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## THE FARM.

Neglect is the parent of waste.

Make head save heels and hands.

Pay debts first and let improvements wait.

Industry, economy, and faith in the future is the doctrine for hard times.

You should have mowed weedy pastures September 1, but golden rod and other pests have not yet ripened seed, and the mower will still do much good.

Your hired man who takes an interest in the business is worth keeping, even if you need to increase operations a little just to keep him busy the year around.

Make the country home just as pleasant as it can be made. You will be better satisfied yourself, and the children will not be half as apt to leave the old homestead.

If you want the smaller children to have a crop of their own to look after, in which they will be sure to take an interest, and which usually pays a good profit, let them plant some popcorn.

The soil is the farmer's banking capital. Therefore never allow it to be impaired. Plan a system of rotation, including peas and clover, and make your land grow better from year to year.

The Liverpool Crop Trade News estimates this year's wheat crop to be 88,000,000 bushels less than last year. The estimate includes a crop in Argentina 40,000,000 larger than last year. The Argentine crop has little more than gotten a start yet.

So far as the grain is concerned, the corn crop permits us more leisure in harvesting than does any other crop which we grow; but if we intend to save the fodder we must cut it when it is just right, and that is when the leaves are neither green nor brown.

Stacking hay out of doors is not good economy in any conditions, as more or less of it is always damaged by exposure, and the amount lost in this way would more than repay the interest upon the cost of mow room required to store it. Even a temporary board roof will pay.

The man who grows general purpose cattle usually sees his steers sold a notch or two below the top of the market, and his heifers below the prices of well-bred dairy cows. We should think there was not much satisfaction in this. If one does succeed in the aim to produce a general purpose animal.

Where muscular strength is the object in feeding, regular salting improves health and vigor. On the other hand, fattening cattle should have only as much salt as will keep up their appetite for food. If given too freely, it overcomes their sluggishness; but the more inclined to rest they are the more rapidly will they accumulate weight of flesh.

The addition of salt to the ordinary food of animals does not increase the digestibility of the substances consumed, but it increases appetite, promotes repair of tissue by its searching diffusion through the body, and stimulates the rapid using up of the products. It increases muscular vigor and activity, and improves appearance and condition.

Prof. Latta, of Purdue, Indiana, University, figures it this way: There are 1,000,000 square miles of farms in the United States. Statistics show that had roads cost an average of 77 cents an acre each year, or \$500 for each square mile, or \$500,000,000 for the whole country. This is a pretty heavy tax for bad roads one year. Ten years of this tax would put four miles of good steel graded road around every square mile of the farming area.

It is said that pumpkins are a "stolen crop." Some farmers think there is nothing gained by raising pumpkins among corn, because they appropriate a part of the fertility of the soil, and thereby lessen the value of the corn more than the worth of the pumpkins. This may be the case where the land is too poor to supply nourishment enough for the corn, and where the pumpkins if planted among it would be smaller than a man's head; but such land should never be planted with corn, east or west, for no matter how thorough the tillage may be, a raising crop can not be raised.—Ohio Farmer.

We never could understand why the farmer, who is generally so intelligent on all matters pertaining to his business, and who is fully acquainted with the profits and losses of every branch, should be so shy of poultry. He will admit they are nice to keep around, rather suitable on a farm, but there is no money in their keeping as a business. Will the farmer stop and think? Is there a family in this country that does not, at least once a week, use either eggs or poultry meat on the table? And are there not as many families that use eggs daily in their kitchens as do not? Then what does that mean? Does it not make sense that they are? And is there not money enough in it staple article at fifty per cent profit?

If farmers will think well of this and, instead of deriding poultry culture as a business, will seriously consider the question, we believe they will open their eyes to the importance of the matter. The common excuse has been that they can not get much for eggs in their locality, and they are compelled to take trade instead of cash for them. While that may be true of the local market, it is a fact that those farmers who have studied the markets find it to their advantage to ship to the nearest city. The

marks used by the writer of these notes first in eighty miles from the farm; of course the shipments are made by rail. Any good market within one hundred miles, that is supplied with good railway facilities, is worth catering to. So if the farmer will get down to business methods aim to produce the desirable stock when keep in touch with the market requirements he will make a success of it.

## S. J. VAN RAUB'S EXPERIENCE WITH JOHNSON GRASS.

Van Raub, Tex. Sept. 26, 1896. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: Referring to an article on Johnson grass in one of your late issues, I think it may be interesting to many of your readers to give my experience with this grass killing nuisance. My father, Col. B. H. Van Raub, who was one of the first victims in this section of Texas, planted a spot of four acres in 1882 on his ranch in the Leon Valley about three miles southwest of Van Raub. He selected four acres in the center of his large field, and said to his sons and farm hands at the time, "now boys, though the expense will be heavy, we will plant corn on the south and west sides and oats and small grain on the north and east sides. He also stated Johnson grass is the crop for Texas, as Texas farmers as a rule are inclined to and Johnson grass is certainly the lazy man's crop. The first year the old gentleman became somewhat discouraged, as the new money making crop did not pan out according to his expectations. It was a bad stand, very thin and sorry-looking crop. The second spring, however, he was more encouraged. It began "to show up," and from that time on it has "showed up," in all those words simply; it not only covered the four acres but struck out on all sides and soon covered the entire field, then not being satisfied with the field, it headed its course up the creek for about three miles when it came to the forks. Then the column divided, one section marching up the main branch and the other column went up the west prong of the creek, taking farm after farm until it has covered much of the tillable lands in three counties, and from last accounts is still "marching on," and my experience with Johnson grass is a traveler, unnatural, and contrary to the laws of nature, for it will travel or spread faster going up a stream than it will down the stream. The third year my father began to realize the unpleasant fact that Johnson grass had a "reach" on the creek ranch. It has since captured the entire large field, but two smaller fields half a mile distant. It got into our potato and watermelon patch and even ruined our fine garden near the house, and from this time on to the present, we have been waging a war of extermination on Johnson grass, and we are prepared to make an unconditional surrender. We throw up the sponge and go out and hunt ducks. The first assault we made on the grass was to plough it up during the hot weather in summer time. We ploughed it over several times and concluded the roots were all killed; but, alas, the next spring the Johnson grass was as green and cheerful as ever, in fact, the ploughing was just the thing it needed to make it more vigorous. Then we tried ploughing in the winter; this also seemed to encourage its growth. We then tried ploughing with the oats in the fields; this also proved no good. We then turned the fields out to grazing, and after eight years of close pasturing many of them dry seasons, we concluded we had exterminated the pest, and ploughed the fields and planted corn. About the time the corn came up we did the Johnson grass and within three weeks our corn fields resembled fields of sown oats. Then as a last experiment to down the grass, we purchased a lot of stock hogs and put them in the fields with the injunction "root hog or die," you will get no other diet but Johnson grass, thinking their greed for food they would clean the fields of the pest. Well, the result was the hogs did thrive. They did well, multiplied, and so did the Johnson grass. We have now come to the conclusion that the pest has come to stay with us forever, as is apt to be the case with those who are cursed with Johnson grass is to hang out a sign on the front gate, "This farm is for sale." Sell out and move to your wife's kin, and let the other man walk the floor.

CRIMSON CLOVER. Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 28. Editor Stock and Farm Journal: The value of crimson clover for the purpose of a fertilizer crop is the chief subject of thought at this time by farmers in many states. Reports received from all parts of Michigan show that crimson clover passed the winter well, and is a large crop of hay and seed. Crimson clover is a native of Italy and other parts of Southern Europe. It is not entirely new to this country, but only recently begun to attract attention. Crimson clover is an annual and must be sown in its proper season. This extends from the first of August until the last of November. The seed germinates very quickly and grows very rapidly and makes a good fall and winter pasture. It seems to flourish in all soils, and is apparently more hardy than the common red clover, and stands the drought better. It yields 2 to 3 tons of hay and 4 to 10 bushels of seed to the acre. It is also a valuable bee plant, the honey being very white and of excellent quality; but its greatest value lies in its ability to store up plant food and at the same time send down its deep feeding roots far into the subsoil to gather and bring to the surface elements of fertility that would otherwise be lost. Early in May the flower appears and the field changes from a deep green to a brilliant crimson, making a sight to behold and to remember. Its great beauty surpasses anything ever seen in a field crop. Every farmer should sow a field crop of crimson clover and every lady that loves beautiful flowers should at least scatter a few seeds in her flower garden. If any of the readers of the Stock and Farm Journal would like to test a little crimson clover seed, will send a trial package by mail for a couple of stamps for postage. L. STAPLES, Grand Rapids, Mich., Box 503.

## CATTLE.

There were 58,907 Texas cattle marketed in Chicago during the month of September. This includes those from both above and below the quarantine.

Receipts of calves at Chicago for the first nine months of this year, 117,314, and shipments, 4,490, against 141,847 receipts and 1,933 shipped the corresponding period of 1895.

According to the report by the Kansas City Stock Yards Company, there have been taken to the country this year for stockers and feeders 238,652 head of cattle, a gain over the same period of 1895 of 591 head.

Heavy shipments and drives of cattle are being made from the northern ranges of Arizona. The range is said to be in fine condition, but the ranchmen are complaining to longer endure the ravages of the quinine, and are closing out at whatever they can get.

Kansas City received and handled 230,000 cattle during the month of September. The Drovers' Telegram says they were cared for about as follows: Bought and shipped to the States, 100,000; by outside killers, exporters and a handful of first-hand shippers, 25,000, leaving a few unsold on the 30th.

In a test to see how much of any one kind of feed would eat in a day, the dairy herd at the Phoenix stock station given all they would consume of a single food. The largest quantity of cotton seed meal eaten by any one cow was fourteen pounds; of corn meal, twenty-two pounds; of corn and cotton seed meal mixed half and half, twenty-eight pounds.

The Kansas City Packer suggests that the active demand for cattle for stock and feeding purposes shows that there is money for investment other than at the money centers, where cattle paper can be placed in limited amounts. Where there is a demand for cattle, and the cattle feeders having the will appear to have found the money with which to make purchases.

The Southeastern Stockman of Phoenix, Arizona, says the "Turkey Track" company (which has been in the country, is preparing to drive a large bunch of range cattle to Texas. The cattle will soon be rounded up and started on their long journey. Several of the well known cowboys of that community will accompany the herd. D. H. Snyder, of Georgetown, Texas, is part owner and general manager.

The National Live Stock Reporter of the 5th inst. says J. P. Newman, of Sweetwater, Nolan county, Texas, marketed 42 head 1,995 pound steers sold to Kansas City Stock Yards, for \$3.50 a head. Choice 1,009 pound white-faced grassers sold to Swift & Co., at \$3.85. The same paper is also authority for the statement that S. F. Wooding, Belcher, Texas, marketed 23-head 1,022 pound steers at \$3.40, and 46 head 1,065 pound average at \$3.10, bought by Swift & Co.

The Phoenix (Arizona) Stockman says: "Information reaches us from Globe that J. N. Porter, the big Graham county cattleman, has purchased 250 head of the W—cattle of Gila county, for immediate shipment; where to, our informant does not state." Mr. Porter is an old time Texan, who spent his boyhood at Weatherford and was afterwards a well to do stockman and banker of Hillsboro. "Newt," as we use to call him, always was a good, wide-awake, energetic business man. His many friends in Texas will be glad to know that Mr. Porter is an influential, prosperous citizen of Arizona, where he now lives.

The law of supply and demand, says the Drovers' Journal, seems to be doing business at the old stand here. The prices for cattle of good quality are higher than for any other kind of live stock or farm product, with supplies very small—no more than half as large as in former years at this season. Prices for hogs and sheep are close to the lowest points, with the supplies the largest ever recorded; that is, hog receipts have been the largest ever known for this season, while the past week's receipts of sheep have been the largest on record.

J. W. ("Bud") Driskill was here today from Spearfish, South Dakota, with a trainload of cattle. He says cattle this season have been in poorer flesh than usual, being 60 to 75 pounds per head lighter than in average seasons. He reports winter grass short on ranges around his part of the country at the head of Little Missouri river. The Amarillo Champion thinks that the trouble with so many men who go into the cattle business is that they are of the opinion that nothing can be made unless they have a big ranch stocked with a big lot of cattle. So firmly rooted and grounded are they in this idea that men go into debt to buy up a big bunch of scrub-cattle with which to start a ranch, and then commence the battle of hard work and harder pinching to keep up the interest and pay expenses. It is a hard way to go, and many men have many cattle die from neglect and disease, and as a result of these losses they are closed out by their creditors, or sell out in self-defense after a few years of hard labor and struggle to make both ends meet. This thing is constantly going on all over the state. Men seem to forget that a big ranch means big expenses and small profits, if any, are made these days, when the market demand is for well graded and well fed cattle. The sooner stockmen realize that more clear money can be made from the sale of a few good, blocky beef steers than from the sale of double the number of common scrub stock which have had nothing but scrub care, the better it will be for the cattle industry in Texas and the fewer failures in this line.

Alfalfa feeding in the Salt river valley, Arizona, has developed into a large and successful business. Referring to

this a late number of the Phoenix Stockman says: "Cattle from the northern ranges are coming into the valley to be placed on pasture in considerable numbers. The outlook for good prices on the California market for the excellent quality of beef turned off the alfalfa bids fair, and the farmers who have plenty of pasture and hay intend to take advantage of marketing these products of the farm on foot. It is also probable that cattle from the southern range will be brought in for this purpose in increased numbers over those of past years.

Discussing the profit in the production of beef, an exchange says the evidence daily becomes stronger that it is not only by the most skillful feeding, and to the best types of animals, that even market prices of feeding stuffs, low as they are, can be realized, and that prices only are secured when the cattle are capable of carrying first place in the market, and of the myriads marketed but few sell at top prices. Those that do bring such prices are of the kind that produce meat at the minimum cost, and if they sow no profit it may be conceded that the chances for getting out of the market with ordinary animals, ordinarily fed and shipped, at long distances, are exceedingly slim. But at long distances from market feeding stuffs are very cheap, and it is better to feed them at home and retain on the farm their manurial value. There is no profit in the greater extent of disposal, but there is the greater advantage in getting the products of the farm in the most condensed form than in bulk.

Under the heading of the "Season's Cattle Supply," a recent number of the Drovers' Journal contained a few timely suggestions which, if judiciously reproduced, the article referred to reads as follows:

"In the ordinary course of events it would be safe to predict exceptionally low prices for cattle to follow this year's 2,500,000,000 bushel crop of corn, but it should not be forgotten that we had 'corn to burn' last fall also, and that as a result our cattle stocks were seriously depleted to fill the feed lots twelve months ago. Big and little, old and young, cows, heifers, and steers, were rounded up and fed off to help make the greater crop of 1896. Hence, it does not seem possible that there can be any such aggregate of stock put on feed this fall as will break the bottom out of prices for prime beef next spring. Every available animal will of course be pressed into service again this winter, but the supply is surely not such as to unduly depress prices. It is probable that the professional feeder who has to bid up lively to get such stock is not quite so rosy. The farmer who has used good bulls and stayed by his herd of good cows now has his 'inning.'

## DEFENDING HEREFORDS.

Editor Stock and Farm Journal: I notice from your paper occasionally some one claims the Hereford cattle too small, but admit their superiority as a rustler on the range of any of the beef breeds. I beg leave to differ for immediate reply, and I agree with them as to rustling qualities. I am inclined to think such opinions are formed from the use of inferior bulls, and perhaps from bulls sired by half-bred, and inbreeding too much, perhaps.

My experience is that they are not only good rustlers, but good sires, and fine feeders; will give you weights of steers raised and fattened on the range that averaged 1,100 to 1,300 pounds on the market, and a fine herd that will be on exhibition and for sale at the Dallas Stock Yards, and J. B. Kard, Hereford, has a fine herd of Herefords. One 2-year-old bred steer weighed 1,825 pounds last Saturday, gaining 70 pounds in fourteen days. I presume he is the largest steer of any breed of his age Texas ever produced. A yearling registered bull, 1,800 pounds, better looking, 140 pounds heavier, better looking, 140 pounds heavier calves 800 to 900 pounds. It seems to me that the above weights are good enough for any one. W. S. IKARD.

## "BIG FOUR" NONSENSE.

Commenting on a timely and well written article on the "Big Four" that recently appeared in the National Live Stock Reporter, the K. C. Drovers' Telegram says:

"The National Live Stock Reporter Monday contained a very fine article on the 'Big Four,' and the carpings and carping on the 'Big Four' are 'coming out.' The Reporter might have added that the 'Big Four' has grown to be the 'Big Forty,' so numerous have the dressed beef plants become in recent years. The Reporter's article should be sent to every carping editor in the country. It is a little too long for reproduction in these columns, but we herewith present a few extracts:

"The other people who are on the market may try to buy cattle as high as they can, although we doubt it, but the 'Big Four' always buy as cheap as they can and what is even worse, each seven or eight of them buy the same cattle bought cheaper than other buyers on the market. The buyer for Armour wants his cattle to be cheaper than the cattle bought for Swift. The buyer for Swift don't want Armour to get all the cheap cattle. The buyer for Swift is trying to pay the farmer more than the buyer for Hammond, and so on. Even buyer No. 1 for Morris wants to make a better showing than buyer No. 2 for the same concern, and they are all competing one against the other, not as our friend of the Texas Stockman is trying to pay the farmer a low price compared with other products, but for the purpose of buying everything at the lowest possible price. They all try to pay the least, but as a general proposition the men who bid the highest get the cattle. The famous 'Big Four' are no longer the only buyers in the business. There are about forty more dressed beef houses. It is as easy to start and

conduct a dressed beef house to a successful, regular, profitable business as it is to successfully and profitably conduct a wholesale dry goods house. Neither are easy, neither are impossible. Both require capital with a big C, and both require skill and connections. There is no more monopoly in beef than in dry goods, everything is sold legitimately and fairly from a single cow up. 'Big Four' buyers depress prices; all buyers depress prices. Sellers on the other hand try to sell as high as they can. They try to make a showing, one against the other. Some people think it perfectly legitimate to have cattle sold at the highest possible figure and the same people are equally opposed to any one trying to buy their goods cheap."

## GREER, MILLS & CO. AND THE K. C. EXCHANGE.

In discussing the recent legislation between Greer, Mills & Co. and the Kansas City Exchange, the Southwestern Stockman, Farmer and Feeder grows enthusiastic and says: "Now that Greer, Mills & Co. appear to have virtually won their suit it will be apparent that their test is a test for every individual member of the exchange. It will be welcome news to the cattlemen of the range, as it brings them a long stride closer to the day when they will again be able to have their cattle sold for 25 cents per head commission, as against the present minimum charge of 50 cents, and for a violation, or alleged violation of which particular rule the matter got an airing in the courts.

"This lesser figure is deemed amply large to be sufficiently remunerative to those engaged in the commission business, and we have reason to believe that it will lead to a better business than they enjoy while the almost prohibitive charge was in force.

"It is currently reported that the company which brought the matter before the courts of Kansas was backed by some of the largest commission firms doing business at the Kansas City yards which, if correct, would imply that the whole matter was virtually a test of strength as between the commission men and the stockyards company, which it is claimed has for some time dominated the exchange.

"However this may be, it is not our inclination to judge, our only interest in the matter being the interests of the cattlemen, or those who feed the cattle we raise, which will result to a material degree, if the charge has to be reduced, or rather left to the buyer and the seller, as to what the commission charge shall be. The matter is attracting no small amount of attention from the range sections of the west, and the comment of the press to fall to our notice has all been in favor of the cattlemen, in so far as his supposed rights go.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF ORGANIZATION.

The best proof that can be offered as to the benefits of organization, and the good work done in Texas by the Cattle Raisers' Association, is the fact that comparatively speaking, but little stealing of cattle is being done in this state, while in other range states and territories ranchmen, after having sustained heavy losses at the hands of organized and professional cattle thieves, are being compelled to close out and quit the business at great sacrifice. Under the head of "Rustlers Own the Range," the Southwestern Stockman says: "To show that not alone in southern Arizona the festive rustler is in evidence, we give below an interview the Denver Live Stock Record man had last week in that city with J. B. Shepard, the manager of the Kentucky Land and Cattle Company, which company is one of the largest concerns in northern Arizona, whose ranges are in Navajo country. It is evident that he meant what he said, or he would not talk away from home. In the countries of the northeastern part of the territory, like in the southern portion of it, the cattle industry numbers among the important industries, if not indeed the foremost, and is followed closely by the sheep interests. That organization would be advisable among our neighbors of the north, as it is among us of the central and southern portions, goes without saying, yet such a thing as organization among the cattlemen of that section never dawned upon them, and hence it is not to be wondered at that they do not take advantage of the only thing left for them to do to battle with the outlaws.

This is what Mr. Shepard says: "Down in Arizona the cattlemen are going out of business right and left, it is not that the cattle industry is dull, or that the Arizona ranges are bad. It is nothing but the cattle rustlers. These cattle thieves have been so successful in their lawlessness that to-day they practically run the cattle districts of upper Arizona. They come into the country with nothing but a rope and branding iron and in two or three years they are running as big a herd as a man who has been there for ten or twelve years. It seems to be almost impossible to put a stop to this wholesale rustling and the cattlemen are compelled to go out at the business in order that they may save what is left. The Arizona ranges were never in better condition than they are this year. Cattle prices are down and give no promise of a rise in the near future. The rustlers are being shipped to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Kansas has recently become a good market for stock cattle. These cattle bring about \$12 per head when sold for cash and from \$2 to \$3 a head more when sold on credit. It is very rarely that you hear of cash transactions in cattle sales down in Arizona now. The people want to buy the cattle, but they lack funds. The country seems to be well drained of money."

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The heart asks pleasure first  
And then excuse from pain,  
And then those little annoyances  
That deaden suffering;  
And then to go to sleep,  
And then if it should be  
The will of its inquisitor  
The liberty to die.

E. Dickinson.

To Household:—It is with much pleasure I opened a letter from Isabelle, the first in many months. I feel that Isabelle trifled with our affections. She was a general favorite. After winning our love she coolly forsook us. But we know all should be forgiven—even the prodigal, which Isabelle is not. Your neglect is forgiven, Isabelle, and we take you to our hearts once more. Do I believe ambition is sin? No, when rightly directed. As you say, "it is born in us. It is that which makes men strive for something higher, better all the time. It was ambition caused Columbus to discover America. The ambition to be first in a chosen profession is what has given us the skill, the almost perfection we have in the professions and arts. Ambition is only a sin when it is misdirected, misused, when it rules the man and the man no longer directs it.

I have an ambition which I am sure is a pure and good one. I want the Household to join me in it. It is to make our Household the best in all the country. We can do it if each member will feel a personal interest and send us the best material for a helpful, instructive, interesting Household. Let us exchange all household ideas that are helpful. Are we not commanded to help one another? Oh, I believe in compensation. Perhaps not to that extent, though sometimes I almost feel that "for each ecstatic instant we must an anguish pay."

I thank Pap's Girl for her welcome. The Bachelor run things his own way did he? No wonder Isabelle felt there was a masculine air in the Household. But you must do him justice. Remember men were not created to run Households. Think how out of place a woman is when she gets into places sacred to men. Men and women have very different places in the world and places of like importance—and in those places they have equal rights. Now I am going to ask a favor of Pap's Girl. I know you have a sweet girl's name—won't you please sign it to our letters? You are too sweet a girl to have such a name in the Household. Besides, as long as you are only Pap's Girl, you deprive yourself of your individuality. We wish to think of you as yourself in the Household, not as your father's girl. I fancy your name is Nellie. Am I correct?

Circle Dot returns after a long absence. He may fancy the fatted calf killed for him and a ring placed upon his finger. But I dare say he would rather have some more of those good chickens killed for him and himself place a ring on the finger of the girl who tried them. Am I correct, Circle Dot?

Pinery Girl writes us more of your good cooking, for, alas, to sentiment! that is, after all, the way to man's heart.

And Woodland Mary, I am all impatience to hear from so many of you. I dare not take up space with calling your names.

Billie writes a good strong letter this week. He is a friend of the Bachelor, and strong for free silver. I think Billie has become a member since I left. I like his letter, which I am sure is like him. I trust he will make me next to the Bachelor on his list and let me be present at the opening of the "Keg of Nails," while they enjoy its contents. I would "drink with wine" of the picturesque scenery. I join you now in hurrahing for Bryan, Mrs. Bryan and the entire Bryan family. May we toss up our hats and hurrah for the Bryans and the White House after the 3d of next month. Please, Billie, don't get us started on Woman's Rights any more. She is going to have all her rights—and don't you forget it, as the slangy boys say.

Pully Bone is a new acquaintance to me also. But I trust you have many friends. I am sorry you don't have fussed, quarreled, and, my dear Pully Bone, I wish you would not say "cut up Jack generally"—that has a masculine sound, too strong for one as tenderly organized as you, who cannot endure the thought of the bike, bloomers, woman's rights, etc.

Well, we have had a house cleaning now. The fur from the monkey and feathers from the parrot have been swept out. The Household is in order. But be assured the Bachelor remains near enough to hear all messages sent him, and drink in all the compliments. But we must part for the last—for that is all he drinks these days.

**A DEAR GIRL FRIGHTENED BY THE BACHELOR.**  
Pine Mansion, Texas, Oct. 7.  
Dear Mrs. Buchanan: I am awfully glad to hear of your return, for our chairman has been chief spokesman, and when anyone tried to talk he would harp on "Woman's Rights." He would then wind off with a "Hurrah for Bryan," just as if we women could vote, and occasionally he would rear up and wave his long ears and say "New Woman!" "New Woman!" "New Woman!" Some of our best writers were given such a scare, they never come back and as for myself, I came only once, and then a cold chills run down my back, it was perfectly awfully, awfully horrid!

Wood's Boy has gone. Dad's Boy has gone, and I fear to come no more. Now let us drop this subject, since we all see what kind of housekeepers men

are and what kind of a mess they get things in; yet I feel in a short time with you in the Circle, all wrongs will be righted and all wounds healed. Men are pretty good things anyhow in their place. I sometimes wonder if woman "fix things" when they miss their calling or get out of place, as men do. With best wishes for the Household, I am  
PAP'S GIRL.

**CIRCLE DOT JUSTIFIES HIMSELF AND IS RESTORED TO FAVOR.**  
Albany, Oct. 6.

Dear Household Friends:—If I have not been absent so long that my membership is null, will with pleasure join your circle again. I thought when I picked up my pen to write that I would make no excuse for my extended absence, realizing that our excuses are never more than half believed, and never appreciated. But in justice to myself, and through courtesy to my friends, I would like to say that I did not desert our friend, "The Bachelor," with the feeling that causes rats to desert a sinking ship. Remember, friend "Bachelor," that us cow-boys have to shift about considerably during the summer months, which is our busiest season; we do not always lay our heads beneath the friendly shelter of a roof, and very seldom enjoy the privilege of reading a newspaper. In fact, the first journal that came to my hands bore the accusation of my unmanly desertion. It made me feel bad. In glancing over your page I saw a few names and miss a great many old ones. In my wanderings of the past few months, I passed through the piny woods of the east. I often thought of our old friends, "Woodland Mary" and "Pinery Girl." While I did not find any to claim the identity of our friends I found some that were first-class hands to fry chicken, although I was glad to get home to the dear old Mesquite hills of the west. I never can quite forget the many good dinners that I enjoyed in the land of "good cooks, and all that is nice to cook." And often when I sit down at the ranch to eat my boiled bacon and beans, my appetite, as well as my memory, carries me back to a certain little black eyed girl of Panola county, who was such a good cook. Oh! you girls may curl your hair, talk politics and look wise; you may ride your bicycle to develop your form, but the girl that knows how to cook is the girl that gets me.

Dear old Bachelor boy, grip my hand firmly and you will feel that I did not mean to desert you. Please come back, dear friends, that are absent, and let us all meet again.

**CIRCLE DOT.**

**PULLY BONE TELLS US OF A MONKEY AND PARROT TIME.**  
"Possum Trot," Texas, Oct. 6.

My dear Mrs. Buchanan: I was so glad to hear that you were coming back that it made me feel as if I had met my best friend after a long absence. We have had a real "monkey and parrot time" since we have been loose; we have quarreled, fussed, torn up Jack generally, and discussed almost every thing but woman's rights. Upon second thought I do believe that woman was before us in a few issues by Bachelor, Billie, Texas Tom, Purple Pansy and others. One of our best writers say of fashion "that if he could get hold of the editorial pen of Harper's Bazaar a few moments, he'd raise the crown of every woman's hat in the land six inches in the next six weeks." So it is some mischievous pencil pusher wishing to satisfy an abnormal curiosity or seek his vengeance on all mankind secured an editorial pen and advocated "bike bloomers and citizenship" for the ladies. The craze caught all of the insane men and silly women who insist on keeping up with the latest fashions. We have it very clearly demonstrated in our object lesson that man was not destined to be alone nor to perform household duties; neither is woman subject to his responsibilities lest she neglect her own (and we have made up of the little things) then we must fall. Let one class of animals become extinct; so it is with the human race—let us become one sex, socially, and our social natures will perish away; our morality will be at a low ebb, the strong will dominate over the weak (I fancy I can already hear Oh thou degenerated man) and we will soon find ourselves back in that antediluvian era of a few centuries ago. Thus it follows "history repeats itself." As for myself, I have no inclination to wear trousers nor become a citizen, yet I am like the fellow that was willing for his headstrong and obstinate neighbor to vote the vitals out of his own mouth if it not affected any one else. I would be willing for those to wear bloomers whom they fit, and vote if they liked, if the effect was felt only by them. My associates must be far from this for I am

**PULLY BONE.**

**A LETTER FROM ALONG SILENT MEMBER.**

My dear Mrs. Buchanan: I have been wanting to write to the Journal for a long time. I was about ready to write when you left. But when you turned me over to the Bachelor I did not dare write, for I knew his consent would prompt him to think I wrote on his account—as I had not written for so long. And now that I write as soon after your coming back, I fear his feelings will be hurt. But I believe I would rather hurt his feelings than to waste his consent only hurt his conceit and increase his feelings, that would be different. My experience of bachelors, and as I am not a bad looking girl I have had considerable experience, convinces me they have more conceit than feelings, usually. But I adore Bachelor. I want that fact understood. But, Mrs. Buchanan, will you tell me why old bachelors have so much better time in this world than old maids? Why they are so much more courted, admired, sought and loved? We women adore old bachelors. Old bachelors despise old maids, and why is this? There is an injustice somewhere.

Mr. Bachelor did beautifully while we were gone, though the atmosphere of the Household grew decidedly masculine. Sometimes I would take up my pen to write, then put it down to read up the Household and it impressed me so strongly as the bachelor quarters of a manly man, I could sniff the odor of a pipe—good tobacco, too—I could see tilted chair, feet on table, scattered papers and books, general bachelor disorder and I felt a young lady's presence was out of place. Bachelor and this I want to assure you again the Bachelor did beautifully—for a man in a woman's Household. The masculine impress we felt only proves his

manliness. But truly, I like bachelors better than bears and editors. Don't you, girls? I am delighted you have come back, Mrs. Buchanan. What a perfectly delightful trip you had! To travel is one of the ambitions of my life. Do you believe ambition is a sin, Mrs. Buchanan? If it is a sin, it is a natural one; for it is born in us. Do you believe those lines on Compensation you gave us last week? They are beautiful, but is it true  
"For each ecstatic instant  
We must an anguish pay?"  
Do we for each hour, "pay sharp pangs of years?" I have thought much over that. Surely it cannot be true. If it is, who would dare ask to be happy for an hour? And I not only ask to be happy, but I will be happy.

Mrs. Buchanan, it is with much pride I can tell you our Country Club has thrived from the very start. Mother says it is my energy that has kept it up, and that it has been kept up. It is the greatest pleasure and improvement that has ever been in our neighborhood. If any member wants any items on country clubs, I will gladly give them.

Can't you tell us something new to read this fall? We have read up on politics. I am an ardent supporter of Bryan man. I feel like fighting when I hear good old Democrats talking of voting for McKinley.

I thank you, Mrs. Buchanan, for your notes on fashion. I am going to get me some new ribbon Saturday. I hope the members have not forgotten me. If I have been silent, I have been interested and am the same.

**ISABELLE.**

**A GOOD LETTER ENCOURAGING TO BACHELOR AND IN ADMIRATION OF BRYAN.**

Fort Davis, Texas, Oct. 3.  
Dear Household: Having a little leisure this evening, I will write a hurried letter. The weather for several days has been cold and gloomy; not one ray of sunlight for three days. How dreadful to be confined indoors so long, particularly when one spends the most of their life in the open air; breathing the pure and invigorating atmosphere of the Davis mountains. These mountains have their charms and there is a wild fascination about the life we lead among them. We are isolated, comparatively speaking, from society, therefore have ample time for study and admiration of the beauties of nature, and the wonderful works of the great First Cause. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to meet Bachelor and enjoy the opening of the "Keg of Nails." Should he come we will accord him a hearty welcome; and am sure he would admire the picturesqueness of our people. I regret very much that you have to resign the care of the Household, but I trust that Mrs. Buchanan will let you come in often in behalf of free silver and woman's sphere. Yes, and don't forget to tell more about the life in the mountains, if she is intellectual; one that believes that a woman can cast an intelligent vote and ride a bike and still be a true and noble woman; but I know that she is all that and more, or our bachelor would not have fallen so desperately in love at first sight. I am sure if she knew what an ardent advocate you are for woman's rights, she would not leave you long in suspense. How delighted I am to hear from Mercury, and to find another woman in the Panhandle who has the grit to come boldly to the front and defend her rights. I am a great admirer of her virtues. With two such intelligent women as she and Zeld at Amarilla, I think the temptation to go up the trail next spring, will be irresistible.

Since writing the above another household has come and I find several nice letters. I enjoy Nancy Hanks' letter hugely. It contains more truth than poetry. Come again, Nancy. I, for one, will greet you heartily. And, Mrs. Hawkins, I feel like you are an old "Amigo." I admire your grit and vim for the mastery way you did up the trail some time ago. When I read that he would like to have a good laugh with you over it, I am glad to know that you are a "pop." I claim the same party, although, like you, I am an advocate of free silver and an enthusiastic admirer of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan. He is evidently one of the greatest men in America, and I hope and pray that he will be elected to the November election and will be instrumental in freeing the country from the hands of a few American and English capitalists, who have controlled our government for a number of years, and are gradually making paupers and tenants of the masses of the people. It would be only a few years until the majority of the people will be like the poor people in Europe. I am so glad that Bachelor is for free silver and will vote for Bryan. Hurrah for Mrs. Bryan! Yes, Mrs. Hawkins, I was glad to know your opinion of Texas. Pam. It is well expressed. I see he comes again this week with a vengeance, but he puts up no argument to reply to. He is evidently terribly upset from the wild and erratic way he expresses himself. His imagination runs riot. I admire his inventive faculty, and I ask a number of questions, all to which I answer in the negative. No, Tom, I am not ashamed, nor does my conscience hurt me; have nothing to apologize for nor will I retract one step. I am here in your midst and intend to stay, unless Mrs. B. and Bachelor tell me to "skeddaddle." As far as your flies, mosquitoes, vipers and skunks are concerned, I know nothing of their natures. I say, "Tom, if they are your associates, don't come near me and the new women. Gosh!"

I admire Purple Pansy's poetical talent, but think she is off when she quotes your sentiments on woman's sphere. Sweater is dead, and also his opinions. I don't remember Uncle Ned's sentiments, and as for Ho, Ho, I am no friend to hoboes, padies and black negroes, and am surprised that you think so highly of them, and have shown your colors again by recommending their agents to me.

Well, Emma George, I hope you will see your error before the election and vote for Bryan.

Yours sincerely,  
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Even in summer hens should have a little grain. If too fat to lay, as usually supposed, a little cracked wheat daily will increase their vigor and health without in the least tending to fatten them further. A diet of insects, with grass, is not very nourishing.

Millet is an excellent food for poultry. Nothing could be better for feeding young chicks, or hens which are not allowed a free range. It can be raised as easily as rye, and yields a good crop. Why it is not more cultivated we cannot understand.

Give geese an enclosed run which they can have to themselves. They will thrive upon a good grass pasture, but they should never be permitted in a field where there is any other stock. They foul grass quickly so that horses and other stock will not eat it.

If no estimate be made for labor, an egg can be produced for about half a cent. The profit should be always good if all the food went towards egg production. Moreover, eggs carry from the farm but little of the nutritious elements of the soil in proportion to the value.

The tendency to crowd poultry and to attempt to secure more eggs by allowing the flock to increase is strong with poultrymen, as a class, but it is a mistake to keep large numbers unless there is a corresponding increase of space, and especially in shelter and roosts.

A pound of poultry can be produced by the farmer as cheaply as a pound of beef or mutton or pork, and there is no good reason why poultry should not be raised as a business at least as profitable as the pork and eat the poultry, and much more wholesome.

A careful poultry keeper wipes every egg with a damp cloth as soon as it is brought in. This removes every possible soil before it can become a stain. The eggs are then put away and not handled until taken to market to be sold, where they attract buyers at once. Time thus used is well spent.

In fattening fowls for market let them run at large until about ten days before you wish to sell them, then shut them up and feed them all the broken wheat and corn on the ear they will eat, and give them skim milk to drink. Let this food, together with a supply of grit, be scattered in a considerable depth of straw. They will fatten rapidly.

Poultry does not often pay for a home, or lift the mortgage off it, though glowing accounts of such things reach us through the papers and magazines. It is a business that requires enterprise and capital to run a fortune rapidly. And we must say that there are better and more successful ways of getting elaborately wealthy. Nevertheless, poultry raising is a business, huge in its aggregate dimensions and profitable in its results. It is a business that a family with even a city lot for a run, which cannot make poultry profitable, more or less.

A house lotion that would clear the hen house of the vermin that infest the henhouse, would find everywhere a ready sale. The lotion would have to be easily administered and one which would be perfectly safe. The great drawback to raise chickens is lice. So many, too, do not take time to keep the hen house clean, or to look over the chicks when they become copy, that the lotion is scattered in a considerable depth of straw. They will fatten rapidly.

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Good shade, pure water and salt should always be in access of the cows. Many times all of these are unknown to cows except on rare occasions, but we cannot expect a cow to give us good results unless she is given the proper attention. The common barrel salt is better for cows than rock-salt, which has been so highly recommended. Rock salt will answer for sheep or young cattle, but for milk-cows it does not fill the requirements.

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To make your dairy truly successful and keep the milk flow up to par, you must furnish the cows with an abundance of water.

One watering place in a large pasture is not sufficient, as the cows will not travel long distances to drink except in extreme thirst. A well and windmill can always be depended on to spread a sufficient supply of water before cows, and at points most convenient and necessary for the issue.

The dairyman who plants plenty of fodder, corn, and makes liberal provision for watering his stock, isn't apt to fall behind his dairy associates in making money.—Geo. E. Newell.

**PACKING BUTTER TO KEEP.**  
The New York Farmer gives the experience and methods of a butter maker for keeping butter. He says immediately after churning pack it firmly in gallon or half gallon jars. Those containing six or five pounds are preferable. When the jars are bought, ask the seller, as he marks the weight of each to number them, so that a record of the amount of butter in each jar can readily be kept. Pack the jars level full, tie a round piece of strong, thick cloth over the top, and place it bottom side up into a new, large crock. Do not pack butter made at different times in the same jar, but store only those jars that can be filled at one churning.

Make strong brine, using all the salt the water will hold, adding to each gallon a teaspoonful of saltpeter and a teaspoonful of granulated sugar. Scald the brine and skim it thoroughly. When cold strain through a wet thick cloth into the crock. Add more brine from time to time to keep the jars covered two inches in depth. Tie a thick cloth over the crock to protect from dust, and over this place a wooden cover to exclude the light.

Do not keep the crock on the cellar floor, even if it is a cement one, but on a platform, if possible, with slats underneath the crock to insure free circulation of air. This will prevent mold from forming on the bottom of the crock.

Several smaller crocks may be used in which to store the jars rather than use a bath or hot lime water, or strong hot soda water.

**FARM DAIRY BUTTER.**  
The writer has for many years been of the opinion that a good deal of injury has been done the cause of farm dairy butter making by the mischievous writings of a class of agricultural editors who, when in want of copy to fill their columns, will write free articles on subjects which they may not be especially familiar with.

The following item was copied from a farm journal published in Chicago: "Creamery butter is superior to that made on the farm because the creameries are fitted with the latest appliances for producing butter of uniform quality. The farmer cannot compete with the creamery because he has not the facilities for so doing. Individuals, however, who make a specialty of choice butter, and who are supplied with all that assists in the lessening of labor, can easily secure better prices than is obtained from creamery butter."

It will be noted that three propositions are laid down in the above item: First, it is stated that creamery butter is superior to that made on farms and the reason given is that creameries are fitted with the latest appliances for producing butter. Now, the facts are, that some creameries are so fitted and some are not, yet doubtless the majority have modern outfits.

Second, it is stated that the farmer cannot compete with the creamery because he has not the facilities for so doing. Now this is a pretty broad and serious charge to make against a class as a whole. Just think of the editor of an agricultural paper—and in this case the proprietor and publisher—a person who is dependent on the progressive farmers for the support of his publication, and through it his own support, I say just think of such a person making such a serious charge against a class of persons in which is included his own constituents, his patrons, the persons whose money is assisting in making and taking in pay for a publication in which they are being slandered. It is an outrage to say the least. It may perhaps be offered as extenuation of such a cause that the editor and proprietor of the paper quoted from had but recently come into these positions and was inexperienced. But such a plea will hardly excuse him.

He ought to know enough about progressive farmers to know that many of them have dairy houses, or rooms, fitted out with needed modern appliances for all features of butter making. Their list of appliances include improved milk strainers, cream raising apparatus, churn, butter worker, butter print, butter carriers for printed butter, small packages to be used when butter is not printed and many other little articles required, one of which is of course a thermometer. It is suspected that the writer of the quoted item knows more about office matters than butter making.


Third, he states that individuals who make a specialty of choice butter, and who are supplied with all that assists in the lessening of labor can easily secure better prices than is obtained from creamery butter. Now, in the name of common sense, if "individuals" can accomplish all claimed in third proposition quoted—and they can—why cannot "the farmer" do the same? He can.

F. W. MOSELEY.

Clinton, Ohio.

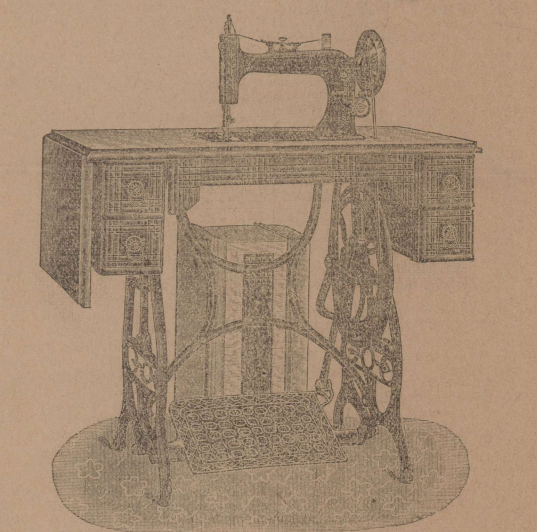
Joe G. Merritt was in from the Tuf ranch last Saturday. It will be remembered that the stock on this ranch was recently sold to Bob Gary. It is now reported that Messrs. Bell and Merritt will soon restock the ranch with good cattle.

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E. C. Throckmorton of Parker county, was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

J. K. Norton of Caddo, was on the market this week with a car load of good cattle.

O. S. Morton of Caddo, marketed a car load each of cows and heifers in Dallas Thursday.

Scott Deeman a Dallas county raiser of fine stock, was on the Dallas market with some fine hogs Thursday.

Wallace and Black, two Dallas County small stock raisers, brought in a herd of beef cattle this week and took in the Fair.

C. B. Williams of Denton, was shaking hands with Dallas friends this week. He brought with him a car of nice looking heaves.

M. T. Griffin of Denton County was a Dallas visitor Tuesday. He sold a fine lot of hogs at the Thomas stock yards while in the city.

Tom Moore of Garland, visited Dallas this week. Tom is a successful raiser of fine market hogs and finds a ready sale for his stuff on the Dallas market.

George M. Lasater, a Parker County stockman from the Weatherford vicinity, took in the great Dallas Fair this week. He brought these carloads of heifers for the Dallas market with him.

The Dallas hog market is a little rise this week, the choice hogs bringing \$2.90. A few raisers are taking advantage of the rejuvenated state of the market to dispose of their surplus stock.

D. Chisholm of Midland was a Dallas visitor this week. He brought in two loads of cows from the western range. They were in the condition and showed the range, as Mr. Chisholm says, to be in fine condition for wintering cattle.

J. F. Ellis of the Territory, is on the Dallas market with a car load of cattle. There is very little feeding going on in the Indian Territory, and those who have cattle in good shape are hastening to convert their stuff into cash.

D. B. Sachse of Sachse, Dallas county, sold three cars of sheep at the Dallas market Saturday. He reports the ground in his section as being in fine fix for the fall wheat planting and that about all picked and marketed. Some few farmers are holding their staple for better prices.

We call the attention of Dallas readers and advertisers to the increased size and appearance of the Journal this week. The Journal is as much a Dallas institution as it is a Fort Worth or San Antonio publication, and from the fact that its publication office is located in this city it seems it has a perfect right to expect a share of your patronage when you place your advertising.

Mr. S. G. McFadden of the firm of Stell & McFadden, proprietors of the Magnolia herd of Poland China, located at Paris, Tex., was a Journal office visitor Saturday. Mr. McFadden has his hogs on exhibition at the Fair and is receiving very liberal attention from the awarding committees. He is a firm believer in the idea of high bred animals. At the head of his herd is Guy Wilkes, Jr., a finely proportioned boar, weighing about 650 pounds. He is also very loud in his praises of the Fair.

R. C. Renfrew of the Patton neighborhood was a Journal office visitor this week and to answer inquiries said: "Times are pretty hard with all farmers just at present, and few of us are expecting anything better until after we market the '07 crop. Things may look up after the election, but that will be the farming class very little good. It may help those who are holding a portion of the '06 crop for better prices, but I doubt it. There are no farmers in our community who will starve this winter that I have heard of."

R. K. Silbert of Mesquite was a Dallas visitor Tuesday. He brought in a load of hogs. To a Journal reporter he said: "All crops are in good demand, but a poor price is always offered. The farmers are expecting great things when the election is over, and will be mightily disappointed if the good things fail to materialize. I have been watching the market a long time, hoping that hogs would go to \$3.00, but I sold to-day at \$2.30. We are preparing for a severe winter closing 1896. I have become possessed of the idea that there is more money in our raising fine hogs for market than there is profit in a big cotton and corn crop. I am going to buy me a fine herd and improve my herd as much as possible and at least give the hog business a trial. I think the Fair is especially good, the best they have ever had, and I don't see why more people do not pay it a visit. I am especially interested in the swine exhibit. It is the greatest aggregation of hogs I ever saw."

ABOUT THE FAIR.

GEOLOGICAL HALL. The geological hall, containing an almost complete exhibit of the State's mineral and geological curios, is to the right of the main drive near the entrance gate. It is in charge of Prof. W. F. Cummings of the State Geological Survey, who has been the superintendent since the inauguration of the first Dallas Fair.

MACHINERY HALL. In this department of the State Fair may be seen all that is new and serviceable in the way of farm implements, luggies, wagons, etc. A more extended write-up of this department will be attempted later, for in spite of the repeated warnings of the Fair management a few of the exhibits are still to be placed.

THE GROUNDS. The grounds of the exposition are in the best fix of any time during its existence. New driveways and walks have been fixed up, unsightly buildings moved and their places taken by exhibits of outdoor machinery, such as bone mills, well machines and traction engines. Immediately in front of the entrance gate an imitation of the famous Mar Monnies fountain, familiar to visitors to the World's Fair, has been erected. The live stock arena is to the right of the entrance, and the stock yards are made at 10 o'clock a. m. each day.

THE CATTLE DEPARTMENT.

Cattle exhibitors are justly proud of the showing they will make. It is the current opinion of old exhibitors that this is the best stock show ever seen in the southwest. The display of Herefords, Holsteins and Jerseys are all very fine. At an informal meeting of the Texas State Jersey Association, R. F. Leharron, Sam Warren and W. E. Johnson were appointed judges to pass over the Jerseys in the cattle department.

ABOUT THE FAIR.

Difficult as it is to form a just opinion of any institution the first week of its existence, one may with all assurance predict a great success for the twelfth annual meeting of the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition. It is not the purpose of the Journal to describe at any great length the many details of the exhibition, but in a brief, concise manner will from week to week try and give our readers who found it inconvenient to attend an idea of what they missed.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

The poultry department is by far the best in the history of the Fair and hereafter we will attempt a complete write-up of this department. Mr. F. W. Hitchcock of Denver, judge of the poultry department, said: "There may have been a better display of poultry in the country than this, but I never saw it and never heard of it." The development of this department is illustrated in the increase in the number of Light Brahmas shown, which was the variety being judged yesterday. In 1894 there were 29, 1895, 37, and this year the display has grown to 241. Mr. Hitchcock says that the poultry department excels not only in numbers, but in quality as well.

MUSIC HALL.

In the Music hall this year the attractions compare most favorably with those of other years. Whether listening to the sweet strains of the First Artillery band of Mexico or watching the antics of the royal Marionettes, or the musical olio of the three Rackett brothers, one is equally well entertained.

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The Ladies' Department is also situated in this building. All things that women delight to make are to be found under glass cases. This department under the immediate care of Mrs. Sydney Smith, has always been a successful feature of the Fair, but this year it is more than usually good.

THE SWINE EXHIBIT.

The swine exhibit is the best in the history of the Fair. Every pen is crowded and new pens had to be erected to meet the requirements of breeders from all over the country. The following awards have been made up to date:

Berkshires—Boar, 2 years old and over, first premium, G. P. Lillard, Seguin; second premium, E. L. Oliver, Cooper. Boar, 1 year old and under 2 years, first premium, G. P. Lillard, Seguin; second premium, A. T. Murchison, Farmersville. Boar, under 1 year, first premium, J. E. McGuire, Gatesville; second premium, G. P. Lillard, Seguin. Sow, 2 years and over, first premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall; second premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall. Sow, 1 year old and under 2 years, first premium, J. E. McGuire, Gatesville; second premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall. Sow, any age, first premium, G. P. Lillard, Seguin; second premium, G. O. Lillard, Seguin. Sow, any age, first premium, J. E. McGuire, Gatesville; second premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall. Sow, any age, first premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall; second premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall. Sow, any age, first premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall; second premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall. Sow, any age, first premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall; second premium, M. Lathrop, Marshall.

Poland China—Boar, 2 years and over, first premium, H. E. Singleton, Lebanon, Tex.; second premium, W. E. Gresham, Hutchinson, Kan. Boar, 1 year old and under, first premium, H. E. Singleton, Lebanon, Tex.; second premium, H. E. Singleton, Lebanon, Tex. Boar, under 1 year, first premium, W. E. Singleton, Lebanon, Tex.; second premium, W. E. Gresham, Hutchinson, Kan. Sow, 2 years and over, J. B. Campbell & Son, Kansas; second premium, Irwin & Duncan, Wichita, Kan. Sow, 1 year old and under, first premium, H. E. Singleton, Lebanon, Tex.; second premium, H. E. Singleton, Lebanon, Tex. Sow, any age, first premium, J. B. Campbell & Son, Kansas; second premium, Irwin & Duncan, Wichita, Kan. Sow, any age, first premium, J. B. Campbell & Son, Kansas; second premium, Irwin & Duncan, Wichita, Kan.

Sweepstakes—Boar, any age, first premium, H. E. Singleton, Lebanon, Tex.; second premium, Irwin & Duncan, Wichita, Kan. Sow, any age, first premium, J. B. Campbell & Son, Kansas; second premium, Irwin & Duncan, Wichita, Kan. Sow, any age, first premium, J. B. Campbell & Son, Kansas; second premium, Irwin & Duncan, Wichita, Kan.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Ballinger (Tex.) Danner Leader: T. J. Webb, of the Oak Creek country, sold 1200 head of 3 and 4-year-old steers to Hill Blocker, of Austin, Tex., at \$18.50 round, cash, \$22.00. The Eagle Pass Guide says: Over 100,000 bushels of corn have been shipped through Eagle Pass during the past month, bound for Mexico. The larger part of this corn is purchased by the Junta Beneficida, and is supplied to the

famished districts at actual cost price. A big rush of corn is anticipated, owing to the fact that the duties will soon be restored.

Mr. Sam N. Warren of Spring Hill, Tenn., is a visitor to the Fair. He is the owner of an extensive herd of Jersey cattle. The Jersey exhibitors complimented Mr. Warren by choosing him one of the judges in the Jersey department. Mr. Warren is loud in praise of the Fair.

Joe White left on Tuesday evening's local for Brady, Texas, having received a telegram that his brother, W. B. White, was very sick and not expected to live.—Quannah Tribune.

Pat Doling, says the Quannah Tribune, received a telegram on Tuesday, containing the sad news that his aged mother in Ohio, had suddenly died. He left on the train that evening.

The following sales made in St. Louis for well known Texas cattlemen are reported by the National Live Stock Reporter of the 7th:

Jno. Lovelady, of San Angelo, Texas, marketed 1689-pound steers at \$3.35, sold to Swift & Company. E. R. Crockett of Waldrip, Texas, McCulloch county, topped the market again with 1148-pound steers sold to Armour & Co. at \$3.40, and 1152-pound steers sold to the St. Louis Dressed Beef Co. at the same figure.

The Chicago Drivers Journal says: Dealers consider that the stringency of the money market has had the tendency of compelling stockmen generally to turn over their stock before ready for market, and, considering this fact, think the small receipts of fat cattle are quite significant, indicating that strictly good cattle, at least, are unusually scarce. Cattle of choice quality sold the highest of the year during September, and the market is now at about the top point, although there are just at present none of the very choicest heaves coming.

Omaha Drivers Journal: "The Wyoming ranges are in pretty bad shape this fall," said J. C. Gililand, well known range cattle owner of Cheyenne, the other day. Until the middle of August last the season had been very dry and he grass short, but since that time Mr. Gililand says that rain has fallen in abundance, the grass was started to grow and the prairies now present the green appearance that it does in the spring. The grass will have no chance to cure before cold weather sets in and will be absolutely worthless for feed. The ranges will be made up in winter feed and it looks now as if the stock would have to be winter fed. This is Mr. Gililand's view of the situation at the present time.

The following are from the Press-Leader published at Lubbock, Texas:

The Sanderson and Walworth boys and Hall Jarman of the Mallet ranch started on last Saturday with near 900 head of cattle to Amarillo, sold to Tuck Coraels and for the LX ranch. Another nice rain fell on Thursday morning with thunder and lightning. For the first time in the history of the plains country the people are wishing the rains would cease. Grass is growing to fast. It is time it was curbing on the ground to be good for winter. Farmers are complaining of shocks and stacks of forage damaging from the wet.

John Scarborough drove a herd of 2500 Hereford cattle to the State Fair on Saturday evening. It was said to be the best blooded cattle ever driven through Lubbock, there being not over 30 or 25 in the herd, that did not have white faces. They were bred up by Chas. Goodnight, one of the great cattle raisers of West Texas. Scarborough paid 20 dollars per head, making a total of \$54,000 invested.

There was also a herd of 1500 7D cattle passed through the town Sunday morning estimated to be worth \$12,500. The same day a flock of 5000 sheep was driven through the town at \$2.00. Now adding all together, we have 9200 head of stock worth \$74,000. Neither is this an unusual occurrence. Larger herds and greater wealth often pass our town. With these facts in view who can say that the Plains are barren and unfruitful.

The Quannah Tribune is authority for the statement that Hardeman county farmers are not in a bad way this fall. They and their stock will have plenty to eat this winter.

From the Colorado, Texas, Spokesman: John Prude returned to his ranch in the Davis mountains Thursday.

Nick Deal, manager of the Jumbuck ranch, was in town a few days last week.

A. B. Robertson shipped two cars of cattle to St. Louis on the 1st, and four cars to Chicago on the 2nd.

C. A. O'Keefe came in from Kansas last week where he was pasturing some heaves; stated that he had shipped out what cattle he had up there.

W. E. Gilliland, the popular manager of Scott's ranch in Sterling county, was circulating among our people here a few days recently.

John T. Deal came in Friday night from Kansas where he had been to see after the cattle he was pasturing up here. He shipped the most of them to Kansas City.

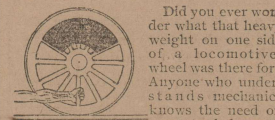
J. R. Boyd was in town Thursday selling some pork, and informed the editor that he had just dressed one seven weeks old pig that weighed 40 pounds; and said that he had enough hogs to supply the town of Colorado in bacon this year.

A great many of the farmers of the county were in town Friday and Saturday, had generally brought cotton to the gin. Most of them, although the year has been dry, are doing real well, paying their debts, buying the comforts of life and taking money home with them; are perhaps doing better here than in any other part of the State.

Seventeen witnesses, seven for Scott and ten for the Western Union Beef Company, left the first of the week for El Paso. Crockett went for the defense and Smallwood and Smith for the plaintiffs. The suit is for damage done to stock by driving diseased cattle through the range. It is similar to the one decided last court in favor of A. P. Bush to the amount of \$1600.

Paul and Eph Handy of the 7 D ranch in Bailey county, were in town several days last week. They went to El Paso as witnesses in the case of Scott vs. Western Union Beef Co. They report that the country all the way down from the ranch to this place is in a most lovely, desirable condition; the whole face of the earth as green as a wheat field and stock fat. Better prices is all that keeps the old days of prosperity from returning.

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Sam Isaacs, stockman of Canadian, was here Monday.

J. C. White, a prominent stockman of Navasota, was here Monday.

W. A. Briggs of Waxahachie, a well known cattle feeder, was here Tuesday.

Frank E. Wilson, a well to do cattle dealer of Comanche, was here Monday.

J. D. and J. R. Warren, prominent stockmen of Hillsboro, were here Monday.

Henry Ford of Brownwood was registered at the Worth the first part of the week.

P. B. Hunt, a fine stock breeder of Young County, was here Monday and Tuesday.

J. G. Ryburn of the "Half Circle 6" ranch in Tom Green County was here Tuesday.

Arch Gamel of Chichasha spent Monday and Tuesday taking in the sights of the city.

J. P. Addington, a prominent ranchman of the Comanche reservation, was here Tuesday.

C. C. Walton and J. W. Edens, both prominent cattle feeders of Corsicana, were here Tuesday.

J. L. Huggins, a prominent stockman of Clay County, was among the visitors the first of this week.

William Boger, cattleman of Carlisle, witnessed the broncho busting and roping contest on Monday.

D. L. Woody, a well known cattle dealer of Decatur, was among the visiting stockmen Monday.

L. W. Krake, general agent of the St. Louis National Stock Yards, is spending a few days in the city.

A. Silverstein and J. B. Wilson, both large cattle feeders and dealers of Dallas, were here Tuesday.

F. M. Pav of Kansas City, representing the Hicks Stable Car Company, was here Monday and Tuesday.

Col. Wm. E. Hughes, president of the Continental Land and Cattle Company of Dallas, was here Tuesday.

J. H. and C. V. Bryson, both well to do farmers and cattle feeders of Comanche County, were here Monday.

W. L. Sykes, a prominent citizen and ranchman of Jack County, was a visitor at the stock yards on Tuesday.

John Lutz, Jr., a prominent cattle feeder of Meridian, Miss., is in Fort Worth in quest of feeding cattle.

G. E. Kingland and John Kritzer, both prominent cattle feeders of Taylor, were here Monday and Tuesday.

Denna Alberry of the Omaha Drover's Journal was one of the delegates to the National Live Stock Exchange.

Ed Fenelon, manager of the "Queen Sabe" ranch near Midland, was registered at the Delaware Hotel Monday.

H. T. Keenan, live stock agent of the Burlington, was circulating among the stockmen Monday and Tuesday.

The 125 elegant and expensive badges provided for the delegates were just eighty-six more than were required.

The Texas Stock and Farm Journal is so magnanimous to kick a fellow when he is down or to say, "I told you so."

C. W. White of Waco, formerly a prominent West Texas cattle man was among the visitors in the city this week.

F. H. and Charles McFarland, the well known cattle feeders of Aledo, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city.

W. H. Godair, of the well known commission firm of Godair, Harding & Co., of Chicago, was in Fort Worth Friday.

W. E. Cheek, live stock agent of the B. & M. R. at South Omaha, was delegate to the National Live Stock Exchange.

Jot J. Smith and T. F. Mastin, both prominent stockmen and farmers of Grandview, helped to swell the crowd on Monday.

A. A. Hartgrove, formerly a prominent stockman of Midland, but now of the Dublin oil mills, was in the city Tuesday.

W. K. Bell, one of the prosperous ranchmen of Palo Pinto County, was among the visitors in the city the first of the week.

Capt. G. W. Arrington, of Canadian, manager of the Rocking Chair ranch and sheriff of Hemphill county, was in the city Monday.

J. M. Conatser, a cattle dealer and old-time frontier cattleman, now residing at Whitt, Parker county, was here Tuesday.

G. W. Barefoot, an old time Texas cattleman of Montague, was talking free silver to the visiting stockmen Monday and Tuesday.

Daniel and W. T. Waggoner, composing the well known cattle firm of D. Waggoner & Sons of Decatur, were in the city Monday.

Bob Miller and J. D. DeBord, both well known cattle feeders of Sulphur Springs, were among the feeders during the fat stock show.

C. C. French, traveling agent of the Fort Worth Stock Yards, took in the fat stock show and the festivities connected with same.

W. T. Way, who represents the Strahorn-Hutton-Byans Company at San Antonio, was here Monday and Tuesday, returning Tuesday night.

G. W. Morris, a well to do farmer and

cattle feeder of Limestone County and owner of a cattle ranch in Wheeler County, was in the city Tuesday.

L. C. Beverly, a prominent stockman and sheriff of Donley county, came down Sunday and was a spectator at the "broncho busting" on Monday.

The visiting delegates to the National Live Stock Exchange, together with several local stock and business men, took in the Dallas Fair Wednesday.

Col. J. M. Campbell, one of the leading stockmen of Del Rio, came up with the San Antonio boys to take in the fat stock show and visit the Dallas Fair.

William and Jack Hittson, both prominent stockmen of Palo Pinto County, were sightseeing in the city during the fat stock show and exchange meeting.

Col. J. S. Goodwin, formerly of Fort Worth, but now a prominent ranchman of Jones County, is circulating among his many friends in the live stock center.

W. E. Bolton, editor of the Live Stock Journal at Woodward, O. K., was circulating among the Fort Worth people and visitors during the first part of the week.

Jerry Barbee brought in the 1200 people promised for the barbecue. They were not meat producers, but as meat consumers the world could not beat them.

The attention of the Journal readers is called to the new advertisement of Junny Slope Farm, Emporia, Kansas, appearing in the Breeders' Directory this week.

Messrs. Lewis and Renfro, well-to-do stockmen of Smith county, were in Fort Worth Monday. These gentlemen have 300 choice 3 and 4-year-old steers for sale.

R. K. Erwin, formerly manager of the Standard Live Stock Commission Company at this place, but now managing a cotton seed oil mill at Waxahachie, was here Monday.

H. C. Babb, the popular representative in Texas of the Kansas City Stock Yards, was among the visiting stockmen aking in the barbecue and entertainment Monday.

James M. Daugherty, of Abilene, one of the best known and most successful cattle dealers in the State, spent Wednesday here, en route to his pasture in the B. I. T.

J. H. Greenwood, proprietor of the Texas Stock Farm and Irrigation Journal, published at Brownwood, Texas, favored the Journal with a pleasant call on Monday.

W. A. Callaway, a prominent citizen and insurance agent of San Antonio, took advantage of the cheap rates to visit his old home in Fort Worth this week.

G. H. Michell of the well known live stock commission firm of Henry Michell & Bro. of New Orleans, attended the meeting of the Live Stock Exchange Monday and Tuesday.

W. A. Sansom, formerly of Texas, but now manager of the Standard Live Stock Commission Company of Chicago, was a delegate to the National Live Stock Exchange meeting.

W. R. Green, a prosperous stockman of Christian, Palo Pinto County, was in the city Monday, and says his range is good, cattle fat and the people generally prosperous in his locality.

R. K. Wylie of Runtells County was here Monday and Tuesday, and says the range was never in better condition or the people more prosperous in the country tributary to Ballinger.

Mr. H. L. Leibfried, manager of Sunny Slope Farm, Emporia, Kansas, while in the Fort this week sold to Isaac Mcfnis of Brownwood a 3-months-old Hereford bull calf for \$125.

J. D. Jeffries, a well known cattle man of Clarendon arrived in the city Sunday night. Reports the range in fine condition, cattle fat and the people around about Clarendon prosperous.

W. P. Anderson, representing the Union Stock Yards of Chicago and probably one of the best known men in live stock circles, took in the various entertainments in this city the last few days.

A. B. Robertson, the well known cattleman of Colorado City, came down Sunday to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the Cattle Raisers Association, of which he is a member.

Fort Worth did her part nobly. She always does. The result may be a little disappointing to some of those who contributed so liberally, but they won't know the difference a hundred years from now.

A. C. Hallaway, a well known Chicago newspaper man, for many years connected with the Drover's Journal, accompanied the Chicago delegation to the meeting of the National Live Stock Exchange.

A. T. Mabry, a well to do ranchman who lives at Grandview, and owns a cattle ranch near Big Springs, was in the city Friday. Mr. Mabry reports the range and cattle in fine condition in Western Texas.

J. W. Corn, the Weatherford cattle feeder, was here Monday, inspecting the fat stock and assisting the crowd in devouring the barbecued meat. Bill is equal to an East Texas farm hand as a meat consumer.

The \$60 placed at the disposition of R. N. Graham, chairman of the rooms committee, with which to pay hack hire escorting visitors to their quarters, was not needed. There were not visitors enough to fill the hotels.

W. L. Hawkins, cattle feeder of Midlothian, after filling up on barbecued meat on Monday, left for Jack County on Tuesday, where he goes to receive 500 feeders recently purchased from the Loving Cattle Company.

Vories P. Brown, editor and manager of the Stockman and Farmer of San Antonio, was circulating among the stockmen of this city on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Brown will take in the Dallas Fair before he returns home.

L. R. Moore, of Kansas City, owner of the well-known "F" herd in the Panhandle, was here Wednesday en route to his ranch. Mr. Moore says the fence cutters recently paid his ranch a visit and cut several miles of his pasture fence.

Col. James A. Wilson, live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton, has returned from a recuperating and pleasure trip East. The Colonel is not quite as frisky as he usually is, but is fast recovering from his recent severe illness.

The street parade Tuesday night was a success. It, like the "Ranch scenes," the barbecue and all other free shows to which all the men, women and children are invited regardless of race or color, drew an immense crowd of meat consumers.

T. M. Sheppard, a stockman and farmer from Skipper's Gap, Erath County, Texas, was taking in the fat stock show this week. Mr. Sheppard paid the Journal a pleasant call spoke encouragingly of the condition of his section of the State.

Now that the show is over and those thirty-nine live stock commission merchants have held their national meetings and concluded their labors, suggest the newspapers and newspaper readers will get a rest from those long-winded interviews.

Meyer Hall, a prominent merchant and ranchman of San Antonio, was in the city Saturday evening, returning from a business trip to Kansas City. He reports the sale of a large number of cattle, pastured by him in Kansas at very satisfactory prices.

Christian and Edward Kluck, John Benard, James Stutz, Chas. St. Webster and J. T. and O. C. Hiler composed a delegation of prominent capitalists and live stock dealers from Boston, who are prospecting in Texas, and who took in the fat stock show on Monday.

Geo. T. Reynolds the well known banker and cattle man of Albany, spent Friday in this city. Mr. Reynolds has recently built a very fine cotton seed oil mill at Cisco, but on account of the failure of the cotton crop in that locality will not operate the mill this season.

Sam Scaling, one of the veteran live stock commission men of St. Louis, was a delegate to the National Exchange. Mr. Scaling is one of the best judges of live stock in the country. In fact, has forgotten more about live stock than some of the noisy young men will ever know.

John Dennis, a well known cattlemen of Cisco, accompanied by his daughter, attended the fat stock show Monday. They will visit the Dallas Fair before returning home. Mr. Dennis says his section has had plenty of rain this fall and that the country is in very good shape.

William Ragland of San Antonio, general agent in Texas of the Chicago Live Stock Commission Company, spent the first part of the week in this city. Mr. Ragland says that the range in Southern Texas, is as a rule good, and that the farmers made an average crop and that the people are prosperous and happy.

Col. John Nesbitt, general live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton route, headquarters in St. Louis, was here in attendance at the Fat Stock Show. Col. Nesbitt has many warm friends among Texas stockmen who will always accord him a hearty welcome, and what is still better, will always give him a fair share of future business.

W. P. Neff, editor of the Drover's Telegram of Kansas City, accompanied the Kansas City delegation to the meeting of the National Live Stock Exchange. Mr. Neff is not only a first-class and successful newspaper man, but is also a practical politician. He being at this time nominee of the Republican party for Congress in his district.

Jeff Earl, one of Tarrant county's most prominent and successful stock farmers, paid the Journal office a pleasant visit Friday. Mr. Earl says that the farmers in his neighborhood are progressing nicely with their work, and that notwithstanding the dull times, they are financially and otherwise in splendid shape, and prosperous condition.

It is astounding how awfully hard it is for the daily and semi-occasional newspapers to tell the truth. Even the Dallas News, or at least the Fort Worth end of it--well, it may not prevaricate outright, but it is, to say the least, rather economical with the truth, and is fond of exaggerating if it can only get some one else to tell the story in the shape of an interview.

Richard Walsh, Manager of the famous "J. A." herd of Donley county, came down Sunday, bringing with him a car load of white faced cows known as Adams Hereford herd. It is needless to add that his cows took first premium at the fat stock show. Mr. Walsh says that he has had plenty of rain on his range and grass is good, consequently cattle managed by him will go into the winter in fine condition.

J. L. Harris, familiarly known as Jim, General Agent for the Union Stock Yards of Chicago, with headquarters in this city, returned Friday from a tour extending over several months, during which he made a thorough inspection of the Northwestern States and Territories in the interest of the Chicago Stock yards. He reports a very satisfactory trip and a big business for the concern he represents.

A. P. Bush, Jr., of Colorado, who is president of the Cattle Raisers Association, came in Sunday evening to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Association, and incidentally to take in the fat stock show and be present at the meeting of National Live Stock Exchange. Mr. Bush says his cattle, which are located in Borden county, are in very fine condition, and that the returns from a recent shipment were very satisfactory, both in weights and prices.

W. A. Sansom, of Alvarado, president of the Texas Live Stock Association, took in the Fat Stock Show and all the side shows. Mr. Sansom, it will be remembered, along with President Bush, is a delegate to the National Farmers' congress, which meets at Indianapolis next month. Of course they will both attend and give the farmers there assembled some practical and

valuable lessons in tilling the soil. They both know just how it should be done.

Sheehans Wine and Liquor House, 705 Main St., Fort Worth, Texas, has recently opened under the management of Jno. P. Sheehan, who has been engaged in the liquor business in this city since 1877. He carries only the best grade of Bourbon and Rye whiskeys, and would be pleased to have his acquaintances and the public generally call on him at his new quarters.

A. G. Boyce of Channing, Manager of the ranch owned by the Capital Syndicate and vice-president of the Cattle Raisers Association, came down Sunday to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the Cattle Raisers Association. Mr. Boyce reports his range in excellent condition, says the grass is as green as a wheat field, and while the outlook for winter range is good, there is a possibility of the grass being greatly damaged should there come an early freeze before the grass is matured.

Col. C. C. Slaughter and wife of Dallas were in the city Monday and Tuesday. Col. Slaughter had a train of cattle from his "Long S." ranch on exhibition at the stock yards Monday and Tuesday more extended mention of which will be found elsewhere. Mr. Slaughter reports having recently sold the 2-year-old steers and spayed heifers shipped to him in the spring to his Dakota ranch. The steers were sold at 3 cents and the heifers at 2.90 cents per pound. This is certainly a very satisfactory price for range cattle. He also had a shipment of steers on the Kansas City market Monday, which netted him \$33.15 per head.

The special train reported by "long" Jim Harris as having started from Chicago to Fort Worth with 150 delegates was evidently lost en route, as no special has arrived. There was, however, a party of fifteen gentlemen and six ladies from Chicago that arrived from Chicago Monday morning. Is it possible that the general agent of the Union Stock Yards could have made a mistake of 129 people in his calculations? But these 21 people did not travel by special train, and could not therefore be the outfit referred to by Mr. Harris. Some steps should be taken to locate these 150 people. Some awful accident may have befallen them.

There were thirty-six visiting delegates. These came from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux City and Pittsburg. There were, including eight or ten ladies, possibly as many more visitors from the same places. These, with a few scattering visitors from other points outside of Texas, would swell the number of visiting stockmen and their ladies to a possible 100. To these add another 100, which will easily cover the number of Texas stockmen who were in Fort Worth Monday and Tuesday. In other words we had 200 representatives of Texas in stead of between 3000 and 4000, as stated in the mayor's proclamation, but the mayors, like general managers, get a little windy at times.

Mr. H. L. Leibfried, manager Sunny Slope Farm, Emporia, Kansas, was with us Monday and Tuesday, taking in the meeting of the Live Stock Exchange and the fat stock show. While here Mr. Leibfried made a display at the World Hotel of the Sunny Slope Herefords and their prize winnings last year. The Sunny Slope Farm herd is one of the largest pure-bred herds in the country now numbering about 300 head. In selecting the animals for this farm Mr. Leibfried endeavored to get the very individual merit, conformation and stiyk with a very thick, low-down, meat Hereford of the quick maturing kind as will be seen by the great Axnety breed bull, Wild Tom, 51,592, who stands at the head of the herd and weighed 3,150 pounds when 34 months old, 2205 pounds, and has shown himself to be one of the greatest sons of the late Beau Real both in the show yard and as a breeder.

Col. D. H. Snyder, of Georgetown was in Fort Worth the latter part of last week, en route home from a business trip to Chicago. Col. Snyder is largely interested in and manager of a big cattle ranch in Southern Arizona, and is also largely interested in mining in Mexico. While in Fort Worth the Colonel called on the Journal. The writer regrets very much that on account of his absence from the city he failed to meet and personally interview his almost lifelong friend, for whom he entertains the highest regard. Col. Snyder, like many other Texans who have mining interests in Mexico, is enthusiastic over the prospect and sanguine as to success. He, too, it seems, like many other heretofore gold standard advocates, after living temporarily in the land of "God and Liberty," becomes an enthusiastic free silver advocate. This the Journal gathers from a recently published interview with Col. Snyder, which reads as follows:

"As to politics, we are not troubled much about the question out here, as we have no daily papers and no political discussions. This is a grand time for sober thought, and have concluded and firmly decided, that if I had a million votes I would cast them all for Bryan, and then be sorry that I didn't have more.

"Of course the money power of the Republican party and of the Democratic party will all combine to defeat the free silver movement; they will control all, or most all of the national banks, and all of the large daily papers in the United States, taking such papers in Texas as the Dallas and Galveston News, the San Antonio Express, the Austin Statesman, and so throughout the entire country.

"The first thing that put me to thinking was an extract from the London Financial Review, the strongest paper in all England on finances. Now, 'for want of will,' 'sink or swim,' I want to see the free and unlimited coinage of silver adopted by the United States, and I think when done and the country settles down that England and all other countries will whip into line, and that our country will be better off than since the act of congress in 1873 when silver was demonetized.

"Bryan is an able man with a good record in congress, a fine speaker, and the best reasoner I ever heard. I heard him speak in El Paso, Texas, last February, and I sincerely hope that he will be our next president with the free silver plank in the Democratic platform."

NEWS AND NOTES.

The following Live Stock, Range and Agricultural news items, culled from our exchanges will be found of interest to our readers.

From West Texas Stockman:

A. P. Bush shipped five cars of cattle to Chicago yesterday from Iatan.

M. Z. Smisen of Sterling county shipped two cars of fat cows to St. Louis Monday.

A. B. Robertson shipped two cars of cattle Friday to the Dallas Dressed Beef company.

Will Evans shipped two cars of cattle from Big Springs yesterday to market.

R. P. Robertson, the well known stockman, expects to leave for south Texas in a few days, to be absent about one month.

D. N. Arnett, manager of the Spade ranch, is expected in from Amarillo about the 15th, where he has been shipping 4000 steers.

D. M. DeVitt, the well known stockman, came in from Fort Worth Sunday night, en route to his ranch on the plains.

George W. Johnson, of the Dixie ranch, left for St. Louis Friday and will be absent until January.

M. Z. Smisen, the well known Sterling county stockman, is at the St. James. Mr. Smisen is here looking after some shipments.

The existing quarantine will be lifted on Nov. 15, and thousands of cattle will be brought into this section.

Chas. O'Keefe has returned from his Cedar Lake ranch, in Dawson county. He says grass in that section is very fine, and all stock is in good shape or the approaching winter.

Jonas Bedford, a stockman of Sterling county, came in Saturday. He reports the outlook in his section quite encouraging, and the range in fine condition.

L. H. Wertherly, who has some stock a few miles north of town, was in last week, and reported cattle in his vicinity too fat. He says he has lost several head of calves from blackleg.

A Fisher county man has been heavily fined in the county court of Roubid or failing to dip his sheep for scab. The man who will let his own flock suffer and communicate the disease to that of his neighbor ought to be fined.

The cotton crop in Mitchell county is turning out a fine yield, and our armers are in good shape.

Two cars of hogs passed through Monday, en route to Van Horn, where a ranch is to be started. They were of the red Duroc breed.

R. A. Morris, manager of the M K ranch in Borden county, came in Sunday from Big Springs, where he loaded out 1000 calves recently sold by his people to L. G. Bishop, of Cedarvale, Kan. The calves were said to be the best ever shipped from this section.

During the recent cold rain sixty head of Louisiana cattle that had been shipped into Nolan county by W. R. Harris, of Shreveport, chilled to death and died in one corner of the pasture. The Sweetwater Review says they were in very thin condition.

Among the stockmen who left here Sunday night for El Paso, to attend the Scott suit against the Western Union Telegraph company, were W. T. Scott, Jim Gilliland, J. D. Mitchell, Dud Thompson, Major W. V. Johnston, Paul Handy and D. L. Musgrave.

Ben F. Tillar, who has been out on the Triangle H ranch, looking after some cattle in which he is interested with A. P. Bush, left for Fort Worth Saturday morning. Mr. Tillar is well pleased with the condition of affairs in this section.

Martin & Leedy bought 400 calves from Jake McCall last week, paying \$5.50 for steer calves, \$8.50 for heifer calves, and \$6 for the late calves. This sale is considered one of the best yet made in this section, and is very gratifying to Mr. McCall. The gentlemen who purchased are from Cedarvale, Kan.

A. P. Bush came in from the ranch Friday and left for El Paso Saturday night, where he has a case pending in the federal court. Mr. Bush has been rounding up a lot of fat stuff for the past two weeks, and will commence shipping to market in a few days. The shipments will be made from Iatan. He reports everything on the ranch in fine shape.

J. M. Shannon is in from Crockett county. He reports grass very fine down there, and an abundance of stock water. The stock movement now in that section is very slow, on account of the quarantine restrictions, but when he quarantine is raised next month Mr. Shannon thinks there will be a good movement of stock in that section.

Arthur G. Anderson, the well known sheepman, returned from his ranch Friday. He reports grass down there is green as if it were spring time, and his sheep in better condition than they have been in the past six years. As his sheep were not shorn this fall, he had no losses during the recent cold rain, and he is pleased with the outlook. Mr. Anderson says he has marked and weaned 4500 lambs this fall, and has not lost 50 out of the lot. That is certainly a most excellent showing.

Charlie Coppinger was here a few days ago, and Charlie has an idea. We do not mean by this that it is unusual for Charlie to have ideas, but here is so much in this one we mean to see that it reaches the public. Mr. Coppinger's idea is to form a combination that will put in and operate a dipping vat on the county line near Roscoe, for dipping of cattle, destruction of ticks and elimination of any unnecessary quarantine regulations. The cattle could be dipped at a maximum price of 20 cents each, and that is certainly cheaper than several months' pasturage. The Stockman believes there is a great deal in the idea, and hopes to see it materialize during the next season.

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