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Fort Worth Live Stock Market.

eceipts Unusually Light Today, Even for Saturday.

ARKET STONG TO STEADY

p Sale of Hogs at $6.90, of Good Quality.

TTLE MARKET STEADY

me Good Steers Sold at $3.75, Cows at $3.

THE MARKET TODAY.

s—Top	$6 90
tle—Top, steers	3 75

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
y	114	59	—
e day last week	393	256	—

WEEK'S RECEIPTS.

week	3370	2297	265
week	2830	1806	—

THE HOG MARKET

(Reported up to 3 p. m. daily.)

ceipts were light today, and fell hort of those received here last Saty, only one car of 59 head being ded against 339 last Saturday. e was practically no hog market, the one load was sold out at a y price with yesterday, bringing the highest price of the week. price is 5 cents over the top hogs ved here yesterday, but the quality that much better.

presentative sales:

HOGS.

Average.	Price.
142	6 50
209	6 90

THE CATTLE MARKET

(Reported up to 3 p. m. daily.)

ly one car cattle received here this ing against 8 cars last Saturday, ncludieg those driven in, receipts not run much over 100 head for the

e market opened steady to strong no noticeable advance in prices. California buyers were here and thing desirable was bought up . Over half of the offerings were up of good fat steers, 50 head, ging 1060 pounds, selling at $3.75. balance were cows of a medium y.

lowing were representative sales :

STEERS.

1025	3 75
1172	3 75
1032	3 75
1128	3 75
1005	3 75
533	3 00

COWS.

912	3 00
900	2 75
936	2 65
655	2 65
955	2 50
807	2 35
680	2 25
710	2 00
800	2 00

HEIFERS.

470	2 35

CALVES.

140	3 50
450	3 00
144	2 25

BULLS.

1400	2 25

s After 3 p. m., Yesterday.

HOGS.

153	6 55
108	5 60
69	5 60

Market Quotations Today.

CATTLE.

Choice fed	$3 50@3 75
m fed	2 75@3 25
grass	2 75@3 00
thin	2 50@2 75
Choice heavy fed	2 60@3 25
m butcher	2 25@2 60
thin	1 75@2 25
ves	1 50@2 25
ngs and oxen	2 00@3 00
Veals and calves	2 50@4 00

HOGS.

Heavy sorted	6 85@7 00
Mixed packers	6 50@6 75
Light	5 50@6 50
Southwestern pigs	4 50@5 80
Stockers	4 50@5 00

SHEEP.

Lambs	$4 00@5 00
Wethers	3 50@4 50
Ewes	3 00@3 50
Bucks and culls	1 50@2 50

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS

J. H. Miller of Krum had one load of mixed cows and calves, which sold at satisfactory prices.

Hampton Bros. and Wilson had on the market from the Fort Worth oil mills, 50 head of nice fat steers averaging 1060, which sold at $3.75.

B. C Smith & Bro. had on the market today from their feeding lot at Fort Worth oil mills 48 head of fairly fat cows, averaging 946, which sold at $2.65.

W. R. Shultz of Albany, Tex., was on the market with one load of cattle, 25 head selling for $2.35, with one steer in the load weighing 970 pounds, at $3.25.

J. H. Baldwin of Windom, a regular shipper to this market, had in yesterday one load of hogs, averaging 192 pounds, which sold at $6.80.

Hagler and Tipps of Vernon had on yesterday's market two loads of feeding steers which were sold to J. M. Edwards at $2.60.

J. W. Pannell of Kaufman, landed here with one load of 14 full blood Hereford bulls to be sold at the Hereford sale.

J. T. Hodge of Dodd City was here with a mixed load of cattle and hogs which sold at satisfactory prices.

C. P. Winslow of Anneta was on yesterday's market with a bunch of hogs which sold at satisfactory prices.

D. C. Brant of Jacksboro was in with a bunch of light cows, averaging 703 pounds, that brought $1.85.

William Allen and Son of McKinney, marketed 110 light hogs, averaging 132 pounds, at $6.50.

W. E. King of Throckmorton sold one load of 30 feeding steers, averaging 766 pounds, at $2.90.

E. M. Crim of Ardmore, I. T., marketed 64 pigs, weighing 99 pounds, at $5.50.

SHIPPERS IN TODAY.

CATTLE.

J. H. Miller, Krum, 41.
C. Russell, Checotah, I. T., 25.

FORT WORTH THE BEST

Wednesday's Market Netted Hog Shippers More than Other Places.

Shippers of hogs on the Fort Worth market last Wednesday were dissatisfied with the prices offered. Some of them got mad and voiced their feelings in hard cussing. They wanted $6.90@7.00 for hogs that would not compare with such as sold for that price the week before, and because they could not get it, they blamed the market.

We present some figures for those gentlemen to consider that may change their minds. It is a comparison of average prices paid on Wednesday at all leading hog markets, showing how Fort Worth ranked with them:

Fort Worth, $6.55. Total receipts 198. Average weight, 180. Omaha, $6.80. Receipts 2070. Average weight 228. Sioux City, $6.76. Receipts 1275. Average weight 236. Hammond, Ind., $7.02. Receipts 1432. Average weight 227. St. Joseph, $6.91. Receipts 2138. Average weight 240. Kansas City, $6 85½. Receipts 4395. Average weight 230. Chicago, $7.03. Receipts 8697. Average weight 219.

With offerings of the worst quality for weeks, averaging only 180 pounds against an average of 219 to 240 at other markets, Fort Worth prices were within 30 cents of Kansas City, and 47 cents below Hammond, the highest hog market in the United States.

The hog shipper who sold on the Fort Worth Market last Wednesday can easily figure out what would have happened to him if he had shipped to the northern markets, at an expense of 75 to 90c, and sold at the average price shown above. He would have had more cause to cuss, on getting his returns, than he had with Fort Worth.

Britain's Apple Imports.

The total apple receipts for the Christmas trade in the United Kingdom exceeded 500,000 bushels. The best came from Nova Scotia, California and other American centers.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF MARKET

HOGS LOWER THAN LAST WEEK, GROWING STRONGER.

Record Broken for the Year for One Day's Receipts of Cattle—Sheep At $5.

Three events distinguished the markets this week. One was the break in hog prices on Wednesday, and the inability of buyers and sellers to get together until late in the day. Another was the heavy run of cattle on Thursday, when 1150 came in, breaking all records for the year. The third was a sale of sheep, weighing 96 pounds, at $5.

Total receipts for the week were 3,370 cattle, 2,297 hogs, and 265 sheep, compared with 3,358 cattle, 1,743 hogs and 117 sheep for last week.

HOGS.

The market showed a lower tone than last week. This was in line with the course at all other markets, which declined sharply. The top price this week was $6.90, as against $7 last week. The $6.90 hogs were not, however, as smooth a bunch as the $7 hogs, and the difference in price was more a measure of the difference in quality of the stock than a lower market.

The receipts and record by days is here given:

MONDAY—Receipts 200. Top $6.90; bulk $6.75@6.80. Opened strong, and the pens were cleaned in a short time. Strictly top would have brought $7.

TUESDAY—Receipts 612. Top $6.75; bulk $6 65@6.70. Market 5 and 10c lower. Quality of offerings fairly good, but weights were lighter.

WEDNESDAY—Receipts 384. Top $6.70; bulk $6.60@6.65. This was a bad day. The hogs were of inferior quality. Markets were down at all points. Shippers pointed to the $6.90 and $7 sales recently made, and stood out for that price. Buyers refused to give it. Not a sale was made until 1 o'clock, when concessions were made on both sides, and the pens were cleaned up.

THURSDAY—Receipts 452. Top $6 80; bulk $6.65@6.75. Market showed a strong recovery. Quality was better than on the previous day, and prices were better.

FRIDAY—Receipts 369. Top $6.85; bulk $6.65@6 80 In the face of a decline at all Northern markets, an advance was noted of 5 to 10 cents. This was in some measure accounted for by the better quality of offerings.

CATTLE.

MONDAY—Receipts 432 Top steers $3; heifers $3.40. A good demand made an active market. Of the total, only 9 were steers, and they were poor.

TUESDAY—Receipts 648. Top steers $3.75. Market 10c higher than Monday, and more active.

WEDNESDAY—Receipts 1,150. Top on steers $3.85. With more cattle in the pens than on any other day of the year, prices were well kept up, with good buying. The sale of a bunch of 1050-pound steers at $3.85 was the top notch of the year.

THURSDAY—Receipts 454. Top steers $3.75. Bulk of offerings, butcher stock, of an average quality. Steers brought good prices. Some cows sold at $3.25, and some 175-pound calves were sold at $4.

FRIDAY — Receipts 152. Top steers $2.90. The poorness of the stuff was redeemed by the lightness of the run. The market was steady, and about unchanged.

Live Stock Commission Houses.

Following are the members of the Live Stock Exchange now doing business at the Fort Worth Stock Yards:

CAMPBELL & ROSSON L. S. COM. CO.
FORT WORTH LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
LONG HORN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NATIONAL LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
NORTH TEXAS LIVE STOCK COM. CO.
GEO. W. SAUNDERS COM. CO.
SOUTHWESTERN LIVE STOCK COM. CO.

German Army Deserters.

An official return shows that during last year fourteen non-commissioned officers and 885 privates in the Sixteenth Army Corps deserted the Germany colors and entered France, and that 110 others deserted to Belgium.

Disliked the Dinner.

"What is the lioness making such a fuss about?" asked a lady of one of the guards out at the Zoo. "Mrs. Roarer is finding fault with the way her dinner had been cooked," was the logical answer.

Old Story of President Jackson.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale denies the story that Mrs. Jackson, wife of "Old Hickory," explaining the origin of her last illness, said: "The gineral kicked the kiverlet off and I kotched cold." It seems to be true, however, that at a dinner party in the white house, when the lights were dim, President Jackson remarked: "The chanticleer does not burn well."

CITY AND COUNTY.

Nash Hardware Co.

Creditors of the city of Fort Worth who obtained a judgment for $40,000 for past due interest, have mandamused the city officials to compel City Secretary Harrison to pay them out of money now in the treasury.

The Fort Worth National Bank has decided to put an additional story on its new building which will be erected at the corner of Fifth and Main streets. This will give the building seven instead of six stories as was originally agreed on.

Grapevine Sun: As was mentioned last week the Southwestern Telephone Co. is building a line from Grapevine to Fort Worth. Hands have been engaged on this end of the line for the last two week. Mr. G. W. Lundbergl of Minneapolis, Minn., with a crew of twelve men, has the management of the construction corps.

The flotorial representative from this district, Hon. Less L. Hudson, came down from Rhome, Wise county, Monday, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Hudson has been sick for the past four months and has not been able to take his seat in the house as yet. About the time the legislature convened he was rapidly recovering fron an attack of typhoid fever, but had a relapse.

Plans are being arranged for an addition to the east wing of the Texas and Pacific passenger station. The baggagerooms and offices of the mail transfer clerks will be enlarged. The express offices will be removed east of their present location. The rooms which are at present being used for the transfer office will be changed and used for baggagerooms. Work will probably be commenced within a short time.

Rains, bad roads and worse streets have made work in the interest of the Farmers' Library come almost to a standstill. Mrs. R. M. Wynne reports that she still has this work in hand, and as soon as the weather clears up and roads are made passable, the supply of books will be stocked up, and patrons of this library will find it as full of interest as ever. Another work soon to be taken up and pushed is that of putting pictures in the country schools. As the pictures are obtained they will be used for the decoration of the schools, and it it is hoped in time to brighten the interior of many a school room.

A gang of eight tramps assaulted and badly beat Charles Lacy, Sunday night. Lacy is an ex-Confederate Veteran, 63 years old. The tramps were cripples, who had congregated in a room over a saloon. The cripples, the greatest number of whom were one-legged, had been warned by the police to get out of town, and the police department gave it out that the vagrants concluded that the old man had furnished the officers with the information that they were together in the upstairs room of the saloon, and they all made a murderous attack on him with crutches, etc.

Work on the new exchange building for the Fort Worth Telephone company will begin soon. The exchange is to be built on the northeast corner of Throckmorton and Eleventh streets and will cover a ground space 50x100 feet. The cost of the building will be in the neighborhood of $30,000. It will be three stories in height.

Farmer and Simpson, who recently purchased the vacant lot, 65x95 feet, at the corner of Ninth and Houston streets for $15,000, are arranging to commence the erection within the next ninety days of a magnificent business building of three stories.

The John E. Quarles Lumber company of Fort Worth has been incorporated. Capital stock $40,000. Incorporators: J. C. Conway of Dallas, Robert Craig of Cleburne, M. W. Hawkins of Midlothian, John E. Quarles and H. W. Leeper of Fort Worth.

A. M. Newman, who was recently convicted of murder and given a forty-year sentence, was convicted Saturday in the Forty-Eighth district court of theft from the person and given a seven-year sentence.

Mrs. Cora Browning, wife of James T. Browning, died at 1317 College avenue, last Sunday.

Alderman Ben Waggoman's residence was burglarized last Saturday, and $11 stolen.

DEATHS.

John Garrison, an old employe of George Gause's establishment, died last Saturday, aged 64.

Mrs. F. H. Mulkey, wife of Mr. Steve Mulkey, died Monday at the family residence, 1002 Galveston ave., after a long illness.

Mrs. B. A. Lee, wife of W. H. Lee, died at 305 East Third street, last Monday. She was 53 years old.

Mrs. Eva T. Paxton, aged 52 years, died yesterday.

Mrs. Lou A. De Vose, aged 74 years, died at the family home, 801 Pennsylvania avenue, of this city.

Mrs. M. N. Cavitt died at a hospital. The remains were shipped to Bryan for interment.

Natal Seeking Immigrants.

The Natal government is issuing an advertisement inviting applications from farm laborers in northern Italy who are prepared to emigrate to the vine and fruit districts of the western provinces.

AT OTHER MARKETS

Receipts Today.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	—	15,000	2,500
Kansas City	100	1,500	—
St. Louis	400	2,500	700
St. Joseph	100	3,000	—
Total	600	22,000	3,200

CHICAGO.

Special to the Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 28.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

HOGS — Receipts 15,000. Market closed a big 5c lower. Top $7.42½; bulk $6.90@7.15.

SHEEP — Receipts 2500. Steady.

KANSAS CITY.

Special to the Reporter.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Feb. 28.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 100. Market steady to lower.

HOGS—Receipts 1,500. Steady to 5c lower.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS.

Special to the Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Feb. 28.—Receipts and quotations as furnished by the National Live Stock Reporter:

CATTLE —Receipts 400; Texas 300. Market steady to strong; top $4.50. Natives quiet, steady.

HOGS—Receipts 2500. Steady. Top $7.20; bulk $6.90@7.10.

SHEEP — Receipts 700. Market steady.

ST. JOSEPH.

Special to the Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Feb. 28.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 100. Market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 3000. Market steady to 5c lower. Top $7.20; bulk $6.90@7.05.

Cautioned Bret Harte.

Ex-Minister Straus tells a new one on Bret Harte. He says that when Harte was sent to Glasgow as United States consul he asked the secretary of state for instructions. The secretary told him that he was going abroad with laurels on his brow, and that he should be careful not to browse on his laurels.

Reason For It.

In an entire year only one person was killed on the railways of Great Britain. In three months 845 persons have been killed and 11,162 injured on American lines. The reason for this is plain—it is a much more serious matter to kill a person on an English railroad than it is in America.

A Gruesome Wedding.

A curious marriage ceremony took place at Kochi, Japan, recently, when the bride-elect, having committed suicide on the eve of her wedding, the body was recovered, and, at the request of the dead woman's parents the ceremony took place between the living bridegroom and the corpse.

Mrs. Astor's Costly Ring.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor is believed to own the most costly ring in America. It was made in Paris, and has three large emeralds surrounded by diamonds. The entire circle is incrusted with tiny diamonds and the emeralds are declared to be as nearly perfect as any ever seen in Amsterdam. A flawless emerald is the rarest of gems. The ring is valued at $10,000 by experts.

The Cost of Monarchy.

It is roughly estimated that since the accession of King Edward no less than £60,000 has been spent by the office of works in the renovation of royal residences. Of these Buckingham Palace and Marlborough House have required by far the greatest attention.

Every Time.

Here and there is heard the voice of some one who fears that Texas may raise too much fruit. One thing is observed through life, and that is the man who raises too much is always in better fix than the man who raises too little.—Austin Current Issue.

East Has G. A. R. Candidate.

A movement has been started in the New England states for the election of Major Austin S. Cushman of East Orange, N. J., as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the annual encampment in San Francisco next October.

British Criminal Statistics.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh states that there are 1,400 prisoners per 100,000 of the population in Scotland, compared with 700 in Ireland and 500 in England.

Good for Sheep Ranches.

When an island off the coast of Maine is good for nothing else it is turned into a sheep ranch and much money is made in this way.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Quotations at Fort Worth, Wholesale and Retail Prices.

The grain and hay market at Fort Worth is quoted as follows. Prices are for car lots. In smaller quantities, add 2 to 5 cents per bushe for grain and 5c per cwt. for bran and chops:

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 54c; No. 2 white, 55c.
WHEAT—75c.
OATS—50c.
BRAN—$1.05 per cwt.
CHOPS—$1.10 per cwt.
KAFFIR CORN—$1.15 per cwt.
CANE SEED—$1.25 per cwt.
MILLET SEED—$1.15.
HAY—Prairie, choice, $12 50 per ton.

Cotton Seed, Meal and Hulls.

COTTON SEED—Car lots $17.00 to $18.00 ton.
COTTON SEED MEAL—Car lots, $22.00 to $23.00.
COTTON SEED HULLS—By contract, $6.50; retail, $7.00.

Hides.

DRY FLINT—Heavy beef, 13c: heavy fallen, 12c; light, 10c. Dry salt, 10 to 11c, culls and bad damaged, 5 to 9c. Green salt, 5½ to 6½c.

Wool.

Light medium, 12-mos., 12 to 14c; 6-mos., 11 to 13c. Heavy, short and sandy, 10 to 12c.

World's Vital Statistics.

Some new statistics show that while in England the number of births exceeds the number of deaths by 16 in every 1,000, in Italy by 107 and Austria by 103, in France the births are only 1,006 as against 1,000 deaths.

WANTED, OR FOR SALE.

Under this head advertisements will be printed at the rate of 5 cents per line for the first insertion, and 2 cents for each subsequent insertion. Six words make a line.

The Daily Live Stock Reporter is sent every day to 2500 stockmen in Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

If you have anything to sell that these men want to buy, or if you want to buy anything they have to sell, or if you want to tell them anything, you can do it through the columns of The Live Stock Reporter better and cheaper than through any other paper.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—300 head of high-grade Durham heifers, three years old, located on the J. W. Burgess & Co. pastures, 12 miles north of Fort Worth. These heifers were bought when yearlings, by J. E. Greer & Co., and were cut out of four different herds, and are good; are in calf to registered bulls bought in Illinois. The bulls can be seen at the Stock Show in Fort Worth, Texas, March 5 to 7, and are also for sale. In the mean time the pedigree of bulls can be seen at Greer, Mills & Co.'s office, 109 East Seventh street, Fort Worth. I also have for sale 600 head of stock cattle, said cattle known as the Gunter cattle. Geo. Beggs, Manager for Greer, Mills & Co.

FOR SALE—REGISTERED BULLS.—I will have for sale at the Stock Yards, Fort Worth, during the Fat Stock Show, 10 registered Shorthorn Bulls; 40 full-blood bulls, 10 to 15 months old, and 50 heifers 12 mo ths to 2 years old. All my own raising Write for other particulars. J. T. Day, Rhome, Tex.

COTTON SEED CAKE FOR SALE.

Stockmen write Tyler Cotton Oil Co., for prices on cracked and screened Cotton Seed Cake in 100-lb sax, car load lots. The cheapest and best feed to rough cattle through the winter and to fatten on the grass. Tyler, Tex.

DAIRY AND STOCK FARM—500 acres two miles south of Stephenville. Wells, tanks, 100 acres in cultivation, under fence. $12.50 per acre--one-third cash, balance time Also neat twelve-stall livery stable, popular corner city; grain and hay storage; neat office, $2000. McD. Rell, Stephenville, Texas.

TO TRADE OR SELL—McCormick Binder, McCormick Mower, Cultivator, Scraper, Iron Harrow, Corn Sheller, Avery Invincible Sulkey Plow, 14-inch. All in good condition. Address F., general delivery, Fort Worth.

FOR SALE—About 2300 head of 3 and 4-year-old steers, ranging in Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties. Address, Dunn Com. Co., P. O. Box 422, Houston, Tex.

FOR SALE—Small ranches, well improved. 1100 acres in Burnett county, 1100 acres in Jack county, 2500 acres in Montague county. H. H. Cobb, Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE—Farms, Ranches and City Property. List your lands with us for quick returns. Lewis & Powell, 602 Main street, Fort Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE, MEAT MARKET—A first class retail Butcher Shop with all modern equipments. Will sell cheap. Apply to this office for particulars.

FARMERS WANTED—To list their farms for sale with Brown, & Fox, the live, hustling Real Estate agents, 706½ Main street, Fort Worth, Tex.

WANTED—A few responsible parties to raise thoroughbred Brown Leghorn Chickens on the shares. I will furnish the eggs from prize winning stock. Write, or call on W. J. Warriner, 1818 Washington street, Fort Worth.

WANTED—Reliable Salesmen for a first-class line of Lubricating Oils, Roof and Barn Paints on commission; to sell to Mills, Thresher Machine owners and Farmers Liberal terms. References. The Howard Oil & Grease Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CATTLE FEEDERS—We are completing several desirable feed lots on property adjoining the Fort Worth Stock Yards, to which all railroads have access, and which is also adjacent to the Fort Worth Cotton Oil company. These lots are clean and well drained, have natural shelter, new substantial feed troughs and plenty of pure artesian water. For particulars, call on or address Glen Walker & Co., Fort Worth, Tex.

W. M. MASSIE—General land agent. Panhandle and western lands only. The Central Plains a specialty. More than 12 years as surveyor and land agent at Floydada, Floyd county, has acquainted me well with the beautiful Plains and northwest Texas in general. Home office, Floydada, Texas; branch office, Room 507 Hoxie building, Fort Worth Texas.

FORT WORTH OFFERS THE BEST FIELD for investment in real estate of any city in the Southwest. If you want homes on business property in Fort Worth, farms or ranches in Texas, write to or call upon Dickinson & Modlin, Wheat Bldg., Fort Worth, Tex.

MONEY TO LOAN—On improved black sandy or black waxey farms at 7½ per cent to 8 per cent, on 5 to 10 years' time. Also vendor's liens taken up. Brown & Fox, 706½ Main street, Fort Worth.

FOR BARGAINS in stock farming lands and ranches on North Plains, write or call on Dunson, Floyd & Hoffman, Dalhart, Texas, office City Hall.

HORSE BREEDERS.

IF YOU want to breed a mare, buy a horse, or colt, or have one broken or trained, see me or arrange it at the farm. Henry Exall, Dallas, Tex.

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NOTICE.

The public is notified to pay no money to any person representing himself as agent for The Citizen or Live Stock Reporter, except such as named in this notice.

The authorized agents of this paper are C. H Beard and A. Z. Stirling.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28, 1903.

BEETS FOR STOCK.

From Waxahachie comes the report that farmers and stock raisers are turning their attention to the growing of beets as feed for cattle and hogs, and will plant a large acreage in that crop. This is the result of an experiment made last year on a farm in Ellis county, where a few acres of beets produced enormously, in spite of the drouth. Cattle and hogs ate them voraciously, and their fattening qualities were seen to be superior to other higher priced feeds.

Farmers who are willing to learn are finding out new things all the time. This is an illustration. Ellis is one of the richest counties in the state, and in the center of the corn belt. It is an old county, where for a generation or more farmers have raised corn and fed it to their stock. They have grown beets in their gardens all that time. Now a casual experiment proves that twice as much stock food can be be produced on an acre of land when it is put in beets, as when put in corn. If this is true, then for a generation the farmers of that county have given twice the labor to producing a given result in fattening their stock, and have got only half the results from their labors in raising corn, that would have been theirs if they had raised beets. And if this is true of one county, it is true in greater degree of the whole state.

Live and learn. It is the progressive farmer who takes advantage of the experience of others, following them in their successful experiments, and steering clear of their failures. Stock beets are a successful experiment.

RELIEF FOR OVERCROWDING.

The movement that started about two years ago, of Texas cattle to the western provinces of Canada, shows no sign of abatement. We read in a recent dispatch from Winnipeg that—

"Many Texas cattlemen are seeking to secure large areas of grazing lands in Western Canada for the purpose of shipping thither and feeding their big herds of cattle from present overcrowded ranges. A representative of large cattle interests in the Southwest, whos has lately been looking over the field in Western Canada, says that Texas this year has been shipping thinner beef to Kansas City and Chicago than ever before. The range area has become so circumscribed by settlement that stockmen soon must move or go out of business."

It is not necessary for cattlemen either to "move or go out of business." They can change their method of business and go on prospering. An unlimited range is a thing of the past. When land is worth three or four dollars an acre, it is not profitable to use twenty acres for the feeding of each head of cattle. The only thing to do then (aside from moving or going out of business) is to make the land yield feed to sustain more than one animal to twenty acres.

This can be done by the cultivation of such forage crops as the West will yield. The experience of hundreds of stock farmers has already demonstrated that, with proper care, the ranges of West Texas can be made to feed five or ten times as many cattle as they will support on the native grasses without cultivation. The man with a hundred thousand acres and five thousand inferior cattle would be better off with ten thousand acres of land yielding hay, kaffir corn, milo maize and other adaptable crops to feed the same number, for then they would be kept fat, and marketed as grass fed stock, instead of canners and tailings. Proper cultivation of the land, and not emigration to Canada, is the means of relief of the so-called "overcrowded ranges" of West Texas.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

TEXAS AS A HOG STATE.

According to the estimate of the Department of Agriculture, Texas had, on Jan. 1, 1903, live stock as follows: Cattle, 8,007,910; hogs, 3,312,315; sheep, 1,736,603. We have cattle to feed the country. We want three times as many hogs and sheep. A year from now the report should show 7,000,000 hogs and 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 good mutton sheep.

The point of particular interest in these figures is the evidence they afford of the strides that Texas is making as a hog-raising state. With 3,212,315, she is surpassed by only Iowa and Illinois, and even Illinois, long regarded as the great source of hogs, has but 400,000 more than Texas.

Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are credited with 472,528 and 561,444, respectively. Added to Texas' stock, we find that immediately tributary to the Fort Worth market are 4,345,000 hogs. If a fifth of these were used to stock up with, the year's production would be in the neighborhood of five million hogs.

A SHORTAGE OF SHEEP.

Thoughtful stock-raisers and farmers should consider the effect of present conditions upon the future demand for the stuff they produce. Now is the time to ask themselves, What of the sheep industry?

For more than two years Australia has suffered from such a drouth as never had been known in that country. We read that the drouth has made away with more than 16,000,000 sheep, directly by them having perished on the range, or indirectly by slaughtering them and rushing them to market, and by their ceasing to breed. When a great sheep-raising country reduces its stock by 16,000,000 head, the effect must be to cause a shortage in the world's supply.

This shortage will affect prices. Consumers that have depended upon Australia for mutton must go elsewhere, and will thus enlarge the demand and advance prices. The man who has good mutton to sell will not have to hunt for buyers. They will be hunting for him.

This is a guarantee of prosperity to the sheep raiser. The Fort Worth market now wants five times as many mutton sheep as it is able to get, and this demand is growing and will grow. Raise sheep, and take advantage of the present fortunate situation for the seller.

A similar condition is noted in Kansas as was reported in Texas by this paper a few weeks ago, regarding the marketing of brood sows. A commission man who had gone out among the farmers returned with the intelligence that high prices were bringing all kinds of hogs to market. "Farmers are disposing of everything, from small pigs to brood sows," he says. Such conditions guarantee a continuance of high prices, for they prevent the increase of stocks to meet the demand. The farmers who resist the temptation to take present profits, and use their sow pigs to breed, will in the end make five dollars where their short-sighted neighbors make one.

The people of Fort Worth are not backing the Fat Stock Show as it deserves. Apparently they do not appreciate the importance of this show. It brings to Fort Worth once a year some of the finest stock in the United States, and goes a long way towards establishing the position of the city as a live stock center. There is yet lacking funds to make up the premiums to be paid at the show, and less than a week is left for making up the deficiency.

The average weight of hogs on the Chicago market was 208 lbs in January. It was 203 pounds in January of last year, but from 1895 to 1901 it ranged from 223 to 247 pounds. Hogs are fed when corn is cheap, but the drouth of 1901 sent a good many to market sooner than if a good corn crop had been raised. High prices also attracted a good many light hogs.

The man who is doubtful about there being money in hogs may have his doubts shaken by reading the market reports at Fort Worth. A bunch of hogs was sold here yesterday at $7. They weighed 281 pounds. The average was $19.67 for each hog. Knowing the cost of raising a hog, the farmer can figure out the profit on this sale.

It is asserted with some boastfulness that Mr. Cortelyou, the new secretary of commerce, presides over a department that represents $20,000,000,000 of wealth. We have not heard Uncle Jim Wilson blowing about the magnitude of the department of agriculture, that he runs, and it represents an interest that stands for a great deal more than $20,000,000,000.

Legislative wisdom is directed toward the prairie-dog problem. The statesman that sits up a night devising destruction of this pest is serving his people better than if he were putting in his time trying to make another fellow lay down with a bob-tail flush.

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We carry the following celebrated line of cook stoves:
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EIGHT CENT HOGS.

That is the Figure Looked For In Kansas.

"I look for 8c hogs before the first of June," remarked a commission man who returned from a trip which took in a large scope of country tributary to Kansas City, to the Drovers' Telegram of that city. "Hogs are very scarce in every locality I visited," he said, "and farmers are disposing of everything from small pigs to the brood sows while the price keeps up, and I don't see how the number can be increased under the present conditions."

Gilbert Barr, the successful young stockman of Kearney, Mo., was in today with a carload of hogs. "It requires considerable hustling around to get four carloads of hogs a week," he said, "and I think I live in the best hog country in Missouri. Each week seems to cut down the supply, and thin out the brood sows, which I think will have a tendency to prevent any increase in the crop for some time to come."

A car of poultry wire. Get our price.
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Texas Pecan Crop Worth $450,000.

San Angelo, Tex, Feb. 23.—Notwithstanding the fact that the pecan crop was exceedingly short in this section last year, there were eight cars of pecans shipped from this place, amounting to 225,000 pounds, which, at an average price of 6½c per pound, amounts to nearly $15,000 revenue for this section from this one product.

Mr. Sigman of the firm of H. H. Sigman & Co. states that shipments of pecans from the entire state the past season amounted to 275 cars, which, at an average of 28,000 pounds to the car, would make 7,500,000 pounds, bringing over $450,000 to Texas from this source.

We sell hardware cheap.
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The Roscoe correspondent of the Abilene Reporter writes: It has been a bad winter out here but we have plenty of feed and grass. There is more feed in this country than I ever saw in the west and I have grass knee high that is green next to the ground. Milo maize is only worth 60c per hundred pounds. I think it is the cheapest feed yet and is the easiest raised and is good for horses and hogs and most any kind of stock. I expect to raise a good deal myself this year. If people will just take care of their feed they will have more than they will need this winter.

TEXAS RATES ON LIVE STOCK.

FIGURES OF INTEREST TO SHIPPERS TO THIS MARKET.

They Can Estimate the Cost, and Compare It With Cost of Reaching Northern Markets.

A Texas market for Texas stock raisers means a great deal in the way of freight charges. We speak for Indian Territory and Oklahoma stockmen as well, for the latter, though not strictly shipping under the Texas commission rates, get the benefit of a short haul when sending to the Fort Worth market.

The following tables give the rates on beef cattle, oxen, cows, calves, goats, hogs and sheep; also on cattle three years old and over, for distances from 10 miles to 750.

DISTANCE—Miles.	RATES No. 1	RATES No. 2
10 and less	6	8½
15 and over 10	6½	9
20 " 15	7	9½
25 " 20	7½	10
30 " 25	8	10½
35 " 30	8½	11½
40 " 35	9	12
45 " 40	9½	12½
50 " 45	10	13
60 " 50	10½	13½
70 " 60	11	14½
80 " 70	11½	15
90 " 80	12	15½
100 " 90	12½	16½
125 " 100	13½	17½
150 " 125	15	18½
175 " 150	16½	20
200 " 175	17½	21½
250 " 200	18½	22½
300 " 250	20	23½
350 " 300	21½	25
400 " 350	22½	26
450 " 400	23½	27
500 " 450	25	28
550 " 500	26½	29
600 " 550	27½	30
650 " 600	28½	31
700 " 650	30	32
750 " 700	31½	33
Over 750	32½	34

Column No. 1 is for shipment over a single line of road, or over two or more lines under one management. Column No. 2 is for shipments over two or more lines under different managements.

CHARGES FOR SELLING.

Rates Fixed by Live Stock Exchange for Handling Stock.

The commission charges for selling and handling stock consigned to the Fort Worth market are fixed by the Live Stock Exchange and are as follows:

Cattle, 50 cents per head, but not more than $12 for a carload; calves, 25 cents per head, $12 for single deck and $18 for double deck cars.

Hogs, 10 cents per head; $6 for single deck car and $10 for double deck.

Charges for sheep are the same as for hogs.

FEEDING CHARGES.

The charges by the Stock Yards Company for yardage are fixed as follows:

Cattle, per head	25c
Hogs, per head	8c
Sheep, per head	5c

Prices charged for feed by the Stock Yards: Hay, 80c a bale; corn, $1 a bushel; oats, 80c a bushel; chops $1.50 cwt.; bran, $1.30 cwt.; straw, 40c bale.

OFFICERS OF THE EXCHANGE

Officers and directors of the Live Stock Exchange are:

W. B. King, president.
R. H. McNatt, vice-president.
V. S. Wardlaw, treasurer.
O. W. Matthews, secretary.

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Whitefield's Pulpit on Exhibition.

The pulpit which George Whitefield two hundred years ago carried with him as he moved about the country among the thousands who flocked to hear him preach, is said to be at present on exhibition in New York City.

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FORT WORTH.

Rates for Fat Stock Show

The following rates on all railroads entering Fort Worth have been made on Show Cattle:

Full local tariff to Fort Worth, return free, within 30 days, provided the stock has not changed owners. This rate applies from all points within this state.

PASSENGER RATES

All roads entering Fort Worth make a rate of one and one-third fare from all points up to and including 100 miles of Fort Worth. Over 100 miles, one fare plus 10 per cent. Effective March 3 and 4; good to return March 8. Mineral Wells to Weatherford, $1.00 round trip. The Fort Worth and Denver, the H. & T. C. and the T. & P. will grant privilege of depositing ticket with local ticket agent here and extend it, should the owner desire to attend the El Paso convention. From Fort Worth to El Paso, $15.00 round trip.

For further information write

C. J. LARRIMER,
Chairman Transportation Committee Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth, Texas

Condemns Luxury in Dress.

The Roumanian Minister for Public Instruction, Spiru Haret, has addressed a note to all school inspectors in the country complaining of the luxury in dress among female teachers. He directs the inspectors strongly to recommend all teachers to adopt the national costume, the peasants' dress of their special village.

Milliners vs. Birds.

Following a raid on millinery stores in Toledo the milliners have held an indignation meeting and will make a test of the law prohibiting the use of the wings and bodies of birds for hat decorations. Fortunately, public sentiment is with the birds these days.

Somewhat Previous.

"The trouble with that injunction about loving our neighbors," remarked the observer of events and things, "seems to be that it was formulated before a fellow had a chance to know just what sort of truck his neighbors were going to be."

Took Part in Famous Building.

Robert Poole, who died lately near Baltimore, had charge of the erection of the great dome of the national capitol.

American Enterprise in Canada.

More than thirty great manufacturing companies of the United States are establishing factories in Canada.

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Precaution Against Burial Alive.

In some of the Parisian cemeteries there are open vaults connected by electrical appliances to prevent the burial of persons who may be in a trance.

Senator Hoar Finds Treasure.

Senator Hoar heard the other day that an old lady in reduced circumstances had a fine portrait of Daniel Webster. The senator, who owns the largest and finest collection of Websteriana in the country, hurried to the address given and shortly owned the painting, which is from the brush of Chester Harding, well known in circles sixty years ago. He thinks it is one of the finest portraits of Webster in existence.

COMBINATION SALE

Sale will be in the new pens, FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS

195 HEAD OF REGISTERED AND IMMUNE CATTLE

65 SHORTHORNS Thursday, March 5. 65 HEREFORDS Friday, March 6. 65 RED POLLS Saturday, March 7.

FOR CATALOGUES APPLY TO THE SECRETARIES AFTER FEBRUARY 15, 1903.

J. F. HOVENKAMP, Sec'y, Fort Worth, Texas. W. H. MEYERS, Sec'y, Blue Grove, Tex.
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APE AS A FORAGE CROP.

w Feed for Hogs, that Will Pay to Study.

omparatively few years ago the ge farmer did not know that there uch a thing as rape. If one had further and told him that it is and be one of the most valuable crops upon the farm for forage he have been entirely incredulous, e has proven that had such a ent been made it would have been ntly true. Rape has established as one of those crops that not even rmer of the corn belt can afford to thout. The Drovers Journal has ently called the attention of its rs to rape, and we doubt not but some of them have taken our e and have found for themselves rape is a most valuable forage

rmers need a quick-growing, suc- crop that will furnish a sort of hat any sort of farm animals will th a relish. They will find this in which is so common throughout orthern portions of the United . Rape is closely related to the rd, turnip, cabbage and rutabaga. ny respects it is like the Swedish , but the roots are more like those bbage. In appearance the plant bles the rutabaga very closely, but xamination it will be found that plant that goes all to leaves, with mparatively little root. It is the that possess such a rapid power wth which furnish the feed that e the rape so valuable to the far- nd so appetizing to live stock. In e rape plant will vary from one possibly four feet. But the lat- ight brings with it a certain ness of fiber that live stock do not In other words, the smaller and tender the plant the better it relished by stock.

re are several varieties of rape, as re previously pointed out. Dwarf s the older and the general favor- ng farmers. Lately, according shington authorities, a new varie- come upon the market that seems giving considerable satisfaction it has been raised in New En- Some experiments have also ndertaken in South Dakota that roven successful. In the east as as fifty tons to the acre of green reported. However, this is un- dly exceptional.

ening the soil requirements of e plant, the bureau of plant in- at Washington has just issued rs' Bulletin No. 164 that along a considerable amount of other le information gives some facts e to the soil demand of the crop, so its effect upon the soil itself. note from this bulletin as follows: r the best development rape re- a rich, moist, loamy soil, and will y do well on any but light sandy nd stiff clays, such soils being y deficient in vegetable matter. eral a soil that will produce good of turnips, cabbage, wheat and will be suitable for rape.

pe is a gross feeder, and draws heavily on the nitrogen as well as neral constituents of the soil, and should be used in rotation with that feed largely on other elements t food. For example, rape and corn take about the same pro- ns of nitrogen, potash and phos- acid from the soil, and experience own that corn does not do well rape, unless the land is naturally these substances. Results ob- at the North Dako'a experiment indicate that the growing of a rape on land that has been sown at for a number of years produces ded increase in the yield of wheat the succeeding crop. This is a f much value in regions where is extensively grown. On account power to utilize fertilizer and nd manure, rape is an excellent r the first crop upon reclaimed soil, and is well adapted to new- ed woodland, the stumps being an interference than with most

ation has been called to the fact me attention must be given to ation of the field. As a matter this is immaterial, only so far as sirable to pasture sheep upon the nd that they may have free ac- plenty of other pasture. This exactly necessary, but still quite le, since the flock will do better. rape is to be used as a soiling crop a matter of serious importance. erning the matter of seeding, the ment of Agriculture says:

ughout the northern states gen- seeding may take place from the k in May to the middle or last according to the season and lo- In the south the seed may be September, or early in October. favorable conditions two or three of seed per acre will be sufficient will never be necessary to use an five pounds per acre.

h favorable soil and climatic ns, good crops of rape may be from broadcast seeding; but there is any danger of the soil becoming very dry during the seed is germinating, or d is at all foul, drilling will better results. When sown , four or five pounds of seed may be needed, but it is not advisable to sow too thickly, as the plants do not make so vigorous growth."

Rape is a very rapid-growing plant. Under favorable conditions it will stand eighteen or twenty inches high at the end of six or seven weeks. This rapidity of growth is one of the things that makes it so valuable for the farmer, and particularly so since the sowing may be done just after the rush of spring work, and yet the crop will be on in time to give a lot of feed for the late summer and early fall. If the farmer is anxious for a big yield in a short time, and is not so particular about the cost, perhaps drilling and cultivation will be advisable. More men will undoubtedly find greater satisfaction in the crop that is broadcast.

In feeding rape there is not a great deal of danger, with reasonable precautions. There is danger of bloating, however, with both sheep and cattle, if fed too freely, before the digestive system has become accustomed to handling it. If the same care is observed with rape as with clover there will be no danger in feeding. Farmers need have no hesitation in using the crop for fear of injuring the cattle or sheep; practically, the danger amounts to very little. There is little question in our mind but what rape is bound to become one of the most valuable forage crops of the corn belt.

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DEMAND FOR SHEEP.

Not Enough on the Market for Packers to Make a Showing.

There has been a big call on this market this week for sheep, but receipts have been light. Packers have been unable to get enough even to make a start on their orders. They are willing to pay a fancy price for good muttons, and now is the time, if anybody in the country has sheep on feed and ready for market, to ship them here.

Our watchword—Quick sales, small profits.
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Cattle Disease Puzzling.

Belle Fourche, S. D., Feb. 18.—A peculiar disease has manifested itself among cattle of the range tributary to Belle Fourche and is baffling the veterinarians. The malady affects the calves. They are taken with violent purging, soon grow weak and die. Ulcers form on the tongue and often eat to a considerable depth. The heaviest losers in this region have been J. T. White and J. M. Eaton. A government veterinarian has lately examined several carcasses and has cut a tongue out and forwarded to Washington, to have determined what the disease is and how it may best be combated. Frank Kimball, of the Bear Lodge mountains of Wyoming, reports the disease in his herd, and he has been instructed to forward an entire head to the agricultural department for careful examination.

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The Bee Industry in Texas.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 16.—E. J. Atchley of Beeville, who is one of the most successful apiarists in the country, has given forth the following communication relative to bee culture, which has been published in a little booklet on South Texas, just gotten out by the Southern Pacific:

Since I have located my queen-rearing establishment and bee-keeping plant in Bee county, I have spared neither time nor pains to fully explore this as a bee country. I find wild bees in great profusion here as well as tame bees, and that the bees kept here are the native stock, with only a touch of the Italian blend occasionally, and they are rich in stores and prosper without attention. I am fully satisfied that this country will never experience a failure of a honey crop, as does California and other parts of the Pacific coast, because our honey here is gathered from trees and shrubs that are not affected by dry weather like the sages and honey plants of California. I find that the honey here will compare favorably with the clearer honey of the North, and is pronounced by A. I. Root, a noted bee man of Medina, Ohio, as being as fine honey as he ever saw. The climate here is just right for the propagation of the honey bee the year round, and, to make a long matter short, will say that I consider this the finest bee country in the United States.

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Biggest Mule in the World.

W. D. Lanes writes from Guthrie, Mo., to the Chicago Drovers' Journal: I have the largest mule in the world, which is 3 years old, eighteen hands high, and weighs 1841 pounds. This county (Calloway) is the greatest mule-producing county in the world. We raise, feed and ship thousands of head. One train load of thirteen cars was shipped out last week, making 500 head shipped in the last ten days, selling for $62,000 net. Aged mules sell for from $100 to $300 per head; colts from $40 to $100 at weaning time.

Hand saws—the Diston kind, cheap.
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USED ALFALFA ALONE.

Big Kansas Feeder Says It Produces More Fat Than Corn.

The Kansas City Drovers' Journal reports:

Isaac Kent, one of the prosperous farmers and feeders of Republic Co., Kas., arrived at the yards late yesterday afternoon with two carloads of cattle made up of fat cows and stockers. Mr. Kent's large farm is located near Agenda, and right in the great alfalfa belt of the northern tier of counties. "This feed is taking the place of corn," said Mr. Kent, who added, "I experimented with it on this carload of cows in comparison with a similar lot fed on corn by my son. My stock added more fat in the same length of time fed on alfalfa than his cattle fed on corn, and I am convinced that it is the greatest fat producer there is. Last season I harvested four crops of it from my land, and in feeding it to my cattle, my hogs live on what the cattle waste around the feed racks. The farmers of Republic county are just beginning to see the great value of this feed, and on almost every farm can now be found a field of alfalfa."

Builders' hardware a specialty.
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MAY THE BEST HEN WIN.

American Chickens to Compete Against Fowls in Australia.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—American hens have accepted the challenge of the Australian hens and will soon be engaged in an international egg-laying contest that will continue for a year.

Twenty-one hens, representative of the best breeds in the United States, sailed yesterday afternoon from San Francisco, their destination being Australia. Each of them had a record of better than 200 eggs a year. The voyage will consume a little more than three weeks, and after a few days in which to get acquainted with conditions on the island continent they will be ordered to work.

The Australian government offered to pay the expense of the American hens' trip, but the gangway plank was to them a bridge of sighs, as none of them will return. The hens that finish sixth or better in the contest will become the property of the Australian government, and their former owners will receive $25 for each of them. The hens of inferior talents will be offered for sale at public auction.

The eggs that are laid in the contest will be sold to the poultrymen of Australia at $5 a dozen.

Chicago poultrymen say there is no doubt of the superior abilities of the American hens. Some of the hens that have been entered in the contest have a record of 240 eggs a year, while the ordinary barnyard hen averages only 60. In connection with the contest it is pointed out that the poultry business in the United States amounted to more than $600,000,000 last year.

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Seven Calves in Four Years.

Is Texas prolific? Read the Merkel Mail's story: Saturday Rev. A. A. Baker stepped into the Mail office and casually remarked: "Old Beck's got another set of twins; seven head in four years." "Old Beck" is the reverend gentleman's favorite milk cow. This is her third set of twins in three years, and in every instance, we believe, the calves have grown to maturity—excepting, of course, the last two.

Woodenware—We have it. Call and see.
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Truck Growers at Work.

Truck growers of this county will hold a meeting at Riverside next Saturday to organize a truck growers' association. They will ask the city to provide a market place for them to display and offer their stuff for sale, and they will also seek to interest capitalists in putting in a cannery, where a permanent market will be established for fruit and vegetables.

All farmers are invited to attend the meeting on Saturday night, as no time can be lost in getting the association started and on a firm basis.

Carpenters' tools—low prices.
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Decrease in Hog Packing.

There has been a sharp decrease in hog packing at Western points compared with a year ago. Figures show for last week 455,000, against 610,000 for the same period last year, and since November 1, 9,895,000, against 9,874,000 for one year ago.

All of them say that we are the cheapest.
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Points About Growing Milo Maize.

Interesting information from the Haskell Free Press:

Mr. T. P. Martin was in town Monday with a big wagon load of milo maize which he sold at 50 cents a bushel. We interviewed him on the subject and got a piece of valuable information for our farmer friends.

He says that if the seed from the head produced by the main stalk is used for planting, the plant will run back into the big maize in two or three years cultivation, a thing which nobody wants, and that in order to keep the plants dwarfed seed must be used from the sucker head. He has been planting it for the past four years and has observed these facts to his satisfaction. He says that the best way to procure seed is to cut the main stalk down when the heads begin to ripen well, when numerous suckers will be thrown up from the stubble which will produce heads from which seed should be saved.

Heating stoves, coal or wood, cheap, at
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A STOCK YARDS BANK

Marion Sansom to be President—Other Officers to be Chosen.

Marion Sansom is to be president of the bank to be organized at the stock yards for the handling of business there. Other officers have not yet been decided upon, but they will be selected at a meeting to be held soon. The capital stock of the bank is fixed at $100,000. The name has not yet been chosen, but it will probably be known as the Fort Worth Stock Yards Bank. Its office will be in the Exchange building, and the bank officers expect to be ready for business as soon as the Exchange building is ready for occupancy.

A loan company will also be organized with a capital sufficient to carry the stockmen through to the time of marketing their stock. This will be a different organization from that of the bank, though the two will probably have a more or less close relation in the conduct of business.

A wise man keeps his own counsel, and buys his hardware from
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Beeville Bee: J. D. Parker of Lapara was in town this week with a bale of cotton which he sold to W. S. Brown & Co., for $55, the highest price paid for any bale sold on the local market this season. Mr. Parker has gathered six bales from his field since Christmas, and would have gathered more, but thought the growing season was over. That he gathered was what was not reached by the plows. If he could have anticipated the season he would have gathered more cotton after Christmas than before, by delaying preparations for another crop.

Hog wire—We carry the famous DeKalb hog wire.
21-inch high, 6-inch stays, barbed wire at bottom.
21-inch high, 12-inch stays, barbed wire at bottom.
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54-inch high 6 inch stays, barbed wire at bottom.
Barbed wire, painted.
Barbed wire, galvanized.
Smooth wire.
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Checotah (I. T.) Enquirer: Mr. Campbell Russell retured this week from Montgomery, Ala., where he sold 40 head of thoroughbred cattle from the Prairie Park stock farm near Bennett. Mr. Russell is the pioneer thoroughbred cattle raiser of Indian Territory and has made the enterprise a big success. His recent venture in holding a sale in the southeast was also a pioneering enterprise, this being the first sale ever held in that section. Mr. Russell has a way, though, of undertaking the unusual and goes into a thing to win.

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McPherson (Kas.) Republican: Alva Crandel, a farmer near Little River, has 130 acres of alfalfa. He let the second crop go to seed and it made four bushels to an acre, or 550 bushels, which is worth $10 per bushel, or $5200, or $40 per acre. He will get two cuttings, which will make him about 200 tons of hay worth $5 per ton, or $1000, a total of $6,200. This on land which was bought a few years ago for less than $10 per acre.

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Clarendon Stockman: C. E. Dubbs has received by express a pair of registered Poland China pigs and a registered Plymouth Rock rooster. He is embarking in the hog and chicken business, and is getting on the right track by using pure bred stuff of the best breeds. We understand Mr. Dubbs has already fenced a large hog pasture and will shortly have a hundred or so of hogs therein.

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Try all things, and hold fast to that which is good. That was Paul's advice, which the Abilene Reporter repeats, in this wise: Sheep and goats, pigs and calves, chickens and turkeys, cotton and corn, wheat and oats, hay and grass, economy and industry make a combination that boll worms, grasshoppers, drouths, floods, nor war can down. These disasters never come all at once, and something of the above will make a big hit, while several are sure to do well.

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In the rural districts of Australia, many of the horses wear cowhide shoes.

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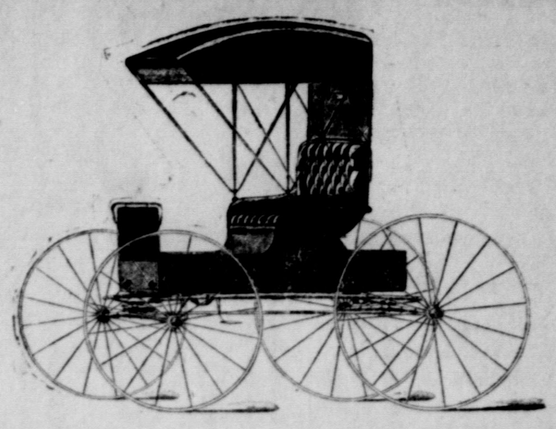

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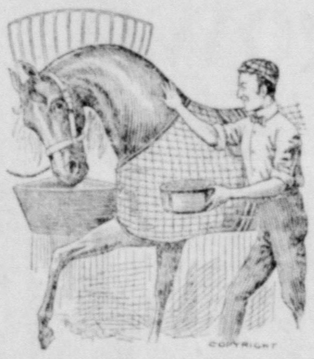

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MUST RAISE ALFALFA.

Views of an Experienced Hog Purchaser as to Texas Conditions

Mr. B. Weller of Hillsboro is at the yards, with an interest in hogs. Mr. Weller has been in the hog-purchasing business for many years. He now represents Los Angeles packers, and wants Texas hogs to send to that city. He reports hogs very scarce in Texas, but they are scarcer in California. It costs $150 a car to send them from Fort Worth to Los Angeles, and the feed and freight add a cent a pound to the cost of Texas hogs when they are laid down there.

Mr. Weller is an enthusiast on the subject of alfalfa. He says he finds it the best feed in the world to keep up the weight of hogs while they are held in the pens for shipment. Hogs eat alfalfa hay greedily, drink heavily, then lie down and go to sleep. He does not find that farmers over the state are giving as much attention to this feed as it deserves, and which they must grow if they expect to make a success. In California and Nevada hogs are marketed on alfalfa that never saw an ear of corn.

1150 CATTLE IN WEDNESDAY.

They Were of Good Quality, and Generally Sold Well.

Wednesday was the banner day of the year at the cattle pens of the stockyards. Receipts were 1150 head. A sale of steers at $3.85 indicates the tone of the market. At this price 211 steers were sold. Cows went at $3.10, heifers $3.25, and calves at $4.

The market was not really better than it was Tuesday. The highest prices were obtained because the quality of stock offered was better than on that day's market. These figures provide an object lesson for every stock raiser. They teach him that there is good money in good stock.

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the Stockman's school, is larger, stronger and better than ever. Opposite Delaware hotel.

PROSPECTS FOR FAT STOCK SHOW

Entries Closed, With Probably 1500 Animals to Come.

Entries for the Fat Stock Show have closed. Mr. J. F. Hovenkamp, one of the executive committee, estimates that 1500 animals will be on exhibition when the gates open on the morning of March 5. All stock intended for exhibition must be in the pens not later than 6 o'clock on the evening of March 4.

Everything points to an exhibition of more than usual interest. This show has grown in importance and magnitude every year, and now it is surpassed by few in the country in point of attendance, and by none in the high grade of stock on exhibition.

SOLD SHEEP AT $4.

E. G. P. Kellum is Pleased With His Sales at Fort Worth.

E. G. P. Kellum of Valley Mills, Texas, who was on Tuesday's market with sheep that brought $4.00, went home well pleased with this market.

Mr. Kellum has about 300 more ready to ship, and also between 400 and 500 fat lambs that are almost ready.

WANT ALL KINDS OF CHICKENS

A Chicago Man Trying to Replace Feathers With Hair.

Chicago Drovers' Journal.

While the Department of Agriculture in Washington is trying to develop a breed of featherless chickens, Chicago poultry raisers are striving to produce chickens with hair instead of feathers, and to improve on those developed by Dr. Wm. R. Black of Bolivar, Ohio.

Miller Purvis, an authority on henology, whose challenge to Australia led to the shipping of American chickens to that island to engage in an egg-laying contest, is experimenting in warmly clad chickens and believes the breed will become one of the greatest egg producers known.

The fowls produced by Dr. Black are called Klondike chickens, and the doctor says they are warmly enough thatched to stand any amount of cold and go right on laying eggs. He believes a dozen of his hens can travel all over the frigid regions and have fresh laid eggs and broilers through all the journey.

The doctor's chickens cannot fly. Their feathers are soft and downy, like hair. It is claimed for them that they have most of the good points of the common variety of chickens and none of their faults. The down is said to be ofter and whiter than eiderdown, and will be extremely valuable in the commercial world.

In the meantime Secretary Wilson is trying to produce a featherless race of chickens for the warmer parts of the United States. It has been discovered that the time of molting can be reduced from 100 days to less than one month, and, in time, done away with entirely, because hens will have no feathers to molt.

The manner of forcing molting is as follows: Early in August stop feeding the chickens and allow them only enough food to sustain life for two weeks. Then stuff them with all kinds of food. The chickens will eat so much and so rapidly that inside of a week the feathers will be forced out of the body, which will be left naked. By the end of one month they will be covered with new down and begin laying again.

THE SHORTHORN BREEDERS.

Meeting to be Held in This City on March 5.

The Texas Shorthorn Breeders' association will meet in the Board of Trade rooms, Thursday evening, March 5, at 8 o'clock, for the election of officers.

This is the fourth annual meeting, and they expect a large attendance and an interesting time.

J. F. Hovenkamp, secretary and treasurer of this association, is sending out invitations and catalogues to all those interested in shorthorn breeding. The shorthorn sale to be held here on March 5, is one of the leading features of the Fat Stock Show.

CATTLE IN THE NORTHWEST.

Reports of Heavy Losses Denied by a Returned Cattleman.

The West Texas Stockman has the following, showing that there is another side to the reports of great losses in the Northwest:

Pete Scoggin returned yesterday from a trip to the Northwest, where he has been looking after a big bunch of steers he is running in Wyoming. He says the reports of heavy losses coming from that section are grossly exaggerated, and that Texas cattlemen who have carried steers to that country have not lost one per cent. Over a portion of the Northwestern range there has been crusted snow, but over a great deal of it there has been comparatively no snow at all, and cattle are wintering very well throughout that section.

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SALE OF STEERS AT $3 85.

Were Fed by D. Waggoner & Son, and Bought by Cudahy.

D. Waggoner & Son of Bowie, Texas, were here with 9 cars of 211 fine fat steers, averaging 1052, which sold to the Cudahy Packing Co. at $3.85, the highest price for the year. Mr. Waggoner fed these cattle only about 80 days. He is now looking around to buy 1000 more to feed.

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Provision for Canneries.

Texas farmers and truckers need a home market, such as home canneries will make. That something is doing in this line is evidenced by this report in the Dallas News:

Hon. James G. Darden of Chicago, who has been in Dallas for several weeks considering the best location for one or more canning factories, an account of which recently appeared in the News, said yesterday that he had decided on three different sites for factories and that work would be begun without delay. The plan includes the erection of a plant at Houston, one at Tyler and one at Athens, each with a daily capacity of 15,000 cans.

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WILL BE HELD IN FORT WORTH, MARCH 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH.

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—BE SURE TO SEE THESE—

Men's Victor Calf Shoe. Special price	98c
Hamilton Brown's Scotch calf, only	$1 48
Men's heavy sole double stitched—a dandy. Special price	$1 98
Men's Dress Shoe in vici or box calf, worth $2.50, our price	$1 98
Men's Vici Kids, as good as any $3.00 advertised Shoe, our price	$2 48

LADIES' SHOES

Ladies' Kid Shoes, solid leather. Special price	$1 25
We are offering some $2.00 values in this sale, choice	$1 48
Ladies' dull kid top, a very dressy Shoe. Special	$1 98
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HEAVY RAINS AND SNOW

Panhandle Points Report Heaviest Snow of the Winter.

A heavy rain fell Wednesday night in this city, the total precipitation, as registered at the weather bureau here, being over two inches. What was rain here was snow in the northwestern part of the state.

Reports from the Panhandle tell of unusually heavy snow falls. These reports we condense, as follows:

Dalhart—Snowing for 48 hours. Snow now 15 inches deep. Much loss of cattle is feared.

Hereford—Snowing continuously for 36 hours. The ground is covered to a depth of 15 inches. The temperature is only at freezing point and no reports of loss of stock.

Clarendon—Following 24 hours of cold, slow rain, it began snowing here last night at an early hour, continuing up to 6 p. m. today. The greater part of the fall melted or it would have been over two feet deep. The ground is covered to a depth of ten to twelve inches. Cattle are wintering remarkably well.

Hogs in Semi-Arid Sections.

Texas Live Stock Journal.

J. N. Davis, an occasional correspondent of the Journal, has been traveling out on the "Staked Plains" of Texas where there is not sufficient moisture for corn as a regular crop. He found many small farmers in the hog business, on a limited scale, and without exception they were securing satisfactory results. He says:

"One farmer who was raised in Virginia and lived many years in Tennessee before moving to Texas, said that while corn is regarded as the standard feed for hogs, he believes that kaffir corn, milo maize, in fact any of the non-saccharine sorghums, are about as good for hogs as corn, and all of them can be grown successfully in the semi-arid regions, whether in Texas or elsewhere. In line with his suggestion, it has been shown (as stated in Bulletin 133 of the department of agriculture) that a bushel of kaffir corn produced 10.06 pounds of pork, while with a lot of hogs fed corn for purposes of comparison, a bushel of corn produced 11.09 pounds of gain. As to the quantity of kaffir corn that can be grown, it may be stated on the authority of the Kansas experiment station, that during 11 years the average yield was 46 bushels. Taking that fact in connection with the above stated facts, as the basis for an estimate, it appears that an acre of kaffir corn would produce 487 pounds of pork. During the same 11 years the average corn yield was only 34½ bushels. An acre of corn, therefore, would produce, on the basis of the above figures, only 410 pounds of pork. On the other hand it is stated that pigs tire of kaffir corn more quickly than of corn, but if fed with alfalfa, soy beans or skim milk, they eat it readily, until they are thoroughly finished, and those thus fed fatten evenly."

Sugar Beets As Hog Feed.

Chicago Live Stock World.

All hog raisers agree that succulent food of some sort is essential to porcine health. Some use silage, others prefer roots. Where a soil is not a part of the farm outfit, roots can be used to the best advantage.

To the average hog the sugar beet is extremely palatable, and it is a crop that is easily grown. Under proper conditions a couple of acres will yield enough to supply a large herd of hogs. Most of the weeding and cultivating may be done with a wheel hoe. A successful hog grower, who prides himself on the immunity of his herd from disease, stated recently that he attributed his success largely to the practice of feeding sugar beets.

Naturally the hog is a rooter, and the intelligent grower will imitate nature's methods as closely as possible in hog raising as in everything else. In any case it will not cost much to test the efficiency of the sugar beet by growing a few.

Ballinger Ledger: $14,338.50 has been turned loose in the Ballinger trade territory for pecans during last season. M. D. Chastain has bought 237,000 pounds of the crop at an average of 6½c. Geo. N. Beakley of Coleman was here first of the week and shipped out 52,000 pounds of pecans, bought by Chastain for H. N. Beakley of Coleman.

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Your Chance Now

The inclement weather has kept many from our store that would have been glad to take advantage of this great cut price sale. It is not too late yet. We are offering the same bargains as last week, and indications are for good weather which insures big buying here next week. We hope you will take advantage of this sale before it is too late, as we have only a limited time to sell these goods in.

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Pork Link Sausage	7½
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Liver Sausage	6
Blood Sausage	6
Head Cheese, in hog stomachs	7
Tongue Sausage	10
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Bacon—Short Clears, 25-35 lbs. avg		11⅞
" " " 35-45	"	11⅞
Fancy Clear Bellies, square cut	12-14 "	none
Bacon Shoulders, 10-12	"	9¾
" Backs, 10	"	11⅜
" Fat Backs,	"	11⅛
" Plates		11⅛

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" " 35-45		11
" Clear Bellies, square cut	12-14	12
" Shoulders, 12 lbs. avg		9
" Backs, 10 lbs. avg		10½
" Fat Backs, 10-12 lbs. avg		10¼
" Plates		10¼

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f McKinney was 3 hogs averaging at $6.60. This is Kinney has ship-ped to this market. He is well pleased with results, and will come again.

Mr. J. R. Dendinger had on the market 166 sheep, averaging 84 pounds, that went at $3.50. These are some of the sheep that Mr. Dendinger has had on feed near the yards.

J. W. Davis of Abilene, Tex., who is interested in 1500 cattle now on feed up there, was here Monday looking over the market, and is well satisfied that it is the best for Texas stockmen.

W. K. Dickinson of Cameron, Texas, an old-time shipper to this market, had a load of mixed hogs which sold for $6.37½ and $6.75. He is a firm believer in Texas as a future hog state.

The Ardmore oil mills of Ardmore, I. T., had on yesterday's market two loads of fat cows; 28 averaging 900 sold at $3.00, and 28 averaging 830 at $2.85. These cows were fed about 90 days.

J. H. Mims of Cleburne was at the yards Tuesday, looking for 100 good feeders that would weigh around 900 pounds. He has about 500 cattle on feed now that will be ready for this market in June.

J. R. Rhome of Rhome topped the market Monday with a little bunch of cows that went at $3.40. They weighed 1180. In the lot were three registered heifers, and a Jersey. They were driven in from Rhome.

A. G. Pannell of Chickasha, I. T., topped the steer market Thursday with three loads of steers, averaging 1030, that sold at $3.75, with 6 head at $3.00. Mr. Pannell is well pleased with this market and his sale.

E. G. P. Kellum of Valley Mills, Bosque county, had on the market 72 head of fair sheep, that sold readily at $3 and $4. They weighed 71 pounds. Mr. Kellum is one of the regular shippers to the Fort Worth market.

H. F. Smith of Gainesville viewed the improvements on the North Side Sunday, and expressed surprise at their magnitude. Mr. Smith resided in Fort Worth years ago, and considers it the coming city of the state.

W. R. Moore of Ardmore, I. T., had in a bunch of good 862-pound cows that brought $3 00. This is 20 cents higher than the same kind of cows sold for last week. The shipment was in charge of Horace Kendall of Ardmore.

A monster bull was on the yards yesterday, that pulled down 1900 pounds when driven on the scales. He was a durham, and was shipped in by F. M. Sansom & Bros. from West. He sold at $2.50, his 1900 pounds bringing at that price $47.50.

W. C. Henderson and J. T. Day of Tarrant county had on the market 50 head of steers, averaging 1063, which was sold to the Cudahy Packing Co. of Los Angeles, at $3 75. These cattle were on feed about 100 days at the Fort Worth oil mills.

Col. Wade Hampton of Pauls Valley, I. T., had on Tuesday's market a car of hogs, part of which topped the market at $6.75. Mr. Hampton has been experimenting with molasses, cotton seed meal and hulls, and says it will fatten stock quick and make firm flesh.

F. B. Sanders of Thornton, Tex., had in a load of barrows and spayed sows of his own raising, averaging 201 pounds, which sold at $6.77½. Mr. Sanders visited the packing houses and is well pleased with the bright outlook for the Fort Worth market. He is fencing his whole farm with hog wire, and is going into extensive hog raising.

HORSE AND MULE MARKET.

The demand for mules is growing stronger. This is caused by the opening of the season for cotton plowing, and there is now an extra call for cotton mules.

Cook & Simmons report the following shipments, the total being 152 head:

To Parker Bros. Memphis, Tenn., 51 head, about 1200 pounds average.

To Brown & Gladden of Monroe, La., 25 head.

To Scott Dees, Little Rock, 25 head.

To A. T. Boyden, Pierce, Tex., 24 head, rice mules.

To Long & Overton, Tyler, Tex., 27 head.

Receipts—One load of mules from Bonham, one load of mules from Stephenville, one load of mules from Coleman, one load of mules from Brownwood, and one load of mules from Maugum, Oklahoma.

Today's quotations are as follows for sound, serviceable mules, 4 to 8 years old, in good hair and flesh and well broken:

13½@14 hands, fat	$ 45@ 50
14@14½ hands, fat	60@ 75
14½@15 hands, fat	85@105
15@15½ hands, fat	110@120
15½@16 hands, fat, with quality	125@140
16@16½ hands, ex., 1,250@1,500	145@160

These quotations are based on sales out of first hands. Sorted and selected loads are quoted some higher by speculators.

Write, Telephone or Call

at the Fort Worth Business College for information. 4th and Main Sts.

TERRITORY CATTLE DYING.

Mysterious Disease that is Causing Heavy Losses to Stock.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 26. (Dispatch to Dallas News.)—E. L. Overman, a dairyman of Lehigh, I. T., is in the city and says hundreds of cattle are dying in and about Lehigh from a mysterious disease. Tom Barnes, a stockman and farmer, who has a herd of 400 steers, is losing an average of three a day. William Minton, the local Lehigh butcher, has 1,500 head of cattle, and he, too, reports heavy losses. The parties above named say they feed their stock well, on cotton seed hulls and plenty of hay, and are unable to account for the sudden death of so many.

MULES AND HORSES BURNED

Carload Destroyed by Fire in the Car They Occupied.

A lot of straw in a car of horses and mules caught fire while the car was on a siding at Mineola, and 29 of the animals were so badly burned that they died or had to be killed. The shipment belonged to Jerry Dishman of Abilene, and he was sending them from his farm to Memphis, Tenn. He estimates his loss at $3,000.

Dishwater Profit.

Arlington Journal: The hog market at Fort Worth continues to improve. Last Thursday a gentlemen from Oklahoma sold 56 280-pounders at 7c and pocketed $568 40 as the result. And think! A frugal housewife ought nearly to feed that number on dishwater.

-AT 64c- ON THE DOLLAR.

We have just bought the stock of Louis Shapira, who failed at 1503 Main street a few days ago, after having been in business only about three months. This stock is therefore all new desirable goods, consisting of Men's Shoes, Furnishing Goods and Clothing, which we secured at 64c on the dollar. These goods are now on sale in our Shoe and Clothing rooms, at the following big reductions from Shapira's prices.

SHOES FROM THIS STOCK AT LESS THAN THE COST OF MAKING.

W. C. Stripling
THE PRICE IS THE THING.
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FURNISHING GOODS AND CLOTHING FROM THIS STOCK AT ALMOST HALF PRICE.

You should come at once, as this stock will not last long at these prices. . . .

Shoes from the Shapira Stock

Men's Shoes of the Hamilton Brown make, all new fresh stock; every kind that Shapira sold for $2.50 a pair, we have on sale at $1 75

Hamilton Brown's and Friedman Bros. own make, men's fine shoes, Shapira's price $4 00, our price $3 00

Men's shoes that Shapira sold for $1.50, we have on sale at, per pair $1 00

Men's shoes that Shapira sold for $2.00, we are selling at $1 25

Boy's shoes that Shapira sold at $1.75, you can buy from us at $1 25

All other price shoes at same reductions.

Furnishing Goods from the Shapira Stock. . .

Men's Hats, all styles, that Shapira sold for $1.50, we have on sale at 98c

Hat's that Shapira got $2.00 for, we offer at $1 25

Men's fine black hats that Shapira sold for $3 50, we are selling at $2 25

Men's fine shirts that Shapira sold at $1.25, we will sell at 83c

Shapira's 75c line of percale and madras shirts, we will sell at 40c

Men's neckties that L. Shapira sold at 35c, we have on sale at 19c

CLOTHING==Odd Pants, Etc., from the Shapira Stock. . .

Men's Suits that L. Shapira sold for $15.00, we have on sale at $8 50

Men's Suits that Shapira sold for $10, you can buy from us for $6 50

Suits that Shapira sold for $8.50, we have marked only $5 00

Men's 25c socks from the Shapira stock, will be sold at 15c

All 15c socks at 10c

Men's 15c linen collars, all the late styles, at 10c

Men's odd Pants that Shapira sold at $3.50 and $3.00, we have on sale at, choice for $2 00

Men's Corduroy Pants, extra good quality, that Shapira sold at $2 00 and $2.50, on sale in our clothing room at $1 50

Men's cassimere and worsted pants that Shapira sold at $2.25, all good styles and extra value, our price for this lot $1 50

A Factory Remnant Sale in the Dry Goods Room.

Short lengths of fine organdies, percales, etc., that sell in regular stock at 10 and 15c a yard, on sale at, choice for 5c

Remnants of 5c calico, at, per yard 3c

Remnants of fine woolen goods at about half the regular price, in the piece.

Misses' hose, with slight imperfections which do not injure the wear, worth 15c, on sale at 3 pair for 25c, or per pair 10c

TO TEST TICK THEORY

A Doubter is Willing to Back Himself With $1000.

Mr. Lee L. Shield of Santa Anna has accepted the challenge of Mr. Morrison, as shown by the following letter to the Dallas News:

"I will take fifty steer cattle, 3 years old, to Rome Shields' pasture, at Stiles, in West Texas, Tom Green county; will place these cattle, with fifty head of cattle raised above the quarantine line, in a section pasture. We will let them remain there thirty days, and if the latter die, or a sufficient number of them within that time to show without doubt that they died by disease, I will pay for the cattle that die and will give you, Tom Morrison, $1000. And if they do not die, as stated, I am to have your $2000.

"Now, Mr. Morrison, place $2000 in Brook Smith & Co.'s bank at Brownwood. My $1000 is there.

"Allow me to make you a better proposition. I will go above the quarantine line and buy twenty-five 3 year-old steers that have been raised above the line. I will put these steers in the Day pasture in Coleman county, together with 400 steers that I have in that pasture. If ten of the twenty-five die in thirty days I will give you the $1000, and if they don't die to that extent, allow me to appropriate your $2000 to the liquidation of my liabilities."

Gov. Lanham Can't Come.

Gov. Lanham says he cannot accept the invitation of the Fort Worth Board of Trade, to attend the opening of the Swift and Armour plants on the 6th. While the legislature is in session he is too busy to accept invitations calling him to other parts of the state, he says.

Stockmen! Remember Spring will soon be here. We are receiving our new Spring Goods.

Suits to fit your figure; our prices fit your purse.

FINE SHOES, HATS and FURNISHINGS, for Men and Boys.

One price to all. Your money back if you want it.

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SALE OF **Thoroughbred Horses.**
...ON MARCH 5th...

I will sell at Public Auction at the FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS,

30 HEAD OF THOROUGHBRED HORSES,

Consisting of Brood Mares, Yearlings, 2 and 3-year-olds. This stock is from the celebrated Waggoner farm.

For further particulars write

J. D. DEARING, Electra, Tex.

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I am headquarters for farming and ranch land in this locality. If you want to buy anything in my line I can make it to your interest to call on me, as I have large lists of lands—anything you want from one acre to 5000—at reasonable prices. Remember it is no trouble to show lands and answer questions. I have got what you want at prices that will suit you. Come and see me and I will fix you up. Here are a few bargains that may interest you:

One of the finest stock farms in Jack county, consisting of 416 acres; 200 acres in wheat, 55 acres in rye; plenty of good grass; 5 stock tanks, good well and wind mill; all fenced with good four wire and posts; first class 2 room house and outhouses, all tools and machinery necessary. A blacksmith' shop goes with this place. This land is the finest black valley land in the state of Texas. Convenient to schools, church and postoffice. Anyone desiring to locate in this locality can pick up the biggest bargain in this part of the state by calling on or addressing me quick at 711 Main st., Fort Worth, Texas. —Frank D. Jones.

A forty acre farm located near the Interurban railroad, in one of the best villages in eastern part of Tarrant county. The finest place for a physician in this county, as the physician of this place is retiring from practice; has one of the best small farms and finest improvements in this county. Good two story, seven room house, two good wells and wind mills, a splendid cistern in the house. Has all the conveniences of the city, mail delivered at door daily, long distance telephone in the house, good barn and the finest orchard in the county, already bearing. This place can be bought by the right party at a reasonable price, and a doctor can step right into a fine practice, just left off by a physician of 20 years practice in this neighborhood. By calling on or writing me, I can submit you a proposition that will interest you. See me at once.

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One hundred and sixty acres 1½ miles north of city. One half in cultivation, balance in grass and timber. Good seven-room house. Any amount of good water, convenient to school and church. Graded and gravel road right to house, rural mail delivery every day. Part of this land is black valley land, balance sandy. This is the best fruit or truck farm in Parker county and can be bought for $20 per acre. If you are looking for anything in this line see me, for I can fix you up. Terms to suit you.

Frank D. Jones,
711 Main Street.

Good Price for a Horse.

J. D. Hand of Las Animas, N. M., has purchased of W. H. Coon of this city his 3-year-old trotter, King. The purchase price was $500. King is a Mexican bred horse, by a well known sire. Mr. Hand will take him to his ranch.

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THE MULE RAISING INDUSTRY

An Animal that is Always Worth Money to His Owner

The Nebraska Farmer says of the profit in mules: The mule raising industry has at all times been regarded as a profitable business. The demand in Southern cities and on the cotton and sugar plantations in the South for the mule has been a feature in the mule trade that has been a guarantee of good prices for all the surplus mules raised in the country. The Southern states, except the most northern, are very light producers of mules. The mule is peculiarly adapted to extremes of all kinds, and the extremes of heat are no exception to this animal of great endurance. The mule being so very serviceable as a beast of burden in the South, the horse is not much in demand, there is not even an effort put forth to produce the mules that are needed to fill the teams. The Northern mule raising districts are called upon to supply the market. The Missouri mule is a very popular animal in the New Orleans market and has been bred and raised for years with especial reference to this Southern trade. A large mule is always preferable in team work and commands the highest price. The raising of mules has proven very profitable in the past few years. The extensive army demand both at home and abroad has taken all the available mules of serviceable age. The mule supply of the United States is greatly reduced below usual conditions. There are fewer farm teams, as the good prices for government purchases took many of the work mules.

The mule raising industry has been greatly increased in the North and West, where horse prices have been very low. The chunky mares of pony ancestry, back two or three generations, when bred to a big Missouri jack bring very desirable mules of medium size. They have the compactness, activity and quality that make them very desirable for every-day use in teams, on the farm or in general work. The cheapness of raising the mule on the Western or Northwestern range is a matter that at once recommends the industry. In the sandhills country it costs practically nothing to grow. It finds its living on the range without assistance, and is always in good condition. It is the easiest and cheapest animal raised, and under present conditions the most profitable.

The mule at all times has much to recommend it. It is hardy, not easily injured in body or limb; it is in a measure free from the ailments and infirmities of the horse. It is in service, ordinarily, one year at least ahead of the horse. A three-year-old mule is always ready for the market, if given a half chance, therefore gives a quicker return on the money invested. As a farm team the mule has proven a great success, and the heat of harvest does not affect them as it does horses. The mule will respond to good treatment readily, and when occasion demands can stand much more abuse and fatigue than the horse. They are tougher in the hoof and seldom have foot lameness; are remarkably surefooted and and rarely fall or get caught in defective crossings or bad roads. They are not vicious or kickers unless spoiled in handling them. The mule team becomes very gentle and trusty when well handled.

The mule market is always high when there is a demand for horses. The mule as a beast of labor is growing in favor on the farm and in the city. The economical use of power is the mule argument as against the horse.

Graniteware, tinware, woodenware.
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STRING OF TEXAS LONGHORNS

A Curiosity on the Kansas City Market, When Shown.

Kansas City Drovers' Telegram.

C. T. Ferring, banker and stockman of Vernon, Texas, arrived at the yards this morning with a train load of stock, consisting of eleven cars of short fed three-year-old steers, and a car of hogs. The consignment was brought here from Butler county, Kas., where Mr. Ferring is feeding 2,000 steers which he brought in late last fall from his ranch in Clark county, Kas. "The shortage of range feed in Wilbarger county, Texas, where I handle cattle, compelled me to go to Kansas, and then when winter approached I made another move from the western portion of the state to Butler county, where feed is plentiful," he said.

The big string of steers brought in today are above the average in quality, but are not dehorned, and when they were yarded the large horns attracted some attention in contrast with sevral pens of dehorned steers alongside of them. "All cattle ought to be dehorned," remarked Mr. Ferring when discussing the matter with other stockmen, "and I'll never buy any more horned stock. This subject of dehorning cattle reminds me of trouble I got into a few years ago at Memphis, Tenn., where I had purchased a lot of horned cattle. Thinking I could do a humane act I set my men to work dehorning them, when the humane society arrested the whole outfit, and arraigned us in court. The night before the trial took place several head of cows in one pen were horned to death, and it was on that point that I escaped being fined, as it was clearly shown that had the herd been dehorned they would not have been killed."

Mr. Ferring will now bring in the balance of his 2,000 head being fed in Butler county in bunches of eight or ten car-lots until he disposes of them before spring opens up.

A MODERN TEXAS RANCH

Missouri Stockmen Invest in Panhandle Lands.

When a man wants to get something extra good in the way of lands for cattle raising, he comes to Texas. We take from the Kansas City Drovers' Telegram this report of the plans of a Missouri stockman:

J. R. Davidson of West Plains, Mo., a member of the firm of Davidson Bros., is on his way to the Panhandle district in Northwest Texas, where, in Hemphill and Wheeler counties, he and his brothers purchased an extensive tract of land last May which they intend to convert into a modern ranch. While this land was purchased in May they did not get possession of it until November, as it was leased until that time.

The land purchased includes forty-five sections, or 27,900 acres, and an average price of $3.50 per acre was paid for it. The entire ranch is under fence, and with a few improvements now under way, will make a model stock farm. Mr. Davidson is enthusiastic over the development of that section of the state, which he says is bound to come to the front.

"Our ranch lies in a country broken just enough by small streams, and the Washita river, to provide shelter and an abundance of good running water," he said. "Along these streams are stretches of timber which afford shade in summer and shelter from winter blasts. Oklahoma has been settled up by farmers, and at present there are but few large bodies of land to be found in the Southwest, and we think we have secured the best to be had. It is not our intention to use this entire tract of land as one open range for stock, but intend to pick out the best spots which we will use for farming, and raise rough feed as well as grain for a portion of our stock. It has been demonstrated beyond a question of doubt that corn and alfalfa will grow there and do well, and by breeding up the stock to a high grade, and adding a little feed, there is no reason why we cannot furnishe as good a class of cattle as the market demands.

"The stockers that we will purchase will be high grade, while we will use pure-bred bulls at all times. Texas ranchmen generally are using registered bulls, and I am surprised at the great change for the better in the quality of stock now coming from the northwest corner of the state. About the only herds now seen on the market with long horns come from the southwest portion of the state and New Mexico, and the time will soon be when they will be scarce."

Hoes, rakes, shovels and spades, at
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LOSSES IN THE TERRITORY.

Cattle on the Range Reported to have Suffered Severely.

The late norther and sleet was more severe in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma than in Texas. News from Ardmore is that the loss was very serious to cattlemen. One man who was pasturing 60 lost 52. Madill says the losses in that vicinity will be general. At Mill Creek it is reported to be 25 per cent. John Biard of Hugo says the deaths in his neighborhood are 30 per cent.

At Waxahachie, Texas, it is reported that the Trinity river bottoms in the eastern part of the county have been badly overflowed and considerable property destroyed. It is stated that not less than three hundred head of cattle have perished in the bottoms from drowning and freezing.

The Childress Index of Friday reports: The loss of cattle throughout this section is expected to be pretty heavy. Mrs. J. D. Hassell has lost ten head, P. S. Roberts thirteen, and others that we have heard from one to three head. Reports from the Mill Iron ranch is to the effect that the loss will be from 25 to 50 per cent. The range in this section is over stocked and the loss from now on to spring will be heavy unless the weather is very favorable.

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The editor of the Seymour News writes from Guthrie, King county: Col. S. B. Burnett, the "8" ranch owner, has recently made a tour of inspection over his possessions in that county and has signified his intention of moving the ranch headquarters to town just as soon as spring opens, and will build a mammoth stone store building near the corner of the square and put in a big stock of general merchandise. He is at present running a lane through his pasture from east to west, and in case the present legislature passes the bill allowing an open season for southern cattle to cross the quarantine line he expects to make it hard for the man who moves a herd through that country.

DEMOCRATS REJECTED

In Caucus They Refused to Agree With Republicans.

DECLARED A SNARE.

They Say the People of Arizona Do Not Desire to Have That Territory Consolidated With New Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Democratic senatorial caucus rejected the two-state proposition for the admission of new states submitted by the Republicans.

After the adjournment of the caucus the Democratic members of the committtee met the Republican members of that committtee who have been friendly to statehood. They decided to ask the chairman of the two committees on the postoffice and agriculture to withdraw the statehood riders which the committees have placed on two appropriation bills. They also decided to continue the fight for the omnibus bill as it came from the house without amendment, but not to antagonize appropriation bills or legislative business with it.

The Republicans have decided to present their compromise bill to the senate.

The indications are very strong that the question will receive very little if any more consideration during the session and even the best friends of statehood generally admit that there is no chance for success at this time. During the caucus speeches were made by Senators Clay, Bacon, Dubois, Simmons, Foster of Louisiana, Bate, Morgan, Pettus and others. All the speakers took positive grounds against the compromise proposition. At the same time they favored placing the future course of the party with reference to the statehood bill as such, and also as a rider in the hands of the Democratic members of the committee on postoffices. A Democratic senator, a member of the committee on territories, wrote the following, which after submitting to several of his colleagues he gave out for publication:

"The Democratic caucus rejected the proposed compromise statehoood bill for the following reasons:

"When Arizona and New Mexico were made territories their areas were established for ultimate statehood purposes, and all the interests and expectations of the people of the two territories have been in anticipation of the two states.

"It would be gross injustice to the people of both to join them in one state. From east to west as railways must be built it will be 1500 miles across them. The proposed state would be as large as Texas and Texas is too large for convenient government.

"Many Democrats feel that the Republican fight for statehood has not been sincere, they having used the statehood bill as a buffer to prevent trust discussion and legislation. For Democrats now having stood almost a solid body for the admission of the three territories, to accept the proposed consolidation would be to have played into the hands of the Republican anti-trust cabal.

"The people of the Arizona are unanimously opposed to consolidation with New Mexico and the people of both the territories should be consulted.

"The provisions in the consolidation bill for ultimate separate statehood are a snare. The question of separation into two states must be submitted to the voters of the entire state and experience has taught that after the interests of one area have been consolidated as a single state a majority cannot be secured.

"The Democrats have stood for the statehood bill as it passes the house. They believe that each is entitled to statehood, and they have loyally stood by the Republican minority in their efforts to give them statehood; but they will not inflict the injustice that probably never can be repaired of forcing the people of the two territories into a state so large that it would forever continue a burden they should not bear.
bear."

PANAMA CANAL.

It Is Rumored That the Company May Withdraw Its Offer.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A report was in circulation Tuesday night that if the Panama canal treaty is not ratified by March 4 the Panama Canal company will withdraw its proposition. It is also said Republican leaders are willing to vote on statehood bill provided it does not become effective until after next year's presidential election.

Agreement Signed.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Roosevelt has signed the agreement drawn under the terms of the Pllatt amendment for the coaling stations at Guantanamo and Bahia Honda, Cuba. The document is not a treaty, but is rather an agreement, therefore it will not be necessary to submit it to the United States senate, all that remains being for the navy department to do. Minister Squieres, who brought the agrement here, will return to Havana Tuesday by way of New York.

Bold Bandit.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 25.—A robber entered the Woodward saloon, the most fashionable buffet in the city, and walking behind the counter took $300 from the cash drawer and escaped. Zeke Solomon, the proprietor, attempted to stop him, but was thrown several feet by the thief, who dashed into the passing crowd and disappeared. At the time of the robbery the saloon was well filled with customers.

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Things About Hogs.

The Arlington Journal joins in: On last Saturday we saw W. S. Martin on the streets driving a thirteen months old pig which he had just bought from B A. Mathers. The pig in question weighed 415 pounds and sold for 6c a pound, bringing Mr. Mathers $24.90. Wonder what a grown hog would bring in this country these times?

Caddo (I. T.) Herald: The hog business the past few weeks has been about the only money producing industry we have. It goes to show the necessity and wisdom of raising hogs for market. At present over $2000 a week is being paid for market hogs; and the prices paid are bringing the animals for forty miles around. The thing to do is to keep up the good work.

Llano News: C. E. Shults last week purchased 500 head of hogs from J. C. Stribling. They are now on the mast at J. C. Stribling's Long Mountain ranch, and will be delivered to Mr. Shults at Graphite about March 1 for shipment to Fort Worth. Mr. Shults thinks this is the coming market for Texas, the packeries absorbing a great quantity of all kinds of live stock.

Archer County Dispatch: The new packing houses at Fort Worth are stimulating farmers from all parts of the state to go to raising hogs on a larger scale, and many are turni attention to the hog indus no place on earth where h and do better than in A yet there has been but l paid to raising hogs here the farmer who first turn to this line of business w who will first make a fi It is not our belief that th can be made successful b farmer first makes prov It will not do to depend altogether for feed, but h maize, sorghum, etc., feed, and can be raised dryest seasons.

The hog is gaining gr in the San Antonio St Thompson, a successful Bandera county, was bringing with him a lo which he sold on this satisfactory price. He has had its full share of winter, and stockmen both happy over the pr and crops of all kinds, w better. Mr. Thompson cultivation and will p corn and cotton, enou that he irrigates, which alfalfa. He has lately p tion plant with which this year only a sma farm, and if successful year to bore for artesian he thinks can be had, an of his farm under irrig

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St L Mail and Ex	a 2 55 pm
& RIO GRANDE RY. A	Arrive from south
Mail and Express	a 10 55 am
mixed	a 6 00 am
& DENVER CITY RY. A	Arrive
Colorado Springs	
Pueblo Mail and Ex	a 5 10 pm
Colorado Express	a 6 00 am
Accommodation	a 9 55 am
RADO AND SANTA FE. C	Arr. from North
& Chicago Ex. & Mail	a 9 00 pm
& Chicago Fast Ex.	a 7 45 am
	Arr. from South
& Gal. Mail & Ex.	a 8 20 pm
& San Antonio & Mail & Express	a 7 05 am
& TEXAS CENTRAL. C	Arrive
& Gal. Mail & Ex.	a 9 10 pm
& Gal. Mail & Ex.	a 8 05 am
Mixed	all 30 am
KANSAS AND TEXAS. A	Arr. from North
"Katy Flyer"	a 7 45 pm
City, St. Louis & Chicago Mail & Ex	a 7 10 am
City, St. Louis & Chicago, Fast Express	a 5 10 pm
	Arr. from South
and Gal. and San "Katy Flyer"	a 8 10 am
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Louis Cannon Ball	a 7 55 pm
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& Memp. Fast Ex.	a 7 45 am
Dallas News Train	a 5 20 am
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Not Authorized to Demand Indemnity Payment at Once.

HAD NO SUCH ORDER.

The German Foreign Office Attaches No Special Importance to the Transaction, as it Was by No One Authorized.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The German foreign office attaches no importance to the request made to Mr. Bowen by Herr Baltazzi, former German charge d'affaires at Caracas, for immediate payment of $27,500, forming the first installment of the sum to be paid to Germany by Venezuela, but which is not due until March 15. Foreign Secretary von Richthofen sent no such instructions to Ambassador Sternberg, and it is assumed there has been a misunderstanding in the matter. The foreign office does not doubt that Venezuela will strictly carry out the terms of the protocol.

EDUCATORS MEET.

One Thousand Present at the Opening Session in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Feb. 25.—Superintendent department of the National Educational association met here with representatives from all states and cities. In addition to superintendents of instructions in cities, Dr. W. C. Harris, United States commissioner of education, and many state school commissioners are present, while very many college presidents and professors are here.

Over one thousand were present at the opening session.

Among those who participated were Lloyd E. Wolf of San Antonio, Tex.; Jaques Pedway, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Lewis H. Jones, Ypsilanti, Mich., and John W. Carr of Anderson.

MISS CODY WEDS.

She and Lieutenant Scott United in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony.

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 25.—The marriage of Miss Irma Cody, daughter of Col. Wm. F. Cody, and Lieutenant Clarence Armstrong Scott, of the Twelfth cavalry, stationed at Fort Clark, Tex., was solemnized here. In the absence of Colonel Cody, the bride was given away by Dr. E. Frank Powell of Milwaukee, an intimate friend of the bride's father. The ceremony was an imposing one and there were present persons of prominence from all parts of the country. Colonel Cody, who is in England, sent a cablegram of congratulations and his blessing. Lieutenant and Mrs. Stott will make their home at Fort Clark, Tex.

Silver Service Given the Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 25.—Exercises in connection with the presentation of the silver service given by the people of Alabama to the United States battleship Alabama were held in the theater. The orator of the occasion was Hon. E. M. Robeson. The service was accepted on behalf of the officers of the Alabama by Captain H. C. Davis, commander of the vessel. The silver service consists of seven pieces and cost in the neighborhood of $3500.

Rejected by Democrats

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Democratic senatorial caucus has rejected the two state proposition for admission of new states submitted by the Republicans. Matter of further negotiations was left with the Democratic members of the committee on postoffices, which has charge of the appropriation bill with a statehood rider. The object is to ascertain whether there is a majority of the senate willing to vote a rider upon the bill. Unless this is assurred the Democratis will not vote for the rider. Democrats will not accept anything on the basis of two states.

New Court at Texarkana.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The senate passed bill creating a new division of the Eastern district of Texas, with sessions of court at Texarkana. Philippine currency bill came up.

All the Girls Escaped

Meridian, Miss., Feb. 25.—Fire totally destroyed the main building and laundry of the Mississippi Female college, the residence of Mrs. B. F. Ormond and two negro dwelling houses. There were about 260 girls in the building, all of whom escaped. Many lost all but their night clothing. The college will continue its sessions in temporary quarters. The loss will approximate $50,000, partially covered by insurance.

Growing More Serious.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 25.—The revolutionary movement in south China is growing more serious, according to advices received by the steamer Kagu Maru. The Kwang Si rebels have defeated the battalions sent to the Uran frontier and crossed into the province. Here they were joined in pillaging the frontier towns by numbers of Kalao Huis.

Appropriation Increased.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 25.—The state senate has passed a bill, prepared at the suggestion of the attorney general and the governor, providing for an increase of the appropriation to defend the suits brought by negroes to test the validity of the constitution. The bill amends the bill passed last December and increases the amount from $5000 to $10,000.

To Relieve Suffering.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—In order to give the suffering Finns work the czar has ordered the immediate construction of the Idensalm-Kanana railroad.

LOUISIANA LYNCHING.

Frank Brown Taken in Charge by Citizens and Strung Up.

Shreveport, La., Feb. 25.—Word has been received here of the lynching of a negro named Frank Brown at McDade, a station on the Shreveport and Red River Valley railroad about twelve miles from Shreveport. Mr. McDade and the negro had a dispute about work and a young man named Harvey Connell interfered. Brown shot him twice. Infuriated citizens promptly lynched the negro. Connell was brought here for treatment. He is not badly wounded.

Negro Shot to Death.

Griffin, Ga., Feb. 25.—Wm. Fambro, a negro, was shot to death on the outskirts of this city by a mob of men who fired on his house. Fambro's wife, who was in the house, escaped injury. The negro some time previously had been arrested on a charge of insulting a white woman and her child.

OWNS UP.

"Black Heart" Is Pugilist Who Fought Bob Fitzsimmons.

Enid, Okla., Feb. 25.—"Black Heart" the negro who was almost lynched here Monday night for having killed Jim Jones, a Kansas negro, in a saloon quarrel, in a confession alleged that he is the pugilist who fought Fitzsimmons in 1891 and who fled in 1896 after having killed a man in California in a street fight. The prisoner is in abject fear of his life and stated in jail Tuesday that after committing the California crime he went to Cuba in 1896, but returned to this country in 1900. He was supposed to have died on the Pacific coast. Two weeks ago "Black Heart," who has been in the territory for some time, fought six rounds with a local man. All talk of lynching has subsided.

BRANCH HOUSES.

Three of Them Are Soon to Be Located at Muskogee.

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 25.—The chamber of commerce of Muskogee has closed contracts with representatives of the packinghouses of Armour, Cudahy, Swift and Nelson Morris, and each of the above firms will locate a branch house in this city this spring. They seemed to have reached an agreement to make Muskogee the central distributing point for Indian Territory and will build their warehouses here as soon as it is possible to do so.

Monster Eagle Slain.

Chickasha, I. T., Feb. 25.—Henry Ireton, a farmer, killed a monster golden eagle on Winter creek, eleven miles east of Chickasha. The bird was a magnificent specimen, standing three feet high, with wings which measured eight feet three inches from tip to tip.

Located at Fort Supply

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 25.—The bill locating the insane asylum at Fort Supply passed the senate by a vote of 8 to 1.

Much Stock Drowned

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 25.—The river fell seven-tenths of a foot Tuesday, but farmers in the bottoms will not be able to move into their homes for another week. A great deal of stock has been drowned. It is estimated that the loss to corn in crib and growing wheat between this city and Paducah is $100,000.

Ten Thousand Attended.

Denver, Feb. 25.—About 10,000 persons attended the first annual exhibition of the Denver Fat Stock and Feeder show at the stock yards Tuesday. There were about 1500 cattle on exhibition and the championship was awarded to a steer which was fed on sugar beets and alfalfa. The owner was D. R. G. Brown of Aspen.

Carnival a Grand Success.

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—The carnival closed in a blaze of glory. In point of attendance of strangers it has been the most successful ever held, while the pageants have been on a scale of great artistic splendor. The parade Tuesday night was by the Mystic Krewe of Comus. Its title was "A Leaf from the Mahabharata," and it illustrated in twenty superb floats the great epic poem of the Hindus. The culminating society event of the season was the ball of Comus at the French opera-house.

Ex-Mayor Acquitted.

San Juan, P. R., Feb. 25.—The trial of former Mayor Egoscue, which began last Friday, on the charge of destroying the records of the city waterworks constituting, it is alleged the only evidence of extensive peculations and embezzlements, came to an end Tuesday when the jury, after an hour's deliberation, gave a verdict of acquittal.

Noted Alabama Surgeon Killed.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 25.—Dr. W. B. Davis, one of the most prominent physicians in the southern states, was run over by an Alabama Great Southern passenger train at the Twenty-fourth street crossing and instantly killed. He had a national reputation as a surgeon.

E. Ellery Anderson Dead.

New York, Feb. 25.—E. Ellery Anderson, lawyer and political leader, died suddenly of heart disease at his home, aged sixty-nine years. Mr. Anderson was an independent Democrat. He was one of the leaders of the "Anti-snap convention" movement in 1892, was receiver of the Union Pacific railway at one time, and held positions as director in other railroads.

Courthouse Burns.

Meridan, Miss., Feb. 25.—The courthouse of this, Lauderdale county, was totally destroyed by fire. It was a brick structure, erected in 1880 at an original cost of $25,000. Since that time there has been expended $15,000 in extensions. Many valuable records were lost. The building was partially covered by insurance.

The editor of the Palo Pinto County Star is not fastidious. No red tape is needed to get at him. He notifies the public: "You can walk right up to the manager of this paper and pay your subscription at any time of the day, and you won't be required to show a poll tax receipt, either."

Citation By Publication

The State of Texas. In the County Court March Term, A. D. 1903. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Tarrant County Greeting: You are hereby commanded that by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Tarrant, four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon C. H. Burke, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the County Court to be holden in and for the County of Tarrant, at the court house thereof in the City of Fort Worth, on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1903, the same being the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1903, file number being 8126, then and there to answer the petition of J. W. Manning, filed in said Court on the 17th day of January, A. D. 1903, against the said C. H. Burke and F. McGee, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

That on November 24th 1902, said defendants executed and delivered to plaintiff their promissory note in the sum of $275.00 payable 60 days after date with interest from maturity at the rate of ten per cent per annum and 10 per cent as attorneys fees if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. That said sum of money is long past due and said defendant though often requested has failed, and refused to pay same or any part thereof. Wherefore plaintiff prays judgment for his said debt, interest, attorneys fees, costs of suit and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there, on the 2nd day of March, 1903, before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, R. L. ROGERS, clerk of the county court of Tarrant county.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in Fort Worth, this 4th day of Feb. [L.S.] A. D. 1903.

R. L. ROGERS,
Clerk County Court, Tarrant County, Texas.
By WARNER HENDERSON, Deputy.

Notice by Publication of Final Account.

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Tarrant County, Greeting: Eva W. Vankirk, administratrix of the estate of Samuel D. Cheseldine, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Samuel D. Cheseldine, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days prior to the return day hereof in a newspaper regularly published in the county of Tarrant you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the March term, 1903, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the City of Fort Worth, on the first Monday in March, A. D., 1903, when said account and application will be considered by said Court.

Witness R. L. Rogers, Clerk of the County Court of Tarrant County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Fort Worth, [L.S.] this 4th day of February, A. D. 1903.

R. L. ROGERS,
Clerk County Court, Tarrant County.
A True Copy, I certify:
JNO. T. HONEA,
Sheriff of Tarrant County.

One car of hogs shipped from the Indian Territory to Kansas City sold at $6.85. They weighed 212 pounds, and would have brought a better price here on the same day.

Two bunches of hogs sold on the same day at St. Louis from Chireno, Texas. One averaged 207 pounds and sold at $6.80, and the other, weighing 230, sold at $6.90. These hogs would have brought as much here, if not more, on the same day, and saved the additional freight.

STOCK FOR THE FAT STOCK SHOW

Exhibiters Coming in With Animals to Show and for Sale.

A few of those who arrived at the yards with fall blood Herefords for the

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Chinaman Wins Honors.

William Ah Ket, a Chinaman, qualified as a barrister and solicitor at the recent law examinations in Melbourne and was awarded the Supreme Court prize.

Austrian Poets Honored.

Dvorak, composer; Vrchlicky, Czech poet, and Ferdinand von Saar, Austrian poet, have been made members of the Austrian house of peers.

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The chief charm of a woman's wardrobe, after all, is in the dainty shirt waists she possesses, and there is little wonder that our display of waists has a fascination for well dressed women. The collection is growing daily, and we can assure you that many good ideas that the season has now brought forth are now shown here. The white shirt waists promise to be in broader favor than ever before, and many beautiful fabrics seem to have been requisitioned for shirt waist designing. They are shown in Oxfords, Madras, Piques, Linen, Satin Damask, Crepe de Chine, etc., etc.

But the colored waists have a kingdom all to themselves and they are not to be outdone in beauty, although they win first attention by their more serviceable qualities, many smart checks and mixtures. Prices range from..... $1 00 to $13 95

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Constant arrivals in this department of our store renders description inadequate. Many of the season's newest and best styles are out already and here for your inspection—others are coming almost daily. We invite you to make our suit department a visit. It will prove interesting and profitable. Here you will see the new Etamine Suits in blue, tan, etc. Nothing could be more attractive for early spring suits, also of voile, gray and castor mingled goods, black cheviots and meltons as well as castor cloth.
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PANTEGO

Permit me to say the ground is wet even unto the bottom. If any one contradicts this statement depart from him for he knoweth not good from evil. During my seven years sojourn in these diggins I have never seen roads in worse condition than now. This is all well enough. Bad roads in winter time are a forerunner of big crops in fall time. Many places on the pike between here and Fort Worth look impassable to the casual observer. But I'll guarantee there is not a team of razor-back bronchos in those parts that can't make it over and on to town with a three-dollar load of stove wood. The fact is they've got to go. Old Hardtimes is giving orders to that effect.

By the way, a friend says we should not be so outspoken in regard to the ravages of Mr. Hardtimes. He further says the Colonel is a light wad when it comes to making poetry, and that he is the real thing himself. To show his efficiency he produces the following:

Good times here in Texas,
People living high.
Credit system open—
Walk right up and buy.

Cotton crop in fall time
May not pay the bill;
Corn, hogs and taters
Altogether may-be will.

We congratufate him on his production and the great truth contained therein, but having had experience along that line we think it better to subsist on corn bread and 'lasses with fresh air for desert than indulge extensively in such way of good living.

The new Texas and Pacific bridge across Village creek is nearing completion. We hear it said this road is to be put in fine shape between Fort Worth and Dallas. Then look out for one cent a mile rates.

There is a general wow-wow about the scarcity of pigs. Many inquiries but none for sale.

Mr. John Hurley, an enthusiastic fruit and hog raiser, says that no boll weevils will be fattened on his premises this year. If so they must subsist on something other than cotton.

The legislature is urged to appropriate fifty thousand dollars to exterminate Mr. Weevil. Think about half this amount will be needed next summer to serve onbed bugs and mosquitoes.

Farmers are badly behind with their work. Wood hauling and jaw-bone operation is the order of the day.

Gordon Singleton and Miss Julia Tawwater were united in the bonds of matrimony one dr week.

The Interurban has fine g in this vicinity. Many car being hauled to various p ys the line. Station houses alf are proving an excelle turn tramps. By the way, th team again diminished our pro tune of one valuable old hen. A prettier bird never graced a barn yard. She was a thorough-bred leghorn of the ragged tail variety, and according to the reports of our little boy she had laid two eggs per day for the last ten days. When Mrs. Kase was informed of this happening her indignation was exceedingly great. Turning on the jaw-bone current she commanded us, saying: "Colonel Kase, go forth and do not unto others as you would have them do unto you, but do that Company or they'll do us." After carefully considering her remarks and also remembering that we pay them 5 cents a mile from siding 11 to Arlington, we have decided to demand apologies. If this is not granted will proceed to make other arrangments.

L. KASE.

Do Spiders Eat Boll Weevils?

The publication of the statement that expert entomologists employed by the Mexican government have discovered that a black spider which is to be found in that country is a deadly enemy of the cotton boll weevil and its eggs and that it is to be colonized in the cotton districts with a view of exterminating the pest, recals to the minds of some of the cotton planters who are serving as members of the present legislature that they have witnessed spiders attack the boll weevil in their fields. "I have noticed that there are no boll weevils in the places in the cotton fields where these spiders are found, "Hon. J. R. Wooten said, "and it is reasonable to suppose that the remedy is practical."

Cattle and Hog Prices.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The best grade of cattle is now selling about 2c a pound lower than the best grade of hogs, and the low grade of cattle is selling about 3c a pound under the low grade of hogs. The hog and the steer are different propositions, and cured hog product and fresh beef are very different. But that the steer should be so low priced and the cattle market so demoralized, while the hog price is so unusually high, is a novel coincidence. Last year at this time the best cattle were ½@1½c a pound above the best hogs; in 1901 the cattle were ¼@½c over hogs, and in 1900 the cattle were almost 1c a pound above hogs.

A couple of cattle buyers from Barber county, Kansas, were here this week, but did not buy anything, as they were unable to meet the prices asked by our cattleman. They went from here to Higgins.—Canadian Record.

The Religious Column

BY REV. J. R. GOODE.

No amount of giving money can clear us of the responsibility of engaging in personal work for the salvation of men.

Ira D. Sankey, the greatest of gospel singers, after having been a Methodist for forty years, has joined the Presbyterians.

The new pastor of the Old South Congregational church in Worcester, Mass., frankly announced his disbelief in the deity of Christ and his belief in conditional immortality, and the examining board promptly accepted him.

A Baptist church has been organized in Seattle, Wash., which is composed entirely of Chinese converts. This is the only Chinese Baptist church in America. Eleven hundred dollars has been subscribed by the Chinese to build a church house and this has been increased by nine hundred dollars, which was subscribed by Americans.

As a result of efforts extending over a year, the Baptist Students' Missionary society, made up of the students in the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, have determined to ally themselves and their work with the Young Men's Christian association.—Courier-Journal.

Pasteur, one of the greatest of scientists of modern times, says: "Posterity will one day laugh at the foolishness of the modern materialistic philosophers. The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the works of the creator. I pray while I am engaged in the work of my laboratory."

A quaint, old fashioned English preacher once declared that all the Lord's sheep are marked in the ear and the foot. They "hear his voice . . . .and follow him." Are we all marked sheep? Is the mark so plain that all can see it? Are our ears sharp to hear his voice, and is it joy to us to hear it? And are our feet nimble and willing to run in his way? Or are we lost sheep, bleating piteously but foolishly, as we wander carelessly in the tangled wilderness of the world?—Christian Observer.

secured the best to be had. It is not our intention to use this entire tract of land as one open range for stock, but intend to pick out the best spots which we will use for farming, and raise rough feed as well as grain for a portion of our stock. It has been demonstrated beyond a question of doubt that corn and alfalfa will grow there and do well, and by breeding up the stock to a high grade, and adding a little feed, there is no reason why we cannot furnishe as good a class of cattle as the market demands.

"The stockers that we will purchase will be high grade, while we will use pure-bred bulls at all times. Texas ranchmen generally are using registered bulls, and I am surprised at the great change for the better in the quality of stock now coming from the northwest corner of the state. About the only occasionany buy a barrel of apples for their joint enjoyment, and she would always say to the daughter: "Now, my dear, we will begin with the specked ones." The result was, the daughter confided to us, that they had specked apples to eat until the barrel was finished. The imperfect apples inoculated their sound companions, and propagated their evil qualities throughout the whole mass. So is it sometimes in family life and social life and church life. Anyone who likes to eat specked apples can always find an abundant supply. Speak censure and blame if you must, but let it be in love as well as in faithfulness, and be still more ready to say a word of hearty commendation and praise.—The Examiner.

Perhaps the most remarkable event in the history of modern Christianity is unexpected confirmation of Bible truths from the hands of what seemed to be its arch enemy, modern science.

The pick and spade of modern scientific investigations have come to the rescue. Parts of the old Biblical world have been opened up, and we now find ourselves face to face with the veritable contemporaries of Daniel, Moses, Joseph, Abraham.

Within the last two decades the excavator has been actively engaged uncovering a few cities in the land of Eden, the home of Abraham. The University of Pennsylvania is excavating Nippur, the Biblical name of which is Calneh (Genesis x. 10); the French are excavating Tello, a city which flourished before Abraham was born, and the Germans are at work upon the temple and the "Tower of Babel" in the city of Babylon.

The origin of those remarkable Babylonian legends which so closely resemble the Biblical accounts of the creation, Eden and the deluge, belongs to this country. The deluge story, for instance, as recorded by the Babylonians, is strikingly similar to the Old Testament's even in minor details.

Correspondence West Texas Stockman: There is a strong probability that the central plains country will be cut by one or two railroads during the next two years, and many cattlemen think that nearly all cattle will be fattened before shipping to market then. Some of them are already shaping their affairs to go into the business of feeding for market.

West Texas Stockman: It is reported that a number of thin cattle carried into Lubbock and other plains counties have died and are dying as a result of the recent blizzard. Natives generally are in good shape and went through the bad spell without loss.

REPORT ON COUNTY OFFICERS.

Auditing Committee Tells of What They Owe the County.

A committee, composed of J. M. Hartsfield, J. J. Melton and Dr. George Jackson, was recently appointed to audit the books of the county officials. They have reported, in substance, as follows:

Regarding the books of the late District Clerk McVean they say that "owing to the cash book being in such a state of imperfection as to the proper distribution of the cash collections into the years in which they belonged, we are unable to say whether said report of the late district clerk is correct in every particular or not. We find on examination, that the cash book, the original report of the district clerk, the supplemental report, and the report of the special finance committee above referred to, do not agree one with the other." It is added that there was due him, as shown by the report of another special committee, the sum of $2,274.95, which he had failed to collect. The report continues: "We call your honor's attention to the following items charged in said original report for which we have been unable to find any law authorizing said charges, viz: D. E. Erwin, making out report, $100; P. L. Lowe, tax department, $349.85; John Kaiser, tax department, $84.75; George C. Wood, tax department, $69.95; John K. Griswold, tax department, $10; Janitor (no name given), $70.50. Total $685.05."

The committee further says:

The report of the late county clerk, W. E. Butler, shows him indebted to the county in the sum of $2786.67, amount of excess of fees allowed by law. The following indorsement is made on said report by Mr. Butler, viz: 'This amount I hold subject to the disposition of the case now pending in the Seventeenth district court of Tarrant county, Texas, styled Tarrant county vs. George W. Armstrong, in which case the question of the constitutionality of the fee bill is being tested. If the case is decided in favor of the county, I stand ready to pay over this amount shown on this report to be excess.'

The report of the late county judge, M. B. Harris, shows him indebted to the county in excess of fees allowed by law, the sum of $597 35, for which the county treasurer holds his individual check, not certified, for this amount, with the following indorsement on said check, to-wit: "This check is to be cashed if suit now pending in the Seventeenth district court is decided upholding the fee bill, otherwise to be returned to (signed) M. B. Harris."

We find the report of J. K. Winston, late tax collector, shows that he has received the sum of $781.46 in excess of fees allowed by law, which he has paid over to the county treasurer, whose receipt for this amount is attached to said report. On the face of this receipt are the words, "paid under protest."

The report of the late tax assessor, T. D. Hovenkamp, shows him indebted to the county in the sum of $14.04, which the county treasurer has received, as shown by the records of his office.

County Attorney O. S. Lattimore's report shows he received the sum of $702.18 in excess of the fees allowed by law, which he has paid over to the county treasurer, and the receipt for said amount is attached to said report.

We find the following officers of Tarrant county have charged the county with fees not authorized by law as set out in the fee bill of 1897, as shown in their respective reports as follows: W. E. Butler, county clerk, janitor, $180; Phil Hunt, making plat, $25. Total $205.

M. B Harris, county judge, keeping fee docket and making report, $43.

J. K Winston, county tax collector, cost of indemnity bond for 1901 and 1902, $400.

We have not examined the reports of any of the officers of the county prior to the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1901.

THE COURTS.

Monday, Feb. 23.

In the Seventeenth district court the damage case of Mrs. T. M. Anderson vs. the Cameron Mill and Elevator company is on trial.

In the Forty-eighth district court Seth Hill, a negro boy, is on trial charged criminal assault on a negro girl.

New suits: T. M. Parr vs. Ella Parr, habeas corpus for children; T. J. Gilmore vs. Thomas J. Williams, constable, mandamus to compel the execution of certain papers; A. B. Voorheis et al. vs. Mrs. M. M. Miller et al., debt; ex-parte George W. Berry, to remove disabilities of minority.

The receivership case of Capps & Cantey of Fort Worth vs. the Colorado-Texas Salt company was argued before Judge Irby Dunklin of the Forty eighth district court late this afternoon, and tonight went over until tomorrow. The property involved amounts to $20,000.

Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The jury is still out in the Seth Hill criminal assault case. The George Kimell horse theft case was continued.

In the Seventeenth district court the damage case of F. M. Anderson vs. the Cameron Mill and Elevator company is still on trial.

There were two pleas of guilty in the county court. H. Estes, theft, fined $10 and given ten days in jail; Henry Thompson, theft, fined $1 and given one day in jail.

John Watts, colored, had an examining trial before Justice Terrell on the charge of burglary and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of $400.

New suits filed—J. P. Hughes vs. the Red River, Texas and Southern Railway company, damages; N. T. Mazza vs. Effie Mazza, divorce; Catherine Bonner vs. John J. Bonner, divorce; John Farris vs. Cappie Farris, divorce.

Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The jury in the criminal assault case of the state vs. Seth Hill, colored, in the Forty-Eighth district court, could not agree, and was discharged. Thomas Jefferson, a negro, pleaded guilty to forgery and was given a two-year sentence. Elihu Foster is on trial, charged with killing Tede Gregory on the school grounds at Grapevine, in this county.

New suits—H. C. Scott vs. the Fort Worth Light and Power company, the death of Trustee John D. Templeton suggested and plaintiffs ask for the appointment of another trustee. The action is a friendly one, the defendants agreeing to appoint J. C. Lord. Walter King instituted suit against Fannie King for divorce.

Thursday, Feb. 26.

In the Seventeenth district court the jury in the F. M. Anderson damage case against the Cameron Mill and Elevator company brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for $10,500. The action was for personal injuries, the allegations being that the plaintiff, who was a messenger boy, while on the errand of delivering a message fell into an excavation which had been dug for the defendant company, and that the hole, which was twelve or fourteen feet deep, was left uncovered and without lights or guards.

In the Forty-Eighth district court the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the Elihu Foster homicide case.

T. C. Farley pleaded guilty to theft in the county court and was fined $5 and given one day in jail. Frank Behrens pleaded guilty to petty theft and was fined $1 and given one day in jail.

New suits—James Bailey vs. Mary Bailey, divorce; O. R. Menefee vs. J. M. Moore of et al, debt and foreclosure.

Friday, Feb. 27.

A $300 verdict was returned in the case of Sid Wells against the Texas and Pacific Railway company in the Seventeenth district court.

Will Sweeney, a boy, was found not guilty of burglary in the Forty-Eighth district court today.

The will of Arena Welch (colored) was probated in the county court today.

New suits—W. C. Short vs. the Frisco Railway company, damages; J. O. Clark vs. the Texas and Pacific Railway company, damages.

Carlsbad Argus: G. F. Billings and E. O. Creighton of Roswell bought 2000 head of sheep of Frank Gearhart of Fort Sumner, last week, through Williamson & Turner, at $5 a head.

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