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CATTLE.

The Denver Field and Farm says that when young steers are fed on forcing rations during the first year of their lives the result of the second year's feeding is not liable to be satisfactory either in the general well-doing of the animals or from a financial standpoint.

The value of using the improved breeds of beef cattle was shown by a sale of eight fancy white faced steers for $6, the highest price paid this year. The very best cattle this season have brought $5.25 and up, a very few reaching $5.50. A premium of $6 or $7 on a single steer makes it pay well to use the best bulls obtainable.

A number of cattle raisers in Texas are making a reputation on their full bloods of the Shorthorn, Hereford and other valuable beef breeds that enable them to sell young bulls at prices that show the value of good blood. Before many years Texas will compare favorably with any state in the grade of her cattle.

Occasionally some of the exchanges suggest that the feeding cattle are selling at too high a price, but it is to be remarked that those who know the situation best are the men who have been buying most heavily. The prospects are better now than in times when feeders cost more and yet paid handsomely.

It has been estimated that the shrinkage in cattle during the last five years has averaged about 1,300,000 head. From the season of 1896 to that of 1897 the decrease was large. In the corn feeding states it has amounted to 565,945 head, while cows have fallen off to the extent of nearly 92,000 head. In the range country steers decreased in number 365,492 head and cows 24,263 head. In the seven Middle States steers decreased 128,418 head and cows 40,504 head.

The corn fodder ought to be placed under shelter as soon as in condition for it, and in order to get the full benefit of it the corn gathering should be finished as soon as possible. Rains rapidly diminish the nutritive qualities of the stalk. If they have been free from rain a week after the corn is shucked out there is little danger of their having too much sap in them. Such heating as they will get will soften the outer coating and make the stock eat it more closely.

A new feed that is now being a good deal discussed is obtained by grinding corn stalks. The pith of the stalk is used for other purposes and after it is separated the hard shell of the stalk is ground into fine powder. It is said that it can be put up in sacks and will keep as well as any other ground food. It is richer in the food element producing more muscle than the whole stalk and stock will eat it up clean. At experiment stations it is reported that a balanced ration can be made by mixing it with oil meal or cotton seed meal.

Chicago Drovers' Journal of the 5th says: The shortage in Western range cattle receipts does not seem to be easily caught up. The fact is, the season is well advanced and a number of important outfits are practically through. There will be some big runs of Western rangers before snow flies, but the shortage will probably not be any less at the end of the season than now. This, together with the fact of poorer beef quality, makes a big difference in pounds of range beef marketed.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal of Oct. 7 has it from a man just returned from the Western ranges, where he has been traveling in the interest of live stock dealers that not for very many years has there been such a scarcity of young cattle and that the quality of breeding stock is inferior. In times of scarcity and strong demand the choice cattle go first, and many stockmen have been too ready to dispose of animals that will be badly needed for stocking up the depleted ranges. In Texas the breeding stock generally has steadily improved and is of a higher standard now than ever before.

The Big Four of Chicago, Morris, Swift, Armour and Cudahy, realized months ago what the cattle situation actually was and quietly bought up nearly everything available for the feeders' lot in Nevada, Arizona and Oregon before dealers on the Pacific coast suspected such heavy invasion of their source of supplies. The Journal has mentioned elsewhere the fifty per cent advance in butchers' prices in San Francisco as the result. Buyers have covered all the ranges of the West and already the run of feeders to the markets has been materially reduced. The advance in price is very decided and now two of the largest coast dealers are working hard to secure a sufficient supply of cattle out there for their trade. The Western supply, little of which had formerly come into the central cattle markets, meets temporarily part of the general heavy demand, but the effect of the entire country's shortage will be more evident on the market later.

A recent sale of grass-fed steers in Menard county, Texas, for $37.50 per head is among one of the excellent sales made during the present season. The intelligence and enterprise of Texas cattlemen, who during years of depression, have steadily held to their course and have spared neither care nor expense in bringing their herds up to a high standard, is being richly repaid. The Journal gave in its last issue brief mention of a number of sales at prices that show how favorably our range cattle compare with the highly graded stock of states that for many years have been noted for the excellence of their beef production. And the movement in that direction in Texas has, generally, only just begun. The stockmen in Texas realize the value of each breeding and are spending more and more each pear to secure it.

THE FARM.

Texas farmers generally should attend the Dallas Fair. Such expositions have a great educational advantage to all classes, but to none more than to those engaged in agriculture and stock breeding.

An unusual supply of corn has been brought into sight since the crop of this year was assured, in spite of the unprecedented quantity exported. It is brought out by speculators who bought and stored during 1895-6. Farmers generally have been trying to secure cattle, hogs and sheep to consume their corn crops.

The farmers in North and middle Texas who have raised cotton as their principal crop will be benefitted greatly by the arrangement of Fort Worth merchants to supply free storage and insurance and liberal advances on their crop. They will be enabled to hold for better prices, and the large amount thus amassed in Fort Worth will probably bring agents of spinners to make offers, thus obviating the necessity of passing the staple through the hands of a middleman.

Seed corn should be gathered early in the fall and as soon as possible after the full maturity of the grain. This is best done in the field, as that allows the stalk as well as the grain to be considered. Not only select the very best seed, but select more than will be required, and then, before planting, go through it and make a second selection of the quantity of seed you wish to plant. Dry it out thoroughly and store it where it can not be injured by frost or vermin. The ears that are selected should be of good size, with a deep grain and well filled throughout the whole length of the ear.

During an extremely dry fall in Illinois, when it seemed impossible to get the ground in condition for wheat planting, one farmer succeeded in breaking a few furrows around the outer edges of the land he wished to plant, then burned the stubble off clean, ran over it twice with a disc harrow, then harrowed thoroughly and gave the surface a good rolling. This gave him a seed bed three inches deep, thoroughly pulverized, into which he put his wheat with a shoe-press drill. The wheat came up quickly and made a good growth before winter. The winter was hard on wheat in his section, but his wintered as well as that of his neighbors and produced a crop that averaged nineteen bushels to the acre of good grain.

It is probable that wheat prices will be well sustained and farmers throughout the wheat belt have generally wished to put in as large an area as possible. But a good crop can be secured only by having the soil prepared so that the seed will rest in a bed thoroughly pulverized, a surface that will absorb moisture to be retained by the fine condition of the soil and rough enough to prevent the winds from leaving the roots bare and exposed. After the ground has been broken and harrowed so as to drag the clods to the surface it should at once be gone over with a disc to thoroughly break up the clods before they harden still more. If the clods can not be reduced it is hardly worth the time and labor of the farmer to sow the land at all.

OWN YOUR FARM.

The Journal would feel that it had accomplished much good for its farmer readers if it could make each one feel the importance of having a farm and home of his own. There are far too many tenant farmers in Texas. Many of them are capable, energetic men, competent to win success in their chosen avocation but with slender means for purchase of land. Some of these are men who have recently arrived in Texas and are able and intend to buy land but deem it prudent to learn conditions in the locality they have selected before fastening themselves to the soil. This is a wise policy if it does not perpetuate the condition of him who adopts it as a tenant farmer, as it sometimes does.

Farming lands are cheap almost everywhere in Texas, and her area is too vast and too much of it uncultivated for prices to reach a forbidding scale for many years. In a few counties where development has been stimulated beyond the average agricultural land prices are as high as in the middle Western States, but such counties in Texas are the exception. A few localities have been "boomed," but Texas is too big for a boom to cause any, even the slightest general effect. Practically, it may be said, there are cheap lands all over the state.

And this year gives to the tenant farmer better opportunity, perhaps, than he has ever had before. The product of his labor is liberal and prices good. There are few who will not be able to have some surplus for investment. Ther can be no better investment for the farmer than a home and farm. The Journal would not advise him to incur any heavy proportion of debt, but if he buys at the low prices still prevailing, debt for purchase is not a debt that will bring him to failure. Easy terms of payment and low rates of interest can now be arranged, and the opportunity is better now than it will be twelve months later.

It is not necessary to buy much land. In the choice agricultural regions eighty acres is enough to support a small family in comfort and give some surplus to provide for perfecting purchase. In the portion of the state adapted especially to stock farming, more land will be required but there the lands are proportionately cheaper. Only don't try to buy more than can be utilized in production. Idle land will impoverish any man. With a small home the farmer is intrenched against the assaults of adversity. It is imprudent, therefore, to be contented to remain a renter. Nerve yourself to make the effort. Certainly it is the only road to success, and failure will leave you in quite as good condition as before making the effort to have a farm and home of your own

HORSES AND MULES.

The demand is growing in the United States as well as elsewhere, for large horses; not large, coarse horses, but large, fine horses. The mares should give the size and the stallions the quality. The first breeding ought to produce the mares that form the basis of the enterprise. From the best of them and their best fillies the supply commanding high figures must come. Get the thoroughbred for a sire, one with the individual attributes desired, as well as the pedigree.

It is not probable that there has been any time, even during the greatest depression in the price of horses, when a really good horse would not sell for enough to give a satisfactory profit on the expense of raising and feeding him. There are exceptions to this when the animal has been bred and reared solely for racing purposes, for there is a good deal of expense in preparing a horse for the turf. But the assertion is certainly true as a general fact relating the horses of all other classes, and a good horse is the only horse there is any pleasure in raising. There are few of our Texas farmers, however, that have the mares capable of producing such stock, no matter what may be the excellence of the sire to which they breed, and yet there is no other department of stock raising that offers such liberal reward as raising good horses, a reward in pleasure as well as in money. On account of the deficiency in good mares, capable of producing, when properly bred, handsome, stylish, up-headed animals with roadster or coacher speed and action and high finish, the Country Gentleman suggests that the farmers of the country generally breed only for heavy draft purposes, because the animals required for such work are cheaply bred, their qualities easily developed and their training is simple. The Journal would like to see the horse raisers of Texas aim at a higher mark. We have not now many mares suitable for breeding a class of roadsters and coachers and saddlers that will bring the highest prices but it is well worth while, in consideration of the object to be obtained to begin laying the basis of breeding farms on which the very best animals will be produced by bringing up our mares to the standard necessary to success.

With some the distinction between roadsters and coachers does not seem to be very clear, but the two classes have requisites very different. A roadster requires endurance, high spirit, strength for draught of light vehicle carrying two persons, speed and style. The last requirement in the roadster is one of less importance than either of the others. If derived from some of the better families of the thoroughbred and from a trotting family with size and form he ought, from breeding, to have all the requisites. But his movement must be smooth, easy, graceful, with no waste of energy and no movement not addressed to speedy going. The coacher requires more size, and high bearing and action, not necessarily speedy, are the principal excellencies in movement; for the coacher is the show horse, to pass slowly along fashionable streets or boulevards, to attract the eye by lofty bearing and splendid form rather than by rapid movement. The coacher may have in his veins the blood of handsome draft sires, should have something from thoroughbred strains, and is improved by a cross with trotting-bred families in which size and handsome form are hereditary. The roadster is the higher type of animal, as his excellencies are those which are best secured by a strong infusion of the blood of the royal breeds. Both can be bred and reared to all the highest requirements, but of late years breeding in these lines has been neglected, and it is said that it is far easier to find coachers high in their class eight years old and over than to find younger animals approaching them in merit. Besides the difficulty in finding good single animals, the difficulty in finding two that match well in color, size, bearing, form and action, makes the market value of a really good coach team very high.

Mrs. W. W. Stevens writes to the National Stockman and Farmer a highly interesting article on "The Morgan Horse as a Roadster," from which the Journal gives its readers the following extract: The Morgan horse is famous the world over for his good qualities, chief of which is his roading capacity. In the year 1789 there was foaled a colt that was named Justin Morgan, which became the head of this grand family. In this family are to be found all the qualities necessary to the ideal horse. In point of beauty they have no rival unless it be the Thoroughbred. Their style is without parallel. While they are extremely spirited they are as docile when kindly treated as the Arab horse. This family of horses has been bred in Vermont for over one hundred years, and many specimens are yet to be found that have had practically no out-cross. Other branches of the family have had out-crosses of so judicious a selection that the good characteristics have all been retained and desirable points added. It has always been the proud boast of the lovers of the Morgan horse that he could out-walk, out-pull, out-style and out-trot any horse on earth. This is a pretty broad assertion, but when we read his history it is not hard to believe. As such of these popular Morgan sires became famous they were constantly contesting with each other for championship as trotters, walkers, pullers and long-distance roadsters. There is no longer any doubt that acquired characteristics are transmissible, and this spirit of emulation is characteristic of almost every living Morgan to-day. It is this very spirit that makes him an ideal road horse. He has for generations been taught that it was a disgrace to let any other horse go faster, farther or more gracefully than he.

Karnes County News: Parson Hicks, the stock buyer, shipped two cars of cattle to San Antonio yesterday. They were purchased from Richard Ricks.

SHEEP AND GOATS.

Last week 550,000 pounds of Texas wool sold in Boston at 12 to 18 cents.

$2.25 to $2.35 a head for stock sheep, prices recently paid in the San Angelo country, have something of the music of better days.

There has never been a time in the history of sheep raising in Texas when so much money has been spent for fine breeding animals.

The salt should be kept where the sheep can always have access to it. It is an excellent tonic, is necessary to perfect digestion, and is said, in some degree, to be a destroyer of worms.

Jos. A. Harris, Esq., of Rock Springs, Tex., in a letter of Sept. 29th, to Texas Stock and Farm Journal, says: "The old-fashioned way of dipping sheep with lime and sulphur is my remedy for ticks. Any stockman knows how to mix it."

Australian sheepmen are spending large amounts on the improvement of their flocks. Recently a Vermont ram sold to an Australian breeder for $5000. At a Sydney agricultural or stock show held Aug. 27 twenty-nine Vermont rams of the highest Merino type sold for $200 to $1200.

A good lamb ought to grow from the day it is dropped and attain a good size at an early age. Attention and feed have much to do with this, though breeding, too, is necessary. A good-sized, vigorous ewe mated to a Shropshire or Rambouillet is the cross to effect such a result.

A writer in Farm, Stock and Home says that in the last twenty-five years sheepmen have several times sold their flocks for a song, and yet, after going into apparent seclusion for a time, sheep again and again emerge from their retirement and seek public favor, just as at present.

Sheep can utilize almost everything that grows on land. The more variety there is in their grazing feed the better. In feeding this fact ought to influence and the feed ought to be varied so as to tempt the appetite and aid digestion, so that the largest possible proportion of the food consumed may be converted into mutton and wool.

The sheep breeder should not only work off in every sale of wethers all the inferior and unsatisfactory young ewes before they are bred, for the purpose of continually bringing his herd to a higher standard of excellence, but every time he changes the rams of his flock he should supply it with better ones.

In large flocks of sheep culling is imperative. Sheep show their age plainly and after a certain age go on the down grade very rapidly. The old members of the flock should be worked off closely as well as inferior ones of any age. Try to increase the value of the stock by improvement in quality rather than by increase in numbers. The pressure of diminishing range conditions makes this more imperative each year.

Ordinarily it is not profitable to keep the undersized ewe for breeding, but that reason alone should not condemn her if she is well up to the mark in other characteristics. If her form is good, her shoulders broad and thick, her back wide and straight, big bodied and deep through the loins, square, full buttock, coated all over, belly and all, with a thick fleece, she is well worth keeping. When cutting out mutton sheep with a view mostly to the improvement of the flock, select for sale all the undersized yearling ewes that are not especially well marked in other desirable qualities.

The character of the lamb crop depends very much upon the condition of the ewes at the time of breeding. If they are vigorous and in the condition of improving in flesh there will probably be a very satisfactory percentage in lambs. And the susceptibility of the flock to disease during the winter is also influenced by its condition. In the month of October, if no grain is fed, the ewes should be on the best pasturage that can be secured for them. A feed of one-half pound of oats a day to the ewes should be given, but on the large Western ranges this, perhaps, can not be done and pasturage alone must be depended on to keep them in thrifty, improving condition. Some choice pasturage should be reserved for late fall feeding.

The Boston Commercial Bulletin reports the wool market active and bouyant and that large sales had been made and prices further advanced. Most of the purchases were on account of speculators. The transactions indicated unlimited confidence in the strong situation and higher prices are anticipated. A considerable business was done in Australian and other foreign wools and more would have been done had not supplies been in exceptionally strong hands. Holders of these and of many kinds of domestic wools refused a great many temptations to sell. It proceeds: "There have been a great many instances of late where dealers have reconsidered their purpose to let go supplies, and even where a big profit started them in the face they have withdrawn their wool in the hope of doing better later on. Judging from the present conditions of the market their attitude is a wise one, as all the influences that are in control make for higher prices. The tendency of the market is upward, and it is evident that the topmost rung of the ladder has not yet been reached. Still we are at a point where many are inclined to pause, especially as the market is now on an importing basis, and supplies will be bought for this country at the London auction sales that open on Tuesday next. A few weeks ago such an event was not anticipated. The fact is, this shows how splendid a recovery from depressed conditions the wool market has made.

SWINE.

An exchange says that a well bred hog will mature in one-half the time and on one-half the feed required for a scrub; or, in other words, you can grow four well bred hogs at the cost of one scrub.

A sow suckles her young more through the day than other animals because she cannot retain her milk long and because the stomach of the pig is too small to retain much food. Young pigs should be fed often but not much at a time.

In selecting a boar for breeding purposes it is important to ascertain that he comes from a strain that is prolific. A family can be bred up in the development of this characteristic just as it can be improved in any other special trait.

There will be an advantage in selecting the boar that is from a prolific strain for producing pork hogs. Light weight hogs are the kind the market now demands, and as cultivated taste and sanitary reasons have caused such demand, it will grow stronger with time.

The boar should not be required to do service more than twice any day, and generally only once. If over-worked his offspring will be deficient in number and weak in vitality. He should be kept in a lot to himself and permitted to serve each sow only once. The most effective service is near the end of the period of heat.

Before beginning to feed the hogs heavily, cut out all the long-bodied, thrifty young sows for breeders. The breeding sow due to bring pigs in the spring will be worth more than she could be for pork. This will save feed and be better for the sows, as they do not require much grain and ought not to have it.

The Country Gentleman commends the Berkshire, because it can be easily matured at the age of six month to a marketable condition, and meets the requirements of the market at less cost than any other breed. And it says concerning southern bacon: "The common rail-splitter is rapidly being supplanted by the Essex and Berkshire, on account of their adaptation to the heat of the sun. The modern pig is pastured, and is not wholly confined to the pine roots for its ordinary food. It gets the pickings on the roadsides, to be sure, but these are now largely made up of the nutritious Japan clover; and anyhow its meat is tender and rich in flavor, just as the pork of western Europe, because it gets its greatest growth on the chestnut and oak mast, as do the pigs of Bohemia, Roumania, and other countries where there is a large forest range. But this meat is precisely like the imported Westphalia hame in shape, the hams being not over two or three inches thick, with the sweetest and tenderest meat, and half an inch of fat over it."

The Journal has several times of late called attention to the bacon qualities which increase the value of hogs. The Canadian bacon is highly prized on European tables and the Toronto (Canada) Empire speaks of it as follows: "There is no finer, more toothsome bacon than that produced in Canada. Every year it is winning more and more the preference of British consumers. Against the choice cures of Ireland and Denmark, the sale of it in the United Kingdom is steadily increasing. In the last fiscal year our exports of bacon amounted to $3,802,135 practically all of it being sold on the British market. The secret of its excellence and the British partiality for it is that it is pea fed. It is not fat, oily stuff, like the product of the gross sides that are nourished on the corn of the western states. Last year, while western farmers got an average of $3.30 for their hogs, Ontario farmers got $4.09. The difference in price was due to quality, and the difference in quality due to superior feed." Though peas or pea meal have not the fattenting qualities of the same weight in corn, they can be fed more liberally because they do not have the heating qualities of corn, and the weight they add is a better and hence more valuable meat, the pea food producing muscle, or lean meat, instead of fat. It can well be fed during the summer when steady growth is desired instead of fattening.

THE HOGS FOR THE MARKET.

A writer for Country Gentleman says that the improved Large Yorkshire hog has become very popular with pork packers, who consider it the best for bacon production. He also attributes the fact of Ireland and Denmark holding the highest position as producing superior pork and bacon to the large introduction of this breed of swine into those countries. He says it is a breed in every respect meeting all the requirements of the pork packer. "It is light in the head, has light neck and shoulders, well sprung ribs, with good heart girth, a narrow, well fleshed back, with thick loins, great length, full flanks and hams well let down. The meat consists of a very large proportion of lean, while it is a rapid grower and will fatten easily at any time."

The show yard pigs are not always the best for breeders in crossing with the common stocks of the country because they are not the best bacon hogs. At least that is said to be the opinion of bacon curers. We have been exporting annually to England $40,000,000 worth of bacon, and in England the best price paid for bacon is for such meat as is made by the improved Large Yorkshire, the Tamworth and other hogs that yield a large proportion of lean meat. To hold a good position in the English market is certainly desirable, but to effect that more attention must be given to the quality of the meat produced for it, making it meet the requirements of the British consumers. There is no doubt that American taste is the same and that bacon with a large proportion of lean with the fat would retail here most profitably.

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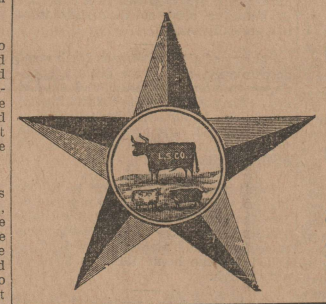
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ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Ashes should be sprinkled freely about the roots of the fruit trees.

If your garden is a loose loam burn off the trash. The ashes are as valuable a fertilizer as the trash would be after rotting.

The garden should be kept mulched all summer. It prevents the growth of weeds and keeps the soil in good condition.

Apricots are now being cultivated successfully in Western New York where they are bearing profusely. The Harris and the Russian seem, from reports, to be the varieties that do the best there. Few fruits have such value for canning as apricots and they ought to be raised much more extensively in Texas. From the Southern part of the state, where they would thrive and produce abundantly, the fruit could be put on the market early in the season and would prove profitable.

The weeds and all plant growth on strawberry beds not to be replanted should be closely mowed and burned when dry. This kills off all fungus diseases, insects, seeds of weeds, etc. After the burning harrow enough to loosen up the ground a little. Although a few plants will be destroyed no harm will be done, as the plants do better with some thinning. Often it is beneficial to run a cultivator between the rows. In Texas the burning off of the old beds should be done just before time for the first spring growth to appear.

The Japanese plum differs entirely from both the European and American plums. The foliage is distinct and holds on until late in the fall. Nearly all the Japanese are cling stones. The best and largest is the Burbank. It is palatable as a raw fruit and the best for canning. It ripens and is a hardy plum in all the Northern, though best adapted to the Southern states, as seem to be all the Japanese plums. All begin bearing at an early age, are immensely productive and are not so liable to be damaged by circulio as are other plums. The most widely known, however, of the Japanese varieties is the Abundance. It ripens about September 1, just before the Burbank; is smaller and lighter in color, though otherwise much resembling the Burbank.

Generally early fruit bearing is at the expense of long life and among the finer varieties of pear trees it is said that few grow old, although naturally the pear is a long lived tree. The dwarf trees are grafted on the French quince and are earlier bearers, as a rule, than the standard trees, those growing from their own roots. The Seckel and some others are, however, early bearing as standards. By pinching back the strongest shoots during the growing season a bushy growth is insured and an earlier fruitfulness. Different kinds require different pruning. Trees grown on rich soil and highly cultivated need a good deal of pruning, the Seckel probaly less than any other. But all should be watched and the shoots should be pinched back during the summer to prevent the tree spiring up too much and to promote fruit bearing.

The Mexican strawberry, mentioned before in this column, is attracting considerable interest. Its superb appearance and enormous size brings the best price in the market, it is wonderfully prolific, has a strong, vigorous growth, endures any climate, in a warm climate bearing heavy crops all through the season and in the North producing two crops a year, and yields heavily for five or six years without renewing. It is said that the berries are larger than those produced by any other plant and that with fair culture the two-year-old plants will yield two quarts of fruit to the plant. It is a rapid grower and attains a height of about sixteen inches, with dense, spreading, dark leaves, which give good protection against frost. The appearance and quality of the fruit has already been described in the Journal.

The following, given by an experienced horticulturist gives an account of the Elberta peach, which is corroborated by a number who have tried it, and may be of interest to such of the Journal readers who desire to plant or to extend their orchards: "It has proved to be one of the standards in all regions, from Georgia to Michigan, and from Connecticut to California. The tree is vigorous enough to make a good orchard tree, spreading in habit, and has large leaves, somewhat like its parent, and is as hardy in tree and bud as the average of varieties. It ripens its fruit a little before mid-season, or about with Oldmixon Free. The fruit is above the average in size, and oval in shape with a suture on one side. The color is lemon yellow, with a blush on the sunny side. The flesh is rather pale yellow, tender and juicy, yet firm enough to ship well. In flavor there is nothing lacking. Altogether there is, perhaps, at the present time no peach for all sections and all purposes quite so valuable as the Elberta."

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POULTRY.

During the year 1896, one million of eggs were imported into the United States.

Poultry raising is profitable to the farmer because the utilization of waste products supplies much of the feed and the remainder he produces on his farm.

Fowls not too closely housed and with abundant range on which they forage well enough to make it necessary to give only light supplies of feed, seldom suffer from any disease.

An egg that is fertile will keep longer than one that contains a germ. In the latter the germ soon dies and as decomposition of the dead chick soon begins the egg is spoiled.

If your early hatched pullets are matured enough to lay, house them as you intend them to remain during the winter. Any change after they commence laying is apt to interrupt them and interfere with your supply of eggs.

Chickens moult twice during the first twelve months and after that once each year. The shedding is not exhausting but the new growth is a tax on the organism that must be compensated by good housing and feeding.

It is said that when Li Hung Chang was making his tour through Europe and the United States he feasted regularly on duck eggs brought from China. To preserve them fit for food they were hard boiled and enclosed in a covering of adhesive clay, so that they were hermetically sealed.

Poultry of all kinds needs fresh meat occasionally, and some firms are engaged in preparing dried and ground meats for poultry food. On the farm a supply can be obtained by killing rabbits, ground squirrels, etc., and in Western Texas prairie dogs can be utilized in this way.

Poultry sells for too little to justify feeding through the winter more roosters than are actually needed for service in the poultry yard. The surplus of males should always be sold off or killed for the home table as soon as old enough.

In starting into poultry breeding know first what you wish your flock to produce. The model table fowl and the one that excels in egg production are two distinct birds. You cannot have poultry of one breed that excel in both departments. So the fowls that are most profitable kept in a confined area may be less valuable than others if large range and little special care is given, as on an ordinary farm.

A correspondent of the American Cultivator gives the result of trying a number of crosses of purebred fowls, endeavoring thereby to combine the utilities of different breeds, but found that none came up to those purely bred in the most desirable qualities. Some were better layers at an early age but did not have the staying qualities. In every cross the result was, on the whole, a deterioration instead of an improvement.

The poultry raiser will find it advantageous to his fowls and a paying economy to do some fruit raising in connection with his poultry business. There should be some fruit trees among which his hens can run all the time, and a few plum and pear trees in the poultry yard. The fowls will do better for having the shade these trees will give them and will feed on insects hurtful to the trees and from fallen fruit during its season.

There have been different expressions of opinion as to rye as a poultry feed, some considering it injurious to fowls, but several writers to the National Stockman and Farmer from actual experience consider it a valuable feed at its present price relative to other grains. None of them have observed that it has caused any injurious effects.

There is no better floor for a hen house than an earth floor. Over this and under the roosts light, dry earth should be kept sprinkled about a half often enough to prevent the droppings. The loose earth should be scraped out often enough o prevent the droppings from getting to the floor. Of course the floor should be higher than the ground without, in order that it may remain always dry.

Where the principal object of the poultryman is egg production all weedy, under-sized or ill developed pullets should be killed or taken to market, as well as lazy or inactive fowls. The owner does not want to perpetuate their bad qualities by continuing to breed the defective specimens, nor do they make good layers. The hen that is a rustler is the best layer. They are always alert, active and intelligent, forage well and obtain a better food supply and in every way take better care of themselves, and better care of their chicks if they become mother hens.

Poultry ought not to be kept very closely housed during the winter. A great deal of exposure to cold is not as hurtful as a tightly closed, ill-ventilated poultry house. The house ought to have plenty of windows, one or more on each side proportioned to the side of the house and at least one, ought to remain open every night. They can be opened in such a way that there will be no draught through the house. By such management the fowls grow up hardier and are better able to endure any of the severities of weather to which they may be necessarily exposed.

For three years various experiment stations have given special attention to poultry interests. It is said that those to whom the investigations and experiments were assigned were astonished at the extent and variety of their labor. Instead of a few months, as they at first estimated, the experiments have lasted through several years and there is yet much to learn, although their reports have already conferred many benefits on those engaged in poultry raising, especially as to methods of feeding and diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Considering the millions of dollars given to our people annually from poultry products the station work, it must be readily seen, will result in very great general advantage.

DAIRY.

With a good dairy cow the use of rich feed results in an extra supply of butter. But she is not a good dairy cow unless she can consume and assimilate a large quantity of feed.

The farmer who puts part of his dependence on cattle and grass will often have some income when his neighbors who rely only on the products of the soil are wondering how they will pay taxes.

Other things being equal, the dairy cow that has clean, comfortable stalls during bad weather and is occasionally cleaned off with a curry comb will thrive better and give a larger yield of milk than one not so well treated.

Some cows are so persistent in the milking habit that they do not cease giving milk unless pains are taken to dry them off after having their first or second calf. Continuous milking is not profitable and they should be handled so as to give them a few weeks or a month's rest.

Ensilage is the best winter dairy feed that can be used, whether the crop be corn or alfalfa. Dry fodder is a fairly good feed, roots are better, but ensilage more nearly supplies the place of June pasturage in promoting a yield of milk than any other feed.

Experiments have been made to determine the effect of salt on the quantity of milk given by cows. Three cows were kept a month without salt and the milk was carefully weighed. For two weeks the same cows were given four ounces of salt each, and the increase was one hundreds pounds of milk.

In determinig on the class of animals the farmer prefers the opportunities for sale of the products must be considered. Generally in countries so sparsely settled as Texas even for milk cows, it is best to have the beef breeds, because the offspring must be sold and the opportunity for a regular disposition of dairy products is too small to justify keeping cows whose male calves are almost without value. But there are many localities where the farmer can have a weekly market for his butter, enabling him to have a regular income payable at least monthly. In that case he may afford to receive very little for half the offspring of his herd because of the superior profit on dairy products. The skim milk, of course, can be utilized in either case in feeding calves and pigs.

In the successful management of a dairy very much depends on the method of handling its products. Good housewives in the city are more particular about the appearance and cleanliness of dairy products than of anything else they buy, because they know how readily milk absorbs impurities. In some places dairymen have adopted the plan of delivering milk in glass jars or bottles. The milk of each customer is bottled and corked before leaving the dairy, so that there is no danger of its receiving dust or dirt before it reaches the customer. Butter is neatly prepared in packages put up in parchment paper, marked with the name of the customer to whom it is to be delivered. In little things are often to be found the difference between success and failure, and the habit of neatness and attention to appearance the dairyman will find that he extends his sales and retains securely all the customers with whom he has once dealt.

The ordinary Texas farmer will not find it to his advantage to keep the special dairy breeds for his milk and butter supply because he can, from animals whose offspring are saleable as meat animals, get a profit the dairy cow cannot give him, and among other breeds can generally find cows that will give all the milk he can use. There are many farmers who do not feel able to buy high grade Shorthorn or Hereford cows or others of the beef breeds, but any of them can find opportunity to breed to full blood bulls and grade up the home stock, and by care and feed continually improve with each generation the dairy value of their cows. Without such attention the cattle of any breed will degenerate. A great improvement can be made by the farmer himself if he is willing to give the necessary attention to it.

The dairyman must make his business relations with his customers profitable as well as satisfatory to himself, and where his sales are in a city must prepare for intelligent and active competition. There will be the necessity of reducing the cost of his dairy products without making them inferior or iess attractive or less valuable to his customers. For this his dairy stock must provide. Let him keep only the best cows for his purpose. Where it is practicable, keep all the product from each cow to itself and note the cost of feed to each so as to know always what value each one has—and discard all that are not profitable. Dairies with a city trade must have the special dairy breeds of cattle. None other will pay where competition is strong. And they must be housed and fed and cared for so as to keep them always yielding supplies and quality of milk up to the best possibilities of each animal of the dairy herd.

The makers of butterine and genuine butter are having a lively fight over the law adopted by the last legislature of Illinois forbidding the coloring of butterine. It is right that the makers of that product so popular among hotel and boarding house keepers should be forbidden to use any method of making it resemble butter. The coloring is used simply for the purpose of deceiving buyers, and for that reason should be forbidden by law just as one manufacturer should be forbidden the use of the trade mark of another. For the same reason and for sanitary reasons the coloring of all butter substitutes should be required to be put up in special form and with stamped impression that will indicate at a glance what they are. All tricks to prevent the buyer of food stuffs from knowing the character of the article he is buying are swindles that governments should visit with very severe penalties, not only because they are swindles, but because they trifle with the health of the community in which they are offered for sale.

GERTRUDE RANCH AND LOST VALLEY.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

In my last letter I did not get through telling you of the fair and Jacksboro. The base ball contest between the young county boys and Jacksboro was a hard fought battle, which lasted part of three days. Both teams played a good game. The young county boys carried off the prize, which was seventy-five dollars. The foot race attracted more attention than any part of the programme. The free-for-all age race closed out the programme about 5 o'clock Friday evening, and General Manager Geo. F. Daugherty, in a neat little speech declared the ninth annual Jack county fair closed, after which the people quietly folded their tents and hied themselves homeward. I can honestly say I never in my life saw a more orderly, well behaved gathering of its size in any country, and it was an immense crowd for a West Texas gathering.

Jacksboro is a wide-awake little burgh of about sixteen hundred souls, and brimful of business. The merchants carry good stocks in their lines, and I understand the farmers of Jack county are very little in debt to the merchants. They support two newspapers, the Jacksboro Gazette and Review. Both are well patronized by home people. Two daily stage lines, one to Bowie and one to Mineral Wells. Both leave Jacksboro at 6 o'clock in the morning and arrive at 8 o'clock at night, making the round trip every day except Sunday. I noticed the cotton gin was running day and night, turning out the fleecy staple.

I have visions every night about those handsome cakes and delicious preserves, etc., etc., I saw at the fair. When I say I like something good to eat, I tell the gospel truth.

During my four days' stay at the fair I stopped at the residence of Mr. Owens, the ex-county treasurer, who has been an invalid for months; his wife was also very sick. They have two charming daughters, Misses C. and Vida, who deserve much credit for their heroism in looking after their parents' welfare. They certainly understand how to make good biscuit and coffee, which would tempt the appetite of a king. Miss Vida's plum jam took the premium. Many thanks, young ladies, for favors shown us while at your house.

The First National bank of Jacksboro is having erected a large rock building, and when completed part of it will be used for the bank, the remainder for dry goods and grocery stores. While in Jacksboro I heard many compliments paid the Journal. The ladies seem to like it equally as well as the gentlemen.

I pulled out on Saturday morning for Gertrude. I halted at the farm of A. G. Smith for dinner, seven miles west of Jacksboro. Mr. Smith is a wide-awake farmer. He has the finest Poland-China boar I ever saw in Texas. This hog is two years old, and if fat would weigh over seven hundred pounds. I asked why in thunder did you not have it at the fair? He replied that it was too much trouble for so little profit. Now in all kindness, I would say this is the wrong spirit amongst you farmers. The dollars and cents should not outweigh your county pride.

Late Saturday evening I halted at the hospitable home of W. P. Stewart (the Gertrude Ranch in Lost Valley), and for two days and three nights I was royally entertained. I feasted on fat chickens three times a day, and other good things to my heart's content. Mr. Stewart and his good lady know how to make a hungry newspaper man happy. The Gertrude ranch consists of nine thousand acres in one solid body and lays in nearly a square, and is one among the finest improved ranches in Texas. He has in cultivation about three hundred acres and has more feed already put up than I ever saw on one farm, and is still stacking great ricks of Johnson grass and cane hay. He has planted barley for winter pasturage, which is up and growing nicely. This ranch is sub-divided into about six pastures and is well arranged for the breeding of fine cattle. There are between eight and nine miles of rock fence on the ranch which was built at the cost of two dollars and fifty cents per rod; two creeks wend their way through, which abound in fine fish, furnishing ample water for stock the year round.

I must mention the log house built by Mr. Stewart's father about twenty-five years ago. It has four rooms sixteen feet square, with a hall sixteen feet wide, and thirty-two long and twelve logs high, all covered under one roof; four tall rock chimneys still sand intact; it is now filled with farming implements and feed. His peach orchard consists of about three acres of fine fruit. Several trees are now full of October peaches and luscious fruit. I took a drive through his Durham pasture and I believe these cows, calves and Durham bulls cannot be surpassed for form and size in any country. The calves are beauties to behold; their backs are as straight as a line and their bodies perfectly round. In its entirety this is a fine herd.

Among his scrub cattle, as he was pleased to call them, I found many half and three-quarter breeds. These scrub cattle are held entirely separate from the Durhams. The Spy Knob, or mountain, as it is called on this ranch, stands solitary and alone, and is the highest peak in Jack or Young county. Long years ago the Indians and white men resorted to this peak to locate each other in this valley, and many bloody encounters were had.

Lost Valley consists of about thirty thousand acres. The Loving Cattle company joins this ranch on the south and is said to be about as good land as the Gertrude.

On Monday evening I drove out to the Spy mountain, tied up my team and walked and climbed up to the top rock. I found many men and ladies' names cut in these rocks. I saw one dated 1845, but failed to make out the name. I spent a couple of hours reading these names cut on the rocks long years ago. I gazed up and down this beautiful valley, and must say if I had had the naming of it I would certainly have called it Paradise Valley. In the orchard of the Gertrude ranch are several graves of white men, killed by the Indians.

Gertrude postoffice on the ranch has a daily mail from Jacksboro to Graham. It has also a large rock church and school house and a seven-months' school each year. Mr. Stewart has an artesian well one hundred and thirty feet deep, which comes up in his dining room and passes out into a tank, and the water is sofe and good for all purposes. There are two other flowing wells in the valley. Water can be obtained at from 16 to 150 feet anywhere in the valley. What other ranch can boast of a postoffice, church, school house, dry goods and grocery store and flowing well?

I visited several farmers and stockmen near by the Gertrude. Wash Jones, W. L. Jones and others, whose names I have forgotten. All seemed to be doing well and making money. One man, two miles southeast of the post-office (I forget his name, as he did not take the Journal, I have no way of giving it). This gentleman has a nice little ranch of twenty-six hundred acres and some nice cattle. He raised thirty bushels of wheat and eighty bushels of oats per acre this season.

I had the pleasure of taking dinner with Wash Jones. He, too, had some nice calves in his lots. I was shown two very handsome crazy quilts, the handiwork of his daughter, Miss Georgia E. Jones, and when it comes to rushing out a good dinner for the Journal's scribe, Miss Georgia knows how. Mrs. Jones raised some fine Japanese plums, forty weighing eleven pounds. Your scribe was presented with a half gallon jar of them for which Mrs. Jones has many thanks. I pause to remark that W. P. Stewart can get more music out of a French harp than any human being I ever saw on earth.

I am tired and sleepy, so bid you good night. C. C. POOLE.

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This is a specimen of the kind of letters that Dr. Hartman is receiving every day. Among the letters just received, with request to publish, may be mentioned: Mrs. H. D. Amoss, Greenesboro, Ga.; Mrs. C. Gilson, Bearden, Knox Co., Tenn; Mrs. Mary F. Bartholomew, St. Francisville, Ill.; Mrs. Michael Eden, Keokuk, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Ochs, Clay Center, Neb; Mrs. A. J. Hutl, Leons, Kan. This list might be multiplied indefinitely.

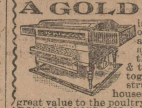
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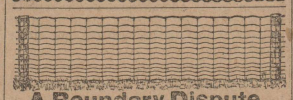


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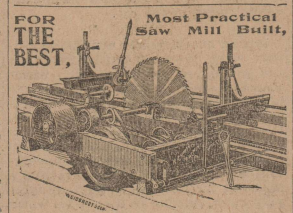
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OUTSIDE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY MARKET.

Stock Yards, Kansas City, Oct. 19.—At Kansas City cattle receipts were 10,000 head. Best natives strong, others steady to 10c lower. Texas steers $2.00@4.15, Texas cows $2.00@3.00, native steers $3.75@5.15, native cows and heifers $1.00@3.85, stockers and feeders $2.90@4.30. Hog receipts 3000 head. Market 5c lower. Heavies $3.50 @3.55, packers $3.45@3.60, mixed and lights $3.50@3.70, yorkers $3.65@3.70, pigs $3.65@3.75. Sheep, receipts 5000 head. Market firm. Lambs $3.50@5.25, muttons $3.00@4.50.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Oct. 19.—At St. Louis cattle receipts were 3000 head, shipments 800. Market steady for natives, with no good fat cattle here. Texans steady to strong. Fair to choice native shipping and export steers $4.35@5.15, dressed beef and butchers' steers $3.80@4.75, under 1000 pounds $3.50@4.25, stockers and feeders, $2.40@4.10, cows and heifers $2.00@4.30, cannings cows $1.50@2.60, bulls $2.10@3.60 ,Texas and Indian steers $2.80@4.25, cows and heifers $2.20@3.25. Hogs, receipts 7000 head, shipments 2000. Market 5@10c lower. Lights $3.80@3.90, mixed $3.60@3.85, heavy $3.60@3.90. Sheep, receipts 2000 head, shipments none. Market, dull, steady. Native muttons $3.10@ 3.90, culls and bucks $1.50@3.50, stockers $2.40@2.90, lambs $4.00@5.35.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Oct. 19. —At Chicago, good cattle sold pretty well at firm prices, while common and medium grades sold only fairly at barely steady prices. Native cattle were wanted at $3.90@4.50 for common to good dressed beef steers; good to extra shipping $4.75@5.35, choice beeves fair at $4.50@5.10, half fat and over large steers comprising as usual too large a share of the offerings. There was a fair demand for stockers and feeders at $3.00@4.35, chioice to fancy calves $6.25@6.75. There was a fairly active demand for hogs and sales were made largely at 5c under last week's closing prices. Sales were made of heavy packers at $3.35@3.65, prime light weights $3.90@4.00. The bulk of the hogs crossing the scales sold at $3.60@3.90. The market gathered strength as the day advanced, and the late sales were at the best prices, the supply being about all sold. Trade in sheep and lambs was again lively, prices ruling strong from the opening to the close. Sheep were wanted at $2.50@3.00 for the poorest natives up to $4.25@4.50 for the best flocks. Western range sheep sold actively at $3.25@ 4.10, feeders brought $3.25@3.80. Lambs sold briskly at $3.75@6.00, largely at $4.75@5.50. Feeding lambs sold at $4.40@4.75, and feeding sheep went largely at $3.60@3.65. Receipts of cattle 20,000 head, hogs 36,000, sheep 17,000.

A NEW ADVERTISER.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Milne Mfg. Co., of Monmouth, Ill., which makes its first appearance in this issue. The machine they are advertising is one for removing grubs and stumps and otherwise assisting in clearing up land and fitting it for the plow. Unlike other machines of this class, this one does not have to be moved from stump to stump, but by the aid of a strong wire cable two acres of land may be cleared at one setting of the machine. It is guaranteed to pull any ordinary grub in 2½ minutes, and will pull good sized trees up by the root. These people are advertising in this paper because they believe that it will pay them. They pay us their money for the use of our space, and we wish to assist them to trade in this country. If, therefore, any of our readers need such a machine, or are thinking of making such a purchase, let him write these people for catalogue, testtimonials, prices, etc. They come to us well recommended.

FOSTER'S LOCAL FORECASTS.

The storm waves will reach this meridian and the other changes occur in Texas within twenty-four hours of 8 p. m. of the dates given below:

Oct. 17.—Cooler.
Oct. 18.—Cool.
Oct. 19.—Moderating.
Oct. 20.—Warmer.
Oct. 21.—Threatening.
Oct. 22.—Changeable.
Oct. 23.—Cooler.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

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St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 19.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 19th to 23d and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 23d, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 24th, great central valleys 25th to 27th, Eastern states 28th.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about about 23d, great central valleys 25th, eastern states 27th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 26th, great central valley 28th, Eastern states 30th.

High temperatures will prevail in the Northern states during the week ending Oct. 23d and severe storms with havy rains will occur. A great fall in temperature, a cold wave, will occur in Northern states not far from 23d.

In the Southern states the temperature of the above mentioned week will average below normal. Light rains, principally in Texas.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

Dear Sir—On Oct. 15 I will ship to Mr. Ewalt at Amarillo, Texas, fifteen head of calves and yearlings, and anyone desiring to purchase a few head of Red Poll calves or yearlings, either sex, by writing me at once, can have them shipped with those of Mr. Ewalt and cared for until they reach Amarillo, at which point Mr. Ewalt has kindly consented to re-ship them to intending purchasers. These cattle will be shipped at the owner's risk, but will be cared for by a man in charge and fed and watered daily en route. Price for calves and yearlings F. O. B. at Maquoketa, Iowa, under these arrangements, $100 each, for creditable specimens of the breed, registered and all right. References, First National Bank of Austin, Texas; J. H. Jennings Martindale, Texas; First National Bank at Maquoketa, Iowa, or any breeder of Red Polls in America. Yours respectfully, J. C. MURRAY.

Maquoketa, Iowa.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Brownwood will have a live stock show November 4 and 5.

Extensive forest fires are reported in Jasper and Newton counties.

It is estimated that Chicago is feeding at least 25 per cent more cattle than last year.

A severe hailstorm passed from west to east through Jack county on the 15th, doing serious damage to cotton.

The Odessa Live Stock News reports he range as fine as one could wish, with abundance of water in the pastures.

One thousand and fifty head of stock cattle of the Godfry Miller ranch, in Tom Green county, were sold to Gardiner & McDonald at $15 per head.

A heavy fall clip of mohair is being brought into Uvalde. The county has over 20,000 goats, among them some of the best bred Angora flocks in the West.

Mayor L. E. McCormick of Blooming Grove, Tex., has received twelve carloads of Southern Texas cattle, which will be fed at the oil mills and shipped north next spring.

It is reported that Fred Horsbrugh of the Espuela Land and Cattle company, has just sold to a Kansas buyer all the Spur steers, the twos for $28.50 and the threes for $32.50.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal acknowledges receipt of Peter Henderson & Co's catalogue of bulbs, plants and seeds for autumn planting, a handsomely illustrated publication.

Henrietta News: W. S. Ikard shipped 23 head of his registered Hereford cattle Monday to Dallas to perform again the same old act of carrying off all the prizes at the state fair.

Amarillo Stockman: E. J. Morris sold this week his ranch in Deaf Smith county for $300 and 300 stock cattle at $18 around. Messrs. Humphries & Ferris of Kansas, were the purchasers.

On October 15th freezing weather was reported all over the Northwest—rains in Southern and Middle Texas. In Williamson county rain damaged cotton badly.

The movement among farm tenants to abolish the money rent sytem for farming lands is becoming very general in Texas and in some counties the landlords are combining with the tenants to do away with it.

The long drouth which has rested over so large an agricultural area has at last been broken. Press dispatches of the 10th report fine rains in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Arkansas, Kentucky and Nebraska. Michigan had a snow storm.

The San Angelo Horticultural society will hold its seventh annual exhibition on October 29th. A number of premiums will be awarded for best displays. The flower show will be, as it always has been, a most attractive and interesting competition.

Van Horn items in the Pecos Valley News: R. L. Hall went to his ranch last week to gather steers which he will deliver here on the 14th at $15 for the yearlings, at $18 for the twos....R. P. Bean and C. E. Lewis delivered a fine bunch of steers to Bert Simpson of Colorado City, at $15 for the yearlings.

The first agricultural fair of Wilbarger county closed on the 9th after an exhibition of three days. There were some fine horses, cattle, hogs and poultry on exhibition, and the meeting, being their first, was highly creditable to the people of the county and the managers have a right to feel gratified with their success.

A stockman's convention has been called to meet in San Angelo, October 26th, next. Considerable loss of cattle by fever has occurred in this territory of late. It is thought by many that the fever is due to the importation of eastern cattle. The convention is called to devise some means to protect the stock interests.

The Green & Stringle Irrigation company of Beaumont, Tex., filed their charter with the secretary of state on the 9th. The object of the company is to construct a canal from Pine Island Bayou to Taylor's Bayou in Jefferson county. This will increase the irrigable area for rice culture very greatly in that county.

A Boston weekly wool report of Oct. 9 quotes as follows: "Spring Texas wools are in steady demand at former prices the sales of the week being 213,000 pounds, principally at 15 to 16 cents, in the grease. The scoured cost is 50 to 52 cents for twelve months' and 48 to 50 cents for eight months'.

The "Trade Edition of the Stephenville Journal, issued Oct 9th, is a handsomely illustrated publication that speaks well for the enterprise of its proprietors, and will doubtless be a valuable advertisement of the many advantages of Erath county, a county possessing diversified excellencies and one of the best in the state.

The third auction sale of the New York wool exchange, which came off Sept. 29, resulted as follows as to Texas and Arizona wools: 17,000 fine spring Texas, 15⅛ cents; 800 twelve months' Texas, 14¾ cents; 8300 fine spring Texas, 15⅛ cents; 11,000 fine spring Texas, 15¼ cents; 20,000 fine spring Texas, 15⅝ cents; 5200 burry Texas, 11 cents; 3000 fine Arizona 11¼ cents.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal of the 11th says editorially: "October receipts so far of all kinds of stock are smaller than a year ago, and there is a decrease of 66,000 cattle and about 25,000 sheep for the year so far. At that rate the country need not feel much alarmed at the large numbers of feeding animals being sent to this country.

A severe hail storm passed through Sherman county on the night of the 11th, hail stones falling as large as hen eggs. Cotton and all other standing crops along a strip of country four miles wide and fifteen miles long were destroyed. Branches as large as a man's wrist were cut or beaten off trees, and four or five miles west of Denison all fowls exposed and many head of stock were killed.

West Texas Stockman: N. N. Rodgers, sheriff of Kent county, reports the sale of 3 bull calves to Pat Anderson, of Stonewall county, at $30 around. Also 3 yearlins at $50 each and 2 calves 15 days old at $25 each, to G. P. and G. A. Pursley. These calves were all Durhams of Mr. Rodgers' own breeding....J. P. Robertson last week bought 95 head of stock cattle from L. D. Hylton, of Nolan county, for A. B. Robertson, for $16 around.

Childress County Index: As an instance as to prices that are offered and refused for thoroughbred cattle, we cite the case of the Hereford Grove stock farm refusing $500 for a bull last week. W. B. Tullis of Quanah, and A. W. Long of Childress, offered the sum to Mr. Weddington for a two-year-old bull, which was promptly refused.... A. B. Echols of Motley county, brought in 110 head of yearling steers Saturday which he sold at $20. They were good ones.

A press dispatch of October 15th from Topeka, Kas., says a fall water famine is inevitable in Kansas, unless rain comes within a week. Cattle are perishing in several counties in southwestern Kansas. During the past few days a high wind has blown throughout the entire Arkansas valley, and wheat sowing has been abandoned. Dust storms along the Santa Fe railroad are stifling. Travelers say the winds blow the sown wheat out of the ground and against the car windows.

Chicago Drovers' Journal: The rain of a few days ago wasn't half sufficient for the needs of the country, but as far as it went it did lots of good. The attendance of country buyers for stock cattle and sheep has about doubled since the shower, showing that plenty of rain would stimulate an activity in this branch of trade such as has not been seen before this year. A year ago now the demand was good, but farmers were afraid to buy, besides the difficulty in getting money limited the business very seriously. Now, money is easy to get and there is an extensive vacuum to be filled up. The greatest need now is the material.

On the 15th there was rain at the following places in Texas: Galveston, Brenham, Beeville, Columbia, Corpus Christi, Cuero, Houston, Kerrville, Lampasas, Luling, San Antonio and San Marcos. Reports indicate that in Southwest Texas the rain was general and will greatly refresh the pastures which were beginning to need rain badly. Fortunately it has come early enough to give some weeks for growth of grass before frost. On the 10th and 11th rains were reported almost all the way from Fort Worth to El Paso on line of the Texas and Pacific, and for some distance north. Generally through that section rains had occurred as often as needed, but the western part of the plains was beginning to feel the need of moisture.

The Chicago Daily Drovers' Journal of Oct. 15 reports light receipts of Texas cattle. Quite a lot of common calves sold at $2.25@3.60 per 100 pounds. The Stover & Stiles calves, 221@258 pounds, sold at $3.60, and the W. N. Fayant calves, 238@252 pounds, sold mostly at $3.25. Representative sales, 5 calves averaging 216 pounds, at $2.25; 4 calves, 192, $2.50; 70 calves, 238, $3.25; 65 calves, 252, $3.25; 75 calves, 217, $3.60; 74 calves, 258, $3.60. Few cows on the market and nothing choice offered. The market changed very little during the week for any kind of butchers' stuff. Gibson, H. L., of Wagoner, I. T., sold 981 to 1000-pound steers at $3.75 to $3.80.

Capt. William White of Dallas, Tex., one of the most prominent cotton men in the state: "The drouth has dissipated all prospects of a top crop, excepting in a small area of the cotton belt, principally in Central Texas, where late rains were more seasonable than in the balance of the state. The plant is practically dead throughout North Texas, and there will be no top crop growth. The bulk of the crop will be harvested before Nov. 15, if the present favorable picking weather continues. Nothing has happened to injure the grades, and the staple in Texas classes up all right. Instead of 3,000,000 bales, as we predicted a few months ago, the crop prospects have decreased from 500,000 to 750,000 bales below these figures."

Chicago Drovers' Journal: Merchants identified with the Cuban trade have been advised that with the new arrangements which the Spanish government has just completed with importers at Havana the importation of cattle will develop a very profitable business. The duty on cattle prior to the new tariff was: Oxen, $12 per head; cows, $10; calves, $8. The tariff which went into effect the latter part of last month changed the rates as follows: Oxen, $8 per head; cows, $7, and calves, $6. According to the advices received the new arrangement, it is said, will admit cattle of every description at the rate of $3 per head. This report is not credited by two prominent firms interested in that business, but they are inclined to believe that the rate of duty will be reduced considerably, but to what extent it cannot be safely predicted.

The Navarro County Fair opened on Oct. 12 and continued four days. This by the association and the most successful in every respect. The greatest interest was, of course in the live stock departments. In the cattle department everything was crowded. A larger string of horses was in attendance than than ever before, runners, harness and saddle horses, show horses, jacks and jennetts. The hog and poultry shows, also, were large and creditable in quality. The attendance was very large, and the fair was better supported by country people than it has been during previous meetings. The greatest enthusiasm and largest attendance was on the 14th, that being Confederate day. The racing was good and the track record for a mile pace was lowered on the first day by John A. Sea, at Missouri horse, who came under the wire at 2:11¼. The managers are justly gratified by the merit and success of the exhibition and the growing interest of their home people and others in their annual exhibitions.

San Angelo Enterprise: J. J. Huffman bought from Joe Thiele for R. S. Campbell, one car steers at $25 per head Thursday....C. Davis & Sons sold to L. F. Heitzler 20 fat cows at $20 and one two-year-old at $15....W. T. Laughlin, the Talwa ranchman, has just closed a deal, we understand, for 1700 head of sheep, for which he paid about $2.25 a round and which he is now running on his Talpa range.... Hugh Wells sold his one-half interest in the cattle purchased by him and Gen. McKenzie from Geo. Black, of Sonora, to Scharbauer & Aycock at $16 a head. They were all stock cattle, about 100 in number. Hugh made a dollar a head on the deal....Pierce Miller bought 100 head of cows and calves from parties in Mason county for $22.50. He also bought the Emmerson section of land for $1.10 per acre, and purchased the improvements on the tract from Waide Herrin for $550. ....John I. Huffman sold Wednesday 1900 head mixed sheep for John McDermott of McCullough county, to E. R. Jackson for $2.27½ per head.

St. Louis National Live Stock Reporter, Oct. 15: This trade is changing. The cattle arriving from the Indian Territory are diminishing in numbers, and the run direct from Texas while not large is increasing. This week receipts were moderate and the changes in values of cattle were in favor of the sellers, and the calves were slow sale and declining. From Monday to Thursday steers and cows advanced 10 to 15 cents per 100 pounds, and at the same time calves declined $1.00 to $2.00 per head. The four day total was 275 cars and to-day 62 cars arriving bring the total up to 337 cars against 458 cars received during all last week and 619 cars received during the corresponding week a year ago. To-day cows were steady and steers barely steady to a shade easier. During the week the Texas and Indian Territory offerings were sold as follows: Calves in large lots at $6.00 to $11.50 per head the bulk sold at $8.50 to $10.50; bulls sold at $2.00 to $2.85. A variety of stags and oxen sold at $2.75 to $3.25; cows and heifers were sold in carloads from $2.20 to $3.25, the bulk sold at $2.80 to $3.00 and a few up to $3.35. The steers sold in extremes at $2.80 to $4.25, only one load selling above $4.10, and the bulk sold at $3.35 to $3.60. Mississippi cattle sold at $1.90 to $3.50, the bulk at $2.20 to $2.50.

San Angelo Press: Fred Beck, the butcher, bought two fine bald-faced fat cows from Drumm & Collyns for $50. ....Estes Bros. sold about 100 head of eastern stock cattle to Sam Henderson at $16....San Angelo raised ribbon cane has made its appearance in the market. It is a fine article....Ainslie Turner to Mat Cope, 50 one and two-year-old heifers at $15....March Bros. sold the Cusenbary clip, 97 bags, at 15 cents. This is the top price, here or elsewhere....Wm. Robertson of Colorado, bought all the Foster Bros. steer calves, '97 branding, at something over $15. He also bought the Noble Fisk steer calves at $15....L. N. Snow sold to L. F. Heitzler, the butcher, 18 head of eastern steers he has had for nearly a year, at about $15....G. B. Estes and brother returned last week from San Saba with about 100 cattle, and sold them to Owens, of Kickapoo, at $16 around....Waters, Snyder & Cottell, of Moran, Texas, sold their steers, twos and threes, that have been in the Odom pastures at Fort Chadbourne to Corn & Baugh, of Ballinger, at $24 and $27.50. There were 780 head of steers in the herd....The R. C. Taylor cattle were sold to Sims at $17.50.. ..S. O. Richardson bought from C. M. Cash, of Knickerbocker, 40 head of stock cattle at $17....Odom, of Fort Chadbourne, to Corn & Baugh, of Ballinger, 47 head of steers, twos and threes, and bulls at $23.50.

QUARANTINE MATTERS.

The following was issued by the Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission on October 16th: The board was determined to permit cattle in the counties of Hardeman, Wilbarger, Foard, Knox, Haskell, Stonewall, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Mitchell, Sterling, King and Irion to be moved or shipped upon the owner or person in charge of same, making affidavit before the county judge of the county where locted, supported by the oath of two disinterested resident citizens of said county, stating that said cattle are healthy, free from ticks and fever, and giving brand of said cattle, where located and where they are to be driven, which affidavit must be made in duplicate, one to be forwarded to me by said county judge and one to be delivered by the shipper to the railroad agent where cattle are shipped.

Cattle must not be moved in any event when they are infected with ticks, fever or are not healthy.

It is further ordered that all shipping pens and all cars into which said cattle are to be located shall be thoroughly disinfected by the respective railroad companies before receiving any of said cattle for shipment. This order applies only to the counties hereinbefore named.

Cattle located east and south of the general quarantine line and in the state of Texas may be moved across and into the territory west and north of said line after the 15th day of November and prior to the 1st day of January.

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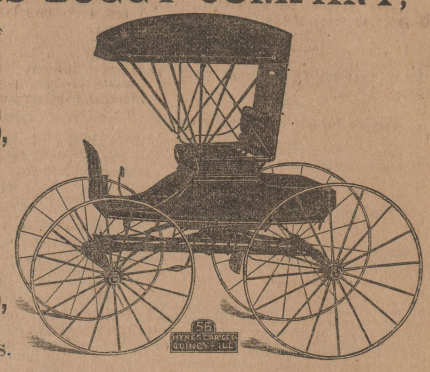
"I told this man what the doctors said was the matter with her," and he said "did you ever hear of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription?" "I told him no, but I had tried so many patent medicines that I was tired of them all, and besides I did not have enough money to pay the doctor and the drug store. He said if I would get two or three bottles and try them, and if it did not do my wife any good that he would pay for the medicine. I went to the drug store (Mr. Clawber's on Elm Street), and bought a bottle. The first and second did not seem to have much effect but the third seemed to work like a charm. She has taken in all about thirteen bottles and she is today as stout and healthy as any woman in the United States. This is not the only case. Whenever I hear tell of any woman who is sick in the neighborhood I just send the book and paper that is wrapped around every bottle and that does the business. I am no longer bothered about doing my own washing and cooking, for my wife can do it all in one day and never seems tired or out of spirits now."

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The company will continue its three seperate offices at Fort Worth, Dallas and San Antonio. The general manager of the company and editor of the Journal, George B. Loving, will remain at Fort Worth in charge of that office.

The president of the company, D. D. Wall, takes control of the Dallas office, and the company's vice-president, John O. Ford, will have charge of the office at San Antonio. The associate editor, C. W. Holt, will also be located at Dallas.

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Those to whose hands the management of the Journal has long been committed and with whom it remains, have reason to hope that it will grow in strength, as well as in usefulness to those engaged in the two great industries to the development of which it ever has been and will be specially dedicated.

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AMERICAN FOOD SUPPLIES.

According to the government crop report the information from all the ordinary sources of supply indicates that there can be no material reduction in the price of wheat until the prospects of the next crop in this and other wheat producing countries are definitely known. The production in Europe is about 100,000,000 bushels less than the average of the last six years, to which should be added our export to Europe during the same period—about 165,000,000 bushels. Beer Bohm, perhaps the greatest European statistical authority on grains, estimates the deficiency in Europe at 113,000,000 bushels, or 14,000,000 bushels in excess of that given above. The possible supplies from India, Argentina and Australia for many months cannot adequately meet this deficiency. Canada can ship but little, and it is left to this country alone to meet this unusually large demand.

The failure of other food besides wheat crops in Europe and other foreign lands intensifies the situation. America will probably be unable to furnish the required breadstuffs in wheat alone, and there will be an unusually heavy exportation of other grains, and, as argued before by the Journal, our Indian corn must take a much more prominent position in the world's markets.

Argentina has planted a greatly increased area in wheat that will be ready for harvest at our mid-winter season. At last reports the crop promised fairly well, but it still has about three months of vicissitudes to undergo and it is too soon to predict results. The crop, however, can hardly be expected to be of such volume as to materially affect the price of grain in Europe. Generally throughout the whole wheat growing areas in United States there has been a marked inclination, caused by present conditions of the market, to plant a very greatly increased acreage. In many localities a long hot season has prevented the farmer from properly preparing his land for the crop, and it is probable that much of the planting will be done so hurriedly and with such inadequate preparation that the increased acreage will not have proportionately increased results. In Australia, in Russia and in India many are too impoverished to obtain seed and, in India, especially, conditions have borne so heavily on the distressed farmers that not only are they without seed for planting, but a very large proportion of them have lost their farm animals and they would be unable to put their lands in cultivation. To some extent their respective governments may come to their aid, but it can hardly be expected that this aid will have such effect as to place them again in full competition with the grain growers of this land.

Notwithstanding the shortage of meat producing animals on the ranges and the stock farms of the country, the market abroad is continuously increasing its demand upon us. This results from cheaper production in the United States, from improved and cheapened transportation facilities, from the establishment of an export business from Gulf ports, bringing the vast western ranges into better communication with Europe, and from the removal, to some extent, of foreign prejudices against American meats. This last named fact is a most important one, and attention was recently called to it by the Journal, quoting in part the Mark Lane Express, an eminent auhority on such matters in England. And the removal of this prejudice has been effected, in a large measure, by the very great improvement made in our range live stock during recent years. Germany yet holds up strong barriers against the importation of our meats, but prices there have approached such a high point as to make it a matter of vital importance to the laboring classes to have the restrictions removed or materially modified. We can place in London markets beef and mutton equal in quality to the best products of England and Scotland, at a cost less than the British farmer must incur, and we are able to produce cheaper than the English farmer the quality of bacon preferred there.

The position of this country as the food producing nation of the world steadily grows more important, a fact which promises added strength to the farmer and the stock raiser of America. And the prosperity of the farmer and the stockman is a substantial basis upon which all other industrial and trade interests may securely rest.

Of course no accurate estimate of the money cost of the present visitation of a yellow fever epidemic can be made, but enough is known of expenses and losses incurred, aggregating an enormous sum, to indicate it as a matter of national economy that the government at Washington should establish an enlarged scientific force with ample sanitary and quarantine authority to do all that may cut off its approach or rigidly confine it wherever it may appear. The New Orleans board of health is paying $25,000 a month to trained employes to prevent the spread of the fever and $50,000 is to be asked, and will probably be granted by the legislature to aid the city in the fight. Merchants in that city estimate that the trade diverted to other wholesale points will cause them a loss of $25,000,000. Mobile will lose $2,500,000, and millions in the aggregate will be lost by smaller towns, railroad and water transportation companies. One estimate has placed the aggregated losses that so far appear at about $40,000,000. There are other losses not included in this estimate, thousands thrown out of employment, increased cost of living, medical expenses, individual expenses resulting from sanitary work required by municipal ordinances of individual owners of property, costs to individuals resulting from quarantines and countless other expenses that would probably swell the cost to the people of the South resulting from a visitation far from general and mild in type to $75,000,000. And yet the country is to be congratulated that the personal expidemic has been so sparing of life and so well confined as to encourage the hope that modern methods of treatment and prevention may yet vanish it entirely.

High cattle prices hold with very gratifying tenacity. the recent drouth which was so severe in almost all the states where purchases of stockers and feeders had been active checked operations to a considerable extent, but so firm is the belief of a shortage on the cattle ranges that there was no material decline in prices. Recently rains have been general in the states referred to, not as abundant as needed, but enough to be of great service, and it is probable that the ending of the drouth may strengthen still more the positon of cattlemen on the ranges.

The season for cotton picking has been so favorable that probably the bulk of the crop will be gathered by the middle of October. The rapidity with which the new crop has come in sight has doubtless had much to do with keeping it at a lower price than actual conditions seem to justify. The world's available stock as given by the Financial Chronicle is 1,116,242 bales, against 1,698,714 bales at same date in '96, 2,276,895 in '95 and 1,911,381 in '94. Besides the almost certain smallness of the crop there are other reasons that should effect advance in prices. The purchasing ability of wage earners is larger than it has been for many years. American farmers and stock raisers have more money than they have had for five years back. Foreiners are buying liberally. For the year ending Sept. 1, 1897, they took 6,088,500 bales worth $227,718,000. For the previous year their purchases were 4,751,000 bales, worth $194,000,000. The upward price of wool, too, should have a stimulant effect. During the past year it has advanced 50 per cent, and its increased price will naturally lead to a larger consumption of cotton in the manufacture of various textile fabrics. In England the belief seems to be fixed that the crop is a large one, and until it is gathered, and shown to the world it may be impossible for the actual situation to impress itself upon the market.

The Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition which opened on Saturday, October 16, will be the grandest exhibition yet given by the association. All Texans should visit it, for even the best informed citizens of the State know too little of the high status attained by Texas culture and industry or of the manifold splendid resources of imperial Texas.

The Boston Daily Advertiser has an editorial on the decadence of agricultural fairs in New England, attributing the diminished interest taken in them to the fact that farmers do not need them now as formerly for educational and social purposes. It is more probable that the explanation is in the fact that agriculture plays a less important part in New England life than it formerly did. In Texas the agricultural fair is not an old and tiresome exhibition of what one has seen every year from childhood. Much at each meeting of our fair association is new and interesting to very many of the visitors. Our farmers wish to be progressive, and the new implements, the higher developments in stock breeding, the mingling together of men who are reaching for the highest position in their calling, the interchange of views and experiences, the discussion of improved methods and comparison of results, all are full of interest to the Texas farmer to-day, and when they cease to be so farming will occupy relatively a lower plane than that upon which it now stands.

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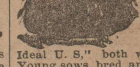
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April 13th, '98, T. F. B. Sotham, Herefords, Chillicothe, Mo.
April 15th, '98, Scott & March, Herefords, Belton, Cass Co., Mo.

HOUSEHOLD.

Address all letters for this department to Mrs. E. S. Buchanan, 814 Macon street, Fort Worth, Tex. Correspondents are kindly requested to write only on one side of each page. Please do not forget this.

THE LAST FOOTFALL.

There is often sadness in the tone
And a moisture in the eye,
And a trembling sorrow in the voice
When we bid a last good-bye;
But sadder far than this, I ween,
Oh, sadder far than all,
Is the heart throb with which we strain
To catch the last footfall.

The last press of a loving hand
Will cause a thrill of pain,
When we think, "Oh, shold it prove that we
Shall never meet again?"
And, as lingeringly the hand unclasps,
The hot, quick drops will fall,
But bitter are the tears we shed
When we hear the last footfall.

We never felt how dear to us
Was the sound we loved so well,
We never knew how musical
Till its last echo fell;
And till we heard it pass away,
Far, far, beyond recall,
We never thought what grief 'twould be
To hear the last footfall.

And years and days that long are passed
And the scenes that seemed forgot
Rush through the mind like meteor light
As we linger on the spot;
And little things that were as naught,
But now will be our all,
Come to us like an echo low
Of the last footfall.

RURAL BELLE.

TO HOUSEHOLD.

I have had an interview with Mr. Loving in regard to enlarging the Household. I am encouraged to believe it may soon be enlarged to twice its present size. The correspondence has grown so voluminous I wish to say to each correspondent that were I called upon to give up a correspondent, to give away a member of the Household, I would be like that poor father and mother in a certain poem, who were to give up one child, having more than they could care for; they went from couch to trundle-bed, from trundle-bed to cradle, but there was not one to spare. So it would be with me. But I wish to impress on each writer the importance of having his and her manuscript neat and attractive, written with ink on one side of paper only, written in a plain hand, easy to read. I would rather it be easy to read than beautiful. Observe all the rules of those who write for publication. If you do not know these rules set about to learn them, and remember in every letter you write you exert some influence—how great you may never know. Let this thought be in the point of your pen always. The Household receives daily letters kindly saying it is an influence for good all over this sunny state of ours; that it is helpful, inspiring to many. If it is indeed helpful, those whom it helps will broaden and grow better; so the Household must broaden and grow better with time. Let each correspondent see that every letter written is better than the preceding one; you will thus broaden and improve yourselves wonderfully. Thought will gradually assume a higher tone, and life seem a much better, nobler thing. Try it. Please remember none but the best letters will appear in the Household. If your first letter does not appear do not be discouraged; write another, taking more pains. Resolve you will say something interesting and say it well. Provide yourself with suitable paper, pens and ink; write in a clear, plain hand; remember the printers want to run as they read. If a letter is so illegible I have to rewrite it, it will not be published. If you prefer an assumed name choose a sensible one; I insist upon this. Under your assumed name write plainly your own name and address. Do not send letters between card boards, like a picture. Always put letter in envelope; envelopes can be secured to fit any paper. Please observe all these rules, remembering only the best letters will be published. But do not stop. Each strive to make yours the best, to progress, to improve each day. Some time ago I gathered from a favorite poet this thought, which comes to me many times through the day:

"How dull to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!"

How many women's talents, brains, "rust unburnished for want of use!" There is no standing still in life. We go forward, or backward. If we strive we progress; if we pause we retrograde. I know a club of women who wish to keep pace with the progress of the world and gain all knowledge which will make them better women, wives, mothers, and they have for their motto, "If we rest, we rust." This means rest mentally. If woman doesn't use her brain, her gifts, they rust unburnished, of course. I hope every woman of the Household will keep her brains burnished as bright as she does her brass bedstead, her candlesticks. She must not rest, else how can she train up in wisdom the youths of the land? Sy to yourselves each day: "How dull to pause, to have an end."

The first letter this week is from Cassie Kinlock. I am delighted to hear of her success with fruit. I do not see why Texas should not be a successful fruit country. Yes, life is indeed what we make it. That one who thinks it was given to us alone for happiness must find disappointment in any condition. We must rise out of disappointment and sorrow to nobler things. Cassie's letter will please the printers. She made one mistake in sending it, which she will quickly recognize and correct next time. I hope she will write again soon.

Another new member this week is Honey. I have no doubt Honey is a charming woman, but there are two things I do not like about her to begin with. I do not like her name. I do not like the idea of her doing nothing but playing on the organ and fiddle. The organ and fiddle will be burnished, but I fear she will rust. I believe in an active life, not drudgery, if it can be helped, but in using all the faculties.

It is a pleasure to hear High Fly enjoys the Household more each week. Elizabeth wishes to know what has become of Man. I, too, would like to know.

Birdie is very welcome. Yes; Circle Dot's letters are always good.

I am glad Lillian was not discouraged, but wrote again. Her first letter was not received.

Rural Belle returns to Household this week. She writes good letters. She must not let the silence of others stop her pen.

Now why does a dear little girl who can write an interesting little letter wish to give herself as old and uninteresting a name as Dutch? Write again, choosing a more suitable name.

Indeed, Cape Jasamine is mistaken in thinking I will frown on her. I am too good a judge of good letters for that; hope to hear from her again soon.

No; I will give Try Hard a seat near me. If there is any attempt to frighten her away, I will protect her. The Try Hards are the kind I like. I like this one in particular.

I thank Hazel Kirke for invitation. I could not shoot ducks, but I know how to manage them after they are shot.

It is very unkind of Man not to write when so many inquire of him and give him sympathy. Perhaps he has not gathered the sweets from adversity, but allowed it to make him selfish and unmindful of others.

The poetry this week is from Rural Belle.

GATHERED COURAGE.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: For a long time I have been a silent admirer of your charming band and have often thought of joining, but as often have failed in the attempt for want of courage, for almost every week I see a letter from a new member and such good ones, too, that I would not attempt to write, but our kind editress always has a warm welcome for each, and I come hoping that she will not frown on me. Just give me a seat near the door, so I can make my escape easily if I see I am not welcome.

Bashful Boy, of Kilgore, I think I know you personally. If I am right in guessing, Mrs. B. was not far wrong when she said she doubted your being rightfully named, for, girls, he is not as bashful as he makes out to be. Come again, Bashful Boy. Would like to see more flashes from Lightning in our corner. Circle Dot, I enjoy your letters very much; write oftener. Plains Cowboy says he, too, has loved and lost. He promises to tell us something about his trouble if Man will give a history of his. I am sure both would be listened to with interest and sympathy by all the band, for the majority, I venture to say, know what it is to love and, though not many, perhaps, have loved and lost, they can imagine how one feels to lose. I firmly believe it is a sin to trifle with the affections of a good, honest heart, and I do hope that none of our dear Household band are guilty of such.

As to the subject now open for discussion, viz.: "Is marriage a failure?" will say, no, it is not; it is only when husband and wife fail to make married life what it should be that causes some to think it is a failure. If every married couple would do their duty toward each other as they should there would be more happy homes in our country. Marriage is, indeed, a holy institution, and no greater blessing could God give to his children than the love of a noble, honest man or pure, good woman to share our joys and sorrows. How careful then should we be lest by a neglect of duty on our part we fail to retain that love. But I did not intend to preach a sermon; so, for fear I make you all "tired," will say good-bye, and leave you for awhile. Before I go, though, let me say to all that I love to read your letters and hope you will let me come again soon. Good wishes to Mrs. B. and all.

TRY HARD.

AN INVITATION.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I hear there is always room for one more, so I come begging admittance into so happy a circle. I admire the Journal very much, but best of all the Household department. Let us call the nameless one Jane, or Biddy. Where is Man hiding himself? I do not believe he is one bit miserable, do you? I believe if I were miserable I would never tell it. But then I have never loved and lost; in fact, I don't think I ever loved at all.

I can not say anything against the city girl, for I was raised in the city; well remember the first time I went to the country. I went out for a three days' stay. If a bug came near me I would run; if a cow looked at me I would scream. How silly I must have acted to others, but I am now quite a country girl. I would not exchange country life for city life. I live on the frontier and on a ranch eighty miles from the railroad. I don't go to roundups, for when they round I can see and admire the cattle from here. I wish I were a cowboy. I liked Plains Cowboy so much. I shall send a piece of poetry for his benefit. If he would only come our here he could get him a girl or wife, and have his choice, for down in the settlement are plenty of girls who, I am afraid, will be old maids some day.

Mrs. B., come out to see us and go down to the lake and shoot wild duck and crane. I love to ride and go wolf hunting, or any other out door sport. I shall now close for fear of the waste basket, which is looking longingly for this missive. This is my first attempt to write for the public. Will do better next time, perhaps. Love to all the Household and Mrs. Buchanan.

HEZEKIAH.

Jester, Okla, Sept. 23, 1897.

A YOUNG MUSICIAN.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Will you admit another little girl into your circle? I am eleven years old. My papa is a ginner in the little city of Jonah and has ginned 376 bales of cotton. I am not going to school, but will start in November. I am taking music from Miss Jennie O'Bannon and I love her very much. I have just learned, "I Am Going to Write to Papa," also, "Old Folks at Home." Will some of the members please send me the words of the "Brooklyn Theater?" I like the Household letters very much. Love to all. I will send my real name to Mrs. Buchan, but you may call me DUTCH.

Jonah, Texas.

GILLIAN NOT DISCOURAGED.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: I have written to your corner once, but never saw it in print. Notwithstanding, I am not discouraged, and will attempt to write again. I admire the Household very much indeed. It is really refreshing to step in out of the dust and find so many merry companions. Judging by the letters published weekly, Texas is going to have many able writers, as well as intelligent men and women. Of course, we all would like to see our Lone Star state in the lead. I think it is one among the first now.

I do feel very sorry for Man, but think you get too much sympathy. I have had some experience in that line, but never get any sympathy. I enjoy Wild Violet's letters very much. Come again, Weeping Willow, Polly and Bachelor; all your letters are quite interesting. What has become of Vivian and Texas Tom? Come again, dear writers. Love to the Household.

GILLIAN.

Decatur, Texas.

A RETURN.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: The Household doubtless have forgotten that I was ever admitted, but feeling assured of a welcome from you, Mrs. Buchanan, emboldens me to write again.

Why are Isabel and Lilac silent so long? Is it possible that I and other new members have filled the Household so full that they have had to retire? If this is the cause of their silence, I am willing this shall be my last, and will be content to sit in my vine-covered piazza or by the glowing grate, as the weather demands, and read and enjoy the beautiful and instructive letters each one writes.

Escro, I, too, enjoy many a pleasant horseback ride. But my steed, unlike yours, is a sprightly dapple gray. I believe it was Mother's Girl gave such a splendid description of her ideal, something similar to the ideal of my fancy in early youth. Do not expect too much of him, dearie. Sould you marry him you will find his faults many. We never know the real character of the man or woman until we marry them, and then we learn their true character.

Man, I think you have ample time to give a full account of the love affair. Do not delay, but tell us at once. I for one am doubly anxious to hear all about i from first to last. Since I know you have lived in Ellis, I almost feel that I know you. Can anyone tell us what has come of Prairie Dog? Hope she will visit the Household again soon; and Artist, will he ever come again? With love to all, I am as ever, RURAL BELLE.

Milford, Texas.

ANOTHER LITTLE GIRL.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Will you admit another little girl into your charming circle? I am always the very first one to read the Journal when it comes. I do enjoy reading the Household letters so much. I think that Wild fore last? I enjoy reading the House- and Grandma writes nice ones, too. Mrs. Buchanan, don't you think that Circle Dot wrote a good letter week before last? I enoy reading his letters. I like Careless Bill's letters, too, although he is too hard on the city girls. There are some nice girls in the city, as well as in the country. Well, Mrs. B., you must excuse such a short letter, as this is my first letter to the Household. I have been afraid of the waste basket, or would have written sooner. I must close, as I am a new member. If I see this in print I shall write later on. Well good-night to the Household and Mrs. B. I am BIRDIE.

Sterling City, Texas, Sept. 27, 1897.

A CALL FOR MAN.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: As I see my first lettter escaped the waste basket, it has encouraged me to write again. Come again, Old Times; your letter was good. What has become of poor Man? The Household sympathy for him has run him off. Come again, Man; don't be backward. What has become of Purple Pansy? I like her letters so much. I wish she would write often. I like Grandma's letters; in fact, I like all of the letters. Bachelor writes a good letter. Come again Bachelor. Excuse me for coming so soon, but I could not resist the temptation. With love to all, I will close—7, 15, 15, 4, 2, 25.

ELIZABETH.

Rayland, Foard county, Texas.

HIGH FLY ON COWBOYS.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household friends: I this evening open the door and step in to have a chat with the Household. I like the Household better and better every time I read it; the letters are all good. I think Grandma writes a nice letter. I agree with Mrs. H. L. Skeeter on pretty girls; pretty is as pretty does. I am glad to see Old Timer. I like his letters splendidly. I wish he would write often. I am glad to see Wild Violet back again. Old Timer is a cowboy right. There are but very few cowboys these days. There are a good many dude cowboys here in this country. There are three or four old cowboys. Fifteen years ago the country was just full of cowboys. I know something about cowboys; they are the best boys that you ever find. Cowboys are hard to find these days, but when you find them they are the best boys there are in the country. Some of the boys will tell the girls that they are cowboys, and they never were at a round-up, nor ever owned a cow in their lives. Well, I guess I have said enough about cowboys this time. I guess I will close for this time, trusting this won't reach that dreadful waste basket. Love to Mrs. Buchanan and Household. HIGH FLY.

Rayland, Foard county, Texas.

MARRIAGE NOT A FAILURE.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I see so many new members that have laid down their timidity and written to the happy Household, risking the dreaded waste basket. Would you please admit one more into your happy little band? I have long been a constant and admiring reader of the Journal, especially of the Household department. I am a young married woman and, oh, I have the best husband that ever was. He is so good to me I don't have anything to do only play on the organ or fiddle. I can play most anything except a banjo; my fingers are too tender for that, but my husband is a good banjo picker. I live in the city, but I am not like that girl Kansas Boy wrote about. My face is smooth enough without so much face powder. I am five feet long and have blue eyes. Oh, don't you know my husband thinks I am pretty when we get on our bikes and sail across the streets? I know I was pretty one evening not long ago. I was riding along with another lady just after a little shower. The ground was too slick for our bikes, so we went one way into the mud and our bikes went the other. Don't you know our faces needed powdering? How many of you members enjoy riding bikes. I do, and I think anybody that ever rode one would like it. What has become of Brand New Girl? She used to write about her bike. I wish she would come down to Gordon with her bike; we would have a race. I can outride anyone in town. One evening not long since I was running a race with a lady, and I was getting ahead of her, when her husband threw his hat in front of me so she could beat me, and I got so mad I haven't run any since. Well, I will close and select me a name. If this escapes the waste basket I may come again. With many wishes to the Household.

HONEY.

THE PUZZLE CLUB.

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Attention is again called to the prizes offered for the best lots of original puzzles contributed to the Puzzle Club during the period ending December 31. For the lot of five or more original puzzles which shall be deemed the best, received from one contributor, will be given a handsome copy of Shakespeare. It is the Avon edition, containing nearly 900 large pages, 25 full-page illustrations, a glossary, a descriptive analysis of each play, and other attractive features, making it one of the most desirable editions to be found. It is printed from large type and is well bound.

For the second best lot, a copy of Tales from Shakespeare, by Charles and Mary Lamb, is offered. This is a beautiful edition, having over 400 pages and 150 illustrations. The binding is unusually attractive.

Five or more original puzzles must be submitted to compete for these prizes. They need not all be sent at once, but can be offered at the convenience of the contributor.

The solving and making of puzzles is at once instructive and entertaining. It sharpens up the wits, brightens the intellect and furnishes wholesome entertainment for old and young.

All mail for this column should be addressed "Lock Box 169, Fort Worth, Texas."

6. CHARADE.

"Good evening, old fellow," said Brown last night,
"Don't you know an old ONE when you meet him?
You purposely cut him cold on the street;
Do you think that's the right way to treat him?"

"Old ONE!" snorted Muggins, "old ONE indeed!
I am always quite able to tell a ONE when I see him, where'er it may be.
You are no ONE—you stole my umbrella!"

"It was raining too—just raining pitchforks—
Plenty was falling to float a big TWO.
You knew it was mine. D'ye call that COMPLETE?
I'm quite unable to see how you do!"

7. SQUARE.

1. Circles. 2. Imaginative. 3. Sengambian. 4. An East Indian measure. 5. Hawthornes.

8. ACROSTIC.

The primals, read down, spell the given name, and the finals the surname of a noted American writer.

1. An ancient city. 2. One of the United States. 3. The given name of a noted American journalist and politician, who died in 1882. 4. A character in Shakespeare's Henry IV. 5. The father of Mohammed. 6. A tribe of American Indians. 7. A native of Iceland. 8. Coming from Egypt. 9. A city of Kansas.

9. ANAGRAM.

"It's true, yer honor, dat I wuz standin' on de corner an' had been dere two hours when de cop chased me in," said Tired Thomas in the police court, "but I wuz t'inkin', yer honor. Yer see I'm a inventor, an' I'm workin' on a machine wot'll beat de Keely motor all holler. I've t'ought out COMPLETE, sure, yer honor, an' me fortune's made if yer don't lock me up now. All dat I lacks is one little point which I ain't figgered out yet, an' I'll be PLUMP ONTO IT ERE A week passes. Yer honor, if yer wants to encourage genius, let me off dis time." "I see plainly that you need time for thought," said his honor, "and I'll give it to you—ten days on the rock-pile. And if you figure out your COMPLETE idea, I suggest that you use some of it on yourself and hit the road. I think you'd better concern yourself about something more like the Keely cure than the Keely motor."

10. DIAMOND.

1. A letter. 2. Supplied with nourishment. 3. A tape used for trimming. 4. Erudite. 5. Took dinner. 6. Guided. 7. A letter.

11. VOWEL CHANGED.

Other vowels are substituted for the correct ones in the following, which is a well known extract from Hamlet:

A thet thus tea, tie salad flash wield molt,
Thew end riselvo otsulf unti daw!
Er thut thi Uvorlistung hid net fox'd,
Has conen 'goenst salf-sleighti-!

12. DECAPITATION.

See de robin in de trees—
See 'em TWO an' ONE,
Eatin' cherries ripe an' sweet
Havin' heaps o' fun.

Wish I was a robin red,
In a cherry tree,
But I wouldn't be ONE long
THREE there'd surely be.

Nary cherry hangin' ONE;
Fer they'd all be TWO,
Underneat' my vest so red
THREE I had got troo.

13. SQUARE.

1. To be bouyed up. 2 A sudden push or thrust. 3. A common garden vegetable. 4. Past. 5. A principle or doctrine which a person maintains.

Answers to last week's puzzles.

1. Horse-back, horseback.
2. HEART
   ENTER
   ATONE
   RENTS
   TRESS
3. Cheat-heat-eat-at.
4. F
   PAN
   PARED
   FARMERS
   NEEDY
   DRY
   S
5. Rill, hill, till, fill, gill, mill, will, kill.

DELIGHTED TO GET JOURNAL.

Mrs. Buchanan: May I enter your circle of merry-making people? I am always delighted to get the Stock and Farm Journal, and the Household is first. I like all the letters and I hope I will be a welcome visitor. As this is my first time I have not much to write. We live two miles from Graham in a beautiful country. There are five churches and Sunday schools, each school averaging 100 scholars, and preaching at two or three churches every Sunday morn and eve, and prayer meeting every night, except Monday night. I think Man ought to feel better by this time, as he has so much sympathy. I never loved but once, and my lover has been true to me for thirteen years, and I have always been happy and enjoyed a married life. Hoping this will not reach the waste basket, I will bid you adieu.

A FARMER'S WIFE.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER.

Dear Mrs. B. and merry Household band: Having read and read your many interesting letters of the Household for a long time, I have at last decided I would enter your charming circle, if welcome. Well, as I know so little about marriage, will not try to talk on that subject till better prepared, and don't know so very much about love; "so very much," I say, but know enough to know the bitter pangs of having loved and lost. But I suppose there is no one to blame but myself, for I placed my affections on one that did not want them. But I can not help it no more than I can help from thinking of him. Ah, Man, if I could only do like you, fly from my lost love; but I can not. I see him almost daily, and oh, why need I say any more? Every one that has loved and lost knows the bitterness of it. So I say that it is better to have not loved at all than to have loved and lost. Why? someone will ask. Don't the above words prove to you that I would have been a happy girl now, instead of an unhappy girl, that asks admittance at the door of your charming circle. But do not let these words make you think that I am a lonely and long-faced girl. If I have been disappointed I try to bear it bravely, and try to fill my moments with work and banish all unhappy thoughts from my mind as much as possible, which, I think, all should try to do, don't you, Mrs. B.? Suppose all try a new subject to talk about. Why would not this be good? Which will Man try the hardest to win, the love of the girl he loves or all the money he can? Mrs. B., don't you think that would be good? and see which side wins. What has become of all the old members? There are so many will not mention names, but hope to hear from all on the above subject. If I don't go Mrs. B. will say, "I don't want her to come any more." If welcome, will come again. Bye-bye to all. VIRGIE.

TOO MUCH SENTIMENT.

Dear Household: Will you admit a new member, or perhaps you will have to try me before you render a verdict. I have long been an admirer of the Household, but do think it is getting too near the sentimental river, and perhaps some would like to talk on a different subject than love. Miserable Man ought to remember this, "He who loves and runs away lives to love another day." I have just finished reading Ivanhoe, and am quite carried away with it; one learns so much ancient history from it. Woods Boy, I believe, said he liked "Thrown On the World," by Charlotte M. Braeme." I disagree with him there. The sentiment of the book is evidently man-hate. I turned over a new leaf New Year, as most everyone does, to read nothing but standard literature. Do you think a woman, as well as her helpmeet, has a right to aspire to higher things than the household drudge? I do, and I think she ought to have the right of suffrage. If this rambling scribble escapes the waste basket I will be rather surprised, as everyone will be who reads this, and if by not writing any more I do my letters a good turn, I will stop.

WILLIE.

TEXAS FRUIT.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Will you admit another lady of a few summers to join your circle of polished diamonds? I'll be an emerald, a satellite, revolving around the larger. I reside in Dallas county. This is a very pretty country, and is splendidly adapted to the culture of fruit and flowers, the former of which we have this year an abundant yield. Some of the finest pears and apples I ever ate we've gathered this season from our full orchard. I don't think they can be excelled by the apples of Albemarle county, Virginia (my native state), where her majesty, Queen Victoria, gets her annual supply, so I see from a periodical.

Allow me a voice in the popular subject, "Is marriage a failure?" Life is indeed very much what we make it, and when we marry it should be the happiest epoch of our lives, if the contracting parties are actuated by pure love. Some speak of tribulations. Why, the world is full of it. Holy writ says it's as natural for you to have trouble as for sparks to fly upward. And if sorrows cross the husband's path, which sooner or later is often experienced, the wife (if true) clings as naturally to her better half "as the ivy to the oak," and will tender the oil and balm of consolation, which gives him renewed energy, and whose efforts are ultimately crowned with success. In every vocation we may anticipate losses and crosses. The acquisition of a colossal empire might bring tribulations too numerous to mention; but if husband and wife cherish the proper love for each other the little misshaps in the future will soon sink into oblivion. No, imperatively no, marriage is never a curse, unless entered into hurriedly and without due consideration; if in the latter, the sequel is more easily imagined than described—wrecked hearts and wrecked homes. Could anything more appalling be imagined? A domestic trouble is "the bitterest drop of woe that bubbles in the cup of life." The poet says:

"How sad and dreary is the home
Where love, domestic love, no longer nestles,
But, stricken by some cruel doom,
Its corpse lies on the trestels."

Youn men, marry, for bachelors are too often treated like "old seed cucumbers," placed in one corner and entirely forgotten, while old maids are always honored. Now, if you've failed to lead some lovely girl to Hymen's altar, try it again.

"You may break, you may shatter the vase as you will,
But the scent of the rose lingers there still."

Well, as this is my first call, it should be very modern, with regard to brevity. I conclude with the wish that all your circle may be wrapped in the mantle of love.

CASSIE KINLOCK.

WHAT MARRIAGE SHOULD BE.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: The gracious welcome given me and the invitations extended by yourself and different members is beyond my power to express.

So many interesting letters are submitted that until now I have managed to resist taking space again.

A new member from Georgetown! I'm delighted to welcome you, Touch-Me-Not, though your name signifies no familiarity. I hope you will not be unsocial, if I can't touch you. You are the first I've noticed from this place and I've felt quite lonely. I wonder if we know each other personally. Thank you for your complimentary opinion of my letter. Thanks to others who were kind enough to say something nice about my letter. I consider your compliment, Lightning, a very high one, as you say I did what you couldn't. Accept thanks. I would give my opinion of you, but it would seem too much like "for value received." Man has never told us, has he? if the abundant sympathy has healed his wounded heart in the least? He ought to inform us if there is any improvement. He's spoiled, I expect, from so much "petting." Maybe that's why he doesn't condescend to please us again.

One of the latest is Luna Bonita's suggestion that we discuss, "Is Marriage a failure." I'm afraid I can't speak intelligently on the subject, as experience, wide observation and a deep study of such a subject is requisite before one can advance a well established theory. Yet evidently Luna Bonita is in a dilemma and we should all try to help her extricate herself and "fall on the right side of the fence." We are sure to differ so widely, though, that I fear one will not be able to decide whose sound (?) advice to take. My marriage has been so far, like yours, Falcon, a complete failure; but I believe this: If a marriage is sanctified by a pure devotional love, surely God will bless that union. Marriage was not intended to be a failure, but exactly the opposite, and failures are where God's blessing and guidance are not truly sought. Only marriages in haste, marriages of immature persons, and mercenary ones, and other various selfish motives have made this a subject for discussion. Let a pure, sincere love cause the union and marriage will be found not a failure.

"Life without love, oh, it would be
A world without a sun;
Cold as the snow-capped mountain dark,
As myriad nights in one.
A barren scene without one spot amidst the waste,
Without one blossom of delight of feeling or of taste."

When I get older and wiser I will tell you more about it.

Wild Violet, the description of your home is so much like mine, only the willows and not cypress, shadow the stream and spring here. In the springtime wild violets grow in profusion; the stream is always bordered with flowers of various hues, and I am told by "our friends" that the spring by the brook is a most delightful place to court! I find it a favorite place to read, write study and think, and, ah well, I'll confess, 'tis a nice place to exchange sentiment on a sunny afternoon, or later in the soft, seductive twilight, and then I, like, you, find it pleasant to live here.

Brown Eyes, I like you. I came near using your name myself. Your suggestion to discuss literature was aptly made. I've already said so much, I can't even venture one word for my dearly loved authors.

Some time perhaps I will come again, though I fear I have so displeased Mrs. B. that I shall not be admitted. Brief letters were requested, but being unable to write short letters is a well known characteristic of mine. Though Mrs. B. has the privilege of the waste basket. Adios. CAPE JASAMINE.

Georgetown, Tex., Sept. 12, 1897.

A GLANCE AT SUNNY SLOPE'S STATE FAIR VICTORIES IN 1897.

Six weeks ago the Whitefaces at the the noted Sunny Slope farm near Emporia, Kas., marshalled their forces, arrayed in their best bib and tucker, and went out to do the handsome for honors in the several state fair rings, visiting Minnesota, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and finally attending the final windup at the St. Louis fair, the place where only the champions usually go for the final farewell for the year. The management at Sunny Slope realized before breaking camp at home that it was to be the field against Sunny Slope as it was the new or the latest competitor for honors in the Hereford national show yard and that it would have to measure arms with almost the parent breeders of the Whitefaces in the United States, hence it was prepared to accept graciously whatever might come, be it victory or an inglorious defeat. But it was demonstrated that pluck and confidence exercised in the founding of the herd with the best obtainable at the time beef cattle were at their lowest ebb and the continuation of that idea in adding additional good things to the already established Sunny Slope herd, actually merited its fair share of the trophies annually accorded the Herefords by the American beef breeding public and the result was that the Emporia Whitefaces returned home with more ribbons won than fell to any other competitive herd throughout the western state fair circuit. The visitor at the farm now finds 100 serviceable young bulls ready to go out to new masters, and pearly as many heifers. Among the late sales was the 11-months-old bull, Sunset, vol. 17. A. H. B., that went to G. R. Pomeroy & Son, Carmi, Ill., for $600. This young fellow was good enough to win second money, bull, 6 and under 12 months, at the Illinois state fair, also third premium same class at the St. Louis fair last week. Then another one, the calf Anxiety Chief, for $400, went to C. W. Chilton of Kansas. There are too many good ones to specialize at this time but more will be given later on concerning the winnings on the state fair circuit of 1897.

W. P. BUSH.



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SAN ANTONIO TIME TABLE

San Antonio & Aransas Pass.

For Boerne and Kerrville leaves daily except Saturday and Sunday at 2:45 p. m.; Sundays at 8:30 a. m.; Saturday 4:30 p. m. Arrive daily except Sunday and Monday at 10:45 a. m.; Sundays at 7:00 p. m., Monday at 9:30 a. m.

For Houston, Cuero and Waco, leaves daily at 8:50 a. m., arrive at 6:30 p. m.

For Rockport, Corpus Christi and Alice, leaves at 1:55 p. m., arrives at 1:35 p. m.

Southern Pacific.

EAST—Leaves at 12:10 p. m. and 9:30 p. m.; arrives at 7:25 a. m. and 4:95 p. m.

Leaves for Waco, Fort Worth, Dallas, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago at 7:30 p. m.

Arrives from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Worth, Dallas and Waco at 8:45 a. m.

WEST—For Eagle Pass, California and Mexico, leaves at 4:45 p. m and arrives at 11:50 a. m.

International & Great Northern.

NORTH—Leaves at 9:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.; arrives at 7:25 a. m. and 3:15 p. m.

SOUTH—Leaves at 9:45 a. m. and arrives at 7:50 p. m.

North, daily express special leaves 9:30 a.m., arrives 3:15 p. m.

South, leaves 9:45 a. m., arrives 7:30 p. m.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

Leaves for Waco, Fort Worth, Dallas, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago at 9:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Arrives from Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, Fort Worth and Waco at 7:25 a. m. and 3:15 p. m.

San Antonio & Gulf Shore.

Train leaves San Antonio for Martinez, Sanders, Adkins, Lavernia and Sutherland Springs at 4:30 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Arrives at San Antonio at 9:00 p. m. daily except Sunday.

Alex McGehee was down from San Marcos Tuesday.

O. R. Stavens, the Kansas City cattleman, came in Saturday.

Gus Witting returned from a trip to Gonzales Thursday and went on to Stockdale Friday afternoon.

Jno. Kritzer, the Taylor stockman, was here Thursday on business connected with his feeding interests.

B. F. McDaniel, a stock man and speculator of Uvalde, has been here since Wednesday, taking in the situation.

Geo. T. Hume of Kansas City, Kas., passed through the city Thursday on his way west. He was on the lookout for steers.

Col. D. R. Fant spent a few days in the city on his return from Santa Rosa ranch to Georgetown, for which place he left Tuesday morning.

J. H. Gage, the big cattle buyer of Hamilton county, who has been in this section most of the time since last spring, is enjoying a lay-off at his home in Hico, thanks to the quarantine regulations.

Col. Jno. N. Simpson of Dallas, bought on the 15th inst. from Mitchell & Scott of Kyle, Texas, 1000 feeders which will be shipped out in a few days to Itaska or Dallas feed pens.

Winfield Scott, one of the king bees in the Texas cattle business, passed through the city Monday night on his return from Colorado county, where he went to close up the deal, mentioned in the Journal of last week, for the Stafford Land and Cattle company cattle.

E. H. East and S. R. Stiles of Victoria, came up Tuesday from Victoria, accompanied by their families and were guests of the Southern a couple of days. Both families left Wednesday on a visit to friends and relatives in Sherman, Texas. Messrs. East and Stiles returned to Victoria Thursday.

Geo. W. West returned from his Live Oak county ranch Wednesday by private conveyance, as he was not sure whether trains would be running or not by the time he reached the railroad. He reports that it was dry down that way when he left. The rains which fell on the 14th and 15th no doubt did much good in providing water and winter range.

Capt. Jno. T. Lytle of Lytle, Texas, and Senor Juvencio Gonzales of Parras, state of Coahuila, Mexico, spent a few hours in San Antonio Saturday on their way to Cotulla to look after their cattle interests in La Salle. Both were highly pleased with the present prospects for continued good prices for cattle, but Capt. Lytle said: "They are getting pretty high down here."

S. A. Purington, the big sheepman of Longfellow, Texas, accompanied by Mrs. Purington, arrived in the city Thursday and are guests of the Southern. Mr. Purington is very much pleased with the increased price of sheep and wool brought about by the provisions of the Dingley bill, and is of the opinion that the sheep and cattle business will remain prosperous for many years, at least.

Geo. L. Leigh, manager of Stonebright ranch in Kerr county, closed a deal last Tuesday for the Ganahl homestead and also the Ganahl and San Antonio and Aransas Pass township interests in the Ganahl townsite. He also bought the cattle owned by Mr. Ganahl, which are graded Brown Swiss. This prosperity adjoins Stoneleigh ranch and the addition of the property above will make it one of the best equipped fine stock ranches in the state.

T. A. Parkinson of Gibson & Parkinson, who purchased the McCutcheon Bros. cattle and ranches in Jeff Davis county last spring, passed through the city Monday on his way to Wagoner, I. T., from the ranch. Mr. P. has been out there receiving the cattle delivery of which begun the 10th of September. Mr. Parkinson states to a Journal representative that Jeff Davis has plenty of grass and water and that winter range will be fine. He left for Wagoner Monday night.

Rains have fallen in some sections east and southeast of San Antonio and the indications are that the rain is not over. Rains fell Friday, Saturday and Saturday night, and in some sections particularly between San Antonio and Victoria have had an abundance. Col. Austin of Austin & Traylor, returned Saturday night from Victoria, where he has been for several days delivering steers for a shipment to Havana Sunday, and says all the streams are running briskly. Jim Chittem received a telegram from Jno. I. Clare Sunday, who has been down on the Pettus ranch in Goliad county, which read as follows: "Pettus pasture flooded. Had to stop work." These are the only reports from first hands the Journal has been able to get. Good rains have fallen, however, in other sections and the cowmen are in high glee generally.

Sheriff Morris of Karnes county, who, by the way, is largely interested in cattle, was in Austin last Thursday and the correspondent of the Express there interviewed him with the result as follows:

"Sheriff Morris of Karnes county, who was here to-day, reports a state of affairs among the stockmen of his county never before known. In former years, when drouth rendered the pastures of Karnes county barren stock cattle were removed to pastures in other sections and brought back the following year, or whenever the grass in Karnes came out again. This movement of cattle was the result of low prices, stockmen preferring to move their cattle about rather than give them away, and as a consequence there were always plenty of cattle to eat the grass in Karnes county whenever the pastures were good. This year, however, the conditions there are completely changed, and instead of moving their cattle when the pastures gave out and bringing them back in the spring, the stockmen took advantage of the high markets and sold out clean, stock cattle and all. If this condition of affairs existed only in Karnes county it would be easy enough for the stockmen there to stock up again next spring from neighboring counties; but Mr. Morris says the same condition exists in nearly every county in Southwest Texas and that he does not see how the Karnes county stockmen are going to stock up without going a long distance, probably to Mexico, to find the cattle they want. This they will no doubt do, for the old time stockman who owns large pastures, prefers to die a stockman, and he will do some tall old rustling to get cattle to put on his pastures rather than see them cut up and converted into farms.

TWELVE THOUSAND SHEEP SOLD.

Col. N. T. Wilson closed a deal Friday for 12,000 head of sheep, with a New Mexico sheepman. The price paid was $2.00 per head, counting rams, ewes, mutton and lambs. These sheep all have the wool on and will be driven, as soon as arrangements can be made to do so, to R. T. & N. T. Wilson's sheep ranch in Crockett county. The sheep are located near Roswell, New Mexico. They will shear 7½ pounds, which will make the net cost slightly over $1.00 per head. This is perhaps the cheapest lot of sheep bought this season and the Journal congratulates Messrs. Wilson on their good fortune and as was said of the Klondike saloon man who used a 600-pound nugget for a horse block in front of his place of business, they are bound to have the best that is going.

UNCLE IKE ON QUANTEEN.

That San Antonio came through the recent yellow fever agitation with a clean bill of health can be attributable to the fact that she has a mascot in the person of old Uncle Ike. The Express of this city made the discovery and is entitled to all the credit. It found him while he was delivering one of a course of lectures to an audience of colored people on the shady side of a two-story building the other day. lecture is given below:

"I tell yo' all de troof, yo' all bettah min' out how yo' projec' roun' wid dese yeah epidermus scourges. Talk 'bout gittin' scared up 'bout dis yallah fevuh all non-sense. Dose yeah doctah men bettah quit off daih foolishin an turn daih 'tention to physickin'. Sho! de onlies' diffunce 'tween de doctahs in Gaylvestun an' de doctahs in Santone is dis," and holding up his hand, Uncle Ike indicated one finger impressively.

"De Gaylvestun doctahs don't know a case ob yallah fevah wen dey sees it an de Santone doctahs knows a case wen dey don't see it. Dats de diffuence." And holding up another finger he pointed from one to another.

"Now wat yo' all wants to watch out fo' is de quanteen. Dats de mos' contagousest disease ebber was, an' de meanes'. Ef de quanteen ebber comes yoah way, neen ter try ter run. Jes shet yoah eyes an' say yoah prayahs, fo' ye's a dead nigger."

IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

J. P. Edwards of Wagoner, I. T., and W. H. Jennings, the well known San Antonio cattleman, reached the city Tuesday night, having been passengers on the ill-fated train which was held up at McNeil station Tuesday afternoon. These gentlemen were kept busy Wednesday answering questions and relating in detail the particulars of the robbery. The half moon which had been so artistically cut out of Jim Edwards' necktie by one of the bold, bad robbers, and the powder-burnt condition of his shirt front and tie were strong evidences that he has been there. Mr. Jennings had no perforated neckwear or shirt front, but his friends claim that his face shows him to be a man of iron nerve and that the robber was afraid he would not kill him dead and knew that a failure to do so would only result in the loss to the state of one more train robber. The fact that Mr. Jennings had no trophies of the chase worked some what of a hardship on him, as he could not hold an audience spellbound when Edwards turned around and showed his necktie (there is some contention as to whether Edwards did this to aggravate Jennigs or not). Both, however, were the heroes of the hour, and they exhibited a marvelous degree of patience, acquired possibly on the train the previous evening. Mr. Jennings has been up in the Territory for the last two or three weeks making his last shipments to market and attending to other business. The Journal representative did not put the direct question to him as to what his profits amounted to this year, but others in a position to know state that they would have been larger, but for his action in paying the robber that $2.26 Tuesday. Jim Edwards is something of a slight of hand performer, and although he had $100 on his person previous to the robbers' engaging berths, he had $90 in his boot and only two $5 bills in his vest pocket when they introduced themselves and used a Colt's 45 in lieu of a cologne bottle. When asked to contribute he drew forth the two v's and with tears as large as a big glass middler rolling down his bronzed cheeks, he begged to be allowed to retain one of them, as he had just left a wife and seven children at home who were dependent solely on him for support. The robber was not so deeply moved as Mr. Edwards, and told him to go to some place and get his five dollars. Mr. Edwards has heard of the place and it so happened that it was one against which he has enforced a strong quarantine since he was a little boy. Even $5 would be no inducement for him to raise it. He is not down to buy cattle, of course not. Prices are too high and he just won't pay them—even if he did want anything. He is figuring with cattlemen down here just because there are no goose or chile con cane ranches down in this country.

NEWS NOTES.

The Brackett News: A good shower fell this morning and the prospects for a general rain are good....Philip Bitters brought in his pecans yesterday—some thirty-two sacks....We hear that Mr. McLymont's wool clip is something like 500,000 pounds.

Southern Industrial and Lumber Review: James Arbuckle advises the South to hold its cotton crop for higher prices, as spinners are buying from hand to mouth, hoping for a decline. It is questionable whether such advice is well considered. Similar advice was given last year by one high in authority, if not in real knowledge, and the result was that many farmers held until cotton had permanently declined. A good price should be accepted when offered as a business rule.

Special from Berclair, Goliad county, to the Express under date of October 12, says: J. E. King of Taylor is receiving about 2000 beeves bought of C. B. Lucas....A herd of 300 cows and calves purchased by W. T. McCampbell en route for his ranch passed through here yesterday....J. V. Shelton has bought 20 cows and calves of B. H. Wilson at $22. C. B. Lucas bought thirty-five yearling beeves for spring delivery of L. J. Blackburn at $15.

Marfa New Era: Mr. H. L. Kelley has just purchased the ranch property of M. Kirby, located near Alamito, and he and Mr. Kirby were in this week fixing up the papers. The Kirby ranch is a fine property and Hi is well satisfied with his trade.....About all the spring clip of wool is in; some of the H. & Co. clip and some of the Kelley clip have not yet arrived. Mr. W. H. Way, of San Antonio, and Mr. Halpin, of Colorado City, wool buyers, have been here figuring on it.

Pearsall Leader: C. W. Cox bought 74 head of hogs from Erskine & Zackman and drove them to railroad for shipment....R. E. Cannon recently bought a bunch of steers, cows and calves from W. B. Cowley and placed them in the Cummings pasture he has leased....W. B. Cowley says that rain is needed on his ranch but that his cattle are doing well. Mr. Cowley traded a good sized bunch of cattle to Mr. Cannon lately....J. H. Blackaller shipped thirty head of cows to St. Louis Tuesday....Wilson & Wilkey shipped two cars of hogs this week.

Alpine Avalanche: R. L. Nevill again owns his ranch and cattle he recently sold to Jackson & Harmon for about $75,000. The price is not known but it rumored that Mr. Nevill paid between $2000 and $6000 for the trade....J. B. Gillett is turning over this week the J. M. Sedberry cattle he sold to J. D. Jackson. Mr. Jackson seems well pleased with his deal, and evidently it is much to the advantage of all concerned. The cattle are well graded and suited to mix with Mr. Jackson's other stock.

Calhoun County News: From present indications the cotton crop in this county will run considerably over 1000 bales, about four-fifths of which is grown on this side of the bay. This will be more than double the amount raised last year. Next year will likely witness another repetition of the doubling process, as a very large acreage of sod land is to be broken for cultivation as soon as rain enough comes to properly wet the ground...The Texas pecan crop is said to be larger than usual, and will probably bring $5,000,000 this year.

Karnes County News: Two big cattle transactions occurred here last Thursday and Friday. On Thursday H. Runge & Co. delivered to C. H. Flato 500 head of one, two and three-year-old steers, at $13, $16 and $19 per head. They were driven to Yorktown, where Mr. Flato had bought another large lot from Messrs. August Burow and others. This is one of the largest transactions that has been made in this section for some time. On Friday A. W. Talk delivered to a Mr. Serna nearly two hundred cows and calves and about 25 fat cows, the price paid being $20 for cows and calves and $16 for fat cows. These cattle were shipped out Saturday evening. The demand for cattle of all kinds continues brisk and if there are good rains soon the stockmen will be in the push sure enough.

San Diego Sun: A. C. Doughty left last Monday for Louisiana with two carloads of mules....F. G. Velo sold B. B. Wright ninety-seven head of cattle, mostly beeves, last week. Consideration said to be $2050....Jas. King told a representative of the Sun that he had sold thirty-five sacks of wool, from three clippings. Mr. King held his two last clippings for a rise, and he got it, selling his wool at eight cents....Messrs. Oneil Brothers of Bee county, have rented some 5000 acres of land out of the Sweden pastures, which they will stock with cattle....R. E. Nutt, Sr., of Beeville, has rented a part of the Morris ranch from Thomas & Stockin, and is pasturing some 800 head of cattle in it, for which he pays $600 until next April. This ranch has now splendid grass and plenty of water....Brag Wright has bought of Jose Maria G. Trevino some 600 head of cattle at $6.00 a head, all round, and some 700 head of horse stock at $5.00 per head. These are to be delivered in April. Mr. Wright certainly secured a bargain.....J. M. Dobie has rented the big Sweden pastures, about six miles west of Benavides, and will pasture his cattle on them this winter. He has also rented the Gussett pasture and will stock the same....Ex-Governor Wheeler, of Iowa, has decided to become a citizen of Texas. He has purchased about 8000 acres of land in the upper coast country, and will start a model farm and dairy. Mr. Wheeler has 1000 cows of the best breeds, which will be milked by machinery. He will also erect an ice factory on his new place and will raise all the feed for his cattle on his own place. Such men as this will be of great benefit to Texas, for he will demonstrate what can be done in this state, and our farmers and ranchmen will do well to watch the results from this big enterprise.

WOOL AUCTION SALES AND STANDARDS.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

In my opinion the auction sale of wool is an improvement upon the old method of selling. It has a tendency towards concentration, and in that particular it is beneficial to the seller. But I do not regard the system as desirable as the one followed by cotton dealers. There is only one way to force manufacturers to purchase supplies, and that is by "dealing in futures." Until this has been introduced into the wool market, the wool manufacturers will be supreme in dictating prices; and, whether wool is sold at auction or at priyate sale, the result will be the same to the poor producer. Introduce the "future wool" system, and the manufacturer will have competition with the wool gambler, and the producer will enjoy the advantage of many more buyers than he has now.

The Wool Exchange of New York, have, however, decided not to deal in "futures." When you reflect that the majority of the members of this so-called exchange is composed of manufacturers, the eliminating of this feature of exchange dealing is easily understood. They do not want to be cornered, and they never can be, under the present organization that is conducting the auction sales of wool in New York.

We have been over 100 years trying to develop our wool industry, and have not yet reached more than one-half our consuming capacity, notwithstanding all the tariff protection that has been employed to encourage it.

You know perfectly well that producer can double his flock in three years and it stands to reason, he would do so if he was justified in that course. The fact that he has not done so is evidence there is a screw loose in the system used in selling his product of wool. The "screw" is the absence of "Standard Grades," through which he can tell what his wool is worth. If he is ignorant of the grade of his wool he cannot tell whether the expert wool dealer is paying him the correct price or not.

This so-called New York Wool Exchange took out a charter for the purpose of introducing standard grades in wool, but I have never yet heard of their being established.

If they will introduce these standards and arrange to supply parties with type samples, as the New York Cotton Exchange does with cotton, they would do a service for the wool producer which I am sure would be greatly appreciated. Respectfully yours,

WM. L. BLACK,
Chairman on Organization Nat'l Wool Growers' association.
Fort McKavett, Tex., Oct. 11, 1897.

FROM BROWNWOOD.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

I have not been able to gather any important news at this place in regard to cattle, as most of the cattlemen are out of the city on business. I met Dr. J. W. Abney on his way to his ranch and learned from him that cattle were fine, and that he was going to deliver some 300 head of steers, ones twos and threes and barren cows which he had sold at $17 round. He informed me that he raised on his ranch 3000 bushels of oats, 500 bushels wheat and 1500 bushels of corn. I also learned that Mr. Cornell will ship from this place next week about forty cars of feeders to Dublin. Very few cattle here to sell. Have a good cotton crop as well as corn, oats and wheat. Business with merchants very good. This is a live town. Plenty of pecans, and the finest in the world. ALEX. C. WALKER.
Brownwood, Tex., Oct. 15, 1897.

COLLINS AT CHILDRESS.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

Childress county is the southern end of the great Panhandle country, connecting the handle with the pan and after a sort of contour survey, I put it as being made of swells, swags, draws, table and valley lands, with a fair percent of rough, broken brushy country along Red River, affording splendid shelter for stock in winter, and very clever range. The soil in the valleys, draws and swags is very rich, and nature seems to have provided it with some sort of sub-irrigation, as these lands never fail to produce fair crops of the cereals, hay and cotton, even during the most thirsty years. I talked with a good many farmers, and they put their cotton this year at from a half to three quarters of a bale per acre; but why should I continue "harping" on the Panhandle being a farming country, when all this people are agreed that the man who comes here and sets down to farming as a business will "come out at the little end of the horn." Well, the reason is this, when a stranger or tenderfoot, "one of whom I am which," comes here and walks around on the streets of Childress for three or four days, sees the cotton coming in, from four to six horse wagon loads of wheat, and gets a "whiff" of the tons and tons of new mown hay coming in, it is a hard matter for him to get away from the thought of farming. But after all, there are a whole lot of keen, smooth fellows in this country who are quietly making a good living and sneaking on to fortunes by stock farming, but mark you, they have had experience here, and are intelligently and systematically using this country for what it was made, and appropriating to their own and to the benefit of their children the blessings so bountifully lavished on it by the giver of all good and perfect gifts. There is an elasticity of step, a cheerfulness of countenance and "I have only time to talk with you on business," pay as you go manifestation amongst this people, that makes a fellow feel good to be amongst them, and the Journal's missionary, like all others of his kind, being always ready to take whatever is proffered that is good, without money and without price, accepted an invitation to, and attended a Confederate picnic at the court house in Childress on Saturday, the 2nd inst. and I don't know when I have seen a prettier crowd of girls, and finer specimens of American mothers and sires than on this occasion, and if the spread of "biled" ham, roast beef, bake't turkey, chicken and dumplings, lemon custards, pies, puddings and pound cake, is an admissible witness, then the question of the good condition of the smoke houses, kitchens, cribs and larders of the jolly stock farmers of Childress county is established beyond the possibility of a reasonable doubt. This I note as another good thing I've run into while traveling thousands of miles over this great State in the interest of the best paper of the kind published south of the Missouri and west of the Mississippi rivers, and indeed how good and how pleasant it is to be able to turn the leaves in the great book of memory and rest at these green cool spots on its pages. It makes one feel "there is music in the running brook, sermons in stones and good in every thing."

Childress, like many other towns in the Panhandle, is enjoying a nice trade, not only on account of commanding the trade of a large scope of country to the south, but she reaches away into and draws a big line of business from the Oklahoma country, and besides all this, the yield of cotton and wheat is good and the price at which beef making cattle are selling makes things hum, while the tendency all over Texas amongst stockmen and stock farmers is in the direction of better cattle, horses, mules and hogs. I am inclined to the opinion that North Texas and the Panhandle have made more progress in this line than any portion of Texas in which I have traveled. This impression, however, may be largely due to this scribe having last seen the herd of three white faces on the ranch of Mr. U. S. Weddington, a few miles out from the city. The string of a dozen or more white face bulls he is grooming for the Dallas fair are beauties, and notice is hereby served on Captains Rhome, Ikard and others that they had better be looking well to the protection of their laurels already won, for there is another Richmond in the field. They say these white faces are not any more expensive to breed and rear than the common long horns, and will rough it on the range along with the long horn and come at the end worth a whole lot more money. As proof, reference is here made to Mr. Lane of this county, having sold a herd of yearlings a few days ago for twenty-one dollars, and all these Panhandle smart, practical, beef-eating stock farmers are catching on to this idea. Messrs. U. S. Weddington, George Gerbotto, A. W Collins J. C. Black, G. W. Johnson, J. F. Fullingim and J. O. Richardson treated the Journal's missionary as if he had been a prince in the land, and he takes this method of tendering them and many other good people in Childress his heartfelt thanks. R. M. COLLINS.
Childress, Tex., Oct. 12, 1897.

Young married man wants position as manager or foreman of ranch. Experienced. References. Address, Ranchman, care Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Dallas, Texas.

CATTLE SALES IN OKLAHOMA.

Stock and Farm Journal:

The weather is dry and pleasant and grass curing splendidly.

Since my last the following cattle sales have been made: S. C. Tyler to A. N. Davis, of Scuyler county, Mo., 170 head native and N. M. 3-year-old steers at $3.12½ per cwt.; Y. Cain his yearling steers at $22.50; I. N. Stamper his yearling steers at $24.25; J. T. Threadkill his yearling steers at $25, the two first to Sheriff Reas, the other to Mr. Randall, of Manhattan, Kan.

G. F. Atkinson is making last delivery of cattle sold last spring to Messrs. Word, Hofman & Word of Woodward, O. T.

T. E. Ward sold to J. A. Curtis 40 head of 2 and 3-year-old double wintered Arkansas heifers at $20, with a few calves thrown in.

M. E. Eldridge sold to J. C. Denison, J. C. Williamson and R. C. Lowe jointly, his ranch on Hackberry creek at $900.

B. S. Neff sold his ranch on Beaver river to J. L. Eubank for $500.

Beef round-up and shipping is keeping cow men busy at present and will for a month yet.

John O'Loughlin will ship a train load in a few days.

H. Westmoreland & Sons and Hitch Bros. will soon ship several train loads.

J. A. Cox sold to J. I. Steel his native stock cattle at about $25 around, calves thrown in.

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4 33	20	Arno	9 05
5 00	30	Riverton	8 30
5 29	40 6	Guadalupe	7 55
5 54	50	Palermo	7 24
6 05	54 2	State Line	7 10
6 20	60	Red Bluff	6 55
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7 15	77	Florence	5 41
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7 35	83	Otis	5 21
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9 00	94	Lake View	4 09
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10 11	117 6	Spring Lake	2 49
10 25	122 4	Miller	2 36
10 54	133 4	Lake Arthur	2 04
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11 34	145	Greenfield	1 29
11 56	152	Orchard Park	1 07
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DALLAS TIME TABLE.

Texas & Pacific Railway.
BRICK DEPOT.

EAST BOUND.		WEST BOUND.	
No. 2 leaves	10:15 a m	No. 1 leaves	6:30 p m
" 4 "	6:30 p m	" 3 "	6:50 a m
" 6 "	8:05 a m	" 5 "	8:25 p m
" 8 arrives	9:25 a m	" 7 "	4:05 a m
" 10 "	11:50 a m	" 9 "	10:15 a m
" 12 "	8:50 p m	" 11 leaves	3:00 p m

East Dallas.
UNION DEPOT.

EAST BOUND.		WEST BOUND.	
No. 2 leaves	10:25 a m	No. 1 leaves	6:10 p m
" 4 "	6:55 p m	" 3 "	6:30 a m
" 6 "	8:15 a m	" 5 "	8:15 p m
" 8 arrives	9:30 a m	" 7 "	4:00 p m
" 10 "	11:50 a m	" 9 "	10:20 a m
" 12 "	9:00 p m	" 11 "	5:50 a m

Houston & Texas Central Railway.

NORTH BOUND.	ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 13 News train		4:30 a m
" 3	8:05 a m	8:25 a m
" 1	6:50 p m	6:55 p m
" 15 Denison	12:10 p m	12:20 p m
SOUTH BOUND.	ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No 2	9:25 a m	9:40 a m
" 4	7:10 p m	7:25 p m
" 14	10:45 p m	News Tr
" 16	3:45 p m	3:55 p m

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway.

NORTH BOUND.	ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 32	10:00 a.m.	10:15 a. m.
" 34	10:25 p. m.	10:35 p. m.
" 48 Henrietta Acc'n		12:10 p. m.
" 76 Denton Mixed		6:50 p. m.
" 88 Greenville Mixed		7:30 a. m
SOUTH BOUND.	ARRIVE	LEAVE
No. 33	6:35 a. m.	7:00 a m.
No. 31	6:50 p. m.	7:10 p. m.
" 47 Henrietta Acc'n	3:55 p. m.	
" 75 Denton Mixed	9:50 a. m.	
" 75 Hillsboro Mixed		10:40 a. m

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe.

NORTH BOUND.	ARRIVE	LEAVE
No. 74	1:00 p m	5.00 p m
" 76	9.30 p m	
" 78	7.40 a m	7.55 a m
SOUTH BOUND.	ARRIVE	LEAVE
No. 75		7.05 a m
" 73	11.00 a m	3.00 p m
" 27	8.35 p m	8.50 p m

Texas Trunk.

Arrive..... 3.50 p m Leave..... 8.00 a m

THE DALLAS MARKET.

A slight improvement in receipts in this market was a feature in the week just closed. Demand was good throughout and prices fluctuated some, but were relatively better than at the packing centers. The market at Kansas City is reported to be overloaded, which may have the effect of increasing receipts at Texas markets for the next two or three weeks.

Thomas & Searcy's stock yards report the week's market good, arrivals less than requirements, but fair in numbers and a slight increase over the last week in September and the first week in the present month. Good stock was the exception and everything found ready sale at quotations. The close was firm: Choice fat steers, $2.75@3.00; common to good steers, $2.00@2.50; choice fat cows, $2.50@2.85; fair to good cows, $1.75@2.20; common to fair cows, $1.00@1.70, choice fat heifers, $2.50@2.90; fair to good heifers, $2.00@2.20; common to fair heifers, $1.25@1.85; choice milch cows and springers, $15.00@25.00; choice veal calves, light, $3.25@3.50; common to fair veal $2.00@2.75; bulls and stags, $1.00@2.00; choice cornfed hogs weighing 175 to 350 pounds, carload lots, $3.35; choice cornfed hogs, weighing 150 to 350 pounds, wagon lots, $3.25; stock hogs, $2.00@3.25; choice fat mutton weighing 90 to 110 pounds, $3.00@3.50; choice fat mutton 70 to 80 pounds, $2.00@2.50.

TO FRIENDS OF THE JOURNAL.

The friends and acquaintances of the Texas Stock and Farm Journal will find him "sitting in the door of his tent in the heat of the day," immediately north of the Ikards' herd of Whitefaces; desk room, writing material, chairs and plenty of ice water. If you want to rest, write or transact business I would be glad to have you call. Yours truly. R. M. COLLINS.

K. M. Moore of Sulphur Springs, was here Friday.

J. D. Atkinson of Waxahachie, is here this week.

J. E. Bryant of Colorado Springs, was here Sunday.

F. W. Kittrell, a Waxahachie feeder, was in Dallas Friday.

T. B. Jones of Wichita Falls, was among the week's visitors.

J. W. Butler, a well known stockman of Clifton, was here Monday.

Merrick Davis, a well known Seymour cattleman, was in the city this week.

D. B. Sachse of Sachse, Dallas county, was on this market with hogs during the week.

Col. Ike T. Pryor, the big cattleman of San Antonio, was in the city Saturday and attended the fair.

P. W. Hunt of Fort Worth, formerly associate editor of the Journal, is spending a few days in the city attending the fair.

Marion Sansom of Alvarado, was a visitor in Dallas on Monday, called on the Journal and said he was here to "have a time" at the fair.

A. E. Page, a prominent merchant and cattleman of Roswell, N. M. was in the city last Saturday and attended the opening ceremonies at the fair grounds.

Col. W. R. McIntire, one of the pioneer cattlemen of Dallas, left a few days ago for his ranch in Tom Green county, where he was called on important business.

At an auction sale of horses on the court house square in this city last Saturday a number of very fair plugs were sold at from $2 to $5 per head. How is that for horse prices?

Col. J. B. Wilson of this city, received eight cars of cattle last Friday from his Indian Territory pastures and will re-ship them to Terrell, where they will be fed on cotton seed cake and will be shipped to Liverpool next spring.

W. H. Park, a practical fruit raiser and truck farmer, of Kansas City, Mo., was in the city Monday. Mr. Park has his eye on Texas as the country for his business and is casting about for a favorable location.

Dodge Mason of Kemp, shipped three cars of fat hogs to this city Saturday over the Texas Trunk line. They were exceptionally fine and sold to the the Dallas Dressed Beef and Packing company.

J. F. Walker of Rogers, Ark., is again visiting the fair. Mr. Walker brought along some splendid specimens of apples just to show the people what sort of fruit they raise up his way.

Juel Weaver, manager of the Rockwall cotton seed oil mills, was in Dallas Saturday en route to Fort Worth. Mr. Weaver says his mill is running full capacity and that prospects for a prosperous season are unusually bright.

T. E. Renfrow of Renner, one of the best known cattlemen of Collin county, is in the city this week taking in the fair. Mr. Renfrow is a regular patron of the Dallas market and is naturally interested in anything pertaining to the good of Dallas.

Colonel Smith, of Dallas, of the cattle firm of O. A. Smith & Bro., Merkel, Texas, reports a sale this week by his firm of 105 head of one and two-year-old steers to Joe Elliott of Lancaster, at $15 and $20. The cattle are natives of Jones and Taylor counties.

Henry E. Alvord, chief of dairy division of the United States department of agriculture, arrived in Dallas to-day and will open headquarters at the fair grounds. He will be pleased to meet anyone interested in the dairy business and will address the dairymen of Texas during his stay in Dallas.

T. H. Floyd of Ennis, was here one day this week on business and, incidentally taking in the sights. Speaking of the recent visitation of Jupiter Pluvius he said: "The recent rains in Ellis county, and particularly around Ennis, have served to improve the sweet potato crop, which otherwise would have been almost a complete failure. Cotton on blackland has also taken a new lease of life and with a late frost a small top crop may be made."

Mr. W. H. Pierce of Denton, one of Texas' best known farmers and stockmen, also president of the Denton county fair, is in the city. Mr. Pierce never misses the state fair. He comes the day before the fair opens and remains one day after it closes. "It is a splendid show," he said yesterday, "and I am in hopes that the attendance will be large this year. It is a magnificent fair, considering all the drawbacks and the yellow fever scare."

I. J. Willingham, the well known Dallas county stockman, came in from Orphans Home Monday with his usual bunch of steers. Mr. Willingham said the recent rains had freshened things up wonderfully in his vicinity and that foliage and grass was almost as green as in the spring of the year. He also said apropos of the fair: "The fair is better this year than ever before. The poultry and live stock exhibits are unusually good. Any man who examines the various exhibits with anything like enthusiasm and goes away displeased is totally incapable of appreciation."

Gov. Bob Taylor, who is to be the central attraction at the fair on Tennessee day, to-morrow, arrived to-day and occupies spacious apartments at the Oriental, which local ex-Tennesseeans have reserved for him. The Tennesseeans will assume entire control of the city upon Gov. Taylor's arrival and hold everything in sight until he leaves. Ever since the Tennessee society of Texas has been organized its thousands of members have been longing for a reunion, and Gov. Taylor is going to be the magnet to draw them together. Tennessee day is to be one of the red letter days of the fair.

The developments on the local cotton market during the past week have a tendency to convince the people of this city that Dallas is destined to become one of the biggest cotton markets in North Texas before the close of the season. At 6 o'clock last Saturday night 1218 bales had been brought from the surrounding towns since the opening hour on the Monday previous. The week before that 700 bales came in and last week 237 bales were stored. Besides these encouraging facts, the number of buyers has increased with the number of bales until now, it is said, there are eight men here buying for the big cotton firms that heretofore supplied their demand for the staple from the smaller towns. Larger receipts are expected the coming week.

AT THE FAIR.

What the Journal Man Saw that is of Interest to Stockmen and Farmers.

The great Texas State Fair opened on schedule time last Saturday. When the gates were thrown open at 9 o'clock great crowds surged through them and if any one had any doubts that the yellow fever scare would in any way effect the attendance they were soon dispelled.

Almost every conceivable class of entertainment had been engaged for the amusement of the visitors, and the live stock, farm, poultry and other departments were complete in every detail.

First on the live stock row were the stables of W. S. & J. B. Ikard's herd of purebred Herefords from Henrietta. Next was the herd of U. S. Weddington from the Hereford Grove stock farm of Childress. W. R. Spann, the Dallas Jerseyman, came third with the choicest of his herd, which will delight all lovers of fine Jerseys. Another fine exhibit of Jerseys were those of Dick Gray, proprietor of the Artesia Jersey farm of Terrell. Also Ed Myrick of Cleburne, Jerseys. Next on the line was M. Lathrop of the Cedar Hill Jersey farm of Marshall, Jerseys and Berkshire hogs.

J. E. McGuire of Gatesville, proprietor of the Idlewild Jersey farm has a combination exhibit of Jerseys and Berkshires. Another very meritorious hog exhibit was that of the Berkshire herd of Geo. B. Lillard of Seguin. W. H. Pierce of Denton, also had a pretty display of Jerseys and Berkshires. One of the prettiest hog displays on the grounds was the herd of O. I. C. whites, owned by Chas. E. Zumbrunn of Dallas. The Duroc Red Jerseys of Nat Edmonson of Sherman, came in for their share of attention. In Poland-Chinas the Riverside stock farm of Grant, I. T., owned by C. B. Morris, was one of the star displays of swine. The Magnolia herd of Poland-Chinas, owned by W. W. Stell of Paris, was also well attended.

The poultry department is the best seen in years. There are twenty-two exhibitors in this department with an average of six birds to each variety, or a total of 3500 birds. Every one interested in poultry could spend a whole day in this exhibit and not see half. There are prize-winning birds of every description, including B. P. Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks, Langshans, Dark Brahmas, Light Brahmas, Houdans, Polish, Leghorns of every variety, Buff Cochins, Minorcas, Bantams, Games, Bronze turkeys, Pekin ducks, pigeons of every variety and other breeds that do not come within the Journal man's knowledge of poultry.

In the main exposition building are the exhibits of the Rose Nursery of Dallas, W. Loomis, proprietor, fruit from the farm of H. G. Hamilton, Woodbine, Grayson county, Texas; Texas Seed and Floral company of Dallas, and many others.

One of the most important and best attended exhibits is that of the Pecos valley. The Journal man saw pumpkins and melons large as a keg, and apples large as an ordinary man's head. The sugar beet may be seen in various stages from the young beet a few weeks old to the full grown ones in the different processes of sugar manufacture. There are hundreds of varieties of apples, pears, plums, peaches, grapes and other small fruits, and celery that excels any ever seen in Dallas. There were several stalks of corn eighteen feet in height—in its entirety this exhibit is complete in every respect, yet the genial manager, Mr. A. E. Page, states that they did not have more than half enough space.

The Texas and Pacific had a splendid exhibit of fruits, grains, vegetables, etc., grown on lands along their line.

The Haskell county display of grains and grasses reminds one of the old spring palace held in Fort Worth in the 90's. Everything in this exhibit is most artistically arranged and reflects much credit upon the designers.

Wilbarger county cotton and grain were on exhibition and, while not a large one, is unusually good.

One of the smallest exhibits in the main building is that of Dallas county. In it are shown samples of the garden truck grown in this county. Not a square inch of space is wasted in arranging the radishes, asparagus, cabbages, beets, and other garden truck.

The Montgomery county display is composed almost entirely of tobacco. The green plant, the tobacco bug, the plant in the different stages of curing to the manufactured article.

To describe everything in detail would consume too much space and would exhaust the writer's vocabulary before he was half through. At any rate, the farmers and stockmen of this country should bring their families and camp on the grounds for a whole week. It would take at least a week for any one to see all the beautiful things to be found inside the grounds.

To the fair management the Journal offers congratulations and predicts for them a most prosperous season.

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Through the efforts of Col. E. P. Turner, general passenger and ticket agent of the Texas and Pacific, the famous Sunset Limited, the finest train in the world, will be run over the Texas and Pacific road. The train will make two trips per week from Chicago to San Francisco and is composed of baggage, Pullman Buffet sleeping and observation and dining cars. The dining service will be in charge of a competent chef and corps of nine waiters, and meals will be served in plain American style or a la carte (French style). The Sunset will take passengers at Fort Worth and Dallas for large cities east and west. The initial run will be made to-day.

SUNNNY SIDE STOCK FARM.

An Exhibit of Unusual Merit at This Year's Fair.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

If there is any one subject on which the Journal's missionary is nearer up to date than that of the mustag pony, it is Texas long horns; but when it comes to the discussion of Shorthorns, Leghorns, Poll Angus, Holsteins, Jersies and Whitefaces, he feels smartly inclined to steer clear of the front seat. However, after loafing about half of the other day around the headquarters of Willie S. and J. B. Ikard's barn out at the Dallas Fair, I learned a whole lot about Whitefaces.

Of course, the first item on the bill of fare was the renewal of old acquaintance and a chat over the olden times, away back yonder in the sixties, when E. F. and W. S. Ikard were young men over in Parker county, Texas, and how they attended the first cattle convention and contracted to gather cattle for the big cattlement at $1 per head. The sum of their holdings at that time was two bronchos each, but from this small beginning they have traveled up the trail to a splendid measure of success. In 1872 they located in Clay county, and for many years the question of who had the best right to that country was one of open debate between them and the wild Indians. The dangers they braved and privations endured would make a book of thrilling interest; but as it is their cattle interest I am discussing I will dismiss this part of the subject and sing of their Whitefaces. In the city of Philadelphia, in September, 1876, Will Ikard discovered his first Whitface, and it struck him as being the cap sheaf of creation on that line, and the winter following he bought ten bulls of T. L. Miller of Beecher, Ill., but eight of these died. However, his faith in the Whitface being suited to this country was strong enough to tide him over the disastrous results, and in 1883 he bought three yearling heifers and one bull from the same party, paying $300 per head. From this beginning the Sunny Side Stock farm, six miles out from Henrietta, Clay county, Tex., has been made a paying institution from start to finish under the able management of W. S. Ikard.

The Journal's missionary made the acquaintance of the following gentlemen and lady Whitefaces while on their annual visit to the great Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition, and will now proceed to introduce each of them to the reader, with a brief statement of their history:

The first is the eighteen months old bull, Sanhedrin 3d, 67031d, weight 1260; took first premium at Dallas Fair 1896 as best bull calf, and measures to-day as he stands in his stall and chews his cud, four inches larger around heart girth than his length from horns to root of tail. If you have an eye for the beautiful and good you will see Sanhedrin 3d.

The next is Sanhedrin 5th, No. 67036, eighteen months old, weight 1225; took second prize Dallas Fair, 1896; sold to W. M. Atkinson of Roswell, New Mexico, for $400. If you would see this splendid specimen of the Whiteface family call at his residence during the fair, as he will go on to New Mexico as soon as the quarantine is raised.

Sanhedrin No. 6, sixteen months old, is a daisy, weighs 1365 pounds and his number will appear in the forthcoming book of records.

We will now introduce "Wilton of Sunnyside." He is only nine months old, but weighs like grown folks, tipping the beam at 810, and measures one inch more around the heart girth than from his horns to the root of his shapely tail.

August Wilton 2d is the next in the row. He is only seven months old, but weighs 660 pounds. He will emigrate to New Mexico as soon as the fair is over, Mr. W. M. Atkinson of Roswell having paid $200 of the good money of the realm for his royal highness.

The next is "Dink," ten months old, weight 800 pounds. His home, as soon as the quarantine is raised, will be on Clabe Merchant's ranch out in the great Abilene country, Mr Merchant having paid 250 good dollars for him.

We close the bull department with "Dandy." They say he is one-eighth scrub, but to the passing observer he looks like a prince in the land, which is doubtless largely attributed to his associations. You should see him.

In introducing the ladies of Sunnyside I will observe the rule and commence with the aged:

Miss Wilson, No 32229, is eleven years old, weighs 1720 pounds, has dropped ten calves, and it don't require a mathematician to figure out that she has paid for herself and for food, raiment and shelter many times over.

Pattie 4th, No. 57030, four years old, weight 1670. She took first premium in her class at every Dallas Fair since she was a calf.

Miss Henrietta, calved April 8, 1892; took first premium at Dallas Fair when two years old. Her first calf, "King of Dallas Fair," took first premium in his class and sweep stakes as best bull of any age Texas bred; took first in open class and second as best bull any age in Hereford special and Texas bred took first at head of herd. In open class took 2d premium at head of herd; sold to W. E. & F. E. Wheelock, Lubbock, Tex., for $500 when only twelve months old.

Miss Henrietta 2d, calved March 2, 1896, weight 1080.

Frankie, No. 67028, calved March 1, 1895, weight at Dallas Fair, 1896, 800 pounds; took first premium as best heifer calf under one year old at Dallas Fair in 1896 and sweep stakes as best cow any age in Texas bred and open class; weight now 1390 pounds.

Henrietta 2d, No. 57024, calved Feb. 10, 1893; took second premium Dallas Fair 1894 and first premium Texas bred and second in open class.

Gipsy Girl, No. 57023, calved Jan. 18, 1895; weight Dallas fair 1896, 1160; weight Dallas fair 1897, 1500.

Gipsy Lass, No. 57023, calved March 2, 1894; took first premium at Dallas Fair 1894 as a yearling; first in 1896 when a two-year-old; weight 1540; dam of Sanhedrin 3d.

Miss Wilson 3d, No. 61878, calved March 20, 1895; weight at Dallas in 1896, 950 pounds; took first premium as a yearling in all classes; weight today 1390 pounds.

Beauty, No. 61881, calved March 23, 1895; weight 930 at Dallas Fair in 1896; took first premium in all classes; present weight 1370 pounds.

Lutie, No. 67024, calved Nov. 5, 1895, weight at Dallas Fair 1896 730 pounds; took 2d premium in all classes as a calf; present weight 1270.

Miss Wilson 4th, No. 67025; calved April 13, 1896; weight 1020.

April Bloom 2d; calved Dec. 2, 1895; weight 1140.

Gertrude, No. 67029; calved April 21, 1896; weight 1030.

Plum; calved Jan. 24, 1897; weight 670.

I can not afford to close this communication without giving some of Mr. Ikard's experiences and observation as to the habits of the Whiteface. He says they will rustle for a living right along with the long horn and come out in as good shape; docile, and the exception to the rule is to find one disposed to be vicious. R. M. COLLINS.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 18, 1897.

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TRANSFERS OF JERSEY CATTLE.

The following is a complete list of the transfers of Jersey cattle sold in Texas since registration, for the week ending October 5, 1897, as reported by the American Jersey Cattle Club, No. 8 West Seventeenth street, New York, N. Y., J. J. Hemingway, secretary:

Bulls—Birkie Boy 49079, J. L. Sheppard to W. A. Bryan, Bryan's Mill, Tex.; I. X. L. Exile of St. Lambert 38917, H. P. Schaefer to C. L. Neuhalls, Hackberry, Texas; King Ditto 4th 49049, F. T. Hockaday to T. A. Lewis, Whitewright, Texas; Teaser Tom 48753, A. McRill to F. C. Coe, Alta Loma, Texas; Troy Pogis 47078, R. Elliott to R. Clark, Thorp Springs, Tex.

Cows and heifers—Columbia Queen 88157, F. W. Fitzpatrick to G. F. Smith, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; De Ellu's Tot 125394, A. McRill to F. C. Coe, Alta Loma, Texas; Hub Pogis' Nona 106058, W. L. Whalen to Mrs. R. E. Campbell, Bowie, Texas; Tressie Pogis 2d 126137, Croom & Hodges to C. S. Easthem, Beaumont, Texas.

Human life is held too cheaply when the individual who needs a tonic for his system, seeks to cover his wants by purchasing every new mixture that is recommended to him. Remembers the Ayer's Sarsaparilla has a well-earned reputation of fifty year's standing.

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Quanah Observer: Mr. R. M. Collins of the Texas Stock and Farm Journal, was in town not long since, and had some encouraging words for Quanah. Among other things, he said that Quanah is the best town west of Fort Worth, and does the most business of any town on the Fort Worth and Denver railroad.

Use the Long Distance Telephone to all points.

It is said that the number of business failures in the United States during the quarter ending October 1st, was the smallest reported for several years and that the average of liabilities has not been so low for twenty-three years. In manufactures and trade the failures are the smallest on record since the records have been established.

Practically all important industries in the United States are now in full operation. All strikes of importance have been settled upon a basis satisfactory to the laborer. Laborers who were working part of the time are working full time. Hundreds of thousands who were idle now have employment. Farmers and stock raisers are receiving an increased price for nearly all their products. Cotton alone is low, but all indications point to a certainty of an advance in that product also. Save for the yellow fever visitation upon a small part of the South the general business interests of the country have probably never before been on such a substantial and satisfactory basis at any time during the lost score of years.

The extension of cotton manufacture in the South has been very rapid during recent years and from a consumption of less than 20 per cent of the cotton of the country ten years ago, Southern mills now consume 37 per cent. The increase in the industry in the South in eleven years has been 159 per cent, in the North only 5 per cent. The movement of cotton manufacture southward will doubtless continue. Texas ought to take a prominent place in the manufacture of the staple which she produces so largely. The mill in Dallas is said to be now running night and day. Every town of importance in the state might be a manufacturing town. An important extension of manufacturing industries would stimulate every other industry in the state.

A circular from a firm of pork packers in Iowa says the demand for light bacon hogs instead of heavy grades yielding a large amount of lard is becoming more marked every year.

A United States Officer.

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

From the Gazette, Medway, Mass.

The thriving town of Medway, Mass., has no more reputable citizen than Capt. John P. L. Grant, the carpenter and builder. For months he was a sufferer from wrecked digestion, loss of memory and the keenest of rheumatic pains arising from a life of ambitious labor and arduous exposure as an officer in the late war, and later as a U. S. mail carrier.

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

"I was born in South Berwick, Me., Dec. 30, 1834, and when two years old, moved with my parents to [illegible] York, Me. When 16 years old I was apprenticed to a prominent builder, Samuel Colcord, of Exeter, N. H., to learn the carpenter's trade with the added privilege of attending Phillips Academy, then as now a famous seat of learning. I graduated from there and went to Portland, Me., where I served two years with Hon. Wm. G. Kimball, a noted builder of the time.

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

"I secured and kept the contract for carrying the mails between York and Portsmouth, N. H., for twelve years. I removed to Medway in March, 1887, where I have since resided in business as a carpenter and builder. I have raised a family of ten children, and have now a family of six residing with me.

"About three years ago I was suddenly attacked with dizzy spells, protracted in duration and more frequent as the weeks went by. With these attacks came incessant vomiting and spasms of coma so that instantly I would fall wherever I might be, and remain so for some time.

"Soon I was forced to keep in bed, my digestion was wrecked, my business was going to pieces, and everything looked very dark. Of course I tried all kinds of remedies that were recommended, but to no avail, and I also went to a Medical Institute in Boston, but all my expenditure was fruitless.

"Finally I secured a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and received so great relief from them that my family and myself could see the direct benefits.

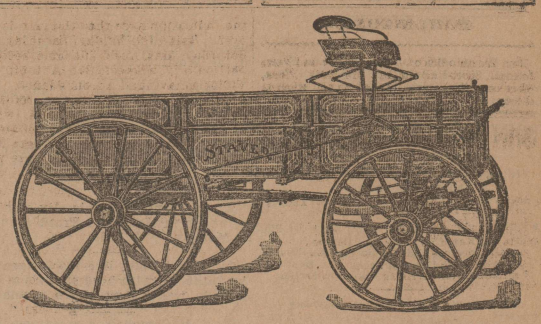
"I kept on with their use and steadily grew better. The dizzy attacks lessened and at last left me, the vomiting has entirely ceased and my general health has not yet stopped its improvement. My digestion is now good, and to no other agency than to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People can my cure be ascribed.

"I had, since the war, been troubled greatly with chronic rheumatism, but this was relieved by taking these pills. It is one of the greatest remedies ever used by anybody, and every member of my family has the same high opinion of it that I do. I have nothing but earnest, grateful praise for what it has done for me."

(Signed) JOHN P. L. GRANT.

Capt. Grant will be glad to answer any letters addressed him about his case. His address is P. O. box 142, Medway, Mass.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. They are manufactured by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold by all druggists at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50.



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FORT WORTH TIME TABLE.

Chicago, Rock Island & Texas Railway.
"ROCK ISLAND ROUTE."

DEPART	ARRIVE

9:40 a m, Sunday excepted, Mo Riv Local 6:00 p m
8:10 p. m., Kan. City, Chicago, Denver, Col. Springs and Pueblo Fast Ex 7:35 a m
Leaving Time 17th and Pecan Sts. Depot 5 minutes later. Arriving 5 minutes earlier.

Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railway.

DEPART.	ARVEH
12:10 p. m.	Mail and Express....2:45 p. m.

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

DEPART	ARRIVE
Denver, Colorado Springs and	
10:10 a m	Pueblo Mail and Express...5:00 p m

Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway.

DEPART NORTH	ARR. FROM NORTH
7.15 a.m. Kan City & Chicago Ex.& Mail	9.40 p.m
8.20 p. m. Kan City & Chicago Fast Ex.	8.05 a.m
DEPART SOUTH	ARR. FROM SOUTH
8.10 a. m. Houston & Gal'ston Mail & Ex	8 10 p.m
9.45 p.m. Houston & Gal'ston Mail & Ex	7.05 a.m

Houston & Texas Central Railway.

DEPART	ARRIVE
8.20 a.m. H'st'n & Gal'ston Mail & Ex.	7.45 p.m
6.10 p.m. H'st'n & Gal'ston Mail & Ex.	9.10 a.m

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway.

DEPART NORTH	ARR. FROM NORTH
9:50 a.m. K. C St. L. & Chicago Ml & Ex.	6:40 p.m
10:15 p. m. K. C St. L & Chicago Fast Ex.	6:40 a.m
DEPART SOUTH.	ARR. FROM SOUTH
7:35 a.m. Houston & Galv'st'n Ml & Ex,	9:55 p.m. Houston, Galveston & San
7:45 p. m. Antonio Mail and Express	9:35 a. m.

St. Louis Southwestern Railway.

DEPART.	ARRIVE.
10.15 a m Mem. & St. Louis Mail & Ex	5.30 p m
10.00 p m Mem. & St. Louis Mail & Ex	6.10 a m

Texas & Pacific Railway.

DEPART EAST	MAIN LINE VIA MARSHALL	ARR FROM EAST
7:05 a. m.	St. Louis Cannon Ball	9:25 p. m
9:00 a. m.	St. Louis Mail & Express	7:40 p. m.
5:20 p. m.	St. Louis & Memphis Fast Ex.	8.00 a.m
	Dallas News Train	5:55 a m
8:10 a. m.	Dallas Local	11:35 a. m
10:35 a.m.	Dallas & Weatherf'd Local	4:15 p. m.
7:40 p. m.	Dallas Local	

DEPART WEST	MAIN LINE WEST	ARR. FROM WEST
4:30 p. m.	Weatherford Local	10:15 a m.
8:40 a. m.	El Paso & California Mail & Ex	3:50 p. m
TRANSCONTINENTAL DIVISION VIA SHERMAN.		
DEPART		ARRIVE
9:30 a. m.	Texark'a & St. Louis Mail & Ex	6:30 p. m

Following market report furnished by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission Company:

The Northern markets are all lower to-day on both cattle and hogs Chicago has 20,000 cattle, including 500 Texans and 7000 westerns, market shade lower, 35,000 hogs, lower; Kansas City 10,000 cattle, weak; 3000 hogs, lower. We are advising our customers to ship their hogs that are ready for market, as the future prices are uncertain. We also advise holding back light weights and feed them out, as they are selling as low as $3.00 to $3.10. The demand for good butcher stuff continues good with light receipts. We quote fat steers $3.00@3.10; feeders, $2.65@3.00, heavy fat hogs, $2.30@2.60; medium cows, $2.00@2.30; canners and bulls, $1.50@2.00. Fat hogs weighing 200 pounds and over, $3.25@3.30; 125 to 175 pounds, $3.00@3.20. Some of our last week's sales:

Six cows, average 715 pounds, $2.50; 3 cows, 756, $2.60; 5 cows, 608, $2.50; 2 cows, 605, $2.25; 3 calves, $6.00 per head; 11 cows, 757, $2.50; 12 cows, 796, $2.50; 57 East Texas yearlings, $10.00 per head; 1 East Texas yearling, $11.80; 15 steers, 802; $2.70; 3 steers, 774, $2.70; 39 steers, $21.00 per head; 22 yearlings, $14.00 per head; 59 steers, $24.25 per head; 49 steers, 786, $3.00; 2 cows, 959, $2.35; 18 East Texas cows, $14.00 head; 17 East Texas yearlings, $10.00 per head; 5 East Texas calves, $5.00 per head; 201 sheep, 92, $3.00; 1 cow, 750, $2.40; 2 cows, 825, $2.25; 23 hogs, 189, $3.00; 32 hogs, 230, $3.50; 40 hogs, 176, $3.15; 71 hogs, 156, $3.27½; 62 hogs, 218, $3.50; 148 hogs, 243, $3.47½; 66 hogs, 249, $3.25; 67 hogs, 170, $3.35; 93 hogs, 189, $3.30; 90 hogs, 176, $3.22½; 102 hogs, 182, $3.30; 70 hogs, 389, $3.30; 46 hogs, 167, $3.12½; 76 hogs, 168, $3.27½; 66 hogs hogs, 174, $3.27½; 78 hogs, 265, $3.35; 59 hogs, 261, $3.35; 59 hogs, 281, $3.35; 140 hogs, 185, $3.30; 93 hogs, 181, $3.30; 89 hogs, 188, $3.30; 70 hogs, 206, $3.32½; 92 hogs, 181, $3.20; 46 hogs, 129, $3.30; 52 hogs, 266, $3.45; 70 hogs, 260, $3.45; 60 hogs, 208, $3.37½; 77 hogs, 200, $3.30; 73 hogs, 199, $3.30; 28 cows, 845, $2.65; 6 bulls, 773, $1.85; 2 bulls, 1095, $2.10; 7 cows, 912, $2.40; 1 cow, 950, $2.40; 3 calves, $10.00 per head; 4 cows, $16.00 per head; 24 cows, $18.00; 6 bulls 1025, $1.75; 227 steers, 805, $2.75; 1 cow, $22.00; 3 cows 910, $2.00; 15 cows, 906, $2.25; 2 canners, 750, $1.60; 3 calves, $10.00; 1 bull, $25.

E. B. Carver, a stockman of Henrietta, was in Fort Worth Thursday.

Gus Hargrove, a cattle feeder and dealer of Dublin, was here Monday.

R. H. Harris, a prominent stockman of San Angelo, was among the visiting stockmen on Monday.

T. S. Snyder of Georgetown, a prominent cattleman, was registered at the Worth Thursday.

John T. Black, a cattle dealer of Prairie Hill, Texas, was a visitor at Fort Worth on Monday.

W. T. Youngblood and J. T. Pemberton, both prominent stockmen of Midland, were here Monday.

Walter D. S. Maud of Denver, Colorado, a prominent cattleman, was registered Saturday at the Worth.

H. A. Pierce, a well known cattle feeder of Waxahachie, was circulating among his Fort Worth friends on Monday.

A. J. Tisdale, manager of the well known Bell ranch, located in northwestern New Mexico, was registered at the Worth on Monday.

E. C. Sugg, of Sugden, I. T., and one of the wealthiest cattlemen of the Indian Territory, spent several days in Fort Worth, returning to his ranch Monday morning.

W. R. Curtis, a well known stockman of Memphis, Texas, is registered at the Worth hotel.

R. Carrow, stockman and land agent at Antelope, Jack county, was in Fort Worth Monday.

Thomas Middleton, a cattleman of Abilene, Texas, and his wife, were registered at the Worth Friday.

W. D. Johnson of this city went to his ranch in Hood and Erath counties on Monday.

Capt. Jas. Polk, live stock agent of the Santa Fe, with headquarters at San Antonio, was in Fort Worth Monday.

W. T. McCampbell, a prominent cattleman of Burclair, was among the visiting stockmen i n Fort Worth Saturday.

Tom Montgomery of this city, who owns a ranch in Crosby county, is at home for a few days nursing a crippled hand.

Jot Smyth has bought 1200 feeders from Childress & Hall of Paint Rock, threes and fours, which he will put on feed near Fort Worth.

T. A. Parkinson of the cattle dealing firm of Gibson & Parkinson of Wagoner, I. T., spent Saturday in Fort Worth, returning home Saturday night.

H. M. Kidwell, a well known cattleman of Palo Pinto, was shaking hands with his many friends among the cattlemen in Fort Worth on Saturday.

Geo. Tyng, of Pahandle Texas, manager of the big ranch formerly owned by the Franklyn Land and Cattle Co., is spending a few days in the city.

Thos. B. Jones, formerly of Wichita Falls, but now one of the big ranchmen of Southern Texas, spent Monday in Fort Worth, leaving for San Antonio Monday night.

H. D. Thomas, a stock farmer of Dicey, Parker county, was in Fort Worth with a few cattle on Wednesday. Mr. Thomas reports good grass and fat cattle in his section.

Perry Harmison one of the old-time Texas landmarks formerly of Denton county, but now of Colorado Springs, Col., was shaking hands with his many Fort Worth friends Monday.

During the past week there has been much inquiry in Fort Worth among live stock men for feeders and several buyers are on the market looking for desirable lots of good cattle for the feeding pens.

J. L. Johnson, the well known cattleman, formerly of Pecos, but now of this city, went to Eastern Texas yesterday to receive a lot of cattle recently purchased by him and which he has already sold to Pecos parties at a handsome profit.

S. R. Williams, formerly president of the Texas Live Stock Commission company of this city, has accepted a position with The Geo. B. Loving Co., and will in the future give his entire time and attention to the business of the last named company.

H. G. Williams, a prominent cattleman of Llano, Texas, was in Fort Worth Sunday. Mr. Williams reports splendid rains recently all over the Llano country, and says that the range is, consequently, in fine condition, cattle scarce and advancing in price almost daily.

John B. Slaughter, a well known cattleman of the city, returned Sunday from an extended trip through Western Texas. While gone Mr. Slaughter bought several herds of young steers for his Western Texas pastures.

Jas. L. Harris, traveling representative of the Union Stock Yards of Chicago, was among the visiting stockmen during the past week.

John B. Gray, of the well known Moon ranch, in the Panhandle, was here Monday.

W. R. Martin a cattleman of Quanah, Texas, was in Fort Worth Monday. Mr. Martin says they had a good rain Saturday in his section, which they were beginning to need for wheat planting. He is in the market for stock cattle. Everything, he says, is prospering about Quanah.

L. W. Crawford, Esq., formerly engaged in business at Fort Worth, but now a stock farmer near Dicey, Parker county, was in the city Wednesday. He says corn was not good in his section but cotton is turning out better than was expected. Mr. Crawford brought a few steers to sell.

Chas. Coppinger of this city, who owns a ranch in Scurry county and who recently sold 3500 of his Scurry county cattle, is spending a few days in the city. Mr. Coppinger is on the market for several thousand cattle, and will buy most any kind or class if he can get them at reasonabel rates.

P. W. Hunt of Fort Worth, has been awarded by the Texas State Horticultural society a prize for the best essay on the subject, "What Texas Nurserymen Have Done for Texas." The prize was offered by an enterprising nurseryman of Austin and consists of one hndred new and valuable varieties of Japanese plums and other fruits

S. B. Burnet, the well known ranchman of this city, came down from his ranch yesterday, where he a few days ago completed the second delivery of steers sold by him to Weatherspoon Bros. Mr. Burnet will make the third delivery of these cattle next Friday. This delivery will be made of the straight 6666 brand, which, it will be remembered, were sold at the handsome price of $36 per head.

W. N. Babcock, for many years manager of the Union Stock yards, South Omaha, has recently been elected vice president of the Fort Worth stock yards and will, it is rumored, soon bring his family and locate at Fort Worth and take active charge of the stock yards in this city. Mr. Babcock is regarded as one of the best stock yards managers in the country and will no doubt add very materially to the upbuilding of the live stock market at this place.

W. R. McIntire, the well known ranchman of Dallas, passed through here Thursday, en route to his ranch in Tom Green county. While Col. McIntire insisted that he had important business requiring his immediate presence at the ranch, at the same time the Journal suspects that the yellow fever scare had something to do with his hurried departure.

O. R. Wilson of Sterling county, Texas, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Saturday, and reports the range in his locality in fine condition. Mr. Wilson was considerably elated over the recent sale of his steer calves to John B. Slaughter of this city. The calves are to be delivered next spring as yearlings at $15.00 per head, one-third of the purchase money having already been paid in cash.

A. H. Moncur, president, and J. C. Robertson, secretary, of the Texas Land and Cattle company, Limited, of Dundee, Scotland, owners of the well known Laureles ranch in Nueces county, were in Fort Worth a short time ago en route to the ranch, where they will spend several weeks looking over the property. The Laureles herd is one of the largest and best bred in the state.

Merrick Davis, the well known cattleman of Seymour, was in Fort Worth on Friday. Mr. Davis is now, in connection with Joe Woodyear, engaged in the land and live stock commission business at Seymour. Those wanting to buy anything in their line in that locality will, no doubt, find it to their interest to correspond with these gentlemen.

James McCord, one of the principal owners of the Nave McCord Cattle company, owners of the well known square and compass ranch, in Garza county, was in Fort Worth Monday, returning from a visit to his company's ranch. Mr. McCord expressed himself as being well pleased with the outlook of the cattle interest, says the grass on his ranch is fine, consequently his cattle are fat.

Pat Dooling of Quanah, stock claim agent of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway company, was in Fort Worth Friday. Mr. Dooling thinks that general conditions in the Panhandle country are on a better and more substantial basis than ever before. The cattlemen are prosperous, while farmers have raised bountiful crops of grain and cotton. The latter, Mr Dooling says, is very fine, the staple being excellent and superior to any he had seen from Clay county south.

C. M. Houston, a well-to-do farmer and cattle feeder of Sulphur Springs, was in Fort Worth Monday, and went out to Seymour, where he hopes to be able to buy 200 good feeders, which he will place on ensilage and meal, at Sulphur Springs. Mr. Houston has prepared about 40 tons of ensilage, and will no doubt feed it successfully. He reports good crops of all kinds in Hopkins county, better than for several years. Says farmers in that locality are all doing well.

D. M. DeVitt bought from John Scharbauer last week his entire interest in the cattle and ranch belonging to the firm of DeVitt & Scharbauer, both of this city. The number of cattle will approximate 6000 head, including the Mallet cattle on their ranch in Hockley county, and also the cattle belonging to the firm ranging near Iatan in Mitchell county. The Mallet cattle are one one best bred herds in the Panhandle and the ranch is one of the most highly improved, being all under fence and well watered. The value of the entire property was estimated in the trade at $110,000.00, in which each of the parties were equally interested.

The Geo. B. Loving Co., land, ranch and cattle agents of this city, closed the sale on Saturday of a herd of about 16,000 head of mixed stock cattle located in Jeff Davis county, and formerly owned by J. W. McCutcheon & Bro. About the middle of July The Geo. B. Loving Co. sold this herd of cattle for J. W. McCutcheon & Bro. to Gibson & Parkinson, the consideration being $12.00 per head. On Saturday they sold the herd a second time, the purchaser being W. T. McCampbell of Goliad county, at a bonus or profit to Gibson & Parkinson of $21,250.00. It is a good herd and on the present market in reality worth $15.00 per head.

W. K. Bell, a breeder of fine Galloway cattle in Palo Pinto county, was in Fort Worth Monday. Mr. Bell has been breeding Galloways for seven years, using only full blood bulls and reserving from sale only his best heifers, so that now he thinks he has the best Galloway herds in Texas. He says they have recently had good rains in Palo Pinto and pasturage is excellent and stock doing well. Farmers are prospering. Those who raised wheat are planting it extensively again, but other farmers, who had no wheat crop, think the grain too high to plant for seed. Mr. Bell is putting in a good deal of rye to winter pasture his fine calves. He contemplates a visit to the Klondike next spring, by way of Juneau and overland through Chilkoot Pass, but will not sell any of his ranch property in Texas.

Major Henry E. Alvord chief of dairy division of the government, met a number of representative citizens in the parlors of the Hotel Worth Monday afternoon last and addressed them on the development of an export trade in the dairy interest of the State, also the egg and dressed poultry trade, as well as fruit.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson thinks a great export business can be done in these products in the Gulf ports, and has instructed Col. Alvord to investigate as to the supply of all this produce. After visiting the Dallas Fair he will go to Houston and Galveston to negotiate with the ocean steamship lines for rates. At the present time all such products go via rail to New York York and Boston, and thence by steamer to the foreign markets. Col. Alvord thinks there is a great future for these industries in Texas, and if a trade with Liverpool can be established via the great route, Texas and the west can supply the wants of that market.

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You need not answer the question, madam, for in your case age is not counted by years. It will always be true that "a woman is as old as she looks." Nothing sets the seal of age so deeply upon woman's beauty as gray hair. It is natural, therefore, that every woman is anxious to preserve her hair in all its original abundance and beauty; or, that being denied the crowning gift of beautiful hair, she longs to possess it. Nothing is easier than to attain to this gift or to preserve it, if already possessed. Ayer's Hair Vigor restores gray or faded hair to its original color. It does this by simply aiding nature, by supplying the nutrition necessary to health and growth. There is no better preparation for the hair than

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AMARILLO ITEMS.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

Pardon me for not writing oftener. Since last letter there have been several small sales, the largest, if I remember correctly, being a sale of 600 yearling steers by Beverly Bros. & Johnson to Isaacs Bros. of Canadian, at $20 per head.

J. W. Davidson sold two cars of two-year-olds to the writer for a Kansas customer at $25 per head, and also two cars of steer calves to H. Langshare of Kansas, at $15 per head. There have been a number of other small sales, but do not recall them.

Tucker & Ware have delivered the yearlings sold sometime since to W. J. Todd of Canadian.

Thomas Trammell has delivered 800 yearling steers sold to Davis & Wilson of Kiowa, Kan.

The Deaf Smith County "combine" has delivered 1000 yearlings sold to Ishmael & Rudolph of Kansas, and the St. Louis Louis Cattle company's herd of 1800 yearling steers have passed through here on the way to Canadian to be delivered to Isaacs Bros. The four last heads mentioned were delivered since the first of this month, and all were first class cattle.

The Little Cattle company, Mr. Phelps White manager, is delivering this week 4000 steers, threes and fours, to Millville Packery company of Kansas, and I understand this company will deliver 2000 more pretty soon to the same purchasers. This deal completed, the Littlefield company will have sold this year $250,000 worth or more of steer cattle, from twos up, and yet have more young steers left. This is a big concern, but Mr. White has everything move along smoothly, like clock work.

Capt. Wm. J. Good, owner of the VVN ranch in Bailey county, was on the streets yesterday. He says he needs 2000 more cows to eat the grass going to waste on his ranch.

Lon Horn of New Mexico, is expected in about the 15th or 20th with a large herd of good stock cattle for sale, and a few days later Wilson & Curtis' fourth and last herd of mixed cattle will be on this market. In these two herds there will be a good many she cattle to be disposed of.

Uncle Bill Littlefield of New Mexico, shipped last week a few cars of cattle to the Kansas City market, and Messrs. Allen Heard, John Gardner and Thos. Voliva of Midland, Tex., shipped a train load of good cattle to market yesterday. E. G. PENDLETON.

Amarillo, Tex., Oct. 7, 1897.

SOMETHING ABOUT ANGORAS.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

Dear Sir—According to your request of Sept. 28th will give you a few "pointers" on the Angora goat industry. About sixteen years ago when I had a good many coarser goats in my flock that were not well graded yet, we used the coarser wool or mohair for making saddle girths, while we sent the fine mohair to New York; but we kept a few fine fleeces of real fine mohair, out of which my folks made beautiful shawls, which we sold at $3 to $5 each. The saddle girths we sold at $7 per dozen, or 75 cents to $1 each (according to the width). We made and sold over 500 of these girths. I have been selling many mutton goats every year at 5 and 6 cents per pound. This meat is about the best meat in the world. Angora goats will get fat where other stock would starve. I bought several small flocks about seventeen years ago and have been improving them all the time. My coarsest goats now are better than those thoroughbreds that I paid $40 and $50 per head for sixteen years ago. Any farmer who has brushy, rocky range should keep Angora goats.

H. T. FUCHS.

Tiger Mills, Tex., Oct. 5, 1897.

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APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL LANDS.

The following circular letter, given Oct. 6 by Hon. A. J. Baker, will be of interest to many readers of Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

To applicants for school lands, especially in Northwest Texas: About 90 per cent of the applications to purchase school lands awaiting action by this department have been filed to buy lands which are under lease. The law provides that lands under lease can not be sold in the following cases:

1. When the lessee has actually settled upon such section, or part of section, and erected thereon his residence and substantial improvevments for permanent settlement.

2. When he has placed on such section, or part of section, improvements of the value of $200.

3. When the aggregate of the lands owned by a settler and leased by him does not exceed one section.

An affidavit of three credible citizens that neither of the above conditions exist, to be filed in the land office with the application to purchase, has to be sent here before we can finally pass on these applications. You will see that after waiting for weeks before we can reach and pass on many applications (as we have to take them up in order of filing), and when we would be ready to settle the matter, we are compelled to lay them aside and write to the applicant to send such affidavits as above referred to, which takes another week or two. If you wish to assist us you will send along these affidavits in advance. Again, notice is given that no man being on a town lot can buy additional school lands.

Again, a person living on a homestead who has not lived on it for three consecutive years and can not make proof or occupancy as required by law can not buy additional school lands.

Again, a person residing upon other lands, not school lands, must be an owner and not a part owner. Owning an interest in the land with others will not do. He can not buy additional school lands.

Again, it is useless to write letters offering to make proof of facts stated in the letter, if needed. You must make out your case now and in advance. Parties will readily understand that we can not tell before we reach their case whether any proof is needed or not, and when we do reach it, if the proof is not there the case is decided on the record as it stands.

Now I do beg and humbly pray that local papers publish this for information of the people in their own counties. Nothing they can publish can possibly be of more interest to their home reader than instructions from the general land office. Besides they will render a patriotic service to the state and greatly relieve the land office.

ANDREW J. BAKER,
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W. L. GREENHILL, G. P. and T. A.

Another large cattle buyer who has recently been through the coast region in search of cattle found buyers thick everywhere, and no stock to be had. He had, he said, stock in hand to supply his demands till November, and after that should have to look to Arizona. This is a source soon exhausted, and the present outlook is for general scarcity and for higher prices. The buyer who proposes to look to Arizona will find scanty supply there. The situation for dealers on the coast is becoming serious and warrants the suggestion that Texas feeders, if able to secure satisfactory rates for transportation, may find the best market for their finished steers in San Francisco.

TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL, NASHVILLE.

The International and Great Northern railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Nashville and return via Longview and Memphis at greatly reduced rates during the Centennial. This line is the shortest, quickest and best from San Antonio and intermediate points making direct connections. For full information, call on nearest ticket agent, or write the undersigned.

D. J. PRICE,
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No horse ought to be kept shod all the time. With the removal of the shoes the frog of the foot can come to the ground, and the hoof can spread freely to its natural shape. Very many cases of slight lameness or stiffness can be relieved simply by permitting the animal to graze unshod for a few weeks.

A DIFFICULT OPERATION.

Dr. Frank Mullins was recently called on to perform one of the most difficult and delicate operations that is ever performed on the human eye. J. M. Crownover of Aurora, had been suffering from cataract and had been totally blind for several years. Recently he came to Fort Worth for treatment and placed himself in the hands of Dr. Mullins, who performed the operation at his office in the Scott-Harrold building. The operation was skillfully performed and was such a complete success that Mr. Crownover was able to read or use his eyes in any way quite as well as at any time in his life.

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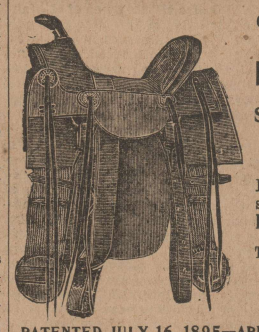
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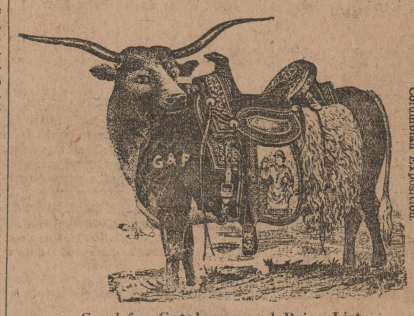
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