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From one acre of land the farmer can raise three times the quantity of corn-stalks for silage that he can possibly grow of hay. These cornstalks, when properly preserved, are even more valuable and nutritious, ton for ton, than the best hay.

The agitation of the road question can but be productive of good, and it is a subject in which every one has an interest. The postmaster-general says that the greatest objection to free postal delivery in the rural districts is the poor condition of the country roads.

Corn is too concentrated food for any farm animal. No other than a hog is thought strong enough of digestion to stand an exclusive corn diet, and young hogs especially are often stunted by it. But this does not disparage the value of corn when balanced with other feed so as to give greater bulk in proportion to its nutriment.

We have from the most authoritative sources the fact demonstrated that fully 40 per cent of the whole cornstalks can be preserved in nutritious feed for cattle. This shows the amount of waste. The farmer who believes only in raising the corn for the ears and wastes the stalks is far behind the time, and, no matter how abundant the stalks are, it is lack of business which will allow such waste.

The experiment station of Kansas has tested the value of sub-soiling by sub-soiling forty acres to a depth of eighteen inches, while another was simply plowed to the usual depth. Both were sowed to cane of the same variety, care and cultivation. On the field which was subsoiled the yield was eighteen tons of cane to the acre, while on the other field the best yield was only ten tons to the acre.

If the farmers throughout the country would use the mower more freely they would not have so many weeds to contend with. Weeds are one of the worst enemies we have to contend with, therefore we should try and find out the best and cheapest method to get rid of them, and we have one of the best remedies mentioned in the foregoing by the use of the mower; another way is to keep fence corners clean.

It might be well to think whether a better arrangement of fences and fields can be made. An unnecessary fence is a dead loss, as large fields can be tilled to a better advantage than small ones. A rich, black low land should not be fenced with a barren side hill and all tilled alike. On many farms the position of fences is the same it was fifty years ago. Cannot some of these be changed or removed entirely? Rail fences of the worm-pattern cover a broad strip of ground. This width can be reduced about seven feet by erecting a fence of wire. If possible place the fence on a different location, and thus utilize the old fence row.

Plowing for potatoes should be as deep as the soil, with a jointer attached, as early as the ground will crumble in the spring, followed by rolling and stir-

ring well with a spring-toothed harrow, leaving the soil mellow to the depth of four inches, ready for planting, which should begin as early as the ground and season will admit. Early planting brings the best results, as late crops seem to take blight much more than those put in earlier. A planter does this work more perfect in every respect over planting by hand and with half the cost an acre.

The neglect of fences is a prolific source of waste on the farm. Space forbids anything like a full enumeration of the many unnecessary "leaks" in the agricultural craft. They are to be found on every hand—in the fields, the forest and the household. When we fully realize the truth of the adage, "A penny saved is a penny made," we will be more economical in many of our methods. We have been too prone to despise "the day of small things," and it is high time we were changing our tactics in many of the little details of farm life. We should realize the fact that domestic economy is not parsimony, and frugality is not stinginess.

Agriculture is compelled to deal with conditions of temperature, moisture, etc., to such an extent that it cannot be called an exact science of itself, and yet it admits of the application of science in many of its various branches. The fact that the conditions that we have named are variable and beyond control render it impossible to establish any definite rule that a farmer, in fact, a change in these conditions frequently renders a complete change in the operations of the farm necessary to the cultivation of crops. For the above reason we can see the importance of availing ourselves of all the exact knowledge it is possible to obtain, so that by its proper application we shall be obliged to leave only the least possible margin to chance. This idea may be applied to the breeding and feeding of animals, the application of known meteorological truths, the principles of political economy as relates to production, supply and demand, etc. We must have knowledge to secure the benefits resulting from it.

Merely grinding bone converts it into an excellent fertilizing material. It then contains, but in slowly available form, the mineral element which is scarcest in the soil, and which is always needed in producing grain crops; but to make this phosphate more available it is commonly treated with sulphuric acid or oil of vitriol. This reduces it to a fine powder, but at the same time a large part of the bone is converted into sulphate of lime, or in plain English, common land plaster. In this case the phosphate is made easily soluble, but it does not remain so, and, on the whole, it is fortunate that it does not. If superphosphate continued easily soluble it would be washed out of the soil and be lost. When it becomes insoluble it is said to be reverted phosphate, and it is then less soluble than fine bone freshly ground. It should be remembered that all seeds and roots in growing develop carbonic acid gas in the soil, and this is able to make ordinary or reverted phosphate soluble; so, if there be nitrogen enough in the soil to start the plants to growing, they will get that

phosphate they need, provided it is within their reach, in whatever condition it may be.

In traveling through the country, when a tidy farm is passed with fences in good order, buildings looking neat and trim, trees trimmed and clean, all know the resident is one who takes pride and interest in his farming, and it pays him to do it. It takes but a few days each year to keep the brush cut away from the fences, to nail up a board here and there that may have become loosened, to keep the fence up straight with no weak places to tempt stock to owner's or neighbor's fields of grain or grass, to put the implements under shelter when not in use, to pick up boards laying about the barn and house, to trim the fruit trees and cut out all dead or dying branches, to mow the lawn at least once a year, to arrange all gates so they will swing on their hinges, to have a well-kept garden, a good supply of small fruits, the pump in good working order, plenty of dry wood under shelter, to keep the roads mowed, bushes cut down, to clean out all open ditches, to look after the stock frequently. All these things take but little time and they increase the cash value of the farm. If you have in the past neglected these things, resolve that you will reform, and that strangers, in passing your door may say: "A good farmer resides there!" It may not allow as many hours at the corner grocery, but others will take your place there, while you add to the worth of your earthly possessions, and likewise to your standing as a man.

At this time, when the agricultural situation is anything but encouraging and the strictest economy needs to be practiced to keep the expenses of the farm less than the income, it is well to look to seed saving, no less as an agricultural necessity than as a profitable and altogether meritorious ambition. Every farmer must have an ambition to produce the best crops possible, in order to make his industry a financial success, and he should be ambitious to produce something better which would be more profitable than he or his neighbors had previously done. There are but two methods to be employed to produce the desired result. The first is through systematic cultivation of the varieties already produced, and the second is the introduction of varieties which are superior in points of excellence and productiveness to any we now have. Selection is the only agent or principle to be employed in accomplishing this purpose. There is much to be learned about farming which no man can learn by himself. Agricultural clubs and an interchange of ideas and opinions and the reading of good agricultural stations are for men who read, study and think. The study of agriculture has created a higher aim for better intelligence in thousands where it feebly existed before. The cancer of ignorance has been driven out and the dry rot of stupid indifference banished to an extent that is encouraging. Every item of expense ought to be counted, and every drop of sweat or perspiration considered; the working for no profit should not be forgotten by the farmer. He should make up his mind right now to adopt the intensive plan of farming, and get ready for it by the coming spring.

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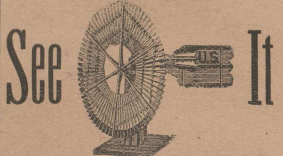
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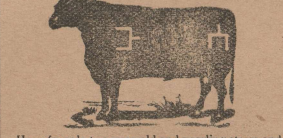
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PERSONAL MENTION.

E. H. East of Archer was here Monday. He will market a lot of corn-fed cattle soon.

W. H. Doss of Coleman was here on Monday. Southern Texas is all right, but cattle are a little scarce.

F. M. Weatherford of Grandview was up here on Tuesday. He is feeding some steers and says they are doing fine.

L. W. Christian of Weatherford, the well-known cattle feeder, was here Sunday and says his cattle are doing fine.

W. E. Connell of Midland, cashier of the Midland national bank and an extensive cattle dealer, was here Tuesday.

George W. Dice of Kansas City, who represents the New England car company, was here the first part of the week.

O. D. Kern and Mike Miller, sheep and cattle feeders from Frankfort, Ind., have been here this week looking for weathers.

L. W. Krake, traveling representative of the St. Louis national stock yards, was here yesterday in the interest of his yards.

D. B. Gardner went to San Antonio Sunday. He told the JOURNAL man that cattle on the Pitchfork range were in good condition.

M. Harold of this city says his cattle are in fine shape and are taking on flesh rapidly. He will have some fine cattle on the market early.

Polk Bros. of this city on Wednesday sold to local butchers thirty-eight head of cows they had been feeding. They weighed 830 and brought 14 cents.

T. C. Hunt, the well-known Ranger cattleman, was here Monday. He reports cattle scarce, but says the few they have in his country are doing well.

Geroms W. Shields of San Angelo was here Monday, and says cattle in his section were in fine shape and the range is good. Cattle are scarce and high.

Rhomb & Powell, proprietors of the Hereford Park stock farm, sold on Monday last two thoroughbred Hereford bulls to R. M. Anderson of Young county.

Frank Houston, the Bellvue feeder, was in town yesterday and says his cattle are in first-class shape. Has had a little disagreeable weather, but all is lovely now.

George H. Comiehl, who is largely interested in the Dublin oil mill and who is also feeding a lot of cattle, was here several days this week and talks encouragingly.

J. K. Zimmerman of Kansas City has been in the city for several days past, and says that cattle are doing well in most sections and the prospects for better markets are good.

J. W. Gibson of Waggoner, I. T., was here on Wednesday, and talks encouragingly of the business; says the Territory cattle are, as a rule, in good shape and will be fat when spring opens.

John Rosson is authority for the statement that some Kansas fed Texans sold on the Kansas City market Wednesday for 5 cents; weight 1300. The market was reported as low that day, too.

Col. Jesse Evans, who "first powder horn in '53," was here the first of the week from Ft. Worth, en route to his West Texas ranch. He is much en-

couraged with the outlook and says all will soon be well.

George Beggs, who represents R. Strahorn & Co., tells the JOURNAL of sales made by his house last week which were encouraging, and were as follows: Steers weighing 1010, at \$4.25; cows weighing 750, at \$2.75.

Jack J. Hittson of Palo Pinto, who has one of the finest ranches in the state, spent several days here this week. His cattle are doing well. Says he thinks a reasonably good market will be found for all good fat cattle.

H. R. Thompson of "C. C. C. C." fame was mixing with the cattlemen here Tuesday night and explaining the many advantages of his cars to shippers. "I don't have to talk much now—the shippers hunt me," is the way he puts it.

W. K. Bell, the Palo Pinto cattleman, was here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and says his cattle were doing fine. Mr. Bell is much encouraged with the present outlook, and says good cattle will make money for their owners.

M. B. Pulliam, the prominent and well-known San Angelo cattleman, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city as he was en route to Kansas City. Mr. Pulliam reports stock in his county as being in good condition and the range first-class.

A. A. Chapman of Dublin was here on Monday. Mr. Chapman, who is the head of a large banking institution is also largely interested in fine stock, cattle and farming lands, and gives encouraging reports regarding Dublin and Erath county.

A. S. Nicholson of this city went to San Antonio Wednesday. Mr. Nicholson says cattle everywhere are in splendid condition and the ranges have all been good; the quality of Texas cattle will be better this year than ever before, and he anticipates better markets.

George Simson of Weatherford, who is feeding about 2500 cattle near Cresson, was here Monday and Tuesday and says his cattle were doing well. He went to Cresson Wednesday and said if the bad weather kept up it would draw the cattle a little, but he did not expect anything serious.

M. Davis of Baylor county came in Tuesday night and reported bad weather—snow and plenty of cold; said it was snowing all the way from Seymour nearly to Fort Worth; cattle have been doing well. He anticipates better markets this year than have been enjoyed for years.

L. C. Heare of Vernon was here Tuesday looking for a small bunch of yearlings. He says grass has been short about Vernon and cattle have suffered some in consequence thereof. The acreage of wheat will be large this year and appearances indicate that the crop will be good.

Maj. B. C. Rhomb of the well-known firm of Rhomb & Powell, breeders of fine Hereford cattle at Rhomb, Tex., was in Fort Worth on Tuesday and authorizes the JOURNAL to say that they will shortly have a sale of fine stock in this city. The public will be informed of this sale through the press.

T. T. D. Andrews, general manager, and B. G. Davis, range manager, for the Home land and cattle company, came in from Parkhandle City on Sunday night. They reported cattle in their pastures as doing well and said grass was good; the winter so far had been favorable and they anticipated no serious loss.

E. B. Carver, who manages Cassidy Bros. & Co.'s business in the Territory and Texas, bought some \$36 cattle at Decatur last Saturday. He was in St.

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Louis the last heard of him waiting to see the cattle sold. John Rosson heard from him frequently, it is said, but telegrams cost too much to carry much news.

W. N. Adams of Brown county, who has been living there and raising stock for the past twenty-one years, was here Tuesday. He is now engaged principally in raising mules, but says all classes of live stock are doing fine. Mr. Adams served Brown county as sheriff for a term and has always been a well-known citizen.

A. W. Hutson of Amarillo came in Monday night from Kansas City. He says from all the indications and from all that he can hear, cattle will soon be higher than they have been before for years. Mr. Hutson left Wednesday morning for Amarillo. He was a little afraid that the weather in the Panhandle would be very bad and disagreeable.

W. R. Moore of this city, who is feeding a lot of cattle at Denton, bought two cars of cattle on last Saturday at Decatur, paying \$50 per head for one car and \$32.50 per head for the other. These cattle were at once shipped to St. Louis. Mr. Moore says his feeding cattle were looking fine up till the bad weather set in on Tuesday, and he does not think they suffered to any alarming extent then.

R. K. Erwin of Itaska, one of the operators of the oil mill there and who is feeding a big string of steers on meal, was seen here on Wednesday night. Mr. Erwin says cattle are doing well in his section and will be in prime marketable condition soon. "Cattlemen will be in it this year," he said. "I do not say this because I hear others

say it, but because everything indicates a change for the better, and I am backing my judgment."

C. W. Black, secretary and treasury of the Pierson and Black live stock commission company of Kansas City, came in Tuesday morning from San Antonio where he had been on a business trip. He reported everyone as being in good spirits and hopeful of good markets. "and they won't be disappointed," he said, "for the cattle market will certainly be much better this year." Mr. Black should be good authority, and is a reliable gentleman.

J. M. Chittum, San Antonio, came in from a trip to Kansas City and the Territory yesterday. Says cattle in the Territory are suffering a great deal; that snow is about two feet deep and the stock running on the range is in very bad shape; a large percentage will die within thirty days; he don't think his will be worth gathering in the spring. The prospects for better markets for good cattle were never better, and he thinks lots of money will be made this year. He will market about 20,000 Southern Texas steers.

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To the Stockmen of Texas.

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The legislature now in session at Austin might, perhaps, more properly concern itself with the repeal of a good many of the laws now on the statute books than the enactment of new ones. The state is afflicted with too much legislation and our code of laws is getting so cumbersome and unwieldy and inconsistent with itself in so many instances that the best lawyers in the state find it difficult to tell just where the law is at times. One of the triumphs of an advancing civilization should be the simplifying of laws, but the tendency now seems to be just the other way and each session of the legislature enacts a great mass of general and private laws and amendments to former laws which only multiply doubts in the mind of the citizen as to what the law on any given subject really is. It was the pride and boast of Texas twenty years ago that her code of laws was the best because the simplest of any state in the Union, but no such boast could be made to-day.

Hostility to Corporations.

It may be within the scope of legislative power to say that corporations shall not own land in Texas, and that those that have already acquired land shall dispose of it within a given time under pain of forfeiture or escheat to the state, but the wisdom of such a radical and sweeping policy may well be doubted. The greatest enterprises of modern times are inaugurated and carried on by corporations and without them there would be little if any development of the material resources of the country. They need watching at all

times and frequent repressing for their tendency is always to accumulate power and wealth, without much regard to individual rights, but to mutilate them by hostile legislation and so restrict them in the exercise of their natural and legitimate rights as to drive them from the state would be to do almost, if not quite, as much harm as would result from the policy of letting them entirely alone. Corporations can get along without Texas a good deal better than Texas can get along without corporations and to legislate them out of the state would be a boomerang proceeding more hurtful to the state than the corporations.

Winters and Winters.

Never did the climate of Texas show to better advantage than right now. In the North and Northwest the winter is absolutely ferocious and life in that frozen, snow-bound section, even under the most favorable conditions is burdensome, especially in the country districts where blizzards sweep the prairies and everything is locked in the unrelaxing grasp of snow and ice. In Texas we shiver; in Iowa they freeze. No matter how rich the soil of the Northwest, the winters there more than overbalance every advantage they possess; while here in Texas we have soil equally rich and none of the retardments of a climate savagely cruel

population has caught up with them. In other words farming immigration is needed in Texas now, more than any other kind and our energies should be addressed to that end. The country districts have not kept pace with the towns, and a stranger riding through the state cannot fail to mark the contrast between the thinly settled rural regions of the towns to which they are tributary. We need no further immigration of professional men—we have too many now; and of merchants, barterers and traffickers of any and all kinds, we have quite enough for present purposes; but of farmers, men who produce something, there is an almost painful scarcity—as compared with all the teeming crowds in nearly all the other walks of life, Tarrant county alone could double her present farming population and Fort Worth, without the erection of another business block could easily market the increased produce and supply the enlarged country population with all the merchandise it desired to purchase. We need a farming boom in Texas and until we get it we need not look very hard or very long for any other kind.

Should They Consolidate?

As has already been announced in these columns and as will be seen by the proceedings of the conference of cattlemen recently held in San An-

Those wishing to deal direct with the stockmen and farmers of Texas should not fail to carefully read page 13 of this issue.

ton, an account of which is published elsewhere, there is a movement on foot to consolidate all the live stock associations of Texas into one organization. This matter will be fully discussed and finally acted on at the annual meetings of the different organizations soon to occur. This is an important move—one in which every stockman in the state is directly interested in. It should therefore receive careful consideration at the hands of all concerned. The JOURNAL realizes the fact that a movement of as great importance as the one now proposed will necessarily meet with some opposition. It, however, believes that the stockmen of Texas should be united into one organization, and so believing it will continue to favor the movement.

The stockmen of Texas need and their interests demands the passage of several laws directly affecting the live stock industry, but of no interest or importance to any one else. It is only by united action and prompt attention that they can hope to secure the enactment of these laws. This alone, should be sufficient argument in favor of organizing the entire state into an association.

It has been proved by experiment that the protective and detective system as now practiced by the Northwest

More Farmers Wanted.

The towns and cities of Texas, or most of them, have about reached that stage of experience that makes any further growth impossible until the country tributary to those centers of

Texas Association affords the best protection that can be given to its members. If the organization was extended to cover the entire state it would not only, by reason of its large membership, lessen the assessments, but would enable the association to cover more territory, give more and better protection at less cost than can possibly be furnished by an organization covering only a part of the state.

There are many other arguments that might be advanced favoring a thorough and complete organization of the state. Those, however, above referred to when fairly and impartially considered in all their bearings should be enough to satisfy those who are now joining the movement.

The JOURNAL hopes this important movement will be fully and fairly discussed, and for that purpose it not only offers the free use of its columns but urges those interested to give its readers the benefit of their views, even though they be at variance with those herein advocated. The JOURNAL would like to see a full discussion both pro and con of this important subject.

The Inspection Law.

The JOURNAL is clearly of the opinion that the hide and animal inspection law as it now stands on the law books of the state, is a failure and a farce and should be repealed. This is concurred in by nine-tenths of the representative cattle raisers of the state.

The JOURNAL hopes the present legislature will give enough of its time and attention to this important matter to entirely repeal the law as it now stands, and then enact a law making it the duty of the governor when so requested by a majority of the representative stockmen of any county, to appoint a separate inspector for each and every shipping point in the country.

These inspectors should be appointed on the recommendation of the stockmen in the particular locality in which they are to operate. They should be practical cattlemen, who are familiar with marks and brands and the live stock business generally. Their duties should be fully and explicitly outlined and their liability for failure to do their whole duty fully covered by a good and sufficient bond.

The inspection law as it now exists and as now enforced by nine-tenths of the inspectors affords no protection to cattle raisers, but on the other hand is used as a cloak to hide the rascality of those who are disposed to illegally handle the stock of others. It is a heavy tax on the stockmen. It is a failure and a fraud and should be repealed at once.

A heavy snow storm is reported in the Panhandle country of Texas and this practically guarantees the wheat crop of that section of the state, a very important item and one of steadily growing importance in any estimate of the prospect of this year. We are rapidly approaching the period when Texas will cease to import flour from Kansas and the great grain belt of the Panhandle is to be the means of our emancipation.

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E. M. Hewins of Cedar Vale, Kan., came in on the International and Great Northern train Thursday night and left via the Aransas Pass next day for the lower country, visiting on the trip Beeville, Corpus Christi, Rockport and Alice. He is on the buy, but did not seem favorably impressed with the cattle he saw, consequently has not yet invested. Mr. Hewins says hogs are away up yonder in value and gives it as his opinion that they must first come down, which will not be inside of a year or two, before cattle go up to amount to anything. Says he never yet saw cattle and hogs bring good money at the same time. Mr. Hewins returned from the lower country Monday in time for the night session of the stockmen's convention which he attended.

Uncle Henry Stevens, an ex-cowman of Old Southwest Texas, who in the good old days of "the trail" took many herds through for Capt. R. King, M. Kennedy and others, arrived from Kansas City Thursday night also. Mr. Stevens passed on to the Goliad country on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Ed Lott. When the visit is over stockmen may look out for him as he is on a rustling trip for Elish & Kock Co., live stock commission merchants of Kansas City, who are advertised in the JOURNAL, and whom Uncle Henry so ably represents.

Rafael Vela, a prominent stockman from Laguna Seca, Hidalgo county, came in Friday with a bunch of thirty mules, which he sold in short order to Smith & Oliver at \$25 per head. These were very good mules and Mr. Veta has more of them.

Sam L. Knowles of Rancho, Gonzales county, arrived Saturday over the "Sunset" and left for Palestine Sunday. He is on the buy but says he is looking around some first, and when he finds the fat cattle that suit him he will invest. Sam says that everything is in a prosperous condition in his section, stock in good shape and slowly advancing in value.

The following report of the happy state of affairs in the country mentioned was gleaned from Dr. J. P. Kline upon his return last Sunday from a trip through La Salle, Encinal and Webb counties for the purpose of buying sheep for the Northern market. Grass abundant and in a good state of preservation for the time of year, stock of all kinds in fine condition, sheep in particular are fat, and their owners are very much inclined to hold them until after shearing.

There is considerable activity in the cattle business, as buyers are met daily.

Horses and mules in fine condition and much improved over that of a few years ago.

Did not buy any sheep from the fact they hold them too high to insure the speculator a fair profit, which certainly indicates a healthy condition, financially, of the producer.

Dr. Kline further says that that is a great country and a great people that inhabit it, and in fact becomes enthusiastic when speaking of the cordiality with which he was received and entertained by the different ranchmen.

The Stockmen's Convention.

At 2:30 Monday afternoon the stockmen congregated at Shafer & Braden's hall, came to order and elected Capt. John T. Lytle of San Antonio chairman and J. C. Loving of Jacksboro secretary.

Dr. J. B. Taylor of San Angelo was called on to explain the object of the

meeting, which he ably did, saying, among other things, that the principal object was the bringing together the members of the different associations of the state and the cattle raisers for the purpose of discussing and devising ways and means whereby a consolidation of all the associations under one management might be accomplished, to embrace all the state, for the better protection of the cattle raisers' interests and to urge those who were not members to join the new association if the consolidation was not effected, as he hoped it would be, or if not to join some one or more of the associations now in existence.

George B. Loving was then called upon as a member and the secretary of the Texas Live Stock association to tell the operations of said association and the good accomplished, which he did. "The Texas Live Stock association has been in existence about one year. It was not organized in opposition to any association but rather as an assistant to those in existence, as it took up and championed causes that other associations had neglected. The good done was not very much, but it has been instrumental in furthering measures for the establishment of a sanitary board and cheaper transportation rates and the ground work has been laid for good work. I favor consolidation, as 'in unity there is strength,' and I believe every other member of our association is in favor of the move."

J. L. Brush, president of the Colorado Cattle Growers' association, then made an appropriate speech in advocacy of consolidation. His association is twenty-seven years old and the only one now in existence in his state.

There were others but the desired ends could not be obtained without harmonious action on the part of all of them, and they have consolidated under the name above mentioned and are doing an incalculable amount of good. Mr. Brush very quickly convinced his audience that he knew what he was talking about and commanded close attention throughout. He strongly advised the different Texas associations to consolidate and by a "long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether," acquire what is needed.

That by united effort for protective, detective and legislative purposes much better results can be obtained than in other ways, and that the stockmen will then realize they are a power on the land, and when they do will show more activity in their own interests. He believes that great good is or will be accomplished by the convention held in Austin last Tuesday and "that is as it should be," as it was becoming at most a nuisance to own a pasture on account of the numerous hunters, and all that is necessary, in connection with this is to have the 2000 acre law repealed.

A. P. Bush of Colorado City, president of the Northwest Texas association, next made a statement of the workings of his association, which reflects great credit upon it. He says it was first organized to regulate round-ups and range working of cattle, as the country then was all open, but has since been fenced up, and it became necessary, in order to protect its members against depreciations, to introduce a new feature into the organization—that of a protective and detective system—which has proved to be of immense benefit to the members in recovering stolen property or value therefor, and the amount saved by being protected cannot be calculated. Mr. Bush is very strongly in favor of consolidation and unanimity of action.

Here followed quite an interesting discussion on inspection and the inspection law, indulged in by Geo. W. West of Oakville, E. J. Sandmeyer of Columbus, B. Crouch of Peairsall and Dr. J. B. Taylor. Mr. West wants the inspection law as it now stands "wiped out," as it is of no benefit whatever to stockmen and if we must have inspectors let them be appointed by the governor and that they be compelled to inspect stock only

after they are in the pens, cut into car load lots and ready for shipment.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Sandmeyer thought that even that would not improve matters as inspectors would have to be appointed by petition to the governor and any body will sign a petition for anything, but agree that as the law now stands it is emphatically n. g.

Capt. Crouch does not think the law can be done away with in his country, but wants the inspectors appointed by the county commissioners' court.

Moved by Dr. Taylor, seconded and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of nine to consist of three members from each of the associations represented here, and three representative stockmen of the Southwest, not members of any association, to agree on a plan of organization and carry out the intentions of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that it is the wish of the cattlemen in attendance on this convention that all the live stock associations of the state should be consolidated into one association, to be known as the Texas cattle raisers' association, and that all cattlemen not members of any association be urgently requested to become members of this consolidated association.

Said committee to act at once and report to this convention at 8 o'clock this evening.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the committee:

Northwest Texas association—C. C. Slaughter, J. B. Taylor, A. P. Bush.

Texas association—E. J. Sandmeyer, J. L. Brush, George B. Loving.

From Southwest Texas—G. W. West, N. R. Powell, Charles Shreffner.

Moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the name of John Bennett of San Antonio be added to the committee.

R. W. Stayton of Corpus Christi was called upon to explain the object of the meeting held in Austin, for the benefit of those who were not present. Mr. Stayton discharged this duty, as he does them all, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention called to order with Capt. Lytle in the chair and Mr. Loving at his desk.

Committee reported as follows: San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 18, 1893. "To the Hon. John T. Lytle, chairman of the convention: We, your committee appointed to suggest a plan for organizing a state live stock association, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that all the live stock associations of the state be consolidated into one organization; that we take the Northwest Texas cattle raisers' association as a basis of the consolidated organization; that the name of the last named association be changed to Texas Cattle Raisers' Association; that its objects and purposes in addition to those already incorporated by it be made to include the commendable features of the other organizations and such other objects and purposes as may be deemed advisable by the proposed association after the consolidation has been completed and the organization perfected.

We recommend that all members in good standing in the Northwest Texas Cattle Raisers' association, the Texas Live Stock association and the Nueces and Rio Grande Live Stock association be entitled to membership without further payment of initiation fees, but that all funds and other effects belonging to said associations shall become the property of and be turned over to the new organization.

We recommend that all three of the above named associations meet with the regular annual meeting in the city of Fort Worth on the 14th day of March next, when the organization herein suggested will be finally acted on and carried out.

We also recommend that every cattle man in Texas be not only invited, but urged to attend the meeting sug-

gested above and become members of the proposed association, and that the cattle men in attendance on this convention, who are not members of any of the above associations pledge themselves to give this move their hearty support. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. P. BUSH, JR., Chairman.

George B. Loving, a member of the committee, then arose and made an explanation, which was very appropriate and necessary. He said that his committee had tried to arrange to have the meeting on the 14th of March in this city, but could not on account of the by-laws of the Northwest Texas association, which say that the annual meetings of that association shall be at a place selected and fixed upon at the previous meeting, and as the association at its last meeting had fixed upon Fort Worth, it could not now be changed; but if the South Texas cattlemen would meet with them this year at Fort Worth and assist in the reorganization, that all present would use their every effort, and could almost promise to hold the next meeting in San Antonio.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Moved by Dr. Taylor, seconded and carried that a committee of nine be appointed by the chairman to be a standing committee, and to consist of three members of each organization represented and three members of no association to attend the coming conventions and urge upon members and individuals the desirability and advantages of becoming members of the consolidated organization. Following gentlemen were appointed:

Northwest Texas association—C. C. Slaughter, A. P. Bush, J. B. Taylor.

Texas association—Maj. Seth Mabry, E. J. Sandmeyer, D. H. Snyder of Georgetown.

No association—G. W. West, B. L. Crouch, J. D. Houston.

Moved, seconded and carried that Dr. J. B. Taylor be appointed a committee of one to notify the Nueces and Rio Grande association of the proceedings of this meeting and urge the members to attend the meeting at Fort Worth.

George B. Loving offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the legislature should enact a law creating a sanitary board with power to establish and maintain quarantine regulations within the state.

Moved, seconded and carried that a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to each branch of the legislature and the governor.

W. L. Tamblin of the live stock commission firm of Sealing & Tamblin then made a few appropriate remarks on inspection. Mr. Tamblin also made a clinching argument in favor of all cattlemen becoming members of the Texas cattle raisers' association when he stated that non-association cattle, whether stolen or not, were never inspected or looked after by the association's inspector and passed through, and the man who took them to market or sent them got the money for them whether or not he was the rightful owner.

Moved, seconded and carried that a committee of two, to consist of C. C. Slaughter and D. B. Gardner, be appointed to act conjointly with the legislative committee appointed at Austin last week.

A general discussion of the inspection law ensued in which J. L. Brush, B. L. Crouch, J. O. DeWees, Seth Mabry, G. W. West, E. J. Sandmeyer and Judge Delaney of Wharton county expressed those who ventilated their views that the law as it now stands is useless and should be repealed.

Adjourned sine die.

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HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT

[Devoted to topics of interest to women, and to the social interchange of ideas pertaining to home. Edited by MISS FLORENCE A. MARTIN, 152 Greenwood street, Dallas, Tex., to whom all communications should be addressed.]

I am in receipt of several letters teeming full of good will. The writers thereof say I would write if I only knew what to tell. To one and all I say, tell whatever will be of any interest to another woman. Whatever has been of any practical use to you will be of interest to others.

Mrs. E. B. says: "I can send you some nice receipts if you wish." By all means do so, Mrs. E. B. And while you are about it, if you can please tell "Perplexed" what is the matter with her navy beans? I have experience of a like kind. A correspondent of a paper that I was editing at the time advised me not to salt the beans till they had cooked good and tender, that the salt, if put in before they had become soft, would keep them hard, I acted on the advice given and have never been troubled since, though old beans are harder to cook than new ones.

When writing anything to be printed, no matter for what paper, write only on one side of the paper.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the Texas exhibit at the World's fair will be a most creditable one. The people of the state have done too much to have our exhibit a success to let it flag now.

The grand state of Texas should have a display at the World's fair that will be second to none.

No state in the Union is so prolific; no state has greater resources; no state has a greater number of energetic and skillful and industrious men and women. And I suppose Texas has her pro rata of wealth; at any rate she has enough substantial material in way of men and women to have a splendid display at the World's fair. This is the chance of a life time and she should "do herself proud."

Let each one of us do all we can. If each one determines to contribute her (or his) mite to effect this, our exhibit will not be a failure.

I hope every one of our readers will have read the editorial headed "Save Texas from the Shame," in last week's JOURNAL, and will see the advantages Texas will derive from an exhibit.

It will prove the greatest advertisement the state can ever have. A display of Texas products will be worth a thousand times more to the state than all the immigration bureaus. The exhibit will be a fact before the people and will be worth millions of dollars to the state.

It is to be hoped those who can will put their shoulders to the wheel and not let the handsome state building have been built for naught. Let one and all co-operate in this grand scheme.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sisters of the Household:

I have nothing to tell you, but I want you to tell me a great many things. I am a Southern raised girl, and do not know "overly much" of anything pertaining to housework. Some way I cannot manage my work so as to get

along with it. My husband is a great bean eater, but I cannot cook them so they are at all palatable. They will not get done. Will some of the readers please tell me what is the cause? I also tell me how to bake the beans. Another thing I want to know is, what makes my butter so white and frothy? If some of the readers or our kind editors can help me solve these questions, they will relieve

Things Worth Knowing.

When eggs are scarce, making it too expensive to use an egg for coffee, use the following rule. Put two pounds of well-browned coffee in a dripping pan, beat two eggs with an egg beater, add a spoonful of cold water and beat again; stir the mixture through the coffee well, put in the oven and stir occasionally until thoroughly dry. When you grind coffee to use mix in cold water, then pour boiling water over it to cook it. Others wash eggs before using them so the shell will be clean and only use the crushed shell to settle the coffee.

Cayenne pepper will keep the store-room and pantry free from ants and cockroaches.

SPOTS AND STAINS.

Table linen, towels, children's clothing, etc., should be well examined before putting them into the water, as soaps, wash fluids, etc., will often set them so that they cannot be taken out. Many spots may be removed by simply using pure, soft rain-water.

If axle grease gets on the goods, rub hard in quite thoroughly while the wagon grease is quite fresh and before it hardens. Kerosene is also a good remedy for the same, instead of the lard, and the same may apply for tar spots. After rubbing in the grease and letting it stand a little, wash out in soft cold water, using no soap.

Iron rust, ink, mildew, etc., may be taken out, if on white goods, with lemon juice and salt, and kept in the bright sunshine, moistening often until air is out. If these stains are obstinate use diluted citric acid instead of the lemon, rinsing afterwards thoroughly two or three times, to prevent injury to the fabric.

Machine oil stains will come out with cold water and soap if washed out immediately.

Blood stains should be left to stand a time well saturated with kerosene, then washed out in cold water.

Mildew may also be taken out by mixing chalk and soap together, rubbing on well and placing it where it will get the hot sun, keeping moist until the spots disappear.

On spots produced by an acid the color may be restored by touching them with spirits of hartshorn; while, if produced by an alkali, they may be removed with vinegar.

Tea and berry stains may be removed by simply moistening them with water and laying in the sun.

HOW TO MAKE VINEGAR.

Corn vinegar—Add to one gallon of rain water one pint of brown sugar or molasses and one pint of corn off the cob. Put into a jar, cover with a cloth, set in the sun, and in three weeks you will have vinegar. Most people prefer it to cider vinegar.

Yeast vinegar—To ten gallons of water add ten pounds of sugar, one gallon hop yeast sponge, set and let get light as for bread; boil one gallon of corn till tender. When cool, pour all together into an open keg. In two or three weeks you will have the best of vinegar. Shaking or moving will not hurt it. Keep covered.

W. T. CRUMP.

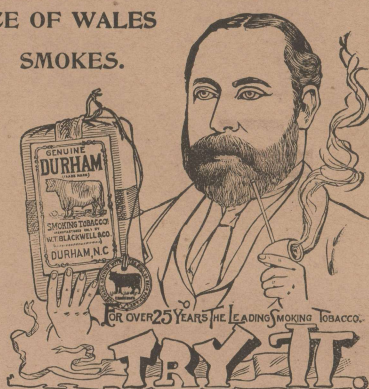
CONCENTRATED LYE SOAP.

All fat and grease from the kitchen should be carefully saved and should be made into soap by the following method before accumulating and becoming offensive: Boil for six hours ten gallons of lye made from greenwood ashes, then add eight or ten pounds of grease, and continue to boil it. If thick orropy add more lye till the grease is absorbed. You can know when it is absorbed by dropping a spoonful of the melted soap into a glass of water—if

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grease remains it will show on the water.

If hard soap is desired, put one quart of salt in half a gallon of hot water, stir till dissolved and pour into the boiling soap. Boil it twenty minutes, stirring continually, remove from the fire, and when cold out in cakes and dry. A box of concentrated lye may be used instead of salt, as it will obviate the necessity of using more dripped lye to consume the grease.

W. T. CRUMP.

Despair is the gateway to insanity. All things require skill but an appetite.

They that are whole need not a physician.

A giving hand, though foul, shall have fair praise.

Good is slow, it climbs. Evil is swift, it descends.

Early genius is like early cabbage—doesn't head well.

By supper more have been killed than Galen ever cured.

The dogs gnaw the bone because he cannot swallow it.

Religion is not a dogma, nor an emotion, but a service.

Who hath no more bread than need, must not keep a dog.

Before thou openest thy mouth think who may be listening.

Write it in your heart that every day is the best in the year.

Before you open your mouth, think what benefit it can produce.

Fame, like lightning, generally strikes the man who is not expecting it.

There is no class of people who need and can enjoy good reading more than the farmer and his family; yet as a rule they have less reading matter than any class of educated, intelligent people. Not long ago the wife and mother in a paperless, bookless home said to me, "Oh, how I dread winter; we can't get out to see any one. It's just like being shut up in a prison." If there was plenty of good reading matter in that

house the winters would be more endurable. When Madam de Sevigne was told that her granddaughter had a taste for reading and bade fair to become a student she exclaimed, "What a pleasant, what a fortunate trait; she is beyond reach of tedium or idleness." Have plenty of good reading about the house, use it, teach your children to use it, keep it handy in sight for the hired help, visitor or chance caller. Don't call the papers litter and put them out of sight. A family sitting room without a book or paper in sight is a dreary place.

Sure Cure for Corns.

Mix nine parts of salicylic acid with one part of extract of canabis indica and forty-eight parts of collodion. After bathing the feet in warm water apply this mixture to the affected parts with a camel's hair brush. Do not remove the stocking until the foot has become perfectly dry.

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SHEEP AND WOOL.

Will the flock be comfortable this winter?

That man is not a good shepherd who keeps more sheep than he can keep well.

A given amount of grain will give more meat when fed to sheep than to cattle.

Sheep scatter weed seeds in their droppings less than any other class of animals.

The cities live as though they were rich; they are good markets for the early lamb.

The sheep breeder needs only to sell well, but the feeder must buy well and then sell well.

It is said that the high price of corn in Nebraska will restrict winter feeding there this year.

With a breeding flock a certain number of young sheep must be kept to take the place of the older ones.

It is only in exceptional cases that any money can be made in purchasing grain and hay to feed sheep.

Sheep that are kept on low, wet land are more liable to the disease of foot rot than those on high ground.

On a small farm it is impossible to have any great number of any one grade of sheep at any one time.

Following the careful selection in buying and breeding comes the most important factors, care and feed.

With our possibilities for reaching markets it would seem that the large mutton sheep is the profitable one.

An extensive sheep breeder has two strong bull dogs trained to kill any stray dogs that molest the sheep. He says they are better than fences.

Speaking of sheep, if you value the wool product, an even condition must be kept up. Sheep starved in winter will have weak spots in their wool the next spring.

The best sheep is the one that has short legs and a good body, of good length and properly shaped, square on the shoulders, a round rib, good, straight back, well rounded hams and a heavy brisket.

The treasury department has decided that wool on shearing sheep skins when not exceeding one-fourth of an inch in length shall be admitted free of duty, but in excess of this length shall be subject to duty.

The ram is half the flock, therefore it is necessary to have a good one. Do not let a few dollars stand between you and a good animal, both in pedigree and individuality. It is the difference between success and failure.

If you really believe in mutton more than in fleeces, as the mainstay of the sheep industry, show your faith by continually grading up with the best mutton bucks. When your flock is on this basis you will find it much more satisfactory than when your profit depends wholly upon the idiosyncracies of the wool market.

Whatever breed of sheep you intend to carry, if it is to be thoroughbred, stick to the same blood all along, but changing to a fresh ram or two of the same breed from another flock each year. In breeding consider the size, bone, constitution and quality. In most cases the qualities of the sire will predominate in the offspring.

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A good grain for fattening sheep is shelled corn, one-half barley, or rye one-quarter; oats, one-quarter—all by weight; or, still better, substitute one-fourth of the corn with cotton seed meal. To the majority of farmers corn is the most available feed, and corn may be fed to good advantage alone, provided a sufficient amount of cooling and laxative coarse feed is given with such, as clover hay.

The majority of sheep raisers in this country are the farmers who keep from twenty-five to fifty, or even 100 head as a help on the farm. East of the Mississippi the number of flocks reaching 1000 or more is not large. The sheep is one of the small farmer's best servants. It not only produces wool and mutton, but it keeps his fields fertile with manure, and no farmer should be without at least a small flock.

There will be a profit in well-cared-for sheep until the tariff is taken off, at any rate, and it may be possible to make something then. Farmers should not be in too much hurry to dispose of their flocks, but hang on, wait and see what the future may develop, and there will be time enough to slaughter them after the tariff is seen likely to be taken off or reduced, before they will fall much in price.

The committee appointed by the Illinois Sheep Breeders' association, held in Springfield December 14-15, 1892, met on January 11, 1894, and by authority given them adopted by-laws and named officers as follows: President, C. I. Pulliam, Chatham; vice-president, W. T. Potts, Jacksonville; secretary and treasurer, John G. Springer, Springfield. Executive committee—Hon. David Gore, Carlinville; S. E. Prather, Springfield; R. J. Stone, Stoughton; Harry Cass, Buffalo Hart.

A writer in an English paper asserts that American mutton is not as tender and juicy and tender as English mutton, because of the habit here of fattening on corn or grain of some sort, while there the most of the mutton is fattened on turnips and ragg, with a little grain of oil meal to finish it off. There seems to be no lack of evidence of the superior quality of English, or even of Canadian, mutton over that offered in the states, and it may be that the writer is correct in assigning the cause.

An enthusiastic sheep breeder says: "There are always three returns from the sheep, viz: wool, mutton, and farm improvement. I am not sure but what every farmer could afford to keep one sheep to every acre of grazing land he devotes to pasturing for other stock, even if he never sheared a pound of wool or sold a pound of mutton. Perhaps I have made the statement too strong, yet who of us have yet been careful enough in experiments in this direction to make any reliable statement of the value of the golden hoof upon the soil and its scavenger work in the field and pasture."

Ben Honnett—The cramped farmers of the old world should be encouraged to come to this country. We need them, and they need our broad acres. What we do not need and should refuse to receive is the scum and raffra of European cities. It is not the quantity but the quality of the immigration which should be looked after. For the honest and industrious classes we have plenty of room. For thieves, vagabonds, anarchists and agitators we should have no welcome. What should be required of every immigrant is not a money fee, but a record of his previous career and satisfactory evidence of good character.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.



HORSE DEPARTMENT

A horse's stomach is not a hay mow.

The very warm stable should be a very clean stable.

Examine a horse's feet at least once a month, and keep them in shape by a timely use of the rasp.

Begin breaking (teaching) the colt when very young, and when old he will not depart from it.

See that the frog comes in contact with the ground and has no mud, frozen earth or snow jammed in it.

The horse breeding interest of America is fast advancing to the very front of those interests allied to agriculture, or growing out of the uses and ownership of the soil.

It is much better to keep stallions where they can have free access to open space, so they can take exercise at will. Keeping them confined and rubbing them frequently with a brush or cloth makes them irritable and is the prime cause of so many of them becoming dangerous.

No state has a patent on either horses or blue grass; both will grow wherever the land is rich enough, and if you have plenty of oats, clover and corn fodder, purchasers will go there as long as the selection is larger than elsewhere, whether the individual horses are better or not.

A subscriber says he has never found a remedy for heaves equal to a compound of eggs, honey and vinegar. He beats three eggs into one quart of pure fruit vinegar, and after about three days, or when the mixture is well together, he adds one pound of strained honey. In tablespoonful doses it can be given with the feed twice a day or placed on the tongue of the horse.

A large horse stable, a long alley in front of stalls; as the owner, his sons or hired man entered one end of the alley the head of every horse projected into it, and as the man passed down each animal was greeted with a kind and a gentle caress or touch. "Was a pretty picture; there was so much humanity, civilization in it. The horses seemed to enjoy it; the men were the better for it and not a cent of expense was involved in the entire incident.

Can a farmer who plows and cultivates much land afford to buy high class mares to do his work and raise foals—provided the average teamster has such mares in charge? The liability of injury to foals from taking into their systems milk from their dams in a heated condition, at the usual feeding times, is very great, and the average American farmer is in too much of a hurry to "get there" to bring his team to the barn in a normal condition, so that the mare's milk is overheated to the detriment of the foal, hungry foal. And to compel the young things to follow their dams while at work all

day is not conducive to a thrifty growth. A partial remedy lies in timing the breeding so that foals will come in the fall after the heavy and exciting work is done. The foal can then run with its dam until spring work opens. In the meantime it has stood in the stall with the mother and learned to eat hay and grain, so that at weaning time the habit of eating is well established, whilst loss of its usual food will soon be replaced by the fresh grass of summer. For the average farmer to buy high-priced mares we think unadvisable. Low-grade mares of the desired type may be bought at less than half the price of the high-class stock, and by breeding to the best suitable stallion the ideal will gradually be reached without the risk attending a more costly investment.

Dr. C. A. Robinson of Indiana says in "Breeder's Guide:" There is but one right way to curry a horse and that is not to curry him at all unless you have to. By this I mean that you should not curry the horse but curry the brush. I will remember the first time I saw a horse groomed properly. It was at a livery stable where I had put up for the day and I distinctly remember of curting my lips in contempt for such nonsense. It was not in the old rut. It was not the way I had been taught. It was too new-fangled, besides, it looked too much like work. I have grown older now and know better some things than I did then and I am never satisfied with any other kind of currying now. To groom a horse properly you need a curry-comb, a brush and a soft rag. Mane and tail cards are a nuisance and pull out more hair every time the horse is curried. In fact, the more of them you own the poorer you are. The fingers are the only proper things with which to separate the straws from the hairs of the mane and tail of a horse, and straws are the only things which should ever be allowed to be in them. Of course if they are bedded with wet manure they will become very filthy, but the chances are that they will never go upon the roads looking very smooth anyhow, for the man who beds with wet manure is pretty apt to look upon grooming as too much trouble. The front portion of a horse's head is very bony and should never be touched with the teeth of a curry-comb. Indeed, it is quite often that a horse is very sensitive to the use of the brush on his head, in which case you should rub it with the soft cloth, and in no instance should you use the brush around his eyes. The curry-comb may be necessary to remove bits of dried mud or other substances, but to use it as a garden rake on the horse's coat is barbarous. The legs should be brushed also and when there is any mud to be removed it should be done with the back side of the brush. I have stood by and seen a man dig away at a horse with a sharp toothed curry-comb until the poor animal would flinch away as far as he could every time he was approached. It is much better for the horses in every sense carefully to remove all obstinate substances, then go over the horse thoroughly with the brush, and all the time rake the curry-comb over the brush and strike it against the stall to remove the dust, and follow up this proceeding all the way through until the whole horse is well groomed.

CATTLE.

Dehorning Cattle.

A correspondent of the Journal of Agriculture writing upon the above subject says:

I will attempt, by your permission, to give your many readers a chapter on "cattle dehorning" from experience. About two years ago I obtained a bottle of your horn killer which I have been using on all my calves before they are a month old. It works like a charm; and allow me to say that I now have some as nice and as complete mulies as if they were natural ones, and will never raise another calf with horns. Last fall my brother and I procured a dehorning machine with which we dehorned sixty-one head of one, two, three, four and five-year-old cattle, consisting of our entire stock, among which was some milch cows that were giving milk. As an evidence that it does not hurt or injure cattle or cause them to shrink or decline is that it did not decrease the flow of milk in our cows the least bit that we could ever discover under the very same treatment and care. My advice to farmers is to dehorn your cattle by all means.

- 1 Because you can shed or barn them with much less shed room.
- 2 You will save one half feed and your cattle will come through the winter looking much better and thriffter.
- 3 Your cattle will ship better with less bruises and scars.
- 4 You will save a better quality and quantity of barn-lot manure, which is a big item of interest to every farmer.

Last year I wintered forty head of young cattle and had to tie them all up at night. I saved eighty-nine loads of fertilizer for my extra labor; but now I can turn my cattle in the barn like that many sheep and rest contented all night, as I can turn my three-year-old Shorthorn bull in the lot with my young colts and rest assured there will be no harm done to them. Next year many of our farmers will dehorn cattle, ours being the first done in this part of the country, and the people are waiting and watching the results of our experience.

If some of our farmers would visit in the Red English Polled or the Black Polled cattle and introduce them into our country, I believe that our farmers would fall in line, for our live stock all needs much attention and improvement. We are too careless and indifferent toward our domestic animals; try to keep too many and don't keep them good enough. I hope that your worthy correspondents will continue to air their views along this line.

Thinks Cattle Profitable.

At the Iowa Shorthorn Breeders' meeting the president in his annual address among other things said:

In our own herd we make a practice of milking the cows that have heifer calves. In the month of October we milked eight cows and sold 148 inches of cream, and churned at home forty-one pounds of butter, besides all the cream needed in a family of eight persons. And this record was made on grass alone; not one pound of any other feed did these eight cows get during the month of October. All of those cows dropped their calves before the 1st of June. Now we think that such Shorthorns as these are entitled to be called fair dairy cows. When it comes to the feed lot, in our part of the country the Shorthorns have always been considered the choice for feeders, and although nearly all other breeds have been tried it is safe to say that of all the steers fed in our section, aside from the scrub, nine-tenths of them are grade Shorthorns.

Last winter we fed on our farm seven yearling steers, twenty-seven two-year-olds and three cows, all high-grade Shorthorns except four, which were from grade Shorthorn cows and a Red Polled sire. We weighed the lot at 11 a. m., the 6th of January and again on February 6, a period of thirty-one days,

and the entire lot made a gain of 3800 pounds, or an average of 103 pounds, per head. Their feed was good corn-day and a lunch at noon, consisting of 100 pounds of oil-meal and 100 pounds of scotchash, a mixture of wheat and oats. The next month on the same ration they made a gain in twenty-nine days of ninety-one pounds per head. We sold the lot some time in March and kept no detailed account of their gain after the last weighing, March 6. Now we fed those cattle at a profit, and while there certainly has been no fortune in the cattle business for the Western farmer during the last few years, yet I firmly believe that at no time has it been impossible to raise cattle on our Western farms at a profit, provided the right kind of cattle was raised.

If cattle are kept in good condition during the winter, says an exchange, they will thrive from the time they are first turned out on the grass in the spring. But if they are allowed to run down during the winter it will require a considerable part of the best time for growth in the spring to get them started to growing again. If an animal barely holds its own there is a loss of food consumed. If it runs down it is double loss, as it costs as much again to make up for a pound of lost flesh as it does to secure an additional grain.

Professor Sanborn estimates that a steer that weighs 1000 pounds it requires an average of eighteen pounds of hay per day to sustain or support it during the winter. Upon this basis it is easy to count the cost of keeping a steer during the winter when no gain is made and how much is lost. A little additional feed will insure at least a slow gain and at least a small profit may be derived. Make a calculation on this basis and see how much is lost on your farms during the winter by allowing the cattle to run down rather than keep thrifty, and when it is considered that an animal generally eats in proportion to its bulk, the question of making it gain or allowing it to lose is an important one. Less food will be required to keep the animals thrifty if they are made comfortable than if turned out, exposed to cold and storms; this is one reason why good shelter is good economy. Of course some animals seem naturally to require more food than others, so that no inflexible rule can be laid down as to the quantity that should be supplied. The safest guide is to give sufficient to keep them thrifty, allowing the condition of the animal to be the principal guide. It is only by securing a steady growth that anything like a profit can be realized with cattle, and while every advantage should be taken to reduce the cost it should never be done at the expense of growth and thrift. With comfortable shelter growing cattle can be kept thrifty largely on roughness, but if exposed more or less grain will be necessary, and thus invariably increase the cost.

The Illinois Shorthorn Breeders' Association held their annual meeting in Springfield January 11. President C. C. Judy in his annual address presented many points of interest to stockmen. Mr. Alvin H. Sanders of the "Breeders' Gazette," Chicago, presented a paper on the "Future of the Fat Stock Show," indicating that the great feature in coming shows. This paper was received, as it deserved to be, with marked attention. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, C. I. Pulliam, Chatham; secretary, J. D. Smith, Jr., New Berlin; treasurer, W. T. Potts, Jacksonville, January 9, 1894, was selected for the next annual meeting of the association.

English farmers are turning butchers—slaughtering lambs and selling to private customers. The Scotch farmers are beginning to do the same with their beef cattle. We read of one man who commenced with three small steers, for which he was offered only \$125. He drove them home and fed

them for three weeks, and then slaughtered and sold to private customers. Here are the prices charged in Scotland:

Farmer's Price.	Butcher's Price.
Boiling piece, per lb.....	12c
Stewing piece, per lb.....	16c
Roast, per lb.....	18c
Steaks, per lb.....	18c
	22c

Sold in this way, he received \$215 for the steers. Lots of farmers are so situated that they can kill and dress lambs, calves and pigs and sell them to private customers just as they now sell eggs and chickens. A man in Connecticut has developed quite a profitable business in selling lambs in this way.

A DOCTOR'S ADVICE.

The Value of Condiments in the Digestion of Foods.

Pepper, salt, vinegar, piprikon, mustard and oil occupy a place at almost every table. With these are a number of compounded sauces such as tabasco, Worcestershire and others of pronounced pungency. While the purpose which a condiment is supposed to serve may be confined to the sense of taste, he who first employed it had, back of a simple palatial gratification, an idea of the comfort which was experienced in the stomach after taking seasoned foods. This comfort was an index of perfect digestion and nourishment and of epicurean satisfaction.

Peppers and peppery substances, salts, etc., were destined to occupy a place in the history of edible foods, a supplementary one, it is true, yet not less important than the position of executive officer on a ship which has a captain in command. The normal digestive fluids furnish the means for disposing of foods taken into the system, that is for those which are of a character necessary for the actual nourishment of the body. They do not, however, have sufficient strength to use up superfluous matters in their ordinary flowing. A condiment stimulates the secretions of the glands and lends such an activity to digestive powers that there is a remarkable contrast between a condiment and a natural meat. Peppers are not to be recommended to any great extent, neither is common salt alone to be advised.

A proper mixture of salt, pepper and celery powder makes a very good seasoning with sufficient pungency to secure what is desired in the way of a relish.

Pepper is simply a general stimulant for the digestive tract. It braces the stomach, gives a sense of warmth and causes a flow of the digestive fluid of the stomach. Mustard has a somewhat similar action, while salt and vinegar serve the double purpose of supplying the needs so far as saline matters fit for speedy absorption. Tabasco, Worcestershire, piprikon and other sauces have many merits, especially when one partakes of fish or salads. A dressing is absolutely necessary for a boiled or baked fish, and no salad outside of the watercress or celery is fit to be taken into the stomach without the stimulus to digestion which the dressing furnishes. They will not do you any great harm. If you should, however, have an irritable liver or too active kidneys, avoid red peppers and mustard.

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DAIRY.

When a cow will make one pound of butter a day in her best condition, for a month at a time, upon hay or grass alone, she will probably pay for a grain ration in addition to it, if properly proportioned and properly fed.

The Colorado experiment station has been testing the value of ground oats and wheat bran (free from shorts) for milch cows. The bran resulted in the production of milk richer in butter fat, and also a better flow of milk than the oats, but the cows gained in weight on the bran ration and lost a few pounds on the bran ration.

After a man has procured a first-class bull, thoroughbred, for either milk or butter qualities, it is easy to persuade him that it will pay to have good cows to mate him. Then, when he gets good grade calves he can be made to believe that he ought to give them good feed and good care. Thus his herd will improve rapidly in production and value.

A good way to build up a city milk trade is to give your customers nothing but good milk. Hundreds of city people have concluded they did not like milk that did not agree with them, simply because they were imposed on by the skimmed and adulterated milk furnished by dishonest salesmen. A man being could support life on milk alone and get fat besides if the milk was pure and of good quality.

Give the cows we have a little better care and better feed and see if they cannot be made productive, instead of barren profit. Very often when the cow does not come up to the point of profitable production it is not her fault, but the fault of the owner. Either he tries to keep her so cheaply that she has but little left to make milk from, after repairing the natural wastes of the system, or he feeds her with poor judgment, and not with food suitable for his purpose.

When dairymen feed for quantity and quality they will get better returns from sales than when they try to economize the feed and let the result be what it may. It is the profit of each dollar's worth of feed that a good dairy cow makes, and the more feed we can get her to eat the more profit we get. The liberal feeder, who looks to the comfort of his cows, that they are well sheltered and well watered, is sure to procure liberal returns for all the care he can bestow upon them.

An exchange says that "three beef animals can be grown and disposed of while one butter animal is being fully developed," which is true, as good steers can be fitted for market at two years old, while the butter cow seldom reaches her best until at least six years old, although she may have been paying for her keeping at least three years before that. But after that age it takes no more to make 300 pounds of 25-cent butter than it does to make the same amount of 4-cent beef. There is where the profit of the butter animals comes in, or should do so if rightly managed.

The New Zealand legislature has introduced a bill providing that every pat or print of butter exported shall bear the registered trade mark of the maker or shipper, and every cheese shall have the same upon each end, and every package in which they are sent shall be marked in the same way upon two sides, and to the mark shall be added the word dairy, factory or creamery, as the case may be, to distinguish the maker. They hope in this way to get only the best makes, and to establish a reputation for their brands, which will enable them to compete with American dairy products. It might be well for our butter and cheese exporters to have a similar law enacted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

San Antonio, the Convention, Stock Yards, Slaughter House, Etc.

The objects of the stockmen's meeting which was held in this city yesterday has already been extensively advertised in the JOURNAL, and is therefore fully understood by the readers. The details as to what was done will be written up at length by the JOURNAL'S San Antonio correspondent and published in his department. It is a matter in which every stockman is interested, and should therefore be read by all.

The delegation from Northern Texas consisted of S. B. Burnett and D. B. Gardner of Fort Worth, Col. C. C. Slaughter by Dallas, J. C. Loving of Jacksboro, A. P. Bush, Jr., of Colorado City, W. L. Gatlen of Abilene, W. H. Godair of San Angelo, M. Samsong of Alvarado; James A. Wilson, J. L. Pennington and J. W. Barbee represented the live stock departments of their several roads, and, with myself, helped make up the crowd.

On our arrival at San Antonio we were joined by the irrepressible, untiring Dr. J. B. Taylor, to whom the entire party are largely indebted in various ways.

The convention was fairly well attended by representative cattlemen of Southwestern Texas and will, I believe, result in much good. There has heretofore, I am sorry to say, existed in the minds of the Southern cattlemen a feeling of sectional prejudice against the Panhandle ranchmen, and vice versa. This feeling was caused mainly by the charge made by Panhandle cattlemen that the Southern herds en route to market imparted Texas fever to the herds along the trail, and for this reason favored a quarantine line restricting the movements of the southern herds. The Southern ranchmen could not understand how their cattle, while in perfect health, could impart disease, consequently denied the truthfulness of the charge and fought the idea of quarantine regulations bitterly. The experience, however, of the last few years has fully convinced the better and more progressive element of Southern Texas stockmen that the charges made by their brethren of the Northern part of the state were true; that there is such a disease as Texas fever and that the same can and will be imparted to Panhandle cattle when they come in contact with Southern cattle. Now that this is an admitted fact, the cause for the ill-feeling and prejudice heretofore existing no longer exists, and now that the stockmen are agreed on this point, and are almost a unit as to the necessity of a quarantine line, there is no reason why they should not get together and work harmoniously on this and all other matters affecting their interest. I have talked with quite a number of prominent stockmen from Southern Texas on this subject, all of whom express themselves in favor of equitable and just quarantine regulations, and will give the move their support and co-operation. I believe that the good work begun here will do much toward

wiping out any of this prejudice that may still exist and that this meeting was the most successful one ever held in the way of harmonizing the different localities and laying the ground work for united action in the future.

Those present were unanimously in favor of uniting and consolidating all the associations into one organization, which would embody the protective and detective feature as now established by the Northwest Texas Cattle Raisers association and all the objects and purposes of the Texas Live Stock association and such other objects and purposes as might hereafter be considered of interest or value to the live stock industry of the state. Every one present seemed to fully realize the importance of such an organization and will, no doubt, go to work in good earnest, to bring it about.

The proposition to consolidate will now be submitted to the different associations, and if favorably received will be consummated at the Fort Worth convention on March 14, next.

The inspection law, a sanitary board, a law to protect pasturemen against hunters, campers and other trespassers were fully discussed and provisions made to have these and all other needed legislation, looked after during the sitting of the present legislature. Altogether I regard the conference just closed a success and think the ground work for much good in the future has been laid.

Through the kindness of Dr. Amos Graves the North Texas delegates were to-day shown through the San Antonio slaughtering house and over the Union stock yards. Both of these institutions, either of which would do credit to any city, were conceived, planned and built by Dr. Graves, to whom the people of San Antonio and the stockmen of Southern and Southwestern Texas should and no doubt do feel especially grateful.

The stock yard company (which is capitalized at \$200,000) owns fifty acres of beautiful and conveniently located land on which they have erected yards and other accommodations sufficient to take care of and comfortably provide for 10,000 head of live stock at one and the same time. The yards, a large part of which are under cover, are bountifully supplied with good pure, clear water direct from the city waterworks. The yards are connected by switches direct with all the different railroads running into San Antonio and are therefore in position to receive and unload and reload stock from all these lines without unnecessary delay. Shippers from all parts of Southwestern Texas can bill their live stock to St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, New Orleans or any of the Eastern markets with the privilege of selling in this city.

By the way, this is, I understand, rapidly developing into a fairly good cattle and hay market. It has, every one knows, always been the leading and best horse market in the state. In addition to the slaughtering here, which is located at these yards and has a capacity of 200 cattle and 150 hogs per day, there are quite a number of shippers and speculators who make their headquarters at these yards and who are always ready to pay the high-

est market price for all fat stock that may be offered.

The slaughtering house at these yards, while not as extensive as those of Fort Worth, are very complete in every particular and are fully up in capacity to the present requirements. Our crowd were all wonderfully pleased with their treatment and what they saw at the stockyards, and came away unanimous and loud in their praise of Dr. Graves, not so much for his thoughtful and courteous treatment as for his enterprise, liberality, etc.

I am reminded that it is almost train time and that I must get ready to go. Our crowd will leave the Alamo City in a few minutes feeling glad they came and with the kindest and best of feeling for the stockmen of Southern Texas and the good people generally of this, the metropolis of Texas.

GEO. B.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 17, 1893.

What is the Difference?

BRADY, TEX., Jan. 15, 1893.

Editor Texas Live Stock and Farm Journal.

Will some of your many readers inform me of the difference in the value of 1000 head of dehorned three-year-old steers and 1000 head with the horns on them. No doubt some of your well-informed readers who may see this in your columns can give the information which will be of interest to myself and many others. A SUBSCRIBER.

Justin Jottings.

JUSTIN, TEX., Jan. 14, 1893.

Editor Texas Live Stock and Farm Journal.

I regret very much hearing of the Fort Worth packing house being closed and trust it is only temporary, as some of us up this way have a surplus of hogs, and Fort Worth is a convenient market.

I have just finished killing my hogs. Had one that weighed 454 pounds net, sold on the pole at 6 cents. Also had four more which I did not weigh. They were nine or ten months old and were gressed to weigh from 225 to 240 pounds.

Mr. P. C. Harmonson, a neighbor of mine, had one weighing 355, which was less than thirteen months old. The 454 pounder was of the Duroc-Jersey breed and the other was Duroc and Poland-China.

We are having fine weather for farming. All kinds of stock are doing well.

You were correct when you said I was breeding fine stock. I will have this spring eight or ten half bred Holstein calves and one full blood colt. Will also have one full blood colt, from Golconda, the fine race horse owned by P. C. Harmonson. Have turned over to Fred Peterson two nice mares to be bred to his fine English shire stallion. Mr. Chris Haden sold his place to a Kentuckian at \$20 per acre, and after the title had passed, Mr. Haden bought the place back by paying an advance. I could not learn the figures on the last transaction.

S. J. Harmonson, Jr., is visiting P. C. Harmonson. Hope he will remain the winter.

T. A. Dunken is sodding a 100-acre farm. G. W. Harmonson is breaking seventy-five acres of sod. I am also breaking some land; am preparing to till the soil as directed by the Lord: "Thou shalt eat bread by the sweat of thy brow."

In another letter I will tell you readers of some very peculiarly bred cattle I have on my farm.

I am always anxious to get the JOURNAL and see what has been going on. My wife says it is worth much more than a turkey gobbler, and she don't want us to stop from the subscription list. She sends sending you

something for the Household department, which she finds very interesting. Success to the JOURNAL.

N. H. GRAHAM.

POULTRY.

Some people do not know that eggs that have been chilled are spoiled for hatching. If intending to set some hens very early, keep this in mind.

The size of an egg is not of so much importance to the average buyer as its appearance. Pure white eggs, with clean shells, always sell well, even if small.

Give the hens a place to exercise and scratch all through the winter. It should be out of doors, protected from the winds, where the sun can reach it all day long.

When poultry does not pay it will be found that the fault lies with the owner. Either he does not understand his business, or does not give it the proper attention.

If you are beginning in the poultry business the fall is a good time to make the start. It is easier to guard against vermin and disease, the two great drawbacks always encountered by beginners.

If the poultry house has a sloping glass roof, facing south, the hens will show their appreciation of the genial warmth and sunshine by laying more eggs than they would in a cold and dark house.

With a dozen fowls you can increase next spring to as large a flock as would be safe for you to handle the first year. Buy good stock to start with and you will get a flock of good fowls without any great outlay.

Geese are profitable and can be raised with only the same water supply that you need for other poultry. Goslings, to succeed well, should be hatched as early as possible. Their food is largely grass, and if they can avail themselves of it while the grass is young and tender, they can be grown with very little expense, indeed.

Keep the poultry house, the yards, the chicken coops and every thing about them clean. Allow no stagnant water, no decayed or decaying animal or vegetable matter, no filth of any kind anywhere, about the premises. Every morning sprinkle some absorbent, dry earth, sand, plaster or coal ashes (never wood ashes) over the droppings under the roost, and as often as once a week remove the droppings from the house.

To Make Hens Lay.

Put two or more quarts of water in a kettle, and one large seed pepper or two small ones, then put the kettle over the fire. When the water boils stir in coarse Indian meal until you have a thick mush. Let it cook an hour or so; feed hot. Horse-radish chopped fine and stirred into mush as prepared in the above directions, and for results we are getting from five to ten eggs per day; whereas, previous to feeding we had not eggs for a long time. We hear a good deal of complaint from other people about not getting eggs. To such we would warmly recommend cooked feed, fed hot. Boiled apple skins, seasoned with red pepper, or boiled potatoes, seasoned with horse-radish, are good for feed; much better than uncooked feed. Corn, when fed to hens by itself, has the tendency to fatten rather than produce the more profitable egg laying. A spoonful of sulphur stirred with their feed occasionally will rid them of vermin and tone up their systems. It is especially good for young chickens or turkeys. —Ohio Farmer.

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Look out for Frauds.

The following is an extract from a communication published in the Gainesville Stock Journal, and written by W. W. Howeth, a gentleman who is interested in fine stock and one whose reliability has never been questioned. THE JOURNAL takes pleasure in publishing this, and but from lack of space, would publish the article entire:

FRAUDS.
To the Farmers and Stock Raisers of Texas, Look Out!

You have more men (would-be horse sellers) among you than you ever had before, men who are selling horses for pure bred registered horses. They will represent to you that their horse is an imported, pure bred registered horse from some one of the different families, to-wit: Norman, Percheron, Clydesdale, Shire, Cleveland Bay, French Coach; and some of these tricksters will venture to call the horse a pure Morgan when, indeed, the horse they are offering you is nothing more or less than a mongrel—in fact, oftimes as low a grade. The Smart Aleck—the would-be horse dealer, the hired slick, smooth seller for some Northern firm, will actually offer one of these for sale with no papers at all to represent the purity of their mongrel horse, making the buyers believe the certificate will be in on every mail until they get the sale closed. With notes signed or money, as the case may be, in their pocket, they will in some instances then skip the neighborhood between two suns. They then send back papers to the buyers to suit themselves. They sell these mongrels for the price of a pure bred registered horse, and get all the way from \$1200 to \$2500. They are doing our country more harm than the "duck" who sold so many grain farms in Texas. Most of all you have heard of him.

Nothing is so detrimental to the horse industry of Texas as those frauds that have and are still being perpetuated on the farmers and stock growers. If a lot of men have but one of these mongrel stallions, whose price is that of a pure registered horse, they naturally will look for good half-bred colts. They are ready then to condemn all pure bred stock.

This fraud of selling mongrel horses for registered stock should by all means be stopped. Any section of country that has been the victim of one of these frauds should get together and expose the seller and company for whom he is employed to practice such frauds. I believe there is no law that would harm a company of men or an individual man for telling the plain facts to the world in connection with one of these fraudulent sales.

To the Traveling Public.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

C. T. Herring of Quanah was here on Wednesday.

William Harrell of Amarillo was here Sunday night.

D. D. Swearingin of Quanah was here on Wednesday.

H. M. Catlett, the Colorado City cattleman, spent most of the week in Fort Worth.

S. J. Blocker of San Angelo was here on Tuesday, and says cattle are getting a little scarce.

J. M. Holt, one of the association inspectors, came in Wednesday night from Kansas City.

Tom McGee of Canadian is here, and reports eight or ten inches of snow in the upper Panhandle.

Jess C. Carpenter of Decatur, a well-known stockman, who is feeding cattle, was here on Tuesday.

W. N. Waddell of Colorado City was among the many cattlemen who were in Fort Worth last Sunday.

Nauz & Neuner, nurserymen of Louisville, Ky., ask through the JOURNAL for a share of its readers' patronage.

Tobe Odem came down yesterday from the city of Alvord, and says it has been freezing cold, but no damage to any extent so far.

Ralph Harris of San Angelo was here on Monday. He reported cattle as in very good condition and said the range was first-class.

W. L. Gatlin, the well-known Taylor county cattleman, was in the city Monday and gave good reports as to range and stock in his section.

D. C. Cogdell of Granbury, banker and cattleman is here, returning from the inaugural ball at Austin, and says his stock are in good condition.

The Vacuum Oil company of Rochester, N. Y., who manufacture an excellent oil for preserving all kinds of leather, have an "ad" in this issue.

W. P. Beckham of Memphis is here and says the range is fairly good in Hall county, but the weather is now very severe and cattle may suffer some.

Dr. L. W. Knight & Son of Nashville and Messrs. Mosely & Whitaker of Bell Buckle, Tenn., large importers of jack stock, advertise a combined auction sale to take place soon. See their "ad" elsewhere.

S. B. Burnett of this city bought while at the San Antonio convention 3000 steers and 1000 cows of J. D. and W. B. Houston. The prices were not given; it, however, goes without saying that "Burke" bought them with the money.

The new canning companies at Jack-sonville, Texas, and Palestine, Texas, have recently made contracts with Daniel G. Trench & Co., canning factory outfitters of Chicago, for complete plants of the latest improved canning machinery.

J. L. Brush, president of the Colorado Stock Growers' association, came in from San Antonio this morning. Says some of the Southern Texas ranges are short, but cattle will come through all right, though most of them will not be fat.

J. J. Crusman, nurseryman of the Clarksville firm, has an "ad" elsewhere in the JOURNAL. Mr. Crusman is one of the reliable operators of the country

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E. B. Carver of Henrietta came in from St. Louis on Wednesday night, where he had been to see some cattle recently shipped by him sold. The cattle were late arriving, consequently he could not see the sale, but is very well satisfied anyway with the returns.

William Harrell, the Amarillo cattleman came in from Big Springs Thursday night. He reports pretty cold weather in the West, but says it's not serious. He hears it has snowed heavily in the Panhandle, and if reports be true, stock may be damaged considerably.

C. W. Merchant of Abilene came in Wednesday night from a trip to Kansas City and the Indian Territory. He says there is some snow in the Territory and the weather is rather severe on stock. Mr. Merchant has recently purchased a lot of Southern Texas cattle which he expects to put on the Territory ranges in the spring.

J. C. Loving of Jacksboro, who has spent most of his time in Fort Worth for several weeks, left for Vernon today. Mrs. J. C. Loving, who has been quite ill for several months and who is now in the city under treatment of physicians, is, the JOURNAL is glad to be able to state, improving rapidly and will no doubt soon regain her accustomed good health and vigor.

Messrs. Webb & Hill, the well-known and popular land and live stock brokers of Albany, Tex., offer for sale a lot of first class geldings, also a good bunch of young mules. Those wanting anything of this kind should look up their advertisement in the JOURNAL'S "For Sale" column and write them. Messrs. Webb & Hill are thoroughly reliable. They are also gentlemen with whom our readers will find a pleasure to transact business.

Manager Grenwall of the Fort Worth opera house gave the theater-going public much pleasure by engaging Graub's opera company for the entire week, ending to-morrow night. This is an excellent company and the fine performances already given were real treats. On Monday afternoon and night, the celebrated comedian John P. Sheridan will present "Fun on the Bristol" which is full of comedy, is replete with sparkling music, and bright, catchy songs.

William Hunter has been in Southern Texas for some days, and the Stockman has this to say about him: Uncle Billy Hunter, the popular Texas representative of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, live stock commission merchants, Chicago, Kansas City and Bristol, spent several days in South-west Texas during the week. Mr. Hunter thinks the future of the cattle industry, as far as increased prices are concerned very problematical. He does not believe the cattle shortage in this state is as great as is generally estimated. Says the ranchmen make a great mistake in thinking they own the great bulk of the cattle. The little fellows with from five to 100 head own

fully 75 per cent of the cattle in the state, and the decrease has been confined mostly to the large owners. While there will be fewer steers marketed from Texas this year than last, he says there will be more than is accounted for. The principal shortage is in one and two-year-olds.

Fred Horsbrugh, manager of the Espuela Land and Cattle company of Dickens county, writing the JOURNAL says: I have heard with a little amusement that there has been a report going around that the "Spur" cattle are suffering terribly, and dying fast; it is a "fako," pure and simple, which can be classed alongside of that report from Bakersville, N. C., which gave out people were dying fast there. Part of our range was in bad shape, and I moved over 10,000 head from that part; and, with some extra pasturage which I got close at hand, our cattle are doing very well. We are eating fatter beef now at the ranch than you are getting in Fort Worth.

Prodigious quantities of silver bullion purchased under the Sherman law have accumulated in the treasury at Washington, and it is of no earthly use to either the government or people for the reason that none of it has ever been coined into money. The bill introduced by Congressman Culberson of this state provides for the coinage of this great mass of bullion so that it may be put in circulation among the people. The country undoubtedly needs more money, and, as Mr. Culberson's measure would add about \$125,000,000 to the circulating medium, its enactment into law would give very considerable relief. A part of a loaf is better than no loaf.

The Devil's River News, as a live stock reporter for its particular section, is hard to beat. Its last issue reports the following: Wm. Prescott of Menard county sold 300 head of stock cattle to F. Mayer & Sons at \$6 a head. . . F. Mayer & Sons sold 200 head of fat cows to Cusenbary & Fields at \$10 a head. . . John and Morticia Hall left with a bunch of horses for Burnet county this week. . . R. F. Halbert sold 143 head of stock cattle to Wm. L. Black a \$7 a head. . . John Rawlston of Edwards county sold 350 head of stock cattle to F. Mayer & Sons at \$6 a head. . . Wm. L. Black sold 1000 head of stock sheep to R. F. Halbert at \$2.25 a head. . . Silliman & Muachison sold 10 head of fat cows to Cusenbary & Fields at \$10 a head. . . Murchison & Davenport sold 44 head of cows to Cusenbary & Fields at \$9 a head. . . R. T. Baker sold 30 head of bulls at \$10, and 40 head of cows at \$10 to Cusenbary & Fields. . . W. E. Payne sold 80 head of stock cattle to Silliman & Murchison at \$6 a head. . . R. F. Halbert sold 32 head of fat cows to Cusenbary & Fields at \$10 a head. . . A. J. Winkler bought 175 head of stock cattle from Ed Wyatt at \$9 a head. Who says the cattle business is played out?

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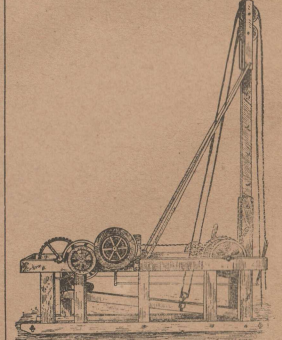
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In selecting horses or cattle for breeding a deep chest, with wide nostrils, are the essential points, as these signs indicate large, healthful lungs.

Feed no animal through the winter merely that it may sustain life. Unless it makes some growth or gain, or produces something of value, you will be the poorer in the spring for having wintered it.

It is not economy, either of the feed or of labor, to feed whole corn fodder. The cattle will waste a large portion of it, and the stalks make wretched work in handling the manure. Better use a cutting box.

It is always wise to stock the farm with as great a variety of animals as possible. In this way almost every product can be consumed and nothing wasted. Even fowls and hens should not be omitted.

The public-spirited farmer who breeds improved stock takes the lead in every community, and such men are a great benefit—they set the example of improving their stock, and others seeing their good work do likewise.

Every intelligent farmer knows that the most profitable method of growing beef, pork or mutton is to feed the young animals good, healthy, nutritious food in sufficient quantity to keep them rapidly growing from birth to maturity.

Co-operation in the buying of blooded breeding stock will save high service fees. There is no reason why twenty farmers cannot unite to buy and own a good stallion or bull, as well as to pay some one else to do it for them and to make a profit from them.

Stockmen who are loudly proclaiming that there is no longer any money to be made raising stock should sell out, quit the business and give place to men who will say the business, properly followed, is as profitable as it ever was, and who will make their words come true.

A coat of fat upon the outside and a lining of the same will do much to keep the stock comfortable in cold weather, and they are not apt to be profitable unless they are comfortable; but there is no need of filling them up with fat, as if intended for the oleo manufacturers.

The farmers of Missouri will breed their best mares to standard horses this year as they have never done before for the simple reason that the standard bears testimony to character and good service in the past. A man without a character like a horse without standard reference is accounted of little value.

The work done by agricultural newspapers, farmers' institutes and other meetings for discussion of agricultural, live stock, dairy and horticultural topics has been incalculably great. Through no other means has it been found possible to so quickly, cheaply and effectively disseminate information about agriculture or excite interest in its improvement among large numbers of farmers.

Prices for all the improved breeds are yet within the reach of any who care to improve, but these prices must soon advance for cattle, horses and hogs, as they already have for sheep. The markets of the world call for high-class stock at high prices. Organize your farmers' breeders' societies to advance the improved stock interest, to make stock breeding pay and to make the farm pay.

In the stockyard among cattle, sheep or swine, or in the poultry yard, the motto should be "cull." Cull all out that are known to be unprofitable and all that by reason of old age or fre-

quent infirmities, there is any reason to doubt about being safely wintered. To have them eat their value in good provender this winter and die in the spring is not profitable. Fit them for market, if it can be done without too much expense, before selling or killing, but be rid of them in some way.

Bill Arp—A sorry farmer on a sorry farm is a very sorry spectacle, and if it was not for his wife he would perish; but, somehow, in the dispensation of Providence, most every no account or unlucky man is tied onto a bustling hustling woman, who never surrenders and manages somehow to maintain the family. This is not fancy, but it is a fact, that the more trifling or unlucky the man the more diligent is the woman. From time to time I had various tenants when I was farming, and I noticed that the most indifferent men had the smartest women tied onto them.

George Voorhies—In solving the very important problem to the farmer of raising that for which he will find ready sale, the many advantages afforded by a little attention to the raising of a serviceable class of horses should not be forgotten. There are few farmers who could not, at a really trifling outlay and with comparatively little trouble, raise two or three good colts for sale every year. In this matter, as in all other operations of crop-producing, the character of the product raised must be desirable—the farmer who raises scrubs and the farmer who raises weeds are on the same footing.

Charles Lerchen—The public-spirited farmer who breeds improved stock takes the lead in every community, and such men are a great benefit; they set the example of improving their stock and others seeing their good work do likewise; they may go elsewhere and buy other breeds and bring competition, but that benefits all improved stock breeders, and as the breeds and breeders increase the community advances and the stock generally is improved, the farms and barns are improved, scrub stock is driven out and prosperity is increased as the improved breeds become the rule rather than the exception on the farms in the community.

HORTICULTURE.

In planting fruit upon the farm plant first an abundant and diverse supply for house use. That will pay just as well as to plant for sale.

Rhubarb, asparagus and strawberries are three excellent things that can be grown with little trouble. They should have a place in every garden and upon every farmer's table in their season.

Some men think that all that is needed to have an orchard is to plant trees. But our advice is not to plant unless you intend to cultivate and to feed them. It will be poor economy to do otherwise.

Cultivators of the grape endeavor to train up entirely new branches of the present branches of the present season's growth, in order to procure fruit for the next season. The bearing branches of this year are generally cut entirely away.

It does not pay to raise onions on the same field for a succession of years. The best and become used to the system, no matter how richly it is manured. If the crop suffers from the blight, the second crop will suffer more. A change of field is then quite essential.

Several of our destructive moths can be kept off from fruit trees by a slight application of tar and grease. Many of the female moths have only rudimentary wings and pupate in the

ground. They have to climb the tree to lay their eggs. The canker worm is a case in point, and the tussock moth is another.

It is quite essential that the fruit-grower of to-day should have some means of cold storage, for it is only through such methods of preserving his fruits for certain markets that he can hope to reap the highest price. If properly stored in a cool place, the loss from shrinkage and rotting fruit will be comparatively small. With the planting of an orchard, then, of any size, there should also be the erection of some cold storage house.

It used to be thought beneficial to put the cinders and iron scales from the blacksmith's shop around fruit trees. Now the Australian fruit growers are digging trenches around the trees and turning in a solution of sulphate of iron, made by dissolving a half-pound of the sulphate in five gallons of water to each tree, after which the earth is put back into the trench. For a large tree the trench should be five or six feet from the trunk of the tree.

The object in mulching the small fruits is to prevent too frequent and rapid freezing and thawing, by which the fruit buds may be injured, and it should not be done until the ground is frozen a few inches deep, or so that it will bear the weight of the wagon load of manure; but the object in covering the rhubarb and asparagus is to prevent them freezing too deep, and to freeze early starting in the spring, and it should be done before the ground freezes, and worked into the ground as soon as it thaws out.

As apples are becoming in great demand for export as well as home trade, it would be of great advantage to have trees bear every year, instead of every other year, as many orchards now do. A thinning of the fruit in the bearing year and a manuring of the growing of some crop the same year among them that received liberal manuring aside from the small grains, would do much to bring this about, but it should be accompanied, at least with young trees, by a cutting back of superfluous wood at the ends of the branches and judicious pruning of limbs.

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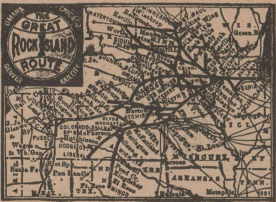
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