

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

The most experienced and successful fruit growers say that after two years no crop should be planted in an orchard. The first two years the trees cover but little of the space and the roots have not spread out extensively, so that a cultivated crop has opportunity to grow and the trees are not injured, but after two years neither crop nor orchard will pay.

With increased attention that can be paid to the home garden much can be added to the comfort and pleasure of farm life. Every farmer should have a hot bed or frame for raising early vegetables. With the first coming of the warmer days of spring these are really needed in a healthful diet and will make a grateful relief to the family that has subsisted many weeks on the heavier winter foods.

Plants can often be protected from injury by frost by heavy sprinkling late in the evening. Prof. Bally in his "Principles of Fruit Growing," says: "A thorough spraying of plants with cold water at nightfall, when a frost is feared, is one of the most efficient means of protection from light frost." The weather bureau of the United States advises irrigation for the same purpose. "Let the water be turned on until the soil is entirely moistened. The evaporation of this water will keep the damp soil from becoming too dry. Since evaporation takes place near the surface this method is especially valuable in protecting low plants and shrubs, but has also been found very valuable in protecting citrus groves from freezing weather. The irrigating should be done as early as an hour as possible, preferably on the day preceding the night when a frost is anticipated, and the ground kept thoroughly wet until the danger from frost has passed." Sprinkling or wetting the ground for the same purpose is a common practice in English gardens, and damage is thereby often prevented. The syringe is employed to spray trees that are budded out, especially fruit trees. The watering is done early in the morning, as early as possible, and before the direct rays of the sun can reach to thaw what is frozen. Celery is often badly damaged by early frost. All that is necessary to prevent harm is to water the plants when it is found frozen, is to give it a good and early watering. This has been proven by actual experience in celery culture in Kentucky.

One of the serious difficulties met by peach growers in Texas is the killing of the fruit by frost after the trees have bloomed in early spring. Various methods to retard the buds have been tried. Experience has shown that north or easterly slopes give the best location for this purpose, but the warm days of the closing part of winter or early part of spring frequently bring out a full crop of bloom in any location and a severe frost following ends the hope for peaches that year. The Missouri experiment station has given out a report on the trial of whitening the trees to prevent the absorbing heat that seems to be by far the most effective yet attempted. The mixture used was a whitewash made of four parts of water, one of skim milk and such quantity of fresh slaked lime as would make as thick a wash as could conveniently be pumped through a Bordeaux spray nozzle without clogging. This wash was sprayed on the trees by means of a bucket spray pump. The first application was made the last of December and three subsequent sprayings were necessary to keep the trees thoroughly coated until spring. The cost for material and labor was about ten cents a tree. The report says: "These whitened buds remained practically dormant until April, while unprotected buds swelled perceptibly during warm days late in February and early in March. Eighty per cent of the whitened buds passed through the winter safely, while only twenty per cent of the unwhitened buds escaped winter killing. Whitened buds blossomed three to six days later than unwhitened ones. Thermometers covered with material the color of the peach twigs registered during bright sunny weather, from ten to over twenty degrees higher than thermometers of similar texture, thus indicating that whitened peach twigs might be expected to absorb much less heat than those that were not whitened. An additional advantage of this treatment is the fact that the whitewash will act efficiently as an insect destroyer. Some assistance might be given to the body and larger limbs of the trees with burlap dipped in the wash, and afterward kept well whitened with it until danger of frost shall have passed.

THE FARMER'S PARTNER. Many a farmer's wife does as much as the farmer himself in making the farm profitable and for the benefit of those who are not utilizing their opportunities it would be well if they would often give their method and the results to readers of home and agricultural papers. Their departments are the dairy, the poultry yard, the control of the garden, orchard and vineyard. Of course there is much heavy labor they cannot do, but in the economies of the home supply and in marketing the surplus of the several departments the farmer will find that his way to prosperous results is opened wide if he will just listen to the good wife when she asks that work be done along the lines which she controls. All this is suggested by the following letter which Mrs. Woodruff of Missouri, has written to the Practical Farmer: "My experience is that we should raise as nearly as possible all we consume. We should, and do have a large garden with early and late vegetables, so as to have them nearly all the year around. We raise enough wheat to bread us, enough corn to feed a team and cows, and hogs for our meat. Have all kinds of fruit we can get, also 75 to 100 thoroughbred hens, and we can live independently. I make more clear money than my husband does on the farm. What is more than a large flock of chickens, a cellar filled with nice canned and ripe fruits and vegetables? The sister that said she was a contented farmer's wife has a level head; the farmer's wife is the most independent wife living. I am one."

DAIRY.

The last pint of milk drawn from the cow is five to ten times as rich as the first. That is why it pays to milk clean.

Do not expect the cows to give good results if exposed to such severe winter weather as Texas has recently experienced. Provide for them a warm shelter and feed them well to keep up animal heat.

Look carefully after the water supply for the cows during winter. Have the water where they can get to it easily and don't make them depend on frozen pools or troughs covered with ice. Fresh water is the best.

If inclined to run down in flesh because giving much milk, cows should be given a carbonaceous food, like corn meal, to keep them in condition. Of course they will then eat less coarse food and the cost will be increased; but they like variety and will digest all their food better from having it.

Extra quality can be looked for only in the improvement in breeds and in judicious selection. Feed enough of a mixed ration to increase the quantity of a cows milk, and the product will be the best of which she is capable. It is now established that an extra quality of nutritious food will not increase the percentage of butter fats.

One of the greatest mistakes made by the average butter makers on the farm is in working the butter too much. If the churning has been properly done, and stopped when the butter is in the granular form, it will not be necessary to work the butter to get out the water. The main object in working it is to get the salt evenly distributed, and when that is done the butter is worked enough.

Cows may be kept alive very cheaply during the winter, but a certain degree of cheapness ensures the absolute loss of all that is fed. If any feeding at all is done, it pays well to give the feed in quality and quantity that will insure the best results. Hay and corn fodder are good in connection with other feeds. If fed alone they are not enough to produce a milk yield. If fed with other supplies they should be clean, fresh looking, reasonably free from dust and entirely without any mustiness.

From the time the milk ceases to be the main food of the calf until the heifer drops her first calf, at which time she becomes a cow, the feeding of the animal should be with a view to nourishment and growth, without accumulation of flesh. When pasturage is good, after the calf is six months old, the feed is better food for it than grass and that will be sufficient; but if the grass is short and so deficient in nutriment that the growth slackens, supplement it with good hay, bran and oats.

Numerous are the frauds on the public by which honest dairymen, and the Journal believes most of them are honest, are injured in their business. To some extent the law has intervened in certain states to restrict the sales of imitations of butter, but only by requiring that its character shall be shown by label while in the hands of the dealer, but there is so much evasion of this law that few who eat the imitation have any knowledge of its real nature. So far as is known to the Journal there is no law to prevent artificial coloring, no matter how harmful may be the coloring matter used. And now comes a new fraud in selling as cream in the Chicago market a mixture of condensed milk with skim milk. There seems to be nothing hurtful to the health of the consumer, but every man ought to be protected by government from fraudulent food articles, and the penalty upon the manufacture or sale of imitations or adulterations ought to be as severe as in case of forgery or embezzlement. And the purchaser, if the keeper of a hotel, boarding house or restaurant, or purveyor of a public institution such as an asylum, hospital, etc., ought to be subjected to penalties equally severe.

REGULARITY.

No animal is more sensitive than the dairy cow, and none require more care and kindness in handling. Too much importance cannot be attached to regularity as to time of all the work in handling them, feeding, watering and milking. All this has a strong influence over the uniform and generous yield of the cow. Hence the utmost importance to the interests of the dairyman, or the farmer who cares anything for the dairy department of the farm, to see to it that punctuality is strictly observed in all parts of the work. Some cows are more susceptible to irregularity than others, but all suffer from it and the best suffer most from a disregard of regularity in stable management. He who rigidly requires each part of the work to be done at its own proper time will always obtain the best results.

Two instances given by an exchange are specially in point. It is related of one dairy and the same is probably true of many others, that the milking and other stable work was done for a time an hour later on Sunday mornings and an hour earlier in the evenings, than on other days, for the purpose of lightening the work of the dairy hands, but it was soon discovered that the falling off of the milk flow from some of the cows on Sundays was appalling and in many cases half the week was gone before it could be recovered, and in one or two instances of fresh cows it was never regained. In another stable a single person, a watchful man with good judgment, did all the feeding and took his share of the milking. When this man assumed charge of the cows they were much run down in milk because of previous neglect, but in a few weeks they doubled their former yield. On being asked how much he fed them, he replied that he could not tell, but always just what they needed, never more, and if he observed a cow restless in the stable he gave her a little truss of hay and tried always to keep every cow comfortable. The proprietor declared that he was the most economical feeder he had ever encountered, and obtained the best results from the cows.

POULTRY.

In feeding grain to fowls during cold weather it has a good effect to heat the grain before feeding it.

Do not feed corn exclusively. Other feeds are better for morning, but corn makes a good evening feed during cold weather, as it assists in retaining animal heat during the long, cold nights.

Equal parts by weight of corn meal and ground oats with an equal weight of bran mixed with skim milk is recommended for egg production. To these must be added fresh meat and ground bone.

Disease can generally be avoided by fumigation, and nothing is better than sulphur for the purpose. Wrap a pound of sulphur in paper and leave it burning an hour in an iron vessel set in the poultry house. The fumigation should be repeated once a month.

The advantage in feeding cooked food to fowls is that it is more easily digested and more readily assimilated. Many things will be eaten if cooked, that would not be touched while raw. Hens will generally lay as well in winter as in summer if fed with good, hearty cooked food, and provided with clean, warm, but properly ventilated houses.

Ducks generally begin laying in January and quit in August, but very often those that were hatched early will begin laying about Christmas and lay well through January. A northern breeder who has been experimenting with Pekins had early hatched ducks that began laying in October and other broods that began in November. It is now probable that these fowls can be made egg producers throughout the year.

A variety of food for the fowls must be furnished during the winter. Sorghum seed on the stalk is one excellent kind, since it gives some exercise while eating and promotes health. The hens require more food during winter than at other seasons, because the large percentage goes toward supplying animal heat to keep up their physical condition. This must be considered, and an extra allowance made if the hens are expected to continue laying through the winter.

Many of the most intelligent and careful breeders are the men living in the suburbs of our towns and perhaps the most of the improvement in breeding poultry is due to their efforts. As there is a growing inclination among those who have limited space for poultry to get a few fowls, such as will give some profitable results. For such purposes the Brahmas and Cochins, pure bred, are highly recommended. They are not adapted to keeping in large flocks and do not scatter out, nor are they inclined to trespass on one's neighbors, their size and weight causing them to be easily confined in yards. They are lazy birds and after feeding are inclined to stand long in the sun. This disposition must, of course, be resisted. They are great winter layers, but to keep them laying they must be compelled to exercise. This is the way to do it: Litter the feeding-room or yard a foot deep, the best material being cut cornstalks. Throw the whole grain in this litter, and the hen which will not range for food will dig all day for it. Then give occasional animal food, some vegetables, and warm quarters. These breeds will give you lots of eggs every day all through the winter. The Asiatics are the most vigorous of all fowls. The chicks are the easiest raised, and the freest from disease of all poultry. A cross of Asiatic blood adds hardiness to any poultry, and the Asiatic cross is to be seen in all our common barnyard fowls. This blood has added from half a pound to a pound to the average weight of our common barnyard fowl. In adding size and increased hardiness to our common poultry, the introduction of the Asiatic fowls into this country has added countless millions of dollars to its wealth.

POWLS FOR THE TABLE.

Farmers want fowls that give them good table fare of the best quality and care little for their plumage, save as an indication of suitable breed for the purposes for which they raise them. Their value as egg producers is appreciated on the farm, but the birds themselves are not required to grace the table. For this the superiority of the well bred fowls is so marked that no one thinks of denying it. Those that are considered table fowls at all, if pure bred, possess a plumpness, full, round breast and broad back that is quite unknown to ordinary fowls. The uniformity in the appearance of the pure breeds, when marketed, whether they are dressed or not, is an additional factor in making their salable value, which is not possessed by common stocks.

On this subject an exchange says: In the case of broiler raising, the most prejudiced against pure breeds have to admit that Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes cannot be excelled, or even equalled. Those who harp on the exploded theory of pure bred fowls being weak do not pay much attention to undisputed facts. They may know, perhaps, of some misguided fancier who continually sells off his most promising, vigorous birds, and then inbreeds with the weaklings retained, and point out such a case and exclaim, "pure bred poultry is fancy bred for fine feathers and are no good." The class of people who generally make such charges are warped with prejudice and cling to methods that progress has long since relegated to the past.

Other breeds besides those mentioned above have very zealous champions. Recently the Journal presented the views of an admirer of the Indian Games. The Sumatra has also received the highest praise as a table fowl. Both have big, meaty breasts, developed like the breast of a quail, to some extent, an exquisite flavor and a tenderness not surpassed in the flesh of any fowls. The day of the dung hill is passing away, and so great is the variety of breeds and so varied are they in different points of excellence, that every taste may be gratified. But all alike consent that purity of breed in some of the breeds is of the first importance.

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FOSTER'S LOCAL FORECASTS.

The storm waves will reach this meridian and the other changes will be in Texas within twenty-four hours of 8 p. m. of the dates given below: Dec. 31—Cooler. Jan. 1—Moderate. Jan. 2—Warmer. Jan. 3—Warm. Jan. 4—Threatening. Jan. 5—Changeable. Jan. 6—Cooler.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Copyrighted 1897, by W. T. Foster. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 26.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the Pacific coast about January 1st, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 24, great central valleys 3d to 5th, Eastern States 6th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about January 1st, great central valleys 3d, Eastern States 5th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 4th, great central valleys 6th, Eastern States 8th.

Temperature of the week ending January 8th will average about normal in the Northern and below in the Southern States. The principal rains, snows, blizzards and cold waves of the week will occur in the Mississippi valley not far from New Years day, a little earlier farther west, later farther east.

Next bulletin will give a general long range forecast of January weather. General features of winter weather.—The national weather bureau has collected from its twenty-six years of winter records some very valuable facts that reach comparatively few except through these bulletins.

Those engaged in weather work have long and bravely withstood the ridicule of the ignorant, the prejudiced and the selfish, but ridicule is rapidly giving way to reason and thoughtful people are beginning to admit that magnetism may control the wind and weather and admitting this much they have not far to go to see that the mechanism of the atmosphere, relative to the weather, may be understood.

The weather facts referred to above have a direct bearing on short range forecasts and are continued as follows: "In the months of May to December the average number of Texas storms is 6, but in the months of January to April it is 17, for each month, as a total for the ten years 1884-1893.

"The effect of this is to cause many more storms to cross the south central valleys, the Gulf and the South Atlantic States; also the storms beginning in the northwest are often forced southeastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

northeastward. "In a similar way about one-third of the North Pacific coast storms head southeastward to nearly the same latitude, 37 degrees, but they recurve farther to the west in the states of Colorado or Kansas. The tracks of this type are much more spread out after crossing the mountains, but they generally make the lower lake region and advance down the St. Lawrence valley.

"An important feature regarding the precipitation of the storms moving in the northern circuit is that before the center reaches the Upper Mississippi valley the fall is on the western or following side of it in Montana, the Dakotas and Minnesota; but within a few hours the precipitation is transferred to the eastern side of the center into the lake region, and then advances before it over the Middle States and New England.

"It is hard to include such facts in the theory that rain or snowfall is essential to the formation of storms or that low advance to the region of greatest precipitation. The order of events seems rather to be that the lows are products of the highs, and the precipitation effects of the lows. "In point of number and in severity of the winter storms the Texas type attracts particular attention from the forecaster. Some of them form in Northern Texas, near the terminal slopes of the mountains, and they usually advance to lower Michigan and reach the Atlantic ocean in about forty-eight hours.

"Others originate in Southern Texas, and these are likely to move more to the eastward over Tennessee and Kentucky, along the Appalachian range, the march from Texas to New England taking about two days. Still others form in the western Gulf or near the Rio Grande river, and these are usually found to skirt the Gulf and the Atlantic coasts and to reach the New England coast in forty-eight hours.

"In general, immense areas of rainfall accompany these storms, covering the Lower Mississippi valley and the Ohio valley in twenty-four hours, the Atlantic and Tow England States in the next twenty-four hours.

"The rise of temperature in the front is excessive, and the passage of the storm is likely to be followed by a severe drop in the temperature, with a cold wave in the Southern States and clear, dry weather."

TRANSFERS OF JERSEY CATTLE.

The following is a complete list of the transfers of Jersey cattle sold in Texas since registration for the week ending December 7th, 1897, as reported by the American Jersey Cattle Club, No. 8 West Seventeenth street, New York, N. Y., J. J. Hemingway, secretary.

Bulls—Comb's Pogis of Brushy 49089, C. Woodford to S. L. Burnap, Austin; Gem of Idlewild's Last 41310, R. L. Chapman to R. P. Sansom, Alvarado; Harry's Orange Peel 49088, C. Woodford to S. L. Burnap, Austin; Hester Grove St. Lambert 49773, J. S. Campbell to Barth & Hester, Corsicana; Ida's Ruler's Prince 2nd 49053, M. Johnson to Mrs. W. H. Hill, Maynard; King Ditto 5th 49662, F. T. Hookaday to R. W. Hunter, Brookston; Rippe's Pogis 49180, C. Woodford to S. L. Burnap, Austin; Wasp's Signal of Brushy 49090, C. Woodford to S. L. Burnap, Austin.

Cows and heifers—Birdie's Lorena 127958, G. W. Phillips to H. P. Phillips, Lone Oak; Lady Gildorine 108474, A. N. Akin to W. A. Ponder, Denton; Maydella 88425, W. J. Croom to J. Johnson, Houston; Pedro's Texas

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Duchess 123751, W. H. Cherry to H. C. Jockel, Giddings; Rose K. 109795, A. N. Akin to W. A. Ponder, Denton; Tyosa's Lustre 120354, J. S. Magee to T. J. McBride, Swan; Wasp's Belle of Brushy 126260; C. Woodford to S. L. Burnap, Austin; Wasp's Saddle of Brushy 126259, C. Woodford to S. L. Burnap, Austin; Yellow 109076, B. W. Roland to A. C. Townsend, Tyler.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1897. The following is a complete list of the transfers of Jersey cattle sold since registration for the week ending December 14, 1897, as reported by the American Jersey Cattle Club, No. 8 West Seventeenth street, New York, N. Y., J. J. Hemingway, Secretary.

Cows and heifers—Darkie of St. Lambert 117,945, M. Johnson to J. D. Gray, Terrell; Ella Melrose 108,084, M. Johnson to J. D. Gray, Terrell; Etta's Tormentor 114,131, M. Johnson to J. D. Gray, Terrell; Fair Melrose 123,552, Mrs. S. Robinson to F. B. Patterson, Kossey; Harry's Texas Star 126,929, S. C. Bell to Mrs. W. G. Hughes, Hastings; Ione Mallard 68,598, J. L. Williamson to W. G. Field, Cleburne; Jenny Proctor 3d 26869, estate of A. Robinson to F. B. Patterson, Kossey; Judith Terrell 127,785, A. W. Terrell to K. T. Johnson, Austin; Lady Prudence 112,325, W. N. Sadler to N. B. Smith, Honey Grove; Lena of Lone Oak 114,133, M. Johnson to S. R. Dunbar, Houston; Little Althea 114,867, R. N. Robertson to S. B. Hopkins, Dallas; Lucy Fair 94492, J. C. McCrummen to S. A. McCuslin, Pattonville; Mary Corinna 115,699, W. O. Reagan to G. M. Chaddick, Omaha; Melrose Girl of Hill Top 128,146, Mrs. S. Robinson to F. B. Patterson, Kossey; Mermaid's Ethel 126,930, S. C. Bell to Mrs. W. G. Hughes, Hastings; Miss Koko 106,555, G. Pinkerton to L. U. Brownrigg, Tyler; Miss Patti Ross 78607, M. Johnson to J. D. Gray, Terrell; Miss Phoebe Jane 127,785, W. N. Sadler to K. T. Johnson, Austin; Pansola of St. Lambert 117,946, M. Johnson to J. D. Gray, Terrell; Pansy Melrose 96904, M. Johnson to J. D. Gray, Terrell; Patti Melrose 108,086, M. Johnson to J. D. Gray, Terrell; Queenberry 83331, Mrs. W. T. Hill to J. H. Lewis, Shepherd; Rosie Melrose 108,085, M. Johnson to J. D. Gray, Terrell; Ruston's Adora Pogis 85633, D. P. Pipes to W. D. Morrow, Terrell; Sinciput's Combination 126,258, C. Woodford to S. L. Burnap, Austin; Texas Girl 111,351, O. H. Thomas to D. W. Hardegree, Colfax.

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OUTSIDE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY MARKET. Stock Yards, Kansas City, Dec. 28.—Cattle receipts were 7000. The market was steady and stronger. Texas steers ranged from \$3.00@4.35, Texas cows from \$2.25@3.25, native steers from \$3.50@4.90, native cows and heifers from \$1.75@3.90, stouers and feeders from \$4.00@4.40, bulls from \$2.00@4.75. Hog receipts were 6900. The market was strong to 5c higher, heavies and packers ranging from \$3.30@3.45, mixed from \$3.30@3.42 1/2, lights from \$3.25@3.42 1/2, yorkers from \$3.40@3.42 1/2, pigs from \$3.00@3.25. Sheep receipts were 1000. The market was firm, lambs ranging from \$3.75@5.50, muttons from \$2.50@4.55.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 28.—Cattle receipts were 3600, of which 2400 were Texans; shipments 900. The market was steady, fair to fancy native shipping and export steers ranging from \$4.00@5.25, dressed beef and butchers' steers from \$3.50@5.00, others under 1000 pounds from \$3.25@4.00, stockers and feeders from \$2.50@4.10, cows and heifers from \$2.00@4.25. Texas and Indian steers from \$2.75@4.25, cows and heifers from \$2.00@3.50. Hog receipts were 5100, shipments 9400. The market was 5c higher; light ranged from \$3.35@3.40, mixed from \$3.35@3.45, heavy from \$3.40@3.50. Sheep receipts were 1200, shipments 800. The market was dull and steady, native muttons ranging from \$3.75@4.60, culls and bucks from \$1.00@3.50, stockers from \$2.00@2.75, lambs from \$4.50@6.00.

CHICAGO MARKET. Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—There was a fairly active demand for the better class of fat cattle adapted to the requirements of shippers and exporters at strong prices. Common and medium grades were as usual in large supply, and sales were rather slow at barely steady prices. Sales were on a basis of from \$2.70@4.00 for most lots up to from \$5.00@5.40 for strictly choice to fancy cattle, trade in feeding cattle to-day at from \$4.25@5.00. There was a moderate trade in feeding cattle to-day at from \$3.80@4.25. Butchers' and cannery's stuff sold very firm at ruling quotations. Calves were firm. The most important sale of cattle was that of a lot, mostly Polled Angus, at \$5.30. The range of prices was from \$3.60@5.75. Small receipts of hogs caused a good deal of scrambling upon the part of the packers to supply their wants, and prices shot up, the offerings being taken early in the day. Sales were at an extreme range of from \$3.25@3.55 for culls to prime lots of hogs, with the bulk of the transactions at from \$3.40@3.42 1/2. Prices ruled steady for sheep, the best lambs selling about 1c higher, with a good demand for both. Sheep were wanted at from \$2.75@3.50 for inferior to common up to from \$4.65@4.75 for choice Texas, western fed lots predominating and selling at from \$3.60@4.65. Lambs were active at from \$4.00@4.75 for the common to lots up to from \$5.75@5.85 for prime, a few 5- to 6-pound lambs selling at the top price. Yearlings sold at from \$4.40@5.00. Receipts of cattle were 16,500 head, hogs 23,000, and sheep 16,000.

DENVER MARKET. Denver, Col., Dec. 27.—The following market report is furnished by the Sigel-Barnes Commission company: Beef Cattle—As is customary during Christmas week, the market has been very dull and almost lifeless, and this notwithstanding the fact the receipts were very light. The only active demand has been for good, fleshy cows and the few of this class that arrived brought about steady prices. Steers, however, have been very slow of sale at prices a shade lower than last week's quotations. Feeders—Very little life has been noticeable in the feeder trade this week. The receipts both at this point and the river markets have been very light, and compared with last week, show a large decrease in numbers. Buyers have been very few and it has been hard work for salesmen to dispose of the light receipts at satisfactory prices. About the only demand has been for steady cattle showing quality, and this class has sold at about steady prices, but warmed up and heavy rough stuff has been a drag on the market, and we do not look for a much better tone to the trade until after the first of the year. We quote the market as follows: Choice corn-fed steers, \$4@4.25; choice range steers, \$3.50@4; common to good steers, \$3@3.75; good to extra cows and heifers, \$3@3.50; common to good cows, \$2.50@3; bulls, \$1.75@2.25; veal calves, 175 to 225 pounds, \$4.50@5.50; veal calves, 250 to 400 pounds, \$3.50@4. Hogs—The receipts of hogs for the week so far have been 20 cars. The demand was fairly good and sales were made at good market prices. The outlook for the coming week is only fair, and we would advise caution in shipping. While values have fluctuated during the week, prices are to-day at the same notch as quoted in our last circular: Light to choice packers, \$3.30@3.40; mixed packers, \$3.25@3.35; heavy packers, \$3.20@3.30. Sheep—The receipts of sheep have been almost nil. There exists a good demand for choice mutton. Wethers, if strictly fat and of good quality, will bring from \$3.40 to \$3.75, ewes \$2.50 to \$3.50. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous year, we remain, etc.

NEWS AND NOTES.

CATTLE SALES. Sulphur Springs—Hargrove & DeBord of Sulphur Springs, sold 800 steers, two located near Paul's Valley at \$21 per head. The steers were purchased by Kansas feeders and were shipped to Kansas. San Antonio—Fleming & Davidson of San Antonio, to Chas. Schreiner of Kerrville, 3000 coming yearlings for spring delivery, terms private; Johnson & Winter of Moore station, to Chas. Schreiner, 500 coming yearlings for spring delivery, at \$14; George Haynes & Son of San Antonio, for H. D. Kampmann, to Wm. Hoelling, Barry Bovee and the W. L. Meat company, a fancy lot of grass cows averaging 1100 pounds at \$3.50 per 100 pounds; A. S. Sage of Alpine, to Jno T. McElroy, 700 yearlings past, immediate delivery, at \$17. They were sent to McElroy's pasture in Ward county. Midland—Pegues & Hawley to Cochran & Cowden, 500 yearlings at \$18; J. B. Robertson to S. E. Robertson, 250 fine Hereford cows, at \$35; W. D. Connel to Oscar Willingham, 12 Hereford yearling bulls, at \$35; V. Armstrong to Banister, 81 last spring calves, at \$9; Geo. Harris, receiver of the J. H. Brown estate, 32 cows and calves, at \$17.75. San Angelo—W. T. B. McNabb to Hector McKenzie, 95 cows, 35 calves and 6 fine bulls, at \$15. Amarillo—Marion Faulkner to Hank Siders and J. W. Davidson, his stock of cattle, numbering 800 head, at \$20. Lubbock County—George C. Wolf-

Good middling5% Middling fair6% Houston, Dec. 24.—Spot cotton quiet and unchanged. Sales 40 bales. Ordinary4 5-16 Good ordinary4 11-16 Low middling5 1-16 Middling5 7-16 Good middling5 11-16 Middling fair6 1-16

New York, Dec. 24.—Spot cotton quiet and unchanged. No sales. Good ordinary4 11-16 Low middling5 1-16 Middling5 15-16 Good middling6 3-16 Middling fair6% New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Spot cotton quiet and unchanged. Sales 2150 bales. Ordinary4% Good ordinary4% Low middling5 1-16 Middling5% Good middling5 9-16 Middling fair6

GRAIN MARKET. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 28.—Wheat, f. o. b.; No. 2 soft 99c, No. 2 hard 93c; export market nominal. Oats—No. 2, Texas or Territory 28 @31 1/2; sacked; No. 2 white western 31@31 1/2; clipped Texas 31 1/2@32c.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Cash quotations were as follows: No. 2 spring wheat 89@90c, No. 3 spring wheat 83@84c, No. 2 red 98 1/2c, No. 2 corn 27 1/4@27 1/2c, No. 2 oats 23 1/2@23 3/4c, No. 2 white f. o. b. 24 1/2@25c, No. 3 white 24@25c, No. 2 rye 47c, No. 2 barley f. o. b. 26@40c, No. 1 fax seed \$1.17 1/2@1.21 1/4.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—Wheat lower; No. 2 red cash elevator 97 1/2c, track 99@99 1/2c, December 99c, January 96c bid, May 96c @96 1/2c, July 81 1/2c, No. 2 hard cash 83 1/2c. Corn lower; No. 2 cash 26c, December 25c bid, January 25 1/2c, May 28c, July 28c @28 1/2c. Oats higher; No. 2 cash elevator 22 1/2c, track 23c, December and January 23c, May 24 1/4@24 1/2c, No. 2 white 25c. Rye steady at 46c. Receipts—Flour 6000 barrels, wheat 120,000 bushels, corn 54,000, oats 94,000. Shipments—Flour 30,000 barrels, wheat 38,000 bushels, corn 111,000, oats 40,000.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Wheat about unchanged; No. 1 hard nominal 86c, No. 2 86 1/2c, No. 3 83 1/2c, No. 4 81 1/2c, No. 1 soft 92c, No. 3 90c, No. 4 nominal 84@86c, No. 2 spring 82 1/2c. Corn in good demand, higher; No. 2 mixed 23 1/2c. Oats fair demand, 1/2c lower; No. 2 white 22c. Receipts—Wheat (two days) 1,446,000 bushels, corn 169,000, oats 48,000. Shipments—Wheat (two days) 594,000, corn 36,000, oats 40,000.

New York, Dec. 28.—Wheat receipts 239,975 bushels; export 99,800. Spot easy. No. 2 red \$1.02@1.02 1/2. Opened firm on European war rumors, but turned weak under general local unloading and after a dull, unsatisfactory session, closed 3/4@3/8c net lower. No. 2 red May 95 1/2c.

WOOL MARKET. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 28.—Spring—Twelve month's clip. To-day. Thursday. Fine11 @12 11 @12 Medium10 @11 10 @11 To-day. Thursday. Fine8 1/2 @9 1/2 8 1/2 @9 1/2 Medium9 @10 9 @10

New York, Dec. 28.—Wool steady; fleece 27 to 30c; Texas wools 13 to 17c.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Attorney Ingalls will be in Decatur, Tex., early in January to take testimony in Indian deprecation claims, and in San Antonio during the same months for the same purpose. All parties interested should be prepared to present their full testimony without delay. Ballinger Banner Leader: J. M. Seaberry, a prosperous ranchman near Alpine, closed a deal on the W. E. Allen 2250 1/2 acre Valley creek ranch Tuesday, paying therefor \$967,775 spot cash. We are informed that Mr. Allen will soon move out to his ranch near the Davis mountain and look strictly after his stock interest. Sam Brown of Shelbyville, Ky., has sold to Ed. H. Tipton of Lexington, Ky., the great brood mare, Lady Reel, for \$15,000, the highest price ever paid for a brood mare. She is the dam of the two-year-old, Hamburg, who was recently sold for \$60,000. Lady Reel is again with foal by Hanover, the sire of Hamburg. The people of Corpus Christi are trying to obtain capital to dam the Nueces bay and thereby secure an inexhaustible supply of fresh water for irrigation. Such an enterprise, when completed, would make the country around Corpus Christi one of the finest truck farming districts of the world. A plan is to be presented to the Nebraska Irrigation convention for the storage of the flood waters of the upper Missouri and Mississippi valleys and diverting them into a 1700 miles canal from Montana to Red River in Texas. The canal would tap the Mississippi river at Milk river in Montana. The cost is estimated at \$360,000,000. Brenham Press: The immigration to the coast country continues, and it is generally of a class to make good citizens for Texas. Many of them are coming leisurely overland with their teams and household goods and are prepared to stay. It is unnecessary to say that there is room in Texas for many thousands, and she has the soil and climate to suit almost any kind of taste. The newly appointed directors of the Abilene Fair have organized and elected W. J. Bryan president, D. G. Hill C. W. Merchant vice presidents, J. L. Stephenson, secretary, and Ed. S. Hughes treasurer. There will be a vice president elected from each of the counties along the Texas & Pacific, including Palo Pinto on the east and Reeves on the west and extending north to include Haskell, Stonewall and Kent counties. The name adopted for the enterprise is "The West Texas Fair and Round-up."

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farth of Lubbock county, to John L. Hamilton of Illinois, proprietor of the K ranch in Hockley county, 200 heifer calves, spring delivery, at 16;50; T. E. Wheelock to Q. Bone of the O T F M ranch in Hockley county, 35 high grade Hereford bull calves, at \$40 and \$25; Geo. Boles, proprietor of the Hereford Home Stock farm of Lubbock, to Wm. Lay and G. W. Shannon of Lubbock, and J. K. Milde o Ennis, 9 high grade Hereford bull calves at \$50. Colorado—S. Webber to J. W. Glover, 44 yearling steers, at \$15; Sam Smartt to A. W. Boucher, 100 stock cattle, at \$20 for grown cattle and \$15 for calves.

The oil mill at Georgetown, Tex., has been shipping cotton seed oil to Europe, via Galveston. Capt. J. K. Bumpass of Kaufman county has recently sold some land in Jones county at \$11 per acre.

Clarendon Industrial West: The cold snap didn't do much damage. The scare was greater than the hurt. Calhoun county has taken the right step towards reducing the next cotton crop by planting a good deal of land in vegetables.

Extensive sheds and barns have been built at the Hereford Grove stock farm at Childress to shelter the fine stock of the owners.

The Texas Central Railway company is fencing its right-of-way from Ross, in McLennan county, to Albany, in Shackelford county.

San Angelo Standard: Willis Johnson is feeding his yearlings on cotton seed and sorghum during the bad weather. He never lost a hoof out of 5000 head.

W. B. Tullis of Quanah, has leased the Stonewall county school lands, 17,712 acres in Cochran county, for a term of ten years at 3 cents per acre per annum.

The assessment rolls of Texas for 1897 have been compiled and show a taxable property aggregating \$854,894,775, an excess of \$4,585,529 over the returns of 1896.

Childress County Index: N. G. Lane, while at Kansas City last week, purchased a car of grade Durham hogs. They were received at Childress Monday and taken to Mr. Lane's, east of town.

San Angelo Enterprise: J. C. Stribbling has taken possession of the Burton Wade pasture and 4000 head of cattle on the North Corcho. Mr. Wade will leave shortly for Ireland for a year's vacation.

Pearls News: Col. D. C. Pryor has lately recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia. He is well again, however, and recently assisted the News in fixing the names of the viceroys of Mexico preceding the insurrection under Miguel Hidalgo.

Sterling City News: This section is so well adapted to fruit growing that our people should take greater interest in the industry than they are doing. With a proper effort Sterling county can be made a magnificent and profitable fruit county.

J. W. Medlin, a prominent breeder of Denton county, started to Missouri on the 22d to purchase a herd of choice registered cattle, which he will use as the foundation of a large breeding establishment in which will be raised exclusively pure bred animals, all entitled to registry. Attorney Ingalls will be in Decatur, Tex., early in January to take testimony in Indian deprecation claims, and in San Antonio during the same months for the same purpose. All parties interested should be prepared to present their full testimony without delay. Ballinger Banner Leader: J. M. Seaberry, a prosperous ranchman near Alpine, closed a deal on the W. E. Allen 2250 1/2 acre Valley creek ranch Tuesday, paying therefor \$967,775 spot cash. We are informed that Mr. Allen will soon move out to his ranch near the Davis mountain and look strictly after his stock interest. Sam Brown of Shelbyville, Ky., has sold to Ed. H. Tipton of Lexington, Ky., the great brood mare, Lady Reel, for \$15,000, the highest price ever paid for a brood mare. She is the dam of the two-year-old, Hamburg, who was recently sold for \$60,000. Lady Reel is again with foal by Hanover, the sire of Hamburg. The people of Corpus Christi are trying to obtain capital to dam the Nueces bay and thereby secure an inexhaustible supply of fresh water for irrigation. Such an enterprise, when completed, would make the country around Corpus Christi one of the finest truck farming districts of the world. A plan is to be presented to the Nebraska Irrigation convention for the storage of the flood waters of the upper Missouri and Mississippi valleys and diverting them into a 1700 miles canal from Montana to Red River in Texas. The canal would tap the Mississippi river at Milk river in Montana. The cost is estimated at \$360,000,000. Brenham Press: The immigration to the coast country continues, and it is generally of a class to make good citizens for Texas. Many of them are coming leisurely overland with their teams and household goods and are prepared to stay. It is unnecessary to say that there is room in Texas for many thousands, and she has the soil and climate to suit almost any kind of taste. The newly appointed directors of the Abilene Fair have organized and elected W. J. Bryan president, D. G. Hill C. W. Merchant vice presidents, J. L. Stephenson, secretary, and Ed. S. Hughes treasurer. There will be a vice president elected from each of the counties along the Texas & Pacific, including Palo Pinto on the east and Reeves on the west and extending north to include Haskell, Stonewall and Kent counties. The name adopted for the enterprise is "The West Texas Fair and Round-up."



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Jasper News Boy: Numbers of movers are coming into this section within the past few months. A party of them are now in town from Arkansas and say that a large colony of their neighbors are only awaiting their report, when they will come to Texas. Live citizens should induce them to settle in this county....Let our farmers cut their cotton crop in half and plant tobacco this year. Soon they will quit cotton entirely and leave it for those sections which can not raise fine tobacco.

Jacksboro Gazette: M. A. Epps and R. R. Smart of Post Oak, bought 100 head of cattle south of town and drove them out yesterday....Capt. Keyser and John Keyser of Cedarburg, Tex., from Ringold with the fine five-months-old calf Capt. Keyser had bought from the Idlewild herd....E. S. Dunn is arranging feeding pens where he expects to feed forty or fifty head of cattle for the Jacksboro market. Such an undertaking will not only receive all possible encouragement from the people of Jacksboro.

A suit has been filed at Abilene, Tex., to recover the Moses Evans lands. These were located in 1852 on Elm, Clear Fork and Sweetwater, and are among the most valuable lands in Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties. A considerable part of the town of Buffalo Gap is on one of the surveys. The suit is brought by two citizens of Mississippi and one in Texas, claiming to be heirs of Moses Evans. The petition charges that the administrator of his estate was fraudulent and that the distributees were impostors. The lands are worth several hundred thousand dollars.

The latest issue of the Mark Lane Express, reviewing the crop prospects, says: The English wheat fields have a satisfactory appearance, and those of France are now regarded as favorable, but it is doubted if the acreage will be as large as a year ago. The Italian acreage will probably be increased, as the whole autumn has been favorable to sowing. The news from Russia varies. Mildness is reported in the Black sea and snow is greater portion of the empire. The stocks awaiting export in Russian ports amount to 1,762,000 quarters against 2,552,000 quarters a year ago, a suggestion that the recent Russian shipments were heavier than the reserve justified.

Drovers' Telegram: A reminder of old times was in Kansas City to-day in the shape of two wethers. They were shipped here by Charles Goodnight from his herd at Goodnight, Tex. The larger of the two went to William Morlock of St. Joseph, who will have it killed and dressed and will then distribute the meat to his friends as a Christmas gift. The smaller one was shipped to J. H. Simcock of this city, who will probably reship it to his ranch in Morris county, Kan. Mr. Goodnight's herd contains about 300 of the now almost extinct animal and is said to be the largest herd outside of the government herd at Yellowstone National park.

A dispatch of Dec. 23 from Waco, Tex., says: J. W. Hawkins, representing a Chicago packing house, bought 1500 McLennan county turkeys for shipment to Chicago to supply the Christmas market. The lot were half gobblers and half hens and were all raised in McLennan county, most of the gobblers being of the broods of 1896. Ten of the gobblers weighed aggregately, alive, 230 pounds. Mr. Hawkins said the shipment was made as an experiment. To the News reporter he said: "We had we could buy large gobblers at 40 to 45 cents and hens at \$3 a dozen in Texas and that they are fine healthy birds. If we succeed, next year we will buy turkeys in Texas on a large scale."

Midland Live Stock Reporter: S. H. Holloway bought all the good Hereford bull calves out of the J. B. Robertson herd which he sold to S. E. Townsend, at \$40....C. C. Johnston sold a string of steer yearlings to Hugo Clark at \$20. They are to be shipped....Hugh Clark came in from Missouri, with two yearling bulls and two five to six year-old James from \$60 up to \$115. He also sold two to O. B. Holt at like figures. Dave and Bill Brunson bought of S. E. Townsend 36 Hereford bull calves at \$25....S. E. Townsend received four fine Hereford bulls from Missouri this week, which cost him \$500 each. John Draper bought of Mr. Townsend three of the above bulls at \$425; also Jack Puckett bought the other at \$150. Jack

begged him out of the animal. Tass Harrington came in from Blanco and Llano counties, where he bought 500 mixed cattle and turned them loose on the Pecos.

Mineral Wells Graphic: The recent shipment of 666 head of mixed cattle from here to Council Grove, Kan., made by C. C. Slaughter are being fed there awaiting sale....S. C. Goss of Palo Pinto, is feeding a bunch of 200 head of mixed cattle, at his home ranch on cotton seed and crushed corn, with sorghum for roughness....A movement is on foot to establish a tannery in the suburbs of Mineral Wells. A tannery here would make money and would make a market in Mineral Wells for the large number of hides that are now shipped from this section to Northern cities....A number of wealthy stockmen are arranging to organize a company to build a cotton seed oil mill in Mineral Wells.

CATTLE MOVEMENTS AND FEEDING. Edens Bros. and Sweatman & Wilson on Friday shipped from Corsicana ten cars of Christmas beef steers, the best in quality that have left Corsicana this year. They were highly fed and were selected with reference to this shipment when put on feed. Barbee & Prentiss of San Angelo, shipped 900 feeders to Cullison, Kan., last week. T. S. Tisdale of Dry Creek, Menard county, has moved 600 stock cattle to the H. H. Sheard ranch in Schleicher county. W. L. McCauley of Rannels county, is wintering 300 head of good cattle. The San Diego Sun says that while some parts of Duval county are dry and short on grass, most of the ranches will be able to keep a good number of cattle satisfactorily through the winter. Cowden & Waddell will begin feeding 300 steers at the Weatherford oil mills Jan. 1. Wm. Hittson is feeding 400 steers, threes and fours, at his Brazos farm in Palo Pinto county.

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25,000 highly graded cattle and 250,000 acres of patented land in Southern Texas. One of the finest properties in the State.
10,000 coming two year olds, located above the quarantine line, for spring delivery, on either the Ft. Worth & Denver or Southern Kansas Railroad.
10,000 highly graded Shorthorn cattle together with one of the best ranches in the Panhandle, ranch contains 140,000 acres, half leased, half patented land.
1700 well bred cattle and 40,000 acres of patented land, splendidly improved and everything in first class shape. This property is in the Southern part of the State.
10,000 highly graded Panhandle cows, all in one mark and brand, no old cows, no off colors, neither is there anything in the herd that could be in any way objectionable.
6,000 highly graded Hereford cattle, above the quarantine line, all in one mark and brand; also pasture containing 70,000 acres, nearly all of which is patented, balance held by lease.
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FITTON, GRAIN AND WOOL.

COTTON MARKET. Galveston, Dec. 28.—Higher prices are called by merchants for customers' ordinary, but normal quotations follow: Ordinary3% Good ordinary4% Low middling4 1/2% Middling4 3/4% Good middling5% Middling fair5 1/2% As the Christmas holiday was continued Monday in Galveston, New Orleans and New York the quotations from those markets are earlier than those given from Dallas.

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The New Orleans Picayune explains the low price of cotton by saying that a surplus was raised, the manufacturers have bought only for the demand of their factories from day to day, beating down the price by a waiting policy, and that they have not had to meet the competition of speculators, who have, during the present season, had very little to do with cotton.

The activity and important extent of cotton manufacturing in Japan has been but little considered in the United States. The Pacific mail steamers have refused to accept more cotton for that country for the reason that they have sold all their freight room available for cotton as far ahead as next March. Japan will be a formidable competitor of this country and England in Asiatic markets.

Each day brings some report of manufacturing enterprise full of importance to Southern capitalists that the citizens of Texas might well recognize. The newly erected cotton mills at Cordova, Ala., have sold five years of their output to brokers in China. The mills cost \$600,000 and will consume 10,000 bales of cotton annually in the manufacture of coarse cloth. They begin work in January. It is an enterprise founded by Boston capitalists who came south because of cheap fuel and proximity to the cotton supply.

Reports have come in from the range section since the storm of Dec. 16 to 21 and the loss of live stock has not been as serious as was at first feared. Cattle acclimated to the range suffered but little, and among them there were no losses; nor were the losses large among the recent importations from Mexico and the Southern states. The storm was not as severe in the Western part of the range as it was further east. As said in the last issue of the Journal, when there are cattle losses at all it is always easy at first to over-estimate the fatalities. One riding by twenty or twenty-five dead cattle without counting them easily receives the impression that he has seen four or five times that number.

The sensation of the business world for the past fortnight has been the Letter-Armour wheat deal. The first move in the great game was in July, Joseph Letter bought in July at 63 cents and sold at 70. Again he bought September wheat, which he closed out at a profit. His December purchases are large, no one knows how large, at an average of 87 cents. He has received and paid for more than 6,000,000 bushels, most of the amount bought from and delivered by Armour. No one knows the losses of those who have sold nor the profits of Letter, though it is thought the Armour party has lost \$1,000,000, and that if Letter can get \$1 he will clear \$2,000,000. The Armour loss results from the enormous cost of getting the wheat in from the Northwest for delivery at Chicago. Letter declares that there has been no attempt to corner the market; that it is a pure business transaction based on elementary business principles. He bought because he wanted the wheat. The deal has lifted and sustained prices. It is one of the biggest transactions in wheat since another Joseph, while prime minister of Egypt, made a deal that cornered the world's supply.

CONTROLLING COTTON PRICES. At the many county meetings of farmers in the Southern States and at the large cotton growers' convention recently held in Atlanta, Ga., as well as at the meeting in Memphis, Tenn., the one subject of inquiry was how to co-operate to make cotton a more...

profitable crop than it has been during recent years. All agree that a reduction of the product to a volume equal to current demand of the factories of the world is the only method effective for the advancement of the price, and reduction of product can be effected only by reduction of acreage planted. How to secure the general co-operation necessary to secure this end is the real and exceedingly difficult problem. All wish the acreage planted to cotton reduced to a probable production of 7,000,000 bales. Each wishes for all the others to reduce and himself to increase the acreage of a crop that might, others doing as they should do, become very valuable to himself. Such universal co-operation as would be effective is evidently a practical impossibility. The tenant system under which the landlord requires cotton to be almost the sole crop also stands in the way of its reduction.

There seems to be a general agreement that the present low price is caused by manipulation of speculating speculators. The fact is that speculators could hardly act in unison to affect such a large result for any length of time. Unity of action among them is not much more feasible than among producers. If we grant that there was left over last year a surplus which the manufacturer could not use and that another surplus has been produced this year it is difficult to find what market there could be for such an aggregation of surplus, unless there were some to take it for speculative purposes. Speculation in products may often work temporary harm to the producer when the product is in volume that a few men may be able to control. The cotton crop is of value too immense for cliques to handle. But assuming that a combination of Eastern speculators had caused the present low price of the staple, a Mr. Rorby, of New York, Southern by birth and sincerely a friend to the Southern people, has proposed a vast combination of Southern capital to take up hereafter the entire product in order to fix the price at a point remunerative to producers. Theoretically this may be possible. Practically it is impossible. The question of what to do with any surplus beyond the needs of manufacturers will always suggest a depression in value. Practically a better suggestion is that the planters in different localities who have capital available for such a purpose, combine for the establishment of cotton and other factories all over the South. The investment is demonstrably good. This would tend to reduction of cotton acreage and consequent reduction of volume produced both by withdrawal of labor from the fields and by creating an enlarged demand for other products of the farm. It would bring about the diversified farming which is the only remedy for the situation. It is a plan that involves co-operation of capital in localities to the extent of, perhaps, a few hundred thousand dollars in each, not the co-operation of the producers of the entire cotton belt, involving a capital of many millions.

THE DUTIES OF WEALTH. It has been alleged that in England there is a stronger recognition of the sense of responsibility of wealth in relation to the poor than in this country and there is doubtless some truth in the statement. There it is a sense that has its cause in the abiding existence of an aristocracy. Under old conditions in the South the poor, white and black, were more the recipients of individual charity than they are to-day. Changed conditions have not in all ways been better for the helpless poor. In those parts of the country where fortunes were made in business enterprises, wealth was formerly more than now the possession of a single generation. The inheritors of wealth were not given the training that enabled them to retain it, nor were they taught its responsibilities. The founders of great fortunes had not themselves an appreciation of those responsibilities. With Mr. Pullman it was different, and because he deemed his sons incapable of performing the duties that attend ownership of large wealth he left them only a support out of his immense estate. Men who have been the architects of vast fortunes, where they have engaged in charities at all, have exercised them in care for institutions instead of individuals. The most of them have given all their thoughts solely to accumulation.

There is evidently now a tendency in this country for wealth to continue in family lines more than formerly, and its inheritors are not unworthy administrators of it to the extent that many would have us believe. It is said to often that individual charities pauperize the poor. It is well to often ignore this teaching of political economists, and a number of the wealthier women of the land are graciously conducting their lives as if no such teaching had ever come within the scope of their learning. Indeed, they have learned from higher sources than political economists. Mrs. Frederic Vanderbilt is spending much the larger part of her vast personal income in taking care of others. Individually she looks to the wants of many, and employs others to assist in the work of administration. One pastor receives \$500 each month to be distributed among the worthy poor of his parish. The expenses and the salary of the head of the King's Daughters are paid by Mrs. Vanderbilt, who also pays for the maintenance of...

the vast charitable work done by that organization. Mrs. J. C. Ayer, the widow of the millionaire medicine man, supports scores of poor women. Miss Helen Gould is doing a larger work than any other. She has never married, and is giving her time, as well as her fortune, to the poor. It is said that her fondest hopes are in connection with little children, the orphan and the destitute. Of her annual income of \$500,000 she spends twenty times as much upon others as upon herself. One of her beautiful charities is the establishment of an extensive country home to which in the summer time she takes numbers of children from the slums of the cities for the enjoyment of pure air and better living. And there are numerous cases in which the women to whom wealth has fallen are showing that they regard themselves as only stewards to whom the administration of an important and sacred trust has been committed. Their conception of wealth has a divine authority. Their lesson is one full of beauty and sweet, gracious womanliness, and their influence will do much to give to society an enlightened view of great riches.

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Sweet with the breath of the morning From fresh, bright clover field Is wafted the fragrance of summer To those within who kneel, With hearts in peace uplifted To their loving Father above To thank him for care and kindness, And worship him for his love. And then with the voice of gladness They join with the old-time ring. Our Father must love to listen When all his people sing. Their voices float out in the stillness O'er the open window sill To cheer the world's dusty highway, Its travelers with gladness to fill, While the trembling rose leaves quiver To the wind blowing over the hill.

I've wandered far into strange countries Away from earth's earliest ties, But their sweets are never forgotten Still 'round me their perfume lies. Gently the breezes are rippling With many a grassy wave 'Round me, o'er the lonely prairie, As they sigh o'er my mother's grave Near the old red church on the hilltop, 'Mid the roses and daisy flat With its myrtle and waving grass In dear old "Popular Flat." Perhaps, in the days that are coming, When earth shall know us no more And the roll has been called up yonder,

Across on the other shore, We'll meet and again be singing With the roses about the door. Garden City, Texas. "FIREFLY."

THE STUDENT'S DREAM.

Alone with his books at the midnight hour Sat a student, thoughtful and pale, And his dark eyes flashed with kindling power As he read o'er the wondrous tale.

'Twas a volume of old and mystic lore From a sage in a far off clime, Of heroic deeds on a distant shore In the days of ancient time.

No novice was he to the mystery, Of the lore of the muse's land, And his heart beat faster in sympathy With brave deeds wrought by knightly hand.

And as he studied on he sadly thought That bright chivalry's day was o'er; That the love for which knights so bravely fought Could now be found on earth no more.

But, lo! as he pondered the page grew dim, Strange and pale with a misty light, For a woman's face looked up at him With candid dark eyes shining bright.

'Twas a maiden's face so youthful and fair, With a smile on her lips of rose; A dash of gold in the wavy brown hair, Like wetted sunbeams in repose.

And a voice as tender and sweet and low As the nightingale's evening hymn, 'Twas the voice of a god of day, when the sunset's glow With gold each leaf and

And these are the words that he sweetly said To the student thoughtful and pale: "You do wrong to think that all love is dead, And constancy an idle tale.

There are women's hearts as pure and true As e'er throbbled in the days of old; There are noble men who would dare and do All that this knightly tale has told.

And a woman's love is as brave and strong As it was in the olden days, When the troubadour told of its worth in song, And the palmer sang in its praise."

The sweet voice grew softer, more tender now, As it fell on the listening ear; A hand seemed to rest on the furrowed brow, So deeply lined with marks of care.

"I have loved you in silence long and well, But I thought my love was all in vain; For I know in your proud heart memories dwell Of falsehood that caused such bitter pain.

They would risk their all for the one they love; They would shield her from every harm. There are other ways a true knight to prove Than the strength of his good right arm.

Forget the false, remember the true; And grieve no more for the past, For one maiden's heart beats only for you, And true love is your prize at last."

The student awakened with a start; In the East appeared the dawn, But the winsome face that had thrilled his heart From the mystic old page was gone,

But the words he heard in his heart are stirred With the smiling and winsome face; And he doubts a true woman's love no more, But turns his glad harp in its praise. FRANK H. MORGAN, Housley, Texas.

TO HOUSEHOLD.

There is a class, a large class of people, who go about trying to persuade us there are no such emotions in the human heart as appreciation and gratitude. I shall never let such pessimistic accusations pass me unchallenged again. Christmas morning as the enthusiasm of the children around me increased into boisterousness, and surprise after surprise brought forth laughter and hand-claps of delight, there was no surprise for me, and my feelings contrasted with the children's made me feel that surely age was creeping upon me fast, and the enthusiasm of my youth was further behind than ever before. I felt that surely age had crept upon me in the night, leaving its cold, white presence, as you have seen Jack Frost leave upon a window-pane in one night's artistic work. I was sure old age had come when, for the first time in my life, I envied the children. I have always loved and admired them, but never envied. As they went noisily out to compare their gifts with others as fortunate, I hastened to set the house in order, moralizing as I went about, trying to persuade myself I was glad I had outgrown a desire for childish surprise. About this time the bell rang. Some one called that here was a Christmas surprise for me. I forgot my moralizings and went down stairs two steps at a time, and the last three steps at one bound, as I saw a beautiful writing desk. The very desire of my heart, and a surprise. Instantly I was in full sympathy with the boisterous enthusiasm of the children. Who believes in putting aside childish things? Not I. Who believes the enthusiasm of youth ever dies out? Not I. Who believes age has touched me with its frosty fingers? Not I. I fell upon my knees before my beautiful gift, tore open drawer after drawer, looking for the name of the donor who had the magic to send a gift so appropriate and opportunely as to fill me with childish enthusiasm at the surprise, but leave the lingering delight and appreciation of a mature woman. At last in a small drawer set apart for my most private correspondence, I found the donor's card. "A token of appreciation from The Texas Stock and Farm Journal, to Mrs. E. S. Buchanan, with best wishes for a merry Christmas and happy New Year."

The gift increased a hundred fold when I read from whom it came, as did my appreciation and gratitude. I feel myself, like Hamlet, as if I was "a beggar in words and cannot thank the donors as one gifted in speech. But I am happy in the gift. It is not for the great cost of gifts that we appreciate them, but the thought and kindness of heart which prompted them to be appreciated gives us joy next to being loved. In the joy and enthusiasm of my Christmas surprise I say death to all pessimism that says there is no appreciation, no gratitude. No pessimistic views shall ever be penned on that desk. No; only such as shall encourage faith and good will towards all mankind and scatter happiness on the grass.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR. And now, as the old year will be buried with things of the never returning past, before I greet you again I wish to every reader of the Household a happy New Year, over-filled with peace and plenty. It is the time of good resolutions. I wish to quote from something I read every New Year. I may have quoted it before; if so, it is good enough to repeat: "We hope, we aspire; we resolve, we trust, When the morning calls to life and light; But our hearts grow weary, and ere the night Our lives are trailing in sordid dust."

New Years days, when the realities of life stand out in clearer relief than ordinarily and impress us with unusual vividness, start in most of us serious thoughts and inspire in us lofty aspirations and noble intentions. We are apt then to make excellent resolutions, and to start off in new and higher planes of living. Now, it would be well for us if there were some way of perpetuating these better moods and living up to these good intentions. Too often, however, the serious impressions are but transient, and there too little vitality in the good intentions and resolutions to make them really potent impulses for many days, or to give them permanence among the motives and forces of our life. Of course, we cannot make our lives beautiful merely by alternately adopting resolutions of amendment and wailing out dolorous confessions of failures. Life runs deeper than words.

It ought not to be impossible to live up to the impulses of our best moods, or at least to do to a much greater degree than most of us realize. The trouble lies in the vagueness of our intentions. We simply resolve to be better "this year than last, or to do more good in the future than in the past; but we have no clear and distinct conception in our minds of the points in which we will be better, or of the particular ways in which we will increase our usefulness. Our ideas of living better and doing greater good are undefined. Realizing this to be true, let each of us set about to be more definite in our resolutions and intentions. Let the plans of improvement for the New Year be clear and distinct, and live up to them. We have only one day to live at a time. We have no to-morrows.

I will make no comments on the letters this week, only to say the Household is favored with such favorites as Alamo, Purple Pansy, Fire Fly, Texas Lily, and our beloved but long silent member, Mrs. Thomas.

THE HAPPY BENEDICT. Dear Household Friends: I want to thank Mrs. Buchanan for her kind words and good wishes, and also to say that I shall use my best endeavors to "put into practice all the practically sensible things and beautiful sentiments" I once expressed in Household. I, too, want to hear from the members on the subject suggested: "In which is there more happiness—antic-

ipation or realization?" I promise to join the debate myself when some one else makes a lead. I am to-day sending to the puzzle editor of the Journal an attempt on my part to answer three of the puzzles in the last issue. Who else is taking an interest in this very instructive department?

I would like to write a long letter and comment on some of the good letters, but I have to bring in the wood, take out the ashes and do my other evening chores, including playing sweetheart to my wife for a while, so must say good-bye. Yours happily, ALAMO.

THE FLITTINGS OF A FIRE FLY. Dear Mrs. B.: May I fit in with the evening shadows for a few moments? I am only a firefly, and of course, light, only a tiny spot in this great dark world, but I make that as bright as I can.

I think our page is very nice, but I believe also that it could be made much better by a little care and thought on the part of the writers. Let us endeavor to express our thoughts in as sensible a manner as we possess, whether the subject be the time honored, "Is Marriage a Failure?" "Woman's Rights," or even something sentimental, for even that has a sensible side. Some one seems to be afraid that we are becoming "sentimental." True sentiment is never silly, although some folks have fancied themselves possessed of an "everlasting love" and have acted quite silly about it. It is pure sentiment that civilizes. It is sentimental, for even that has a sensible side. Some one seems to be afraid that we are becoming "sentimental." True sentiment is never silly, although some folks have fancied themselves possessed of an "everlasting love" and have acted quite silly about it. It is pure sentiment that civilizes. It is sentimental, for even that has a sensible side. 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San Antonio & Aransas Pass. For Boerne and Kerrville leaves daily except Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p. m.; Sundays at 8:30 a. m.; Saturday 4:30 p. m. Arrive daily except Sunday and Monday at 10:45 a. m.; Sunday at 7:00 a. m. Monday at 9:30 a. m. For Houston, Castro and Waco, leaves daily at 8:30 a. m., arrive at 8:30 p. m. For Rockport, Corpus Christi and Alice, leaves at 1:30 p. m., arrive at 1:30 p. m.

Southern Pacific.

East-Leaves at 12:10 p. m. and 9:30 p. m.; arrives at 2:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Leaves for Waco, Fort Worth, Dallas, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago at 7:30 p. m. Arrives from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Worth, Dallas and Waco at 8:45 a. m. West-Leaves for El Paso, San Antonio and Mexico, leaves at 4:30 p. m. and arrives at 11:30 a. m.

International & Great Northern.

North-Leaves at 9:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.; arrives at 7:30 a. m. and 5:15 p. m. South-Leaves at 9:45 a. m. and arrives at 7:30 p. m. North, daily express special leaves 9:30 a. m., arrives 8:15 p. m. South, leaves 9:45 a. m., arrives 7:30 p. m.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

Leaves for Waco, Fort Worth, Dallas, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago at 9:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Arrives from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, Fort Worth and Waco at 7:25 a. m. and 3:15 p. m.

San Antonio & Gulf Shore.

Train leaves San Antonio for Martinez, Sanders, Adkins, Lavender and Sutherland Springs at 4:30 a. m., daily except Sunday. Arrives at San Antonio at 9:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.

THE SAN ANTONIO MARKET.

The week has been one of the most disagreeable within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. It has rained and rained and rained, and the mud has been discussed until its very ears must have burned. The market was better, however, and for this patrons of the Union Stockyards were fortunate enough to reach here have cause to congratulate themselves. We hope for clearer weather and the same if not a better market next week.

Beaves, choice, \$2.75@3.00; fair, \$2.40@2.65. Cows, choice, \$2.40@2.65; fair, 2c@2.25. Yearlings, 2 1/4@2.60; calves, choice, 2 3/4@3c; baby calves, 3 1/4@3 1/2. Hogs, corned, 10@3 1/2; matted, 2@2 1/2. Sheep, choice mutton, 2 1/2@3c. Goats, 2 1/4@2 1/2c.

Geo. W. West left for his Live Oak county ranch last Monday.

Bascom Lyall, the well-known mule man of Uvalde county, spent Friday in the city.

A. S. Casparis is spending the holidays at Round Mountain, Blanco county, his old home.

J. B. Willis, the fat, chuffy, well-known stockman of Taylor, was here on business Thursday.

J. W. Brockman of Falls City, came up Thursday and spent a couple of days viewing the landscape o'er.

Alex McGehee, the San Marcos stockman, who has been stocking his pasture in Atascosa county with cows, was here Thursday.

Col. N. T. Wilson, superintendent of the Western Union Beef company, left Saturday night for the Pecos ranch, to be gone probably a week or ten days.

H. B. Woodley, who went out to his Sabinal ranch to see how the heifers were returned Friday with his face all radiant with smiles and greeted the Journal man with the remark: "Didn't touch 'em." He after ward explained that his reference was to the reported severe norther in North Texas.

B. B. McCutcheon and Willis McCutcheon, Jr., spent Monday and Tuesday in San Antonio, on their return to their ranch at Alpine. They stated that no cattle were changing hands in that section now, as all that were for sale had been sold and those now on hand are being held over through choice of the owners.

Col. Wm. Hunter, the Texas manager of the Strahorn-Hutton-Evans company, spent a couple of days in San Antonio the early part of the week on business, returning to Fort Worth Tuesday night. Col. Wm. T. Way, the efficient manager of the San Antonio office, has just cause to appreciate his visit, as is evidenced by the fine new overcoat which he is now wearing.

Dave Pryor was here Christmas day. He came up with his sock to show what Santa Claus brought him. He says his hogs are getting very anxious for the start of Klondike. The late cool breeze he said did not affect them in the least, for just as soon as he finished shearing them a month or so ago, they went right to work raising mohair.

Col. Wm. T. Way, the well-known and popular manager of the San Antonio office of Strahorn-Hutton-Evans company leaves to-morrow for St. Louis on business which will detain him for a week or ten days. The Journal's best wishes go with him, and though he may reach St. Louis after the first, the Journal feels safe in saying that the business of South Texas, with which his company has been favored this year, will entitle him to a seat in the front row.

A. E. Gildemeister of Council Grove, Kansas, who has been in South Texas for the past sixty days buying cattle, left for Council Grove Wednesday night to spend the holidays with the "old folks at home." He will return to Texas in time to attend the meeting of the Texas Live Stock association in January. His object, however, he states, will be to attend the meeting more especially than advertising himself as being in the market for cattle.

L. L. Baldridge of Wagoner, I. T., and P. R. Austin of San Antonio, came up from Victoria Friday. Mr. Baldridge will leave in a few days for the Territory, having spent several weeks in

South Texas, during which time Baldridge Bros. & Austin, of which L. L. is a member, have made some permanent investments. The Journal congratulates them on their good judgment and predicts for them the success which their experience demands.

Capt. George F. Hines, the well-known stockman of Pearsall, spent Thursday and Friday in San Antonio, having just arrived from his pasture in Prio county. He stated that his Prio county pasture is in fine shape and his steers and other cattle, which are now in that pasture, are looking well. As an evidence of his faith in prices he is not very particular about selling anything now, as he is prepared to keep them through the winter in good shape.

W. T. Wilson, brother of Col. N. T. Wilson, has been elected assistant treasurer of the Texas department of the Western Union Beef company, vice Mr. Frank Butler resigned. A better selection could not have been made, and the Journal congratulates the company on its good judgment in this selection, as Mr. Wilson's capability and ability render him especially fitted for the duties imposed upon him in his new field of labor.

The and Sol West returned Friday from Spofford, where they delivered 1000 head of steers to Fred Nations of Emporia, Kas., for shipment to Kansas and Nebraska. In conversation with the Journal representative, Mr. West stated that cattle out in that section were looking well and that the range was good and that they had been having a slow rain, but no cold weather, and that no loss of cattle was anticipated in that section this winter.

Walter Daly of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, came down from Fort Worth reaching here Friday morning. He stated that he had been over a portion of the Panhandle country and up in the Territory since he left San Antonio some ten days ago, and that they had some very severe cold weather where he had been, especially in the Territory. A heavy snow fell during the early part of the week, and the stiff north winds made him sigh for the balmy breezes of South Texas, and especially the refreshing bowers in Santone.

Capt. Harry Landis, of New Braunfels, spent Thursday in San Antonio on business, and was an appreciated visitor at the Journal's headquarters. He has made one shipment of meal fed stuff to market, on which he realized a satisfactory profit, but not a handsome one. He stated that outside of the little inconvenience, occasioned by the damp spell of weather which he had experienced in the last week or ten days, that his cattle were doing extremely well and that he would make another shipment of one train load to market Saturday.

L. Goodman of Laredo, a well-known live stock operator, spent Friday in San Antonio. He states that extensive purchases of cattle have been made this year in Mexico, that the most accessible territory which has been heretofore largely drawn upon, is in a manner depleted now. Cuban buyers and some of the leading live stock men of Southern Texas have been buying and taking out cattle constantly. He says there are still cattle in Mexico for sale, but they are hard to get, by reason of being farther off the railroad, than has been the case heretofore.

T. C. King, who for several years has been in charge of some branches of Col. Ike T. Pryor's business in Texas and old Mexico, spent the greater portion of the week in San Antonio. He is interested now in coffee lands on the isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico, and has just returned from the East, where he succeeded in making arrangements by which a good portion of the lands will be colonized. He states that the successful culture of coffee in Mexico is no longer an experiment, but a stern reality and that heavy investments have already been made down there.

D. K. Furnish returned from a visit to his Spofford ranch Thursday and reported some rain out there, but stated that it was without the blizzard attachment reported in the Panhandle country. "I do not believe," said Mr. F., "that the loss can be as heavy as reported, and anything which could have been kind by the first cold spell was not in condition to stand ordinary winter weather sixty days anyway. Poor cattle placed on cold range in the fall and overtaken by cold weather before they have had time to locate water, good range and shelter, must suffer the consequences. And this reports heavy loss has no doubt been among this class of cattle."

shipped two cars of mules from Alice Sunday for Galveston, from which place they will be loaded for Cuba. Mr. Richardson has already made several similar shipments on which he has realized good profits. Mules will perhaps become an important factor in the agricultural interests of the island. Heretofore oxen have been for the greater part in use over there but the demand for beef has had a deterrent effect on the importation of oxen thus far. Mules, taking everything into consideration, are about as cheap as oxen, and as long as the demand for work stock continues a happy combination for general purposes may be found in the mule. J. B. Patterson will accompany the shipment and attend to the sale of the animals.

Col. Ike T. Pryor returned from a trip down to Columbia Thursday, and has since been devoting his time assiduously to the interests of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, and right here the Texas Stock and Farm Journal will remark that this company's interests in Southwest Texas could not have realized in better hands. Enthusiasm of preference from the press are unnecessary. Col. Pryor's record as a man, a cowman, a gentleman, and the influence wielded by him as such is known not only throughout Texas but throughout all the cattle raising states. Evans-Snyder-Buel company made no mistake in securing his services and as he has always sworn by the Journal, it cannot refrain from giving utterance to a few words of congratulation both to him and the Evans-Snyder-

der-Buel company on the happy combination thus formed.

M. C. Howard of Iowa, spent several days in San Antonio and vicinity last week looking for muttons, but did not succeed in finding anything suitable for his purpose. Mr. Howard has for a number of years done a large business in wooling sheep, but this is his first year he has invaded Texas. It did not take him long to realize that if a man wants first choice in Texas he must start out early in the season. The class of muttons he found in South Texas were for the greater part not in shape to stand the shipment, without first being on feed for a while. He stated that possibly he would visit this section next year for the same purpose he came this time. He was not especially pleased with the grade of sheep in South Texas, but was willing to attribute it in part to the fact that all the desirable stuff had already been bought.

THE JANUARY MEETING.

The "Sap" to the Front on Rates.—Capt. Lytle Jubilant.

Mr. E. J. Martin, general passenger agent of the S. A. and A. P. railway, has announced that his road would put on a maximum rate of \$5.00 from any point on its line and that he will meet the other reaction which may be accorded by any other road. It is some one had to make the initial step and the "Sap" with commendable promptness, has done so. There is ample time for the other roads to respond and the failure of the Journal to announce rates now should be no reason for alarm. Capt. Jno. T. Lytle, president of the Texas Live Stock association, spent several days in the city this week, and states that he is very much encouraged by the unanimity of the stockmen in expressing a determination to be on hand during the meeting in January. The Capital has travelled over a great deal of country of late and is in a position to give a reason for the faith that is in him.

John T. McElroy, the "Potentate of the Pecos," was in the city Monday, for the purpose of shipping out a couple of carloads of horses which he purchased during his last trip to San Antonio. He left Tuesday on the Southern Pacific for Alpine, Texas, from which point the horses will be driven to his ranch in Ward county. Mr. McElroy will go from Alpine to the Pecos county ranch, and this will be his first visit to the property since its acquisition. He stated as far as he could learn the "T. X." pasture into which the Western Union Beef company cattle are now being delivered, was in fine condition and that an additional well was being bored in order to insure an abundance of water. Mr. McElroy denies emphatically the report which gained circulation some weeks ago that he was contemplating matrimony. He stated, however, that it was not from a want of inclination but he was too poor just now to give to Mrs. McElroy the benefits of social life in the metropolis.

Tom Jones, the Wichita Falls stockman, who is largely interested in the live stock business in Nueces county, passed through the city the early part of the week en route north. Mr. Jones reported everything in a flourishing condition in Nueces county, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the prospects for a new outlet of no mean proportions for Texas cattle, as is contemplated now by parties in the Cuban trade.

John H. Belcher, formerly an extensive stock man in North Texas and a resident of Henrietta for a number of years, came up from his ranch in LaSalle county on Friday. On being interviewed by the representative of the Journal, he was very enthusiastic in his praises of Southern Texas as a cattle raising section. "The reports from North Texas," said he, "if true, are enough to make a South Texas man congratulate himself just now. My cattle are doing as well as I could possibly expect, and I have plenty of water, grass and no fears of cold weather doing any damage. This reported loss of 40 or 50 per cent of the cattle in the Panhandle country can hardly be true, and doubtless the loss is confined almost exclusively to cattle which have been placed there from Eastern Texas or other localities in poor condition, consequently, not very well adapted for experiencing such weather as has visited that section recently. Even 40 or 50 per cent of this class is a very heavy loss of itself. I have nothing to brag against in North Texas. For I lived there a long time, but South Texas, and especially LaSalle county, is a world beater when it comes to grass, water and general adaptabilities for stock raising."

Concerning the value and importance of clover to the agriculturist, in which all scientists agree, I am glad to say that there is scarcely any soil so strongly alkaline that it will not produce a crop of clover. The best of even some of the thinnest, driest soil of these states will enable a paying crop of alfalfa to be grown. We have taken the thin, pebbly soil of this section, which has an impervious blue clay lying near the surface, and have succeeded in growing alfalfa most perfectly upon a considerable acreage. We consider alfalfa from every standpoint the typical forage crop for Texas. It is a legum crop in nitrogen, withstands drought remarkably well, and is adapted to all of the climatic conditions with which this state is blessed.

Next in importance to alfalfa is the cow pea, and possibly the Velvet bean. We have received many reports of successful culture of cow peas in districts that heretofore have been thought too arid for this crop, but good cultivation and proper care during the past few years have enabled the farmer to grow this crop as far west as San Angelo without irrigation. The Velvet bean, or Banana pea, has not yet proven itself so well suited for stock feeding as the cow pea, but it makes a more luxuriant growth of vines and for the purpose of turning under for green manure, I believe that it is superior to now peas, though some further trial will be necessary to determine the exact relative values of these two crops for this purpose. I have received most encouraging reports of the growth of mellilotus or Bokhara clover (Mellilotus alba) throughout the Panhandle section. In some cases it has been found growing upon the farms without a knowledge of the name of the plant and when sent to us for identification was accompanied by words of praise and commendation. It is very hardy and very much liked by stock when accustomed to it. It improves the mechanical condition of the soil and adds to its plant food and in many cases it is necessary to do a very boon to the stock grower for early pasturing of young stock, dams, heep, etc. We cannot afford to overlook these three nitrogenous crops; alfalfa, cow peas and Mellilotus. There is no soil in the state worth the name of "soil" that will not profitably grow one or all of these crops.

J. H. CONNELL, Director of Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. College Station, Tex., Dec. 24, 1897.

WEATHER, RANGE AND CROPS. The wheat acreage in Parker county has been increased 25 per cent. In some portions of the county so much more wheat has been planted that tenants find it difficult to rent land for cotton planting. A large acreage of grass was destroyed by fire last week in the Kennedy and Armstrong pastures in Southwest Texas. The recent prairie fire in the Capital Syndicate pasture north of Channing killed 450 head of fine cattle. Very great damage was done to orchards in Fannin county by sleet breaking down fruit trees during the recent storm. The orange and lemon crop in Southern California has been seriously injured by the freeze. Swisher county had five inches of

indeed it did not, exceed most of them should developments now in process of incubation be realized. The Journal bids the tier of counties to the north-west, to be of good cheer. Faithful and relentless effort is the price of liberty and the Journal is with you.

THE JANUARY MEETING. The "Sap" to the Front on Rates.—Capt. Lytle Jubilant.

Mr. E. J. Martin, general passenger agent of the S. A. and A. P. railway, has announced that his road would put on a maximum rate of \$5.00 from any point on its line and that he will meet the other reaction which may be accorded by any other road. It is some one had to make the initial step and the "Sap" with commendable promptness, has done so. There is ample time for the other roads to respond and the failure of the Journal to announce rates now should be no reason for alarm. Capt. Jno. T. Lytle, president of the Texas Live Stock association, spent several days in the city this week, and states that he is very much encouraged by the unanimity of the stockmen in expressing a determination to be on hand during the meeting in January. The Capital has travelled over a great deal of country of late and is in a position to give a reason for the faith that is in him.

A CORKER.

The San Antonio Express of Friday noted the sale by Fleming & Davidson of this city, to Chas. Schreiner, of Kerrville, Texas, of 3000 coming ones of spring delivery out of the King crop of calves for \$1.75. The Express gave the total aggregate of the sale as "in the neighborhood of \$50,000." Of course this was doubtless all the information the Express could get and the Journal can hardly be expected to do any better. Mr. Davidson is not specially glib in the matter of proclaiming the details of the details of his business and he has a very pleasing faculty in managing to keep reporters at a convenient distance at times. Nevertheless while the reporters are doing some guessing there are others who are engaged in the same pastime. These coming ones are a portion of the crop of '97 and '98 bought some months ago by Fleming & Davidson at \$17.00 per head. The Southern hotel chairs, letter heads and desk blotters have been figured on pretty extensively in an endeavor to see how 3000 calves which cost \$17.00 per head could be sold "in the neighborhood of \$50,000." And still the boys are guessing.

NITROGENOUS CROPS IN TEXAS.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal: Gentlemen: Replying to your esteemed favor of the 25th ultimo, which was mislaid by mistake in some other papers, I regret to say that thus far we have been unable to conduct Kaffir corn feeding experiments with steers, as that attempted by the Kansas Experiment Station, nor has any other station attempted this line of investigation. Concerning the value and importance of clover to the agriculturist, in which all scientists agree, I am glad to say that there is scarcely any soil so strongly alkaline that it will not produce a crop of clover. The best of even some of the thinnest, driest soil of these states will enable a paying crop of alfalfa to be grown. We have taken the thin, pebbly soil of this section, which has an impervious blue clay lying near the surface, and have succeeded in growing alfalfa most perfectly upon a considerable acreage. We consider alfalfa from every standpoint the typical forage crop for Texas. It is a legum crop in nitrogen, withstands drought remarkably well, and is adapted to all of the climatic conditions with which this state is blessed.

Next in importance to alfalfa is the cow pea, and possibly the Velvet bean. We have received many reports of successful culture of cow peas in districts that heretofore have been thought too arid for this crop, but good cultivation and proper care during the past few years have enabled the farmer to grow this crop as far west as San Angelo without irrigation. The Velvet bean, or Banana pea, has not yet proven itself so well suited for stock feeding as the cow pea, but it makes a more luxuriant growth of vines and for the purpose of turning under for green manure, I believe that it is superior to now peas, though some further trial will be necessary to determine the exact relative values of these two crops for this purpose. I have received most encouraging reports of the growth of mellilotus or Bokhara clover (Mellilotus alba) throughout the Panhandle section. In some cases it has been found growing upon the farms without a knowledge of the name of the plant and when sent to us for identification was accompanied by words of praise and commendation. It is very hardy and very much liked by stock when accustomed to it. It improves the mechanical condition of the soil and adds to its plant food and in many cases it is necessary to do a very boon to the stock grower for early pasturing of young stock, dams, heep, etc. We cannot afford to overlook these three nitrogenous crops; alfalfa, cow peas and Mellilotus. There is no soil in the state worth the name of "soil" that will not profitably grow one or all of these crops.

J. H. CONNELL, Director of Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. College Station, Tex., Dec. 24, 1897.

WEATHER, RANGE AND CROPS. The wheat acreage in Parker county has been increased 25 per cent. In some portions of the county so much more wheat has been planted that tenants find it difficult to rent land for cotton planting. A large acreage of grass was destroyed by fire last week in the Kennedy and Armstrong pastures in Southwest Texas. The recent prairie fire in the Capital Syndicate pasture north of Channing killed 450 head of fine cattle. Very great damage was done to orchards in Fannin county by sleet breaking down fruit trees during the recent storm. The orange and lemon crop in Southern California has been seriously injured by the freeze. Swisher county had five inches of

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snow on the 21st. The county has also previously had extensive prairie fires. From Sterling county it is reported that the storm a few days before Christmas was not severe and stock was in splendid condition.

The grass in Palo Pinto county is good and cattle are going into the winter in good shape. Over 100,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed in Chillicothe, Hardeeman county, this season, and the farmers yet have on hand 40,000 bushels. Rains were general over North Texas on the 26th.

RESOLUTIONS ON COL. TAMBLYN'S DEATH.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from us our friend and co-worker, W. L. Tamblin; Resolved, That, while we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we do so with saddened hearts, mourning the loss of a warm friend, an honorable associate and a noble and upright man.

We lament that the business world has lost one of its active workers, that society has lost a valuable citizen, that this exchange has lost a true friend and an active supporter and his family a noble husband and a kind father. A pioneer in the live stock trade, he has left his imprint upon the commercial pages of the industry showing a record worthy of emulation and a standard for business integrity, honor and enterprise.

While we voice the feeling of the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange in expressions of deepest sympathy with the bereaved family in this their great loss, we grieve with them in this our mutual affliction. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased as a feeble expression of our regard for W. L. Tamblin as a man, and that they be spread upon the records of this exchange.

THE FENCE QUESTION.

Is of particular importance to farmers and stock raisers. The old rail fence has seen its day. For some years iron and steel have slowly but surely been taking the place of wood, and to-day the successful and progressive farmer in replacing his fence considers which one of the several woven wire fences will best suit his wants.

Improvements from time to time have been made, until to-day they are as near perfect as human ingenuity can make them. On no page of this issue you will see the advertisement of the Pittsburgh Woven Wire Fence company, Pittsburg, Pa. This claim for patronage is that it is made of the very best double annealed galvanized steel wire. The top and bottom wires being No. 9 horizontal, and the wires No. 11, No. 9 horizontal, and the wires No. 11, stay wires No. 12. It will not sag; it is cheap, durable, easily and rapidly built, and sufficiently strong to turn hogs, sheep, poultry and cattle, and has no projections which can injure them. The vertical wires cannot slip. Its elasticity is such that it will adapt itself to hillsides and hollow without buckling.

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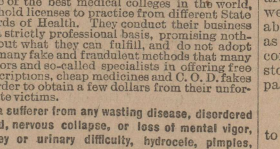
Their loop-knot, protected by letters patent, is the latest improvement in woven wire fences. The superiority of this form of construction consists of the fact that each stay wire, covering the entire width of the fence, is one unbroken piece of wire, with the ends securely twisted around each horizontal wire of the fence, as is the case in most of the fences now on the market. In addition the stay wire is so firmly fastened to each of the intermediate wires or shift-while the wire lasts.

The offer of reduced prices to farmers, originators, and makers, the company has no agent, will no doubt be promptly taken advantage of by many of our readers, while the unoccupied territory will soon be covered by some of our enterprising farmers. Mention Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Fort Worth, Texas.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal returns thanks to the officers of the two associations for an invitation to attend

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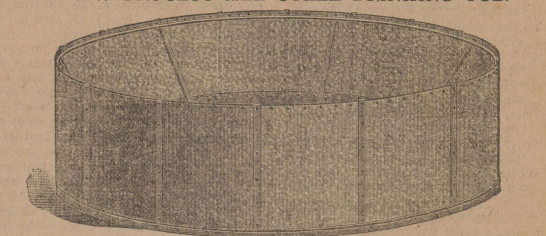
THE KATY TO THE FRONT. The M. K. and T. inaugurates Wagner Tourist Sleepers between St. Louis and Galveston, and Kansas City and Galveston. The Katy, as usual, is to the fore in

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Gentlemen: I feel it my duty to let you know what "5 DROPS" has done for me. I have had Asthma for forty-two years, and Hay Fever for fifteen years. I do not know how long I suffered with Asthma, but I think about twenty years. Towards the last of July I began taking "5 DROPS." When I had used it about a week the Asthma began to leave me and in two weeks it was gone. I am sure "5 DROPS" through the help of God did cure me, for I took no other medicine in that time. I have not had the Hay Fever since I commenced taking "5 DROPS," and I am in good hopes that with the help of the Inhaler and Special Preparation, it will also cure my Asthma. SUGAR E. PEASE, Stanberry, Mo., Oct. 28, 1897. As a positive cure for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, Whooping Cough, Hysteria, Creeping Numbness, etc., etc. "5 DROPS" has never been equalled. "5 DROPS" taken but once a day is a dose of this great remedy and to enable all suffering from the next thirty days 100,000 sample bottles, 25c each, prepaid by mail. Even a sample bottle will convince you of its merit. Best and cheapest medicine on earth. Large bottle (500 doses) \$1.00, for thirty days \$3.00. Not sold by druggists, only by us and our agents. Agents wanted. Write us today. SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167-169 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

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tend the meetings of the Michigan State Oxford Down Breeders' association, the American Oxford Down Record association, both of which will be held at Flint, Michigan, on Tuesday, January 11, 1898. These meetings will, doubtless, bring together the leading Oxford Down breeders of the entire country and may be helpful to the interests of the sheep industry generally. J. J. DeGarmo of Highland, Michigan, is president, and B. F. Miller of Flint, Michigan, is secretary of the Michigan association.

THE PANHANDLE COUNTRY ALL RIGHT.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal: Dear Sirs—The Panhandle country seems to be all right this year. Very little wheat was raised here, but we have had a wonderful crop of feed and a good crop of cotton. Cotton pickers have been scarce and most people have had more cotton than they could pick. The yield in this neighborhood will be a little over two-thirds of a bale per acre on an average. Even at the low prices those who have cotton to sell wear a smile from the fact that they are about all out of debt with their families weary, clothed and plenty to eat. Cotton is about all the talk and there will probably be double the acreage put in next year. A great many farmers are moving in from Central Texas and the country is filling up rapidly. Grass is first-class for winter and cattle are in good shape. Some Eastern cattle are being shipped in, most of which will have to be fed through the winter. There have been two cars of hogs shipped from Newlin this winter. Low prices during the past two years have been discouraging and most people have quit raising a little winter weather at present. To-day it has been misting rain and freezing, which makes it disagreeable for man and beast. My best wishes to Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

DAN LEHMAN. Newlin, Texas, Dec. 18, 1897.

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DALLAS TIME TABLE.

Texas & Pacific Railway. BRICK DEPOT.

Table with columns: EAST BOUND, WEST BOUND, No. 1 leaves, No. 2 leaves, etc.

East Dallas. UNION DEPOT.

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Houston & Texas Central Railway.

Table with columns: NORTH BOUND, SOUTH BOUND, No. 1 News train, etc.

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Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe.

Table with columns: NORTH BOUND, SOUTH BOUND, No. 74, etc.

Texas Trunk.

Table with columns: Arrive, Leave, 3:50 p.m., 8:00 a.m.

DALLAS MARKET.

The live stock market felt the holiday effect. For hogs the demand was active and prices were strong at quotations, which were unchanged.

Choice fat steers, \$3.00@3.25; fair to good steers, \$2.50@2.75; common to rough steers, \$2.00@2.40; choice fat cows, heavy, \$2.50@2.75; fair to good cows, \$2.10@2.40; rough old cows, \$1.25@1.90; choice fat heifers, \$2.50@2.75; fair to good heifers, \$2.00@2.40; thin heifers, \$1.75@1.90; choice veal calves, light, \$3.00@3.50; choice veal calves, heavy, \$2.50@3.00; common veal calves, \$2.00@2.40; bulls, \$1.50@2.25; choice corned hogs weighing 175 to 350 pounds, carload lots, \$3.10; choice corned hogs weighing 150 to 350 pounds, wagon lots, \$3.00; choice fat mutton weighing 90 to 110 pounds, \$3.00@4.00; choice fat mutton, light, \$2.50@3.00; common sheep, \$1.50@2.00; choice fat mutton weighing 70 to 80 pounds, \$2.25@2.75.

W. R. McIntire is out west looking over his ranch.

Geo. Slaughter of the Running Water ranch, in the Panhandle, is spending his holidays in the city with his family.

Col. "Bill" Sterrett, Washington correspondent of the Dallas Morning News, is spending the holidays among old friends in Dallas.

R. A. Rawlins, a prominent farmer of Lancaster, was in the city Thursday. Said he: "As it is, our orchards have been very much damaged, but if we had had wind, they would have been ruined. It was a quiet freeze."

Robert Floyd, of Richardson, one of Dallas' most experienced farmers, was in the city Monday. Mr. Floyd thinks that the severe weather experienced throughout Northern Texas during the past week will not be without serious effects upon range or unprotected stock.

R. E. Douglas, a farmer from the vicinity of Garland, said Thursday: "I have experienced such weather as we have had the last week in Tennessee, but not in Texas. Orchards are materially damaged in my section, the trees splitting and breaking down from the weight of ice."

Col. C. C. Slaughter said Thursday to a Journal representative: "All native cattle are in good fix at this time. The rough spell of weather of the last week will hardly affect them at all. But it is the early spring, when cattle are usually thin, that the evil effects of a hard and unfavorable winter become apparent, just before the return of grass."

A. E. and C. I. Burchleigh, Mason, Ill., in a letter to the Journal, state that they recently sent a carload of young grade bulls to Brownwood, Texas. These gentlemen are breeders of registered Polled Durham cattle of the best type, and the Journal recommends them to Texas buyers who want a good article.

James White, of New Hope, to a Journal representative, said Tuesday: "The present spell of weather is without a precedent almost in Texas. Considerable damage has been done to the orchards in my neighborhood. The sleet has been terrible, many of the trees breaking down from the weight of the ice upon them. The fruit buds have not suffered to any great extent."

C. T. Barker, a prosperous farmer living three miles west of Duncanville, was in Dallas Friday. Mr. Barker says the people in his vicinity have not raised cotton extensively and have given their attention principally to

wheat and other grains, and to raising some live stock which they are prepared to feed and keep strong and growing all through the winter. In consequence they are prosperous and satisfied.

Decidedly the neatest as well as the Stock and Farm Journal which Texas has seen is the celluloid calendar presented by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company's Dallas representative, phone company 11. The Journal tenders its thanks. On the reverse of the calendar place are calendars for 1898 and 1899, one on each side of the "easel support." Altogether it is as pretty a desk ornament, besides being a useful one, as the recipient could desire.

The attention of readers of the Journal is called to the advertisement of W. T. Clay of Plattburg, Mo., to be found in another column. Mr. Clay has for sale the products of some of the best Short-horn families of the country, offspring of the Cruickshank Victorias, secret moule lines. His service bulls are Golden Victor 8744, Alchemist 101520, 133rd Duke of Wildwood 123416 and Bampton Prince (from imp. Princess Royal 6th). There are 50 young bulls for sale in the excellent herd of Mr. Clay.

Said Jno. L. Simpson to a representative of the Journal this week: "The severe weather we are having now, and which seems to be general over the state, will be felt in the windup of winter, along toward spring, when cattle are usually thin. No immediate results will follow or at least be very perceptible. Col. Simpson, in an earlier day, was a more conspicuous operator than now, but his knowledge and acquaintance with the 'cow business' are such as to give to his utterances the weight of authority. Indeed, the stock interests, its growth and development are almost a part of his existence.

No man in Texas is better qualified to make good Short-horn selections than B. B. Groom. He was raised among them and has handled them all his life. He now has near Panhandle, Texas, 30 two-year-old and 40 one-year-old Short-horn bulls, all acclimated. All these bulls are red and all have been selected from the best Short-horn herds in Central Kentucky. This is an excellent opportunity to buy animals that will in every way be satisfactory to those who wish to grade up their herds with the best stock of the kind bred. Mr. Groom's ad in another column of this issue should receive attention.

W. R. McIntire spent several days in the West during the past week looking over his Concho ranch. Said he: "We had some sleet and a little snow, but the fine condition of the grass—plenty of feed—keeps off the effects of bad weather. Our cattle are looking fine and the prospects satisfactory. Capt. Ben Melton went with me this trip; we were together in the army. Ben, you know, is a fine shot and we had a good time and." Here the news solicitor was remonstrated with to make no mention of the "incidental" part of the trip—"too many of the boys, you understand, would want to go with me next time," said the Captain.

W. B. Worsham of Henrietta, was in the city several days this week. Mr. Worsham is one of the pioneers in the business, having come from Callaway county, Mo., at a very early day, at that usually eventful period in the young American's life, when his nerves and ingenuity are, as a rule, taxed to death almost in the intricate and responsible undertaking of "raising his first mustache." The Journal scribe, however, is short on data that would sustain a charge of this kind against one of Henrietta's most useful and honored citizens. Far from it, Missouri's loss was Texas' gain in this instance, anyway, and his coming was a benefit to the class of energy and forethought that, to-day, so conspicuously evidence the enterprise and progress of our state. Said he, Monday: "Well, sir, I was coming up from St. Louis the other day; it runs north of the river, now, you know, and just below Jefferson City, I looked over on the old hill where I was born. My whole boyhood life seemed to loom up before me—and you know a boy's life, especially one of the Callaway county sort is full of rich things." How about the stock interests? "Well, cattle are in fine shape. The sleet has hurt nothing. I am feeding a number of bunches this season. I have a nice lot in the Indian Territory, some at Bonham and at other places. I am cultivating a close acquaintance with the oil mills where there's plenty of meal and bulls. Everything is o. k."

R. L. (Bob) Slaughter, manager of the Long S. ranch, near Midland, in the city with his family to spend the holidays. To a Journal representative he said: "The blizzard of the week past did not reach us in the shape it struck Dallas and many other sections of the state. We had no rain at all, merely a slight sprinkling of snow. It was dry cold, as we sometimes say, which left no material effect upon stock. We had a sand storm recently that hurt us some. It covered the grass up very much, destroying a great deal of the pasture. This trouble, in connection with the numerous fires of recent occurrence in various sections of the range country, has been the cause of great loss of pasture and its effects will be in some sections, I fear, very serious. There is a great and increasing demand for Herefords. The Whitesides and fourth-fifths of the importations, which come principally from Missouri, are of this breed. The demand, it can be said, is in excess of the supply. Many graded bulls are shipped from Midland into Mexico and they bring good prices. A carload left last week for Chihuahua. They were calves and brought from \$25 to \$75 each. The shipments of fat cattle from the ranges for the last thirty or forty days have been unusually heavy. Indeed, unprecedented almost, for any similar period in the past. Stock, generally, of all classes, in fine fix and, barring a winter and spring of unusual severity, will go through all right."

Texas Stock and Farm Journal has received the January number of the "Southern Home Magazine," a hand-

somely illustrated number and one that does credit to its management. A large proportion is given to fiction, much of it written for the magazine and good in quality, some articles, however, taken from other publications. "The Man Without a Country" is a strong story, written by Edward Everett Hale, and has a very vivid realism throughout. The story is preceded by an interesting explanation by the author of "How the Story was Written." Besides the fiction of the number there are several articles well worthy of reading, such as "The Floating Homes of Riverland" by Violet Bittyny Mitchell, "The Reign of King Trolley," with descriptions and illustrations of some of the modern and handsomely finished trolley cars of Eastern cities, written by Allan Merriam, "A Proposed Tariff on Silver" by L. S. Richard, "The Literature of Russia" by Phillip A. Feigin, and a story, a true one, by Andrew Carnegie, "How He Became a Millionaire." Mr. Carnegie's experience is of value as showing that the wage earner may become a capitalist, and that individual character has the most to do with the making or marring of fortune. It must be acknowledged, however, that later developments of business conditions, the result of consolidation of large individual capitals in so many departments of business enterprise, make the lines of individual development far more difficult than they were at the outset of Mr. Carnegie's career. The Southern Magazine has an excellent table that merits it a good support and the Journal sincerely wishes it success it deserves. It has been placed by the publishers at so low a price that they cannot send out specimen numbers.

COL. C. C. SLAUGHTER TELLS HOW HE PREVENTS FEVER.

"You ask me concerning my methods of treating cattle brought into the state from the North to insure them against fever, or other possible trouble incident to acclimation."—C. C. Slaughter, to a Journal representative. Continuing, he said: "Well, to be brief, all importations that I make from latitudes north, are upon their arrival at my ranch placed in stables and sheltered from the hot sun the first season, and I allow no other cattle to mix with them. Give them fresh water with plenty of sulphur in it. I practice this with all stock that I import and the satisfactory results I have had, warrant no change of methods.

"The Hereford importations I made some time since from the North are held above the quarantine line and out of 60 bulls I have lost but two. One of these I lost in the month of June, after hauling it over 100 miles in a wagon through the hot sun. It was very fat and I am sure it got too hot. The fever had nothing to do with its death.

"The other I lost in November after driving him from the ranch, and I don't think acclimation had anything to do with it, and I might say further that the two I lost were just turned into the pasture with my Texas raised thoroughbreds and were not sheltered at all. They died, along with the bulls, five thoroughbred heifers for a friend who located them below the quarantine line. The care and attention he gave them were in line with the methods just related, and he has had no trouble whatever.

"While I believe in the tick theory to a limited extent at the same time I am of the opinion that there are other causes concerning which we are not advised sufficiently to express an opinion that would be worth anything." "Colonel," said the Journal representative, "reference was made recently in the columns of the Journal to an importation of twelve head of highbred Short-horn bulls and ten cows and heifers, shipped to you and J. B. Wilson of Dallas, in October by the Paul Paquin laboratory, after being treated at St. Louis with vaccine matter taken from Southern cattle, purposely infected with the utmost virulence as a preventative against Texas fever. The public would likely be interested in the results of the experiment. How has it worked to date?" "Well, the cattle arrived alright and part of them were placed on my farm in Dallas county, a location with the best of opportunities for making just such a test as I have had in mind. I have plenty of artesian water, shade, grass—the necessary elements of health, growth, etc., but notwithstanding this, three have died since their arrival. Those sent to Mr. Wilson were properly cared for and of the number two have died, and the indications are such as to not warrant a very high sale of the balance. It was only an experiment, like other similar efforts to fathom a trouble that is at times far-reaching in its results."

Chickasha is growing. I notice several new houses on the way to completion. The Citizens' bank is just completing a "dandy" two-story brick building would attract attention in Dallas or Galveston. The bank will move into it about Jan. 1. Four room dwellings rent at from \$12 to \$18 per month, and none on the market at that price. If the Texans in this part of the territory were to repeat the "Egyptian-Hebrew" act and all march out some night, there wouldn't be much of an army left to follow them. They, and the strangers as well, treat the agent of the Journal with every kindness and attention, and he tenders thanks to Lauren Shoemaker, Dr. J. M. Embry, W. G. Armstrong, Geo. Hampton, J. A. McCampbell, and others.

Chickasha, I. T., Dec. 22, 1897.

CATTLE FROM BELOW THE QUARANTINE LINE.

A conservative estimate of the number of cattle moved into the Panhandle from below the quarantine line since Nov. 15 place the aggregate at over 100,000 head. Here is a partial list: Winfield Scott, from Harris county, Tex., to Howard county, 400; Bank & Tillar, from Tarrant county, Tex., to Borden county, 1000; Bush & Tillar, from Louisiana to Borden county, 2000; J. B. Slaughter, from Frio county, Tex., to Kent county, 1000; H. G. Beal, from Mississippi to Borden county, 500; I. H. Brantley, from Harris county, Tex., to Hemphill county, 1500 calves; L. J. Johnson, from Baylor county, Tex., to Hall county, 1500; Graves & Adkins, from Parker county, Tex., to Collingsworth county, 2000; J. M. Shekton, from Harris county, Tex., to Wheeler county, 1000; Curtis Bros., from Baylor county, Tex., to Hall county, 1500; Clay, Robinson & Co., from

Shackelford county, Tex., to Carson county, 3000; S. Newman, from Cass county, Tex., to Childress county, 600; William Herrell, from Ellis county, Tex., to Childress county, 300; R. H. Kirby, from Georgia to Hardeman county, 1800; W. M. Neal, from Louisiana to Hardeman county, 300; Davis Chambers, from Robertson county, Tex., to Hardeman county, 500; Clisbee Bros., from Collin county, Tex., to Hardeman county, 500.

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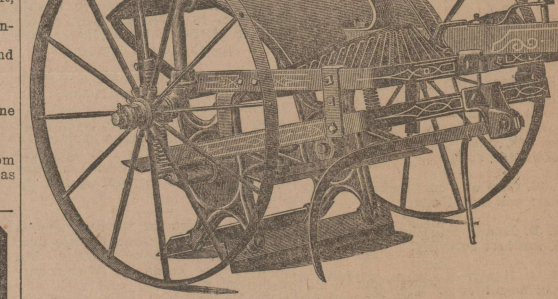
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Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railway. DEPART 12:10 p.m. Mail and Express. 2:45 p.m. ARRIVE 10:10 a.m. Pueblo Mail and Express. 5:00 p.m.

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway. DEPART 10:10 a.m. Pueblo Mail and Express. 5:00 p.m. ARRIVE 10:10 a.m. Pueblo Mail and Express. 5:00 p.m.

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway. DEPART 11:15 a.m. Kan. City & Chicago Ex. & Mail Ex. 8:30 p.m. Kan. City & Chicago Fast Ex. 8:05 a.m. ARRIVE 8:10 a.m. Houston & Galveston Mail & Ex. 8:10 p.m. 8:45 p.m. Houston & Galveston Mail & Ex. 7:45 a.m. 8:10 p.m. Houston & Galveston Mail & Ex. 8:10 a.m.

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Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway. DEPART 6:20 a.m. K. City, L. & Chicago M. Ex. 8:40 p.m. 10:15 p.m. K. City, L. & Chicago Fast Ex. 8:05 a.m. ARRIVE 6:20 a.m. K. City, L. & Chicago M. Ex. 8:40 p.m. 10:15 p.m. K. City, L. & Chicago Fast Ex. 8:05 a.m.

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St. Louis Southwestern Railway. DEPART 10:15 a.m. Mem. & St. Louis Mail & Ex. 8:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m. Mem. & St. Louis Mail & Ex. 6:10 a.m. ARRIVE 10:15 a.m. Mem. & St. Louis Mail & Ex. 8:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m. Mem. & St. Louis Mail & Ex. 6:10 a.m.

WEST 3:0 p.m. Weatherford Local. 10:15 a.m. 8:40 a.m. Ft. Worth & California Fast Ex. 8:30 p.m. TRANSCONTINENTAL DIVISION VIA BIRMINGHAM. DEPART 8:30 a.m. Texark. & St. Louis Mail & Ex. 6:30 p.m. ARRIVE 8:30 a.m. Texark. & St. Louis Mail & Ex. 6:30 p.m.

FORT WORTH MARKET.

The following market report was furnished by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company.

We quote our market to-day: Fat steers \$3.00 to \$3.25; feeders, \$2.75 to \$3.00; fat cows, \$2.30 to \$2.75; medium cows, \$2.00 to \$2.30; bulls, \$1.75 to \$2.00. Fat hogs, 200 pounds and over, \$3.00 to \$3.15; 150 to 200 pounds, \$2.75 to \$3.00.

Some of our last week's sales: 83 calves, \$13.00; 60 calves, \$10.00; 6 calves, \$10.00; 11 cows, averaging 610 pounds, \$2.35; 61 hogs, 237, \$3.17; 45 hogs, 249, \$3.10; 4 bulls, 1150, \$2.00; 24 cows, 837, \$2.30; 86 hogs, 242, \$3.15; 12 cows 878, \$2.45; 9 calves, \$12.00; 13 bulls, \$61, \$2.50; 114 bulls, 124, \$2.25; 13 cows, 894, \$2.50; 11 cows, 742, \$2.25; 8 cows, \$16.50; 89 hogs, 223, \$3.40; 12 hogs, 158, \$2.80; 13 cows, 851, \$2.25; 20 cows, 891, \$2.30.

J. W. Corn of Bear Creek, a wealthy feeder, was here Friday.

R. D. Foster, a cattleman of Roanoke, was here Saturday.

W. A. Hunter of Joshua, marketed a car of hogs here on Thursday.

C. B. Willingham, a wealthy stockman from Roswell, N. M., arrived here on Friday.

B. F. Stokes of Cleburne, was here Thursday, having shipped in two cars of cattle.

B. G. Davis returned Thursday after a two-days' hunting and fishing trip in East Texas.

W. V. Daly of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, left Thursday night for San Antonio.

W. B. Worsham, a prominent and successful cowman from Gainesville, was here Sunday.

John B. Slaughter returned Friday from his ranch to spend the holidays at his home in this city.

S. B. Burnett returned Thursday from a trip to his 6000 ranch in Wichita county and the Comanche nation.

D. B. Gardner, manager of the Pitchfork ranch in Dickens county, came home Friday to spend the holidays.

W. F. Cantelov of Oklahoma City, chief inspector of the Oklahoma sanitary board, was in the city on Wednesday.

On Thursday C. H. Brown of Denton, marketed a train of 1000-pound weaners at St. Louis. These steers sold for \$3.85.

T. B. Jones of Wichita Falls, was in Fort Worth Wednesday and reported prosperous times in the Panhandle country.

J. L. Huggins of Henrietta, was here on Wednesday last with a carload of hogs which sold for the top of the market, \$3.17.

W. H. Pig, a prominent cattleman of Canyon City, came in Thursday, and was the guest of his numerous friends in this city.

Bob Ellison bought a carload of yearling Shorthorn bulls from Wm. Adams here Thursday. Mr. Ellison will send the bulls to his ranch near Childress.

J. T. Carrow of Henrietta, a prominent cattle raiser, who is now feeding a fine lot of steers at Honey Grove, among the cattlemen in the city yesterday.

W. G. Comstock, who owns large cattle interests near Miles City, Mont., was here Friday en route to Mexico City, where he will spend a portion of the winter.

The Cotton Belt route brought in Sunday twelve cars of stock cattle from points in Louisiana and Mississippi, bound for the Indian Territory.

J. F. Black of Limestone county, a prominent cattle dealer and shipper, was here Thursday. Mr. Black says there is no bottom to the mud in Southeast Texas, where he has been lately.

J. K. Rosson, live stock agent of the Katy, returned Thursday from Galveston. Mr. Rosson says that there have been exported to Cuba so far about 8000 cattle from the port of Galveston.

It is estimated by those who know here that meatfed cattle will begin to go to market quite freely by Jan. 10, and that the movement will continue regularly thereafter until the end of the season.

F. M. Weaver had on the St. Louis market Tuesday last week four cars of cattle from the Rockwall oil mills that weighed 1244 pounds and brought \$3.90. This was the top of the market for that day.

S. B. Burnett, who is interested in the steers on feed at the oil mills at Ardmore is glad to report the sale of some 1133-pound steers at Chicago, Thursday that topped the market for meaders at \$4.25.

Walter Daly of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, returned from a trip to Paul's Valley Wednesday. Mr. Daly says cattle are very scarce in that locality and that there was five inches of snow on the ground.

J. Gould of Boston, who is here buying cattle to export to Cuba, purchased several hundred head on Thursday at the prices quoted on this market, 100 head of which were sold to Mr. Gould by Daggett & Grant. Farmer & Hackett sold a large lot to Mr. Gould also.

R. K. Halsell of Decatur was here Friday and returned to his home after a short visit in the city. He was here to render to the secretary of the Cattle Raisers' association the brands of 1500 cattle that he has just bought from J. R. Stevens of Gainesville.

J. H. Ryburn, one of the prominent ranchmen from the San Angelo country, who lives at Knickerbocker, was here Monday. Mr. Ryburn was en route to St. Louis to settle the season's business with his commission firm.

F. M. Weaver received word Thursday from his ranch in the Comanche country that seven inches of snow fell there on Thursday. Mr. Weaver's cattle withstood the bad spell of weather very well, and so far there has been but few cattle lost on his ranch.

John M. Shelton came home Thursday from the ranch near Mobeetie for the holidays. Mr. Shelton says that he is feeding about half of the 1200 cows shipped to the ranch from the south, and that in Crosby county there is said to be from 25 to 50 per cent of the Southern cattle shipped there have died during the recent blizzard.

W. K. Bell, who owns a fine ranch near Palo Pinto, was here Monday. Mr. Bell says he recently lost a few Gallo-way bulls from splenic fever, caused by ticks. What is surprising to Mr. Bell about his loss is that the bulls were supposed to be proof against the disease.

C. W. Roberts of Decatur, who is wintering 600 steers on pasture near Bridgeport, was here Monday. Mr. Roberts says cattle in W. S. county withstood the recent cold spell very well. No loss at all among native cattle, but says the eastern cattle looked pretty well drawn.

The Cuban commissioner, Senor Manuel Richards, who has been buying cattle here through Mr. J. B. Gould, made his first shipment to Galveston Sunday for export to Cuba. There were 551 head of mixed rough steers and bulls in the shipment. The Katy got 11 cars and the Santa Fe 10 cars of the shipment.

W. C. Gardner of Granbury, was here Monday, returning from Woodward, Oklahoma Territory. Mr. Gardner shipped 400 cows from Hood county last spring and recently sold them at Woodward at \$22.00 round. Mr. Gardner says that the recent blizzard killed a great many Louisiana and East Texas cattle located near Woodward. The firm of Wicker Bros. lost 350 head out of a bunch of 1100 during the storm.

W. V. Newlin, manager of the traffic department of the Cattle Raisers' association here, formerly resided in Los Angeles, California, and is still a member of the Chamber of Commerce of that city. Yesterday Mr. Newlin received notice from the secretary of the Chamber, stating that he had been selected to represent the organization at the forthcoming National Stock-growers' convention at Denver and enclosing his credentials as a delegate.

C. C. French, who has been traveling in the interests of the Fort Worth Stock Yards, has resigned this position to accept a position with Charles L. Ware, the North Texas manager of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company here. Mr. French is thoroughly familiar with the live stock business of the state and has an extensive acquaintance among cattlemen. Charlie will keep up his "end of the string" and makes a valuable addition to the company's force in Texas.

Frank Hovenkamp of this city, of the firm of Hovenkamp & McNatt, who owns a fine herd of registered Durhams, has just returned from a trip to Missouri. Mr. Hovenkamp visited the Shorthorn breeding farms there for the purpose of buying a registered bull to put at the head of their herd, and purchased a fine individual, "Red Champion," by Champion of Maple Hill, for this purpose. The firm has a breeders' card in this issue offering full blood and grade Durham bulls, to which attention is directed.

James L. Harris, familiarly known formerly as "the tall sycamore of the Wash," and now the representative of the Union Stock Yards company of Chicago, came here on Thursday after an extended trip north and west.

While away Mr. Harris visited Sioux City, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joe, St. Louis, Chicago, and other points, and says that all the markets have shown increased receipts this year over 1896, with the possible exception of St. Louis, which market will not show much of an increase. Mr. Harris does not think the markets will average any better in price than at present for some time to come.

Lonny Horn, at one time a citizen of Texas, now an extensive cattle dealer of Colorado, arrived in the city Friday and will spend a few days mingling with some of the stock dealers in this section of the state. Mr. Horn was one of the Texas pioneers and was born in Lamar county, but spent most of his residence in Cooke county. He left the state thirty-five years ago, since which time he has been extensively engaged in cattle raising in the extreme West, making his home at Trinidad. His ranch is located in New Mexico, 160 miles west of Amarillo and is stocked with the best breed of cattle. Mr. Horn reports stock in his section in good condition, and that through the winter in excellent shape. Feed is first class and in great abundance.

George B. Loving met with a very painful accident Monday evening, a week ago, which he at first thought was only a slight injury. Mr. Loving started for Dallas and on reaching the lower end of Main street he noticed that the train for Dallas was about to start and gave chase, with the result that as he was about to board the train his feet slipped from under him and he fell at full length, striking the frozen ground forcibly on his right shoulder and arm. The muscles and ligaments of his arm were lacerated and he was confined to his bed, suffering great pain for the past week. Yesterday Mr. Loving was considerably improved, being able to be about the house, and will probably be able to partially resume his duties at his office by Friday or Saturday.

FINE HEREFORDS.

The Journal is in receipt of information that Fred Horsburgh, manager of the Espuela Land and Cattle company, whose pasture covers a large portion of Dickens, Kent, Garza and Crosby counties, has returned to the ranch after an extended trip through Missouri, where he purchased a fine bunch of registered Hereford bulls. These bulls comprise some of the best blood as well as individual excellence ever brought to the state. The yearling bunch averages over 1000 pounds. Among the bulls in this purchase are the following:

Leader 2d, bred by J. S. Brown, Darlington, Mo., calved May 17, 1896; sire, Leader 40812; dam, Duchess 8th; Leader by Morris 12879, he by Tedgar 2478. Duchess 8th is by Clinton Anxiety 35477, by Governor Simpson 19486.

Northern Centre 67676, bred by E. E. Moore, Union Grove, Mo., calved April 28, 1896; sire, Allison 47257; dam, Beauty 57035. Beauty is extra well bred, being by Prince Edward 3d, out of Gracie 41267, and both number Lord Wilton and Anxiety among their ancestors.

Gentry Wilton 8th 70900, calved March 30, 1896; bred by C. J. Colmanstock, Albany, Mo., by his famous bull, Capt. Grove 2d 51235, out of Miss Wilton 55843. Capt. Grove 2d is very fashionably bred, being by Earl Grove 4th 39716, out of Gracie 41267, by Royal Comfort 67679, calved April 19, 1896, by Allison 47257; dam, Miss Comfort 57042, bred by E. E. Moore, Union Grove, Mo.

Topsy's Prince 67083, calved March 14, 1896; bred by C. F. Kater, Grant City, Mo., by Prince G. 52408, out of Topsy 47281.

Arthur, calved April 21, 1896; bred by A. A. Berry, Calrinda, Ia.; sire, Archibald K. 54430; dam, Bloom 2d 46957; beautifully bred.

Hero 7th, calved March 3d, 1896; sire, Hero 6th 55890; dam, Minnie 40776. Both trace back to Tedgar 2478, Miss Grove 1296, Horace 4583, Lord Wilton, Heather Bell, and some of the most noted blood; bred by J. B. Chenoweth, Albany, Mo.

Major Marque, bred by A. A. Berry, Calrinda, Ia.; calved July 15, 1896; sire, Clyde 61487; dam, Marguerite 60-180, she by Bob Burdette 54583, sire, Hero 6th 55890, dam, Archibald K. 54430, out of Jenie 1st 37558.

Captain of '96, calved April 30, 1896; bred by E. E. Moore, Union Grove, Mo.; sire, Allison 47257; dam, Lady Pearl 47267. Her breeding is excellent, going back to such well known individuals as Chieftain 4516, Lord Wilton 4067, Sire Hengford 2602, Rosebud 3941, and Cheertul 3369.

Calvin 66413, calved June 5th, 1896; bred by George Gibson, Hamilton, Mo.; sire, Mason 56555; dam, Careless 43079. Mason is an Anxietul bull principally and Careless is one of the best bred cows in America.

Topet, calved March 28, 1896, bred by C. G. Comstock, Albany, Mo., by Capt. Grove 2d 51235, out of Topsy 32972; fine breeding.

Clarence 66415, calved June 3d, 1896; bred by Geo. Gibson, Hamilton, Mo.; sire, Mason 56555; dam, Careless 43079. The latter's grandparents are Rosa Stock, Boenda, Lord Derby, Ringdove, Hesiod, Ruby and Archibald.

Lord Whitehall, calved May 16, 1896; bred by C. G. Comstock, Albany, Mo., by his Capt. Grove 2d 51235, and Lady Whitehall 47465.

This is the second large purchase of registered bulls recently made, the other being the purchase made by Col. Slaughter, of which mention was made in the Journal at the time. Mr. Horsburgh now has them safely at the ranch and will feed them this winter. On his late trip to Missouri, Mr. Horsburgh had with him his friend, W. J. Todd of Maple Hill, Kan., who used to manage the best Hereford herd in America, the Early Dawn herd of Maple Hill, owned by Fowler Bros. Mr. Todd purchased some bulls for a friend, and he and Mr. Horsburgh were assisted in their selection by about the best man in America, Mr. John Gosling of St. Joe, Mo., the well known expert. Mr. Gosling lately officiated as judge in the grand sweepstakes at the Chicago Fat Stock show.

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After leaving the Reynolds Bros' ranch, I journeyed down the Clear Fork, calling on T. B. Jones, D. B. Strubling, D. McKelchan and E. S. Cook, all whom are now readers of the Journal. I took dinner with the generous-hearted E. S. Cook, who is a prosperous stock-raiser. He is grading up his cattle and ere long will have money to throw at the birds. In being told of my overcoat torn off, and several holes in my new pants. Don't mind my hide and flesh being bit and torn, so badly, it will grow up—but my clothes will not, am flat busted, no money to buy any more, and to cap it, a lady paid me a compliment that almost broke my heart. I went into a farm house to canvass for the Journal. The lady asked me to be seated; said her husband was near by and she would send for him, and doubtless he would subscribe for the paper. Before he came she said she had never in life met a man who so much resembled her husband, said we would be taken for the same man. Finally he came in, and to my astonishment and horror, he was the ugliest human I ever beheld. I never said paper to him once, but grabbed my hat and made for the buggy. Now, if that is not hell in broad doses, what is it? To-day it is sleeting and freezing. The timber is breaking under the tremendous load of snow. Terrible weather on stock and newspaper rustlers. Hoping some of the readers of the Journal will remember your scribe with a new overcoat and a pair of pants, I wish you a merry Christmas. Respectfully, C. C. POOLE.

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