, teachers at the Mansfield academy, visited the old folks at home in Waxahachie last Sunday.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins and Miss Ada went to Fort Worth Monday.

Prof. Carmack, one of our academy teachers, went to Dallas last night.

I. D. Spearman's father and family arrived the other day from Georgia. They are going to make this their home.

Mrs. Jas. Board and Miss Ethel Chorn visited at Kennedale this week.

Mrs. Edna Estis and husband of Fort Worth visited her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Branson, here this week.

Mrs. D. O. Stewart and Mrs. R. O. Newson visited in Britton, Monday.

Hezekiah Balch has quit North Fort Worth and moved into the old Morrison home and proposes to spend a few quiet days among the cotton and the corn.

Prof. J. Henry Phillips, principal of the Mansfield academy, is having some improvement and repairs done to the school building and dormitory. The board of directors have purchased more ground and have posts piled up and from talk one can hear we are led to believe there will be something doing there soon.

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KENNEDALE.

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Of course we will have to say something of the weather, which for the past week has seemed almost like spring time, it has been so warm.

Little Elsie Strawn has been very sick, but we learn she is improving at this writing.

Miss Lillie Grisso has been confined to her bed with catarrhal fever.

Mr. Ed. Turner has gone to Mexico and if he likes it, his family will move soon.

Mrs. Tatum, who lives about a mile from town, gave the young people a party Saturday night, which was attended by most of the young folks of our town, who report a grand time.

Mrs. Turner's little child fell from its high-chair and broke its arm a few days ago.

Rev. McCarver from the Polytechnic preached here Sunday.

We learn Mr. Sanders has his new incubator and intends to run a poultry yard.

Miss Ola Hammack is on the sick list again this week.

Mrs. Messer, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Grisso, returned to her home in Colorado last week.

OZARK.

A wise man keeps his own counsel, and buys his hardware from MICKLE-BURGHER HARDWARE CO.

A FINE HOG RANCH.

Experienced Hog Raiser Prefers Milo Maize to Indian Corn.

Talking with a stockman who had just come in from the west, a reporter for this paper learned something of the workings of a big hog ranch in West Texas, that will be interesting reading to all who take an interest in such things.

In the far western part of the state, about 20 miles from Toyah, a station on the Texas Pacific 420 miles from Fort Worth, Mr. E. Clements has a ranch of 3000 acres, all under irrigation. Mr. Clements is an experienced hog raiser, having been in that business in Illinois. On his Texas ranch he grows alfalfa, milo maize, wheat, Indian corn, and other crops. He considers milo maize the best feed in the world for hogs, and this opinion was formed after his experience in the great corn growing districts of Illinois. Only the best hogs are raised on this ranch, and his herd is headed by a $500 boar. There are now about 1500 hogs on hand, all in prime condition.

Mr. Clements formerly sent his hogs to El Paso and Old Mexico, but a few weeks ago he made a trial shipment to Fort Worth, and the net results were so satisfactory that he will make this market his shipping point hereafter. His hogs easily topped the market, and brought him more than he had been getting for them at other places.

Texas Oranges Equal to Florida's.

San Antonio Express.

As fine and as delicious oranges can be raised in Texas as can be grown anywhere on the face of the globe. Florida, with all its fame for the flavor of its fruit, cannot beat Texas, and the oranges of California and Mexico do not come up to oranges that have been raised at Brownsville.

Thursday Capt. Robert Dalzell of Brownsville sent a half dozen yellow globes to the Express that were raised by him on his place near Rio Grande City. The oranges were good-sized, about the same as those generally found on the market and in sweetness, juiciness and flavor no orange was ever grown in any country that surpassed them. They were simply delicious and had all the qualities of the famous Florida orange. There was but little fiber in the meat, it being graining and melting.

The tree from which these oranges were pulled was killed down by the freeze four years ago, and did not begin growing for a year later; consequently the shoot from which the fruit was pulled is but three years old. Such fruit as this would find ready sale on any market at good prices, and it further illustrates and emphasizes the claim that Texas will grow and grow well anything good that this hemisphere will produce.

A beautiful line of Charter Oak Family Ranges, cheap, at MICKLE-BURGHER HARDWARE CO.

Isn't Afraid of Boll Weevil.

J. H. Gage of Hico, a well known cattleman, came in Sunday night and spent two days at the yards. Mr. Gage says his opinion is that they are making too much of a boohoo about the boll weevil, as he does not believe the pest is going to be of very great damage to the cotton raisers of Texas. "We have always had bugs in Texas," he said, "and we have always raised cotton, and will continue to do, and you will discover that in spite of the boll weevil the people of Texas will always show up with a big cotton crop when the weather conditions are favorable."

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Final Clearance Sale Ladies' TAILOR-SUITS....

Sweeping reductions on Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits. You know the Parker Lowe kind, comment unnecessary. $10 50 Suits, final Clearance sale **$6 95;** $15.50 and $17.50 Suits, Clearance Sale, **$10.00;** $19.50, $21.50 and $25.00 Suits, final Clearance Sale, **$12.50.**

Astonishing Sacrifice Sale Ladies', Misses' and Children's JACKETS

Final Clearance of New Garments, assortments broken. If we can fit you the chance you have been waiting for. Former prices reduced one half and less.

Final Clearance Sale of Winter MILLINERY.

Choice of $10.00 and $15.00 Hats for $4 98

Choice of $3.90, $4.00, $5.00 and $6.00 Hats..$1 49

Children's draped Flats....

Children's Cloth Sailors....

Ladies' Skirts, Final Clearance—

A varied assortment of Ladies' Skirts 35 in number, made of Kersey, Melton and Venetian Cloth—same are trimmed with silk faggoting, others with nine fifteen rows of silk stitching and slot seams, values as high as $15.00, for final clearance.....$5

Final Clearance of Remnants in the Bargain Basement

Pearl Buttons, dozen.....1c

Straight Front Corsets.....43c

Good Bristle Tooth Brushes.....8c

Cotton Batting.....3½c

White Crochet Quilts, edges slightly soiled, for clearance, each 98c, 79c and.....65c

Table Oil Cloth, the 20c kind, yard.....12½c

1000 yards fancy Dress Gingham remnants, pretty color combination—similar quality, priced ordinarily 8½c.....5c

600 yds fancy Dress Gingham remnants, 10c sellers, this sale, yard.....7½c

400 yards fancy Creton remnants, beautiful floral and striped designs, 25c is the regular price, yard.....15c

3000 yards 36 inch Outing flannel remnants, the 15c grade, at yard.....7½c

5000 yards Outing flannel remnants, 28 inches wide, the 10c grade, yard.....5c

2750 yards Outing flannel remnants in 5 yds lengths, each.....15c

4000 yards Lawn remnants, figured, striped and lace effect, if bought from regular stock would cost 10c and 15c yard, this sale.....5c

500 yards 50c Table Felt or silence cloth, the yard.....29c

1500 yards fancy Dress Lawn remnants, 15 and 20c grade, yd 10c

1500 yards striped Chambray remnants, 15c regular price, yard.....10c

1500 yards of Curtain Swiss remnants, in desirable lengths, 15c regular, this sale, yard.....7½c

500 yards Art Ticking remnants, Simpson's best, the 30c quality, for this sales yard.....19c

600 dozen Cotton Towels, per dozen.....35c

2000 Turkish Towels, each.....5c

1500 Union Linen Hand Towels fringed, deep Turkey red border, each.....7½c

250 Remnants of Bleached Table Damask, 58 inches wide, come in 2½ yard lengths, each.....65c

300 Remnants of Turkey red Table Damask, 2½ yard lengths, each.....35c

5000 Hemstitched Cambric Handkerchiefs, for school children, four for.....10c

5000 yards Brown Domestic remnants, good heavy quality, 36 inches wide, the yard.....4c

5000 yards 36-inch French Madras Cloth Remnants, for Ladies' Waists, Men's and Boys' Shirts, regular price, yard, 2 c, sale price, yard.....10c

5000 yards Madras Gingham remnants, 30 inches wide, 15c value, for yard.....8c

3500 yards black Silk Mull and white Silk Mull remnants, 30 inches wide, bought at any other time would cost, yard, 25c, this sale.....10c

4000 yards Shirting print remnant, the kind always priced at 5c, this sale, yard.....3½c

1900 yards 36-inch Brandenburg Percales, 15c values, at yard.....

7500 yards 5-cent Calico remnants, yard.....

Final Clearance of Underwear

Men's heavy fleeced flesh colored Shirts and Drawers, the garments.....

Men's flannelette Night Shirts $1.00 garments for.....

Men's Flannelette Night Shirts 75c garments for.....

Men's Flannelette Night Shirts 50c garments for.....

Boys' heavy gray fleeced cotton Union Suits, buttoned in front 50c values.....

Misses Oneita style, gray cotton Union Suits, 50c kind.....

Ladies' Oneita style, cotton fleeced Union Suits, cream or gray, kind.....

Comforts

50 extra large size Comforts, covered on both sides with fancy figured silkoline, regular price $1.25, at.....

50 full size Comforts, silkoline covering, in pretty patterns, good value at $1, at.....

50 full size heavy Comforts, to close out at.....

50 pairs white cotton Blankets, size 12-4, regular $1.50.....

50 pairs of gray Blankets, size 10-4, to close out at.....

Final Clearance Winter Dress Goods

SILK WAISTS $5 and $6 qualities, final clearance.....$2.98

Final Clearance

Fancy Wool Waistings, yard.....

Isn't Afraid of Boll Weevil.

In committee of the whole Wednesday the house of the Oklahoma legislature passed the quarantine measure, making the boundaries of Oklahoma the cattle quarantine line. The vote was 18 to 8. The measure was then placed on its passage. It has consumed practically five days' debate. Amendments will be proposed making the Oklahoma quarantine rules uniform with those of the secretary of agriculture, and allowing cattle to be brought to cotton oil mills for feeding purposes.

The effect of this legislation, if it shall be enacted, is to quarantine against all Texas and Indian Territory cattle.

IN WEST TEXAS.

Cattle are Reported in Good Shape and Grass Good.

Mr. D. F. White, one of the veteran cattlemen of Texas, was in town yesterday, going west on the Cannon-ball last night to his ranch, in El Paso county about 60 miles northwest of Toyah. Mr. White says grass is good in his part of the state, except that it is ranker than it should be. Cattle are wintering well, and are in as good condition as they were at this time last year.

Cattlemen in the extreme west are not disturbed by settlers crowding in, says Mr. White, as it is given up that that part of the state cannot be used for crop raising. But cattle growers are disturbed over the threatened destruction of the quarantine line. Those north of the line look to see the whole state quarantined by the federal government as soon as the Bryan bill becomes a law, which will put cattle north of the line on the same footing as those south of it, and expose them to destruction by the introduction of ticky cattle from the south.

Oklahoma Quarantine Line.

Healthiest Cattle on Earth.

In an interview, the secretary of agriculture, Hon. James Wilson, says: "The United States has the healthiest cattle of any nation on the face of the earth. This is owing to our rigid system of inspection and our prompt measure to eradicate disease. In Europe 40 per cent of the cattle are infected with tuberculosis and in the United States only 10 per cent, and we will soon have it entirely eradicated. We have inspectors in Europe, and not one animal infected in any way is permitted to be shipped to this country."

Hog Raising in South Texas.

W. T. Mathis of Hockley, Texas, who for many years has been a successful farmer in Illinois, and who for the past ten years has followed stock farming with success in his section, tells the San Antonio Stockman that his experience with hog raising has conclusively demonstrated to him that the industry can be carried on fully as successfully in that section as any place he knows of. He says it is true, is an essential factor in hog raising, but people are mistaken in the belief that it is the only feed that makes hog raising a possibility. He believes that in some sections of the state, especially in the rice belt, the time will come when corn will be dispensed with almost entirely in hog raising, in fact he is doing so now. He raises root crops, such as rape and beets, which he feeds to his hogs from the time they are about three months old. Late in the spring and early summer they get the run of the patch of sorghum field in addition to shelled corn in the summer, and are fed mainly on rice polish mixed with cotton seed meal in the proportion of three gallons of the former to two-thirds of a bushel of cotton seed meal, in the form of slop. He says this is a very cheap way of feeding, and that he has no trouble in getting his hogs to weigh from 250 to 275 pounds when they are a year old, but he attaches great importance to the quality of the hog.

Quanah Tribune Chief: Good tells us that he went to the prairie dogs with thirty men on last Tuesday. They killed 75 prairie dogs on the dogs on four sections, at the rate of $60 per section. John says the cleaning up will do the work.

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