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W. L. Malone
Editor and Manager.

FORT WORTH, OCTOBER 29, 1881.

OUR Colorado representative must excuse us. We couldn't help it. We'll make amends in the future.

SOME of our news this week may be a little aged, but it will all be news to those who see it for the first time.

THE STOCK JOURNAL is passable, but it isn't what we intend to make it yet. We couldn't open 30,000 pounds of material and get it all just as it should be in one week.

"PINK-RYE" has got among the horses in New Orleans. In St. Louis it has got among the cows, and is frightening the dairymen. The people of the "Future Great" take coffee without cream and abstain from milk puddings.

The prairies all over Western Texas are as green as a wheat field. Grass is good now and is still rapidly growing. We never experienced a more pleasant fall than the present season has been so far, or more favorable indications of an easy winter on stock.

MORE CATTLE will be shipped from Texas in November than in any other month of the year, provided the markets hold good. This will be something unusual, and may be accounted for by the long drought, which prevented a great many beves from growing fat during the summer—but since the late rains these cattle will take on flesh sufficient to bear shipping in November.

WE understand that for several weeks two or three hundred carloads of cattle have been awaiting shipment at Abilene and Colorado—being thus delayed for lack of cars. This unfortunate state of affairs will continue until the road is completed through to El Paso when, it is to be hoped, it will never occur again. The shipment of live stock from Western Texas will, if properly encouraged by facilities and liberal treatment on the part of the railroad company, become an important and paying traffic to the road. The company should, for the benefit of all concerned, foster this great and rapidly growing industry.

Uniform Brands.
We have but one cut for brands, for which the price is uniform. If parties desire a special cut or any change from the uniform service we render to all patrons an extra charge will be made. We can not give extra work or extra material without extra pay. Those who desire longer cuts or special cuts of any kind can get them by paying the additional cost.

Examine Your Brands.
In re-engraving and re-setting all the brands published in the JOURNAL it will not be strange if we get some of them wrong as to brands or ear-marks. We ask every man who has his brands in the paper to carefully examine the same as they now appear and notify us of any mistakes. We wish of course to have the brands correct and will cheerfully make needed changes to have them so. Examine your brands, and notify us at once of any omissions, errors, etc. By doing this our patrons will confer a favor on us and insure a prompt rectification of all mistakes.

"Governor Roberts' Texas."
The JOURNAL is indebted to the publishers, the Gilbert Book Company, St. Louis, Mo., for a copy of "Governor Roberts' Texas"—a book devoted to a description of Texas, its advantages and resources, with some account of their development, past, present and future.

The Old Alcalde says himself that the tale he has to tell is plain one—a very plain one to be written—and truly "Governor Roberts' Texas" is a plain, intelligent, intelligible and comprehensive description of the state, and is based upon material collected by the author during his forty years' residence in Texas. The book shows a brief and intelligent manner of the soil, timber, water, mineral productions of each section of this vast empire; recounts the causes of the delay in settling Texas; enumerates the liberal legislative encouragement given to immigration, production, commerce and education; and, on the whole, is the best compendium of Texas that has yet been provided for the immigrant. We are not surprised to be informed that the International Railroad has purchased 2,000 copies for gratuitous distribution at the Atlanta Exposition, for it is a valuable adjunct to the means being employed to attract public attention and immigration to this state.

"Governor Roberts' Texas" deals in no flourishes, rodomontade or drafts on the imagination; but describes succinctly the different sections—each commonwealth in itself—thus making the entire state of the Union as has been and is to be made to do.

THE MARKETS.

Very Latest from Chicago and St. Louis.

CHICAGO MARKET.

(Special Telegram to the Journal.)

Union Stock Yards, Chicago, October 28, 1881.

Cattle market active to-day; prices about the same as last week; canning demand quite brisk; run of northern range cattle quite liberal.

Good to choice fat steers \$3.75 to \$4.00
Common to medium \$3.50 to \$3.75
Inferior to fair Texas \$3.00 to \$3.25

Very fair demand for Texas sheep, and fat lots firmer; offerings are small and market good.

Good to choice Texas \$3.75 to \$4.00
Common to medium \$3.50 to \$3.75
Inferior to fair Texas \$3.00 to \$3.25

Wool.

The wool market is slow and weak at the following quotations:

Coarse ordinary tub \$1.65 to \$1.75
Good medium tub \$1.75 to \$1.85
Fine unwashed heavy fleece \$1.85 to \$1.95
Fine light fleece \$1.95 to \$2.05
Coarse unwashed heavy fleece \$2.05 to \$2.15
Fine medium \$2.15 to \$2.25
Fine washed fleece \$2.25 to \$2.35
Coarse washed fleece \$2.35 to \$2.45
Fine medium fleece \$2.45 to \$2.55

CALIFORNIA AND TERRITORY.

Lowest grades \$1.50 to \$1.60
Best grades \$1.60 to \$1.70
New Mexico unwashed \$1.70 to \$1.80
New Mexico best grades \$1.80 to \$1.90

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

(Special Telegram to the Journal.)

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, St. Louis, October 28, 1881.

Cattle market slow; prices 10 to 15 cents lower; canning demand quite fair; poor cattle very much neglected and not wanted. The daily average receipts of grass Texans for six days ending this date are 20 carloads. Run of northern range cattle liberal. The prospects for Texas grass cattle the remainder of the week is fair.

Good and choice fat steers \$3.75 to \$4.00
Common to medium \$3.50 to \$3.75
Inferior to fair Texas \$3.00 to \$3.25

Value of the Cattle Product.

Proportionately—according to the amount of capital invested—the cattle product of Texas, to say nothing of sheep and horses, yields more "clear money" to the state than any other one production. The argument in favor of factories, is, that such enterprises "keep money at home" enrich, uphold, improve and beautify the country, and that to secure them it is necessary to exempt them from taxation. And yet some of the very advocates of encouragement to factories lend their influence and use their endeavors to the restriction of the productive capacity of an industry that brings into Texas millions of dollars annually. Exempt from taxation even in order to build a factory—but plow up and kill the mesquite grass, and thus destroy the sole value of lands in the grazing region and diminish the cattle product, nearly all of which is not profit to Texas!

The record of the cattle product and export of Texas is imperfectly kept and the importance of this industry has never been accurately measured. But we know enough to make an approximate estimate of its value to the state. Nearly 255,000 head have been driven north this year on the trail via Fort Griffin. Add to this the drive via Fort Worth; the number driven from north of Griffin and this city, including the large product of the north-west and the Pan Handle; the drive across the plains; shipment by rail from Gainesville, Fort Worth, San Antonio and the numerous other shipping points all over Texas; the exports by steamer from our coast towns; and, finally, the beef consumed at home by residents, railroad builders and immigrants, and we believe the cattle product this year will foot up 450,000 head. It is a moderate estimate to say that these cattle net Texas raisers an average of \$20 per head which gives us, as the value of the cattle crop a grand total of \$9,000,000, not a dollar of which goes out of the state in the cost of production. Nine millions of dollars annually permeating all the ramifications of business, intercourse, stimulating every branch of trade and labor and promoting the general growth and prosperity! What other crop, or product, or industry, on an equal amount of invested capital, contributes so much "clear money" to the wealth of the state?

Does not this grand industry deserve the most liberal encouragement? Should its productive area be abridged in experiments that always result in failure? What can we gain by substituting the plow for the mesquite grass of the west? What shall it profit Texas to gain a few parched and withered corn fields and lose the rich crop of mesquite that grows with or without rain? What can the plow give us in return for the millions that are annually produced without cost by the native grasses of the west? Is not this subject deserving the thoughtful, unbiased, philosophic consideration of every disinterested citizen?

From Menardville, Oct. 25, 1881.

Editor Texas Live Stock Journal:

The weather for the past ten days has been cool, rainy and interspersed with rain, making the traveling for horses severe.

The grass is fine. Cattle in this section of country promise to go into winter quarters in good condition. With plenty of water and the head of the ranches, stock can utilize every acre of the range, which is ample for what is here.

Messrs. J. M. Nixon and Peter Robertson have sold their stocks of cattle to Young, Finney & Co. for a round sum. Terms, private.

Buyers are here purchasing cattle for spring delivery, are offering for steers that will be one year old next spring, \$10.00 to \$12.00 per head, paying one-half at the time the contract is made and the remainder to be paid when the yearlings are received next spring at the grower's pen.

Our court is in session at the present time, Hon. Judge A. O. Cooley presiding. A goodly number of legal gentlemen are here from abroad. There are also a few cases set down upon the criminal docket.

Our merchants, Messrs. E. V. D. Stuckem and Messrs. Lewis, are doing a fine business and will soon get rich, their profits are so small.

Trusting that you, Mr. Editor, will use your best endeavors to notify the outside world that this is no farming country, we remain thin for the right.

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\$10 Reward

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Change of Form.

In changing the form of the JOURNAL we are not prepared to indulge the exuberance we expected. We didn't make the paper big enough, in spite of the enlargement, and were compelled to leave out several columns of advertisements and brands and many more of reading matter that had been put in type. We will make the omissions good to advertisers; but that doesn't prevent us from saying, with words, "Then the engine wouldn't work, and we were forced to call on both the Democrat and Advance to do our press work—and thus the JOURNAL appears in two sheets when it should be in one. We are disgusted, and we are until we regain our equanimity and can sport becomingly over the unparalleled growth of the JOURNAL. Our brand advertisers will please overlook all mistakes, and assist us to correct them by promptly notifying us of errors.

THE Fort Worth Democrat affects to ridicule the maps in Governor Roberts' book. The Democrat is in the map business itself, and something must be allowed to business jealousies and envies.

OUR delay in issuing this week is mainly due to the broken promises of others. We are blameless for the delay, but we are awfully afraid our temper and chance for heaven is ruined.

OUR friends will find us hereafter on the northeast corner of Houston and Second, where we shall be pleased at any and all times to welcome them.

BRANDS.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS.

P. O. San Antonio, Ranches, Neches and Atascosa counties.

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FOR SALE.
Parties having any kind of stock, or those who wish to buy, will find it profitable to call on the advertiser.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.
Solid reading matter notices (no display) allowed five lines or less, one time \$1.00. Each additional insertion, a line first insertion, and all over five lines, 10 cents a line first insertion, and 5 cents a line for each additional insertion.

Mexican Goats.
Wanted, a partner with \$10,000 cash to be invested in raising goats in Mexico. I have over 80,000 acres of land on the head waters of the Sabana River district of San Antonio, Texas, about 90 miles southwest from Eagle Pass, Texas. For terms and conditions, address me, care of Messrs. Chabot, Moss & Co., San Antonio, Texas.
Oct. 24-1

Sheep for Sale.
Four hundred fat wethers, at \$2.00 per head. Address, **RUSSELL BROTHERS,** Spring Creek, Texas.
Oct. 24-1

For Sale.
I will contract to deliver one hundred or more yearlings, to be delivered April 1, 1882, on prairie, in Limestone or Dallas counties.
Oct. 24-1

Polled Cattle.
Importing Polled-Angus and Galloway cattle from Scotland in spring of next year, will take a few additional orders. References to Mr. Johnson, of the Prairie Cattle Company, Kansas City. Address, **JOHN McCULLOCH,** Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 24-1

For Sale.
Coal lands for sale, 2,000 acres underlain with twenty-four inches good coal. Address, **J. T. JOWELL,** Hampton, Texas.
Oct. 24-1

A Rare Bargain Offered.
A first-class hotel at Mason, Mason county, Texas. Headquarters for stockmen and commercial travelers. Has eight large rooms, a No. 1 stable, and necessary outbuildings attached; splendid well of water and an orchard of all kinds of fruit.
Price \$3,000.
Address, **Geo. B. LOVING,** Fort Worth, Texas, or **JAS. M. HUNTER,** Mason, Texas.
Oct. 5-10

For Sale.
I have now for sale one hundred saddle horses and two hundred A. 1 mares. Will keep on hand for sale a lot of first-grade saddle horses.
Address, **Ed. CORKRILL,** Conception, Duval County.
Oct. 13-21

For Sale.
1280 acres of fine grazing lands, situated on Bear Creek, in Parker county. Splendidly adapted for sheep, horses or cattle. Terms reasonable. Address editor of JOURNAL, or **J. S. GOWDIS,** Fort Worth, Texas.
June 21-1

Choice Bucks.
We have for sale at our farm, one and a half miles of Grapevine, Tarrant county, Texas, 80 choice Merino bucks—from \$15 to each.
Address, **McCASLAND & EXALDA,** Sept. 23-1mo Grapevine, Tex.

Chance to Make Money.
A party having fine well watered grazing lands, with facilities for making wool growing a success, solicits correspondence with those wishing to engage in the same business. Address "W." box 118, Colorado, Mitchell county, Texas. August 25-1

For Sale.
For sale at \$280,000, 5,075 acres of splendid grass and timber land on the Neeces river, under a stock proof fence with cross fences; nine miles of river front, running water year round, and lakes of permanent water back from river; about 20 miles of fencing, 200 acres in field, open for three days. For terms, etc., apply to **J. H. HILL,** Georgetown, Texas, or at office of the STOCK JOURNAL, San Antonio, Oct. 13-1

TO LEASE.
A Large Tract of Grazing Land.
17,714 acres of fine pasture land in the north-eastern portion of Throckmorton county, known as **TRAVIS COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS.**
The tract has two streams of water on it, is almost all the mesquite prairie and lies in a fine area. For particulars apply to **Z. T. FULMORE,** County Judge, Travis county, Austin, Texas.
July 21-1

A Large Lot of Sheep for Sale.
1 lot 400 ewes.
1 lot 300 ewes and wethers.
1 lot 650 ewes and lambs.
1 lot 1,000 ewes and lambs.
1 lot 1,300 ewes.
1 lot 4,000 ewes.
All the above at San Antonio and others to arrive.
CHABOT, MOSS & CO., San Antonio.
July 1-1

Wanted.
From 500 to 1,500 head of sheep. A partner is desired in the business. Address, **H. STURT,** Colorado, Texas.
Sept 24-1

Wanted—Stock Cattle.
A stock of cattle, from 3,000 to 5,000 head, located on a permanent ranch in the Pan Handle, or some extreme western county. Address, **LOCK BOX 230,** Fort Worth, Texas.
July 7-1

For Sale.
A fine lot of broke and unbroke horses and mules the best in the country. I will keep one or two hundred head on hand for sale.
H. T. CLARK, Beeville, Bee Co., Tex.
Sept 22-2ms

For Sale.
T. W. Abney, Denton, Denton county, Texas, will contract two thousand head of stock cattle for spring delivery.
Oct 6-1

For Sale—Fine Sheep.
I have for sale 680 fine graded young sheep, unclipped, at Jacksboro, Texas, in charge of Mr. T. Henderson, who will show them to all wishing to buy. Price, \$3 per head.
Oct 1-1 **J. BROWN,**

Look Out Stockmen.
17,212 acres of land in Donley county for sale. Plenty of water and grass. For terms apply at once to S. O. Moode, agent, Franklin county school lands, Mt. Vernon, Tex. aug 1-1

Wanted—Angora Goats.
Goats of a high grade of Angora blood, state number, ages, grade, how much they shear and ice to **I. N. NEWCOMB,** Llano, Texas.
Oct 1-1

ways on Hand.
An always be found at "Light," Main Plaza, Xus, where the finest wines are kept and every thing in the machine line call on him at 32 Houston street.

The Best in the Market.
The boss butchers, Kemper Bros., of Fort Worth, set none but the most meat well known and a second class article on their hooks. Selling none but the best, they desire to inform the holders of (only) first-class cattle and sheep that they are in the market to buy, and are willing to pay good prices for the right kind of an article.
Jan 18-1

Culp & Williams, the "Boss" New Saloon.
Messrs. Culp & Williams have opened a pleasure resort at Gainesville in the new building, northeast corner of the square, Saloon block. They have an entire new outfit of fixtures, and three of the latest style billiard tables, including a "Ball Pool" table and "Pin Pool" table. These tables are magnificent and of the J. M. Brunsvick & Balke manufacture. Their stock of liquors, wines, mineral waters, cigars, etc., were selected with an especial view to quality and they expect to merit and retain a good share of the trade by always selling none but strictly pure goods. They have a retinue of gentlemanly clerks who will be ever ready to concoct drinks suited to the taste of the most fastidious.
Aug 4-1

The La Clede Bar.
Under the management of the new proprietors, Messrs. G. W. Drennan & Co., is having a splendid run of trade. They have beautiful fixtures and their goods are excellent by name. We advise our friends who want a nice, cool drink these hot days to call at the La Clede and have Harry mix them just one and will insure many more visits. Next door to the Lackade Hotel, Gainesville, Texas. aug 11-1

DAVENPORT & TURNER.
Proprietors of the **CATTLE EXCHANGE SALOON.**
Still Keep a Full Line of the **BEST WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS,**
Etc., Etc., Etc.,
To be had in the market, and will continue to make their resort **THE HEADQUARTERS FOR CATTLEMEN.**
Gainesville, Texas.
Sept 20-1

A Home Enterprise.
Of the many home enterprises of our bustling city, none surpass that of Mr. E. H. Keller. His home-made buggies and spring wagons are known far and wide as inferior in durability, finish and price to none that are put on this market. Mr. Keller has built up his splendid reputation by putting together only first-class vehicles and charging therefor but a living price. His buggies and spring wagons are dainties. Call and see them at Keller's manufactory, Throckmorton street.

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SHEEP AND WOOL.

Clean Wool.

The JOURNAL has persistently urged upon wool growers the necessity for cleansing and properly preparing their product for market, in order to realize the maximum prices therefor. As an evidence of the great profit to growers in pursuing this policy uniformly, the prices realized by Messrs. Newell & Thompson, of Kinney county, are conclusive. This firm sold their fall clip at San Antonio for 27 cents, and their clip last spring for 29 cents, the price being, on each sale, the highest paid for any clip on the market. The Fort Clark News thus explains why Newell & Thompson get top prices: "Great care is taken in putting up this wool for the market. All leg and belly wool, as well as tag locks, being packed by itself, and, judging from the prices received, the growers are amply repaid for the extra trouble." The fact that one firm have commanded the highest price for two successive seasons because they properly prepared their wool for market, should be a practical proof to all that there is money in clean wool.

Texas Wool Growers.

For the information of correspondents who have inquired, we state that the annual meeting of the Texas Wool Growers Association will be held at San Antonio on the first Monday in January next. The officers of the association are H. J. Chamberlain, Dallas; Milan county, president; C. Reed, Kerrville, Kerr county, vice-president; P. J. Moss, San Antonio, secretary. John Wickland, San Antonio, treasurer.

Our Sheep Interest.

SAN ANTONIO, October 17, 1881.

The sheep interest of Texas is assuming such mammoth proportions that it is attracting the attention of capitalists all over the world.

This business, yet in its infancy, is destined to grow with each succeeding year until Texas will be the greatest wool-producing country in the world. Our great dry prairies, unfitted by nature for agricultural pursuits, are just suited to sheep-raising. No climate is too dry for their welfare.

Our sheep owners are all getting rich, which is a practical evidence that the business is a profitable one, and every year will prove that as their riches grow they will pay more attention to grading up their flocks. Our original Mexican sheep furnishes a good stock on which to cross; they have the constitution, and their crosses on the Spanish Merino sheep have made fine wool. I believe that a cross on the larger French Merino will pay a larger profit, and that they will be more hardy than range sheep; the Spanish Merino has too much grease, and the wool is too close for this country. And a cross now on the French Merino will give us more mutton, as much wool and a harder sheep. We must experiment with the different breeds until we find a sheep suited to the climate. When this is done we will have fewer diseases to contend with; there will be no lumbria.

I am satisfied that the open-wool sheep is much less liable to disease in this hot climate than any of the wool-producing breeds. We have bred for grease too long already, and as soon as our sheepmen begin to study cause and effect, they will be convinced that the more open-wool sheep they have the less disease will be in their flocks.

Some of our best breeders have found, by experience, that my idea of breeding for larger frames and more open-wool has paid them. Let others experiment and give the benefit of their experience to the sheepmen of the state, and we will soon be ahead of the world in raising fine sheep.

In all our crosses we should have an eye to making our sheep not only good wool-producers, but at the same time good for the mutton market. In a few years our mutton will be in demand at good figures, and if we can increase the size, improve the stock and make good wool-producers as we now have, no expense or care should be spared in doing so.

San Antonio is now the centre of a country which contains over three and one-half millions of sheep. In October can be doubled or quadrupled without overstocking the country. The territory west of the Pecos is yet open and must be long filled with sheep. There is room enough to furnish ranges for enough sheep to clothe the world and furnish a large supply of mutton to the meat-eaters of the East.

D. W. HINKLE.

Skin Diseases.

I know of but three causes for skin diseases in sheep in this country. First:

Scab—The books describe it correct. It is caused by the warm and dry climate. The skin has a bluish white, slightly swollen, where the itch insect is hatching. With a 30-power glass you can see the whole thing. To prevent—keep out of your herd all other sheep. To cure—plant in your old sheep lot, tobacco; cut and dry under your shed; take one-half pound to your sheep, and apply to the worst cases two or three days before dipping; on the hard spots a strong lather of soap well rubbed in, then apply the tobacco. If the wool is long, so much the better; keep the dip on the sheep ten or twelve days; don't try to get through in a short time; BE THOROUGH; plow up your old pens; don't use the same, and its done. You don't want lye, sulphur, acids, to EAT up your sheep.

Second—Let a ewe be stung on the bag in the summer when she is nursing by a wasp (I have seen some every summer) she will stand around, won't eat for two or three days, feverish, her "wool starts out," skin is healthy. Ship a lot in hot, dry time, ears too close, want water, etc.—has the same effect.

Third—Open wool, crossed up one half or more, in sandy, dirty place; dirt gets into the skin; a slight shower in August or September, just enough to wet dirt and wool; heats wool and starts skin sore.

These are all of the skin diseases I have noticed in this state. Our shepherd books are written for Germany or England. The Texas book has yet to be written.

Persons much interested in the state of sheep-raising in Australia should call on Mr. J. L. Krouse, at the

LOMBRIZ.

A Letter on the Subject from a Gillespie County Sheepman.

CHERRY SPRINGS, Oct. 10, '81.

Editor Texas Live Stock Journal:

I have been a reader of the JOURNAL for some time and I must say it is the best stock paper I have ever seen. It supplies a deficiency long felt by the stockmen of Texas.

I have been engaged in the wool growing business for the last twenty years, and note with pleasure the efforts of the JOURNAL to find some remedy for that dreadful scourge among sheep known as lumbria.

I consider a preventive as much better than a cure. It is an old but true saying that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." I think the best preventive against the disease is to keep the flock on a high elevated country, where the land abounds in shrub, rather than grass, and where the soil is poor and thin. Give them as much pure water as they require twice a day; give them plenty of salt every other day, mixed with sulphur. I have noticed that as soon as the flock becomes affected with the disease they prefer to feed on the grass in the valleys, and that valley grass has a tendency to sour the stomach, and consequently, any parasite that may be in the grass will affect the stomach more or less.

I have for the last six years been breeding a portion of my ewes so as to have my lambs come in the month of October, instead of March. I have never had a single lamb dropped in October with lumbria; but on the contrary find it pays to breed thus, in order to avoid the risk of losing my spring lambs, even if I have to feed the ewes and lambs the greater portion of the winter. Practical experience has shown me that by setting the ewes and lambs the greater portion of the winter I can shear the fall lambs, and shorn in April they yield on an average from three to four pounds of wool. I have been driven to this fall breeding in order to save my lambs, for as you are aware lumbria only affects spring lambs.

I have tried many remedies, but have never yet found anything that would affect a permanent cure. I agree with Major Hinkle, of the San Antonio department of the JOURNAL, that short range, scant grass grown on light soil, with frequent changes to shrubs, is the best preventive against the disease.

I write this hoping it may be the means of setting on express the case of some of my brother sheepmen who have had some experience in this disease. I am interested to the extent of several thousand head of fine graded Merino sheep. I am not discouraged by any of the remedies, but I expect to keep experimenting to find some remedy, and will hail the day on which some remedy is found, because it will save annually many thousands of dollars to the wool-growers of Texas.

And in conclusion, I hope to me to hope that this will provoke an extended enquiry among sheepmen and an exchange of views, because it is only by such means that we can ever hope to eliminate and eventually control the disease.

The day is not far distant when I hope to see this disease controlled or confined to certain localities, and when that day arrives, Texas will produce more wool for the capital invested than any other portion of the globe.

I am now making some experiments, and when they are fully developed, will give the JOURNAL readers the benefit of them.

H. F. KEYSER.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

By the returns of 1881 Ohio has 4,923,174 sheep.

In England the Shropshires have outdone all other sheep.

Childs & Keen sold their 2,000 pound fall clip in Hamilton county, at 23 cents.

Great Britain during the last two years has lost 2,600,000 and 1,000,000 lambs.

The quality of the wool raised in California and Oregon this year is reported 20 per cent. better than last year.

The Kendall County Wool Growers Club will hold its second annual meeting at the court-house in Boone, on the first Monday in November, 1881.

Dr. T. L. Myers of Hamilton county, Hamilton, has this out his stock of sheep to E. K. Richmond, at \$1 for ewes and \$2 for wethers. The doctor intends to embark in the sheep business again when occasion offers.

Joseph Dahn of Waco, Texas, was in Licking county, Ohio, last week, buying 1,500 head of ewes and ewe lambs. He runs three ranches in the Lone Star State, with 1,000 head of sheep on each. He is a native Prussian, a live business man, and the "golden hoof" is evidently winning him golden dollars.

At the shearing of the 7,900 head of sheep of the California ranch in La Salle county, a serious mortality is recorded among the Mexican shearers. Seventeen men died in a few days, and the remainder stamped. The cause of death is said to have been too free use of fresh nutmeg, the hands not being accustomed to it.

Depredations upon sheepmen in the southeastern portion of Travis county continue unabated. Sheep are killed frequently, sheep sheds burned, horses killed and shepherds fired at. The sheep-owners offered to make \$500 reward for the miscreants if the governor would offer a like sum, but he finds the funds this small. He has disposed so nearly exhausted that he declined to offer over \$200. One of the sheepmen says the governor said the state was too poor.

Fatten up the scrub and grade bucks now, together with all of the inferior ewes, and send them to market. Take the proceeds, and if you do not have enough to buy a pure-bred buck for each scrub displaced, purchase one good one and he will be worth more than double a half-dozen common males. The prices for choice male sheep are about \$75 to \$150 and if they were two or three times that much there would be a big profit in every one bought by farmers who had heretofore used scrubs. It would not alone give him a better income, but every scrub replaced by purely bred animals adds just that much to the wealth of the country. We are not able to half-way meet the home demand for choice mutton, to say nothing of the rapidly growing foreign call for American mutton. This improvement question is one of the greatest importance, and every farmer in the land ought to look enough of himself and his

try to give it the attention.

CONCHO COUNTY.

Report of the Association Committee Appointed to Consider Scab.

The Concho County Wool Growers Association met at Paint Rock on the 6th instant.

Meeting called to order at 2 o'clock p. m., President McGregor in the chair.

Secretary's report read and adopted.

The committee on constitution and by-laws not being ready to report, it was deferred till next meeting.

The committee appointed to consider the scab question reported as follows:

The committee recommend that the inspector be requested to appoint four deputies and divide the county into four districts, and that said deputies be requested to inspect all the herds in their respective districts, twice annually, between the 1st and 15th of July and the first and 15th of October, and that they present their report at the first meeting of the association after the said dates. That should any scabby flocks be found the owner shall be required to dip the flock at the earliest possible date, and if any flockmaster, when so notified, should refuse to dip, that the inspector proceed against him by law. That an association vat and evaporator be kept on hand with fifteen hundred pounds of any scabby flocks found the owner shall be required to dip the flock at the earliest possible date, and if any flockmaster, when so notified, should refuse to dip, that the inspector proceed against him by law. That an association vat and evaporator be kept on hand with fifteen hundred pounds of any scabby flocks found the owner shall be required to dip the flock at the earliest possible date, and if any flockmaster, when so notified, should refuse to dip, that the inspector proceed against him by law.

The committee recommend an assessment on one cent per head on sheep owned by members of the association for the purpose of carrying out the recommendation, set forth in the above.

Voted: That the report be adopted. The committee on branding (tar or paint) informed the association that they were not ready to report till the next meeting.

Voted: That the next meeting be held at Paint Rock on Saturday, the 22d instant.

G. A. COXANT, Secretary.

Goats in Mexico.

Raising goats in Mexico is done on a large scale, more capital being invested in this business than any other stock interest in that country. The states of Zacatecas, Durango, San Luis Potosi and Coahuila are the largest producers.

The food enters largely into food product, and is the meat of the poor. No part of the animal is thrown away—it is all utilized. The skins go to New York, and have been worth in Mexico, for the last twelve years, a fraction over one dollar per skin on an average. The goat yields from six to eight pounds of tallow, which is made up into candles and soap; is the light used by the poor and the rich, and the average price is about 12 cents per pound. When goats are two years old the wethers are selected and put into flocks of 1000 or 1400 head for fattening, and are kept separate about seven months. The shepherds cut the cactus, and in the morning, so the animals can reach them. Three sheep herds are generally put with an engorda, in order to supply them with food. While fattening, the goats are allowed to drink but little water.

When the ewes get too old they are made up into engordas. In order to fatten them, the rancher sells his engordas in October and November. On an average, at this time, they are worth two dollars per head, and have averaged the producer the last ten years about \$1.80 per head. They are a browsing animal, and eat but little grass. The principal slaughter-houses, or matanzas, are in San Luis, Potosi and Zacatecas, and one thousand head are killed per day in most of the large matanzas in these cities. The skins are cured and prepared for the New York market with a preparation of earth, and shipped to New York via Tampico and Matamoros. The white skins that weigh 21 pounds are the most desirable for mutton who manufacture hats at Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey and Wilmington, Delaware. They are used in shoes, book-binding and carriage-trimming. The supply in Mexico does not fill the demand for them in New York, and goats are sent to New York from Mexico, yielding to Mexico over a million dollars in gold annually. Don Antonio Zulouahe, of Zacatecas, has nearly 150,000 head, and is one of the largest producers. Goats are very hardy; have no lumbria, scab, or disease or diseases that are so fatal to sheep. They breed at seven months, and drop from one to three kids at a birth, and drop twice in fourteen months.

When the industry is better understood by our Texas stockmen, and will embark in it. Texas has points that are well adapted to the rearing of goats, but as the tallow is worth only fifty per cent. of what it is worth in Mexico and the meats cannot be sold in Texas, and as the value of the New York market for Mexican skins, which have a fixed value, which are known to commerce, with cheaper labor and lands, it will be many years before Texas will enter into rearing goats, and for many years cannot compete with Mexico.

J. W.

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Carson and Lewis House.

The Old Reliable, the Carson and Lewis House, under the management of Mr. W. J. Carson, has been thoroughly renovated, refitted and furnished, and offers clean beds, square meals and all accommodations first-class to the traveling public. Mr. Carson knows how to keep a hotel and the public will find out he uses his knowledge where it will do them the most good. The JOURNAL cordially commends the Carson and Lewis to those who visit Weatherford on pleasure or business.

April 29th

P. L. KROUSE, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER, COLORADO, TEXAS.

Special attention to building residences or ranches in the country.

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LLANO COUNTY.

Loyal Valley Engravers. Our Correspondent. Drifted Cattle from the North. "Mavericking." Etc., Etc.

HOUSE MOUNTAIN, October 11, 1881

Editor Texas Live Stock Journal:

"Oh! who has not seen the vale of Cashmere?" Such was the exclamation of a gentleman companion when, after a tedious ascent, we stood upon the summit of House Mountain and, looking off to the northwest, beheld the beautiful Loyal Valley, shut in as it was by giant hills and every side and the beautiful white granite stone houses of ranchmen dotting the valley here and there. To the south, and looking over into Gillespie county, a splendid view of which is to be had, are spread the homes of the German settlements. There is no finer improved portion of the entire state than Gillespie county. The houses are all built of stone, and the fences and barns of the same material. Almost every family of these Germans has a good barn near the house. A prettier, more quiet or more tasteful picture I have never seen than the one I am now enjoying looking from the summit of House Mountain.

Off to the west rises a chain of high hills, known as the Blue Hills of Mason county, clear out against the western sky, and extending further to the west up into Kimball county and terminating in the Staked Plains on the head of the Llano and San Sabá rivers. To the east lies Llano county, looking the picture of beauty. It has never been my privilege to behold as beautiful a scene as the one I am now enjoying, looking into three counties at the same time. It only needs the JOURNAL's poet, "Slade," to depict the scene in verse.

But from the grandeur of this scene I turn to business. The oldest settler in this vicinity, H. F. Keyser, tells me there has been no better grass for twenty years than there is here in this section this season. The grass is as green as a rye field, and the continuous rains for the last two weeks and cloudy weather are making it grow as fast as one could wish.

Among the prominent stockmen of this section are, Martin & Moseley, Charles Wingfield, Christian Keyser, H. F. Keyser, H. F. Kothmann and numerous others. These gentlemen are all patrons of the JOURNAL, and think it the best stock paper in the world.

Stock of all kinds are doing remarkably well here. I do not remember ever seeing a better crop of cattle than there are here at present. There are no doubts with regard to cattle wintering well in this section.

While on this subject of cattle and range, allow me to say that there is quite a number of cattle from the north passing this month in this part, as far south as the Gaudaloupe river. I would gladly notify all parties north who have cattle scattered through this section and further south, but there are too many of them. I have, however, mentioned a few of the brands that I have heard of: O. C. H. C. Curtis & Leonard's cattle, Matador Cattle Co.'s cattle, Hughes & Simpson's and others too numerous to mention. I am willing to be of any service to the north, and in every instance where the knowledge of such has come to me I have invariably taken steps to have the parties notified of the facts. As the JOURNAL is becoming more extensively circulated through this country, brands of the north, west and other portions of the state are becoming better known. Only a few days ago the inspector of Mason county branded a calf for the Matador Cattle Co., whose ranch is located on Peace river. Mr. Keller, the inspector of Mason, only knew the brands by being a subscriber to the JOURNAL. These stray cattle scattered over such a vast country, the cows having unbranded calves following them in the fall and winter, serve to keep up the nefarious practice of "Mavericking," and if there is one thing in Texas that stockmen ought to put down it is "Mavericking." Many a young man serving now a term in the Texas penitentiary can date the day of his downfall from the day he put his hands on a "Maverick." I do not wish to be understood as casting any insinuations against the stockmen of this section, for I have never seen a more gentlemanly community of men in any country.

But I speak of it in a general sense in Texas and everywhere the practice is allowed to be carried on. I know I am getting on unpopular ground by bringing it subject in this manner, but the practice has been going on long enough. It ought to be stopped. The time has come when the axe ought to be applied to the root of the evil, and I for one am in favor of a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together by the stockmen of the entire state, to the seal of condemnation on it as deep and black and damning, and to forever stamp it out of the stock business.

Hoping this may call out an expression of suggestions for a mode of action from stock men, I am thinking of we pass through the Golden Gate in the great state of

CAL I FORNY.

Notice to Stockmen and Farmers.

Douthitt & Posey, at Sweetwater, Nolan county, Texas, have and keep on hand a full assortment of DRY GOODS,

GROCERIES, CLOTHING,

Drugs and Ranch Supplies, which they offer to stockmen and farmers of Nolan and adjoining counties at Abilene and Fort Worth retail prices. Will take in exchange wool, hides and bones and in fact, anything the people have to dispose of.

Liberal advances made on consignments and prompt attention given to receiving and forwarding goods.

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

Condition of the General Southwest Stock Markets.

[Regular Correspondence Texas Live Stock Journal.]

UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO, ILL., October 24, 1881.

Generally speaking the present state of the markets for southwest stock may be considered fairly satisfactory to the sellers in prices, as good prices are being realized, and there is a strengthening demand for good stock of all kinds. Cattle from the Lone Star State have sold at good rates the past week, and I think that the season is too far advanced for any material break in prices, but they tend to glut the market, and frequently hinder the sale of fat cattle. The second, and perhaps most important reason is, that all of these thin cattle are worth over so much more on grass than at market, for it is quite evident that stock cattle are likely to be pretty scarce. I think it will pay well to sort out all lean cattle and keep them at home to make beef, because Texas stockmen want to hear in mind they will not be able to make good beef as fast as they are wanted, and every time a thin animal is sent to market, there is considerable waste.

Armour & Co., the great packers have increased their killing of Texas cattle from 500 to 800 daily. The cooler weather has caused the slaughterers to work to better advantage, and with smaller bills, though all of the immense packing houses are kept about the same temperature winter and summer, and the racks are always filled with ice.

CATTLE.

For "thorough" Texans, that is cattle directly from the Lone Star State, there has been a fairly active demand, and sales have been high as \$3.75. Fair to good steers have sold at \$3.35 to \$3.85 mainly, with none of any consequence under \$3 and choice fat steers are quotable at \$4.00. Cows and mixed stock \$2.40 to \$3.00, though in my dispatches to you I think I advised you to make quotations low enough to cover even the most inferior stock.

SHEEP.

With an unusually large number of southwest stock, and also large offerings of poor sheep from other quarters natives have suffered a decline since my last, some inferior Texans selling as low as \$2.25. From that sales have been made up to \$3.75. As you well know there has been as yet very little attention paid to the market qualities of the sheep in Texas, the chief end desired being wool production. That accounts for the fact that they are not very useful as butchers' stock. Taking the view that Texas stockmasters raise sheep merely for their wool, it would seem that no matter how little was finally obtained for the carcass, it ought to be considered "clean profit," and probably is. But then again, when it comes to selling them for mutton, it goes against the grain to have sheep from a fine state as Texas has proved to be, classed the very lowest on the list, and I think it a duty Texas sheepmen owe to themselves and the country generally, to give at least a share of their attention to making sheep meat.

WOOL.

In a small way a fair aggregate amount of business has been done here the past week. There is however an undertone of weakness just at present, and the markets of the country are a little "sticky."

HORSES.

Prices have declined this week and Texas horses are available at about \$4.75 to \$5.50. The decline was owing to the near approach of the busy regular season, but I think values will tend upwards as the season advances.

PONIES.

Good Texas ponies are saleable here at \$35 to \$65, but common to fair are slow at \$20 to \$40. COWCATCHER.

AUSTIN DOTS.

Marsh Worthington, one of Abilene's merchants, spent two days at the fair. B. Melusky & Son are headquarters for all stockmen wanting good suits of clothes.

Major E. Nance, one of the pioneers of Hays county, attended the fair, looking as well as ever. C. I. F.

Col. N. L. Norton, the superintendent of the Capital Fair Association, made everyone feel at home on the fair grounds.

Col. James P. Ellison, the veteran comman of Hays county, attended the fair. The colonel says he has an interest in the JC herd.

The Iron Front Saloon is headquarters for all stockmen who visit Austin when in need of something for the stomach's sake.

Hon. Woods Moore from Bastrop county has some very fine cattle at the fair; both horses and cows. His card will appear in the breeders directory of the JOURNAL next week.

R. O. Hubbard is attending the fair from Bastrop county. He sold to W. S. Carothers nineteen head of short horns at a high figure. The cattle will be sent to Carothers & Seagraves ranch in Zavala county, for breeding purposes.

Flag of Truce and Dick Stair were the only trotters that were victorious at the fair; both horses were from North Texas. Mr. Brownlee the owner of Flag, and Mr. Davis the owner of Dick, were complimented by everybody for their splendid driving.

Notice to Cattlemen in the Pan Handle. All cattlemen living in Wheeler county, Texas, and all counties attached to it for judicial purposes, are hereby notified not to move any cattle out of their respective counties without first being inspected. Anybody ready to move their cattle or sell, will please notify me on the day they will be ready, at least one week beforehand, and I will be there ready to inspect. Anyone driving cattle out of the counties named below, without being inspected, will pay themselves liable to the law. The following are the unauthorized counties attached to Wheeler county for judicial purposes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collinsworth, Donley, Gray, Greer, Hall, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Roberts. J. W. CLARK.

Inspector of Hides and Animals. J. W. HARRAH, Deputy.

Mobeetie, Wheeler county, Texas, May 29-6m.

Superior Rubber Stamps. For the best in the world of anything in the rubber stamp line, address CHARLES A. KIRK, (Lock box 22.) Fort Worth, Tex. July 14-8mo.

AN OLD TALE.

Slade Interviews a Man Who Borrows a Newspaper.

Now it came to pass in those days that there lived a man who was exceedingly stingy and mean a heap. He heaped up the goods of this world and flourished like unto a green bay tree, but behold he took not any paper neither contrived he any single sheet to be overworked printer, but he rounded up and roped mavericks and calves from the hides of his neighbors' calves with his own branding iron, and he grew opulent, dressed in purple and fine ducking and fared sumptuously every day on steak and corn bread. The printer man seeing this was grieved at heart and did weep, and he spake unto one of his disciples saying: "Go forth to this wicked man, convince him of the error of his way, teach him to cease following after false gods and to come unto me, for behold I am the way, and besides me there is no other newspaper man who knows anything. Teach him all these things and see that thou extract from his flanks a two dollar bill, for I will reward thee with it." Then went this man of wickedness unto the wicked man who took not a paper and taught him saying: "When you hear the music of my gentle voice harden not your heart, for behold I come as one sent to bring you from darkness unto light, to lead you in paths wherein thou wilt stumble not; that thou mayest grow exceedingly rich and have a fine time generally as you kick along through life, for verily I say unto thee that if thou readest carefully this JOURNAL, which I offer to thee at the reduced price of two dollars per annum, strictly in advance, and obey it in all things, that thou wilt be led in the ways of wisdom, and it will be well with thee, Selah."

Then this hard-hearted man spoke up and said: "Depart thou to hades—get thou from my presence; stand not upon the order of thy going, but see that thou goest before I let thee in the basement of this box-ted boot of a newspaper, for I will reward thee with it." Then the gentle newspaper man lifted up his voice and said: "I say here, pard'nt get cranky, for I can lick you in the twinkling of a sheep's tail," and then he waxed eloquent and continued: "Verily I say unto thee that if a man have an hundred ponies and one of them should go astray, the man will leave the ninety-and-nine that went not under the care of some responsible man and set out to seek the last equine, and will not perambulate from county to county examining the records thereof and find length he finds him he getteth upon the back of the same and rideth him into camp; but verily, verily, I say unto thee that there was more money spent in recovering that one horse than of the ninety-and-nine which went not astray, and further knowledge would I impart unto thee, which is that if the foolish man had been taking the STOCK JOURNAL he could have sat under his own vine and fig tree and read from the columns of said paper exactly what his horse had been estrayed at, and then he need not have roved over long and hot roads in search thereof, but he could have sent an hired man after the same while he stayed at home and minded the baby so that his wife could go to church."

When this cunning man opened his mouth saying, "Get thee gone, thou foolish man, for knowest thou not that I am a bad man in a little town; that I have two sets of jaw-teeth and room for more—thou idiot why should I give thee two dollars for thy infernal old paper, for does not my neighbor, John Smith, take the same, and lo! when my cattle or horses go astray may I not go and borrow his paper to look after them, and may I not read all that is in the detestable sheet by borrowing of my neighbor John Smith? I say unto thee get thee hence ere I masticate thee," and behold he did hit the printer man on the cheek, which same was exceedingly prominent. But what did the gentle printer man do? Did he turn the other cheek to him? He might, also have it bruised? Not much, Mary Ann—at least not to any alarming extent—not if the court knows herself, and she thinks she do. No, sir, he smote upon that wicked man with his fist, and he put a head upon him exceeding great and grievous to be borne, and he returned to his boss and reported progress, and the boss said unto him: "It is well. Thou hast been faithful in a few things and I will make thee doer of many things. Enter thou into my printing-room and proceed to business."

The printer man lived on awhile, for life may long be borne with-out chuck, as has been demonstrated by Dr. Tanner; but finally he was strayed to death and was carried by a whole cavalcade of angels to Abraham's bosom.

Then this wicked man who borrowed a paper said in his heart: "I am a smart man, for behold I have cattle on a thousand hills, and I get all the advantage there is to be derived from that old paper, and yet it costs me not a cent. Verily it is profitable to manage thusly." And it came to pass that Satan, who was soaring through the air seeking whom he might devour, hearing these words, fanned his wings and alighted upon a fence near by and chuckled. After picking his teeth with the spike on the end of his tail he telephoned to headquarters to have the lowest furnace heated to its utmost capacity. And it came to pass that this wicked man went out to brand mavericks, and that his pony pitched him off and broke his cussed neck. And lifting up his eyes in hell he beheld the poor printer having a grand jamboree, for near him was a spring which made ice-cold beer, from which font the printer might drink freely. And this wicked man lifted up his voice and besought Father Abraham to send the poor printer over with a glass of fresh beer, for said he, "I am as dry as a fish and this is not a good country in which to sojourn, for lo! I am tormented in these flames." But Father Abraham turned off without reply, and the printer man placed his thumb upon his nose and did wiggle his fingers at the wicked man who never subscribed for any paper but always read a borrowed copy. I know something worse than this about the borrowing fiend, but I won't tell it to thee wicked.

SLADE.

From the ranch of the undersigned in Shackelford county, six head of horses in the above brand. Any information of these horses thankfully received. Address ABNEY & POINTER, Oct. 13m Denton, Texas.

—Go to Zack's shop, the old favorite, No. 43 Main street. Four chairs; no long waiting; you are next. Don't forget Zack's barber shop.

ESTRAYS.

Parties knowing of any stray stock in the KC brand on either side of the river, or by notifying us by postal card or otherwise, DICKY BROS., Dodge City, Kansas.

Notice.—Parties knowing of stray stock in PL connected brands who will confer a favor by notifying the undersigned by postal or otherwise, DICKY BROS., Dodge City, Kansas.

[The JOURNAL publishes alternately, the estrays for the entire state.]

FAMIN COUNTY.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, 11 or 12 years old, branded DH on left hip and shoulder; 1 sorrel gray mare yearling colt.

1 roan mare, 18 years old, branded P on left shoulder; 1 two year old filly, not branded.

1 iron grey mare, 14 hands high, 7 years old, no brand.

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1 bay horse, 14 hands high, 4 years old, no brand.

1 iron grey filly, 14 hands high, 3 years old, no brand.

1 black jennet, 11 hands high, 11 or 12 years old, marked crop in the right, underbit and upper slope in the left ear, branded on the left jaw, neck and shoulder with a wrench, and on the right shoulder and thigh B Y.

1 bay horse pony, 14 hands high, 12 years old, left eye out, bald face.

1 red roan horse, 8 years old, branded J.

E on left shoulder and lame in the right shoulder.

1 bay pony mare, branded L on the right shoulder and thigh, 7 years old.

1 bay mare, branded S on the left shoulder, 15 years old, yearling filly.

1 dark bay mare, 14 hands high, 9 years old, branded with a dim brand, supposed to be C M.

1 bay mare, 15 hands high, some white on nose, 10 or 12 years old, blind in both eyes.

GONZALES COUNTY.

1 black horse mare, 14 hands high, 8 or 9 years old, branded B on the left shoulder, and S on the left jaw, shod all around.

GRAYSON COUNTY.

1 brown horse mare, 5 or 6 years old, branded on left shoulder.

1 iron grey stallion, 4 years old, branded L W on right shoulder.

1 mare pony, 8 or 9 years old, branded G on left shoulder.

1 light horse pony, 6 years old, branded A on left thigh.

1 sorrel mare, 14 hands high, 5 years old, no brand.

GRIMES COUNTY.

1 bay pony mare, 4 years old, 12 hands high, branded P Z on left shoulder.

GUADALUPE COUNTY.

1 bay mare, 8 years old, branded RAY, white spot in forehead, and unbranded.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

1 bay mare and colt, mare branded blotch brand on left shoulder, white in face; colt, no brand.

1 bay horse, 8 years old, 15 hands high, branded Q over Q on the left shoulder.

1 dark iron grey horse, 14 hands high, 6 years old, branded Q over Q on left shoulder.

1 bay mare, 8 or 9 years old, white streak in face, branded H W (connected) on left shoulder, and T on right shoulder, 15 hands high; 1 colt, no brand.

1 blue roan mare, 6 or 7 years old, 14 hands high, branded W T on left shoulder.

1 bay mare, 4 years old, 14 hands high, branded J on left shoulder.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, 6 or 7 years old, white spot on right side of neck and on right side, branded on left shoulder R W over half circle, on left thigh H L (connected) over U.

HAYS COUNTY.

1 sorrel horse, 10 years old, branded half circle over I C, over MD (connected) over 4 on left shoulder and Spanish brand on left thigh.

1 bay horse, branded S on left shoulder, and S on left thigh, and G on right thigh.

1 gray mare, 5 years old, branded — on left shoulder, and H N (connected) on left thigh.

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1 iron gray mare, branded half circle over T F combined, 7 years old; 1 iron gray yearling horse colt, no marks or brands.

HOOD COUNTY.

1 dark brown horse, 7 years old, 14 hands high, branded J R on the left shoulder, star in forehead, 2 white feet.

HOPKINS COUNTY.

1 brown horse, 9 years old, branded 22 on right shoulder, W on left shoulder, 15 hands high, has on small bell.

1 gray mare and yearling colt.

1 brown mare, branded V on left shoulder and hip, 7 years old, 13 hands high.

HUNT COUNTY.

1 gray mare, 12 years old, 15 hands high, branded P on left shoulder.

1 dark brown mare, 12 years old, 14 hands high, branded on left hip with heart, white in face.

1 bay mare, 7 or 8 years old, branded EP (connected) on left hip and shoulder, 15 hands high, large bell on; 1 2 year old yellow sorrel stud, no brand, colt of the mare.

1 3 year old bay stud, no brand, snip on nose.

1 brown pony horse, 12 hands high, 3 or 4 years old, branded on right hip.

1 brown horse, 14 hands high, 12 years old, branded on left shoulder with S S crossed, bald face, left hind leg white up to the hock.

1 gray mare, 7 years old, 15 hands high, branded G on left shoulder, had bell on, leather collar, clog on left foot.

1 red roan mare, 5 years old, 14 hands high, branded S on left shoulder, and S on left hip.

1 bay horse, 9 years old, branded on left shoulder with heart, and a dim brand on left side, and something like a star below, star in forehead, both hind feet white, 15 hands high.

JACK COUNTY.

1 bay gelding, 10 or 11 years old, 13 hands high, branded J A on left shoulder and J B (connected) on the right.

1 bay horse, 13 or 14 years old, 14 hands high, branded 32 on the left side of the neck, and blotch brand on left shoulder.

1 brown horse, 11 or 12 years old, 13 hands high, branded J H (connected) on left shoulder, and marked underbit in left ear.

KARNES COUNTY.

1 brown mare, 11 years old, 14 hands high, branded on left shoulder T V E (connected) and counter branded, and A on left thigh and V on back part of thigh, right eye out.

KAUFMAN COUNTY.

1 mouse colored horse, 6 years old, no brands perceivable.

KENDALL COUNTY.

1 gray mare, with a colt, mare is 14 hands high, 8 or 9 years old, branded on left shoulder.

1 brown mare, 3 years old, branded with the above brand.

KERR COUNTY.

1 bay gelding, 6 years old, 15 hands high, branded B on left hip, three white feet, white stripe on face.

LAMAR COUNTY.

1 yoke of oxen, one a white and yellow spotted, with yellow neck and head, branded a diamond on left hip, marked underslope in right ear, 12 or 15 years old. One a pale yellow, branded on left shoulder and hip with Spanish brand, K C on right side, un-intelligible brand on right hip and thigh, marked split and under and overbit in left ear, crop off right, 6 or 7 years old.

LAMPASAS COUNTY.

1 sorrel mare, blaze face, 15 hands high, 9 or 10 years old, branded on left shoulder.

B O H B

1 black work ox, 6 years old, marked crop and underslope in the left ear, and swallowfork in the right, branded LEH on left side and L on right hip.

1 red work ox, 6 years old, marked underslope in right ear, and swallowfork in left, branded A, half circle.

1 brown mare mule, about 14 hands high, 5 or 6 years old, branded R I E on left thigh.

1 roan horse, 5 or 6 years old, branded 52 on left shoulder.

1 yoke of oxen, one white with red head, the other brown and white, branded Q on left hip, marked crop, underbit and overbit in right ear.

Llano County.

1 flea-bitten gray mare, 3 years old, 12 hands high, has on a small bell, branded 11 T— with a half circle over the 11 and a wave in the left end of half circle, which brand is on right shoulder.

1 2-year old dun filly, about 11 hands high, no brand perceivable, has had her tail swabbed off.

1 sorrel horse, 6 or 7 years old, 14 hands high, white streak in face, saddle marked, and branded mule shoe on left shoulder and N— with bar over the N on left hip.

1 sorrel horse, 10 or 12 years old, branded B on left shoulder and hip.

1 sorrel gelding, 2 years old, and one brown gelding 2 years old, both branded — on left shoulder, and S G on left thigh.

1 gray mare, branded indescribably, and a colt unbranded.

1 brown mare, branded indescribably, but looks like a wine glass and the letter P with the bottom of the two connected, and an X under the P and glass with a bar over the X, and under the X was an I, all in proportion, with a carter's cap on the right side of the above brand, and all on right thigh, and her colt unbranded.

1 black mare branded QQ with the above marks connected on right jaw.

1 sorrel horse, about fifteen hands high, 7 or 8 years old, branded J2 with bar over it, left hind foot white, star in forehead.

1 brown mare, about 13 hands high, nicked tail, and has a small white star in forehead, J2 with bar over it on left shoulder.

1 dark bay horse, 11 or 12 years old, 14 hands high, branded S H with bar under it, on left shoulder.

Mason County.

1 steer, 4 years old, marked over half crop left and under half crop right, branded B H.

1 light brown horse, 14 hands high, 9 or 10 years old, with stripe in forehead reaching to nose, four white feet, white speck in the left eye, star on the right jaw, saddle marked, branded Y B (connected) on left shoulder.

1 sorrel gelding, 14 hands high, 6 years old, branded T F on left shoulder, star in forehead, saddle marked.

Medina County.

1 sorrel mare, 14 hands high, 5 years old, branded J H F (connected) left hind foot white, white stripes in forehead.

1 chestnut sorrel horse, 14 hands high, 9 years old, brand on left shoulder, 13 hands high, branded on left thigh Mexican brand, large seal plates, 7 years old.

Montague County.

1 sorrel mare, 8 or 9 years old, 13 hands high, branded A T on the left shoulder and left hind.

1 bay horse, 2 years old, 13 hands high, no brand, star in forehead.

1 bay mare, 12 or 14 years old, 14 hands high, branded on left shoulder T S under — and H W (connected) under T S, and S G under H W, and very poor.

Montgomery County.

1 black horse, 15 hands high, 16 years old, branded R B on left shoulder, both ears goched.

1 sorrel horse, 8 years old, 14 hands high, branded E D on left shoulder.

1 bay horse, 13 hands high, 4 years old, branded E D on left shoulder.

1 sorrel horse, 5 or 6 years old, 14 hands high, blaze face.

1 iron gray mare, 14 hands high, 14 hands high, branded T U on left shoulder, K on the left thigh, A I X on right shoulder.

1 iron gray mare, black mane and tail, 14 hands high, branded H R (connected) on right shoulder, 7 years old, one black colt, 2 years old, no brand.

1 roan mare, 3 or 4 years old, 14 hands high, branded M O S on left thigh.

1 yellow mare, 4 or 5 years old, 14 hands high, branded Y K Y with bar beneath.

1 black mare, 15 hands high, 7 or 8 years old, no brand.

1 sorrel mare mule, 13 hands high, 5 years old, branded H J on right shoulder.

1 brown mare mule, 12 hands high, T J A R (connected) on left thigh, blotch brand on left shoulder, left ear cropped, harness and saddle marks, 20 years old.

1 brown horse, 3 years old, no brand.

Robertson County.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, 9 years old, branded C on the left shoulder, streak down the face, right hind foot white, knot on ankle of right forefoot.

1 bay mare, 14 hands high, no brand, 15 years old.

1 bay horse, 15 hands high, branded H on left shoulder, shod all around, 10 years old.

1 brown horse, 15 hands high, 15 years old, branded H on left shoulder, snip on nose, shod all around, both hind feet white, streak in face, some harness marks on shoulder.

Smith County.

1 light bay mare, 14 hands high, 4 years old, a dim blaze in the face, left hind foot white, no other marks or brands perceivable.

1 black jennet, 12 years old, 13 hands high, Spanish brand on right shoulder.

1 red roan mare, blaze face, 14 hands high, 7 or 8 years old, branded L on left shoulder, small star on right fore leg below the knee, some appearance of gear marks.

BRANDS.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

A. J. ADDINGTON.

Postoffice, Steel's Bend, Cooke county, Texas. Ranch, Walnut Bayou, Chickasaw Nation. Horse brand over A under bar.

Also above brand on either side of hip, in various marks.

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BRANCH OFFICE STOCK JOURNAL,
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Horns and Hoofs.

N. Leal & Co. have in their yards 100 head of high-grade Angora goats for sale. They are beautiful.

Mules are in demand for Eastern markets. Buyers from Missouri and other Western states take all offered.

Colonel John King, Bee county, is here attending the Federal court. He is having lots of fun with his old acquaintances.

The Western Texas Chronicle, Floresville, Wilson county, a sprightly sheet devoted to the interest of West Texas, is among the new papers on our list.

Bill Hennessee, the live stock agent of the International & Great Northern railroad from the west, reports stock interest booming. Everybody happy except the "canaries."

J. C. Campbell & Son publish their commission card in the JOURNAL. They are prepared to handle all kinds of live stock, also to sell and negotiate sales of land, ranches, etc.

John Fitzpatrick Tilden, McMullen county, called and subscribed for the JOURNAL. He thinks all sheepmen should read it. His flocks are as good as any, and he has no disease among his sheep.

Rufe Holland, McMullen county, is in the city. He reports fine range in his county, and says no she cattle can be bought. Steers worth \$10, \$12 50 and \$15, and no one will contract at these prices.

Reports from the lower Rio Grande say the country in Mexico is suffering for rain. Water for stock is very scarce. Cattle are scarce and high. Buyers are coming back discouraged, having failed to get cattle.

Alonzo Millett and W. C. Irvin came in from the West. They report fine rains and stock doing well. Irvin has now 4000 head of cattle in his pasture. They could not get a head in the city. Our hotels were too crowded.

H. Gerfers, whose flocks of sheep were badly damaged by lomber, says his sheep are now healthy. He says he cured them, but I believe the change of water cured them. He used salt and turpentine, and says that stopped the disease.

Captain Oglesby brought in three prisoners arrested for the murder of McCoy. This is the last of the Wright party. Captain Oglesby, with his command, could not arrest all desperadoes in this country. The day of the six-shooter has gone.

V. F. Inskeep, Gillespie county, is here with his wool. He reports the sheep interest flourishing in his county. No disease of any kind. He has usually carried his wool to Austin, but has changed it to San Antonio because this is a larger market.

John G. Taylor, Denison, is in the city looking into the prospects of the buck trade next year. He and "Shen Taylor," his father, have been in the habit of furnishing to our sheepmen the best bucks brought to this country. They are believers in New York Merinos.

O. Ellis, a prominent sheep owner of Uvalde county, paid us a flying visit. Mr. E. reports fine range, plenty of rain and sheep doing well. He owns 20,000 acres of good grass land, and intends to stock it with cattle and sheep. He will buy one or two thousand head of cattle soon.

The goat business is on a big boom. "Parish," of Angora fame, "Ed Rose," the big breeder of grades, "Goaty McKusick"—all feel that they have struck oil, and will soon equal some of the big oil men in their money days. Everybody bleats, and everybody feels goatish; and, as the weather gets colder, everybody wants mohair.

Byron Von Raub, Bexar county, publishes his card in our breeders' directory. He is the owner of the great pony ranch in Texas, and his is the biggest institution of the smallest horses in the world. Ponies, spotted Arab ponies and Hereford cattle are the principal features of the ranch. Every child will be hunting for this ranch.

M. Hilliard, St. Louis, is here on his way to the pasture of Buzard & Hilliard in Zavalla county. They are both new men in this country, and have invested largely in cattle and sheep. They are welcome immigrants. West Texas need that class, and will lend a helping hand to all who come to go to stock-raising.

J. D. Reed has just returned from a hurried trip through Bee and Goliad counties. Reports range fine and cattle fat. He leaves for his home in Fort Worth, and will join Frank Byler, who has gone to the Fort on business. They have bought 15,000 one, two and three year-old steers for the spring drive, to be ranched in North Texas. They do not go to Kansas.

M. S. Culver has returned to our city to stay some time. He is a partner in the firm of Leal & Co., live stock commission men here. Mr. Culver is a rustler, and a first-class business man in any country. He will make money anywhere, and the many friends he has in this country are glad to see him back. He will add a new impetus to our already large and thriving horse trade.

Dr. G. B. Johnston, who moved here a short time ago through the influence of the JOURNAL, has bought a fine ranch and 1000 head of cattle in Rio Canon. He will buy more cattle at once. He says tell everybody that he, an old Missourian, says we are right when we say this is no farming country. No man can make money by farming in this country. He says it is the best stock country in the world.

Nearly all the beves in this country have been bought by John Mathis of Victoria and Colonel T. M. Coleman of the Coleman & Fulton Pasture Company. These are long-headed men, and will make a bushel basketful of money out of their trades. There is more money in beef-steers at \$22 50, than there is in yearlings at \$10 to \$12. Somebody will have to eat high-priced beef between now and the 1st of May.

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Messrs. D. & A. Openheimer suffered considerable loss from fire and water on the night of the 17th.

Reports from all parts of the country are cheering—fine rains, plenty of water and splendid grass. Stock of all kind fat.

The army worm has destroyed a large amount of grass in the northern edge of Wilson and southern edge of Bexar county.

R. M. Myers, Wilson county, sold a fine lot of mares for \$15 per head. He says he will be here soon with a lot of extra broke horses.

M. Zarazoa, Wilson county, sold a bunch of good mares. He is a regular driver to this market, and his stock always brings big prices.

Reports from Austin say the attendance at the fair is very small. The wet weather kept many visitors away. Very few stockmen there.

A fine lot of 90 cows and heaves are on the market from Victoria. They are good butcher stock. Free Green brought them up and sold them at \$21 50.

Rain, rain! We have had a week of rainy, muddy weather. A good, hard, root-soaking rain would do a great deal of good now, to fill up all the water-holes.

George Maples, Live Oak county, is here with a small lot of cattle. He reports fat cattle and good grass in his county. Foster & Clark have the selling of the cattle.

W. D. Parrish, Leon Springs, Bexar county, has his card in our breeders' directory. His is the best "Angora goat" ranch in the South. His stock are equal to any in the United States. He is an importer and breeder.

Captain Nevill of the frontier troops, called to pay his respects to the JOURNAL. He reports the country about Fort Davis quiet. He says Presidio is a fine stock country. We send him the JOURNAL gratis, to be used to find stolen cattle.

Cal Mayfield is here with as fine a lot of 33 head of mules as can be found in Texas. They are from Karnes county, and will compare favorably with any Missouri or Kentucky stock. Smith & Redmon have them for sale.

Peter Shiner, one of the old Texas land-locks, died this morning (29th). He was one of the oldest cattlemen in the state, and always advocated South-west Texas as a cattle country. His sons, Joe, Charley and Henry, are prominent stockmen.

Captain Dick Jordan sold his clip of wool at extreme outside figures this week. The clip was put up in splendid shape and was one of the best handled clips brought to this market. This sale proves that it pays big money to have clean wool and put it in neat packages.

The fair commences here on the 1st day of November. We hope to see a good display of fine stock. All Texas is interested in developing the stock interest. We shall do all in our power to aid all the live stock men who visit the city, and request all visitors who are interested in stock to call at our office.

Contracts are still being made for young cattle for the drive, but most of the contracts are very indefinite. The buyer obliges himself to take all offerings at the top market price. Yearlings are contracted at \$10 and up; two \$12 50 and up; three \$15 with an almost certainty of a further advance. In fact, but few contracts can be made at the above figures. The large purchase of beef-steers by John Mathis and the Coleman & Fulton Packing Company must cause an advance in that class of stock. They now own nearly all of the beves in Southwest Texas.

Our local butcher trade feels the advance, and the demand for extra fat cattle is good at strong quotation prices. We quote:

Pat Cows.....\$13 50/25
Beef Cows.....\$12 50/25

Cattle Market.
The market has assumed a much brighter look than it has shown for the past few weeks. Broke horses are in good demand, and stocks being ample; the number sold has been large. Mares are in decidedly better demand, and good stock sell readily at quotations. Cheap stuff of both horses and mares are not in demand at any price. Mules are in strong demand, and sell readily at strong quotations. The offerings this week have been good, both as to quantity and quality, with ready sales of everything. We quote:

Broke cow horses.....\$20 16
Broke cow horses.....\$18 16
Mares good shippers.....\$20 16
Mares common shippers.....\$18 16

Horse Market.
The market has been dull for stock sheep. But little inquiry and no special desire to sell, has made the market very flat. Transactions have been small. In mutton sheep there has been a decidedly better feeling. The inquiry for good stock shows a tendency to an early advance in prices for that class of stock. The offerings are good and the supply seems ample for any emergency:

800 mutton.....\$1 75/20 00
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Sheep Market.
While there has been no actual decline East in the wool market, buyers here insist on a small concession, and prices here suffered a slight decline. This is entirely local and cannot last if the Eastern markets keep up their present prices.

There is no cause for a decline in wool. The Eastern markets are all good, and nothing but a stringency in money centres can force wool down. Range of prices 23c to —. We quote clips sold:

Kelley, Truade.....23c
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BRANDS.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

D. T. BEALS.



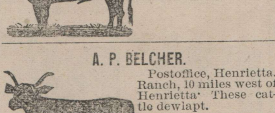
Postoffice, Wheeler, Potter county, (Pan Handle), Ranch, same as address. Horse brand same as above brands. Cattle also A with bar over, V with bar under, X with bar under on left side or hip, in various marks.

BELCHER & EASLEY.



Postoffice, Henrietta, Ranch, 10 miles west of Henrietta, Clay county. This brand in various marks. Horse brand G on left shoulder. Cattle also branded.

T. J. BELCHER.



Postoffice, Sherman, Ranch, on Little Wichita, Clay county. This used as road brand. Horse brand same.

A. P. BELCHER.



Postoffice, Henrietta, Ranch, 10 miles west of Henrietta. These cattle dewlap.

JRO. H. BELCHER.



Above cattle dewlap. Postoffice, Gainesville, Ranch, Beaver Creek, Montague county. These cattle all steers, one lot from 4 to 6 years, the other 7 years old. All of each brand have various marks and brands. Horse brand U left hip.

BAREFOOT & BRYANT.



Postoffice, Montague, Ranch, on Red River, in Montague county.

BUTLER, COLLINS & PRESTON.



Postoffice, Cambridge, Clay county, same as East Fork Little Wichita River. All cattle have O on right side. Horse brand triangle bar on left hip.

S. L. BALL.



Postoffice, Cambridge, Clay county, Ranch, Little Wichita River.

S. B. BURNETT.



Postoffice, Fort Worth, Ranch, Buffalo Head Creek, Wichita county. Great many cattle branded as on cut have various marks and other brands. Horses branded as on cut have underbit left ear.

P. M. BURNETT.



Postoffice, Henrietta, Ranch, with S. B. Burnett.

T. H. BURNETT.



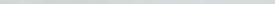
Postoffice, Henrietta, Ranch, head of West Fork, Archer county. These have various marks and brands. Horse brand T on left shoulder.

H. C. BABR.



Postoffice, Henrietta, Ranch, Big Wichita, Wichita county. Horse brand same on left thigh.

O. J. Baker.



Postoffice, Henrietta, Ranch, North Fork, Archer county. Horse brand 7 on left hip. Cattle also branded.

G. H. Brandt.

Postoffice, Oita, Cattle county, Ranch, North Wichita. Some cattle have only 4D on the side and cross on hip in various marks. Horse brand cross 31 cross on left thigh.

W. R. CURTIS.

Postoffice, Cambridge, Ranches, Buck Creek, Pan Handle and Good Creek, Harde man county. Also crop right, sharp left, branded 2 on left hip, side and jaw. Horse brand D K right shoulder.

C. C. CANNON.



Postoffice, Seymour, Ranch, north Wichita, Dickens county. Also same marks with brand only. Horse brand same as the side brand on left thigh.

L. S. CARTER.



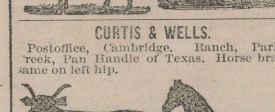
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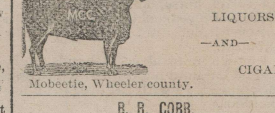
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CURTIS & WELLS.



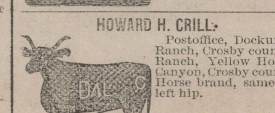
Postoffice, Cambridge, Ranch, Parker Creek, Pan Handle of Texas. Horse brand same on left hip.

C. L. CARTER.



Postoffice, Palo Pinto, Ranch, postoffice, Teepee, Motley county, Ranch, north Wichita, Dickens county.

CLARK & PENDLETON.



GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, LIQUORS, AND—CIGARS.

B. R. COBB.



Postoffice, Archer City, Ranch, head of West Oak Creek, Clay county. Horse brand also branded.

HOWARD H. CRILL.



Postoffice, Dockum's Ranch, Crosby county, Ranch, Yellow House Canyon, Crosby county. Horse brand, same on left hip.

A. CRILL.



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GAS or API.



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DITTO & PEVELER.



Postoffice, Teepee City, Motley county, Ranch, north Wichita, Dickens county. Horse brand same as on cut left hip. Cattle also branded.

RAT.



Postoffice, Teepee City, Motley county, Ranch, north Wichita, Dickens county. Horse brand same as on cut left hip. Cattle also branded.

E. DEEPE.

Postoffice, Teepee City, Motley county, Ranch, north Wichita, Dickens county. Horse brand same as on cut left hip. Cattle also branded.

J. M. DAWSON.

Postoffice, Fort Worth, Ranch, Buffalo Head Creek, Wichita county. Great many cattle branded as on cut have various marks and other brands. Horses branded as on cut have underbit left ear.

JOHN FARRAR.

Postoffice, Seymour, Ranch, north Wichita, Dickens county. Horse brand connected on left hip.

G. H. GOWAN.

Postoffice, Secret Springs, Clay county, Ranch on Buffalo Creek, Clay county. Horse brand U D on left shoulder.