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CATTLE.

Texas cattlemen are not the only ones who are having good times. New Mexico has the best grass and cattle ever known in that country and less than half the number of cattle to eat it than stock men have had in former years. All the old stock is fat and young animals are in fine condition and growing rapidly. The range country in New Mexico had fine rains in June.

Probably there has never been fed in Texas so good a class of steers as are going into the feed lots this fall. Many will be finished on corn and the Journal predicts that few animals for export should be finer than the Texas steers will be found anywhere in the country next winter and spring. The next after this finishing her own bees within the state ought to be the establishment of packeries and provision for shipments from Texas ports of our beef products dressed for market.

and by the aid of our pedigree bulls have enhanced their grazing quality. Would it not be as well to prepare for the evil days by endeavoring to make the improvement of home cattle a little more general than it is at present? This South American competition with English cattle raisers is also a growing competition with American producers that they must take into account. The cost of shipment from South America is greater than in the United States, but lands and labor are much cheaper there. We cannot hold our own except by intelligent breeding to produce meats.

The large reduction of the number of range cattle has been of benefit to cattlemen not only by a large enhancement in the value of their stock but has given much relief to overstocked ranges which, fortunately, has been of benefit to cattlemen not only by a large enhancement in the value of their stock but has given much relief to overstocked ranges which, fortunately, has been assisted generally by unusually favorable weather conditions. From all parts of the great Western ranges come reports of the finest grass the country had for years and cattle are going into winter in much better than their usual condition.

In connection with the heavy drain which Chicago buyers have made on the beef ranges that ordinarily supply the Pacific coast trade the Pacific Rural Press says: While Oregon and Washington are almost bare of beef stock, California is but little better off. Mr. C. E. Sherman of the well known cattle dealing firm of Sherman & Ealand, after a tour of the central districts of the state, reports that the ranges are very thin and that the supply of feed stock was unusually short. In the San Joaquin valley there is no stock for sale, and it is not quite clear where the winter's supply of beef is coming from. Sixteen thousand beef cattle were recently shipped from Bakerville, and there will be no more until those turned into the alfalfa fields are ready for market, and then they will supply the San Francisco trade.

In some of the Texas counties this side of the Staked Plains the range cattle industry is passing away as it has done elsewhere where any form of agriculture was practicable. Hereafter there will be more and more an extension of the cultivation of forage plants that can resist arid conditions. In some localities irrigation will be employed to render effective the elements of fertility which exist in the soil. And over all that area experience and intelligence will combine to develop resources which climatic conditions have rendered practically valueless for the production of the ordinary crops. When all this is being done it will be found that the live stock interest will be greater in number and vastly greater in value than when only grazing on the native grasses was depended on, and Texas will rank higher for the quality of cattle sent to the markets of this country and Europe than she ever did for the members of her countless herds ranging uncaared for over her vast area of grazing lands.

An extract from a private letter published in the Live Stock Indicator shows how cattlemen in southwestern Kansas keep down their herds to the grazing capacity of their pastures, and find profit in it. "I have a herd of one man who has 1200 cows which calf crop will be 600 to 700. He contracted all the calves for delivery Oct. 1st, at \$9. Another with about the same number of calves sold for \$9.75, his entire calf crop for delivery at same time. The cows, graded Durhams, sell for \$2 and two-year-old steers at \$24 to \$30, according to quality. On many ranches of Texas are calves, the entire crop of which would bring better prices, but range capacity not being so limited the owners find a profit in holding.

It costs time and patience to build up a finely bred herd on a farm, but not so much money as one might at first consider necessary. Two purely-bred calves, bull and heifer, can be bought at a price almost any farmer can pay. By the time there are heifer offspring of an age to be bred let him exchange for or buy a bull of the same breed but of a different family. Soon he will have about him all the cattle his farm will carry, but if his selections have been good and his management judicious he can get good prices for his bull calves as well as for such heifer calves as he may wish to sell, reserving, however, of the latter the very choicest in order to perfect the quality of his home stock. Something, too, can be obtained from his neighbors for the services of his bull. Gradually he can cut down the cultivation of all but feed crops, thereby increasing his grazing area, and soon he will find the value of his farm increased, his income growing and less subject to vicissitude and the character of his duties becoming continually more interesting and less exhausting.

THE FARM.

In the Eastern part of the United States there are thousands of farms that have become almost worthless. No principle of soil culture was thought of. Indian corn was native to the soil and was raised year after year until the soil refused to give further yield. Then the farmer moves west to repeat his system of exhausting culture, and still westward he goes until here in Texas we hear now of worn out land. Fortunately so small a part of Texas has ever come under the plow that still as to agriculture our state has practically a virgin soil, and there is room for thousands of farmers upon lands where only forest and native grasses have ever grown.

THE OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT NEXT YEAR.

In all the wheat-growing countries of the world there was evident a disposition, as soon as the shortage of the crop of 1897 began to be appreciated, to increase very greatly the area of the crop planted in 1898, and prophecies were freely made that such a surplus would be raised as to bring prices down to the level of recent years that were so discouraging to wheat growers. "Man proposes," however, and nature has seemed to set the seal of her disapproval on the policy intended. In South America locusts have badly damaged the crop that will come in during the first two months of 1898. The Journal has shown in a former article that the misfortunes of this year will greatly restrict production in European Russia and India.

But the great bulk of the world's supply is the product of the United States, and from over nearly all its wheat-growing area come reports of a drouth almost unprecedented in its destructiveness. It extends from Ohio on the east to Nebraska on the west; from the latitude of the Dakotas to that of Tennessee, and involves the very large wheat-growing area of the State of Texas. It began early enough to reduce very materially the corn crop in the states that are the most important producers of corn, and meadows and pastures have been so seriously impaired that in many localities farmers have been compelled to take up their stock and feed as in winter. This will draw far more heavily on the grain crops of this year than usual, and will have its effect on the prices of all grains of the '98 crop, because of the smallness of the quality, if any at all exists, to be carried over into another year.

The direct cause of a wheat supply that will be smaller than was expected two months ago, is the impossibility of preparing the ground for wheat. In the farming operations among wheat farmers are practically at a standstill, waiting for rains, to make preparations for seeding possible. It is true that much of the early seeding has been done, and the seed that have not germinated have been so seriously impaired that in many localities farmers have been compelled to take up their stock and feed as in winter. This will draw far more heavily on the grain crops of this year than usual, and will have its effect on the prices of all grains of the '98 crop, because of the smallness of the quality, if any at all exists, to be carried over into another year.

The seriousness of the situation, as it appears at present, is very great, as is shown by the report of the crop report, issued on the 1st of October, and now nearly at the middle of the month the situation is worse than when the report was issued, both because the damage has extended and become more hopeless and because the rains which have been so long expected have been to some extent repaired, has nearly passed.

The Journal considers the report of sufficient importance to give, condensed, to its readers.

In the province of Ontario farmers are doing no plowing. In Michigan no wheat is being put in. A very little of the early wheat is up and doing very badly. Meadows and pastures have dried up, and it is too late for them to recover. In Ohio plowing is impossible. Wheat that has come up is doing poorly. Farmers claim that if they could plant by October 15 they may make a crop. In Indiana 50 per cent of the seeding has been done, but much of it will have to be replanted. Meadows and pastures are all gone for this season. In central Illinois the days are hot and the drouth unprecedented. The lands are fully prepared, and some seed have been planted. Such as have started to grow have been killed by the drouth. Plowing is impossible. In Southern Illinois conditions are the same. In Missouri 50 to 75 per cent of the crop has been sown. The earliest sown is so thin that the land will have to be replanted to make a crop. In Kansas there has been a good deal of plowing, but the land is so lumpy and hard that it cannot be put in shape for seeding. Some of the early wheat has sprouted, but is killed in a few days. The area planted will not be more than half as large as it would be with a favorable season. In Kentucky the drouth has been longer, and even if rains should now come, the wheat area would be greatly reduced. In Tennessee no plowing can be done. It was intended to plant a very large acreage, but conditions will make that now impossible. In the state of Washington farmers have been unable to get enough men, teams or machinery to promptly handle the large crop of this year, and are yet busy in taking care of it. Harvesting has not yet been completed. Much of it will be lost and what is managed to stand too long after ripening, and until this crop is handled nothing is being done to prepare for another.

Such being the situation at this date, too late for it to be generally improved, it seems doubtful if the crop of 1898 can be larger in the United States, if as large as the crop of the present year. The inability of wheat growers to plant the area intended, the fact there will be practically no grain of any kind to remain as a surplus from this year, and the heavy demand that will result from such conditions will doubtless cause a very greatly increased area to be planted in corn, but it is hardly possible that of all grains there can be a product large enough in 1898 to bring about a material reduction of present prices.

HORSES AND MULES.

THE GREAT MORGAN FAMILY.

No other family of horses has made so valuable a reputation in the United States as the Morgan horse and it is distinctly American. It was founded by Justin Morgan, who was foaled in 1793. Justin Morgan was sired by True Briton, he by Lloyd's Traveller, by Imported Traveller, he by Partner, the famous grandson of Byerby Turk and grand sire of the great King Herod. The dam of Traveller was an Arabian mare, Justin Morgan's sire, at one time called Beautiful Bay, was first used as a saddle and carriage horse, and afterwards for several years was kept in the stud.

Justin Morgan's dam was a mare of the blood of Wildair, a horse imported from England and so highly appreciated that he was repurchased at a high price and sent back to that country. Wildair was a great horse and from him have come a number of famous thoroughbreds who have made their mark in history.

The thoroughbred of the last century was unlike in form to the Arab origin he took strongly to the Arab form, short legged, round in body and more compact than the race horses of this age. Justin Morgan stood only fourteen hands in height and weighed only 900 pounds. He was described as "a chunky horse and low to the ground," having "a short, strong back, sloping shoulders, round quarters, rather a long body, a finely shaped head, delicate ear, an intelligent expression and splendid mane and tail." He lived to be twenty-eight years old, dying at Chelsea, Vermont, in 1821.

He had the splendid style and action of a show horse and his strength and endurance were remarkable. New England had no race courses but Justin Morgan ran often at neighborhood meetings, and it is said he was never beaten. Yet he had no speed as a trotter, and this characteristic first appeared in the third or fourth generation of his descendants. He possessed one quality of great value, that of impressing to a remarkable degree the faculty of impressing his form and qualities upon his descendants.

There was no better son of Justin Morgan than Sherman Morgan, out of a small, highly bred chestnut mare. Sherman Morgan was a bright chestnut, only 13 1/2 hands high but weighing 925 pounds. He was the sire of Vermont Black Hawk, the founder of a great family of trotters. His dam, raised in the province of New Brunswick, was a three-quarter-bred English mare, weighing 1025 pounds, and made some fame as a trotter, being able to go a mile in less than three minutes. The dam of Vermont Black Hawk stood sixteen hands high, weighed 1100 pounds and was a superb animal. Vermont Black Hawk was foaled in 1833, was jet black and measured nearly fifteen hands. He was, perhaps, the first in the direct Morgan line to show great trotting speed, but his qualities as a roadster were more marked and, except as to speed, were the inheritance of the first Morgan. He had strength, endurance, handsome form and his temper was perfect. He was a horse of perfect symmetry and was said to be the most graceful horse in action of his day. The description given by one who appreciated him is that of a perfect animal. "His arm was broad and strong, limbs flat and clean, large muscular development; short from the knee to the pastern, an expansive nostril, well open when in action; was perfectly sound, a close-limbed, clean-limbed animal and carried a beautiful head with a long, wavy mane and a tail that touched the ground."

Ethan Allen was the worthy son of such a sire and was a smooth, even trotter with action of wonderful grace. His record with running mate was 2:15 1/2 and in single harness 2:25 1/2. Daniel Lambert was the best of his sons, and was one of the most distinguished of the Morgan family as a progenitor of trotters. He was foaled by Fanny Cook, a daughter of Abdallah, son of Messenger and sire of Rysdick's Hambletonian. This combination of the Messenger and Morgan blood produced many horses that obtained fame as trotters.

Daniel Lambert was a horse of splendid style and beauty with graceful and grand carriage, and perhaps the most perfect roadsters this country has ever known derive their qualities through his blood.

Except on the turf the Morgan horses are good in every place they have been called to fill. They are alert, quick, high spirited, with splendid action, graceful in harness. They "have size in proportion to height, clean bone, sinewy legs, compactness, short, strong backs, powerful lungs, and have great strength and endurance." More than any other family they have kept through generations the excellences in form and qualities of their Arab ancestry. These are characteristics by which horses of the Morgan blood may be distinguished: "Short, lean heads, wide across the front between the eyes, which are always lively and prominent. The under jaw is wide, large with deep, deep brislet, heavy and round body, broad back, short limbs in proportion to size, broad quarters, a lively action with indomitable spirit; they move easy and true in a good round trot and are invariably fast walkers. Colors are generally dark bay, chestnut, brown or black, with an occasional star in the forehead and on the white stockings more. It would be an unusual thing not to see upon the well bred Morgan horse a handsome, long, silky mane and a gracefully carried tail."

Besides their excellences as roadsters many of the Morgan's possess fine saddle qualities and their high withers, oblique shoulders, powerful quarters and limbs perfect in all parts, together with their fire, courage and high intelligence and wonderful strength and endurance make them the horse in form and quality that the cavalryman loves and trusts. Crossed with the blood of taller race, they ought to produce

coachers that would merit and retain the admiration of the fashionable world. Though few of them have demonstrated extraordinary speed the Morgans constitute a family of such variety, splendid usefulness that we may well feel prouder of them as a distinctly American family, and perhaps no better blood could be obtained as a foundation of a breeding establishment in Texas for rearing the several classes of horses for which the market will be always large and profitable.

SHEEP AND GOATS.

Experience has shown that Angora goats thrive best in dry, elevated localities; also that they should be kept in thrifty condition through the fall or they will not winter well.

The wool market is stronger than for many years. The recent advance of 30 to 35 per cent seems not to be the highest point that will be reached and the strongest feature in the market is the fact that speculators are taking so large a proportion of the offerings.

Among the many who are taking up the sheep business credit is the middle wool sheep seem the favorites. Wool and mutton are the combination desired, and the mutton market has had such a growth that sheep will not again be raised for the wool product alone so generally as in former times.

In the agricultural states farmers are again stocking up with sheep, and the movement is specially active in Eastern Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It may be expected that on many worn-out farms in the east sheep raising will become an important industry. Sheep, however, even on such land, cannot be handled as cheaply as on the western and southwestern ranges.

A gentleman writing from Albuquerque, N. M., to the Massachusetts Ploughman, says that the wool clip this year has been 15,000,000 pounds, which has been sold at an average of 10 cents a pound, or \$1,500,000. His estimate of the number of lambs sold for northern ranges at 1,000,000, bringing an average of \$2, or \$2,000,000 for all sold. As the entire population of the territory, including Indians, is only about 150,000, it will be seen that the sheep alone of New Mexico will put into circulation there a per capita circulation of more than \$23.

The Sheep Breeder says that up to the middle of September three-fourths of the rams of the country had been sold. Very few Shropshires were then left, nor Oxfordshire left unsold to make up a carload, Hampshire and Southdowns nearly all sold. The remainder of the country, consisting of un-sold Lincoln in the country, Cotswolds sold out so closely that within a month only ram lambs would be left; not half enough Dorsets remaining to meet the demand. Not more than three or four Rambouillet rams remained in the country. And substantially the same is true as to Delaines, Merinos, Cheviots, Leicester, Suffolk and Tunis rams. Such is the situation east of the Missouri river, and the breeder who has not already supplied his herd with good rams will probably regret the opportunity now in securing what he wants.

A NEW ERA ON THE SHEEP RANGE.

It is safe to say that some now entering upon the business of sheep raising will get out of it with much less money than they have now. The Journal thinks it offers better opportunities than it has offered for many years, but the opportunities are offered to men who know the business and will give it their personal attention and prudent, economical and intelligent supervision. There is no other class of stock raising that punishes blunders and mismanagement so promptly and exorbitantly. Many of us can recall the fever of excitement with which men went into sheep raising. Many of these were men who knew nothing of life outside of cities. Many others who had been raised in the country, knew nothing of handling sheep on the range. For a year or so providence seemed to favor them, and the ignorant and inexperienced were a success. This fact built up the idea that experience was unnecessary. All sorts and classes of men bought sheep and turned them out on the vast ranges of Wyoming and Northern Mexico, with holders as ignorant as themselves. In a very few years the inevitable result of ignorance and mismanagement came and hundreds of men were hopelessly wrecked.

But there remained some who were sagacious and determined, who held on in spite of reverses, accumulating experience, but, unfortunately, for a series of years accumulating little else. These are the men to whom the opportunity of to-day presents itself and already they are reaping its reward. It is safe to assume that they are on the high road to rich and enduring success. It is safe also to assume that their success will present itself as an inducement to many to engage in the business with no training of experience and with few qualifications for the work that will be required of them, and no knowledge of the vicissitudes they will meet.

It is to the latter class that the Journal would address a word of caution. Let them embark only a small capital in the business at the start. Pay well for the services of reliable and experienced men. Start your flock with the best animals and can be obtained. Make acquaintance with men who have weathered all the hard experiences of the business; consult them as to breeds, study their methods, and see yourself that these methods are strictly carried out in your own flock. Keep the flock small for a while by selling of the inferior and oldest animals and breed always to the best rams. In short, educate and train yourself to be a wool grower and mutton breeder before you try to be a big sheepman.

SWINE.

Every farmer who has not an extensive range for his hogs should sow sows to give them a green winter feed.

The breeding sow ought to run out on pasture to eat what grass she will and have some woods range to root in. Exercise is needed to keep her in health.

If the mother sow is kept in healthy, vigorous condition, a healthy and vigorous litter of pigs may be expected, that with proper care, may be easily kept growing.

But little corn should be fed to young hogs. Feed oats, wheat, sorghum and rye, food that makes bone and muscle. Give them access to good grass, shade in summer, good shelter in winter, and always plenty of good, pure water.

A gentleman who has had long experience in farming in Tennessee found that by allowing his cotton seed to begin to rot and then throwing them in water shallow enough for hogs to feed on the seed under water, rendered cotton seed a safe and valuable feed.

Keep plenty of salt, charcoal and wood ashes within reach of your hogs at all times. Give them the range of such land as will yield food supply, if that of the animal that has had possible. The best favored meat is plenty of exercise while growing, but yet kept always in thrifty condition.

Attention has recently been directed by the Journal to the possible value to our farmers in the hog trade with Mexico, but that country, it is said, is now considering an increase in the tariff on American hogs in retaliation for the tariff placed by the United States upon Mexican oranges.

The brood sow ought to be separated from the stock hogs and given a pen to herself about ten days or two weeks before farrowing. In summer this should be dry and well ventilated; or if in cool weather, it should be dry and warm. Give her a laxative diet, such as oil meal and green feed. Keep her as quiet as possible provide a plentiful quantity of clean straw for bedding, and make her comfortable.

The majority of farmers are indifferent about providing dry and comfortable quarters for their hogs, and often the animals are kept in an unsheltered pen during a wet season until the mud comes up to their bellies. Aside from the injury resulting from such exposure, is the evil of having to feed them in such a place. Much of the food gets out in the mud, and the hogs get with it a mass of filth at every feeding. If confined at all, their quarters ought always to be dry and clean.

A Tennessee farmer told a Journal representative that a Tennessee neighbor commenced killing several hundred when the weather became so warm and moist that it seemed certain the meat would spoil. To preserve it he adopted a plan learned from Indians at an early day. As soon as the meat was cut up it was placed in boiling water and kept there until heated in the water taken out and salted. It took salt better than when treated in the ordinary way, none of the meat spoiled and all of it was sweeter and better flavored than meat cured by the usual process.

Thick, runty pigs are best adapted for killing at a young age. They should never be allowed to quit growing, but kept in a thrifty and improving condition continuously from birth. It is best to kill them as small porkers at about 100 to 120 pounds weight. A pig killed as a young porker should retain, as much as possible, its sucking pig characteristics and this can best be done by keeping it always growing. Good pasturage should make a very considerable part of its feed, for not only is the grass a needed food, but the exercise of grazing is necessary to the health of the animal.

It is natural for a sow to come in heat after she has suckled and weaned a litter of pigs. Her system is then in the best possible condition to conceive another litter, and she should be bred at once. If deprived of the services of a boar for a few seasons or coming into heat, her generative organs will lose their vigor and she will grow fat and become useless for breeding purposes. To keep her in the best condition as a brood sow, the instincts of her nature must be regarded. These are generally expected to have two litters a year. It is best, if it can be so arranged, to have these come in March or April, and in September or October. It will be better for her to have eight or ten pigs in the first litter, and cared for, so as to suckle them well. This will give development to her milk organs, and if properly handled, she will always suckle well.

COMPARATIVE BACON PRICES. American Consul Lathrop, at Bristol, England, in his report to the State Department, gives some information concerning United States products in England, to which swine breeders in this country should give attention. The report notes that there is a scarcity of pigs in England and in Denmark, and says the United States and Canada are expected to keep up the increased shipments. The finest grades of English bacon sell from 15c to 17c per pound, wholesale; Canadian and Danish, 11c to 14c, and United States at from 6 1/2c to 8c. These differences in prices are constant. The highest prices of American bacon do not even touch the lowest quotations for Canadian and Danish. The difference is in quality and suitability to the taste of the market.

Canada and Denmark have made a careful study of the needs of the English market, and have gone deliberately to work to meet the demand. On the other hand, the United States dealers have disregarded entirely the taste of the consumer, and depreciated values are the result.

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DAIRY.

It is estimated that it takes eleven pounds of milk to add one pound of weight to the calf.

The dairy cow ought to be always kept as comfortable as possible. Give her good shade in summer and shelter from severe weather at all times, with plenty of pure water and suitable food.

The Journal of Agriculture says that the best market for corn and many other feed stuffs in the maw of the cow and the stomach of the hog. Feed will bring more in milk and meat than in money, and the milk and meat will sell for more money than would the feed.

The Southwestern Stockman says that the farmer who is feeding a scrub cow and guessing that she pays may be said to be gambling in stock. It is a sort of board of trade business. She trades a very small quantity of poor milk for her board and leaves her owner short on butter and long on experience.

The farmer who permits his milk cows to be brought home by a dog, snapped at and heated by the dog, is a man who would—but so many do it, and the laws of Texas are very severe, so the Journal will designate all the evil possibilities of his nature—but it may be safe to say that he is one kind of a fool.

The farmer who keeps for milkers Shorthorn or Hereford cows with good milking qualities may carefully breed along this line and continually improve this characteristic of the stock, but this would probably result in a deterioration of the family as a whole, the chief being the characteristic of the most importance to the owner, it will pay him well to breed exclusively to the very best sires accessible. With the special care the owner of a very few of the best breed cows could give to their offspring very valuable animals could be produced that would find ready and profitable sale to purchasers who would buy them to improve their own families of cattle.

The better the dairy cow the more nervous she is, as a general rule, and the more sensitive to hurtful influences. This holds true whether she be the offspring of the special dairy breed or of other breeds and individually good for dairy purposes. The organization that accompanies such excellence requires kindly and intelligent care and responds gratefully and profitably. The season of rigorous weather is approaching, and such changes from mild days to severe "northers," often accompanied by rains that chill and draw the hardest animals exposed to them. It is not too soon to prepare shelter from winter storms, if the preparation is not already made. Clean, warm stables and good feeding are good investments, and every farmer this year is able to provide them.

While an excellent dairy animal can probably be produced from the native Texas cow, possessing vigorous health and "rustling" qualities, it will not, of course, pay to attempt the experiment when excellent and well-bred dairy breeds are available, strong to impress their valuable characteristics on all their offspring. But a very little of the special dairy breeds ought to go a very long way in Texas. City families find the beautiful, clean looking, deer-like Jersey and the Jersey or the Guernsey, or some of the other dairy animals may be what meet best the requirements of the dairyman with a city market. But we have few cities in Texas and the citizen of a Texas town possessed of comfortable means likes to keep cow and dairymen are thereby limited to the best of the town market. The great bulk of the cows throughout the state kept for milk purposes belongs to the farmer, and Texas is yet too sparsely settled for the farmer to rely much upon dairy products. Such products are sometimes, and much more frequently might help him along, but he must have for his purposes something in the way of a cow that will enable him to sell steer calves that are bigger than goats. The Texas farmer, if successful, has something of a cow stock farmer and have a beef breed of cattle instead of a dairy breed. The Shorthorn has many cows valuable for their milk product and their offspring is always valuable. So, too, has the Hereford. Good milkers of these families are the cows for Texas farmers.

A good deal of discussion has lately been going on in the agricultural press relative to prices of dairy products. The markets have steadily grown more unsatisfactory, and it is said that in the New England states butter and milk will not bring what it costs to produce them. The extensive use of butter substitutes has had much to do with the low price of butter, although legislation in some states has attempted to prevent their competition in an unfair way with butter. To a great extent legislation has not availed to protect butter makers from dishonest competition. A large consumption is in the boarding houses, hotels and restaurants of the country and the proprietors of these are not prohibited from palming off any fraud upon their customers. Yet it is believed that the dairy interests of the country will improve with other industries. In this connection, the Farming World in admitting that the conditions that caused advance in other products may not exist in connection with the products of the dairy very reasonably says: "But whether they do or not, a general increase in the business of the country that gives employment to more people should certainly increase the demand for butter and cheese because there will be more who can afford to use these articles of food."

Another reason why better prices should be expected for both butter and cheese is the protection those products have received the past and this year in way of legislation that is unfavorable to bogus butter and filled cheese. Such legislation has displaced or stopped the manufacture of inferior dairy products to a great extent and thus made places for the genuine ones.

There is another important feature and one that can be made a factor in giving the producers of dairy products a profit. It is an improvement in quality. Good products bring the top prices. There again the more good butter and cheese—really fine quality—produced the more there will be of both consumed.

POULTRY.

Feed in the evening near the roost.

The healthiest fowls are those that range freely and forage most of their living.

Farmers should give more attention to raising turkeys. They require more care than chickens, but they pay good rewards for it.

Hens that lay through the winter are ready to sit early in the spring, and will raise early pullets for the laying season next fall.

It is said by an exchange that chickens hatched in the fall are not so strong as those hatched in the spring, because summer eggs are somewhat deficient in vitality.

It is said to take fully three weeks for a hen to breed true to color, when purely mated, after she has been running at large with a male bird of different breed or of the common sort.

Finely pulverized clay makes a better dust bath than pure sand and serves better in mixing with hen manure to prevent its getting into cloids and to absorb ammonia as the manure is decomposed.

An endeavor has been made to start a new breed of chickens, called Oringtons, by a mixture of Plymouth Rocks, Minorcas and Langshans with a view of combining the good qualities of each.

The mature hens, those three years old and a little older will take better care of their chicks than a younger fowl. But the chicks need the care of the owner as well as the mother hen. Provide good shelter to protect them from inclement weather and don't have too many with one hen. Feed judiciously and enough to keep them growing and strong.

Texas will have this year poultry shows at Houston, Austin, Waco, Dallas and Fort Worth. The state show will be at Waco in December, and room has been prepared for 250 birds. It is expected that nearly every state will be represented. Besides these there will be an exhibition of poultry in connection with the Waco flower show, about the middle of October.

According to the National Stockman, no one who breeds White Wyandottes and pushes them vigorously is making a mistake. They are favorites of those who produce broilers, being plump and well-feathered at an early age. They have a compact, round body and full breast, and a close rose comb, seldom damaged by frost. They are said to be among our heaviest egg producers.

The best laying period of a good, healthy hen is said to be about twenty-six to thirty months, and during her third year she should be fattened and killed. It does not pay to sell or kill the younger hens, as during the winter, when eggs bring the highest price, they are the best layers. For an all round fowl, either the Plymouth Rock, Wyandotte or Black Java is satisfactory; but if eggs are of the most importance the Leghorns or Minorcas ought to be selected.

A movement is being made by Dr. C. S. Phillips, editor of the Texas Fancier, and other men having special interest in poultry breeding to secure an appropriation for the State Poultry show of 1898. Illinois has made an appropriation for such a purpose. Dr. Phillips also recommends a poultry department at the experiment station of the Agricultural and Mechanical college. The poultry interests of Texas have made great advance during the last year and a very large improvement in breeds, values and production has been secured entirely through private enterprise.

No farmer can afford not to keep poultry and he can best afford to keep good poultry. It will cost him more at the start to buy full blooded fowls, but the increased value of their products over the common breeds will much more than pay the difference within twelve months' time, even if he raises fowls only for the supply of his own table, and sells neither eggs nor poultry. And it costs quite as much to keep the dunghills as it does to keep the best and most profitable breeds. Perhaps he will give more attention to the former, as it is natural to care the best for that which is worth the most, but there is profit in such care.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal has received a pamphlet entitled "Complete Guide for Caponizing," published by George P. Pilling & Son of Philadelphia, which ought to be interesting to all breeders of poultry for the market. The flesh of capons is sweeter and has a better flavor than that of cocks, the fowls gain from two to four pounds in weight, sell for more per pound and are more easily fattened. Where the difference in the quality and flavor of the meat is known the capon will generally bring nearly twice as much per pound as ordinary fowls. In large cities the demand is far ahead of the supply. Even for the farmer's own table and for the market that could be established in small towns it would be found profitable to caponize all the male birds inferior in breeding or individual qualities, keeping only the best males for improving the stock. With proper instruments, which cost only a small amount, the operation is simple, can be quickly performed and inflicts little pain on the altered fowl. Recovery may be complete after one or two days and the bird takes on fat very rapidly. Early spring hatched fowls make the best birds for market, as they can be out before warm weather, and can be made marketable from the following November until May of the next year, meeting the highest poultry prices of the year. It is well to keep capons until at least a year old in order that they may attain their full size. Though they grow to be very large, their flavor is superior to that of the spring broiler and they are as tender and juicy as so that in a market where their better table qualities are known they bring enough per pound to make it worth while to bring them to mature weights.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

C. H. WILLINGHAM ON WEST TEXAS FRUIT.

Judge C. H. Willingham, of Ballinger, Texas, is well known among the horticulturists of the State, and the following from a letter recently addressed by him to the San Angelo Press is interesting and instructive. In January, 1898, he set out near Ballinger an orchard of 600 one-year-old peach trees. He says:

"I had prepared my ground in the following manner: Broke the land broadcast, deep, and then thoroughly pulverized it with a Clark's cutaway harrow, made expressly for orchard work. Then I laid out the orchard site by furrows twenty feet each way, then took a large turning plow, with a strong team, and turned the ground from the center furrow, running six furrows to the row each way, plowing as deep as possible. At the crossing or intersection of these rows is where the trees were to be planted, which crossings or places for trees were some eighteen or twenty-four inches deep when finished with the plowing, and perfectly in line. I was then ready for planting the trees and hired ten men to help. Gave each a spade to fill up with, as no digging was necessary, took a wagon and team, put my trees aboard with two barrels of red clay mud to dip roots of trees in as it was exceedingly dry. Took charge of wagon and team and trees with a sharp pruning knife, I pruned the trees and dipped the roots in mud after pruning passed trees out to planters with instructions to plant about three or four inches deeper than trees had grown in the nursery, and to fill up just sufficient in their places to make them stand alone. Then I took charge of southeast a little after which I had my plowman to follow the planters with turning plow, and turn the dirt back to the trees by running three furrows on each side of rows of trees. I did the pruning as follows, before trees left my hands in the wagon: Cutting tops of trees to a stump eighteen inches above roots, every tree just alike, cutting off all roots, tap roots and all lateral roots back to two or three inches in length, cutting under one side of each root so as to leave the long slope on under side of roots. When planting was done I went over the orchard and tramped the dirt as hard as possible around each tree and straightened bodies up so that when planting was finished every tree was a perfect line. I then plowed out the middles, turning the dirt to the trees and ran over it with harrow, leaving the ground perfectly level. It was so dry that trees did not put out leaves until April. Yet I did not lose but 320 trees in the whole orchard. I replanted the following winter and lost none. In working orchard I follow this rule: Broke ground each winter in November or December with a turning plow, throwing dirt from the trees, using leather harness and flexible whiffle trees, so as not to injure trees, and then all through the year plowed orchard every ten days, wet or dry, with a cutaway harrow, going both ways in the row. If any weeds or grass were left around trees, followed with hoes and cleaned thoroughly, always throwing dirt from trees.

As to pruning, I did this in person, as follows: Trimmed off all buds or young shoots the first year, during the summer, except four or five right at the top of the trees. The following winter I went over the orchard and cut back every limb or branch at least two-thirds of that year's growth, taking pains to equalize the body so as to make it in proportion over the body, and straightened up bodies perpendicular. The following summers I pinched off all water sprouts or ill shaped limbs as fast as they came, cutting me to go over my orchard for this purpose about once a month. Each winter I went over the orchard with my orchard saws, pruning shears and knife and cut out such branches as I did not wish to grow, and cutting back each year's growth at least two-thirds of each limb's growth for that year, keeping in view the equalization of the body over the body. I continue this process of pruning, to keep trees from overloading and bodies in proper shape.

As a preventive against insects and rabbits I whitewashed my trees every winter with a mixture of lime, coppers and glue in following proportion: To one bushel of lime add six pounds of coppers and one pound of glue, melting coppers in glue before mixing with lime, painting trees. Limbs and all for about three feet from ground up, sometimes removed the dirt for about two inches below surface and painting down, so as to kill borers, if any in trees.

I keep all dead, bruised, ill-shaped and faulty limbs cut off at all times, not regarding the time of year for this work, but do it as soon as I discover any such in any orchard. I weight apples, pears and plums the same as peach trees, and I find that it is an excellent practice in this western country. I have only a few pears, apples and plums—just experimenting with them, and they are as fine as can be found in Texas. My orchard is a sight worthy of any man's seeing. Not a dead, sickly, faulty or crooked tree in the whole orchard.

I am also trying a few grape vines now, and they have been so satisfactory that I am going to put in a vineyard of about twenty-five acres. This winter will grow them on the stump or California plan, and am now thoroughly convinced from my limited experience here with the grape, that we can excel California in the raising of the fruit, as we have no grape diseases here and not enough rain to rot them.

My lands are deep sand with clay foundation, and without irrigation I have raised the finest fruit this year I ever saw. I have shipped fruit for sixty days up to now, and I could nothing like supply the demand.

In my orchard for the first two years I raised good crops of cotton and since then raised watermelons and pumpkins and kershaws, and at this writing the ground is literally covered with these things. Melons weighing from 40 to 70 pounds and pumpkins weighing as high as 125 pounds. These things are always planted after my tree plowing is done, say about from the first to the middle of June.

I have but six kinds of peaches in my

A United States Officer.

SOME INCIDENTS OF HIS LIFE AND HARDSHIPS IN THE LATE WAR.

From the Gazette, Medway, Mass.

The thriving town of Medway, Mass., has more reputation than Capt. John P. L. Grant, the carpenter and builder. For months he was a sufferer from wrecked digestion, loss of memory and the keenness of rheumatoid pains arising from a life of ambitious labor and arduous exposure as an officer in the late war, and later as a U. S. mail carrier.

A representative of this paper called on Capt. Grant for his story. He met the newspaper man cheerily, and in his own honest, simple language, said:

"I was born in South Berwick, Me., Dec. 30, 1834, and when two years old, moved with my parents to Old York, Me. When 18 years old I was appointed clerk of the town of South Berwick, Coleridge, N. H., to learn the carpenter's trade, with the added privilege of attending Phillips Academy, then as now a famous seat of learning. I graduated from it and went to Portland, Me., where I served two years with Hon. Wm. G. Kimball, a noted business man.

"I worked in Newburyport two years and then established myself in business in West Amesbury. During this period I was married at Charlestown. In 1862 I removed to York where I enlisted in the U. S. Army. I served in the 10th Maine, participated in forty-three battles, some of them the hottest fights in the war, was twice wounded and for a time disabled. I was last discharged at Augusta, Me., in 1865.

"I secured and kept the contract for carrying the mails between Portland and Boston, N. H., for twelve years. I removed to Medway in March, 1878, where I have since resided, in business as a carpenter and builder. I have raised a family of ten children, and have now a family of six residing with me.

My favorite, viz: Elberton, Family Favorite, Heath Cling, Muir, California seedling and Amelia. These I find best in this country. If I had my orchard to plant over I would profit by my experience, viz: Would plant on the highest hills of sandy soil I could find to grow from first killing and would plant less free stone peaches and more cling stones to give me shipping fruit. Soft fruits do not ship well. Would also plant more September and October fruit, so as not to come in competition with South and East Texas. My September fruit brought me seventy-five per cent more money than my July and August fruit.

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CROP CONDITIONS IN ERATH. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: On arriving here I called on O. S. Houston, a banker of this place who is interested in cattle. He reported his sale of 1500 head of yearlings and past yearlings to Mr. Webb of Albany for \$13,000. I learn that those who have cattle here are willing to sell at present prices. Erath county farmers are very busy getting out their cotton and marketing it. Receipts average about 150 bales a day. A cotton buyer told me that about 4000 bales had come in up to date and he thinks that Stephenville will receive about 12,000 bales during the season. Business seems active. Very few hogs are raised here, cotton being the principle product. The weather has been good for picking but farmers have difficulty in securing pickers. The average yield is estimated to be about a bale to four acres. Stephenville is a nice town and has a general and hospitable population. All branches of business are represented here. The schools are excellent, and hotel accommodations are very satisfactory to the weary and hungry traveler. All business and dwelling houses are occupied. There are no vacant buildings, a fact which speaks well for the thrift of the town.

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OUTSIDE MARKETS.

GALVESTON MARKET. Galveston, Oct. 26, 1897.—The market for cattle and calves continues active, with prices steady. Sheep market dull, demand light. Small corn fed hogs wanted; demand increasing as weather becomes more favorable.

KANSAS CITY MARKET. Stock Yards, Kansas City, Oct. 26.—At Kansas City cattle receipts were 9000. Best steady, others weak; Texas steers, \$2.35@3.50; Texas cows, \$2.25@3.50; native steers, \$3.50@5.10; native cows and heifers, \$1.40@4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.40@4.40. Hogs, receipts 6000; weak to lower; bulk of sales, \$2.40@3.50; heavies, \$3.40@3.50; packers, \$3.25@3.47 1/2; mixed and light, \$3.40@3.55; yorkers, \$3.50@3.55; pigs, \$3.40@3.52 1/2. Sheep, receipts 3000; steady; lambs, \$3.70@5.25; muttons, \$2.00@3.80.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. National Stock Yards, Ill., Oct. 26.—At St. Louis cattle receipts were 5000, shipments 1000; market steady for natives, with Texas steady for best. Fair to choice native shipping and export steers, \$4.05@5.05; bulk, \$4.35@4.40; dressed beef and butcher's steers, under 1600 lbs., \$3.50@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.40@4.15; bulk, \$3.00@4.00; cows and heifers, \$2.00@4.25; bulk of sales, \$2.60@3.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.85@3.85, with top grades at \$4.25 and bulk, \$3.30@3.65; cows and heifers, \$2.50@3.25; hog receipts, 7000; shipments 5000; market light, \$3.60@3.70; mixed, \$3.45@3.55; heavy, \$3.40@3.70. Sheep receipts 1000, shipments 300; market steady; native muttons, \$3.00@4.00; culls and bucks, \$1.50@3.50; lambs, \$3.75@5.50.

CHICAGO MARKET. Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Oct. 26.—At Chicago prices for cattle ruled weak, except for strictly choice cattle, sales being largely at 10 cents decline. The range of prices was from \$3.65@4.00 for a few ordinary lots of native dressed beef steers up to from \$5.00@5.30 for choice to extra shipping cattle with the bulk of sales at from \$4.50@5.10. Exporters were fair buyers of fat heaves around from \$4.75@5.20. The stocker and feeder trade was fair, prices ruling weak, except for choice feeders. Butchers' and cannery's ruling easier. Cows and heifers ranged from \$2.00@3.50. Bulls were wanted at from \$2.25@2.75 for bolognas and from \$3.00@3.25 for feeders and from \$3.50@4.25 for exporters. Texas cattle did not show much change, steers being in demand at from \$3.25@3.35 and cows and heifers at from \$2.25@2.75. In hogs the liberal yard receipts resulted in weak prices, declining 5 cents. Sales were at an extreme range of from \$3.30@3.95 for hogs, and from \$2.75@3.90 for pigs, with sales largely at from \$3.60@3.90 for hogs, and at from \$3.75 for pigs. Prices were steady for sheep and they went actively at from \$2.50@3.00 for common natives up to from \$4.00@4.50 for good to extra offerings. Western range sheep again comprised the great bulk of the offerings and sold freely at from \$3.25@4.25. Lambs were sold about 25 cents lower but sold actively at from \$4.00@5.75 for inferior to prime lots, Western lambs selling at from \$4.50@5.50, feeders buying a good many sheep at from \$3.50@4.00. Receipts of cattle were 22,000, hogs 48,000, and sheep 25,000.

DENVER MARKET. Union Stock Yards, Denver, Col., Oct. 26, 1897.—Beef cattle—The supply of good killing steers has been light this week and the demand very active from our local killers; there is a strong inquiry for steers that are strictly fat and of good quality, and this stuff will sell at good prices right along. There was a fair run of cow stuff and with a strong demand everything sold at fully steady prices. The outlook is encouraging for the coming week and we anticipate a continued active demand for good beef. Feeders—Liberal supplies have again to be reported this week; trading has been slow and the commoner grades of cattle changed hands at prices a shade lower than the coming week and the values on the best grades, however, are being upheld, as there is keen competition among feeder buyers for cattle that show quality.

We quote below some of our sales this week: Best River—15 steers, killers, 1255 lbs., \$4.00; 121 steers, feeders, 1075 lbs., \$4.15; 96 cows, killers, 1074 lbs., \$3.25; 174 steers, feeders, 1051 lbs., \$4.15; 39 steers, feeders, yearlings, 810 lbs., \$4.35; 44 cows, killers, 1010 lbs., \$3.15. Colorado—11 steers, feeders, 1048 lbs., \$3.95; 28 steers, feeders, 922 lbs., \$3.55; 100 steers, feeders, 879 lbs., \$3.70; 42 steers, feeders, 1074 lbs., \$3.80; 20 cows, killers, 1052 lbs., \$3.25; 25 cows, killers, 1014 lbs., \$3.25; 10 bulls, feeders, 1432 lbs., \$2.40; 50 steers, feeders, 1062 lbs., \$3.50; 100 steers, feeders, 874 lbs., \$3.80; 28 steers, feeders, 922 lbs., \$3.60; 63 steers, killers, 1125 lbs., \$3.90; 28 cows, killers, 1028 lbs., \$3.25; 9 cows, killers, 1092 lbs., \$3.20; 198 wethers, killers, 96 lbs., \$3.40.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

CATTLE SALES. From Colorado, Texas, reports of some small sales are made, and sale of 1800 spring calves made by — of —, for \$17.50 all around, to be delivered next April at Amarillo.

The following sales have been made about Midland, Texas: R. W. Johnston and Joe James to Flicher Bros of El Paso, one car of fat cows at \$20.

Allen Heard to Tow Valova, 122 fat cows for \$22 per head, to be delivered at Amarillo.

C. C. Midland of New Mexico, to Heers & White, 100 head of White-faced calves, spring delivery, at \$15.25.

W. R. Walcott to Truesdale & Gardner, 28 fat cows at \$23 per head.

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Allen Bassett of the Amarillo country sold to Mr. Jowell his calves for \$15 and the cullings of his heifer yearlings for \$18.

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Alvin Sun: The state veterinary surgeon was here this week, and pronounced the disease that is killing so many horses, meningitis. Brazoria and Galveston counties seem to be suffering more than any other section. Veterinary Surgeon Knight says the disease is very fatal. It prevailed in this section several years ago, and killed over forty in one stable in Houston. The state veterinarian has promised to give a treatment for this dread disease.

The Texas Jersey Cattle club met at Exposition Hall at Dallas Fair on the 20th. An interesting address was delivered by Hon. Henry E. Alvord of the agricultural department at Washington. Steps were taken to arrange for a public sale of Jerseys to be held on the third Thursday in February, 1898. Measures were taken to arrange for the conviction and punishment of persons recently guilty of poisoning a fine herd of Jerseys belonging to President A. F. Platter.

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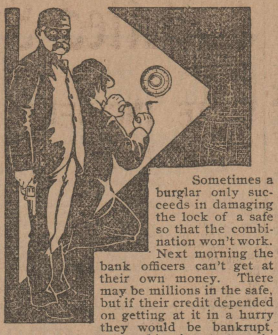
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A sick man is in very much the same fix about getting at the nourishment he needs to keep him alive. There is plenty of good food at hand, but his digestive organism is out of order; the nutritive "combination" of his system won't work. He can't possibly get the nourishment contained in the food. He takes it into his stomach, but it does him no good. It isn't made into good blood. He is just as badly off as if the food was locked up where he couldn't touch it. He gets no strength or health out of it.

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Mrs. Rebecca F. Gardner, of Gratton, York Co., Va., writes: "I was so sick with dyspepsia that I could not eat anything for over four months. I had to starve myself, as nothing would stay on my stomach. I was so badly off I could not eat even a cracker. I thought I was going to die. I weighed only 50 pounds. I tried almost everything, and nothing did me any good until I took two bottles of the Golden Medical Discovery. I am now as well as I ever was, and weigh 125 pounds."

creeks are lower than they have been for years. The stockmen, however, propose to have plenty of water and are putting in enough extra windmills to ensure obtaining it. Conditions are the same in Scoury and other neighboring counties.

Splendid rains are reported from the Big Lake country at southern end of the plains, and that section is in fine condition for winter.

Several fine showers in portions of Victoria county last week.

Floyd county needs rains for surface water. Winds too light to operate windmills part of the time and some stock looking a little badly from scarcity of water supply.

Denton county had a soaking rain on the 21st, valuable for wheat planters. A heavy rain on the same day knocked out much cotton about Denison. There were good rains also about Waxahachie, Gatesville, Weatherford, Atlanta, Terrell and Bonham. Dublin had a rain and heavy hail storm that seriously damaged crops.

Heavy rains in Fort Bend county on night of the 21st. At Rosenberg it was accompanied by a high wind that did about \$3000 damage to buildings.

St. Marys has recently had several light rains that have helped the grass and alfalfa crops.

Hill, Whartney, Cherokee, Harrison, Kaufman, Denton, Johnson and Robertson had rains on the 21st. At Jacksonville and Bremond the rain was accompanied by heavy hail. Ellis county continues dry and is suffering for stock water.

The rain of the 21st extended a long way east and west of Fort Worth and was quite beneficial. It delays cotton picking and has done some damage to the staple, but the range has been greatly benefited.

Hall county has had enough rain to bring up wheat. A good rain fell Saturday in Garza county, Oklahoma.

Kansas City Drovers Telegram Oct. 22: Receipts were 1500 to 1700, against 1700 to 1800 last Friday, 2100 two weeks ago. The bulk were steers. Trade was active and a clearance was made early on all kinds. Steers steady at \$5.50 each higher. Some cheapish steers sold 10c better than the low days of the week.

Among the sales were the following: Collins & Wallace, 24 head 954-lb steers at \$3.40; Brown Bros. & Withers, 30 head 772-lb steers at \$3.05 and 109 head 1082-lb steers at \$5.50 each; Brown Bros. & Fuller, 238 head 949-lb steers at \$3.25; John Bullett, 26 head 861-lb steers at \$3.30; Adams & Shaver, 65 head 660-lb cows at \$2.25, 102 head 733 lbs at \$2.60, 165 head 727 lbs at \$2.70, 13 head 793-lb steers at \$3.20 and 119 head 152-lb steers at \$3.80; W. Cotton, 90 head 596-lb mixed Louisiana cattle at \$2.70.

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Mr. Stannard is offering just now 150 registered Hereford cattle for sale cheap. This lot consists of 40 one and two-year-old heifers; 10 cows, three to eight years old; 25 heifer calves, six to twelve months old; 10 bulls, fourteen to twenty-four months old; 5 bulls, three to seven years old; 60 bull calves, six to ten months old.

These cattle are as well bred as can be bought in America, and good individuals and are in good condition. They will be sold in lots to suit purchasers. Interested parties should either go and see or write to Mr. Stannard.

RAIN AND GRASS. Two good rains in Wilson county last week and grass growing nicely. Camp county has a rain on the 15th and 16th, continuing steadily through both days. Stockmen are glad.

During two days last week a drizzling rain fell for two days about Colorado, Texas, but did little more than wet the top of the ground. Numerous rains have fallen during the summer, so that grass is unusually good and forage crops are fine, but there is a scarcity of stock water and ponds and

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- 1,000 Nueces County two and three year old steers for spring delivery.
- 2,250 two, three and four old steers, pick out of 2,800, located near San Angelo.
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- 5,000 coming four year old steers, located in Mason and adjoining counties, for spring delivery.
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"Mr. Elyon cabled Latham, Alexander & company the following important dispatch: 'Present weekly consumption of Great Britain 62,000 bales, continent 84,000 bales. Stock in spinners' hands in Great Britain 31,000 bales, continent 256,000.'

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ONLY FLIRTING.

They stood alone on the sea shore, A man and a maiden fair, A youth in the prime of manhood, A girl with dark brown hair. His face now pales with passion, And flushed cheeks glow as he glows, As he bent with an eager listening To an answer, softly, No.

Chorus.

Oh, yes, 'twas only flirting, Only playing a part, Only a man's life shattered, Only a broken heart. I never really thought you'd love me, I never really thought you'd care, All a graceful head drooped sadly, With its wealth of dark brown hair; Oh, I'm to be married next winter, And she gracefully offered her hand, And gathered her robes about her, She left him alone on the sand.

Chorus.

She now looks from her carriage window, With a beautiful, haunting face; She's a woman of elegant stature, All dressed in satin and lace. He now walks with a crowd of people; He's always in the crowd, He's a man who seems to grow older, A man who seems to grow cold.

DUTCHIE.

TO HOUSEHOLD.

Esco writes you a charming letter from Bryn Mawr, where she is in school for the present. I am delighted that one of our members is in a school of so high a reputation. If Esco will return to us an elegant, cultivated young woman, useful in her world, an ornament to society, I would only say to her, do not waste a moment of your splendid opportunities. Knowledge is the power in the world for good.

Dutchie is encouraged by escaping the waste basket to write again. Those wishing songs will be pleased to read of her willingness to exchange. Ruthell writes a characteristic letter this week. And how characteristically and tantalizingly womanlike! To hint at something she has to tell, but not tell it. Just like a woman! And just like a woman, I am consumed with curiosity to hear it. Suppose we take up an idea suggested in Ruthell's letter for discussion: "In which is there the greatest pleasure, anticipation or realization?" I am sure that some of the men on this subject, Nettie suggests that we need a grandpa in our Household, to make it complete. I quite agree with her. Some week when I have space and leisure, I am going to say a great deal on city and country girls. There has been much home talk on this subject. I have some facts and truths to give when the time comes.

Prudence Plain wishes a seat next to Nettie, so I place her there, otherwise I think I should have taken her close to me. Do not dread the waste basket, Prudence, dear. Prudence is a necessity in every well regulated household.

Forget-Me-Not enquires for a member of the household of a year ago from her part of the world. His name was Billy. He was a great favorite. I would like to hear from him. I was particularly fond of him. Those hunters would like to invite him this winter and I would have a chance to send that box of good things.

I fancy Forget-Me-Not has not been married long enough to be authority on the subject of matrimony. "Are you?" But I like her and shall always be willing to listen to what she has to say.

The Household all seem to like Lightning flashes; they never come too often. I do not, however, agree with Lightning that our good resolutions from year to year amount to nothing. We do not keep them as fully as resolved, but we are stronger and better for the efforts put forth to keep them. It is by striving that we rise. We must have something to stimulate effort or we would rust, unburnished. A poet has said of heart-temptance are our dead selves, and that we rise on the stepping stones of our selves to higher and nobler things.

Those who have been wishing for Circle Dot will be gratified that he appears this week. His letter is delightful and I hope he will continue his interesting observations in another letter, and that soon. Am sorry Circle Dot did not stop to see me when passing through my town. Certainly we will admit Geranium, with pleasure. We are very proud of our children of this Household. I thank Texas Lily and shall surely hunt her up if I ever visit her town. I thank her for kind words on my part of the Household. I claim that sincere praise should never be withheld. Practicing that which I preach, I wish to say to Texas Lily that I congratulate her on the neat and readable appearance of her letters and correctness throughout. I am satisfied that she is a neat and correct girl about everything.

Rose Leaf is a new member, induced to join us through the interesting letters she has read in Household. Hope others reading her letter will become interested and join us. Dutchie furnishes the poetry this week. A song for which there has been repeated asking. Is there any one in Household who knows of a young lady capable of teaching both English and music who would like a position in private family? If so, please let me know.

OUR BRYN MAWR STUDENT. My Dear Mrs. Buchanan: No doubt by this time the Household has forgotten completely that it ever had a member named Esco. But you see that she has not forgotten the Household. Pennsylvania and Texas college life and ranch life are about as antipodal as possible.

It would doubtless amuse my Texas friends to see me now. All day the grub diggers hard at lectures or laboratory work, gets smeared with chemicals and generally disreputable looking; but the dressing bell brings a transformation and the butterfly goes down to dinner to meet other butterflies who have been golf or bicycle or basket ball girls only a short hour ago. Our dining hall is a pretty sight at night. It is a beautiful room, paneled twelve feet high in cherry, and above that the windows

and the vaulted roof, with its heavy carved rafters. In an end, a great fireplace is filled with blazing logs, whose light flickers and gleams and throws strange shadows on those nearest, and all down the hall are the tables filled with girls in dainty evening dress, and the whole is softly lighted by the many

If you could only see these same girls setting off for a five mile tramp across the country or working at Greek, as my chum does, or having interesting explosions in the laboratory, as I do, you would laugh, as we all do, at the incongruousness of it all. ESCRO. Bryn Mawr, Penn., Oct 17, 1897.

ENJOYS HOUSEHOLD.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I have been a silent admirer of the Household letters for some weeks, and at last have made up my mind to write. I don't know how to begin, but I have been reading the Household letters so much. I am a girl eighteen years old, belong to the church and like to go to Sunday school and prayer meeting. I will not tell you where I would like to have a seat, but will creep in and get a seat by some of the sweet girls of the Household, perhaps by Nettie. Well, I agree with Speck in saying that I don't think marriage is a failure. As for myself, I don't want to make a mistake and marry without love. Well, I will tell that dreadful waste basket I hear of in the Household. I am Buchanan and all the Household, I am

PRUDENCE PLAIN.

Decatur, Tex. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: May I step in and read the October morning? I read Old Timer's letter and agree with him in everything, but that gray. Come again, Old Timer, and I think I will be able to locate you. I think Dull Boy is right when he says a girl ought to be at least twenty-one before she gets married. I don't think the boy ought to be a year or two older or the same age. I was twenty-one when I married. If my dear hubby should be taken from me I do not think I could ever love another. I do not think Careless Bill is too hard on city girls, some of them, anyway; but I think country girls who work hard in regard to using powder. Would like to know if the Household remembers the Fort Davis correspondent that used to write occasionally to the Household, months ago. Would like to know the name of the girl who went to the Household, and I don't know how marriage not being a failure. I know mine is not. Now, if this letter escapes the waste basket I will let you hear from me again, that is, if I can scuffle anything to write; I am such a poor hand to express my thoughts. Now, I wish Mrs. Buchanan and Household to get away from me, I would like to see you. I am the only one that knows it. With love to all the Household and yourself, I hope you all will

FORGET ME NOT.

Fort Davis, Tex. WILL EXCHANGE SONGS. Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: As my last letter escaped the waste basket will write again. Craple Myrtle did you ever attend school in El Paso, Texas. There have been several of the Household members asking for the song, "Only Flirting." I will enclose the words in this letter for Mrs. B. to print so that they may all get them. Is there anyone who will send me the words to these songs: "Lorena," "Save My Mother's Picture From the Sale," "The Brooklyn Theater," "Only a Dream," or "Good-bye, Dear Old Stepstone, Good-bye"? I will send to anyone "The Texas Drive," "Judgment Morning," "Texas Cowboy," "Gambling On the Sabbath Day," or any of the fifty songs I know to any address sent me.

I wish Careless Bill and Plains Cowboy would write every week. I love to read letters from the cowboys. I live on the ranch. I am a little girl of twenty summers, five feet five inches tall, black hair, blue eyes. I wish I could write as interesting letters as some of the members of the Household do. If I see this in print will write again by and by. Love to all. I am

DUTCHIE.

Okla. Ter. IS REALIZATION BETTER THAN ANTICIPATION? Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household Friends: I read and re-read the letters in the Journal this evening and enjoyed them so much, but from time to time have been disappointed in not seeing more letters from our miserable Man. He promises to tell his "whole story," and I think he certainly has all of our sympathy. Don't you think he ought to tell?

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that contentment, with godliness, would be great gain. With much love to the Household and Householders (some time I am going to tell her something), as ever, RUTHELL. Double Mountains.

NEVER TOO OFTEN. Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household Friends: Am I coming again too soon? If so, tell me; I don't want to intrude. The Household is very interesting and if Mrs. B. won't frown on me I will chat awhile with the members this eve. You were visiting in Cheapside the other week, were you, Polly? Now who can you be? I don't remember anyone from Cuero here then. Were you at the ball at the Woodmen's hall on the 10th of May? Visit Cheapside again, Polly.

You are a good guesser, Plains Cowboy; I've been "keeping my distance" from Cupid. I'm rather afraid of him, though I believe, with a good many of the rest, "tis better to have loved and than never to have loved at all." Loved and lost adds a dignity to the character which no other loss can give.

Circle Dot, liked your letter. What you said about those drifts and a swollen main reminded me of this verse: "We twain have met like ships upon a sea, Who hold an hour's converse, so short, so sweet; One little hour, and away they speed In lonely paths, thro' mist and cloud and foam, To meet no more!"

Such is life. How true is the rhyme, "To know, to esteem, to love and then part." Makes life's tale to many a feeling heart.

Well, the summer is over and "the melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year." Old 1897 is slowly but surely coming to a close; 1898 will soon be here, and we now look back to the last New Year and all the good resolutions we made. But I kin shant just so much an' no m'cher, an' whin he'd 'st' up, I jist ups an' swips 'm a few THREE w' th' mop-stick, 'n' a limin an' siltzer.

It's all FOUR an' gone now, Missis Clancy, an' me, Mrs. Buchanan, in th' O'hoohlan shanty at pristin, but I've showed th' old man wot a poor wate 'ooman can do in case o' imergency, an' now he says it's a new 'ooman I am."

1. A letter. 2. Part of the body. 3. Goes in a conveyance. 4. Old-time puzzles. 5. Under. 6. To stitch. 7. A letter.

18. PRINTER'S PIE. A verse from Thomas Hood. Mose smarde ew yeah rea goin' th' slec to th' taverns. Rinnatral had huf lo dartin'issoc, Tye throes ro rust mo ractonim chessem. Rae homegints rome ntha fitnos.

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NEWS NOTES.

Bandera Enterprise: Don't you see how Bandera lands are coming into demand? They are selling right along and more buyers are coming. Rockwall county yanks the pain from Uvalde in the matter of high prices for cattle. A man by the name of Geo. Burleson has just contracted with the state to work four years in the penitentiary for a little knobby-headed cow belonging to one of Rockwall's citizens.

THE ANHALT (COMAL CO.) FAIR. The annual fair of the Germania Farmersverein took place on their spacious grounds near Anhalt in Comal county on last Sunday. The attendance was unusually large, there being over 1000 people on the ground. The exhibits were not as numerous as in former years, still what they lacked in number was partly made up in quality. The exhibition of live stock was greater and of better quality than in former years.

strike you for size and age? The next is Gold Dust, calved March 10, 1897, weight 615. The next is Jennie Lind, calved March 10, 1896, weight 934. No small amount of beef to be found in one Panhandle yearling. The next is Lady Moore, calved March 23, 1896, weight 1075. These were all sired by Royer De Or No. 27212, sired by Curlyboy 15672; dam, Countess Morris No. 9734, and her sire was Shumbeocott, English No. 6191, American No. 9737.

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Marfa New Era: Mr. Jim Finley is down from his ranch at Chispa, getting acquainted with his family. All the wool has been sold and Mr. W. H. Way walked off with it. The very top prices were obtained for the entire clip.

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THE SAN ANTONIO MARKET. The horse trade has been practically at a standstill since the Louisiana quarantine has been on. The dealers in horseflesh have been principally either residents of East Texas or Louisiana, who have been carrying on a profitable business in both sections, and they have pulled off and are resting on their oars until such time as they can, with assurance resume operations.

Devil's River News: P. A. Tschudy sold his stock of cattle about 90 head to Ace Robinson for \$15 around. J. C. Barksdale bought the W. A. Miens ranch for \$1235 Thursday. John Sheen of Menard county, bought the Booker cattle near San Angelo at \$12 round.

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San Antonio quotations: Choice shipping hives, \$2.00 to \$2.20; medium hives, \$2.25 to \$2.50; choice cows, \$2.40 to \$2.75; medium cows, \$2.00 to \$2.30; yearlings, \$2.35 to \$2.65; calves, \$2.75 to \$3.25; choice corn hogs, \$3.50; most hogs, \$2.50 to \$3.00; goats, \$2.00 to \$2.50; sheep, \$1.25 to \$1.65; stags, \$1.75 to \$2.25; bulls, \$2.75 to \$3.25.

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Col. W. K. Bell of Palo Pinto, proprietor of the famous Galloway herd of cattle, was among the visiting stockmen here Friday. He says while there are some fine stock at the fair this time, none of them excel his Galloways.

J. T. Gwaltney, a well known cattleman of Bonham, was here Saturday and attended the fair accompanied by his daughters, Misses Gertrude and Marietta, who are attending school at the Oak Cliff college.

The letter from "Old Cotton Planter" on selection of corn seed for planting, found in another column of the Journal, is an interesting as well as a most sensible communication, to which corn farmers would do well to give attention.

The Journal has to-day an entertaining letter from Slade, one of the best known newspaper correspondents in the south, giving some of his experiences while traveling in Mexico. Other letters will follow and will be appreciated by the Journal's readers.

J. M. McKenzie is in the city taking in the fair. Mr. McKenzie has a large pasture in the Western part of Tom Green county, with Big Lake about the center. Grass is excellent and stock in fine condition. That section, he says, has had some showers, but a general rain is needed for surface water. As Mr. McKenzie knows a good thing when he sees it, he will remain in the city until the close of the fair.

T. M. Walker, a prominent feeder of Gonzales, was in Dallas Sunday en route home from North Texas points. Mr. Walker is having a hard time finding feed for his cattle; the oil fields under this section have sold their meal and hulls and a larger number of feed-says cattle are scarce all over South Texas and are not making anything. Mr. Walker is having a hard time finding feed for his cattle; the oil fields under this section have sold their meal and hulls and a larger number of feed-says cattle are scarce all over South Texas and are not making anything.

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Since the opening of the cotton season each successive week has proved to be a record breaker in point of receipts. At the close of business Monday evening nearly 1500 bales had found their way to this market since the opening of the previous Monday morning. Comparing this with the receipts during the previous week, 1213 bales, a gain of 112 bales is discovered, which in the opinion of the cotton buyers is a most remarkable showing. Of the number received last week, the percentage stored in the merchants' warehouse also shows a great increase. Mr. W. Cole, the merchants' weighing and furnishing the above information also states that the buyers on the streets last week outnumbered those of any previous week in the history of the local market by almost three to one.

Henry E. Alvord, chief of the dairy division, bureau of animal industry, was a pleasant caller at the Journal office Friday. Mr. Alvord's mission in the state at the present time is to investigate conditions surrounding the production of perishable goods, especially products of the dairy and truck farm. This investigation is being made with a view to assist the department of agriculture in determining whether or not it is advisable for the government to undertake to furnish means for the refrigeration and transportation to Eastern markets, of these products from Texas ports. Mr. Alvord will leave Dallas shortly for South Texas, and during his stay in that part of our state will visit Ex-Governor Wheeler in Brazoria county, who, as formerly stated in the Journal, has purchased 8000 acres of land and 1000 dairy cows with which to establish an immense dairy at Angleton, Brazoria county.

THE SECOND WEEK. A Great Event—A Great Crowd—Some of the Features of the Greatest of State Fairs.

The first three days of the fair the attendance was small, and as a consequence the management was somewhat dubious as to the ultimate success of the entertainment. Last Thursday the ball began rolling in the old-fashioned way and great crowds have been in attendance every day since. Conservative estimates place the attendance as high as 20,000 per day for the past three or four days. Only four days remain, and all who have not done so should attend by all means.

Visitors to the fair expecting to see everything in a single day will be sadly disappointed. A whole day could be profitably spent in both the poultry departments and the main exposition building. To thoroughly enjoy the exhibits requires a careful study of each one in order to see the artistic points. In the main building can be seen novelties of every description. Padgett Bros' exhibit of fine saddles, blazers, brogue display of fine jellies, preserves, etc., Henry & Reiger, cigar manufacturers, have an exhibit where fine grades of Texas tobacco may be seen, both green and in the different stages of curing. Sanger Bros., clothing; G. H. Schoelkopf's shoe factory among many other home manufactured articles are there in elaborate profusion.

In the balcony are the agricultural, horticultural, floral and educational exhibits. The Willbarger county exhibit is one of the most notable, the wheat having won two prizes and the cotton first prize. Miss Corn Ralston is in charge of the exhibit and will gladly give any information of Willbarger's resources to any one desiring it.

In the corner of the balcony at the left of the entrance to the music hall

may be seen the great painting, "The Blacksmith," probably the greatest work of art ever exhibited at the fair. It was painted by the French artist, Hubert Delorme, and sold for \$50,000. The painting represents a soot-begged blacksmith standing at his forge; he is heating a piece of iron, the sparks of different hues fly through the air and tiny tongues of flame creep up the chimney. The light is reflected upon the features and form of the blacksmith, while in the background is the large square window with its many panes of glass through which the sun light is streaming, the whole making a light and shade contrast that is sublimely beautiful. So wonderful is this painting that skeptical visitors believe that portions of it are transparent with an artificial light behind it, which belief is always dispelled by the exhibitors proving that no artificial light is used to bring out the merits of this painting.

When one becomes tired and desires a change in amusement he may visit the music hall where the United States Fifth Cavalry band gives three concerts daily. They are assisted in entertaining the crowds by Funchino's troupe of Japanese acrobats, Tilly's Royal Marionettes and Prof. Rock's cinematograph. A whole day may be spent in the music hall and ladies' departments.

Down on the amusement row may be seen a genuine whale, fifty-five long, weighing 80,000 pounds. It was captured in the Atlantic in 1895 and perfectly preserved by the use of embalming fluids. There may also be seen neckless calves, two-headed calves and almost every conceivable freak of nature ever heard of in the history of state fairs.

Amusements are attended by thousands every day and as good races may be seen here as in any part of the United States. There are no wheel of fortune games at the trackside, a fact that will be hailed with delight by those who are always tempted to try their luck and lose.

Only four days more and the 12th annual fair will be a thing of the past. The Journal urges its friends who have not attended to do so by all means, as it is the last opportunity of seeing the greatest state fair in America.

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY. Of all the vehicle displays at the Dallas State Fair and Exposition, there is none that excels the exhibit made by Edward H. Keller, the well known manufacturer and dealer, whose business is located at Fort Worth. Mr. Keller's exhibit is a masterpiece of small way at Fort Worth, there is small but growing town about twenty years ago. By close attention to business in every detail he has, from a small factory and salesroom, built up an establishment covering nearly half a block of ground on the corner of Second and Throckmorton streets, besides doing a large retail trade in and around Fort Worth he does a large wholesale business, covering the greater part of the state. Mr. Keller is state agent for a number of the leading vehicle manufacturers and from among them has selected the good and desirable ones.

THE LEIDIGH CARRIAGE CO. This company makes a class of work for the first class stylish trade only. Among the many stylish vehicles on exhibition are the following: No. 108. Berlin Trap—shown in first position for two passengers. No. 109. Eugenia Trap—shown in second position, for four passengers. No. 102. Royal Trap—Rear seat accessible from either side. Front seat tilts outwardly to afford access to rear seat. Rear seat revolves forward, forming complete seat for two passengers. Body of car, when used by two passengers. No. 90. Euclid Trap—When used for four passengers the front seat opens admitting passengers to rear seat. When desired to use as a Dos-a-Dos the rear seat reverses and tail gate lets down. No. 80. The Rosette—Two spring phaeton, 4 ft. 8 in. track, 3/4 in. wheels. No. 82. The Delaware—Two spring phaeton, 4 ft. 8 in. track and 3/4 in. wheels. No. 81 1/2. The Glenwood—Shell panel, three-seater, with high back, body, 3/4 in. wheels and 4 ft. 4 in. track. No. 127. Ladies' Driving Phaeton—Extension top. No. 10. Speeder—Gentlemen's light driving buggy; body 20 inches. No. 14. End-spring buggy—Body 24 in. x 4 ft. 8 in. track. No. 132. Stanhope—Two spring phaeton. No. 92. Light Extension Top Carriage. No. 52. Avondale—Extension top. No. 95. The Idlewild—Shell body. No. 97. The Roumania—Canopy top. "We use none but the very best material," said Mr. Keller, "and you will find that they are the equal of the very best, and made by as good mechanics as money will hire.

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Mr. H. D. Sides is also assisting Mr. Keller in showing the superior merits of the carriage and buggy built by his company, with whom Mr. Sides has been connected for 23 years, being a veteran in the vehicle business. Following is the warranty given by the DAYTON BUGGY WORKS. With every vehicle sold: Dayton, O., Jan 1, 1897. The... Buggy bought this day by Mr... and made by MORRIS WOODHULL, Dayton, Ohio, is hereby warranted by him for ONE YEAR from date with proper usage, against any breakage whatever in Wheels, Springs, or Axles, arising from any defect in workmanship or material, and any that may occur in that time will be made good Free of Charge, except freight.

SUCCESSFUL HEREFORD SALE. Tom C. Ponting Sold 49 Head at An Average of \$156.73. According to announcement, the Hereford sale at Moweaqua, Ill., was held Wednesday of last week by Mr. Tom C. Ponting and it was a success. There were about 800 prospective buyers and onlookers out representing Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Arizona and Montana and bids were in from half a score of states. A number of the best Hereford stock in the well arranged to those in condition to hold on, but the producers of all other of the staple crops have done well, and those who have reared live stock of any class have done still better. Diversified farming, combined with some stock raising is the security of the farmer against disaster.

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

The Ladies Home Journal for November gives an interesting story of the ride across the continent to save Oregon, now Oregon, Washington and Idaho, to the American Union. Our statement of that day had no appreciation of the value of Oregon and by mere negligence it came near becoming a British possession. In 1842 Dr. Whittman rode from Oregon to Washington City, crossing the Rocky mountains in the winter, to make known to our government the resources of the domain it was about to lose. His trip was successful and Oregon was saved to the Union by the treaty of 1846.

The experience of farmers in Texas this year illustrates the serious disadvantage of relying on agriculture alone, a disadvantage rendered still greater by reliance on a single crop. The course of the cotton market has been most unfavorable to the planter. But cotton alone is low. It is almost certain that the future will bring better prices to those in condition to hold on, but the producers of all other of the staple crops have done well, and those who have reared live stock of any class have done still better. Diversified farming, combined with some stock raising is the security of the farmer against disaster.

USE OF THE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE TO ALL POINTS. FROM TEXAS TO THE NORTH. In connection with the fast through trains of the M. K. and T. Ry., the Burlington route maintains through sleeping car service from all the large Texas cities via Hannibal to Chicago. Free chair car service with a change without leaving the train between all Texas points and Chicago. This through car service gives the patrons

IN THEIR NEW HOME.

The erection of the big building, corner of Austin street and Pacific avenue, was an event in the material improvement of Dallas for the year 1897. Another important event occurred upon its completion when the Texas Moline Plow company moved in and took bodily possession of the greater portion of the big structure.

The Texas Moline Plow company needs no introduction to the agricultural implement dealers and farmers of Texas. Their Dallas house has been in existence since 1839, but for twenty years or more their goods have been favorably known to our people.

Under the administration of the present manager, Mr. Wiley N. Stroud, their Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Indian Territory business has wonderfully increased. Mr. Stroud's thoroughly systematic methods, backed by the best line of implements upon the market, account for this increase of business. His official force is thoroughly organized and the location of his various clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers and other assistants on the second floor of the building shows the thoroughly systematic character of the man.

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