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A Review of the Year.

The annual recurring time has ar-
rived when the cowboy as well as
every other Texan should feel disposed
to reflect upon the year's vicissitudes
and changes; to mentally con over
the mistakes of the past and make
good resolves to evade them in the fu-
ture. The STOCK JOURNAL, too, in its
fifty-second weekly visit feels in a re-
trospective mood and will join its
thousands of readers in a brief review
of the year's work as to the results of
cattle growing on the range.

Last January the skies were bright
and prospective large fortunes, from
cattle investments, held out an enticing
future to holders of herds in Texas.
The demand for cattle and range was
great, new companies and combina-
tions were forming and it seemed sure
that in a few months the entire grazing
area from the extreme northern part
of the Panhandle to the agricultural
belt of Middle Texas would be held
either by lease or purchase by cattle-
men, and this range be stocked with
beef-producing and beef-making cattle.
Foreign and home capital had lost all
timidity and were vying to see which
should secure the most grazing lands
and the largest herds. The public
domain was being purchased and
school and railroad lands secured in
vast bodies upon which to grow beef.
The Solons in session at Austin be-
came alarmed, the lands were taken
off the market and a lethargic sleep
followed. Cattlemen found sales at a
stand still, the establishment of herds
and ranches dwindled and in a brief
time the demand for cattle became
secondary. Lands already secured ad-
vanced in price, but cattle unlocated
suffered a decline in Texas. The
change of front in the land policy of
the state made capital timid and no
interest sufficed more than the cattle-
man's. Regarding range and land as
a secondary consideration, he had used
the cash accumulated from his sale of
cattle of previous years in buying
more than he had range for, and
going still further, in some instances
even pledging his cattle in bank for
money to buy more; he was placed in
a position to still more unsettle prices
and keep stock cattle below their real
value, for it was necessary to sell a
part of his herd at buyers' prices, to
save the remainder. Thus the cloudy
days of the year dragged their slow
length along. The only ray of sun-
light to penetrate the gloom appeared
in the steady and advancing prices of
beef, convincing even the most skepti-
cal that cattle producing on lands
owned or controlled by cattle-raisers
was a sure and safe investment in
which speedy and profitable returns
were assured. When confidence was
growing strong and the demand for
stock cattle and ranches rapidly in-
creasing, the lawless spirit of fence-
cutting, as a flame, spread over the
state, consuming and devouring the
last remaining vestige of
confidence in investments in Texas
property. So the sale of ranches and
cattle have come almost to a stand
still, and will so remain until the state
by its laws and the people en masse
shall pour upon the fiendish fires of
lawlessness floods of denunciation that
will effectually obliterate them. The
question now before the state is not
one of free range or enclosure, not one
of the rights of pasturemen and a id-
night marauders, but it is, rather, have
we a legal state government? If so,
can it and this open defiance of law
both exist? If not, then let her citi-
zens, through the legislature, assert
the right to control and demand of all
implicit obedience to law. There is
surely enough lovers of law and order
to support our legal authorities in giv-
ing to property full protection. Pub-
lic meetings denunciatory of the
crimes committed upon individual
property rights, the apprehension and
punishment of the wrong-doers will
restore prosperity and lawful protec-
tion to our state. This can be had and
speedily, too, if the outlaws know that
the people are determined. A war

against anarchy should be declared
and no countenance shown to any man
who either directly or indirectly de-
stroys the property of another. The
legislature is to meet in a few days,
when we hope it will enact laws that
will at once pave the way for a speedy
termination of the anarchy now ruling
in many parts of the state. Confi-
dence once restored will bring pros-
perity again to our borders. It will
not, however, if any legislation is had
looking to the crippling of any of the
states' great industries. A sweeping
herd law, embracing every county in
the state, would drive the flocks and
herds across the Rio Grande or to the
Northwestern plains. There is room
in the state for all the agriculturists
that may come and lands as produc-
tive, and which will yield as bountiful
harvests as any part of the South.
There are millions of acres where the
plow may be used profitably by the
industrious farmer, but they are not
yet to be found in the unorganized
counties of the Northwest. Middle
Texas and the north part of the state
contain millions of acres of state,
school and asylum lands not yet sold,
but are now on the market for sale.
Let these be sold to the actual settler,
and leave the great Panhandle open
for herds and flocks, reserve this from
sale and place for lease alone, for ten
years, in as large bodies as stockmen
wish, and capital will pour in, seeking
investment in cattle, horses and sheep.
The stockmen will lease this land if
they can have any assurance of retain-
ing it long enough to grow herds, but
we are straying from our design which
was simply to review the year just
closed. We have not been able to
draw as bright a picture as we wished,
for facts are stubborn things. We
hope that soon all the troubles that ap-
pear above the horizon will like mist
vanish, and give to every interest of
Texas a bright and promising future.
May our readers find the new year the
beginning of a prosperity that shall be
continuous and unfading. May their
herds grow until the full capabilities
and adaptability of our grasses and
range be felt and appreciated wherever
beef is eaten. A happy New Year to
all.

To Blooded Stock Raisers.

An experience of near fifteen years,
among the breeders of improved stock,
especially cattle and horses from Can-
ada to the Gulf and from Pennsylvan-
ia to Western Kansas, has given to
the writer of his an extended knowl-
edge of the best markets, the greatest
demand, and the best field for the
breeder to secure demand and buyers
for his live stock. From this knowl-
edge we can safely assure our readers
that the circulation, subscription and
patronage of the TEXAS LIVE STOCK
JOURNAL, presents to the advertiser
better facilities to reach the buyer of
good horses and cattle for breeding
purposes than any medium to be found
in America. We have a bona fide cir-
culation of over ten thousand, cover-
ing the great cattle and horse breed-
ing districts of the West and South.
Devoted to the interests of cattle and
horse breeding on the range and our
patronage made up in the main among
the class of men in want of bulls and
stallions, we can conscientiously urge
upon all fine stock breeders to let
their wants be known through our
advertising columns. All parties hav-
ing bulls to sell, either at public or
private sales during the year. All
men engaged in breeding the racer,
trotter or jacks, will find more de-
mand for their stock than elsewhere,
through our readers. The flat has
gone forth that Texas and the South-
west must and will have thousands of
male producers in bulls and stallions
this year. Every live breeder we are
confident will see the advantages of
making the JOURNAL their monthly
piece to let its readers know where
such stock can be had. Our terms are
liberal and we send out advertising
rates to many prominent breeders.
Should any who see this fail to receive
such they are kindly invited to cor-
respond with us. Connected in former
years with many of the leading stock
journals of America, we can truly
say that no stock journal in America
can present the claims of advertisers
so prominently before as great a num-
ber of enquirers for improved stock or
find as many purchasers of cattle and
horses as the one on which we are now
employed. Our old friends east of the
Mississippi know us too well, to credit
us with making empty assertions, or
vain boasts. We know the time is
ripe for them to cultivate the stockmen
of the Southwest. Our ranchmen are
determined to have better stock. We
can present your claims to them, and
the few dollars you expend with us in
making your wants known, will give
you enlarged fields for placing your
stock. We, therefore, solicit your ad-
vertising patronage and subscription,
confident that we can render you more
than an equivalent. Send on your
subscriptions and advertisements and
let our thousands of readers know
what you have to sell, and thus open
the way to supply their wants, extend
your trade and increase your profits.
S. P. C.

Ogilvie's Popular Reading.

We have just received the first num-
ber of a new and deserving candidate
for popular favor, among lovers of ex-
cellent monthly periodicals, entitled
"Ogilvie's Popular Reading," issued
by J. S. Ogilvie & Co., 31 Rees-street,
N. Y. In this number we find sev-
eral complete stories by popular writ-
ers of fiction, among whom are Mrs.
M. E. Braddon, Bertha M. Clay, J. S.
Ogilvie and Harry Rockwood. The
publication is well worth the subscrip-
tion price of \$2.50 per annum, or 30
cents a number. We commend it after
examination as well worthy of patron-
age.

THE Columbia Cattle Company,
ranching in Stevens county, have
made investments in Herefords.

STOCKMEN of Texas, in attendance
at Austin on the 8th, will be heartily
welcomed at the Austin office of the
Loving Publishing Company, corner
Bois d'Arc avenue and Market street.

GIVE the TEXAS LIVE STOCK JOUR-
NAL a new year's boom by renewing
your subscription and brands for the
year 1884. The JOURNAL is an earn-
est worker in the stock interests of the
state.

MR. W. F. PATTERSON of Fort
Worth, ranching on Mary's Creek, has
taken upon a gray horse pony, 7 years
old, branded SB on left shoulder. He
wants the owner to show up and get
his horse.

MR. C. C. MILLS, Seymour, Texas,
in a letter under date of December
20th, says: "Please find \$2.00 for sub-
scription to STOCK JOURNAL, as I can-
not do without it. Stock of all kind
doing finely. We have had no winter
as yet."

OUR market correspondence is un-
usually interesting this week. The
general review of the year's business
from Chicago and St. Louis ought to
be well read by all meat producers.
Don't neglect this feature of the
JOURNAL.

It is sometimes said that breeding
farms could be started in Texas with
a profit to owners, leading the people to
suppose no such thing existed here.
The fact is there are quite a number of
stock farms in the state, all doing well
and easily selling everything raised for
sale. The further fact is that there is
room for many more of them.

MARKET reports of cattle at this ses-
sion of the year take a wide range. On
Texans, grass-fat and corn-fed, there is
a wide range, from \$3.50 to \$5.25
per 100 pounds, depending entirely on
condition and quality. Fat cattle—
not half but well fat—arriving in good
shape, sell at good prices; while infer-
ior, half fat, are not selling at any-
thing like top figures. To ship now
Texan men need to know exactly what
they have.

WE acknowledge the receipt of a
very handsome, enlarged and illus-
trated edition of a work entitled "The
Resources of Arizona," compiled by
Patrick Hamilton, under authority of
the legislature. The book contains
275 pages of most interesting and in-
structive reading matter and sixteen
full page illustrations. In mechanical
execution it is first-class and the sub-
ject matter treated of gives one a clear
conception of this valuable mineral
and grazing state.

MR. E. S. MAYES of Springfield,
Ky., advertised some blooded stock in
this journal. He now writes that he
closed out the last lot, 114 head Dur-
hams, to Texas parties, and one fine
Jersey bull to Mr. J. B. Donoho of
Clarksville. He says that until fall he
has nothing more for sale, and desires
stockmen of Texas to know it, as the
advertisement secured more corre-
spondence than he could handle. So
much for stock advertisements in the
TEXAS LIVE STOCK JOURNAL.

THE stock meeting will, we antici-
pate, be governed in their proceedings
by wise counsel, prudent utterances and
determined resolution, and by united
effort they will succeed in wiping out
every incentive to lawlessness, by sec-
ing that no man shall encroach upon
the rights of another, and by provid-
ing for the speedy and certain punish-
ment of every law-breaker, whether
he be a fence-cutter, cow or horse-
thief, for all this class of depredators,
springing from the same source, are
hatched from the same nest, and de-
serve to be exterminated from the con-
fines of Texas.

WE are happy to note the continued
prosperity and gradual but sure in-
crease in circulation of the TEXAS
Farm and Ranch, published by Hol-
land & Knox, at the capital city. This
paper commenced as a monthly, but
now issues twice each month without
advance in price. It is carefully edit-
ed by practical men in all departments
agriculture, natural history, bee cul-
ture, fruit culture, horse, cattle, sheep,
swine, poultry raising and current
literature, all receive attention in its
columns and the paper as a representa-
tive Texas enterprise must continue to
have a decidedly beneficial effect on
its many readers and the people at
large. In this grand empire state
such labors deserve encouragement,
there is a grand field to work in and
proper appreciation is always the re-
ward of merit when it is decidedly
shown as in this case. Messrs. Hol-
land & Knox are to be congratulated
at the speedy recognition of their
effort.

WITH charity and good-will for all
and malice toward none, we feel called
upon to speak a few words for the
business enterprise of our city. Stock-
men can find both in the wholesale
and retail houses of Fort Worth every-
thing needed in the line of ranch sup-
plies, and in quantity and quality
they can secure the very best. The
rail facilities our dealers enjoy, their
business integrity and financial stand-
ing, permits them to furnish supplies
at lower rates and on better terms than
can be had in any other city or town in
North or West Texas. We therefore
ask for them not only a continuation
of the liberal patronage hitherto ex-
tended, but urge all cattlemen who
have not tried them to give them a
trial. We think highly of all our
Texas towns and cities, but the ad-
vantages of Fort Worth are so great,

and her business so large, that facili-
ties for reduced prices are greater here
than elsewhere in the state. Remem-
ber this when you require supplies,
investigate the matter and you will
join with us in saying that Fort
Worth merchants are the men to buy
from.

THE convention of Texas Live Stock
Raisers should be composed of delega-
tions from all parts of the state. A
full interchange of views, and a clear
defining of the wishes of this class of
citizens, will meet with merited con-
sideration by the law-makers. There
is no body of men in Texas that can or
will do more towards the support of
law and the wiping out of lawlessness
than stock-owners. The wealth and
past prosperity, and the rapid progress
Texas has secured in the past ten years
is mainly due to the stock-growers.
While her agricultural and manufac-
turing interests have brought large ac-
cessions in the ranks of labor and in-
crease of capital, the advantages and
profits of stock-raisers has induced far
more capital and brought many addi-
tional citizens to our state. In truth,
any action tending to cripple live stock-
growing in Texas can but prove hurt-
ful. Nature has provided nutritious
grasses and extended range for stock
production, and the history of Amer-
ica demonstrates that the most pros-
perous people are found in the stock-
growing states.

THE state stock convention that
meets at Austin on the 8th will be a
power for good or ill, as the masses
there decide. In Texas the cattle in-
terest alone represents hundreds of
millions of dollars. The veal or woe
of this interest and the state will be af-
fected by the action of its representa-
tives at Austin. Not to imperil the in-
terests of the one or to jeopardize the
well-being of the other will require
wise sedate and able counsel. We
would, therefore, urge upon every
stockman in attendance to ponder
deeply and weigh well his utterances
upon that occasion. The ruthless and
unrelenting war waged against prop-
erty rights, the demand of outsiders
who assume to represent the stock in-
terests of the state render it incum-
bent and absolutely essential that the
stockmen of Texas should speak, and
in no uncertain tones, against the law-
lessness that has been going on for
months past. They should not only
discourage all crimes committed, and
tendency thereto by all parties, but
put a seal of condemnation on all such
acts. There has been a wide spread
and growing idea prevailing that if
stockmen have not in themselves en-
couraged and aided on fence-cutting
that many of them have sympathized
with the work that has been done.
This is all wrong. We know they are
not in sympathy, nor have they ever
encouraged, aided or abetted any such
lawlessness. Their interests have been
great—they have done more to uphold
law and have suffered more from law-
less acts than any other class. They
are entitled to much honor and stand
as a bulwark, opposing the commu-
nist charge leveled against the fair
fame of the state. Texas and her sons
only want justice, equality and right
before the bar of public opinion. Her
cattlemen who own herds that roam
over a wide domain ask and expect no
special rights and privileges. They
know that to their energy and busi-
ness enterprise the state has attained
a world-wide reputation. They have
breasted the storms of frontier life.
They have beaten back the Indian.
They have utilized the barren desert
and waste spots of the state—have
held herds and opened up a revenue
second to none in the state. Free range
has helped them, but the freedom of
the range has been won, reclaimed
and retained by their prowess. Now
that it has become valuable, they do
not claim it as their own. They want
and ask for nothing that they are un-
willing to render a just equivalent in
value. All they ask and demand is an
equal showing with other citizens.
They think their interests should re-
ceive equal but no greater protection
than that of other classes. They
know that the fortunes of all are in
the same boat—if one interests sink, all
perish. Texas law-makers cannot af-
ford to ignore the ranchman's inter-
ests. The state's prosperity and that
of the stockman is identical. Sacer-
dote the one and you destroy the other.
The counsel tendered by the stockmen
will a surely meet with full and
weighty consideration at the hands of
law-makers, and we know that all the
best interests of the state can be sub-
served by prudent, wise and discreet
action by this important body.

THE stock meeting will, we antici-
pate, be governed in their proceedings
by wise counsel, prudent utterances and
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effort they will succeed in wiping out
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the rights of another, and by provid-
ing for the speedy and certain punish-
ment of every law-breaker, whether
he be a fence-cutter, cow or horse-
thief, for all this class of depredators,
springing from the same source, are
hatched from the same nest, and de-
serve to be exterminated from the con-
fines of Texas.

The Sale of E. B. Harness Short-horns.

Readers of the JOURNAL will re-
member that Mr. E. B. Harness of
Cooper county, Mo., advertised a sale
at public auction of 140 head of Young
Shorthorn bulls and heifers at Hen-
rietta, Texas, on the 27th. The sale
came off as announced, a fair crowd of
buyers in attendance, and the calves
ranged in price from \$90 up to
\$147.50 a head. All this stock
were sold, the Harness Bros. being
well satisfied with the result. This
lot averaged about \$100 a head. The
sale clearly shows that good, hardy,
improved young breeding cattle are
growing in favor among our stockmen
and this the first sale of high grades
under the hammer in North Texas
may be pronounced a success. Messrs.
Harness Bros. sold a saddle stallion
for \$640, and several other blooded
horses at good prices. Mr. E. B. Har-
ness has now returned to Palestine,
Missouri, where he will put up young
Shorthorn cattle at fair prices. Ranch-
men should communicate with him at
once if they want stock this winter.

The Coming Stockmen's Meeting at Austin on the Eighth.

The most important meeting ever
held in Texas, among representative
stockmen, is called to meet at Austin,
Texas, on the eighth of January—next
Tuesday. We have advertised to this
in our former issues, and from advices
received, are confident that a large
representation will be on hand. The
questions that will come before the
Texas Live Stock Association are of
vital importance, such that demand
and will doubtless receive wise and
prudent action. The well-being of
Texas and her live stock interests are
so intimately connected, that the pros-
perity of the one adds to the welfare of
the other. Meeting then, as this con-
vention does, upon the threshold of an
imperatively called session of our law-
makers, when legislation is demanded
to render effective the constitutional
changes in the organic laws of the
land, when legal remedies are being
agitated, and laws must be enacted to
protect property rights, to punish law-
lessness, to give definite and perma-
nent shape to methods of leasing, sell-
ing and disposing of the school and
ecclesiastical lands, all of which sub-
jects lay at the very door of the stock
growing interests, it is but right and
proper that the large number of own-
ers of flocks and herds should present
in language plain, forcible and con-
vincing, their views upon the above
topics, and give the members of the
legislature, to know all that
Texas stockmen want is
ample and similar legal pro-
tection of their cattle, range, horses
and other live stock and property that
is given to other citizens; they want
no more and require no less at the
hands of the state than any other class
of her citizens; her six millions of
cattle, eight millions of sheep and
million and a half of horses, worth
fully three hundred million of dollars,
is justly entitled to complete recogni-
tion, and any action that tends to dis-
courage the great animal industry of
Texas, will be as an ax striking at the
root of the tree of Texas' prosperity,
growth and material development.
A crippling, adverse laws, of the
interests of stock-husbandry in Texas,
would be the deadliest blow to the
state that could be inflicted. It will
be necessary for this convention to
present to the consideration of the leg-
islature a full and candid statement of
the action they deem wisest to adopt
for the fostering and encouragement
of stock-growing. They should pledge
themselves to aid the legal authorities
by all lawful means, by sympathy and
moral support in putting down law-
lessness. All the interests of Texas
should receive at the hands of the
stockmen due consideration, and no
action be taken to urge the law-
makers to legislate specially favorable
to stock-owners, where the same could
be construed as hurtful to the general
prosperity of the state. Texas can only
secure her full stature and growth in
the confederation of states by a foster-
ing care given to all of her productive
interests, her cotton, her timber, her
grain, and her stock interests should
all be encouraged and all can be in
harmony. Our territory is large and
lands and climate diversified. There
is ample room for an increased devel-
opment of her every interest. Range
and lands best adapted for stock-grow-
ing should be thus utilized. The coast
lands and mid belt are for cotton
and cereals, the west and northwest
parts of the state are the peculiar re-
gion for animal growth and develop-
ment. Without presuming to mark
out a specific line of action for the con-
vention, we can only suggest harmony,
united action, and simply the asking
of such recognition as the magnitude
of the interest demand.

ASHLAND Catalogue.
We are in receipt of a most valua-
ble catalogue of trotting stock for 1884.
It contains the list of stallions, brood
mares, fillies and geldings; at Ashland,
near Lexington, Ky., owned by that
estimable gentleman and noted breeder,
Major H. C. McDowell. We note
heading the harem, the world-re-
nowned sire of trotters, Dictator,
whose sons Jay-Eye-See Phalaris and
Director, have been state smaslers the
past year; King Rene, the 8-year-old
son of Belmont, out of a famous
daughter of Mambrino Chief, and
Triton, a 6-year-old brother of Triton.
The service fee for Dictator is \$300
cash, \$100 for King Rene and \$25 for
Triton. The thirty-two brood mares
in use at Ashland are all by famous
sires and rich trotting blooded dams.
The eleven fillies are the get of King
Rene, Harrold, Governor Sprague,
Triton and Byrly Abdallah. Seven-
teen colts, the foals of 1881-2-3, are
principally the get of King Rene and
Triton, and two 3-year-old geldings,
one by Rene and the other by Triton,
make up the list of sixty-five head
that in blood and performance, in sires
and sons, dams and daughters, stand
unrivaled by any breeding establish-
ment of trotters in the land.

NEW Cards.
New advertisements connected with
stock-raising appearing in this issue
consist of Fouts Horse and Cattle
Powders, with three branded animals.
Messrs. Wood Bros of the Union Stock
Yards, Chicago, offer to furnish young
bulls of high grades and Shorthorn
heifers at reasonable prices. A young
man who can be addressed at this of-
fice, desires a position on a ranch.
George Kisinger of Young county ad-
vertises for two lost mules. Boaz &
Battle of this city, want 2000 head of
western stock cattle, to be delivered at
Bard, in Callahan county; here is a
chance to place some good cattle. Mr.
L. M. Guttridge, real estate agent, Kan-
sas City, advertises for some large
land tracts without stock, and the fa-
mous stallions Dictator, King Rene
and Triton, owned by H. C. McDowell
of Lexington, Kentucky, are adver-
tised to make the season of 1884 at
prices justified by their records and
the records of their get.

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ments, Tablets, Head Stones, Vases and Statuary, etc.

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Notice to Stockmen.

The second annual meeting of the Texas Live Stock Association will meet at Austin, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1884. All members are notified and all men interested in live stock are respectfully invited to attend. This meeting is held in pursuance to adjournment of last annual meeting. J. F. MILLER, G. B. LOVING, President, Secretary.

LESSONS TAUGHT BY LAST YEAR'S EXPERIENCE.

Extended Credit and Discounting the Future no Benefit to Cattle Raisers.

It has been truthfully said that "experience though often the sternest is in the end the most efficient teacher." To arrive at any relative proximity to future results, one must make himself familiar with the past and conversant with the present, then in business matters he can reasonably be prepared for the future. Still in this constantly changing world, there are always unseen and unexpected causes rising to the surface, that gives force and effectiveness to Scott's old adage, "the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley," this literally translated into our Western tongue means that no man can fully provide against contingencies. We are led to this source of reasoning from the results arising by the ventures of a few over sanguine Texas cattlemen, who, reasoning from the past one year ago, ventured their credit boats too far out on the sea of uncertainty, have not made the voyage a prosperous one and instead of making a successful trip have been forced to boat ship, unload a part of their cargo and come ashore with less than they set sail with. Had not storms assailed them, had not the breakers and quicksands of land legislation and wire-fence destroyers, been encountered they could have been excellent profits from their even laying in a part of their stock on time. As it is they have to unload and in doing so have damaged the cargo somewhat. To leave metaphor and come down to hard pan facts, the lesson that the experience of 1883 has taught is that a man should be careful not to endanger his business by venturing into speculation on credit. There has been no serious losses in the aggregate among cowmen, neither has the business in Texas proved a losing one for the great majority of stockmen. A few have lost money by going into debt; not one that was free from debt at the beginning of the year, and remained so up to the present time, has any cause to regret owning cattle and ranches. The profits of all such have been satisfactory, beef selling has paid them well, the increase from their cows has been excellent, their cattle have yielded a handsome profit and they are well pleased with the year's work. Extended credit and a disposition to chance the legitimate business of cattle raising to the hazardous and uncertain one of speculation, and especially if the latter is carried on with borrowed capital is a lesson that experience teaches to be unsound in principle and at times liable to unexpected and damaging results.

A Business Trip.

On December 29th, Mr. George B. Loving, editor TEXAS LIVE STOCK JOURNAL, and manager of the Loving Publishing Company, accompanied by Mrs. Loving left the city on an extended trip to St. Louis, Washington, New York and London. Mr. Loving goes on business for the Texas Investment Company, of which he is secretary, for the purpose of advancing the material in interests of the state in securing the co-operation of capitalists for the extension of railroad facilities in Western Texas, to encourage the establishment of a loan and trust company in this city, whereby, on perfect security, loans will be made at legal rates of interest, and on other important negotiations. Mr. Loving is pushing matters with his well-known vim and energy for the up-building of those who have entrusted to him their affairs, and his many friends wish him an enjoyable trip, a safe return, and success in business operations. In his short absence from the Fort the readers may miss the wise counsel and practical articles from the editor-in-chief, but it is hoped that the paper will be made readable by additional labor on the editorial force and a wider correspondence.

Black Leg and Salt.

A correspondent, writing from Stephens county, states that blackleg, more or less, has prevailed amongst the range cattle, but without serious loss. Without going into the general treatment for black leg, it might not be amiss to state that black leg would be less common if ranchmen were more liberal with salt. It is within the limits of truth to assert that Texas stock, outside of the alkali regions, do not get one-tenth the salt required for their proper development, and get none at all in the winter, when it is most necessary. The whole duty of salting stock does not consist of an unusual liberality at calf round-ups in the spring, but constant salting with a liberal hand the whole year through. Rock salt is better than common salt, because it can be used to better advantage, with less waste and trouble.

ACROSS THE OCEAN.

The Fisheries Exhibition—America Carries the Honors.

Other Exhibitions—One of Food Products.

A Chance for the Texas Steer—The Consumption and Production of Meat.

Regular Correspondence Texas Live Stock Journal.

LONDON, Dec. 29, 1883.

I have just been reading over the award of the international juries, International Fisheries Exhibition, London, 1883, as confirmed by the commissioners acting on behalf of her majesty's government.

I enjoyed the privilege of spending a part of two days "taking in" this exhibition and as an American, was much gratified at the very excellent display made by that portion of America down on the maps as the "United States." But until the official awards were made I was not informed as to how this display ranked with the displays from other countries. It is now, however, authoritatively stated that the United States "carried off" more gold, silver and bronze medals and diplomas than any other country, except the United Kingdom. The official list showing the awards to the different countries, so I am informed, was sent to the different countries for publication, and I am also informed that the managers of the exhibition are feeling just a little sore over the fact that none of the leading American papers have published the list, or even that part of it showing what awards were made to the United States. Perhaps it is now too late for the JOURNAL to give this list, even as appearing only to the United States, but it has occurred to me that some mention of the subject will not be entirely out of place, even at this late date. Had I received the full list earlier, I would have forwarded it, and the fact that I did not receive it until a day or two since, must be my apology for not so forwarding it.

The competition was generally active and participated in by nearly every civilized country on the globe, and altogether financially and otherwise the exhibition was a marked success. Our strongest displays were in the three departments devoted to fishing-boats, ropes and canvases; to scientific instruments intended for use in the fishing business; and to cured and tinned fish. Hence we "carried off" a large number of medals and diplomas, and were but little, if any, behind the United Kingdom, who had the greatest advantage of us in that the exhibition was on her own territory and in her own capital city.

I am not posted as to the profits of the exhibition to those who put up the money to carry it through, but I fancy they were quite satisfactory since it was proposed and seriously considered by the directory to make it a permanent feature of London, and I think the London public was disappointed and somewhat surprised when at last it was decided to bring it to a close.

I now hear, however, that another company has been formed to institute and carry through another exhibition to be devoted to the display of any and everything that in any way relates to sanitary and health matters. The queen has, it is said, consented to be the patron of the exhibition, and I believe the Prince of Wales, who was the president of the board of directors of the Fisheries Exhibition Company, will also be the president of the board of the new company.

But, still another exhibit is contemplated, and according to my notions it would be very much more interesting than either of the others. A preliminary prospectus has been handed to me, and from it I gather that the purpose is to make a display of everything that in any way relates to the matter of table comforts. That is to say, it is to be an international food exhibit.

It is not yet certain that the enterprise will go through, but if it does, I want to say to Texas stockmen that there will be the chance and time to get in their work to the best advantage.

Among others if the proposed features of the display will be the exhibition of the most *opponents* of growing food for the world, and I can't think such a display will be at all complete unless Texas is on hand to show how she, at least, grows beef and mutton. I want to have the privilege of assisting in arranging such a display, and if I can get the needed assistance at home, I think I can do more in the matter of efficiently advertising the vast resources of our state in this particular direction, than could be done by porters and letters and general advertising in fifteen years. It may be relied on that millions of people will visit the exhibition, and I want them to be posted as to how we carry on our stock business, what we have accomplished and what we can and propose to accomplish in the future.

The question, *Where is this people going to get their meat from?* is one that is being gravely considered, and the *Telegraph* particularly has been discussing it at length, and in a recent editorial said "there can be little doubt that human beings have long had a tendency to multiply at a greater rate than the flocks and herds upon which they principally feed." Thirty, and even twenty years ago, sheep in Australia were boiled down for their tallow, and the carcasses thrown away, because there was no demand for the meat. To-day it is estimated that there are over eighty millions of sheep in the Australian colonies, and a great deal of mutton is selling in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane at ten cents a pound. There are also about eight million head of horned cattle there, but nevertheless the demand for meat is greater than the supply.

I was talking to a generally well-informed gentleman on this subject only last week, who expressed the belief that soon the supply must exceed the demand. We were talking of the stock business of the United States, and he said "so much money is being put into the business and so many people are going into it that, in a few years, there must be more cattle and sheep than there will be a fair market for." He was just a little taken back when I reminded him that at ten times as many persons went into the business, and put twenty times as much money in it, all this wouldn't make one more calf. But when I showed him the following figures bearing on the subject, he gave it up that he was mistaken and is now proposing to invest some of his surplus

shillings in a Texas ranch and cattle. I showed him that in the United States there are less than forty millions of head of cattle, and that we have to eat them, close upon sixty millions of people. I also reminded him that while there are fully thirteen hundred millions of human beings upon the face of the globe, the supply of horned cattle, including wild and domestic animals, does not exceed two hundred and fifty million head, while the sheep are very much fewer still. Thus the United States produces one hundred and twenty-one pounds of beef, twenty-one pounds of mutton and ninety pounds of pork, in all two hundred and thirty-one pounds of meat for each individual of the civilized world. While the total production amounts to only seven million three hundred thousand tons, a yearly deficit in the greatest meat consuming continent upon the globe of eight hundred thousand tons. These figures gathered from various sources were made the basis of the article referred to in the *Telegraph*. Commenting on them the *Telegraph* calls attention to the fact that the consumption of the civilized world is everywhere on the increase, and says to those who agree with Sidney Smith that "the life of man can alone be ennobled upon a basis of beef and mutton," they are sitting. The fact is, there is no danger of the meat supply in the future (or during the present generation at least) exceeding the demand, but there is very great danger that it will grow less, year by year, considered with reference to the demand.

It is in view of these facts that I make the above suggestions with regard to the proposed food exhibit in London. Texas is the greatest meat growing state in the United States, and if she will make the world acquainted with her resources, there will be in the near future such a demand for her grazing lands and live stock that they will not only double, but quadruple in value. A word to the wise is sufficient.

FROM VICTORIA.

The Weather—Meat Company Operations.

A Snide Show—The Steamboat—Stock Notes, Etc.

Regular Correspondence Texas Live Stock Journal.

VICTORIA, Dec. 22, 1883.

This week has been one of mud and rain, and still cloudy and threatening but no cold to hurt, and all is well with the stock interest. Cow news powerful scarce, as nothing has been done in the way of trades.

The Meat Company has been using the Bennett & West cattle this week, but held up by a killing of 1,000, as we reached here that the railroad bridge on the Neches river was washed off. This will cut short the New Orleans supply of refrigerator beef for a few days to come.

Col. Hall, with his big conglomerated show, was with us two days this week, and was a complete snide. His menagerie consisted of one old toothless lion, two coyotes, one con, one haveyone, one domestic dog, and a lot of women, and one educated razor-backed goat. The outfit is like my aunt in the country, no big things. His coming here was the death of a bakenman on the Morgan road, as his men were different from any the young man had used, and in coupling them on the train, failed to fasten, and was crushed to death by the car jamming. He was a nice young man and the road will miss him as he had been in its employ a long time. So much for traveling humbugs.

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December 29, 1883

The old year has passed and with it and no cold yet to injure the grass; everything green and luxuriant, even the peach trees are blooming just like spring. Can it be possible we are to have no winter? We have not had cold enough to put up our pork. (The darkies have put up some, however.)

The Meat Company resumed big four-ways ago, are killing one hundred a day.

Christmas passed off as usual, that is a few knock-downs and drag-outs, and words of headaches and empty pockets, but it is a great festive day, and one has a perfect right to celebrate it with.

Everything at a dead stand still in the way of cow trades. No buyers have got in yet, but will doubtless be on hand now soon.

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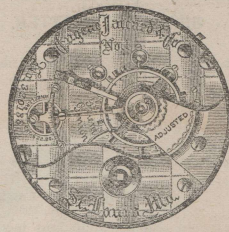
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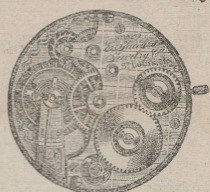
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1 brown mare, 13 hands high, 8 years old, branded on left shoulder **HC** and left hip, blotch brand on right thigh.
1 yoke of oxen, 6 or 7 years old, red brindle marked staple fork right, branded **B** on right hip, the other on left shoulder.
1 red cow, 12 or 14 years old, 14 hands high, branded on left shoulder **JE**.

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1 red roan horse, 14 hands high, 6 years old, 1 ft hind foot white, saddle marked, shod before, branded **CA** on the left shoulder and **TAL** on the right shoulder.
1 roan mare, 14 hands high, 5 years old, blaze face, white feet, 1 gentle, branded **AM** connected on the left shoulder.

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1 black pony horse, 10 or 12 years old, 12 or 13 hands high, branded **T** connected on left shoulder and a Spanish brand on each thigh.
1 dun colored mare pony, 2 or 3 years old, 13 or 14 hands high, branded on left shoulder and right thigh.

1 brown mare, 12 hands high, 15 years old, branded **D** on left side of neck.
1 bay horse, branded **JB** and a character on left shoulder, also a character over said **JB**, and branded **D** with character on right shoulder.

1 sorrel 4-year-old horse, 13 hands high, branded **W** (cross **W**) on left shoulder.
1 sorrel, blaze face, 17 years old, 11 hands high, brand **D** on left shoulder.

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1 gray horse, 8 or 9 years old, 14 hands high, branded **P** on half circle, Spanish brand on left shoulder.
1 roan mare, 14 hands high, 14 hands high, brand **P** (the **P** and **L** connected so as to make but one character) on left thigh.

1 bay mare, 3 years old, branded the same.
1 bay horse, 5 or 6 years old, 14 hands high, branded with a character that resembles **E** on left thigh.

1 mouse colored mare, 8 or 10 years old, 14 or 15 hands high, branded **D** on left shoulder.
1 black mare, 14 hands high, 12 or 14 years old, no brand.

1 bay mare, 3 or 4 years old, 14 hands high, branded **S** across the left shoulder, white on left hind foot, some white in face.

1 black mare, 13 hands high, 12 or 15 years old, branded **D** 2 on left shoulder.
1 pale red cow, white back and belly, 4 years old, marked crop on right ear, and an upper and underbit in left ear, also one suckling calf.

1 bay mare, 7 or 8 years old, 14 hands high, branded **10** on left thigh and shoulder.
1 grey mare and colt, mare, 12 or 13 years old, 14 hands high, branded **10** on right thigh and shoulder.

1 roan mare, 14 hands high, 3 years old, lame in left leg, marked crop two underbits in left ear and an underbit on right ear, small blotch brand on left side near shoulder.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, 12 years old, branded **H** on left thigh, very dim, crest face.

1 red cow and calf, cow 2 years old past, no marks or brands.
1 bay mare, 7 or 8 years old, 14 hands high, branded **60** on left thigh, star in forehead.

1 black cow (with calf) 10 or 11 years old, bob-tail, marked swallow fork left underbit right, branded **10** on left side.

1 red steer, 4 years old, marked underbit and overslope in right ear, also overslope in left ear, no brand.
1 pale red steer with speck on hips, marked crop and underbit in left ear, and a swallow fork in right ear, 3 years old, no brand.

1 3 year old cow, not branded, marked underbit crop on each ear, red with white specks in flank and hips.

1 bay filly, 4 years old, small star in face, small spot on nose, right hind foot white, 14 hands high, branded **T**.

1 black horse, 8 years old, both hind feet white, 14 hands high, 14 hands high, branded **TR** on left shoulder.
1 bay mare, 14 hands high, 9 years old, branded **10** on left shoulder, and **61** on left side of neck.

1 bay horse, 15 hands high, 10 years old, and branded **8** on left shoulder, right hip knuckled down.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, 8 years old, branded underbit on left thigh thus **10**.
1 two-year-old stud and one yearling stud.

1 bay pony horse, three years old white feet behind, branded **10** on left shoulder, bluish in left eye, 13 hands high.

1 red cow, white face, 8 years old, branded on hip thus **ML**, marked crop right.

1 red cow, white in face, 8 years old, same mark and brand as above.
1 red speckled cow, branded thus on right hip **E**, marked over slope left crop right.

1 dark brown cow, some white specks, the same brand and mark as above.
1 white cow, some red specks, brand on right hip, marked crop left, right hind foot white, 14 hands high, 14 hands high, ears old, blaze face, one hind foot white, branded on jaw thus **D** and on left shoulder thus **T** Spanish brand on left thigh.

1 sorrel horse, 8 years old, 14 hands high, 14 hands high, branded on left shoulder with blotched brand under it, and blotched brand on right thigh.

1 roan horse, 8 or 9 years old, branded and underbit on left thigh thus **VS** and also on right thigh thus **VS**.
1 sorrel horse, brand **D** on left shoulder thus **VS**.

1 sorrel bay mare horse, branded on left thigh thus **VS**.
1 brown two-year-old colt, branded on left thigh thus **VS**.

1 old black g. r. headed, branded on left shoulder.
1 H.P.

1 black cow, 3 or 4 years old, branded on the right hind foot, marked crop and staple fork left, crop right.

1 dun cow, 2 or 3 years old, branded **J** on right hip and side, marked crop left, crop and two splits right.

1 brown cow 8 years old, branded marked crop each ear, overbit left, with brown calf 4 months old.

1 white and black pided yearling.
1 deer-bitten gray horse, 14 hands high, 15 years old, left eye out, branded **SL** on right shoulder.

1 dun spotted cow and her calf, 9 or 10 years old, cow marked under half crop left, swallow fork right, branded **8** on right side, calf no mark or brand.

1 blue spotted cow, 3 years old, and her calf, no mark or brand on either cow or calf.
1 dun spotted steer, 2 years old, marked split left, underslope right, no brand.

1 bay mare 14 hands high, 7 years old, branded **1** left hind foot white, star in face.

1 roan cow, 14 years old, marked crop and two splits left, over half crop right, branded **1** on left side and thus on left **1** and 1 blue calf, red side and white back, no mark or brand.

1 nule, 14 hands high, 12 years old, marks, white spot in forehead, color sorrel, light nose.

1 black and white pided cow, no mark or brand, 4 or 5 years old, and her calf, white and black pided, no mark or brand.

1 stag, red and white back, branded **A** on right, marked under half crop each ear, 4 years old.

1 red bull, 6 years old, branded **PI** on right hip, marked split right.

1 2-year-old red and white heifer, no mark or brand.

1 sorrel horse, 10 years old, 13 hands high, branded **MC** on left shoulder.

1 brown horse mule, 6 years old, 11 hands high, illegible brand on left shoulder.

1 iron gray mare, and colt, 4 years old, red and white.

1 sorrel horse, 5 years old, 13 hands high, star in forehead, branded inverted **X** over a bar on left shoulder.

1 bay mare, 7 years old, 13 hands high, branded **7** on left shoulder.

1 bay mare, but face, 3 years old, 13 hands high, branded **X** on left shoulder, and **1** on thigh.

1 bay mare, star in forehead, snip on nose, 9 years old, 14 hands high, brand **X** on left shoulder.

1 black mare mule, 3 years old, 13 hands high, branded two blotched letters on left shoulder, and **61** on neck.

1 black mare 9 years old, 14 hands high, branded **U** on left shoulder, **60** on neck.

1 bay mare, 6 years old, 16 hands high, branded **D** on left shoulder.

1 dark brown horse pony 4 years old, 13 hands high, branded **2 P** on right shoulder.

1 bay stallion, 3 years old, 14 hands high, branded **10** on left shoulder.

1 black mare mule, 10 years old, 14 hands high, branded **7** on left shoulder.

1 brown mare mule, 7 years old, 14 hands high, branded **L** on the left shoulder.

1 brown mare mule, 9 years old, 11 hands high, branded **10** on left shoulder.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, small star in forehead, right hind foot white, no brand perceivable, three years old past.

1 white and yellow spotted cow, 4 years old, marked crop and underbit left, swallow fork right, branded **S** on right hip and **10** on left side.

1 two-year-old red yearling, white spot in face, no mark or brand.

1 snutty and white spotted calf, no mark or brand.

1 brown mare, 14 hands high, 8 years old, branded **10** on left shoulder.

1 brown horse, 12 or 14 years old, 15 hands high, brand **D** on left shoulder.

1 brown mare, 8 or 9 years old, 13 hands high, branded on the left thigh **71** (with indistinguishable brand above), and on right thigh **TEL** (TE connected).

1 bay mare, 8 or 9 years old, 14 hands high, both hind feet white, and one white hind foot, saddle marks, branded **AT** on left shoulder.

1 chestnut sorrel colt, star in forehead, no brand.

1 line back cow and calf, brown sides, cow 3 years old, both marked split and overbit left, crop right, branded **MOQ**.

1 bay mare, 6 years old, 14 hands high, small white spot in forehead, snip on nose, hind feet white, no brand, marked split right.

1 light bay mare, branded **M** on left hip, 11 years old, 14 hands high, saddle, bridle and harness marks.

1 heifers, mark **d** under half crop right, branded **10**.

2 cows, marked crop and underbit left, saw low fork right, branded **10**.

2 calves, unmarked and unbranded.

1 black rosy cow, marked crop and split left, crop and underbit right, branded **CO**.

1 spotted bull yearling, marked crop each ear, no brand.

1 4-year-old black and white pided steer, marked crop and split left, crop and two splits right, branded **GLE**.

1 dark iron gray mare 14 hands high, 2 years old, brand **DB** on left shoulder, small white spot in forehead.

1 bay 1-year-old horse colt, white streak in forehead, both hind feet white, no brand.

1 bay horse, 14 hands high, star in forehead, right hind foot white, saddle and girth marked, brand **10** on left shoulder, 4 years old.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, 10 or 12 years old, white in face and right hind foot white, branded on left thigh **JAP**.

3-year-old chestnut sorrel filly, white in face, no brand.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, 5 years old, left hind foot white, no brand.

1 bay colt, 2 years old.

1 black filly, 3 years old, branded on left hip **XXX**.

1 yellow cow and calf, no brand.

1 2-year-old steer, branded on right side **EM**, marked under half crop left, crop and split right.

1 red and white 2-year-old steer, branded on side and hip.

1 mouse colored horse mare, 15 or 16 years old, branded **X** on left thigh and **8** on right side of the neck.

1 2-year-old heifer, marked crop left,

overbit right, branded on left side **B**.

Red River.

1 dark brown and white pided ox, marked under half crop and split in the left ear, and overslope in right ear, branded on the left hip, but not intelligible, 12 years old.

1 bay pony mare, 3 years old, branded **SL** on the left shoulder, a star in forehead, 15 hands high.

1 sorrel pony mare, 7 years old, 13 hands high, star in forehead, branded **SB** on left shoulder, and thus on left hip, foot evil in left fore foot.

1 dark bay pony mare, 14 hands high, has a few white hairs in forehead, branded **C** on left shoulder, 4 years old.

1 bay mare, 12 years old, 14 hands high, branded **T** left hip.

1 sorrel mare mule, 1 month old, blaze face, left hind foot white.

Rockwall.

1 cow, 3 years old, mark crop and under half crop in each ear, no brand.

Runnels.

1 sorrel horse, 6 years old, 15 hands high, branded **94** connected.

Washington.

1 dun mare, 13 hands high, 8 or 9 years old, branded **L-T** on left shoulder and **L-T** and Spanish brand on left hip.

1 brown mare, with white specks on the hip, small blaze in the face, right hind foot white, marked underbit in right ear, 3 years old, branded **TJ** on left hip.

1 small bay mare, 11 years old, 12 hands high, white spot on forehead, no brand.

Wood.

1 black horse mule, 8 or 10 years old, 12 hands high, branded circle **D** on left hip.

1 bay mare, 6 years old, 13 hands high, branded **4** on right shoulder.

Young.

1 bay mare, 6 years old, branded **6** on left shoulder and **77** on left hip, has calf 5 or 6 months old.

1 brood mare, 8 or 9 years old, branded **Z** on right shoulder.

The Loco Poison Weed.

Mobette Panhandle.

One of the many satisfactory features in the range at present is the dying of the uncalled for speaking mild to loco weed, some of them that this mysterious plant dies out, generally over the range, every seven years.

However that may be, reports from nearly all parts say that it is dying out now, and that places where it was thick a short time since are virtually free from it. It is doing this without any apparent cause, aside of growing in grasses and other vegetation that is in a flourishing and healthy condition. When the sudden and ridiculous locs flourish one year there may be no trace of it the next year. It springs up and flourishes in a locality or dies out seemingly without regard to causes or conditions.

Notice to Texas and Arkansas Cattle Drivers.

OFFICE OF THE CHEROKEE STRIP LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION. CALDWELL, Kan., Nov. 28, 1888.

This is to notify drivers of Texas and Arkansas cattle that a trail used in the summer of the years 1881 and 1882, by what are known as through cattle drivers, has been fenced in by members of this association, and is included in pasture now stocked with domestic cattle, which renders it extremely dangerous to have this trail used by through Texas cattle. Said trail has been known as the eastern trail, or the trail running from Red Fork, Indian Territory, west, crossing Turkey creek or near Bullfinch ranch, and up the Cimarron river to the western trail. The said western trail crosses the Cimarron river south of Doeg City, Kansas, and is provided for by the directors of this association, and is left a width of three miles for the benefit of southern drivers.

The trail from Red Fork, Indian Territory, to the Cimarron crossing, known as the eastern or Red Fork and Dodge City trail, can not be used in the future by persons driving through Texas cattle.

A strip three miles wide has also been left open for what has been known as the old Chishim trail from Red River to the quarantine grounds at Caldwell and Humeville, Kansas. Best S. MILLER, President.

JOHN A. BLAIR, Secretary.

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Notice to Stockmen.

Notice is hereby given that all that portion of the cattle trail, known as the "Western Cattle Trail," which passes through the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian Reservation, Indian Territory, and hereafter used in driving cattle from Texas to Kansas, can no longer be used for trail purposes, as that part of said Cheyenne and Arapahoe Reservation, through which the said trail passes has been leased for grazing purposes to the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Cattle Trail, B. of A. the same runs through the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Reservation, will remain open as heretofore.

JOHN D. MILES, U. S. Indian Agent, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, I.T., October 16, 1888.

Dissolution.

The partnership heretofore existing between Jas. Ligon and W. O. Clark, known as the firm of Ligon & Clark, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

JAS. LIGON, W. O. CLARK.

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It is well worth any stockman's time to read the advertisements of the Texas Investment Company, limited, to be found elsewhere in this paper. They have real bargains in ranches and live stock of almost every description.

FROM NEW MEXICO.

A Search for Range-The Short-horn Cattle Company.

A Texas Layout-Boas Line Riding-Those Who Went West.

SOCORRO, N. MEXICO, December 17, 1888.

Editor Texas Live Stock Journal.

Believing that a few facts concerning the stock interests in this section of the country will be of general interest to the readers of the JOURNAL, I ask permission for space.

The train from El Paso reaches Deming at the junction of the Southern Pacific and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, at 7:30 a. m. The town has grown rapidly and is situated on a vast prairie covered with luxuriant grass a few miles from the mouth and east rise to a considerable height the Florida, once the favorite resort of the famous Victoria and his murderous band, now the prospecting grounds of the hardy miner. Old mountains appear to the west and indicate a fair shelter for stock, but the absence of water and the unprotected character of the country generally, does not attract the experienced cattleman.

From Deming to Socorro, about 180 miles, the country presents a variety of appearances. Some pretty plains, but the numerous sand hills and scattering alkali lakes still back the attraction until to the stockman hunting a ranch. One feature worthy of notice appearing to the traveler over the A. T. & S. F. is the fire-guard formed by two or three furrows plowing some two or three furrows across the country.

These furrows provided by the A. T. & S. F., extend the entire distance of the road, and prove to all the desire of this company to be just to all stockmen pursuing their avocation in the vicinity of this road.

The objective point of our party was the western border of New Mexico, described to us as the stockman's El Dorado, and we were disappointed. I attached but little importance, knowing the result of the bias of man for the land of his preference and the extravagant expressions many indulge in to substantiate their claims, and say just here that I am aware that the most valuable feature in a communication relating to an unknown country, is its accuracy and the writer's strict adherence to facts.

Socorro is comparatively a new mining town, nestled down at the foot of the Rocky mountains, whose snow-capped tops temper the summer heat and furnish a winter protection against the cold northwest winds.

The distance from Socorro to the old Luna ranch is some 150 miles west. This was our objective point and the journey required some four days. We soon passed the valley scenery and entered a paying mining camp and winding our way through valleys, gulches and over mountains, reached, at a point 35 miles east of the Luna ranch, the divide between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. From here on, there was a perceptible improvement in the country. The country changed to an undulating prairie. Trees on the mountains became more numerous. The country became more luxuriant, more plentiful, with here and there a pure spring flowing down the sides of the grand old Rockies, whose snow-capped tops towered thousands of feet above the surrounding country, and of over 7500 feet, yet one did not feel the cold so much as in the Texas. The air was bracing, but the absence of wind gave a freedom from the piercing, chilly sensation experienced in one of our northern games was everywhere abundant, embracing black-tail deer, antelope, turkeys, partridges of the California variety, with a queer lot of squirrels, which, by the way, were as good as a wonder to the people of the country. Several were slain, when I was much surprised to find on the backs of each a peculiarly shaped diamond. I was informed that these were numerous and some elk were to be found in the mountains.

It is here on the head of the San Francisco River, where the waters flow into Gila, thence to the Colorado and on into the Gulf of Lower California, that I found an old Texan, Mr. D. F. White, whose hospitality and generous nature, and who, I mentally exclaim, God bless the Texans wherever they roam! Mr. White is the secretary and treasurer of the "Short-horn Cattle Company."

This company is composed of J. M. Hall, late of Texas, D. F. White, late of Taylor county, Texas; the Luna Bros., one of whom is the delegate from this territory to the congress of the United States, and among the most prominent of the territory, as well as other prominent Texans.

They own some thirty thousand acres, comprising the choice lands and water of the Luna and Rito valleys, hemmed in by mountains with just a few minor hills within to furnish ample protection. Their ranch has been well selected, in fact more thought and ownership of the water they control than of the best of the grazing land that I have seen since my entrance into New Mexico. The grass is the nutritious gramma, with some bunch grass and wild oats in the valleys. Here one can sit at the head of the river, and during the summer or dry season, and see thousands of cattle water each day. It was at his ranch that Victoria, three years ago, made one of his bloodiest butcheries, some of his horses being lost. The ranch has some 200 acres of excellent farming land surrounding it, where the cereals and all manner of garden vegetables are grown to perfection.

I dwell upon the company's possessions more than some will appreciate, but it is a remarkable ranch and is eminently Texan in its character. Here are held 6000 head of Short-horns from full blood to half breed and all prove their pedigree, being white and red and roans and not one "off in color," and three-quarters of them are "she" cattle. What a bright prospect here unfolds itself to the imaginative mind of the stockman! B. of A. from 1250 to 1500 pounds and can be marketed any month in the year.

The rivers above referred to abound in trout of the pure Rocky Mountain species. Beaver are very numerous, and the country is a den of the stockman. Their pelts are of course valuable, but alive are worth still more to cowmen. Except in the Panhandle, I have never seen a town of these industrious animals. One can't help regretting the probable extinction of them at an early day, as their pelts readily command about \$4 per pound.

The mountains surrounding this ranch are not a barren rocky waste as one might imagine, they are covered with an excellent growth of timber from the tall commanding pine to the squat hickory, which, by the way, must be a twin brother to our West Texas post-oak, cypress, white maple, ash, cottonwood

and other varieties of trees are numerous and are a rarity here for lumber purposes. There is also an absence of undergrowth which gives the scene the appearance of some lordly domain of great Britain. I am told that ferns and flowers flourish here in spring with the song of birds and lowing of fat cattle munching the rank grass peaks grow to the top of the highest peaks, truly forms the stockman's paradise. Alas, that this country is not open to "free range!" But a few favored, adventurous ones have been there before, and such ranches as these would cost a small Texas herd; however, those who have the land and water have only to "bide" the land and the golden shekels will surely roll ankle-deep over the coming of many springs.

It was with a feeling of sadness that I turned my back on this charming scene, where snow

